

# CCYA Fall News

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## President's Message

Hi Everyone,  
 My name is Brandon Sparrow and I am the new CCYA National Board president for the 2009/2010 term. I grew up at Vanscoy, SK where my family, A. Sparrow Farms, have a mixed grain and cattle farm with purebred Charolais and commercial cows. I am currently in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness degree at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

The organizing committee for CCYA 2009 should be commended for hosting another very successful conference that I and many other youth had the privilege of attending this past July. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who made the event one to remember and for allowing us to continue this great event! I'm

sure everyone who attended can agree they met a lot of new people, learned some new skills and had a fun time in the process.

This upcoming year promises to be another busy one for our hardworking national board. To start off we are planning our annual semen auction that will be held in conjunction with the National Show and Sale at Agribition in November. Michael Hunter is currently accepting donations and if you would like to make an addition to the auction please don't hesitate to contact him.

As well, our other programs are currently being prepared and revamped for the upcoming year. The Genetics program this year will be run by our Vice President Ben Farrant, and our youth incentive program will also be continuing as

well. The essay competition will be run once again, providing additional prize money available to CCYA members.

The year promises to be exciting and busy as usual, and I hope that the CCYA National Board can make your year even better! Please contact any of us with ideas, questions or concerns. Our board is extremely enthusiastic and input from our membership is always greatly appreciated! Check out our website (<http://youth.charolais.com>) for more information on our programs and updated news regarding CCYA activities. Have a great fall and I look forward to meeting with you all at CCYA 2010 in Dauphin, MB next summer.

Best regards,  
 Brandon

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## National Charolais Sale – CCYA Semen Auction

Once again the CCYA will be auctioning off straws of semen to support the Leadership Scholarship program. The semen will be sold during the Canadian National Charolais Sale, to be held at Agribition in Regina Saskatchewan, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Information on semen packages and the bulls will be available at the sale. Thanks for your support!

## ?ASK KATIE?

Dear Katie,

*I was looking at our cows in the pasture last week, and I found a heifer calf that my dad said I could show and start my own herd with. Next year, I'd like to breed her to a high quality bull, but I don't have enough allowance saved up to buy a bull. Do I have any cheaper options for finding her a suitable mate?*

Sincerely,  
Looking for a Mate

Dear Looking for a Mate,

Artificial insemination is your best option. You can BUY semen from Westgen, Semex and All West Select Sires, or anyone else who deals with Charolais bulls. But if you're in the mood for a good bargain, you can get your Canadian Charolais Youth Association membership and apply for FREE semen through the Genetics Program!

CCYA organizes the Genetics Program every fall, which has helped many youth members receive free semen from top bulls to use in their own breeding programs. You can apply for the program by filling out a form that you can find online at <http://youth.charolais.com/genetics.html>. You must nominate your female that you want to breed, then you pick five bulls from the list in your order of preference on the form. It is a very easy and cheap way to add great genetics to your program!

The deadlines for the 2009/10 Genetics Program haven't been set yet, but keep checking the website and reading the Charolais Banner or Charolais Connection for updates!

Wishing you the best in your quest for FREE genetics!

Katie

## Purchase Incentive Program

Buying your first heifer can be a big deal. While we know that our generous Charolais breeders often have youth incentives, the national board now has a program of their own to encourage youth to start purchasing their own cattle and building their own herds.

How the program works is when a junior buys a female at a sale, they have the option to apply for free semen to use to breed that animal. They must completely fill out the application form and send in proof of the bill of sale. The national board committee will review the application and ensure it meets the necessary qualifications. The youth member will then be provided with a list of the semen available in our tank. Semen will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. The application form is available on our website.

## Autumn's Grill

Hey everyone,  
Here's my new column (taking over from Brandon)! Every newsletter I will be featuring a new recipe that you guys can try at home. Every recipe is easy to make and has BEEF as the main ingredient. This edition's recipe features MACARONI BEEF CASSAROLE. If anyone has beef recipes that they enjoy and would like to be featured in the next newsletter email them to me at:  
[a\\_jackson\\_22@hotmail.com](mailto:a_jackson_22@hotmail.com)  
Autumn

### INGREDIENTS

1.5 lb ground beef  
1 medium onion, chopped  
28 oz can diced tomatoes  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1 green pepper, chopped (optional)  
2 cups elbow macaroni  
2 tbsp dried parsley  
1 tsp dried basil  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
Cheese Whiz (generous spoonful)  
Salt and pepper

### DIRECTIONS

In a large saucepan, brown ground beef with onion. Add tomatoes, ketchup and green pepper; simmer. Cook macaroni separately in a large pot. Combine cooked macaroni with beef mixture. Add parsley and basil. Gently spoon in mushroom soup and Cheese Whiz. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Enjoy!

## Genetics Program

The Genetics Program is run by the National Board with semen generously donated by breeders in the Charolais industry. The program encourages youth to take an active role in planning their breeding program and provides them with genetics that would ordinarily be inaccessible. Members simply have to complete an application form, identifying their preferred bulls from the list of available bulls that we provide. For rules and regulations, an application form, and a list of semen available visit our website. The list of bulls will be posted in December 2009 and applications are due in January 2009.

Youth members who have bred females with semen obtained through the Genetics Program are also eligible to exhibit the resulting progeny in special classes at the Conference and Show.

## Top 10 Ways to Be Involved in the Charolais Industry

To be involved in the Charolais Industry simply desire and interest with a passion for the industry will educate you. Knowledge will get you involved, and being involved in the industry is important for success! Here are the top 10 ways to get you out there!

1. **Be a member of the Canadian Charolais Youth Association.** Within the CCYA there are many different programs that can assist you on your own farm with your own herd. The genetics program, scholarships, purchase incentive program, are all designed for you to take advantage of.
2. **Be a member of your provincial Charolais association.** Being involved at a provincial level is also important. By contacting your board members and letting them know you are excited, ready, and willing to help in whatever planning is needed, will show them your commitment to the association. Don't be afraid to speak up at your next meeting and get your opinions heard.
3. **Be aware of news and events at all levels.** Reading magazines such as the Charolais Banner, Co-operator, the Western Producer, various sale catalogues within the Charolais breed but also other breeds, as well as the agriculture section of newspapers etc, will increase your knowledge in the agriculture industry.
4. **Attend Sales** – All Breeds, Female sales, bull sales, dispersals etc. Go with your parents to sales and choose animals that you would like to see in your own herd. Become familiar with the different genetics being used. Ask why one animal is the highest seller over another animal.
5. **Attend Shows.** Whether you are sitting in the stands or showing, it is important to know the inside and outs of a livestock show. Grab a show book and pick out of every class the animals you think would best suite your herd. After you can go and chat with the owners of the animals you selected and get some more information. Be sure you understand why the judge picked certain animals over other ones. Other people's perspectives are very important.
6. **Meet the people.** Whether you are interested in breeding, marketing, photography, journalism, etc, it is important to understand how the industry works first from every different point of view. So introduce yourself to the people involved in the industry. Smile, and keep a firm handshake. There is no such thing as too many questions.
7. **Recruit your friends.** The business we are in is a friendly one, and you will always look forward to events and activities if you are going to have a good time. Have other friends in other industries related to agriculture? Bring them along. It's always best to have a buddy.
8. **Work Together.** It is so important to be able to work with others. Especially in the agriculture industry, we need to bounce ideas from one person to the next so we can all be successful.
9. **Be Aware and Educated.** Read the news, know what prices are. Be aware of your surroundings. Ask questions, but also listen to what other people have to say.
10. **Attend CCYA Conference in Portage Manitoba, 2010...** because it will be great!

Being involved with the industry now, as youth, will prepare you for the future. Use these tips with the upcoming fall shows and sales!

Haylan

### Farrant's Funnies

Q. Which job is a cow most suited for ?

A. Baker. Because they're making cow pies regularly

Q. Why did the blonde buy a brown cow ?

A. To get chocolate milk

Q. What do you call a grumpy cow?

A. Moo-dy

Q. What do you call a cow with no front legs?

A. Lean beef

Q. What do cows get when they are sick?

A. Hay fever

Q. What do you call a cow who just recently had its baby?

A. De-calf-inated

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## Who can be a CCYA member?

CCYA members can be youth who are 21 as of January first of the current year – the same as 4-H age in many provinces. Membership is \$15.00 annually and is payable to the Canadian Charolais Association.

For your membership you will receive a newsletter semi-annually, and be eligible to compete in the CCYA Conference and Show, the Genetics Program and Essay Competition, Scholarships, as well as provincial youth events and activities. First time members will receive a membership package when they join.

### Yes, I would like to become a CCYA member!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you know someone who would like to become a member, fill out the form and enclose a cheque for \$15.90 payable to the Canadian Charolais Association.

## Word Search

Words associated with the CCYA conferences – how fast can you find them all?  
Good luck! Candace

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Charolais

Canada

Purebreds

Youth

National

Fun

Artwork

Conference

Informative

Exciting

Games

Seminars

Showmanship

Conformation

## Colouring Contest

A special fall contest for our most junior members! CCYA members 10 and under can colour and submit the picture on this page for a chance to win a great prize! Creativity is always welcome so feel free to add more details. Write your name and age on the back and send your picture to:

**Candace Alexander, RR2, Cargill, ON, N0G 1J0**

**Due: December 1, 1009**

