

The B.C. Hereford BULL-ETIN

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It will not be long before our annual meeting is upon us and it promises to be a fun event. We will be having our usual fun auction and are looking for some contributions. Plus, we are planning to have some entertainment and at 10:00 PM the draw for the Hereford heifer will take place and someone will go home with the heifer or \$1,250. The proceeds from this project will go towards some educational proposals that we hope will make people more aware of the benefits of Herefords.

In addition to the fun part, we will also have to do some business and one of the things at hand will be a constitutional change. Some of our clubs have become dormant and change is needed so everyone can get some service at the club level. As a result, we are electing eight directors at large and four from the clubs. We expect the clubs to be active in the promotion of Herefords and feel that it is imperative to have sales and shows for the fellowship of breeding Herefords and to promote the breed. Everytime there is a sale, a new breeder comes on stream and without new breeders we cannot survive. Maybe we should have a scheme where you get a free membership for every five new members. Just a thought.

So Hereford breeders of BC...this is your invitation to attend the Top Cut Hereford Influence Bred Heifer Sale at 1:00 PM November 16 at the Agricentre and then the BC Hereford Association Annual Meeting at 3.30 PM at the Best Western Hotel on Rogers Way in Kamloops, to be followed by the banquet at 7.30 PM, the fun auction, entertainment and heifer raffle. Mark your calendar and we will see you in Kamloops on November 16.

If anyone needed proof that Herefords will grade, they only have to look at the results of the open and 4-H carcass classes at the Provincial Fair in Kamloops at the end of September. A straight-bred Hereford steer from Deleeuw Ranches Ltd.

of Knutsford, took the top honours and they received a cheque for \$100 from the BC Hereford Association. An award has been available for several years to the breeder of the champion steer. There have been numerous Hereford carcasses grade AAA this year without the green tag in the ear.

BC is one of the provinces that will be contributing to the fund to hire a National Sales person to visit feedlots and packers. We are not one of the rich provinces as far as funds from our Hereford activities are concerned, but we feel strongly that anything that will benefit Herefords will also benefit BC as we likely have the strongest concentration of commercial Hereford and Hereford influenced cows in Canada. Our grazing terrain is suitable to the British and British influence breeds, so it is hard to convince a rancher who is having success with his program to do something different as far as the cow herd is concerned.

Until next time, I hope you all have some late fall grazing to ease the strain on the feed stack.

