



# Ontario Shorthorn Connection

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Do you have news you'd like to share in the Shorthorn Newsletter? If you do, just contact the OSA Secretary - Sandra Alton and we'll include it! Contact information is on Page 2.

## RAWF Show & Sale Results

Congratulations to those who exhibited at the Royal Winter Fair! The RAWF hosted the National Shorthorn Show this year with 80 head shown under judge Mark Ebeling of Texas.

The National Shorthorn Sale on the eve of the show was well attended, with 12.75 live lots sold, which grossed \$42,400 and averaged \$3,325. Many thanks to those who assisted with yet another successful sale.

The National Junior Heifer Show had new sponsors for 2008 - TD Canada Trust, Kubota Canada & Semex Alliance teamed up to sponsor the show, which saw a total of 337 Exhibitors from across Canada. In the Shorthorn division, there were 2 heifer calves shown and 19 yearlings (2 splits). Breed Champion honors went to Blenview Tango 402T, exhibited by Cody Leitch and the Reserve Champion was exhibited by Michelle Knight with Flightpath Taylee Ursula.

Congratulations to all Shorthorn exhibitors on a successful show & sale season in 2008!



Grand Champion Female

**Shadybrook Lady 52T**



Grand Champion Bull

**Shadybrook Limited Edition**



Res. Grand Ch Female

**B Good Rosemary 4T**



Res. Grand Ch Bull

**NJM Salton's Gold**



## OSA Annual Meeting held in Milton

December 6th marked the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Ontario Shorthorn Association and it was well attended with about 37 breeders. The venue was Heritage Park (Ontario Agricultural Museum) in Milton. In addition to regular Board Reports, there were 3 Directors whose terms had expired (Jim Murray, Sheryl Blackburn, Michael Ormiston) and all allowed their names to stand. Nominations from the floor resulted in an additional nomination - Bob Riviere. All four allowed their names to stand with Jim, Michael & Bob being elected to three 3-yr terms. The Board would like to thank Sheryl for her contributions to the OSA Board during her three year term! Martin Mason allowed his name to stand as the CSA Rep to the Board and Bob Riviere allowed his name to stand as the ASA Rep to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned to a wonderful hot lunch catered to those in attendance. After lunch was finished, everyone was welcome to take a tractor & wagon ride around the park with a guide from the Museum. Although it was a very chilly tour, I think all would agree that it was a great lesson in history!

# COMING EVENTS...

## 2009 OSA DIRECTORS

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## UPCOMING JUNIOR SHOWS

### **LONDON JR. BEEF EXPO**

March 27-28th (Sat/Sun)

Western Fair Agriplex, London, ON

Contact: Cheron Chamberlain at 519-764-2188

### **YOUTH FORUM & KIRK STIERWALT DEMO**

April 11th (Saturday)

Orangeville Fairgrounds

Contact: Melissa Reid at 519-638-3533

### **CANADIAN JR. NATIONAL SHORTHORN SHOW - "SHORTHORNS SHINE IN 2009"**

July 24-25-26 in Brome, Quebec.

If you are interested in taking your calf to the show, there are trailers heading there, so let any

Director or Sandra Alton know so that we can make arrangements to ensure your calf gets there.

For more information on show details, registration and accommodations, contact Kevin Dempsey at 450-263-3090.

Looking forward to seeing a great turnout from the Ontario Juniors!

### **OSA BULL TEST**

We are planning another bull test station for 2009 - think about what you'd like to put on test - the committee would like to have tentative numbers by July 1st/09. Interested participants should contact Jim Murray at 905-841-1037.

### **FALL STOCKER SALE - INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR CALVES AS A GROUP?**

The OSA is looking at assembling a group of Shorthorn steers and heifers for the fall. Calves would have to be vaccinated & assembled into weight classes.

If you are interested in this initiative, give Martin Mason a call at 519-442-7066.

### **4H PROJECT AWARDS**

The Ontario Shorthorn Association provided a halter & necktie to 4H Members completing their club with a Purebred Shorthorn or Shorthorn-sired project. There were 50 awards presented across Ontario.

### **Advertising - Did You Know?**

The OSA has full page advertisements in each of the five editions of the Ontario Beef Magazine, which promote the Shorthorn breed and publicizes upcoming events, sales, etc. These ads also include contact information for individual breeders at a cost of about \$60 per issue. If you are interested in having your contact information included in one of our upcoming ads, please contact Doug Brown at 905-430-0490 or douglassbrown@rogers.com

### **THE OSA'S WEBSITE HAS ARRIVED!**

Check out the site for coming events, show & sale results and more!

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

### **OSA DISPLAY FOR EVENTS**

If you are interested in setting up the OSA's display at any events across Ontario, give Sandra a call and she will coordinate getting the display and the materials you require.

### **SHORTHORN PLUS CLASSES**

Again this year, the Markham Fair is welcoming Shorthorn Plus entries.. 2009 Bull & Heifer calves are welcome and must be accompanied with a 50% registration paper to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Brown at 905-430-0490.

**OSA Directories Still Available!** Contact any of the OSA Executive for your copy!