

CSPA NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

Official Newsletter of the Canadian Speckle Park Association

President's Message

BY JANICE HARASYMCHUK

I've always been inspired by the words of Martin Luther King Jr.: "If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you must keep moving forward.

This sentiment can be ingrained in every aspect of our lives and business: obstacles, challenges and setbacks occur, but there is always a way forward.

We are Speckle Park breeders that are turning our passion and dreams for the breed into opportunities. Despite the frustrations we feel as we continue to try and obtain our fair portion of the market share, we are finding ways to diversify and deliver our customers' needs.

As bull sale season is coming to an end, I can honestly say that I was truly impressed by the stock being offered at sales and through private treaty. These are huge accomplishments that shouldn't be overlooked. Well done fellow breeders!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

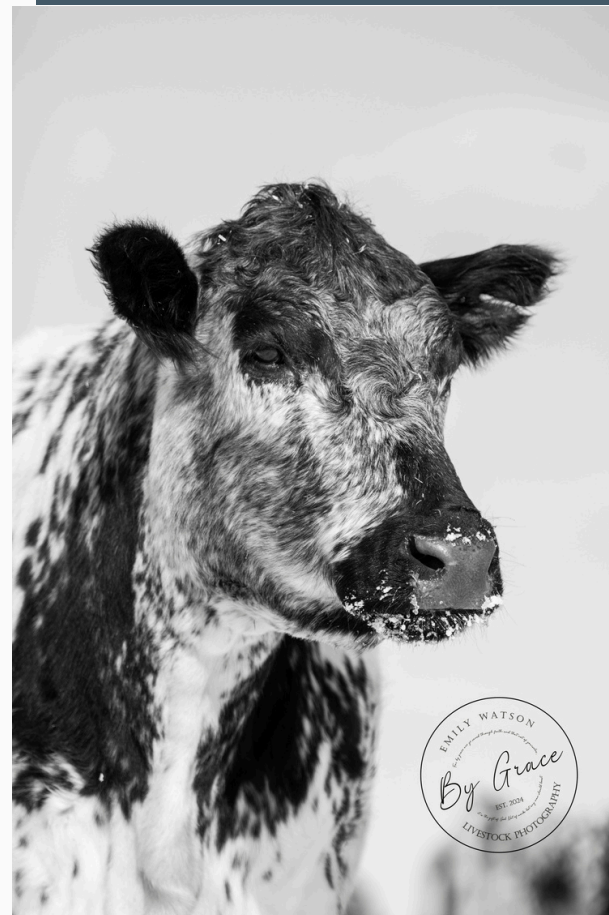
- Remember to get your weaning weights and yearling weights entered online.
- Please contact the office with a quick email listing all the samples you will be submitting to the lab PRIOR to sending them in.

I would like to personally welcome all new members to the Canadian Speckle Park Association. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our staff or directors if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

Congratulations to our new junior directors that were recently elected by their fellow junior members. I'm very excited to have our youth bringing their ideas and thoughts forward to this ever-growing breed.

Spring is finally here, and the AGM is fast approaching. Please consider joining us either in person or online at Portage La Prairie, June 14th and 15th. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow breeders, tour stock of local breeders, enjoy some educational presentations and have some guaranteed fun!

Janice Harasymchuk
CSPA President



Welcome to the CSPA Junior Board!

President: Emily Watson (Eastern Director)

Vice President: Amy Fradette (Central Director)

Secretary: Lily Brundige (Alberta Director)

Treasurer: Mirrah Webster (B.C. Director)

Media Manager: Mackenzie Martin (Eastern Director)

Fundraising Chairperson: Alivia Ainslie (Central Director)

We look forward to seeing you at the CSPA AGM June 14-15 in Portage la Prairie, MB!

Contact Cayley at info@canadianspecklepark.ca for a link to book your hotel room or for more information.

Emily Watson, President



Amy Fradette, Vice President



Lily Brundige, Secretary



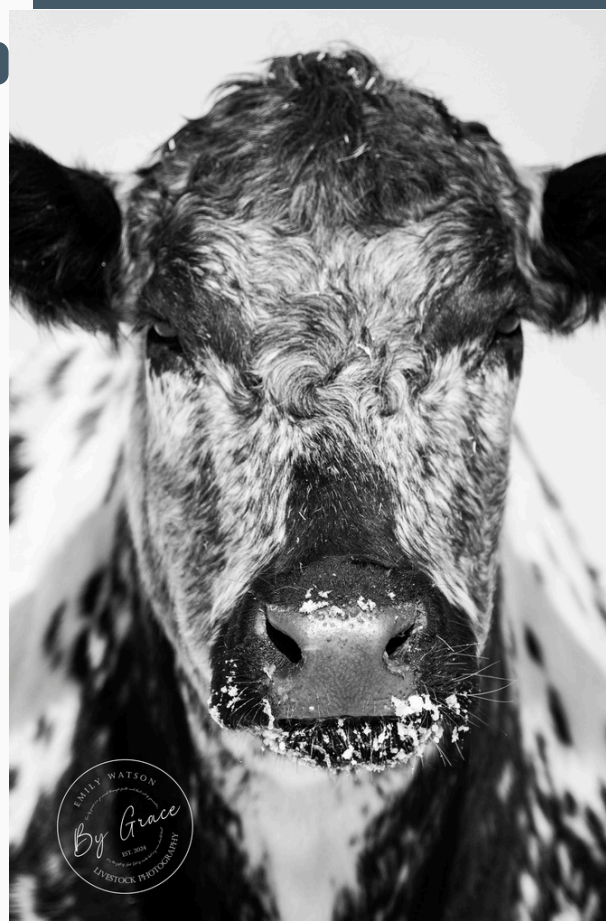
Mirrah Webster, Treasurer



Mackenzie Martin, Media Manager



Alivia Ainslie, Fundraising Chairperson



New CSPA Junior Program - CSPA Junior Point Shows

Welcome to the Canadian Speckle Park Junior Point Shows Program, where excellence in breeding and showmanship are celebrated!

Below is an overview of the program:

Objective - The Canadian Speckle Park Junior Points Shows Program aims to:

- Encourage participation and healthy competition among the CSPA youth in order to continually improve the breed and to improve their unique individual skills.
- Provide recognition for those showcasing top-performing Speckle Park cattle and promoting the breed.
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The following awards will be presented each year:

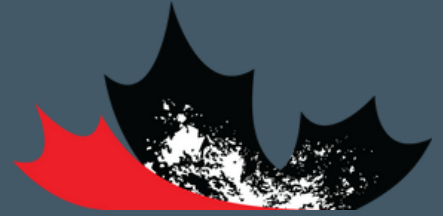
1. Purebred Show Heifer of the year.
2. Purebred or Speckle Park Influence Show Steer of the year.
3. Showmanship Champion of the year.

Rules & Regulations:

Awards are presented based on the number of points accumulated over the course of the year. Placings at any junior or open shows across Canada will be tallied up to determine a winner in each category, however, you must submit your show results to the Cayley at the CSPA office

(info@canadianspecklepark.ca) by December 31st.

Points will be awarded to the top five animals or showpeople in each class or split, division champions and reserves and overall grand and reserve champions.



There are no limits on the number of animals that can be exhibited by an individual member.

Animals competing must have a Canadian Speckle Park Association registration number at the time of judging (unless you are exhibiting a Speckle Park influence steer) and youth competing must have a valid CSPA Junior membership.

Points will be tallied as follows:

Individual Class Placings in a show with **75 plus** entries:

1st – 10, 2nd – 9, 3rd – 8, 4th – 7, 5th – 6

Grand Champion – 10 // Reserve Champion – 5

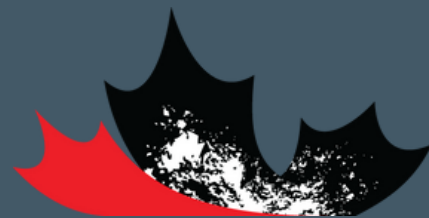
Individual Class Placings in a show with **under 75**

entries: 1st – 5, 2nd – 4, 3rd – 3, 4th – 2, 5th – 1

Grand Champion – 5 // Reserve Champion – 3

The above requirements are subject to change as we grow this program. Any changes made will be communicated by the CSPA to the membership via email.

Please reach out if you have any questions!



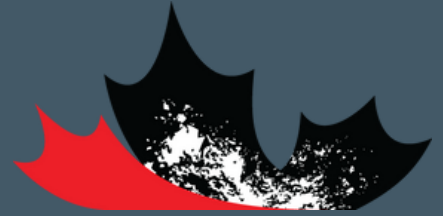
We send our heartfelt condolences to David Brownridge's family and friends. We honour and appreciate the energy and enthusiasm David brought to the CSPA community and the Speckle Park breed at large.

David Joseph Brownridge, passed away peacefully at home April 21, 2024 in Amaranth, Ontario. Born to parents Joseph and Jean Brownridge (Garbutt) on December 17, 1955 in Brampton, Ontario. He was an active member of the local agricultural community for the last 38 years.

In May 1981 David married Edith Jean Brush and together they raised their 3 children, Stephanie, Scott and Jeffrey. In 2021 they welcomed their beautiful granddaughter Lillian who was apple of Grandpa's eye. Together they enjoyed a successful farming lifestyle. He loved when the whole family would get together and have a BBQ or any excuse for a party.

Sadly in the summer of 2023 David was given the devastating news he had cancer. He did not let this slow him down as he continued the daily activities at home and participated in local events. He was thrilled when the International Plowing Match came to Amaranth Township and volunteered throughout the week. David proudly attended the Royal Winter Fair in November where two of his beloved Speckle Park heifers, Lucie and Locomotion were shown.

Predeceased by his parents and brother-in-law, David Lowe. His legacy lives on through his loving family, wife Edith; children Stephanie, her partner Ellis and Lily, Scott and Jeffrey; his sisters Jenny May Lowe, Arlene Muckart and Dave Sparrow and Dianne and Barry Richardson. He will be remembered by his many nieces and nephews as well as the countless friends and neighbours of the local agricultural community and the Canadian Speckle Park Association.



A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday May 18, 2024 from 1-5 PM at Amaranth Township Hall, 374028 6 Line, Amaranth, ON L0N 1L0. In lieu of flowers the family asks you consider a donation to a charity of your choice.

