

SHORTHORN

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January 2005 NEWSLETTER

Annual General Meeting 2005

Notice is given that the 69th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Perth Agricultural Centre on Sunday 6th February 2004 at 4.00pm. After the meeting John Scott will give a short talk on his recent travels undertaken as part of his Nuffield Scholarship

Annual Dinner at the Perth Bull Sales Monday 7th February 2005

The Annual Dinner, and presentation of trophies from the Show, will be held at the Royal George Hotel, Perth on Monday 7th February 2005 at 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

As in previous years the beef will be Shorthorn beef, which will be supplied by ourselves to the Hotel. It is absolutely vital therefore that members and friends wishing to come to the dinner, **book their meals with the office by Monday 31st January at the latest. Bookings for meals will not be available on the day**

The Directors also discussed the standard and presentation of cattle entered for Society sales. Members are reminded that all cattle entered for society sales should be in good condition and well presented ie. washed and groomed. Any animals, which, in the opinion of the inspectors, are not in good condition or not presented properly will be sold at the end of the sale.

Director's Meeting

At the last meeting, the Directors agreed that when an animal is sold privately, **the pedigree certificate must be signed on the reverse by both the seller and the purchaser,** and returned to the office for transfer. If the certificate is not signed, the animal will not be transferred, and no progeny will be able to be registered from that animal.

PERTH - FEBRUARY BULL SALES

There are 76 bulls and 17 females entered, It will be the largest sale of Shorthorn bulls for many years so don't miss it and come along to the dinner as well for a great night out .

The programme of events is as follows: **PLEASE NOTE change of times from previous years**

Sunday 6th February

1.00pm - Shorthorn bulls inspection
4.00pm - AGM - Perth Agricultural Centre

Monday 7th February

2.00pm - Show of Shorthorn females and bulls
5.00pm - Sale of Shorthorn females (17)
7.30pm for 8.00pm Annual Dinner at The Royal George Hotel (meals **MUST** be ordered in advance)

Tuesday 8th February

3.00pm - Sale of Shorthorn bulls (76)

Beef Shorthorn Society Sales 2005

February 7/8th - Perth Bull Sales - in conjunction with UA

May 3rd - Bristol - in conjunction with Harrison Hetherington

May 27th - Carlisle - in conjunction with Harrison Hetherington

June 3rd - Chelford - in conjunction with Frank Marshalls

October 24th - Perth Bull Sales - in conjunction with UA

November 4th - Chelford - in conjunction with Frank Marshalls

The year letter for 2005 is 'Y'

Judging Day 2005

Following the successful inaugural judging day held last year at Upsall, another one is planned for 2005. It will be at Croxton Park, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire on Saturday 14th May, 2005. Donald Biggar and Dan Bull have already been thinking about new ideas for the judging day so it will be a day not to miss. Make a note in your diary now.

Performance Recording

Barbara Webster, of Pedigree Cattle Services Ltd. who many of you will know from her time with UA, is now processing all the Beef Shorthorn performance recording information, and the Breedplan figures for all recorded herds will be used for the Bull sales in February. The figures will be in the catalogue which can be seen from the website at www.shorthorn.co.uk Anyone interested in starting performance recording should contact either Barbara direct on 01738 622477 or the Shorthorn Society office. The cost of recording is £125 per herd (which includes the first five cows) plus £3.00 per cow. Full details available from Barbara.

Highland Show 2005

Following feedback from last year's show, the Directors, in consultation with the Highland Cattle Society, have decided to re-introduce the bar facility in the Shorthorn pavilion for this year's Highland Show. The Charolais Cattle Society have also decided to withdraw from the pavilion this year in favour of their own marquee, so the pavilion will be shared with the Highland Cattle Society.

Beef Breeders Clubs

Don't forget to support the two new Breeders Clubs in the Midlands and in the South West. Both clubs are now up and running, so for more information on their activities please contact:

Midland Club - Julie Evans 01886 821431

South Western Club - Steve Hamilton 07838224207

Beef Shorthorn Journal

Thanks to Charles and Sally Horrell, who worked very hard to get the information together for the journal. It was a new venture to have a separate journal, and the initial feedback from members has been very positive. It is an excellent publication, which will help to publicise our breed, and will be distributed throughout the year at shows, sales etc. Let us know what you think of the journal and how it can be improved. If you haven't advertised your herd in this year's journal, then make sure you book an advert for next year's. If you are serious about Beef Shorthorns, then people need to know about your herd.

Sales List on the Web Site



We still receive very few requests for animals for sale to be advertised on the web site.

This facility is offered free to members and is proving to be very effective for those who use it.

If you have animals to sell, and let us know the name of the animals, we can link that directly to the pedigree of the animal in the on line database ñ how else can you provide potential customers with that information so easily.

I recently put some animals for sale on the web site on a Saturday afternoon, and the member contacted me two days later and asked me to take them off as he had sold them!

Office Info.

Anne wishes to apologise to everyone for the lateness of the pedigree registration certificates. She has been trying to get to grips with the new ABRI system for registering and it has not been easy. Hopefully it will get better as time goes by.

A reminder that 2005 subscriptions are now due, if you require an invoice before you can send them please let the office know and we will see to it.

We would like to wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all members from all of us at the Shorthorn office