

# THE BLONDE BANNER

The Official Publication of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association  
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## *President's Message:*



What a summer this has been - probably one of the warmest we have seen in many years and in many areas of the Province, one of the driest, creating great difficulties in maintaining sufficient pasture and harvesting any significant second cut hay.

For this President, it has also been a tremendously busy summer as I have relocated my farming operation from Vankleek Hill to Norwood. (What a chore!)

But this time of the year is also very invigorating for many Blonde breeders whose passion is showing these great cattle. What a great way to promote your herd and your farm! Attending local fairs where our breed is shown is also a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Blonde breeders and see what is going on within the breed.

This is why we especially invite you to attend the Lindsay National Show and Sale. This event will showcase over 80 head of cattle coming from both Ontario and Quebec. Freight costs have made it impossible for our fellow breeders from the western provinces to participate. In any case, it is anticipated that this will be the largest Blonde show we have seen in a while!

Unfortunately, the Canadian National meeting will not be held in conjunction with any major activities the Ontario Association is sponsoring. Although the Ontario Board had proposed alternate events and dates the Canadian Board decided to go on its own and possibly for the first time a National meeting will not be hosted by a Provincial Association.

The good news is that Blonde stockers continue to top the sale prices in all Sale Barns in Ontario. This trend should continue and will make for a very interesting and rewarding fall for Blonde Breeders.

Once again, please join us at the Lindsay fair and help make this a visible, active, and successful Association.

*Marcel Lachance*

**Paris Hilton**, our 005 Raffle Heifer, made an appearance at the Hastings Plowing Match in August. Ticket sales went well, with approximately 19 books of tickets sold at the Match. The OBdAA asks members to continue to sell raffle tickets until November 15, at which time unsold tickets, stubs with remittance cheques should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer. *(Please do NOT send cash in the mail!)*



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**Upcoming Events:**

September 20-24:  
*International Plowing Match*  
Listowel  
[www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org)

September 21-25:  
*Lindsay Exhibition*  
Lindsay  
[www.lindsayex.com](http://www.lindsayex.com)

September 25: Cream of the Crop  
Show and National Sale  
Lindsay

October 25-29:  
*North American Beef Congress*  
London  
[www.northamericanbeefcongress.com](http://www.northamericanbeefcongress.com)

October 28:  
*CbdAA Annual General Meeting*  
London

November 4-13:  
*Royal Agricultural Winter Fair*  
National Trade Centre  
Exhibition Place, Toronto  
[www.royalfair.org](http://www.royalfair.org)

**NOTE:** The OBdAA reserves the right to edit any newsletter submissions for length and content suitability. The goals of this newsletter are:

To **inform** the membership of all the pertinent activities and initiatives being taken by the Association, the Association Board, or its members.

To **provide** educational information in order to assist Blonde breeders in all aspects of the seed stock industry.

To **promote** the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed and the members of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.

## ***Annual OBdAA Picnic:***

By Ilse Vink



A good time was had by all at this year's OBdAA Picnic, hosted by Ken Knox, and Ian & Jenny Kruis. The weather cooperated beautifully, by raining enough to get the farmers off the fields and to the picnic, but not enough to spoil the fun. By the end of the day we even saw sunshine. About 50 people were on hand to enjoy the food, fun and activities planned by the K(nox) & K(ruis) gang. We enjoyed Blonde burgers and a potluck of salads and desserts for lunch.

We toured the farm and found a large assortment of friendly animals. Some even joined us on the lawn. (Yes, that's Sheila, but NO, that's not Dave!)



A haywagon ride to Ian and Jenny's "back-forty getaway," (a lovely old log home, in the process of restoration and renovation by the Kruis'), was the highlight of my day.

And, if I could have had all six Vinks in one place at one time, we could even have had our family portrait done, but that proved to be too great a challenge on this busy day.

A fundraising auction brought forth an interesting assortment of donations, including Leonard the turkey, and raised \$800 for the Association!

Thanks Ken, Jenny, and Ian, for your hard work to make this year's OBdAA picnic a wonderful time!

### ***Thank you!***

A big thank-you to all our volunteers who are helping out by manning our display booth at this year's IPM at Listowel, and also to those organizing and volunteering at the National Show and Sale in Lindsay.

### **Blonde Semen from France:**

Many breeders across the province are interested in Blonde semen from France, to introduce new bloodlines into their herd. The most economical way to accomplish this is to buy a membership to the Quebec Association, which entitles one to buy French semen at reduced rates.

## **HEARTWOOD FARMS**

**WANTED:** Looking for a couple of *exceptional* double polled bull calves. Preferably Fullblood, but would consider exceptional purebreds. Phone or email Matthew Unger: 705-652-1201/  
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**2005 Orono Fair Results:**

Bull calf born in 005:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Valley Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- 4<sup>th</sup> Franmar Farms
- 5<sup>th</sup> Knox Innovations

Bull Yearling born Apr.1-Dec.

- 31, 004:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Franmar Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Knox Innovations

Bull Yearling born Jan.1-  
Mar.31, 004:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Valley Farms

Female calf born in 005:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Valley Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Donaleen Farms
- 4<sup>th</sup> Holburn Farms
- 5<sup>th</sup> Donaleen Farms
- 6<sup>th</sup> Knox Innovations
- 7<sup>th</sup> Franmar Farms
- 8<sup>th</sup> Hilltop Orchard Farms

- 9<sup>th</sup> Knox Innovations
- 10<sup>th</sup> Hilltop Orchard Farms
- 11<sup>th</sup> Franmar Farms

Heifer born Apr.1-Dec.31,

- 004:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Valley Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Donaleen Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Knox Innovations

Heifer born Jan.1-Mar.31, 004:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Maple Valley Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- 4<sup>th</sup> Knox Innovations
- 5<sup>th</sup> Holburn Farms
- 6<sup>th</sup> Knox Innovations

Female born Jan.1-Dec.31,

- 003 w/005 calf:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lavelaine Farms

Female born before Jan. 1,

- 003 w/005 calf:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Holburn Farms

Get of Sire-Group of 3:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Valley Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Donaleen Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Franmar Farms

Breeder's Herd – Group of 4:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lavelaine Farms
- <sup>nd</sup> Maple Valley Farms
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Franmar Farms

Grand Champion Bull:

Lavelaine Farms

Reserve Champion Bull:

Franmar Farms

Grand Champion Female:

Maple Valley Farms

Reserve Champion Female:

Lavelaine Farms

**Congratulations** to all participants, and thank-you for your time and dedication to showing and promoting this wonderful breed!

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**October  
28th & 29th  
2005**



Beginning with a

**Blonde Carcass Competition  
NABC - London, ON**

*Blondes are noted for their lean meat yield, high meat to bone ratio and large ribeye area. The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, working in conjunction with the North American Beef Congress, will highlight the Blonde Carcass in the NABC Carcass Competition. The winning Blonde or Blonde sired carcass will be recognized by Canadian directors and awarded \$500 in prize money.*  
**Contact Laurie Fisher, General Manager, @ (519) 438-7203 Ext. 529 OR (519) 878-5473 (cell)**

then on to a

**Blonde Influenced Stocker Sale  
Carson's - Listowel, ON**

*Local Breeders saw an opportunity to promote the Blonde breed through a Blonde influenced stocker sale to take place at Carson's Sales Arena in Listowel, Ontario on October 29th at 1 pm. with shuttle service provided from the NABC in London. A number of cattle feeders and finishers, including the Laura's Lean Meat program, are being contacted in regards to this promotional weekend on the benefits of feeding Blonde cattle and the health benefits to consumers in regards to eating lean beef.*  
**Contact Jack McCoubrey for further information @ (519) 652-8700 OR (519) 671-2776 (cell)**

followed by a

**2005 Blonde Harvest Sale  
Carson's - Listowel, ON**

*The Blonde Influenced Stocker Sale will be followed by a consignment sale of Purebred Blonde cattle including bred cows and heifers, cow / calf pairs and 2005 born calves to take place October 29th at 6 pm.*

**For further information or catalogues, contact:**

**Bill VanBakel @ (519) 345-2518, or**

**Dennis Elliott @ (519) 345-2785.**

**Catalogues available mid to late September !**

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Catch the Blonde Wave and join us for a great weekend !***

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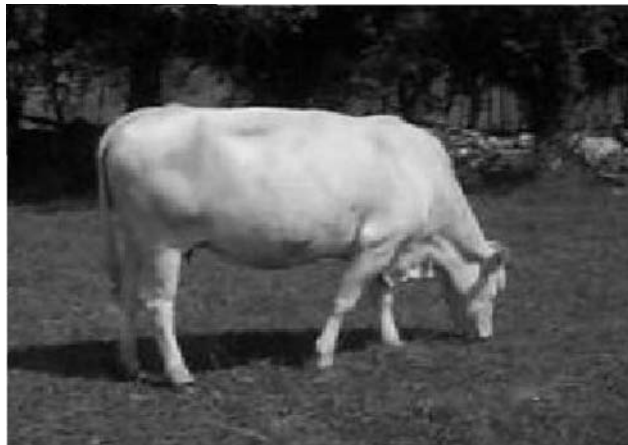
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CE: 1.□8 WG:  
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See our bulls on test at Douglas, Ont. this fall.

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ANNOUNCING CANADIAN BLONDE d'AQUITAINE

# NATIONAL SHOW & SALE

To be held at  
Lindsay Central  
Exhibition

Lindsay, ON • Sunday, September 25th, Sale: 11:30 am, Show: 1:00pm



**BIGGEST  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS TO SEE BLONDE CATTLE

Show Headquarters: Admiral Inn, Lindsay 1-705-328-1743 or 1-866-328-1743

September 10 • Orono Fair, Junior 11:00 a.m. • Blonde Show 12:00 noon • Contact: John Robinson 705-653-2741

September 11 • Warkworth Fair • 4H Show 10:00 a.m. • Blonde Show to follow • Contact: Shawn Young 905-344-7847

September 20 - 24 • International Plowing Match, Listowel • [www.ipm2005.ca](http://www.ipm2005.ca)

October 2 • Roseneath Fair • Show 1:00 p.m. • Contact: Laverne McGee (705) 653-3160

October 28 • 32nd Annual Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association • Meeting in conjunction with the North American Beef Congress, London, ON 9 a.m. Contact: Natalie Kowerchuk at the Canadian Blonde Assn. office (403) 276-5771

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