

**Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*Fall 2006*



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**ANNOUNCING**  
**ONTARIO BLONDE d'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION**  
**CREAM OF THE CROP**  
**'SPECIAL EDITION' SALE**

Saturday October 14, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Hoard's Station Sale Barn



A prime example of the quality on offer... these animals sell.

All animals approved by on-farm  
selection committee  
60+ lots on offer



This will be Ontario's event of the year!  
Quality like never before – *plan now to participate!!*

**ONTARIO**  
**B**londe d'Aquitaine  
**ASSOCIATION**

Sale Selection Committee Chairman  
Marcel Lachance  
705-639-2183

Catalogues: Complete Sales Management 705-295-6208

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Board of Directors is really looking forward to the upcoming National Show and Sale. The organizing committee has done a terrific job, and it's sure to be a great opportunity to network with your fellow Blonde breeders!



It's not too late to register! You still have time - Act NOW! Remember, there is a \$10 rebate on every purebred or fullblood that you register between now and December 31. Get your animals registered today and enter your selection in the National Show & Sale.

I urge each and every one of you now to consider your commitment to your Blonde business. I would encourage you to make that phone call - book your room, be a part of the National. Contact myself or any board member. We would be delighted to assist you in entering an animal or two in the show or sale. I am committed to helping in every way possible to make your National a success. I will be organizing transportation for animals from eastern Canada, Quebec and Ontario. Also, trying to coordinate economical transportation from Winnipeg airport to Neepawa in the form of vans for individuals or groups. In travelling across Ontario the past few days with on-farm selections for the Cream of the Crop Sale, and attending two major Blonde shows in the past 48 hours, I find that there is interest in our National event. All interested members or individuals please call me direct at 705-295-6208.

Thanks to the folks from Pine Coulee and West Wind for manning the booth at this summer's Calgary Stampede. Your volunteerism is sincerely appreciated.

See you in Neepawa!  
Dave McNevan, President

## MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Designed and edited by Windsor Graphics of Didsbury, Alberta, the quarterly newsletter features events, articles, and programs of interest to members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. The newsletter will be e-mailed to all members with e-mail addresses, and will be posted on the Canadian website. Those without an e-mail address will receive the newsletter by Canada Post.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
Spring	March 1	March 15
Summer	June 1	June 15
Fall	September 1	September 15
Winter	December 1	December 15

Forward ideas for articles to the Canadian office.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**REGISTER YOUR PUREBREDS OR  
FULLBLOODS BEFORE DECEMBER 31!!**

## COMMITTEES

<u>ADVERTISING</u>	Garland Laliberte, Ian Kruis
<u>FINANCE</u>	Myrna Flesch, Garland Laliberte, Laverne McGee
<u>IMPORT/EXPORT</u>	Ian Kruis
<u>PERFORMANCE</u>	Laverne McGee, Rheo Machina
<u>RESOLUTIONS</u>	Ron MacArthur, Dave McNevan
<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	Ron MacArthur, Ken MacKenzie
<u>SHOW AND SALE</u>	Ian Kruis, John Vink

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**Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association  
2006 Annual Meeting, Show and Sale  
NEEPAWA, MANITOBA  
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1, 2006**



Wednesday, Nov. 29	9 am 3 – 6 pm 8 – 11 pm	Cattle begin to arrive at the Ag Complex Board Meeting, Upper Level, Legion Welcome Reception, Upper Level, Legion
Thursday, Nov. 30	9 – 9:45 am 9:45 am – 4 pm  6 – 12 pm	Annual Meeting Registration, Upper Level Legion Annual Meeting, Upper Level, Legion (complimentary Lunch will be served) Reception, Banquet and Entertainment, Upper Level, Legion
Friday, Dec. 1	7:30 pm – 9:00 am 9 am – 12 pm 12 – 1 pm 1 – 3:30 pm 3:30 – 6 pm	Board Meeting, Location TBA 2006 Canadian Blonde National Show, Ag Complex Lunch, Ag Complex 2006 Sale, Ag Complex Load out of cattle, Ag Complex

The National Show & Sale conference packages were mailed out earlier this month. If you have not received your's yet, please contact Garland Laliberte by phone at 204-489-7772 or by e-mail to glalib@shaw.ca. Details also appear in October's Cattlemen magazine.



### **Resolutions**

Anyone who wishes to propose any changes to the Bylaws must do so before October 20, 2006. Before any proposed change can be considered, it must be sent out by the Association with the official call for the Annual Meeting at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Please submit proposals for enactment, amendments or repeal of bylaws to the Canadian office with the signatures of two members before October 20, 2006. The membership will consider proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. Any additions or changes will need a 2/3 majority to pass. If you have any questions or need help in wording, please call: Ron MacArthur at (506) 382-6630 or Dave McNeven at (705) 295-6208.

### **Nominations**

At the Annual Meeting this year there will be six (6) director's positions up for nomination. The terms that are up include: Myrna Flesch, Garland Laliberte, Ron MacArthur, Ken MacKenzie and Laverne McGee plus a vacant director position. You may nominate someone before October 20, 2006 by calling Ron MacArthur at (506) 382-6630 or Ken MacKenzie at (780) 542-2268 or on his cell (780) 621-6219. If you are nominating someone, it is wise to talk to that person to confirm that he/she is a paid-up member of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and if that person would be willing to allow his/her name to stand.

**Special thanks to Maureen Landry for providing  
the French translations in this newsletter.**

#### **BLONDE CONNECTION MAGAZINE**

If you have any questions about the next issue of the Blonde Connection magazine, please contact:

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Phone: 905-263-2930 ... Fax: 905-263-2934 ... Cell: 905-244-2353  
E-mail: farmerkruis@knoxpumkinfarm.ca



### **VOLUNTEER ON THE BOARD**

Election of officers will take place at the AGM. If you would like to let your name stand for the Board of Directors, or would like to make a nomination, please contact either:

**Ron MacArthur**  
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Moncton, NB E1E 1C4  
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Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

**L'Association Canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine n**  
**Assemblée annuelle 2006, Salon et vente**  
**NEEPAWA, MANITOBA**  
**DU 29 NOVEMBRE AU 1er DÉCEMBRE 2006**



Mercredi, 29 novembre	9:00	Arrivé du bétail au Complexe AG
	15:00 – 18:00	Réunion du Conseil, Étage supérieure Légion
	20:00 – 23:00	Soirée d'accueil, Étage supérieure, Légion
Judi, 30 novembre	9:00 – 9:45	Enregistrement Assemblée annuelle, Étage supérieure, Légion
	9:45 – 16:00	Assemblée annuelle, Étage supérieure, Légion (Un repas gratuit sera servi)
	18:00 – 24:00	Accueil, Banquet et soirée, Étage supérieure, Légion
Vendredi le 1 <sup>er</sup> décembre	19:30 – 9:00	Réunion du Conseil, Location TBA
	9:00 – 12:00	Salon National 2006 des Blondes Canadiennes Complexe Ag
	12:00 – 13:00	Repas, Complexe Ag
	13:00– 15:30	Vente 2006, Complexe Ag
	15:30 – 18:00	Départ du bétail, Complexe Ag

\*Pour plus d'information contactez : Garland Laliberté au (204) 489-7772

## Résolutions

Si quelqu'un désire suggérer des changements aux Règlements, ils doivent le faire avant le 20 octobre 2006. Avant que des suggestions de changement peuvent être considérées, elles doivent être envoyées par l'Association avec la demande officielle pour l'assemblée annuelle au moins 30 jours avant la date de l'assemblée annuelle.

Veillez présenter vos suggestions pour représentation, amendements de révocation de règlements au bureau de l'Association Canadienne avec les signatures de deux membres avant le 20 octobre 2006. L'ensemble des membres considèreront les changements suggérés à l'assemblée annuelle. Tout ajout ou changement devra recevoir une majorité du 2/3 pour passer. Si vous avez des questions ou avez besoin de l'assistance pour composer les demandes, vous pouvez communiquer avec: Monsieur Ron MacArthur au (506) 382-6630 ou Dave McNeven au (705) 295-6208.

## Candidatures aux élections :

À l'Assemblée Annuelle cette année, il y aura 6 postes de directeur en élections. Les termes en élection sont : Myrna Flesch, Garland Laliberté, Ron MacArthur, Ken MacKenzie et Laverne McGee plus un poste vacant. Vous pouvez nommer quelqu'un en candidature, avant le 20 octobre 2006, en appelant Ron MacArthur au (506) 382-6630 ou Ken MacKenzie au (780) 542-2268 ou son cellulaire (780)621-6219. Si vous suggérez quelqu'un il serait bon de vérifier avec cette personne si elle ou lui sont des membres en règle avec l'Association Canadienne et si elle ou lui sont intéressés à devenir un candidat.

## Amendement approuvé d'un règlement

Le changement de règlement suivant a été passé par les membres à l'assemblée générale annuelle à Victoriaville en 2004, le changement a été accepté considérant le décret du « Animal Pedigree Act le 10 août 2006 » :

### Article 21. Section 4. Vérification parentale (c)

La transplantation de l'embryon progéniture doit subir une vérification parentale au plus haut degré possible, soit par prise de sang pour déterminer le tipe de sang, l'ADN Génotype, ou par les deux selon les procédures approuvées par l'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine, avant qu'un certificat d'enregistrement peut être émis par l'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine. Le type de sang et/ou l'ADN Génotype sera fait au frais du propriétaire.

Effectif le 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2005, toutes transplantations d'embryon de progéniture doivent avoir un ADN Génotype en dossier avec l'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine pour être éligible à l'enregistrement. L'ADN Génotype doit être fait aux frais du propriétaire.

L'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine se réserve le droit de demander un ADN Génotype de la femelle ou l'embryon a été implanté. La femelle aura son ADN Génotype aux frais de son propriétaire. L'ADN Génotype de la femelle sera vérifié par l'agent désigné par l'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine en tant que femelle possible de transplantation d'embryon de progéniture.

L'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine se réserve le droit de demander l'ADN Génotype de tous les mâles potentiels que la femelle porteuse a pu être exposer à, après que les embryons est été implantés, aux frais du propriétaire. Ces ADN génotypes seront analysés par l'agent désigné par l'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine en tant que mâles possible de transplantation d'embryon de progéniture.

L'Association Canadienne des Blondes d'Aquitaine se réserve le droit de refuser ou de suspendre l'enregistrement des transplantations d'embryon de progéniture selon l'Article 4, Section 2.

Cet amendement inclus un test obligatoire sur la progéniture pour le « 129 Status Négative » de tous les embryons et doit être enregistré.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 - 23 ..... Blonde Display at the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo, Keene, Ontario  
 September 20 - 24 ..... Lindsay Central Exhibition, Blonde Show Sunday  
 October 1 ..... Roseneath Fair Blonde Show  
 October 14 ..... Cream of the Crop Sale, Hoards Station, Ontario  
 October 21 ..... Pick O' the West Production Sale, Olds Auction Mart, Olds, Alberta  
 November 3 - 11 ..... Edmonton FarmFair  
 November 29, 30 & December 1 ..... National Blonde Show, Sale and AGM, Neepawa, Manitoba

## PROMOTION IDEAS



### **Want to Read Minutes from Board Meetings?**

Log onto the Association website at [www.airenet.com/canadianblondes](http://www.airenet.com/canadianblondes) and click the "Members Only" button. Type in the password. If you have

forgotten your password, contact any Board member. The minutes of the AGM are available in both French and English.

[www.airenet.com/canadianblondes](http://www.airenet.com/canadianblondes)

## ANNUAL MEETING 2006

### **NOTICE OF 33rd ANNUAL MEETING CANADIAN BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION**



Take Notice that the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association will be held at: Neepawa, Manitoba on Thursday, November 30, 2006. Registration

9:00 a.m. Call to order 9:45 a.m.

- For purpose of receiving: Reports of the officers and the Financial Statement of the Association
- For the appointment of the Auditors
- For the election of Directors
- For the transactions of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Neepawa is located at the junction of the Yellowhead Highway 16 & Parks Route Hwy 5. Just 2 hours west of Winnipeg and less than an hour north of Brandon.



[www.neepawa.ca](http://www.neepawa.ca)

### **MARKET YOUR SEEDSTOCK ONLINE**

Why not advertise your bulls, cows, heifers, semen or embryos where the world can see what you have available! Text only ads on the Marketplace page are just \$5! Ads with pictures are charged \$10 per picture.

#### **INFORMATION CAN BE SENT TO THE OFFICE:**

**FAX 403-276-7577**

**E-MAIL [cbda@airenet.com](mailto:cbda@airenet.com)**

## **REGISTER YOUR ANIMALS BEFORE DECEMBER 31!!**

Don't forget - there is a \$10 rebate on each **FULLBLOOD OR PUREBRED** registered between June 1, 2006 and Dec 31, 2006.

*Arranged by your Board as part of the  
"Sustaining the Genetic Quality of Ruminants Program"*

## **Major Announcement Coming Soon from West Wind Blondes**

(Not a Dispersal)

Paid Advertisement

Breeders are profiled on the Association website. From time to time, and if space allows, these profiles will also be featured in the newsletter. In the meantime, check the latest Breeder Profile on McIntyre Blondes.



[www.airenet.com/canadianblondes](http://www.airenet.com/canadianblondes)

*If you wish to nominate a fellow breeder, please notify the office.*

## CALGARY STAMPEDE 2006

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association had a booth at the Calgary Stampede from July 13 -16<sup>th</sup>. It was staffed by West Wind Blondes with help from their exchange student from France, Christelle Chesney and long-time friend Alois Thom of Lethbridge.

West Wind Blondes and Pine Coulee Blondes were responsible for the display which consisted of two polled fullblood bred heifers provided by West Wind Blondes.



Several foreign countries were represented by those who stopped to chat about Blondes – Britain, Ireland, Wales, Germany, Netherlands, Chile, Brazil, United States, Australia and New Zealand. Folks from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario who were in the Blonde business or had relatives who raised Blondes stopped by to visit also. It was an opportunity to educate the public on the benefit of raising Blondes – particularly with regard to the feed conversion abilities, growth rate, lean meat yield and their ability to add pounds when used as a terminal sire in commercial herds.

The Calgary Stampede Board changed the format of the Livestock Show this year – basically to the type of display used by commercial industries at trade shows. It is hoped by the participating purebred breeds that the format will change back to the traditional livestock show. Out-of-country guests expressed disappointment with the trade show approach – stating they wanted to see cows and calves, heifers, calves and bulls – all in one place!

The important thing here – the Blondes were at the Stampede!

## PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS ON THE WEB



[www.albertablonddecattle.com](http://www.albertablonddecattle.com)



[www.mansaskblondes.com](http://www.mansaskblondes.com)



<http://cf.geocities.com/blondaquitaineqc/>



[www.ontarioblondes.ca](http://www.ontarioblondes.ca)

## To Breeders Needing Parentage Blood Types

Need a Blood Type? Not impossible thanks to arrangements made between SRC and UC Davis Laboratory in California. Steps to follow:

1. The breeder should contact CLRC to obtain a test kit. The kit will contain an Application Form required by the U.S. lab, blood vial(s), address label and shipping instructions. The shipping instructions must include a copy of the Import Permit provided by UC Davis. This permit is to be attached to the outside of the shipment. Without an Import Permit the sample will be rejected at US Customs.
2. The Blood typing reports for any potential parents that have been tested by Bova-Can Labs can be obtained in an electric format by CLRC. Those records can be forwarded by CLRC electronically to the US Lab.
3. This service, as SRC understands it, will ONLY be available until December 2008.

The cost of this service is \$45.00 US per sample, and is to be paid by cheque or money order made payable to UC Regents.

## Bull and Heifer Evaluations

Your Canadian Board of Directors has committed, under the SGQR grant program, to again support the ultrasound evaluation of registered purebred bulls and heifers that are placed into test stations across Canada. Bulls and heifers will be entering the stations in October and November.

Participate and get valuable information about the bulls and their sires. Ultrasound evaluations must be completed prior to March 31, 2007 to be eligible for support under this government funded program.

## PHOTO CONTEST

We are very pleased to announce the first winner of your Association's Photo Contest are John & Ilsa Vink of Halcyon Farms, Wooler, Ontario. This shot of "Mindi's calf" was just two weeks old when the picture was taken.



"This photo was easily the best of the bunch," said judge, Kathleen Windsor of Windsor Graphics. "The picture is sharp, has eye-catching colour, balanced composition, and it's easy to make out the details (the tongue in the nose is a cute touch)," said Windsor. "If anything, I would like to see more grass or sky on the top, bottom, and sides. This would give your brochure or magazine ad designer an opportunity to put text over the photo, or inlay another picture as a collage."

Twelve photos were sent in this month from four different breeders. There's a lot more of you out there who need to go through your photo albums and send in some pictures. Or better yet, throw the camera around your neck and slip out to the pasture.

The winning entry now gives John & Ilsa a \$25 credit towards their next fullblood or purebred registration!

### Photo Tips

- Don't cut off the head, feet, butt, nose! Don't crop your photo -- let your ad designer or webmaster crop the picture to give the best possible design for each individual situation.
- When you think you have the picture just right, take two steps back. Give your designer lots to work with.
- Remember to identify your photographer or include a brief description of the shot.

### Photo Contest Judging Criteria

- Include a complete shot of animal in photo (including feet, tail and full head if possible)
- Limit of five pictures submitted per operation per calendar month
- All photos submitted become the property of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and the Association will be able to use them accordingly (photo credit will be provided when possible).

The decision of the webmaster is final. The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Board reserves the right to not have a winner if it is deemed no picture is eligible in a particular month.

## BYLAW AMENDMENT APPROVED

The following bylaw change, passed by the Membership at the Annual General Meeting in Victoriaville in 2004, received approval pursuant to the Animal Pedigree Act on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 *Article 21. Section 4. Parentage Verification (c)*.

Embryo transplant progeny must be parentage verified to the fullest extent possible, by either a Blood Type, DNA Genotype, or a combination of both, as per approved Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association procedures, before a certificate of registration will be issued by the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association. The Blood Type and/or DNA Genotype shall be done at the owner's expense.

Effective January 1, 2005, all Embryo transplant progeny must have a DNA Genotype on file with the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association to be eligible for registration. The DNA Genotype shall be done at the owner's expense.

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association reserves the right to request a DNA Genotype for the recipient dam that the embryo was implanted into. The recipient dam will be DNA Genotyped, at the owner's expense. The recipient dam's DNA genotype will be tested by the CBDA's designated agent as a possible dam of the embryo transplant progeny.

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association reserves the right to request that all potential sires to which the recipient dam was exposed to after the embryos were implanted, be DNA Genotyped, at the owner's expense. These DNA Genotypes will be tested by the CBDA's designated agent as possible sires of the embryo transplant progeny.

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association reserves the right to refuse or suspend the registration of embryo transplant progeny as per Article 4, Section 2. This amendment is to include a mandatory test on the offspring for 129 Status Negative of all embryos and be recorded.

## TATTOO LETTER FOR 2006 IS "S"

E-mail or mail your photos for the Photo Contest to the Blonde d'Aquitaine office  
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