

B.C. Angus News

BC Angus News

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President's Report

Bob Miller - President of the B.C. Angus Association

BCAA held a very successful weekend of events on Saturday, September 30 at Alex Fraser Park, Quesnel, BC. Approximately 38 members and visitors combined attended the Annual General Meeting which was comprised mostly of reports, introduction of the 2023 Breeder Directory & Handbook, presentation of BCAA coffee mugs to 25year members, a CAA presentation by CEO Myles Immerkar and election of officers.

Directors re-elected to two - year terms were Robyn Mumford, of Alexis Creek and Robyn Burt, of Quesnel. Morgan Lamontagne, Tomslake, BC was elected as the only new director this year with Todd Marchant stepping away after serving several years on the board. I wish to send a sincere thank you to Todd for his years of service, while also extending a welcome to Morgan. It will be geographically supportive to have a director from the Peace area on the BCAA board.

Immediately following the AGM, the inaugural Jackpot Pen Show took place. This event was met with great reviews, was well attended and supported with just over 60 head of cattle, 14 different exhibitors and approximately 60 spectators. The pen show was judged by a panel of three. Thank you to Myles Immerkar, CAA, Erin Kishkan, Pinnacle Limousin and Chad Seelhof, Woodjam Ranch, on an excellent job of sorting through some very difficult classes throughout the day. The day closed out with a BBQ beef dinner and a silent auction table of various sought-after items. Thank you to all of those who donated items and as well as the purchasers.

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President's Report

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In many ways, 2023 has been a year of bittersweet for many beef cattle producers throughout BC. Drought and fire created a shortage of grazing areas and feed supply which led to high feed prices throughout the province in general. Some operations were forced to sell out after spending their life in the industry. That's the bitter. The sweet part may very well be the strong commodity prices for all categories of cattle going to market this year. Calf weights in general have been reported to be a little lighter, based on poor quality grazing conditions.

Did you know, that the Angus breed is having an impact on dairy corporations beefing up their dairy cattle. While dairy farmers have been using various beef bulls to produce surplus calves for a long time, the main recent shift has been towards more strategic selection of Angus beef sires. Many dairy operator's ambitions are to keep their priority of choosing Angus bulls with calving ease and short gestation length in addition to having sires with higher EPD's for growth and other traits such as muscle and carcass weight. It is reported that on a global level many dairy processors are turning to beef-on-dairy from a consistency of supply perspective. If the resulting offspring are bred well, fed well and managed well these animals can line up with the best of beef cohorts.

Did you know, Certified Angus Beef celebrates its 45th year since inception selling over 1.2 billion pounds in more than 52 countries in 2023.

CAA and BCBA ambassador John Appleby attended all Angus Influence Feeder Calf Sales throughout BC again this fall.

October 11 – BCLC Williams Lake

October 24 – BCLC Kamloops

October 30 – BCLC OK Falls

John had BCBA Breeder Directories as well as Angus promotional material available. BCBA sponsored coffee at the livestock sale yards on Angus influence days.

BCJAA – BC Junior Angus Association recently held their annual general meeting and election of officers via Zoom with the following results;

President: Wade MacDonald – re-elected – Vanderhoof, BC

Vice -President: Hanna Fitchett – Quesnel, BC

Secretary: Mackenzie Martens – Vanderhoof, BC

Treasurer: Cam MacDonald – Vanderhoof, BC

BCJAA National Director: Riley Bapty, Coldstream, BC

BCBA Directors Taylor Maciborsky and Morgan Lamontagne serve as BCJAA Coordinators

Until the next time.

Regards,

Bob Miller, President, BCBA

Front Cover Picture - McGillivray Land and Cattle, Angus and Angus Influence Steer Calves at BC Livestock (Co-op) Sale Yards, Kamloops, 2023



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To promote the Angus breed consisting of
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Celebrating 25 Years

BCAA would like to recognize the following breeders for their commitment to breeding BC Angus for 25 years!

-Awards presented by Bob Miller and Robyn Burt-



Dianne Fletcher of Mountain Ash Angus,



Todd Marchant of Schochaneetqua Angus



Lorraine Sanford of 9 Mile Ranch

2023 – BCAA 25 Year members receiving coffee mugs

- Steller Red Angus – Robert & Linda Macham, Quesnel, BC
- Matt's Red Angus – Matt & Karen Taylor, Smithers, BC
- Tanya Belsham – Houston, BC
- Lia Long – Houston, BC
- Dave & Kendra Luttmerding – Armstrong, BC
- Dan & Janette Speller – Monte Lake, BC
- Al & Lorraine Sanford – Quesnel, BC
- Todd Marchant & Pam McGuinness – Horsefly, BC
- Diane Fletcher & Charles Dwinell – Quesnel, BC
- John Appleby – Coldstream, BC

If you know someone who has been a BC Angus Association member for 25 years or more, please contact any of the Directors with their name and contact information.

BRIAN GOOD

BATTLE OF THE BREED

COMMERCIAL CHOICE JACKPOT BULL SHOW

Wednesday, November 22nd at 5 PM

Canadian Western Agribition

Entry Fee \$200

* 50% of all entry fees will be donated to the Brian Good Scholarship Fund

32 BULLS WILL COMPETE IN HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION
JUDGED BY A PANEL OF 3 COMMERCIAL JUDGES

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- Judges will have access to all information commonly found in a bull sale catalogue. They are free to use whatever information they require to make their selection
- Information available will be what is traditionally available in a spring bull sale catalogue:
 - Pedigree
 - GEPDs
 - Actual Performance Information
 - Dam photo is required
 - Phenotypic evaluation in show ring
 - Angus GS Genomic panel
- Substitutions are eligible until November 1st providing they meet all the required guidelines for entry

Enter by emailing the Canadian Angus Association at cdnangus@cdnangus.ca.

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BC Angus Association

Angus Influence Feeder Calf Sale Report 2023

October 11 - BC Livestock Producers Co-op – Williams Lake, BC

2500 head of powerful Angus and Angus cross calves brought strong demand from the buyers.

153 Mile Ranch, Cuyler & Jenny Huffman saw their 469 lb Angus steer calves bring \$4.34 / lb while their 546 lb s/c hit \$3.82 / lb. The light weight s/c averaging 407 lbs brought \$5.31 / lb. They also filled the ring with 433 lb black heifer calves that traded for \$4.13.50 / lb

Douglas Lake Cattle Co, Gang Ranch brought 350 black Angus calves to town. 513 lb s/c topped @ \$.02.50 / lb. their 474 lb s/c traded at \$4.21 / lb while the light weight 379 lb s/c rung the bell at \$5.44 / lb Gordon & Linda Watts had 600 lb black Angus s/c trade at \$3.76 / lb.

Wilf & Lisa Larsen's Angus sired 520 lb s/c brought \$3.80 / lb

Keray & Susan Camille's 720 lb black Angus sc sold for \$3.30 / lb

BCAA sponsored coffee. The association reps in attendance were CAA / BCAA Ambassador John Appleby.

October 24 – BC Livestock Producers Co-op – Kamloops, BC

2890 head hit the ring at this Angus influence sale day. BCAA sponsored coffee, provided handouts and BCAA banner was set up in the lobby.

McGillivray Land and Cattle of Kamloops saw their 558 lb black Angus s/c trade at \$3.50 / lb.

Pete & June Puhallo sold their 643 lb Angus and Angus influence s/c at \$3.40 / lb while their fancy 640 lb h/c traded at \$306.25 / lb

Hat Creek Ranch group of 534 lb s/c topped at \$3.70 / lb, while their fancy black 505 lb h/c brought \$3.25 / lb

Jamie & Maureen Janzen, Clinton saw their 582 lb red Angus s/c top at \$3.44 / lb. Their 550 lb red h/c brought \$3.14.50 / lb

BC Cattle Co filled the ring with a tremendous set of red 534 lb s/c bringing \$3.53. / lb

Association reps attending were John Appleby and Bob Miller

October 30 – BC Livestock Producers Co-op – Okanagan Falls, BC

Angus influence quality was incredible with consignors contributing 1100 head for this largest volume sale of the year.

69 Ranch had 693 lb s/c hit \$3.40 / lb.

Wilf & Rebecca Lindquist saw their 672 lb s/c top at \$3.39.75 while their powerful h/c reached \$3.13 / lb

Keith & Marine Manders saw their 663 black s/c bring \$3.40 / lb while the h/c traded at \$3.28 / lb

Carl Sidwell of Grand Forks had a ring full of 618 black Angus s/c sell at 43.40 / lb

Thomas Ranches 695 lb black Angus s/c hit \$3.40 / lb while their 660 lb h/c reached \$308.50 / lb

BCAA sponsored coffee. John Appleby was the association rep in attendance.

The BC Angus Association wish to thank BC Livestock Producers Cooperative and BC cattle producers using Angus influence for their support, cooperation and promotion of the annual Angus Influence feeder calf sales.

BCAA Angus Cash Jackpot Show

Results

Alex Fraser Park, Quesnel, BC

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Thank you to the organizers and to sponsor KT Ranch for the Angus Cash Jackpot Show



Champion Pen of Calendar Year Bull Calves



Champion Purebred Angus Cow/Calf Pair

CLASS 201 Pen of Two Calendar Year Bull Calves
CHAMPION: Rafter SJ Angus, Shannon & Jack Trask, Montney, BC
RESERVE CHAMPION: Mountain Ash Angus, Diane Fletcher & Charles Dwinell, Quesnel, BC
CLASS 202 Pen of Two Calendar Year Heifer Calves
CHAMPION: Rafter SJ Angus, Shannon & Jack Trask, Montney, BC
RESERVE CHAMPION: Dragon View Angus, Quesnel, BC
CLASS 203 Pen of Two PB Angus Bred Yearling Heifers
CHAMPION: Nine Mile Ranch, Lorraine & Al Sanford, Quesnel, BC
RESERVE CHAMPION: Cook Angus, Joanne Cook & Ty Hoffman, Williams Lake, BC

CLASS 204 Pen of Two Commercial Angus Bred Yearling Heifers
CHAMPION: Burt Bros Farm, Quesnel, BC
RESERVE CHAMPION: JJ Cattle Co. Justin Yeo, Prince George, BC
CLASS 205 PB Angus Cow / Calf Pair
CHAMPION: True North Angus, Byrch Grant & Morgan Lamontagne, Tomslake, BC
RESERVE CHAMPION: Dragon View Angus, Quesnel, BC

- CHAMPIONS RECEIVED \$300.00
- RESERVE CHAMPIONS RECEIVED \$150.00
- ALL EXHIBITORS RECEIVED A GIFT (Bag of 25 Angus Green Tags)

Meet the Director

Hi I'm Morgan Lamontagne and I'm 25 years old.

I grew up in Saskatchewan with cattle and moved to Dawson Creek, BC after finishing my agribusiness and animal science diplomas in Vermillion at Lakeland College. I now live in Tomslake, BC and raise black angus cattle with my boyfriend.

We started our journey with black angus cattle two years ago from purchasing a small herd from Gumbo Gulch Cattle Co. From there we've purchased a few heifers at other sales to help expand our herd.

I also enjoy working dogs and photography.

I am excited to be a BCAA director to help spread my knowledge and get other young breeders involved as well.



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2023 Provincial Winter Fair – Kamloops – Carcass Classic Competition

Grand Champion Carcass

Exhibited by: Jim Haughton, Bar J Bar Cattle Co of Knutsford, BC

Carcass Weight: 896 lbs

Grade: PRIME

Bred by: Blast Angus, Houston, BC

Reserve Champion Carcass

Exhibited by: Maddy Mills, Knutsford, BC

Carcass Weight: 895 lbs

Grade: PRIME

Bred by: Jim Haughton, Knutsford, BC

Sired by: Blast No Doubt 38F (also sired the Champion PWF Carcass in 2021)

4H Champion Carcass

Exhibited by: Chance Brandon, Knutsford, BC

Carcass Weight: 976 lbs

Grade: AAA

Bred by: Chance Brandon – sired by a Tafika Angus bred sire

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4H & Grand Champion Carcass

Exhibited by: Conor Brown, Kamloops, BC

Carcass Weight: 851 lbs

Grade: PRIME

Bred by: Puhallo Angus, Black Pines, BC – sired by a Belvin Angus bred sire

Reserve Champion Carcass

Exhibited by: Michael Bishop, Kamloops, BC

Carcass Weight: 1029 lbs

Grade: PRIME

Bred by: Puhallo Angus, out of a purebred Angus dam

BC Angus Association Commercial Angus Breeder of the Year 2023

Recipient: Woodjam Ranch c/o Ricky & Chad Seelhof & family. Horsefly BC.

History of Woodjam Ranch:

Chad and I (Ricky) both moved from Saskatchewan where we were both born and raised on mixed farms. We moved to BC in 2004. In 2007 we bought our first piece of land up river from the original Woodjam Ranch. This parcel tied perfectly into the rest of the ranch. At that time, we formed a partnership with Chad's parents Louis and Ellie. In 2014 Chad and I purchased the Woodjam Ranch from Louis and Ellie. We presently run 500 Angus cross mother cows.

Why Angus:

We use Angus at Woodjam because they are simply a good hearty cow. They are built tough for our country and climate. We love the maternal traits of the Angus mother. Our cows calve on bigger pastures so they must be self sufficient and as maintenance free as possible. We have tried other breeds but find the Angus to be efficient, a adaptable and fertile.

Marketing:

We market our calves through TEAM action and BC Livestock Producers Co-op. We otherwise forward contract our calves or sell early to mid October online and then ship calves for early November delivery. Everything is weaned here at the ranch weighed directly off their mothers and shipped to their new owners the same day.

Replacement Heifers:

We traditionally retain approximately 100 replacement heifers each year. The replacements we keep will have strong Angus influence. We like them because of their maternal instincts, heartiness, and longevity within our operation.

Bull Power:

Woodjam Ranch bull power primarily consists of purebred Black Angus, some Red Angus and Angus / Simmie cross bulls. We are proud to say, 90% of our bulls are purchased in BC.

Ranch Management:

Our ranch is both Family owned and operated. In 2020 we were the recipients of both the "BC Cattlemen's Association Ranch Sustainability Award" and the "Canadian Cattlemen's Association Environmental Sustainability Award". We are extremely honoured to have received both of these prestigious awards.

Acknowledgement:

Woodjam Ranch is honoured and wishes to thank BC Angus Association for acknowledging our operation as the recipient for the prestigious Commercial Angus Breeder of the Year 2023.



(L-R)CAA President- Tom de Waal, CAA CEO - Myles Immerkar,
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Angus Calendar of Events

November 10	Black & Red Angus Show	Edmonton Farm Fair
November 18	Northern Select Black & Red Angus Sale	Camrose, AB
November 20 – 27	BCJAA On Line Silent Auction	BCAA Facebook
November 22	Brian Good Battle of the Breeds Jackpot Bull Calf Show	CWA, Regina
November 23	Black and Red Angus Shows	CWA, Regina
November 24	All Star Angus Sale	CWA, Regina
December 1	CAA ACE Program Enrollment and Information Deadline	CAA
December 2	Ladies of the Peace Sale	Dawson Creek, BC
December 7-16	National Finals Rodeo (Cowboy Channel) ** Nine Canadian Contestants this Year	Las Vegas, NV
December 12	Ladies of the West Black & Red Angus Sale	Innisfail, AB
December 16	Angus Collection Sale	Olds, AB
December 28	OBI Frozen Genetics On Line Sale	DLMS
December 31	New Years Eve Resolution On Line Sale	DLMS
January 15, 2024	Advertising deadline for BCAA Newsletter Special Bull Sale Edition	

Special Thanks

The B.C. Angus Association would like to extend a sincere 'Thank You' and appreciation to Red Moon Angus, Jim & Shirley Moon & Family, for sponsoring the Annual BCAA Junior Member Scholarship.

Thank You from Hillside Red Angus

Hillside Red Angus, Robyn Mumford, Alexis Creek, BC would like to thank BNK Cattle Co. of Eckville, Alberta for the purchase of Red Hillside Miss 6K. This sale of a bred heifer, was a result of Hillside Red Angus exhibiting cattle at the BCAA Jackpot Pen Show.

2023 BC Ag Expo – Barriere, BC

Results

September 22 - 25, 2023 | Judged by Dan Skeels, Rimbey, AB



Champion Yearling Heifer
Owned and Exhibited by: Aubree Higgins, Knutsford, BC



Reserve Champion 4H Female
Owned and Exhibited by: Sydney Bapty, Coldstream, BC



Champion Cow-Calf Pair
Owned and Exhibited by: Lexi Lindquist, Rock Creek, BC

**Congratulations to our
BCJAA members on a
successful Ag Expo!**

An Angus for me, -An Angus for me
If it's not an Angus it's naa use ta me
The Shorthorns are braw, the Hereford an a'
But the Aberdeen Angus is the best of them all

*In loving
memory*



Allan Frank Smith
May 19, 1943 – August 18, 2023

Allan passed away August 18 at Vernon Jubilee Hospital after a summer filled with family visits and loving care. He leaves behind his partner of 34 years, Cathy Glover, his daughter and the joy of his life Devon Smith, his stepson Dean Little (Kelsey) and his beloved grandchildren Mercer and Savannah, as well as his sister Anne Braund, nieces Catherine and Jennifer and nephew Kevin Braund and their families. He was predeceased by his parents Frank (1994) and Catherine (2009), sister Helen (2015), and his brother-in-law Peter Braund (2023).

Allan grew up on the family farm on Goudy Road in Ladner, graduating as his father did before him and his daughter after, from Delta Secondary in 1961. He worked for Delta Foam Board before investing in Richmond Plywood in 1966 where he retired as production manager (and number one on the payroll) in 2013. In his father's footsteps, he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Delta Lodge 21 in 1961, serving as provincial Grand Master in 2009-2010. He continued to be an active member of Coronation #48 in Armstrong and Rebekah Excelsior #23 of Kamloops after moving to Enderby with Cathy and Devon in 2013. He relished his role as the unofficial patriarch and historian for both orders and truly enjoyed the fellowship he received right up until his passing.

Allan raised purebred Angus cattle in Ladner, launching his Aleden herd in 1972. The herd grew to more than 60 Red and Black mother cows by the early 90s and were visible from Hwy 17 between Ladner and Tsawwassen. He was an active member of the BC Angus Association and marketed his bulls at sales throughout the Southern Interior every spring. He was deeply honoured when the Canadian Angus Association commemorated his 50 year membership earlier this summer. He was a lifetime member of the Delta Agricultural Society, a member of Delta Farmers' Institute and the Canadian Red Angus Promotional Society. His ties to the beef industry in BC and the agricultural community in Ladner ultimately led to the purchase of *Country Life in BC* in 2016 with Cathy when she assumed the role as publisher.

Allan loved his cows, but he loved his family even more. He was a loving son and brother, a favourite "Unca," an adoring and very proud father and stepdad, a delighted grandfather and an "enabling" partner. He's touched all our lives in different ways and will be forever missed – in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Family will gather for Internment at the family plot at Boundary Bay Cemetery in Tsawwassen followed by a reception for all at his IOOF home lodge in Ladner, 5425 Ladner Trunk Road, on Saturday, September 16, 1-3 pm.



From the BCJAA

The BCJAA has had a very exciting summer. On September 12 we held our Annual general meeting via zoom. We were excited to welcome three new directors throughout the province.

Mackenzie Martins from Vanderhoof, BC, Travis Hurren from Armstrong, BC and Sydney Bapty from Coldstream, BC. We are super excited to have new and young faces on our board to continue our association into the future. We have some exciting events coming up in future including our silent auction at the end of November. We will be reaching out for donations and our advertising and auction link can be found on our Instagram and Facebook page so stay tuned! As we head into our 2024 season, we look forward to planning a couple of in person field days and working our association into another years. We hope everyone is doing well as they get ready to feed cows and head into calving season.

Thanks,

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