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2023 All Canada Sheep Classic

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The 2023 All Canada Classic was held at the North Thompson Agriplex & Curling Club in Barriere, British Columbia from July 6-8, 2023.

The 3-day event was sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association and hosted by the British Columbia Purebred Sheep Breeders Association. The Shepherd's Social for exhibitors and sponsors was held on Thursday night and a lamb, salmon and chicken banquet with presentations followed the show on Friday. The Classic included a trade show, a junior show and market lamb class, fleece exhibitors, as well as the National GenOvis awards.

We cannot express enough gratitude for the sponsorship we received through the trade show and advertising. A special thank you to the CCWG (Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers) for your Corporate Partnership Opportunity. It has been an incredible benefit to our organization and to the industry, as it helps facilitate having CSBA Board members present at the Classic as well providing service to our members across the country. We sincerely appreciate your support.

On Friday, 47 consignors of 14 breeds presented their sheep to judges Andy Pittman and Greg Rosenke who provided the show placements for 172 animals. The Supreme Champion Ewe was an Ile de France (WRANGLER 240K) consigned by Sheep Wrangler Farms from Barrhead, AB. The Supreme Champion Ram was a Dorset (G&L BRIEN 1K) consigned by G&L Brien from Ridgetown ON. The Supreme Champion Flock was awarded to the North Country Cheviots consigned by Coneygeers- Don & Deborah Wytinck of Nanaimo BC.

On Saturday, buyers from 8 provinces purchased 156 of the 172 animals offered for sale. This is the second year the sale was also available to buyers online through DLMS. Prices averaged \$1035 for ewes and \$1420 for rams. The top-selling ewe was a North Country Cheviot, CONEYGEERS MIRACLE X 3K consigned by Coneygeers- Don & Deborah Wytinck of Nanaimo BC and sold for \$3000 to Ferme Chartrand Enr, from Sainte-Agathe-de-Lotbinière, QC. The top selling ram was a Suffolk, JORDAN BIG GAME 400L consigned by Jordan Livestock, from Rimbey, AB and was purchased for \$5000 by Bryce Anderson - Newtown Suffolks from Newtown, NB.

Breed averages and sale results for every animal can be found on the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association website www.sheepbreeders.ca.

The CSBA is extremely appreciative of the tremendous national support it receives from new and long-time sponsors, exhibitors, consignors, and buyers. British Columbia Purebred Sheep Breeders Association deserves significant praise and additional recognition for the many hours of volunteer work provided over the last year as they prepared to host the 2023 Classic. The All-Canada Classic is only possible with such an ambitious and hardworking team of volunteers.

The 2024 All Canada Sheep Classic will be held in Richmond Quebec. For further information, please contact Linda Brandes, General Manager of the CSBA, at office@sheepbreeders.ca