



Canadian Buck Classic

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The Canadian Buck Classic was presented on June 12, 2010 in Orillia, Ontario. A wide variety of breeds were represented, including La Manchas, Nubians, Saanens, Toggenburgs, Alpines and this year's new kid to the show, South African Boer. All show results are listed at www.buckclassic.ca.

Sponsors

Of course the Classic couldn't happen without the sponsors providing their support. Please check the sponsors list at the Buck Classic website and support their businesses. As we all know, our sponsors assist a multiple of goat functions as well as our industry in general. Please be sure to support their businesses.

Goats4Bucks Charity

Goats4bucks Charity was also present with information about their world wide initiative to provide support for poverty stricken countries and assist in helping people become self supporting and regain a sense of pride and worth. If you wish to contribute, follow the link from the Buck Classic webpage.

Approximately \$150.00 was raised for this charity at the Classic.

Free Classification

The Buck Classic offered free classification to all exhibitors. This was well received and most took advantage of this opportunity.

Ian Clarke from Saskatchewan was the Classifier of the Boer Goats and Lorne Hansford from London area Classified Dairy. The results of this effort will help enhance national goat databases.

Goat Genetics.ca

All bucks were provided with P/T indexes (juveniles based on Sire/dam info) courtesy of goatgenetics.ca.

GoatGenetics.Ca is an information resource dedicated to the improvement and promotion of Canadian Goat Genetics. Goat Genetics obtains it's pedigree information from organizations such as The Canadian Goat Society, and The Canadian Livestock Registry. The P/T indexes are well designed and can be utilized in your show display.

Guest Speakers

The Canadian Buck Classic is growing it's educational component with speakers providing information for those new to the business, considering entering the business, and for long time breeders.

Ian Clarke shared information on Friday night and Brian Faris spoke on both Friday night and Saturday.

Both speakers as well as Dairy Classifier, Lorne Hansford, were willing to share their knowledge with all the attendees and breeders. So much was learned during the "sideline" conversations.

Software

Each breeder was provided with a full working version of the Goat Breeders Notebook (www.goatsoftware.com) from Capricorn View Farm. This wonderful program will be an asset to any goat operation"

Ongoing Buck Classic Vision

It is the shared vision of the current Committee to grow this annual event.

Our immediate future goal is to be inclusive to all breeds available in Canada and to educate the public about each breed and its uses.

We also wish to grow the educational component and attract people who are "goat shopping". Equipping people with knowledge to make the best decision in finding the right goat for them is our goal.

Knowing what makes a good goat, what type of goat will meet your needs, as well as the different styles and purposes of the goat, will assist people in the in search for genetics to enhance their herd.

Many Thanks!

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The Canadian Buck Classic Committee extends an invitation to you to attend next year's event!