

The B.C. Hereford BULL-ETIN

Summer is here at last and maybe things will start to grow with some welcomed heat. Parts of our vast province has been suffering from the lack of rain, but in many areas there has been enough rain to get the grains and grasses growing. The lack of sunshine has left everything about these weeks behind.

The Evergreen Sale at Abbotsford was a success by anyone's standards with a high for a cow/calf pair of \$6,250 and an overall average of \$2,635, up over \$500 from last year. At the Williams Lake Bull Sale the top selling bull that had been consigned by Maxine Bell of Vallee Creek Herefords, Houston, brought \$6,850 from Keith and Carrie Bostock of Bry-Der Herefords, Salmon Arm. This bull goes into Keith and Carrie's purebred herd.

We are having three MOE shows in BC this year: one on the first long weekend in August in Abbotsford, the second in Chilliwack the second weekend in August and the third at the Bulkley Valley Exhibition in Smithers the last weekend in August. The West Coast Hereford Club will again be sponsoring a bull calf class at Chilliwack.

There will be an added feature at the Salmon Arm Fair on Sept 16 when BC Livestock Producer Co-op will add an interbreed class, a pen class for a pair of the

current year bull calves. This class goes to five places with first prize money of \$300. The Salmon Arm Fair is the site of the Salmon Arm Credit Union Hereford Challenge for females.

Our BCHA Annual Meeting is slated for November 17 in Kamloops and on tap in the business end of things will be a discussion on the amalgamating of some of the clubs in the province. Due to the fact that some are clubs are inactive, it has been suggested that we study the problem. If you have any concerns, one way or another, try to attend the annual meeting. Last year we had entertainment and a fun auction and plan on doing the same again this year. We hope you will mark your calendar and come to the Top Cut Sale, Annual Meeting and have some fun in Herefords.

Coming up before the AGM will be the Yellowhead Select Female Sale at Prince George on Friday Sept 28. Note the change in time. Previously the sale has been on Saturday with a social the evening before. Now I have been told the sale will be Friday evening, followed by the socializing. Sounds like a good plan to me and I would like to see as many as possible support this sale.

Have a great summer.
Keith Miller

JUNIORS EXCEL AT BC BULL SALES!

The Canadian Junior Hereford movement was well represented at the recent BC bull sales held at Vanderhoof and Williams Lake. Prior to the Vanderhoof All Breeds Bull Sale, the Yellowhead Breeders Annual Bull Show attracted lots of attention with a capacity crowd watching Graeme Johnstone of Smithers select his grand champion. Coming through from the junior championship to be named grand champion of the show was Tlell 8G Gunny 13K. He is a February 3 son of Gerber Gunner 8G, from a Mohican Tradition cow, bred and shown by CJHA member, Jamie Richardson of Richardson Ranch, Tlell. Jamie's bull was the product of the Junior Semen Donation Program and he sold later in the day to Art Northcott, Fort St. James, for \$3,000.

CJHA member Daryl Koldyk of Smithers, sold his bull, DK Rock Solid 1K by MSU WNH Felton 5F to

Danny and Helen McLarry, Burns Lake, for \$3,300. Daryl purchased his bull's dam as a bred heifer at the 4th Annual Yellowhead Hereford Select Sale at Prince George in September 1999.

CJHA member Dane Richardson was at the halter when his family sold the high selling bull of the 2001 Vanderhoof Bull Sale, Tlell 5F Rumba 29K by MSU WNH Felton 5F, to H&R Ranch, Burns Lake, for \$4,750.

CJHA vice president, Ross Springford, of Nanoose Bay, was at the halter during the Williams Lake Bull Sale selling Dogwood 23C Journeyman 126J, a two-year-old JSF 37 271 Devo 23C son for \$3,300 to Knapper Creek Ranch of Houston. This bull was also a product of the Semen Donation Program and was bred by past CJHA president Clarice Springford.