

OTTAWA RIDEAU SOIL AND CROP NEWS - JANUARY 2008

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Marc Saunders Delivers Excellent Message at 3rd Harvest Celebration

Haunted hay rides, mazes, water park, picnics, retreats, Halloween - all part of the FUN available at Saunders Farm in Munster. Marc Saunders, the Director of Fun, provided some insight into what it takes to be successful in this new era of world trade and economic transition.

When he and his wife returned to work on the farm their dream was to make a comfortable living and raise their family in a rural environment. Saunders Farm began as a pick-your-own strawberry farm but it soon became evident that change was necessary if they were to make their dream come true. They added the first maze in 1994 and by 2006 they hosted the largest collection of mazes in North America.

However, it's not as easy as it looks. Responding to an ever growing market for family oriented recreational activities, the Saunders Family have had to grow and steadily diversify their operation. To ensure their continued success there is a need identify what their visitors enjoy, and to provide new and better entertainments for their guests. During the off season, Marc travels over the world in search of new ways to entertain the visitors to their farm, leaving his wife and family behind.

Marc believes their success comes from

knowing his market base and believing in the value of what Saunders Farm is providing to their customers - and asking for it. Marc told us "it's almost seems like the more we charge for a product the better it sells. This past fall, we divided our pumpkins into three piles, according to size, small, medium and large. Amazingly the largest pumpkins, which were priced at just under \$20.00 sold out first."

Equally important to Marc and his family is the relationship they have with their neighbours. Saunders Farm is very conscience of the affect they have on their neighbourhood. During the weekends there is a great deal additional traffic on the roads, making travel for his neighbours more difficult. As some visitors are forced to park along the sides of the road, it is really hard for farmers to move machinery from one field to another if they have to travel on the road. Not only does it make sense for his operation, but Marc feels renting additional land from his neighbours, for parking and some of his crops, as well as hiring local people to help run the facilities will help to ensure good relations with his neighbours. There is also the added bonus of the boost to the local economy.





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An excellent turn out for our 'chicken meeting' on January 21st welcomed Brian Vanderburg from Tri-County Protein. Brian shared information about their own dairy operation, as well as market conditions and buying issues as they relate to soy beans. Good news - Tri-County Protein is committed to purchasing from local producers, and is currently making plans for expansion.

Seed Fair

March 6, 2008

M & P Farm Equipment

Almonte, ON

10:00 am Entries arrive

11:00 am Judging of Entries

12:00 am Lunch

Watch for details of afternoon activities
and guest speaker.

Ottawa-Carleton SCIA

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Watch for details of upcoming events in future newsletters!!!

Grenville SCIA

President -

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Secretary-Treasurer -

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Watch for details of
Farm Comes To Town
And
Grenville Farm Family Day
In future newsletters

Renfrew OSCIA

President –

Tom Agnew – 613-649-2355

Secretary/Treasurer

Glen Smith - 613-628-2987

Watch for details
of our
Summer Activities in
Upcoming newsletters!!

75th Hay & Seed Show

Thursday, March 6th, 2008

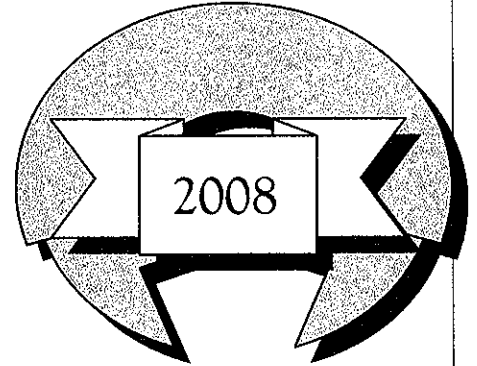
Galbraith Room

Renfrew Armouries

Contact

Glen Smith

For more details



Frontenac SCIA



Above: Tom Babcock (left); John Sunderland (right)
Below: Mike Grainger (left); Dudley Shannon (right)



President - Lloyd Orser - 613-376-3695

Secretary - Brian Tolls - 613-542-0605

Congratulations to those recognized for their contributions to Agriculture at the Annual Meeting of the Frontenac SCIA in December: John Sunderland as Young Farm of the Year; Dudley Shannon received the 2007 Award of Merit; Gary Gordon as the Seed Show Champion and Jack Broders as the 2007 Forage Master

John Sunderland and Dudley Shannon who were Both John and Dudley are graduates of Kemptville College, although many years apart. They have other things in common as well; both are dairy farmers with generations on their family farms and both have years supporting many farm organizations. John, the fifth generation on a 60 tie stall Holstein dairy farm that feed 100% homegrown feed, is currently on Frontenac's Soil and Crop board of directors. Dudley and his son Raymond, who has come home to farm, are finishing an addition to their barn this winter.

Frontenac Hay & Seed Show

Wednesday, March 5th, 2008

Elginburg Church Hall opens 9:00 am

Exhibits are due by 10:00 am

Meeting 10:30 am

More details will follow

Leeds SCIA

AWARD OF MERIT 2007

This year congratulations go to **Jim Earl**.

In 1972 Jim graduated from Rideau District High School where he was actively involved in basketball. He went on to earn an Honours Degree in Science of Agriculture from the University of Guelph in 1976. Following which he became the fifth generation to operate a dairy business on Lealand Farms located on the Earl Dwyre Road in Elgin.

Jim and Karen were married in 1981. They have one daughter, Dori. Jim has two younger sisters and one younger brother.

The family farm of 400 acres including 200 tillable acres and purebred Holstein herd was purchased from Jim's father, Allan (who later retired at age 75) in 1984. Lealand Farms has won many awards for both milk quality and breeding programs. The milking herd was sold in May 2007. Jim continues to crop the land growing quality equine hay for

which he has established a good market. Currently Jim is helping a young lady to convert the dairy barn into accommodations to board horses.

For many years Jim has been involved with the Leeds Soil & Crop Improvement Association, been an active member of the National Farmers Union and Leeds Milk Producer Committee. He is also very active in the Elgin United Church working on various committees particularly the music committee.

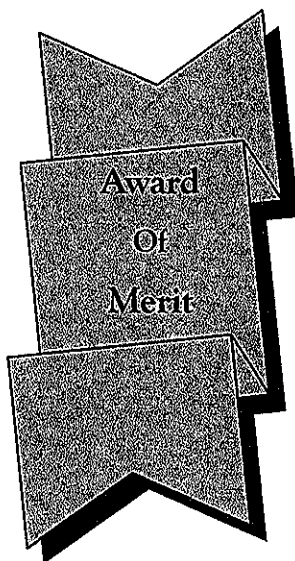
Enjoying freedom from the milking routine, Jim is looking forward to pursuing new interests. Having fulfilled the only work he ever wanted to do, that of running a successful dairy operation.

We're sure you will continue to meet Jim both in and out of the agricultural community.

Congratulations Jim!

*A special thank you to Jim's mother, Marjorie, from the Leeds SCIA, for assisting us with the above information.

For Sale
Small square bales
of 1st cut hay -
stored inside
\$2.50 per bale
Small square bales
of clean straw -
stored inside
\$2.25 per bale
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Glen Smith receives 3rd Annual Regional Award of Merit

It was a unanimous decision by the Regional Board of Directors. Glen Smith a very busy Secretary-Treasurer for the Renfrew Soil and Crop Improvement Association is the very deserving recipient of the 2007 Regional Award of Merit.

Not only does Glen work tirelessly for the Renfrew SCIA, he also supports several other agricultural organizations, including the Renfrew Holstein Breeders. He has spent his entire life working in the agricultural industry. He began his career in Eastern Ontario, an employee of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food as "Ag Rep". Glen states "I am trying to spend

more time relaxing as I think I am supposed to be retired." His favourite activities include golf and family.

For the past three years, the board of directors of the Ottawa Rideau Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association asks for nominations of individuals who have contributed to the agriculture in their own counties. Additionally, they must have contributed to the Regional Association. "We are never disappointed with the people nominated. And we are pleased to recognize them," says President John Nanne.

STATEMENT ABOUT MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE SELECTION

A demonstration by the Ontario Landowners Association (OLA) was held a few weeks ago at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) headquarters on Rideau Valley Drive. This peaceful OLA action was prompted by the appointment of two agricultural members to the local Source Protection Committee (SPC) through a process which the OLA does not agree with. Mississippi Valley Conservation and RVCA do not share the OLA point of view and we would like to clarify the situation.

The Conservation Authorities are strongly of the opinion that the selection and appointment of 15 people to our local SPC is an outstanding example of open, community-minded democracy in action.

There was a self-nomination process undertaken by the Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition (OFEC) that produced two strong local candidates at a meeting in Perth on August 16. Those two candidates were never "removed" or "ejected" from the Committee. They were never on the Committee until appointed by the CA Boards. For whatever reason, only one of those two candidates followed through and made application to be a member as required under the OFEC rules. Further, the Clean Water Act required us to offer a two-month period for people to think about and apply to be SPC members. People wanting to represent the farm business community had until October 8 in our watersheds to apply according to MOE guidelines. We were obliged to advertise the opportunities for appointment to the SPC and during this time, several other well-qualified agricultural candidates chose to apply directly.

As a result, our Selection Committee had one OFEC nominee as well as several independent candidates from whom to choose for the two agricultural positions. All were given serious consideration. Following a thorough screening and interview process which included the OFEC nominee, decisions were made

trying to match the qualifications of the candidates against the requirements of the job. Our Selection Committee eventually named two well-respected farmers in our area neither of whom was the OFEC nominee.

That was unfortunate for supporters of the OFEC candidate, but it was fair, it was democratic and it was totally accountable. It was the considered decision of 27 experienced, municipally-appointed CA members representing municipalities from Lanark to Ottawa to Leeds-Grenville to Frontenac; that was the role given to this group by provincial legislation.

We take our responsibilities under the Clean Water Act very seriously. We were obliged to follow the MOE guidelines and regulations. We were obliged to provide appropriate public announcements about the selection opportunities, have respect for geographic representation across the watersheds and to have regard for the OFEC self-nomination process, all of which we did. Senior officials of the OLA have been invited to address our Board of Directors to discuss their concerns but they declined to participate.

After all is said and done, we are very proud of the results of our search for the best possible SPC members. We look forward to getting on with the work of protecting municipal drinking water sources in the Mississippi and Rideau watersheds.

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Need Someone to talk to?

THE FARM LINE



1-888-451-2903

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Peer Support & Referral
For Ontario farmers and rural families
On line resources
Check out the updated web page at:
www.thefarmline.ca

Agricorp Dates

Are available

At

www.agricorp.com/en-ca/

Field Crop issues or questions?
Contact Cropline at

1-888-449-0937

OMAFRA crops webpage:-
www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/index.html

OCSIA Privacy Officer

Steven Nadeau has been appointed as Privacy Officer for the OSCIA. This fits well with his skills, experience & responsibilities OSCIA has in securing confidential information in the operation of our many programs.

Regional SCIA News

Ottawa Rideau Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association

President John Nanne
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Communications Coordinator Shirley Munro

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Alt - Raymond Shannon
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Alt -
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Alt - Rita Vogel
Renfrew Jennifer Doelman
Alt - Glen Peever

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Scott Banks, Emerging Crops Specialist

Local OSCIA Program Representatives

OSCIA Program Representatives will be assisting with the delivery of the NMFAP. The following is the contact list for Eastern Ontario.

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Info Source

Keep up to date on Soil and Crop events across the province by joining the listserve. Visit www.ontariosoilcrop.org for information.

Nutrient Management 2008 Training Courses: Fee structure varies. To register call the Nutrient Management Information Line: 1-866-242-4460 www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/nm/cert/courses.htm

Ontario Pesticide Education Program, Ridgetown College, University of Guelph. Phone 1-800-652-8573 or 519-674-1580 Fax: 519-674-1589 or Email: opep@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca www.opep.ca/growertraining/Courses.cfm

Latest information from the Ontario Forage Council www.ontarioforagecouncil.com

Crop-Pest Ontario can be found at www.gov.on.ca/OMAF/english/crops/field/news/#croppest

"Programs and Services for Ontario Farmers" - a Factsheet that gives a short overview and the contact locations for the many programs available. To view <http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/busdev/facts/o4-051.htm>

The Resources Management Branch has updated information on the Environmental Web page of the OMAF website. It now reflects many of the new local incentives that are in place with new municipal, Great Lakes and other funding through Conservation Authorities and Stewardship Councils. http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/environment/water/clean_water_incentives.htm

National BSE Repositioning Strategy - Set-Aside Programs - for either the Fed Cattle Set-aside program or the Feeder Cattle Set-aside Program call 1-888-292-5856 for the details.

BSE Helpline (Advice from OMAF specialists) call 1-888-292-5856

Upcoming Events

Feb 19 - Woodlot Conference;
W.B. George Centre, Kemptville
College Campus, Kemptville

Feb 21 - Eastern Ontario Crop
Conference, Kemptville College
Campus, Kemptville

Feb 23 - Grower Pesticide
Safety Course, Harrowsmith,
8:45 am – 3:30 pm Cost \$85,
Register with Ontario Pesticide
Education Program, Ridgetown,
1-800-652-8573

Feb 28 - Frontenac 4-H Asso-
ciation meeting, Glenburnie
United Church, 7:30 pm, Contact
Ann Babcock, 613-372-2974

March 1 - Renfrew County Agri-
cultural Wall of Fame Banquet
and Induction, Renfrew Armour-
ies. Tickets available from agri-
cultural organizations. Contact
Donna Campbell 613-432-5568

Mar 3-5 - 4th Annual Corn, Soy-
bean and Wheat Conference,
London Convention Centre; con-
tact 519-767-4126

March 26 - Grower Pesticide
Safety Course, Harrowsmith,
8:45 am – 3:30 pm Cost \$85,
Register with Ontario Pesticide
Education Program, Ridgetown,
1-800-652-8573

March 28 - Profitable Pastures -
Almonte; Building A Profitable
Sustainable Farm"; speaker Don
Campbell, Meadow Lake, Sas-
katchewan; pre-registration re-
quired \$35; 1-877-892-8663 or
email:
info@ontarioforagecouncil.com

Attention !!

**Know Your
Role and Responsibilities
As a
Director of the Board
For
Your Organization**

February 12 - The Centre for
Rural Leadership - **Board Gov-
ernance – Building a Strong &
Effective Board of Directors**
Workshop Cost - \$95.00
(includes lunch and refresh-
ments) 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Chesterville Legion, Chesterville
Contact 519-826-4204 or visit
www.aalp.on.ca

February 13 The Centre for
Rural Leadership - **Introduction
to Board & Organization Lead-
ership** Workshop Cost - \$95.00
(includes lunch and refresh-
ments) 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Chesterville Legion, Chesterville,
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Monthly Meeting Schedule

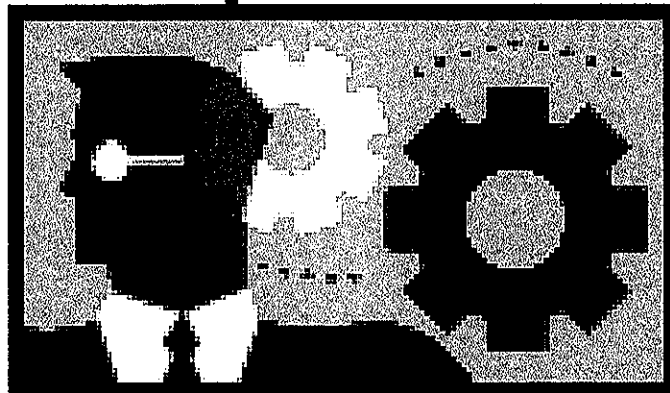
Arnprior Region Federation of
Agriculture Meetings are second
Monday of each month. 8 pm.
Galetta Community Hall. Con-
tact Sharon Foran 613-832-4667
or aforan@sympatico.ca

Lanark Federation of Agricul-
ture Meetings are FIRST Thurs-
day of each month. 8:00 pm.
Beckwith Township Hall, Blacks
Corners.

Renfrew Federation of Agricul-
ture Meetings are fourth Mon-
day of each month. 7:30 pm at
Opeongo High School.

Renfrew County National Farm-
ers Union meets monthly. Con-
tact NFU 613-582-7462 or 613-
649-8211 for date and location.

Renfrew Plowmen's Association
Meetings are fourth Thursday of
each month at White Water



Ottawa Valley Seed Grower Classes

Entries must be made through the local Soil and Crop Improvement Assoc.

Judging will take place on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. on the Upper Concourse, east end of the Civic Centre at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, Ont.

PEDIGREE CLASSES:

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| Class 1 | Oats | - | 8 lbs. all varieties |
| Class 2 | Barley | - | 8 lbs. 6 rowed |
| Class 3 | Barley | - | 8 lbs. 2 rowed |
| Class 4 | Spring Wheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 5 | Soft Winter Wheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 6 | Hard Winter Wheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 7 | Buckwheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 8 | Soybeans | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 9 | White Field Beans | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 10 | Field Peas | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 11 | Coloured Field Beans | - | 8 lbs. |

FIELD CROP CLASSES:

Rules:

1. Up to two approved exhibits from each county will be accepted.
2. Only one entry per exhibitor per class is permitted with exception of cob corn, shelled corn and potatoes where an exhibitor may show up to 2 entries per class providing **each entry is a separate and distinct variety and named**. Variety names are not permitted in other classes.
3. A hay exhibit must consist of two 4" flakes, machine baled, undisturbed, in polyethylene bags, tied together, each lot identified with two entry tags, one on the inside of each bag and one tied securely on the outside of the bag. **Samples must be cut to fit in plastic hay bags. Large bale samples must be cut to a similar size.**
4. Approved hay and silage exhibitors for the championship show may use new samples to assure freshness.
5. All entries must be untreated in order to display their natural colour.

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| Class 12 | Oats | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 13 | Hulless Oats | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 14 | Barley | - | 2 rows, 8 lbs. |
| Class 15 | Barley | - | 6 rows, 8 lbs. |
| Class 16 | Spring Wheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 17 | Soft Winter Wheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 18 | Hard Winter Wheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 19 | Sunflowers | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 20 | Triticale | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 21 | BuckwheatWheat | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 22 | Field Peas | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 23 | Forage Peas | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 24 | Soybeans | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 25 | White Field Beans | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 26 | Coloured Field Beans | - | 8 lbs. |
| Class 27 | Canola | - | 4 lbs. |
| Class 28 | Red Clover | - | 4 lbs. |
| Class 29 | Birdsfoot Trefoil | - | 4 lbs. |
| Class 30 | Timothy | - | 4 lbs. |
| Class 31 | Alfalfa | - | 4 lbs. |
| Class 32 | First Cut Alfalfa | - | 85% or more alfalfa |
| Class 33 | First Cut Legume other than alfalfa | - | 85% or more legume |

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Ottawa Valley Seed Grower Classes (cont'd)

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| Class 34 | First Cut Legume and Grass 70% and 30% either way. | |
| Class 35 | First Cut Grass 85% or more grass | |
| Class 36 | Second Cut Alfalfa or other Legume 85% or more legume | |
| Class 37 | Second Cut Mixed Legume and Grass 80% and 20% either way. | |
| Class 38 | Round Bale Hay 1 st Cut | |
| Class 39 | Round Bale Hay 2 nd Cut | |
| Class 40 | Haylage | - 5 lbs. |
| Class 41A | Baled Haylage 1 st cut | - 5 lbs. |
| Class 41B | Baled Haylage 2 nd or 3 rd cut | - 5 lbs. (Cut to be indicated on tag) |
| Class 42 | Oat and/or Barley Silage | - 5 lbs. |
| Class 43 | Corn Silage | - 5 lbs. |
| Class 44 | Grain Corn | - 10 ears variety named |
| Class 45 | Shelled Corn | - 8 lbs. variety named |
| Class 46 | Potatoes | - 20 Early tubers, table stock |
| | | Variety named |
| Class 47 | Potatoes | - 20 Medium or late tubers, table stock |
| | | Variety named |
| Class 48 | Special Shelled Corn Bin Class | - 8 lbs. randomly sampled by local soil and crop director. To be displayed as a complete sample in polyethylene bags. |
| Class 49 | Best Sheaf of Cereal Grain - Sheaf may be constructed of Oat, Barley or Wheat plants and must be mounted to be self standing. No exhibitor may make more than one entry per kind (ie) One sheaf of Oats and One sheaf of Barley but not two sheaves of Oats. | |
| Class 50 | Ottawa Valley Hay Quality Competition | |
| 1. | Competition open to two exhibitors maximum per county in the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers' region. | |
| 2. | An exhibit for competition consists of one complete square bale of hay, indicating the cut, 1 st , 2 nd , or 3 rd . | |
| 3. | All entries must be made only by the Soil and Crop Improvement Director. | |
| 4. | The bale of hay will be core sampled and tested by an independent testing laboratory and ready for display on Wednesday, March 14, 2001. | |
| 5. | Prize money will be awarded according to points on an official score card. | |
| Class 51 | Special Export Hay Class | |
| 1. | Competition open to two exhibits "A" and two exhibits "B" maximum per county in the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers' region. | |
| 2. | Samples will be judged for export by weight and quality. | |
| 3. | An exhibit for competition consists of one complete square bale of hay. | |

See 4-H Classes on Page 10

Agricorp Information

Some selected information from the Agricorp website:

New Fair Market Value information for 2007: www.agricorp.com/en-ca/news/index.asp?documentid=1091

For CAIS Participants in Severe Financial Distress: www.agricorp.com/en-ca/news/index.asp?documentid=1376

Information on the Ontario Cattle, Hog & Horticulture Payment: www.agricorp.com/en-ca/news/index.asp?documentid=1388

Information on the Risk Management Program including market prices: www.agricorp.com/en-ca/programs/rmp/b

Risk Management Handbook: www.agricorp.com/en-ca/programs/rmp/rmp-handbook.asp

Ottawa Valley Seed Grower Classes (cont'd)

4-H CLUB CLASSES

(Classes 52 - 70)

Open to any 2007/2008 member in Eastern Ontario or Western Quebec within the area outlined in Rule 2 of Rules & Regulations Ottawa Valley Championship Show Prize List.

Each exhibit in Classes 52- 59 inclusive must be from the member's plot and grown in 2007

4-H members may enter only one exhibit per class.

The Canadian 4-H emblem (green and white with Canada on the lower bar) must be located on the front of posters and exhibits. All posters and exhibits should have exhibitor's name, age, club, and county printed on the back of the poster.

No membership fee required. If, in the opinion of the judge, an exhibit is not worthy of first place, a prize worthy of the entry will be awarded.

No variety names are to be stated on any entries shown in classes 53 - 58

Prize money in Classes 52-59 , and 63-70 - \$20., \$18., \$16., \$14., \$12., \$10., and other worthy entry \$5.

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| Class 52 | Potatoes | - | 10 Tubers, variety named |
| Class 53 | Oats | - | 2 kg. |
| Class 54 | Barley | - | 2 Row, 2 kg |
| Class 55 | Barley | - | 6 Row, 2 kg |
| Class 56 | Spring Wheat | - | 2 kg |
| Class 57 | Winter Wheat | - | 2 kg |
| Class 58 | Soybeans | - | 2 kg |
| Class 59 | Grain Corn | - | 10 ears, variety named |

Class 60 Best Sheaf of Cereal Grain - Sheaf may be constructed of Oat, Barley or Wheat plants and must be mounted to be self standing. No exhibitor may make more than one entry per kind (ie) One sheaf of Oats and One sheaf of Barley but not two sheaves of Oats.

Class 61 4-H CLUB EXHIBIT - Open to any 4-H Club. Exhibits displayed at fairs or exhibitions in 2007 are eligible for this class. Tables which are 72" x 30" will be provided for the displays. Exhibit not to exceed 4 feet in height and should be free standing. The exhibit is to be educational in nature. **The exhibit must be prepared by two or more members of the same club.**

Class 62 4-H MEMBER EXHIBIT - Topic related to 4-H project completed in 2007 or 2008. Display should not exceed 4 feet in height and should be free standing.

Prize money in Class 60, 61 and 62: 1st - \$25; 2nd - \$20; 3rd - \$15; and any other worth exhibit \$10.

Classes 63- 70 Will be divided as follows - Junior 14 & under, and Senior 15 & over.

Class 63 Poster, size 22" x 28" relating to a specific 4-H project completed in 2006 or 2007

Class 64 A "ME" poster - a collection of photos/pictures and a hand or type-written one page (8.5 x 11) article telling about yourself, mounted on bristol board (size 22" x 28")

Class 65 Poster of Photography - a collection of 5 photos related to a 4-H project depicting the motto, "Learn to do by Doing". Mounted and labelled size 22" x 28"

Class 66 Collection of 10 weeds labelled and identified. May be in a book or as a poster (22" x 28").

Class 67 Collection of 10 crop seeds labelled and identified. May be in a book or as a poster (22" x 28").

Class 68 Any article of woodworking

Class 69 Any article of sewing

Class 70 Any craft item

EFP Workshop Dates

Canada-Ontario Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshops (Third Edition) Now Available

Producers are invited to attend free EFP (Third Edition) Workshops to gain knowledge on best management practices, develop an action plan for their farm and learn about government cost-share programs that are available.

Call today to register!

E-mail Addresses

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| | Alexandria | Wed., Mar. 19 10am - 3pm | Wed., Mar. 26 10am - 3pm | Lyall MacLachlan 613-347-2244 |
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| | St. Albert (French) | Tues., Feb. 12 10am - 3pm | Tues., Feb. 19 10am - 3pm | Micheline Bégin 613-679-8867 |
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| | Alfred (French) | Tues., Mar. 11 10am - 3pm | Tues., Mar. 18 10am - 3pm | |
| | Russell | Thurs., Mar. 13 10am - 3pm | Thurs., Mar. 20 10am - 3pm | |
| CARLETON | Richmond | Wed., Feb. 27 10am - 3pm | Wed., Mar. 5 10am - 3pm | Arlene Ross 613-821-3900 |
| DUNDAS | Chesterville | Thurs., Mar. 20 10am - 3pm | Thurs., Mar. 27 10am - 3pm | |
| GRENVILLE | Roebuck | Wed., Feb. 20 10am - 3pm | Fri., Feb. 29 10am - 3pm | Pat Learnmonth 705-295-1590 |
| | LANARK | Tues., Mar. 18 10am - 3pm | Tues., Mar. 25 10am - 3pm | |
| PETERBOROUGH | Douro | Tues., Mar. 18 10am - 3pm | TBA | |

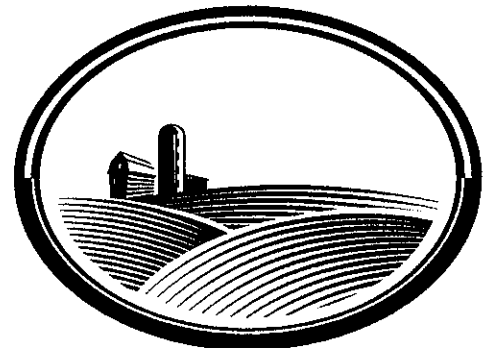


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2007 Regional Report to the OSCIA Annual Meeting

Regional Communications Grant Report To OSCIA Annual Meeting, February 2008



Accomplishments in 2007:

The successful completion of one of six bio-diesel 'On Farm' research projects being conducted in Ontario. Greg Millard of Vernon Valley Farms, our cooperator and a member of the Ottawa-Carleton SCIA, was very pleased to report there were no problems with the 5% concentration.

The Greencover project, in partnership with Leeds County Stewardship Council, Leeds Federation of Agriculture, Leeds Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve and the Charleston Lake Environmental Association had a very busy spring, summer and fall. With the cooperation of several farm operators, the project successfully erected almost 1200 meters of fencing, installed alternative watering devices and creek crossings and assisted with the development and preservation of wetlands in the Beales Creek Watershed of Leeds County.

Coordinated and hosted our 3rd Annual 'Harvest Celebration' – a very educational and entertaining evening when we hosted Mark Saunders, Director of Fun, for Saunder's Farm, a local 'fun farm'. Awarded our 3rd Regional "Award of Merit" – recipient Glen Smith of Renfrew County.

Produced five quality newsletters, the *Ottawa Rideau Soil and Crop News*, promoting local, regional and provincial activities, including developing a special "Commemorative" edition to coincide with the International Plowing Match which was hosted in Leeds County.

Assisted with the EFP display booth at the Plowing Match in Crosby; set-up the display; spent time in the booth and assisted with the clean-up.

Secured new local sponsorship for the Harvest Celebration, awards and newsletters, ensuring previous sponsorship was maintained

Attended and assisted with established local, regional and provincial events – Eastern Ontario Crop Conference; Seed Shows; Plowing Match; etc.

Goals for 2008:

- Coordinate 4th Annual Harvest Celebration and the selection process for 4th Award of Merit
- Continue to expand membership base
- Continue to promote local and regional events and assisting as needed
- Continue to expand newsletter content and distribution
- Increase sponsorship of newsletter and our other events
- Increase awareness of OSCIA through local papers, organizations, publications and events
- Continue to explore opportunities to partner with other organizations and programs to promote OSCIA and the ORRSCIA
- Explore possible projects that can be conducted on a local and regional basis

As the Regional Communications Coordinator for the Ottawa Rideau Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association, it continues to be a pleasure to work with the ORRSCIA Regional Directors, our County Executives and local members, the Provincial Directors and members of the Provincial Executive, the OSCIA office staff and all of the other staff related to the OSCIA initiatives. I am looking forward another very exciting year.

Shirley Munro, Regional Communications Coordinator

The
Humour
Corner

NUTS!

What's to like about retirement?

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday.

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have them.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

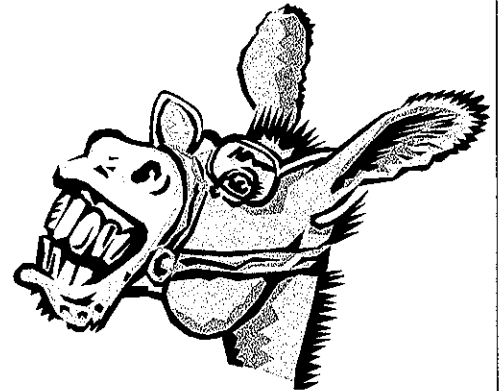
Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday to Friday - nothing; Saturday & Sunday I rest.



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