

## COW-MAN SENSE

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**H**ello everyone! The start of the fall show and sale season has begun for some breeders and just around the corner for others. For many, it has been, to say the least, very challenging times with no easy decisions to be made. It may take a few years for weather to change and feed shortages to disappear, but we know it will and ranchers will once again begin to build their herds.

The South East Zone held their annual Cattlemen's Field Day at the farm of Melvin, Bonnie and Greg Freitag, Alameda. The three-man judging team made up of Wes Mack, Estevan., Trent Walls, Alameda, and Ian Thompson, Alameda, selected a bull calf from ANL Polled Herefords, Steelman, for their Bull Calf Futurity winner and the reserve went to an entry of Haroldson's Polled Herefords, Wawota., The Heifer Calf Futurity was won by C & T Cattle Co., Arcola, and reserve went to McCoy Polled Herefords, Milestone. In the cow-calf classes the champion was awarded to an entry of C & T Cattle Co. and reserve winners were ANL Polled Herefords.

The South West Zone hosted a barbecue and golf tournament on August 11 at Cypress Hills. The cool, rainy day did not stop the golf enthusiasts from completing their round of golf and, after supper, competing in their annual horse-shoe tournament. Next summer the zone will be hosting the SHA Annual meeting at Cypress Hills the last weekend of July 2003. Plans will include a bus tour of commercial operations in the area - look for more information in the next issues of Cattle Call. Annual Hereford and Hereford-influence sales will be held in the zone in October at Maple Creek (October 24th), Mankota (October 11th) and Shaunavon (October 16th) - make plans to attend!

The North East Zone held their golf tournament on June 29th in Wynyard, on one of the only rainy days this summer. This month Cattle Call features the contest winners of their 4-H Story

Contest that was held last spring. The annual meeting of the zone will be held Saturday, December 7th in Wynyard. Look for their members at the fall shows and stop by their stalls for a visit!

The Saskatchewan Association is looking forward to the Hereford Show at Agribition. The Red Coat Classic will once again be held over two days. The class winners will be selected on Friday, November 24 in the Auditorium by a three man judging panel. Along with the selection of the class winners, our Saskatchewan Junior Hereford Association will be auctioning items as a fundraiser for their events over the next year. So, bring your cheque book and support our juniors!

The Grand Finale of the Red Coat Classic will take place during the Hereford Show, Saturday, November 30 in the stadium after the completion of the bull calf classes. You could be the winner of a \$10,000 Red Coat Bull Calf, so get your ticket early - only 250 tickets are sold. We also have Membership Sponsor Draws that will be held during the show and each draw has a minimum value of \$150. Only those purchasing membership tickets are eligible to win. If you are interested in entering a bull calf or you want to purchase a Red Coat Membership Ticket for \$100 just contact the SHA office (306)842-6149. Entry deadline for the Red Coat Classic is October 15th.

See you in Regina!