



## **ABBI Newsletter: October 2008**

### **2008 BORN CALVES**

Remember to get your 2008 born calves registered **by** December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to avoid the \$250.00 registration fee next year (2009) for registering your 2008 born calves. For example, in 2009 if you register your calves in their birth year (2009) the cost will be \$40.00 per animal, but if you wait to register them in 2010 (their yearling year) the cost will be \$250.00 to register and will further increase to \$500.00 if not registered until their two year old year (2011). Animals born in 2007 and before (2006, 2005, 2004, 2003 etc.) will remain the current price of \$73.00 per animal.

### **Registration**

Since the beginning of 2008 up to the first of October we have registered approximately 12,450 animals. Of these 12,450 animals we have registered just under 3,000 calves born in 2008.

### **On-line Registration**

When you register your animals on-line the blood cards for those animals must be in the office within two weeks of registering the animal.

### **Membership**

We have welcomed approximately 481 new standard members, 102 new junior members and 13 new lifetime members for a total of 596 new members. Our returning members consist of 1,084 standard memberships and 77 junior memberships.

### **Wild Card Winners**

Among the 89 competitors of this year's Wild Card series the highest scoring bull was D&H Cattle Co. and Jim Anderson's Showtime at the Mesquite, TX event for 90.5 points. Hebert Bucking Bulls 401 bull came in at a close second with 90 points in Freedom, OK. Black Pearl of Ravenscroft and Boyd & Floyd delivered an 89.5 to take third place in the series. Diamond S Bucking Bull brought in fourth place with Red Dirt Road for an 89 in Mesquite, TX, and Déjà Blue of Teague Bucking Bulls came in fifth with an 88.5.



### **2008 ABBI FINALS**

You won't want to miss the Bovine Health Seminar on Saturday at 8AM, Stock Contractor's Banquet which will be on Wednesday from 1PM to 3PM, or the 2008 ABBI World Finals Bucking Bull Sale immediately following the banquet, which will all be held at the South Point Hotel. Be sure to stop by and visit Stock Contractor's Alley located within the Fan Zone area at Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino.

### Veterinarian/Breeder Seminar

We will be having a Bovine Health Seminar presented by our Veterinary Advisory Board on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM at the South Point Hotel in the Nampa Room. Our board includes Dr. Gary Warner, Dr. David Imke, and Dr. Kent Ames.

Dr. Warner comes to us from Elgin Veterinary Hospital in Elgin, TX and he will be presenting on Bovine Injuries. Also presenting, Dr. Imke of Granbury Animal Clinic located in Granbury, TX will be discussing Age Verification and Bovine Diseases. Lecturing on Exercise, Nutrition, and Prevention is Dr. Ames, who is a Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. His specialty resides in Food Animal Medicine and Surgery with interest in lameness in cattle.

### Stock Contractor's Banquet & 2008 World Finals Bull Sale

The banquet will showcase the 2008 ABBI Awards Ceremony including the presentation of the Horizon Award, Year End Champion Classic Bull (money won & high points) Awards, High Money & High Point 3-year old Awards, and the Year End Champion Futurity Bull (points) Award, just to name a few. Proceeds will benefit the 2009 Junior Futurities. A full list of the categories and awards are listed on the ABBI home page at [www.americanbuckingbull.com](http://www.americanbuckingbull.com). The PBR Stock Contractor of the Year award will also be announced during the banquet. This year's Classic Year End and Year End 3-year old awards have been determined based on points as well as money won, but next year's awards for these categories will be based on money won only. The Year End Futurity Champion Bull will continue to be based on points.

The Finals Champion Classic Bull and the Breeder of the Year award will not be presented at the ceremony due to the Classic Finals Short Go being held the following night during the PBR performance, but will be presented later that weekend.

<b>Proposed Schedule for ABBI World Finals</b>			
<b>(subject to change .....please check the website often)</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Friday 10/31</b>	9:30AM	Shareholder's Meeting	South Point Hotel
	10AM - 5PM	ABBI Stock & Contractor Check in	Sam Boyd Stadium
<b>Saturday 11/1</b>	8AM	Vet/Breeder Seminar	South Point Hotel
<b>Monday 11/3</b>	1PM	Futurity Long Go	Thomas & Mack
<b>Tuesday 11/4</b>	1PM	Classic Long Go (Top 45 + 5 Wild Card bulls)	
<b>Wednesday 11/5</b>	10AM	Futurity Short Go (Top 20 from Long Go)	
	1PM	Stock Contractor's Banquet	South Point Hotel
		\$40.00 ticket - proceeds to 2009 Jr. Futurity Tickets will be on Sale at the South Point Box Office	
	3:30PM	ABBI Select Sale	South Point Hotel
<b>Thursday 11/6</b>	6PM	Classic Short Go (Top 25 from Long Go during PBR performance)	Thomas & Mack



### What is the United States Bucking Bull Association?

With the formation of ABBI, a tax-exempt nonprofit agricultural association known as the United States Bucking Bull Association (USBBA) has also been established. USBBA is structured and qualified as tax-exempt non-profit corporation in keeping with Section 501(c) (5) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Each paid member of the ABBI is also a member of USBBA.

The primary mission of USBBA is to publicly promote bucking bull ownership, breeding, training and welfare while simultaneously enhancing the marketability and value of bucking bull stock. That mission is accomplished through the promotion and growth of USBBA membership, aggressive marketing, advertising, and promotional campaigns developed and administered by USBBA. USBBA will also benefit bucking bull owners, breeders, trainers and the bucking bull stock registered with USBBA through the organization and operation of innovative incentive programs, such as American Heritage Futurities, the Breeders Trust Program, and the Breeder's Certificate Program.

### American Heritage Futurity 2009

**The next payment is due December 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 (\$200.00).**

<b>American Heritage Futurity 2009 Payment Schedule</b>		
December 15, 2008	\$ 200.00	Sustaining Payment Per Bull
March 15, 2009	\$ 200.00	
<b>May 15, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>Final Entry Payment Per Bull (AHF Entry Form MUST be Completed)</b>
<b>Total Nomination Fee:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	

### American Heritage Futurity 2010

Our current position count is 665. The next sustaining payment for a currently paid position is due December 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 (\$50.00). Don't forget to keep up your payments. **ALL** AHF payments must be made out to United States Bucking Bull Association (USBBA) and accompanied by the proper paperwork. **No AHF payments will be accepted without the properly filled out forms and accepted form of payment.**

<b>American Heritage Futurity 2010 Payment Schedule</b>		
<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Amount Per Bull</b>	<b>Type of Payment</b>
August 15, 2008	\$ 50.00	First Payment and Initial Place Holder
December 15, 2008	\$ 50.00	Sustaining Payment
<b>March 15, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>BULL NOMINATION</b>
<b>* Bull Nominations Must be Made at this time. ABBI Registration Number and Name</b>		
June 15, 2009	\$ 200.00	Sustaining Payments
September 15, 2009	\$ 200.00	
December 15, 2009	\$ 200.00	
March 15, 2010	\$ 200.00	
<b>May 15, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>Final Entry Payment Per Bull</b>

### American Breeder's Trust

The American Breeders Trust (ABT), modeled upon the Breeder's Cup of Horseracing, remains in its infancy. The incentive program is funded by nominating fees according to the desired length of eligibility for each sire as well as his offspring. The following outlines the current fee structure based upon the breeding year i.e. 2008 sires for 2009

calves. Calf nominations may be split into two annual payments.

<b>Sire</b>	<b>Lifetime \$1,000</b>	<b>Annual \$250</b>	<b>Late Fee \$750</b>
	Due by July 1st	Due by July 1st	Due by March 1st (Following Year)
<b>Calf</b>	<b>Lifetime \$250</b>	<b>Annual \$150</b>	<b>Late Fee \$1,000</b>
	Due Dec. 31st	Due Dec 31st, Year 1	After Dec 31st, Year 1
	Eligible Three Years	Due Dec 31st, Year 2	<b>\$2,500</b> After Dec 31st, Year 2

The program does not include an incentive program for the dam at this time.

ABT currently pays incentives in such a way as to benefit the following four categories:

1. **Sire** of the number one animal in the ABT two, three & four year old classes at those events designated as "Breeders Trust Incentive Events".
2. Top animals in the ABT **two year old** class at those events designated as "Breeders Trust Incentive Events". Payout based upon the number of ABT animals participating. (See attached Schedule)
3. Top animals in the **three year old** class. Based upon placing at an event and designated as a "Breeders Trust Incentive Event". Payout based upon the number of ABT animals participating. *NEW for 2009*
4. Top animals in the **Four year old** class. Based upon total money won through the 2009 year and paid as a "Breeders Trust Incentive" at the World Finals in Las Vegas. Payout based upon the number of ABT competing animals at year end.

The payout schedule is based upon the number of animals entered into the event. The incentives will be paid based upon these criteria which encourage the breeder to nominate animals into the program. This in turn will allow the program to continue to grow along with the incentives.

The USBBA will begin a nomination process for the election of advisory board committee members. Look for updates and general information on the American Bucking Bull, Inc website ([www.americanbuckingbull.com](http://www.americanbuckingbull.com)).

Be sure to update your contact information so we may keep you informed.

### 2010 Year End High Money Futurity

All 2008 born bull calves registered in 2008 that compete in 2010 futurity events will be eligible for the 2010 Year End High Money Futurity Award. This award will be given to the three highest money winning futurity bulls. The Highest Futurity Money Winner will receive \$5,000.00, second highest will be awarded \$3,000.00 and the third highest year end money winner will receive \$2,000.00.

### 2009 American Heritage Derby (AHD)

This event will focus on 3 year old bulls and will be held in Ardmore, OK as an Enterprise Tour event in conjunction with the 2009 American Heritage Futurity. The initial entry and nomination (the bull must be registered to be eligible to be nominated) of the bull for this event entry will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for \$500.00. It will need to be followed up by a sustaining payment of \$500.00 on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and a final entry payment of \$1,000.00 on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is to be made for a total of \$2,000.00.

If a bull that had participated in the 2008 American Heritage Futurity enters and wins the Derby event it will be awarded a bonus of \$10,000.00.

<b>Payment Schedule for 2009 American Heritage Derby</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Type</b>
December 15, 2008	\$ 500.00	<b>Nomination</b> (Bull Must Registered to be Eligible for Nomination)
February 15, 2009	\$ 500.00	<b>Sustaining Payment</b> (Bull Must be Named)
May 15, 2009	\$ 1,000.00	<b>Entry Fee</b> (Must be Accompanied by an Entry Form)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	