



# Munster Aberdeen Angus Club

Secretary: Eustace Burke (Snr.) Ballyginnane, Carrigaline, Co. Cork

**Next Meeting Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 20.30 hours**

**Firgrove Hotel Michelstown,**

**Guest Speaker Andrew Cromie ICBF.**

The 2009 Active AI Beef Bulls list published in the Farmers Journal listed only three Aberdeen Angus bulls with four or five star **Suckler Beef Value**. The bulls were Lawson Ford Bagatelle, Mancini of Drumlister and Priestown Jupiter, are 9 to 16 years old.

Why have so many bulls available in AI failed to achieve a 4 or 5 star suckler beef value?

Why is the Suckler Beef Value of Angus cows lower than other beef breeds?

**Andrew will explain why, the ways ICBF programs and actions by breeders will improve the Euro Star Ratings of the Angus breed.**

**Please support this important meeting**

Kathryn Bradshaw recently sent you an ICBF form, this needs to be signed by you and returned to her. This allows three generations of information on your cattle to be sent by Scotland to ICBF, this will improve the Euro Star Ratings.

## **Youth Development Program.**

The Training day will be held at Tim and Doreen Corridan, Fedamore, Co. Limerick on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Though better know for their Roundhill Limousins, Tim and Doreen's Angus Herd was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Medium Section of the 2008 Herds Competition.

The Youth Development Organiser Gayle Bersey will travel from her home in England for the event and with the Days Trainer (not yet nominated) will be recommending suitable participants to represent Ireland at the Youth Development Finals in Carlisle in late October. Last year Ireland had 13 out of the 24 finalists.

The Age Categories are:

> Junior 12-13

> Intermediate 14-17.

> Senior 18-25.

***If you have family members interested please contact me at 087-9274385 for an entry form as we need to get them sent to Gayle immediately.***

On the day even if do not meet the age profile feel free to come along. Encouragement and a helping hand are always appreciated. From last year reports ever one learned something new.

## **Herds Competition.**

After the success of last year's herd's competition we will run another competition this year.

**Three categories will be judged:**

- Small herd up to seven breeding females.
- Medium herd 8-20 breeding females.
- Large herds over 20 breeding females.

Breeding females include cows and incalf heifers.

So that I can now plan the event I invite you to contact me if you are interested in participating, we will run this event in late August or early September.

**Is there improvements you want?**

## **Shows:**

*The Munster Cup will be awarded to the Champion Aberdeen Angus at the Cork Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.*

*The Champion must be registered with the Association and owned by an Association Member.*

*Show Details can be got from Cork Show Secretary Phylis Lynch Phone 021-4821553 or 086-8800103*

## **The All Ireland:**

The Aberdeen Angus Association All Ireland will be held in Clogher Valley on Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>. All cattle from the South intending to travel to this show must be export tested.

Clogher Valley is in the Village of Augher, Dungannon, County Tyrone.

The members of the North of Ireland Club extend a warm welcome to participants and visitors from the South, our President Robert Steenson Phone 04837548675 or Mobile 0044-7799867755 will be delighted to assist and advise you on travel and accommodation requirements.

## **Field Day/Farm Walk Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The herd visit will be to the Goulding Angus Herd formerly Darima. The herd was founded by Matthew and Rita in 1990 from females sourced in Ireland and developed using 100% A.I. from the best sires available. Their policy is still to use 100% AI and to further develop their unique cow families, to purchase elite females and embryos to add new and interesting pedigrees. Stock and in particular young stock from this herd are prize winners at both local and national shows and were worthy winners of the large herd section in our inaugural herd's competition in 2008. The herd is located in Ballyduff looking out at the picturesque Shannon Estuary.

## Munster Show Dates 2009

Tralee 10<sup>th</sup> May Sunday  
Bandon 17<sup>th</sup> May Sunday  
Midleton 24<sup>th</sup> May Sunday  
Belgooly 30<sup>th</sup> May Saturday  
Clonakilty 7<sup>th</sup> June Sunday  
Cork Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June Sunday **Munster Cup.**  
Charleville 27<sup>th</sup> June Saturday  
Dunmanway 5<sup>th</sup> July Sunday  
Clonmel 5<sup>th</sup> July Sunday.  
Barryroe 11<sup>th</sup> July Saturday  
Carbery 17<sup>th</sup> July Thursday  
Drimoleague 19<sup>th</sup> July Sunday  
Newcastle West 19<sup>th</sup> July Sunday  
Dungarvan 23<sup>rd</sup> July Thursday  
**All Ireland Clogher Valley Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**  
Tipperary 1<sup>st</sup> August Saturday.  
Nenagh 3<sup>rd</sup>. August Monday  
Ballyvourney-Coolea 16<sup>th</sup> August Sunday  
Cappamore 19<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday  
Limerick 23<sup>rd</sup>. August Sunday  
Ballingeary 23<sup>rd</sup>. August Sunday  
Bansha 26<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday  
Iverk 3<sup>rd</sup> September Thursday.  
Bantry Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

In the last five years in Munster entries have increased and the standard of cattle has greatly improved, this is borne out by the success of Munster Breeders at Ireland's major shows. To ensure continuous success and to ensure show organisers efforts are rewarded new exhibitors are needed each year, please support our shows.

## Bull Sale Bandon April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

The Club Annual Bull Show and Sale proved to one of the better sales for breeders in 2009, seven of the twenty three bulls shown were sold for prices over €2000, in all seventeen bulls were sold for an average of €1885. Judge Albert De Cogan made John and Kate Tait's Westellan Brad the show champion, a November born son of Lawson Ford Bagatelle was sold for €2250 to fellow breeder Tim Twomey, Goulding Emerald Prince a son of Tonroe Udi shown by David Goulding for the Goulding Family was Reserve Champion and sold for €2250. John and Kate Tait sold Westellan Lord Jimmy for €2250 and Westellan Magnus for €100 but the day's top price of €2,300 went to Robert Shanahan 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Gabriel Don a November 2007 born son of Fordel Eisenhower, Bulls sold for 2000 were young Bryan O'Halloran 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner Champagne Dan selling to fellow breeder Tom and Mary Dineen and Ciaran Kelleher's Keakill Bliss. Younger bulls were hard to sell, this is not unique as it has occurred at all 2009 sales.

## Bandon Bull Sale Embarks on a New Era

As a result of trials at Moorepark on animal health and increased health awareness in the dairy industry it has been decided to run Bandon Bull Sale 2010 as a High Health Status Sale. This decision has not been taken lightly and after much discussion at the last club meeting it was decided that such a move would result in a unique selling point, potentially increase bull customers and ultimately for breeders it would aspire to higher value bull prices.

Therefore to enter Bandon Bull Sale 2010 your herd will have to be a High Health Status Herd. This is a natural progressive step and one which is not as complicated as many believe. It has been proposed to concentrate on BVD, Leptospirosis, Johnes and the IBR virus. This initiative will be run in conjunction with the Munster Breeder Cattle Group. If you have any queries or are interested in this initiative please contact Eustace Burke (Jnr) at 087 9321517 as soon as possible. Subsequently meetings will be arranged to educate interested parties

## Munster Club.

- Chairperson Eustace Burke Jnr. Phone 087-9321517.
- Vice Chairperson John Tait Phone 087-9977033.
- Secretary Eustace Burke Snr. Phone 087-9274385.
- Treasurer Henry Dudley 086-6086177

## National Council:

The Munster Club is currently represented by Albert De Cogan, John Tait, John Lynch, Eustace Burke and Eustace Burke Jnr. John Lynch and Eustace Jnr. are the youngest members on the Council. The Council has completed a business plan which will see actions to improve the promotion of the breed, member's interests and better support from Scotland.

## The Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society Council.

Ireland's Albert De Cogan has been elected Junior Vice President of The Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society, this is the first step of two steps to becoming President of the Society in 2011. This will be the first time an Irish member has been nominated to this influential position assuming all goes well.

## Mobile Phone Numbers

Have I got your mobile number, if not I cannot send you texts about meetings or events, please text your number and name to me at 087-9274385.

**Thank you.**

*Eustace (Snr)*