



Huron County Holstein Club

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National Convention
April 8 – 11, 2015**

“Catch The Tide”

**Moncton & Fredericton
New Brunswick**

www.holstein.ca for more
information

4-H UPDATE

4-H is a great organization, and we encourage everyone, ages 9-21, to get involved! For more information, please contact:

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519-525-2948

President's Remarks

Hello Everyone

I am very happy and proud to be the Huron County Holstein Club President for 2015. I want to thank past President Perry Van Osch for a great 2014, and I look forward to another exciting year.

In 2000, my family and I moved from Holland to Huron County after purchasing some land near Winthrop. We built a free stall barn and began milking here in early 2001. We continue milking today as a progressive dairy farm with some cash crop on the side and do custom work for local farmers as well. My wife Bianca and I got married in 2011, and in October 2013 we welcomed our daughter Bridget, and are expecting our second child in June of this year.

In 2014, the Huron County Holstein Club celebrated its 75th Anniversary; we held our regular events and had some extras, due to the fact that we were very proud that we made it to 75 years! We first had toques made, then we created a 75th Anniversary Breeders Book, and to top it all off, we held our 75th Anniversary Twilight Meeting at Heather Holme Holsteins. I want to thank all of the directors for an awesome job. A special thanks goes out to The McNeil family for hosting the twilight meeting, our great secretary, Mary Ellen, for all the decorations in and around the tent, and Perry, for making sure that the night ran smoothly.

We have several great events planned for 2015, the spring social in April, the Twilight Meeting in July and the Annual Meeting in November, just to name a few. I hope that many of you will make it to our events this year. We already had our 2nd Annual Bus Trip to the London Knights hockey game in January. This time we had a joint night with the Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford and Perth County Holstein clubs. It was a great night and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Last but definitely not least, Larry Bear retired from the Holstein Club at the end of 2014. I want to thank Larry for his many years of dedication to the club as a director and as a councillor.

I hope everyone enjoys this newsletter and that 2015 will be a fantastic year with great weather, great crops and the cows milking well!

Sincerely,

Kees den Hertog
2015 Huron County Holstein Club President

ONTARIO DAIRY YOUTH AWARD

Are you between the ages of 25-35 and want to win an all-expense paid trip to World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI? Then why not apply for this great opportunity sponsored the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund and the Ontario Branch.

Eligible to:

- Anyone living in the county
- Must have reached their 25th birthday, but not have reached their 36th birthday by January 1, 2013
- Must be actively involved in a dairy farm operation (any breed)
- Preferably to have 4-H or Junior Farmer experience
- Person to have shown leadership and been involved in a variety of interests. (ie. Community)

More Information and Applications can be obtained from the Ontario Holstein website: www.ontario.holstein.ca, or by contacting your Club Secretary.

Application are Due by **February 28, 2015** to:

Mary Ellen Gross
Huron County Holstein Club Secretary
39225 Blyth Road
RR #1 Auburn, ON, N0M 1E0
huroncountyholsteinclub@gmail.com

One winner will be chosen in each county to represent their county at the district level. The district winner will receive and all expense paid trip to World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI with farm visits enroute.

Show Me the \$\$\$

The Huron County Holstein Club, 4-H Ontario, Ontario Holstein & Holstein Canada Love to Support & Invest in Young Adults, and that is why all offer Awesome Scholarship Opportunities!

If you have a Young Adult, enrolled in Post Secondary Education, be sure to check out the following unique opportunities for some extra financial support!

- Huron County Holstein Club Scholarship – Applications will be in our next newsletter!
- 4-H Ontario – There are numerous Scholarship Opportunities listed on their Website www.4-hontario.ca.
- Ontario Holstein – Check out www.ontario.holstein.ca for info on the Ontario Holstein Scholarship, and also the Ontario Dairy Youth Award
- Ontario Joint Dairy Breeds Leader Scholarship

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Mark Your Calendar:

February 24-25 – Ontario Holstein Branch Annual Meeting. Farm Tours on Feb 24 in North Simcoe. AGM, Fun Auction & More at Best Western Plus, Mariposa Inn & Conference Centre, Orillia

February 28 – Deadline for Ontario Dairy Youth Award Applications to Club Secretary

March 4 – Wellington County Car Tour

March 4 -6 – London Farm Show

March 7 – Waterloo County Car Tour

March 18 – West Central District Tour to Dufferin County

March 21 – East Central District Tour to Lanark County

March 27 – Western District Tour to Essex - Kent

March 30 – *Huron County Breeders Cup*

April 2 – *Barn Social* – **Klaas, Annie deBoer & Family**
– 45331 Cranbrook Rd, RR #3 Brussels

April 8-11 - Holstein Canada National Convention – Moncton & Fredericton, NB

April 22-23 – Ontario Spring Discovery, Ancaster

April 30 – May 2 – Dairy Sense – University of Guelph

July 2-3 – EastGen Challenge West, Stratford

July 8 – *Huron County Holstein Club Twilight Social & Calf Draw*

July 13-14 - Western Ontario Junior Show, Outdoor Farm Show, Woodstock

November 17 – *Huron County Holstein Club Annual Meeting*

You are invited to:

THE HURON COUNTY HOLSTEIN CLUB SPRING SOCIAL

Thursday April 2, 2015

At

LIBERTY FARMS

Klaas, Annie deBoer & Family

45331 Cranbrook Rd.

RR #3 Brussels, ON

An invitation is extended to all of our Sponsors, Holstein Club Members & Families to mix, mingle and socialize with old friends & new.

Visit with our sponsors and find out what is new for 2015

Snacks and Refreshments will be provided.

For More Information, Contact:

Roger Haag 519-525-5131 or Shawn Ryan 519-949-2189

dairy
sense

ATTENTION: All youth ages 18–25

Gain management skills from some of the most successful dairy farmers in Ontario. Learn the impact of management decisions on the bottom line and how to run a more profitable dairy operation. Tour some of the top dairy farms in Ontario; find out the key elements of a succession plan and network with other young dairy farmers.

Each year brings new speakers and tours for participants, creating a unique experience.

Application Deadline: March 26, 2015

Event Date & Location: April 30 – May 2, 2015 at the University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

Cost: \$146.90 incl. HST (incl. accommodations, meals, tour travel and resource materials)

A maximum of 45 participants, from across Ontario, can attend.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Visit www.4-hontario.ca or www.ontario.holstein.ca for more information and to register.



MISSION STATEMENT: To assist and grow the membership of the Ontario Holstein Branch through youth activities, education, breed promotion and act as an advocate for the dairy industry.

The Counties of East-Central Ontario Welcome You!
To the 33rd Ontario Holstein Branch Annual Meeting
February 24 & 25, 2015
Best Western Plus, Mariposa Inn & Conference Centre
400 Memorial Ave, Orillia, ON

Special Events:

Tuesday February 24, 2015
10am – 3pm Tour some of North Simcoe's Finest Dairy Farms! See pg 43 of **The Link** for details.
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7pm Wine & Cheese Reception, sponsored by EastGen
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8pm Master Breeder Awards
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9pm Fun Auction

Meeting Day:

Wednesday February 25, 2015
9:45am Annual Meeting
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11:30am EYBS Presentation
– Kenny McRae & Ryan Crowley
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12pm Lunch
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1pm All-Ontario Awards & Gay Lea Production Awards
2pm Ontario Dairy Youth Award Presentations

For More Information, contact The Ontario Holstein Branch, or Check their website www.ontario.holstein.ca



**Essex & Kent Counties are excited to Welcome you to the
2015 Western Ontario District Tour
Friday March 27, 2015 10:00am – 3:00pm**

1. Loralans Holsteins: Brian Haggins & Family – 79 North Talbot, Ruthven
Milking 28 cows in a tie-stall - 15VG, 18GP, 2G
2. Lilac Row: Bernard Nelson – 2360 McCain Sideroad
Milking 95 cows in a tie-stall - 22VG, 75GP, 18G
3. Harcliff Farms: Cliff & Mark Balkwill – 1738 Arner Townline, Kingsville
Milking 60-70 cows in a double parlour - 9VG, 26GP
4. Wridair Farms: Roger Wright & Family – 6847 County Rd. 50, Harrow
Milking 38 cows in a tie-stall – 2ME, 11VG, 16GP, 5G
5. Hy-Mark Farm: Jerome and Craig Racicot – 15907 County Rd. 8, Essex
Milking 40 cows in a tie-stall – 5VG, 26GP, 11G
6. Bally Bright: William & Vicky Morrison – 1513 County Rd 46, Woodslee
Milking 160 cows in a double-ten parlour
7. Ridgetown College: c/o Rob Reid – 120 Main Street E. Ridgetown
Milking 36 cows in a tie-stall – 3ME, 18VG, 26GP



HURON COUNTY BREEDERS CUP 2015

An ON FARM Competition

Rules and Regulations

1. There will be 2 classes (all animals must be in full flow of milk)
 - a. First Lactation Animals
 - b. Cows that have calved 3 or more times
2. All cows must be registered with Holstein Canada. (Have paper available)
3. Cows must be bred and owned in Huron County (Huron County Prefix). A jointly owned cow must be housed in Huron for the competition
4. There are no classification or production requirements
5. All cows will be judged unrestrained on a suitable surface.
6. Cows can be clipped but not fitted for the show ring. (No toplines, no uddering)
7. Judging will be done by a Holstein Canada official judge on **March 30, 2015**. Breeders will be notified of the times.
8. Entry fee of **\$5.00 per cow** with a maximum of two cows per breeder per class.
9. Previous Winners of the 3 or more calf class are not eligible.
10. There will be prizes awarded to the top 5 placing cows.
11. **Entry deadline is Friday March 20, 2015**

Mail or email your entries to:

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For More Information, Contact:

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ENTRY FORM

Name of Breeder: _____

Name of Owner: _____

911 Address: _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Milking Time: _____

Name of Animal: _____

Registration #: _____ Lactation # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Calving Date _____

Name of Breeder: _____

Name of Owner: _____

911 Address: _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Milking Time: _____

Name of Animal: _____

Registration #: _____ Lactation # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Calving Date _____