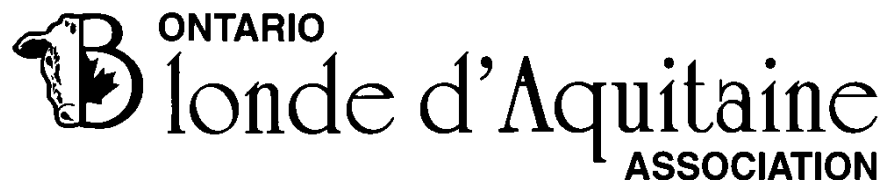


# THE BLONDE BANNER

The Official Publication of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

February 2008



## 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

FARM TOUR @ 9:00 A.M.

- REGISTRATION @ 12:00 P.M.

- MEETING @ 1:00 P.M.

at **ROCKHAVEN MOTEL AND CONVENTION  
CENTER**

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Peterborough, Ont.

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**RSVP:**

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### RAFFLE RESULTS

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** (heifer): Mr. Dwayne Acres, Osgoode, ON

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** (print):

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** (\$200): Doris Brandt, Stirling, ON

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize** (\$100): Kelly Conroy, Cornwall, ON

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## Blonde-Influence Stocker Sale

The OBdAA sponsored a Blonde-Influence Stocker Sale on Oct. 19, 2007. It was held at Hoards Station, just east of Campbellford, Ontario. A walk on the catwalk before the sale gave an impressive view of 307 goodlooking Blondes down below. Prices ranged from \$.50-\$1.14 for steers, and \$.55-\$1.07 for heifers, a disappointment for almost of all of the sellers.

However, a sudden drop in market prices the week before continued afterward with a downward trend in many other sales, including other local stocker sales, with prices for our Blondes doing rather well in

comparison. The biggest disappointment of all was with Gencor & Laura's Lean Beef. Representatives had given the impression before the sale that they were interested in at least 200 head, however only 18 were bought by them, at rock-bottom prices.

The OBdAA will pay \$1 per head (max. 200 head) to any sellers at the stockersale. Breeders who want remuneration must contact Laverne McGee before March 30<sup>th</sup>.




**WANTED :**

The OBdAA is looking for volunteers for manning booths at trade fairs and shows. Trade shows such as the International Plowing Match and smaller local trade shows are important venues for promoting the Blonde d'Aquitaine Breed across the province, and also for selling raffle tickets, which raise funds for our association. Promoting the breed benefits every Blonde breeder, but finding volunteers willing to spend a few hours at a booth can be difficult. Quite often board members and their families end up doing a lion's share of the work, and if truth be told, they are getting a little tired. Please consider helping out at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show and the Peterborough Farm Show, coming up in March. Volunteers are reimbursed for entry into

these shows, and also get an opportunity to check out the show while they are there. If you can help out at the Central Ontario Farm Show coming up on March 5 & 6th, 2008, please give Gary Young a call at (705) 876-0009. If you live closer to Ottawa, and would like to help out there at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, coming up on March 11-13th, 2008, give Marcel Lachance a call at (705) 639-2183.

Thanks!!!

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National Show & Sale**

**Animals for sales - Contact us!!!**

**We are serious about good cattle!  
But we would like you to have  
fun as well!  
Thank you to all who have purchased  
our animals over the years.**

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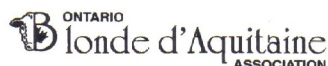
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Upcoming Events:

**East Central Ontario Farm Show**

March 5 & 6  
Exhibition Building,  
Lindsay Fair Grounds  
Lindsay, ON

**Ottawa Valley Farm Show**

March 11 -13  
Ottawa, ON

**CBdAA AGM**

March 29

**OBdAA AGM**

March 30

Rockhaven Motel & Convention Center  
Peterborough ON

**OBdAA Annual Picnic**

July

**Campbellford Fair (Blonde Show)**

August 8-10

**Hastings County Plowing Match**

August 20-21

**Orono Fair (Durham Central Fair)**

Sept.

**International Plowing Match & Rural  
Expo (IPM)**

Sept. 16-20

**'Cream of the Crop' Sale**

October

**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.

## 2007 CREAM OF THE CROP SALE

The OBdAA's Annual Cream of the Crop Sale took place on Oct. 13, 2007, at Hoards Station Sales Barn, near Campbellford, Ontario. 18 breeders took their job seriously, and consigned some of their best animals, making this a classy sale worthy of any serious breeder's attention. A good crowd came out to watch the action. There were more than 30 buyers, with several of these receiving a year's free membership in the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, due to this being their first purchase of a Blonde d'Aquitaine animal. 71 lots were sold, with an average price of \$1408 per lot.

**Top bull:** lot#5, Van Bakel Blondes Reputation 15R, sold for \$2500

**Top bred cow:** lot#16, RHEO Meridian 27M, sold for \$3500

**Top cow/calf pair:** lot#70, Hilly Grove Melody 70G, sold for \$1850.

**Top bred heifer:** lot#60, Crystal Spring 22S, sold for \$2800.

**Top open heifer:** lot# 59, Echo Pond Sarah 3S, sold for \$1000.

**Top bullcalf:** lot #8, Crystal Tyler 11T, sold for \$3300

**Top heifer calf:** lot#33, Rosepark Tina 1T, and lot #34, Van Bakel Blondes Tinkerbelle 11T, sold for \$1650 each. Cont'd ➤

➤ (Cream of the Crop Sale cont'd)  
Refreshments were served afterward, during the Raffle Heifer Draw (see cover for winners). It was a good time of socializing with old friends and new. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Sale a success.

### REMINDER:

*Canadian Blonde  
d'Aquitaine Association*

*AGM*

*March 29 at 10 a.m.*

*Registration & Breakfast*

*9 a.m.*

*Rockhaven Motel and*

*Convention Center*

*Peterborough, ON*

### Thanks...

a very belated thank-you to **Jim Williams**, for his work on the board.

Also to **Carmen Morris, Laverne & Elaine McGee, Gary Young, Marcel & Laurel Lachance, Dave & Sheila McNeven, Case & Donna Vanderham, and John & Ilse Vink** for waiving the right to remuneration for consigning animals to the Blonde-Influence Stocker Sale held last October.

### For Sale:

2 yearling Blonde bulls; choose from 3: 2 fullblood, 1 polled & 1 horned or 1 purebred polled.

#### ECHO POND FARM

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# ROSS DIX MEMORIAL BURSARY

We are happy to announce the continuation of a bursary in memory of Ross Dix donated by his son, John Dix of Markdale, Ontario.

Throughout his lifetime, Ross Dix was known for his quiet willingness and helpful nature, exemplified wherever he went or whatever he did. He was continuously supportive of the Blonde breed and the Association. This bursary will continue his legacy.

## **BURSARY VALUE**

➤An amount of \$500 will be divided among qualified applicants.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

➤Only children of active members of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association are eligible to apply.

➤Applicants must be actively involved in an agricultural course or program at the College or University level.

➤Applications should be sent in to the President of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association by September 30, 2008.

➤Details of applicant's age and which program he or she is attending must be indicated.

Last year this bursary was not awarded, because there were no applicants. If you know of any Blonde members who are eligible or have eligible children, please encourage them to apply.

## **4-H Youth Report**

It was another busy year in 4-H. Sixteen(!) 4-H members showed Blonde calves as their 4-H projects in Ontario in 2007. Western Ontario, Central Ontario, and Eastern Ontario all saw Blonde calves being shown in the 4-H classes of their cattle shows at various fairs and exhibitions.

**Andrew Bouwmeester, Andrew Bunda, Ashley McNeven, Bill Blackburn, Brad Stein, Brittany Sears, Darren Vink, Dylan Thompson, Ian Vink, Jennifer Greenly, Jonathan Bouwmeester, Joshua Bouwmeester, Mitchell Dunham, Morgan Dunham, Shannon Little and Wyatt Sears** all received a full refund of their 2007 4-H provincial membership fees! Congratulations to all!

Many junior members also showed Blonde cattle at various shows and fairs throughout Ontario in 2007. One heifer calf in particular, Mal Lar Tinkerbell, quickly became an unofficial goodwill ambassador at fairs east of Peterborough, charming all barn visitors young & old.

## **Halcyon Farms**

Fullblood/Purebred Blonde d'Aquitaine

### **John & Ilse Vink & family**

40 Gazley Rd. RR #1,  
Wooler, ON, K0K 3M0  
(613) 397-1890



## 4-H Award

The Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association is hoping to award \$100 to junior members who show a winning Blonde calf as their 4-H project. Here's how you can win:

✓A 4-H member with a Blonde calf project, who shows his or her calf at 2 fairs (minimum), and wins a first placing in a 4-H conformation class with a minimum of three animals in the ring, receives \$100 from the Ontario Blonde Association.

✓"Proof of winning" to be provided (with signatures of two adults such as 4-H leaders, judges, show organizers).

See the entry form for complete details. (Entry form available from the website, or by contacting Ilse Vink, 40 Gazley Rd. RR#1, Wooler, ON K0K 3M0)

📅 Deadline for submitting entry form: Nov. 30, 2008.

## **Annual Picnic**

This year's OBdAA Annual Picnic was held at Lavelaine Farms, on July 22, 2007. It was a beautiful day, with lots of sunshine to make it delight to sit in the shade in Laverne and Elaine's backyard. We had a great opportunity to check out the animals slated for their Production Sale in August, and we all enjoyed taking advantage of the fact. A lively game of lawnbowling kept us hopping in the sunshine, when we weren't chatting with fellow breeders in the shade. A delicious meal of hamburgers and potluck salads and desserts was followed by a fund-raising auction, with Dave McNeven putting on his auctioneer's hat for the Association. All monies raised went to the OBdAA.

## **2007 Show Season**

It was another great show season, with new faces and new winners in the showing. 8 Farms vied for the coveted first placings at 5 different fairs. Lindsay had the biggest lineup, with results posted below. Final results, including Grand Champion Male & Female will be announced at the 2008 AGM, coming up at the end of March in Peterborough.

### **Lindsay Fair Results**

#### **Bull calf - born on or after Jan. 1, 2007**

1. Lavelaine's Mr. King - Lavelaine Farms
2. Hilltop Orchard Texas 81T - Hilltop Orchard Farms
3. Halcyon Ted- Halcyon Farms
4. Lavelaine's Mr. Trevor - Lavelaine Farms
5. Hilltop Orchard Timeless 60T - Hilltop Orchard Farms

#### **Bull calf - born Apr. 1, 2006 - Dec. 31, 2006**

1. VDH Heart Breaker - Vanderham Farms
2. Knox Studmuffin - Knox Innovations

#### **Bull - born Jan. 1, 2006 - Mar. 31, 2006**

1. High Rock Cane 4S - High Rock Farms
2. Knox Superman - Knox Innovations
3. Hilltop Orchard - Hilltop Orchard Farms

#### **Bull - born Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2005**

1. Vaupré Ron - Knox Innovations

#### **Grand Champion Bull**

High Rock Cane 4S - High Rock Farms

#### **Reserve Grand Champion Bull**

Vaupré Ron - Knox Innovations

#### **Female calf -born on or after Jan. 1, 2007**

1. Donaleen Tish - Donaleen Blonde Farm
2. Donaleen Tara - Donaleen Blonde Farm
3. VDH Heartbeat - Vanderham Farms
4. Hilltop Orchard Tiger Lily - Hilltop Orchard Farms

5. Hilltop Orchard Twilight - Hilltop Orchard Farms
6. Hilltop Orchard - Hilltop Orchard Farms
7. Knox Teresa - Knox Innovations
8. Mal Lar Tinkerbelle - Mal-Lar Acres

#### **Female Heifer - born Apr. 06 - Dec. 31, 06**

1. VDH Hopeful - Vanderham Farms
2. Knox Showstopper - Knox Innovations
3. Lavelaine's Savana - Lavelaine Farms
4. Knox Scarlett - Knox Innovations
5. Halcyon Shandi - Halcyon Farms

#### **Female Heifer - born Jan. 1, 06 - Mar. 31, 06**

1. Hilltop Orchard Scarlett - Hilltop Orchard Farms
2. Pleasant Valley Satrium - Halcyon Farms
3. Knox Shyla - Knox Innovations
4. Chevy's Sylvia - Hilltop Orchard Farms

#### **Female - born Jan. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2005**

1. Knox Royal Babe - Hilltop Orchard Farms

#### **Female - born prior to Jan. 1, 2005**

1. JB Lottie - Knox Innovations
2. Norlock Etobico - Lavelaine Farms
3. Hanover Sweet Pea - Hilltop Orchard Farms

#### **Grand Champion Female**

JB Lottie - Knox Innovations

#### **Reserve Grand Champion Female**

Knox Royal Babe - Hilltop Orchard Farms

# THE ONTARIO BLONDE d'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I - Name and Objective

1. The name of the organization shall be "The Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association" (herein called the "Association").
2. The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:
  - a) to promote and encourage the breeding of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario;
  - b) to arrange for, and promote shows and sales of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario;
  - c) to assist, where possible, the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association in their promotion of the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed;
  - d) To promote and encourage performance testing for Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle in the province of Ontario.

## ARTICLE II - Membership

1. The general membership shall consist of:
  - a) persons, firms, partnerships, organizations or corporations who shall have submitted an application for membership, paid the requested membership fee, and be approved by the Board of Directors.
2. There shall be a membership fee which shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by the general assembly.
3. The Board of Directors shall have the power to enact by-laws establishing classes of memberships similar to those of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.
4. Membership is not transferable and shall lapse automatically:
  - a) upon the wind-up, liquidation or surrender of charter of a member;
  - b) at the end of the Association's fiscal year, but subject to the right of renewal on payment of requisite fee;
  - c) upon resignation at any time from the Association, and not from the Board of Directors..
5. Membership fees are not refundable in whole or in part.

## ARTICLE III - General Assembly and Board of Directors

1. There are hereby established, as the principal organs of the Association, a General Assembly and a Board of Directors.
2. General Assembly:
  - a) the general assembly shall consist of all members of the Association.
  - b) each member shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the General Assembly, with provisions made for the permission to use a maximum of three proxy votes.
  - c) the General Assembly shall meet at least once a year at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine, and upon three weeks written notice.
  - d) a quorum of the General Assembly shall be ten members present in person or by proxy.
  - e) decisions of the General Assembly, except where otherwise expressly provided to the contrary, shall be by majority vote of those present in person or by proxy and voting.
3. A member in arrears in the payment of membership fees shall not be entitled to receive the benefits and privileges of membership, nor to representation in the General Assembly.
4. Board of Directors:
  - a) the property and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board of seven directors, one being the President elected by the members from the general membership of representatives thereof.
  - b) the president shall be elected by the general membership. The president's term of office shall be from the meeting at which he/she is elected or appointed until the annual meeting next following or until his/her successor is elected or appointed. Six directors shall be elected by the general membership. The directors' term of office shall be from the meeting at which they were elected or appointed until the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting following or until their successors are elected or appointed. Three directors shall be elected or appointed each year.

**Meeting Reminder:**  
**Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.**  
**(Registration at 12:00 p.m.)**  
**Rockwood Motel and Convention Center**  
**1875 Lansdowne St. W. Peterborough, Ont.**

- c) the president and the directors shall elect from amongst themselves a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer or a secretary and a treasurer.
- d) a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be by majority.
- e) any vacancy occurring in office of directors shall be filled by appointment by the directors remaining in office for the remainder of the term of the retiring director.
- f) a director must be a member of the Association in good standing.
- g) any director or executive officer may be removed from office for failure to perform properly his duties on the vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors then holding office.
- h) all meetings of the Board of Directors shall convene at the call of the president and notice thereof shall be given to the members of the Board at least one week prior to the date of the meeting, provided, however, that the directors may meet on regular dates without notice or may by unanimous consent meet at any time or place without notice.
- i) the Board of Directors shall establish by-laws as it shall require and these shall govern the board of directors when they are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution.
- j) the directors may hire, retain or appoint such employees as may be required to achieve the objectives of the Association and shall assign duties to them.
- k) the president shall perform all duties of the chairman at meetings of the Board of Directors and of the General Assembly and be responsible for the initiation of policies. In his absence, the vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president. The secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer shall do such things as are normally carried on by a secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer.

**ARTICLE IV - Committees**

- 1. The Board of Directors may appoint such committees as may be necessary for achieving the objectives of the Association, but there shall be the following standing committees appointed by the Board:
  - a) Nominating committee - this committee shall present to the Annual General Meeting a list of members to be considered for the election to the Board of Directors. Additional nominations shall be received from the floor and if voting is necessary, it shall be by ballot.
  - b) Show and Sale Committee - this committee shall make arrangements for the showing of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle at various shows and shall be responsible for arranging and holding periodic sales of Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle.
  - c) Publicity Committee - this committee shall be responsible for publication and distribution of materials that may be necessary to promote the sales and shows arranged by the Show and Sale Committee and, in addition, shall carry out such matters and activities as will promote the Blonde d'Aquitaine cattle breed.

**ARTICLE V - General**

- 1. Any elected person to the Board of Directors or any appointee who by virtue of his failure to fulfill his duties of office or failure to conduct himself as befits his office, may be removed from office. The person in question having been advised of such failure, and having been unable to resolve his dereliction, shall be removed, after a prior notice to that effect of seven days, two-thirds of the Board of Directors concurring.
- 2. This Constitution may be amended in the following manner: proposed amendments must be submitted to the Board of Directors 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting with members being notified at least 45 days prior of the Annual General Meeting date. All proposed amendments shall be included with the written notice of the annual meeting of the General Assembly, at which such amendments are to be dealt with. Two-thirds of those members present, in person or by proxy, at the General Assembly meeting aforesaid concurring, this proposed amendment shall be deemed to have approved and it shall be entered into this constitution

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ONTARIO BLONDE d'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION  
2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROXY

Proxy eligibility: All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association's Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend you may request another member in good standing to represent you and your vote. Each member is entitled to carry three (3) proxy votes. (Maximum 4 votes)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am unable to attend the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association on \_\_\_\_\_ and hereby designate \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (address) to represent me at this meeting.

Signature:

Date: