



Colorado SimFacts

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Don't delay: CSA Youth Grant applications due

Applications for the CSA Educational Grant and Herd Builder Grant are traditionally due today (Oct. 1). This is a final reminder for young people to apply. Due to the annual deadline falling on a weekend, both scholarship applications are due Monday, Oct. 2. Details are on <https://ColoradoSimmental.com/juniors>.

CSA annual meeting to be Nov. 9 online

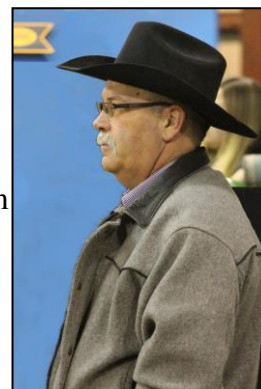
Colorado Simmental will hold its annual business meeting online on **Thursday night, Nov. 9**.

The annual meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The log-in for either the Zoom or the conference line option will be forthcoming. Watch your email, plus social media & the website.

The 53rd annual meeting will include director elections and reports, awards, plus planning for future events.

Mari thanked for service

Ron Mari, a long time CSA board member & pen show superintendent at the NWSS, will not seek re-election when his term ends on 11/9/23. The board wishes to **thank Ron** for his 16+ years on the CSA board and 25 years as pen chair.



Fall Focus filled with networking & learning

Fall Focus 2023 brought about 200 eager-to-learn cattlemen to Denver. Simmental enthusiasts and commercial cattlemen, representing 28 states and three Canadian provinces, attended the successful gathering on Aug. 25-29.

The event featured a "Ranch Gathering" with live cattle demonstrations and displays; a day-long educational symposium; award recognition; interactive committee meetings; and a productive American Simmental Association board meeting.

Colorado Simmental and Colorado Cattlemen's associations co-hosted the kickoff event on Friday, Aug. 25 with the *Ranch Gathering*. It included live cattle demonstrations for pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP) testing by CSU's



Dr. Tim Holt (shown at left) and feet and leg scoring by Lane Giess (shown below). Willie Altenburg, Jake Owens, and Ben Elliott provided cattle for the two demonstrations. CSA members Bridle Bit Simmentals, Hill Brothers Livestock and Reflected R Ranch provided display cattle in the National



Western's Stock Yards Events Center.

Despite the rain, a few

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CSA honors Susan

Pres. Willie Altenburg presented Susan Russell with the *President's Award* on behalf of the entire CSA membership for 25 years of service as CSA secretary. The silver award was designed by Kristi & Chad Cook and include her Reflected R brand.



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participants went to the nearby CSU Spur campus and explored educational displays.

Prior to supper, CSA leadership surprised Susan Russell with a custom-made brand necklace to mark a “silver anniversary” for her 25th consecutive years as CSA secretary.

CCA and CSA leadership thanked the crowd for coming. The evening concluded with a tri-tip buffet.

A huge thank you to the sponsors who helped CSA & CCA: Farm Credit of Southern Colorado, TransOva, Elanco, Merck Animal Health, MultiMin, ABS Global, Ag Risk Advisors, Rocky Mountain Financial Group, Rocky Mountain Sire Services, Select Sires Inc., VitaLix, Altenburg Super Baldy Ranch, Baty Livestock, Bridle Bit Simmentals, Jay Hill family, Reflected R Ranch, and St. Vrain Simmentals.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, further education included a snapshot of issues important to the entire beef industry. An attentive *Fall Focus* audience quizzed the speakers and panelists on PAP, Congestive Heart Failure and on Sustainability.

Breed-specific awards, including *Lifetime Promoter* and *Golden Book*, and ASA meetings finished out the annual *Fall Focus* event, which rotates around the U.S. CSA was honored to be picked to host the 2023 event. Thank you to planning team of Chad, Curt, Susan, and Willie. Thank you sponsors, hard-working volunteers, and the livestock crew from National Western Stock Show.

NWSS plans, sale nominations under way

CSA is working on the 2024 National Western Stock Show. The breed events are:

- **Sat. 1/13** – Female pen show at 1 p.m. in the new yards. Lead judge is Scott Werning and associate judge is his father Dale Werning, both of SD. Also on Saturday, *SimMagic on Ice* sale at 6:30 p.m. (managed by Eberspacher Ent.).
- **Sun. 1/14** – Bull pen show at 9 a.m. with the Wernings again officiating; the sale preview and ASA Meet-n-Greet at 12:30 p.m.; and *The One & Only* sale at 2 p.m. (managed by M3 Marketing) in the Stockyards Events Center’s Wagner Auction Arena. People’s Choice Power Simmental will be selected at the start of the sale, which is an hour earlier than last year (2 p.m. not 3 p.m.).
- **Mon 1/15** – Junior show at 1 p.m. in the historic Stadium Arena. Lead judge is Cary Crow and associate judge is Joseph Blount, both of TX.
- **Tues 1/16** – Open class bull and female shows at 8 a.m. in the hill’s Stadium Arena. Lead judge is Brent Murphy of MO and associate judge is Wade Rodger of IA.



To participate in CSA’s *One & Only* sale, contact Matt Macfarlane of M3 Marketing at 916-803-3113 or m3cattlemarketing@gmail.com. Like last year, DNA will be required on all animals. The sale will be in the new sale ring in the NWSS Yards.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

CSA ad campaign begins soon

CSA will again be running a Simmental ad in cooperation with participating members. The large color ads (example shown at right) are a popular membership benefit. There are multiple runs in five different publications.

The participation deadline is **Oct. 20** for the ads in Fence Post's *Breeder's Connection*, and Colorado Cattlemen's *Cattle Guard* magazine; and **Jan. 1** deadline for ads in *Ag Journal*, *Fence Post*, and *Wyoming Livestock Roundup*.

Send your wording to colosimmental@gmail.com and \$25 per publication fee (\$125 total if you want in all 5 publications) to CSA, 24614 County Road G, Sugar City, CO 81076.



CSA membership renewals

CSA entered its new fiscal year on Oct. 1. Membership dues are now being accepted. Mail in the form on page 5 of this e-newsletter, along with your check. (Yes, you may combine it with your co-op ad check.)

YOUTH

CJSA officers elected, service under way

CJSA held its annual meeting in conjunction with the 2023 Breed Bash. Officers were elected. They are Blake Fabrizius, president, Easton Hill, vice president, and Lear Hansen, secretary.



State youth earn honors in summer 2023

Colorado youth have reached the winner's circle at several summer shows. Highlights include:

COLORADO STATE FAIR, Aug. 28 & 30 in Pueblo, Colo.

Several youth, including CJSA members, participated in the breeding beef shows. CJSA offered \$100 travel defrayment checks to those CJSA members qualifying, and CSA provided boot bags and leather framed awards. Show winners were:



- **Cash Pratt** exhibited Champion Simmental Heifer in both the Junior and Open class shows with RJ Martina (ASA# 4230802).
- **Lear Hansen** exhibited Reserve Champion Simmental Heifer in both shows with JSUL PCC Rosie 2413K (ASA# 4164449).
- **Jaxon Walker** exhibited Champion SimGenetics % Heifer in both shows with R/C SFI Kashmir 42K (ASA# 4147134).
- **Jason Dias** exhibited Reserve Champion SimGenetics % Heifer in both shows with JPV Miss Hallie 4K ET (ASA# 4108841). CJSA member Jason was also Premier Simmental Exhibitor!

AJSA NATIONAL CLASSIC, July 7-13 in Des Moines, IA

Four CJSA members participated. CSA offered \$400 travel defrayment checks to those CJSA members qualifying. Congrats to all, including these top 10 contests award winners:



- **Blake Fabrizius** was 6th overall in accumulated points in the senior division. He also won 3rd in showmanship, 6th in Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation, 11th in Sales Talk and 11th in Livestock Judging.
- **Aden Young** showed his steer to 9th place, Otis of Fully Penelope (ASA# 4183140).

AJSA WESTERN REGIONAL, June 21-24 in Tremonton, UT

Three Colorado youth participated. CSA offered \$200 travel defrayment checks to those CJSA members qualifying. Those in the top 10 in the various contests were:

- **Blake Fabrizius** was Reserve Overall in accumulated points in the senior division. He also won 1st in

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showmanship, 1st in Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation, 2nd in Cattlemen's Quiz, 2nd in Sales Talk and 3rd in Livestock Judging. He also exhibited FABZ Kesha 101K (ASA# 4092702) to reserve champion Bred & Owned Purebred SM Heifer, and KLER Ms 2059K (ASA# 4095997) to 9th overall Owned Purebred SM Heifer.

●**Easton Hill** was 3rd overall in accumulated points in the junior division. He also won 1st in Calvin Drake Genetic Evaluation, 4th in Cattlemen's Quiz, 4th in Speech contest, 7th in showmanship and 10th in Livestock Judging. He also exhibited KLER/HLL Rain Marie J33 (ASA# 3948324) and her calf to Grand Champion Owned Purebred SM Pair, and HLL/KLER Leroy 301L (ASA# 4182674) to Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Purebred SM Bull.

●**Anna Taylor** exhibited Miss Yardley Karisma K33 (ASA# 4115050) to 6th overall Owned Purebred SM Heifer.



COLORADO BREED BASH, June 3&4 in Brush, CO

Numerous youth participated in the multi-breed state field day, *Breed Bash*. The event includes educational contests, multi-breed showmanship, breed shows and a multi-breed Supreme drive. CJSA offered \$100 travel defrayment checks to those CJSA members qualifying. Winners included:



●**Jason Dias** exhibited JPV Miss Hallie 4K ET (ASA# 4108841) to Champion % SM Heifer.

●**Blake Fabrizius** (senior div.) won Champion speech; on Reserve Quiz Bowl team; and exhibited FABZ Kesha 101K (ASA# 4092702) to Champion SM Heifer and Supreme SM Female.

●**Landric Hansen** (junior div.) won Reserve champion in the photo contest; on Champion Quiz Bowl team; and Reserve champion speech.

●**Brandyn Hill** exhibited K3 Katelyn F51 (ASA# 4099090) to Reserve Champion % SM Heifer.

●**Easton Hill** (junior div.) won Reserve Champion showmanship; part of Champion Sales Talk team; and exhibited KLER/HLL Rain Marie J33 (ASA# 3948324) and calf to Champion SM Pair; and HLL/KLER Leroy 301L (ASA# 4182674) to Champion SM Bull.

●**Sutton Hill** (peewee div.) won Champion showmanship and part of Champion Sales Talk team.

●**Payton Voloshin** exhibited KLER Ms 2059K (ASA# 4095997) to Reserve Champion SM Heifer & Reserve SM Supreme Female.

●**Aden Young** exhibited Otis of Fully Penelope (ASA# 4183140) to Champion % SM Steer.

AJSA REPRESENTATION

Colorado also is proud to have Blake Fabrizius as an AJSA western trustee. He again aided with summer events and participated in AJSA board discussions.

Blake may be reached at 970-556-9115 or bwfabrizius@gmail.com.

2024 Colorado *Breed Bash* to be June 1&2

Simmental again will be a part of the multi-breed youth field day with educational contests, showmanship and cattle shows. It will be June 1 & 2, 2024, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush.

Contests again will include:

- Photography
- Speech
- Salesmanship
- Quiz Bowl
- PeeWee through senior showmanship, and
- Individual breed shows with a Supreme drive.

Breed Bash not only serves as our state field day, but it is an excellent event to prepare Colorado youth for their respective breed regionals and Junior Nationals. Watch for contest details and online registration on <https://www.facebook.com/coloradobreedbash>.



CJSA members are shown following the 2023 annual meeting in Brush. The 2024 annual CJSA meeting will be June 1.

ASA TRUSTEE REPORT

By Chad Cook, an ASA western trustee from Colorado

Thank you to everyone that helped at the *Fall Focus* hosted by the ASA, CSA and CCA. The feedback that I have received has been nothing but positive. We all should be proud of our small state association.

I would encourage each one of you to get even more involved. There is one CSA board seat open for the next term. Contact colosimmental@gmail.com if you would be interested.



Here are some highlights from the ASA board meeting, held during Fall Focus:

- Miles City, Montana was approved as the site for the 2024 western regional. Date to be determined.
- The ASA will fund half of a grant proposed by the University of Nebraska that will use pooling of commercial DNA to improve accuracy to EPD s for economically relevant traits.
- ASA will also increase payments by a significant amount to commercial herds that agree to take part in the Carcass Merit Program. If you know any large progressive commercial herds that might be interested in using some young outstanding sires and collecting carcass data, contact CMP coordinator Susan Russell at cmp@simmgene.com.

I hope weaning goes well. I may be reached at 719-529-0564 or bridlebitsimm@gmail.com.

It's time to renew for 2024... Join us today!

Colorado Simmental Association & Colorado Junior Simmental Association membership includes:

- Notification by mail or email and Facebook of regional Simmental and CSA/CJSA projects throughout the year.
- Cost-share advertising/co-op marketing program participation, which allows breeders to tag their ranch information onto the big breed ads and stretch their marketing dollars.
- Voting member at the association annual meeting, which allows your voice to be heard.
- Free listing in this directory and on CSA's web site: www.ColoradoSimmental.com.
- Information on opportunities, such as youth scholarships, defrayments, and awards.

If you would like to become more involved in the destiny and decision-making regarding Simmental cattle, join Colorado Simmental Association &/or Colorado Junior Simmental Association.

Also note that for youth, you must be a CJSA member to:

- Participate in Colorado *Breed Bash*, and
- Qualify for show defrayments.

Please complete and return the information below, along with your check, for:

- Active **adult** membership dues (individual or ranch) \$25.⁰⁰
- Active **junior** membership dues (age 21 or under) \$10.⁰⁰ each.

Thanks in advance for joining or renewing your membership! Clip & return the **bottom** portion of this form.

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CSA &/or CJSA membership for 2024: CSA \$25.⁰⁰ or CJSA \$10.⁰⁰ per junior

Please complete the below information for both associations:

Ranch name: _____

Member(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone : _____

Email address: _____

Please mail lower portion of form & your check to CSA, 24614 Co. Road G, Sugar City, CO 81076