

Yukon Agricultural Association
Spring Newsletter May 1998

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3rd ANNUAL CIRCUMPOLAR
CONFERENCE



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WHITEHORSE CHAPTER NEWS

The Whitehorse Chapter has been very busy in the past few months. We have hired a part time bookkeeper, Theresa Gatien, drop in and meet our friendly office staff. Our office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 11:30 am. If you need to get in touch with us at other times, please call 668-6864 (leave a message) and we will be happy to accommodate you.

AGRI-PLEX

The Whitehorse Chapter has been trying to get an Agri-Plex built in the City of Whitehorse. Meetings are on going and the Community Letters of support keep coming in. We will keep you posted on this exciting project.

EDUCATION TRUST FUND

In February of 1998, the YAA was given a cheque for an Education Trust Fund to be set up and maintained by the Yukon Agricultural Association. As education is the key to the success and growth of the Agricultural Industry, the Association is very excited about this fund. The monies have been invested and are earning interest until the implementation of the project.

CANADIAN FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COUNCIL CFBMC

The YAA has requested national recognition and a seat on the CFBM Council. We feel that being an active member of the Council would enable us to address the specific needs that Northern Farmers face. This partnership would help Yukon Growers on their way to establishing an equal footing with those in Southern Provinces and will help expand our rapidly growing agricultural industry.

CARD FUND

Canadian Adaptation & Rural Development

The call for proposals was January 31, 1998 the CARD Committee received 38 Proposals. A total of 23 were approved. The total request for CARD Funds was \$419,002.57 with the Total Project Costs being \$762,972.02. This shows a tremendous amount of interest, and hopefully Ottawa will sit up and take notice. The approved proposals are:

- ★ YTG Agriculture Branch Meat Inspector Training \$7,293.00
- ★ YAA-Stewart Valley Chapter Community Grainery \$9,074.70
- ★ Gary/Pamela Zgeb - Whitehorse Raspberry Varieties \$7,662.00
- ★ Downtown Urban Gardeners Community Garden \$7,500.00
- ★ Ken Gies Soil Study \$4,470.00
- ★ Mayo-Ren Resources Ag. Land Assessment /Description \$7,500.00
- ★ Patricia Smith Wild Mushroom Study \$2,600.00
- ★ YAA- Whitehorse Farmers' Market \$5,000.00
- ★ YAA - Whitehorse Team Management \$6,054.00
- ★ YAA - Whitehorse Grades 3-4 Education \$9,260.00
- ★ Cal Waddington- Whitehorse Radio PSA's \$7,500.00
- ★ Ken Gies - Tagish Organic Verification Officer \$1,000.00
- ★ Shelly Dalziel - Watson Lake Perennial Garden \$2,700.00
- ★ YAA - Whitehorse Klondyke Harvest Fair \$14,445.00
- ★ YAA- Whse.. Career Development Grades 11-12 \$7,950.00
- ★ Valerie Celuszek-Market Research Native Plants \$6,685.00
- ★ YAA-Whitehorse Policy Review \$14,100.81
- ★ R.M. Tait-Haines Junction Potato Trials \$6,000.00
- ★ Eric Huggard -Production of Farmers Almanac \$10,000.00
- ★ 4-H Club Yukon Human Resource Development \$7,500.00

- ★ 4-H Yukon Infrastructure Development \$5,625.00
- ★ YAA Whse Circumpolar Conference \$16,020.00
- ★ Wolf Eberlien, Faro, Yukon Sheep Meat Development \$7,200.00

AGRICULTURE FOR THE 90's:

A YUKON POLICY

The Yukon Agricultural Policy is being reviewed by the Government this year. As part of this process, the YAA is working on its own review of the Policy. A series of ten meetings were held throughout the Territory during February & March, and roughly a hundred farmers and stakeholders came to present their concerns and priorities for changing the policy.

These concerns and priorities are now being compiled into draft YAA Policy recommendations. YAA is at present trying to negotiate with YTG for completion of this project. The YAA has been promised a public agricultural policy review for the past four to five years, we feel this should be an industry driven review, and that YTG should not in essence be writing their own report card. The YAA is continuing negotiations.

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**Klondyke Harvest
Fair
August 29-30, 1998
Rotary Peace Park**

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**YAA-WHITEHORSE
MEETINGS
7:30 pm
T.C. RICHARDS BLDG.
May 20, 1998
June 17, 1998
July 15, 1998
August 19, 1998
September 16, 1998**

**YAA WHITEHORSE
EXECUTIVE
MEETINGS
are held every second
Wednesday of the
Month @ 7:30 pm**

JULY 1998						
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**YAA
Whitehorse Chapter
Office Hours
8:30 am til 11:30 am
Monday -Friday**



**KLONDYKE HARVEST FAIR
MEETINGS
12:00 -12:45 PM
T.C. RICHARDS BLDG.
May 20, 1998
June 17, 1998
July 15, 1998
July 22, 1998
July 29, 1998
August 5, 1998
August 12, 1998
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August 26, 1998**

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GUIDE FOR STARTING BABY CHICKS



	Chicks or Bantam	Cornish X Rock Heavy Breeds Turkeys	Quail Pheasants Chukars	Guineas	Ducks or Geese	Peafowl
Feed	18% Commercial Starter	22% Broiler or 28% Turkey Starter	28%-30% Game Bird Starter Quail Use Mash Turkey Starter	28%-30% Game Bird or Turkey Starter	Non-Arsenic 21% Waterfowl Starter	28%-30% Game Bird or Turkey Starter
Water Additive	QUIIK CHIK	BROILER BOOSTER	TERRAMYCIN	QUIK CHIK	QUIK CHIK	TERRAMYCIN
Heat at Floor Level	90-95	90-95	90-95	95	90-95	95-97
Light	EXTRA LIGHT IN ROOM	EXTRA LIGHT IN ROOM	EXTRA LIGHT IN ROOM	EXTRA LIGHT IN ROOM	EXTRA LIGHT IN ROOM	EXTRA LIGHT IN ROOM
Space	½ sq. ft.	½ sq. ft.	½ sq. ft.	½ sq. ft.	½ sq. ft.	1 ½ sq. ft.
Litter	Commercial Litter	Commercial Litter	Commercial Litter	Commercial Litter	Commercial Litter	Commercial Litter

AFTER FOUR WEEKS

- ★ Increase floor area to 3/4 sq. ft per bird.
- ★ Increase feeders to provide 2 1/2" - 3" of space per bird.
- ★ Increase waterers to one 5 gallon fount per 100 birds.
- ★ Make sure Grit Hopper is filled with proper sized grit.
- ★ Install roosts at back of brooder area. Allow 4 inches per bird with roost poles six inches apart.
- ★ Open windows in daytime. Leave only partly open at night.
- ★ Prevent water puddles around founts. Place founts on low wire platforms.
- ★ Birds can range outside on warm sunny days, but only if clean range is available.

OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

DRAFT SHIELD:

Cardboard put in a circle about 12 inches high around the birds helps to cut down on drafts on the floor. Be sure the circle is large enough to allow the birds to get away from the heat if they want.

LITTER:

Wood shavings, rice hulls, or ground cobs make good litter. Do not use cedar chips, sawdust or treated wood chips. Put the litter all over the floor at least 1 inch thick. Keep it covered for the first day with newspapers to keep the chicks from eating the litter instead of their food. To avoid leg problems remove the papers after the first day.

GRIT:

Starting on the 3rd day, sprinkle baby grit on the feed daily as if you were salting your food. Avoid adding too much.

PICKING:

Baby birds will often pick each other if they are too hot, too crowded, or without fresh air. Occasionally bright light also makes them pick. If all above situations are remedied and the birds are still picking, try putting in fresh grass clippings and darken the room. As a last resort, de-beaking them may have to be done. Try cutting off about one-third of the top bill. Do not cut the lower bill.

To treat birds that have been picked, smear pine tar or black grease on the injured area.



YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

- WHITEHORSE CHAPTER -

"Best Garden Competition of '98"

Entry Categories:

• Home Grounds • Vegetable Garden • Greenhouse

Gardens will be judged by Andrew Landscaping August 3rd - 9th, 1998
Presentation of Trophies & Plaques will take place at the Klondyke Harvest Fair
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 30th, 1998 at Rotary Park.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Only those yards, gardens & greenhouses officially entered before July 15th, 1998 will be judged.
2. Yards, gardens & greenhouses must be open for the judges to inspect.
3. Dogs must be contained in areas not to be included in the judging.

GREENHOUSES (sponsored by Adorna Flowers & Landscaping)

Quality of crops	30
Greenhouse design	20
Space economy and succession cropping	20
Cleanliness (cultivation)	20
Variety	10
	100

VEGETABLE GARDENS (sponsored by Yukon Gardens)

Quality of crops	30
Cleanliness (cultivation)	20
Variety	20
Space economy & succession cropping	15
Arrangement	15
	100

HOME GARDENS (sponsored by Decora Landscaping)

General arrangement & effect, including features & floral display	30
Cleanliness	20
Landscaping (health, vigor & trimness)	10
Trees & shrubs (variety, planting, pruning & care, freedom from pests & diseases)	20
Flowers (quality, variety & period of bloom)	20
	100



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CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE

The Third Circumpolar Agricultural Conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska from October 12-16, 1998. The YAA is fundraising to assist Yukoners with travel and related costs. Nine Yukon Papers have been submitted and will be presented during the conference.

The topics are:

1. Non-traditional Elk Farming in Yukon,
Ian Thorleifson, Executive Director, Canadian Venison Council
Shirley Ford, Director, Yukon Game Growers Association
2. Certified Organic Agriculture in the Yukon, Marilee Irwin
3. Policy Review & Policy Alternatives, Lynn Ogden
4. Exporting of Agricultural Products, Bev Gray, Earth Scents Herbs
5. Assisted Revegetation of Fine Grained Tailing at Whitehorse Copper Mine,
Doug & Joan Craig
A Strategy for Northern Rural Risk Management in an Era of Global Change, Dorine Girouard
7. The Yukon Participation in Young Farmers of Canada, Gordon Kerr
8. Summary: Agricultural Historical Display, Gerry Gardiner
9. Canadian Farm Business Management Council Canadian Lifetime Leadership (Call) Program, Scott McLean- University of Saskatchewan

FARMERS' MARKET

The Whitehorse Six Carrot Farmers' Market is moving to the Sacred Heart Cathedral Compound on the corner of 4th Ave & Steele Street. This site is within walking distance of downtown shops and features a fenced playground & picnic tables. Tables are available through the YAA Office at a cost of \$75.00 per season for members or \$10.00 per day. Watch for upcoming ads in the local papers. The market opens on May 23rd and will be open every Saturday until the end of September.

CANADA DAY

This will be the third year the YAA has been part of this special event taking place at Rotary Peace Park. Our slogan for the centennial year is **Rediscover Agriculture in 1998**. We are planning on having a float in the parade this year... a wagon pulled by Clydesdales which will be filled with straw, children and animals. We will have a booth at the park where we will be giving out free tree seedlings, we are also host to the very popular fish Pond. We will also be organizing Children Games with prizes. We still require volunteers to help out with this very popular family event. IF you have children it is a good way to get them involved in their community in a volunteer activity that they will enjoy. If this appeals to you, please call Shelagh @668-6864

GARDEN COMPETITION

As part of the Klondyke Harvest Fair celebration, for the past three years the YAA has sponsored the Whitehorse Garden & Greenhouse competition. The competition is divided into three different categories: Best Vegetable and Flower Garden, Best Greenhouse, and Best Yard & Garden. Avid gardeners are urged to register, a fee of \$5.00 per garden entry will be charged. Gardens will be judged by **Andrew Landscaping**, August 3-9, 1998. Awards presentations will be Sunday, August 30, 1998 at the Klondyke Harvest Fair. Forms can be picked up at the Trade Show, Canada Day, the YAA Office or from any of our Garden Competition Sponsors' businesses: **Adorna, Flowers & Landscaping, Yukon Gardens & Decora Landscaping**. If you are proud of your garden or greenhouse, enter and join in the fun.

KLONDYKE HARVEST FAIR

This is largest Yukon Agricultural Show Case Event for Yukon Grown and Yukon Made Products which is held in Whitehorse at Rotary Peace Park on August 29, 30, 1998. This event includes all Yukon communities, and we have extended invitations to Juneau, Skagway, and Haines, Alaska. The focus of the fair is FAMILY, FUN, FRIENDS & FARMING and it attracts thousands of people, both local & visitors alike. We welcome everyone to participate.

Taking place all weekend

- ★ **Bench Show** categories include; vegetables, flowers & foliage, field crops, preserved foods, home baking, native arts and crafts, quilting, knitting, needlework, crocheting, homemade wine & beer and livestock & poultry exhibits. **New category, Environmentally Friendly Projects**
- **Midway & Food Services:** Games and food concessions, pony rides, petting zoo, fish pond & the inflatable maze
- **Farmers' Market:** Fresh Yukon Grown products & Yukon Made Products including: Beading, Jewelry & Wooden Crafts Yukon Agricultural Displays showcasing Agriculture throughout the years. The Farmers' Market will be housed in a new tent this year.
- **Entertainment/Demonstration:** The fair is a show case for the best talent the Yukon has to offer. Acts include: guitars, vocals, highland dancing, pipe bands, jazz bands, line dancing, modern dance, the list goes on. Also, look for Livestock Demonstrations, these includes, Dressage, best dressed animal & rider, show ring events, and a variety of animals on site throughout the weekend.



4-H CLUB NEWS:

April saw the end of Klondike Canines 4-H Club's 5th Season. This year there were 30 members aging from 10-16. We even had one brave boy compete this year.! Great improvements were made by all. In March, Jessica Flynn with her dog Toby earned a CD(Companion Dog) title in Juno, Alaska. Hanna Boye, Katie Eschak and Megan Juby have been invited to attend the Provincial Junior Handling Competition in Vernon, B.C in July.

Although the official season is over, our training has not stopped. Many club members and other enthusiasts continue training in various locations around Whitehorse. This is in preparation for the Whitehorse Woofers Mixed Breed Show (May 9 & 10) and for demonstrations at the Dog Jog (May 31), the horsemans Annual Hoof & Woof (May 18) and the Klondyke Harvest Fair (August 29 & 30). We welcome all spectators to our events and offer demos to all who are interested. Contact Donna 667-6391, or Lisa 633-6908. As a volunteer organization we also need more leaders, please call Donna McLaughlin 667-6391.

STEWART VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS:

The Stewart Valley Chapter is looking forward to a very busy year. We have been approved for three CARD Fund Projects. The Chapter is approved to build a four-bin grainary complete with auger. The Renewable Resource Council has been approved to complete a study on available agricultural land, and Patricia Smith will do a study on wild mushroom species. We will keep you posted on new developments.

Spring is here with the ducks, geese and wild birds reappearing. The

snow is going fast and plans are underway for seeding fields. We are also awaiting the arrival of colts and piglets.

Arrangements are being made to hold a Farmers' market on May 23, 1998 with the sale of bedding plants. Contact YAA Executive for more information. Also, Diana has her Mayo Garden Center started.

DAWSON-KLONDIKE VALLEY CHAPTER

The Klondyke Chapter held its AGM on March 30, 1998. Topics ranged from the new legalization of Hemp including information on its production, to the area known as the Lynx Refuge and what the association is doing about releasing that land for production.

An Executive meeting was held with all the executive in attendance on Monday April 6, 1998, Members decided that they would put a booth in the Gold Show, May 18, 19, and split the booth with the 4-H Club who hold pony rides for the kids in the parking lot.

Information is being sought on having a booth at this years Dawson City Music Festival and the Klondyke Country Jamboree to represent the Associations' members and allow them to sell their products.

HOOFBEATS EQUESTRIAN CENTER Was the location for a Horse Driving Clinic hosted by the Klondyke Horsemans' Association on Saturday, April 4th, 1998. Shelly Roe, an experienced driver from Vancouver Island, showed the turnout of seven very interested enthusiasts how to harness, ground drive and pull buggy. A big thank you to Shelly and to Greg Skuce for bringing his buggies and equipment for everyones pleasure.

There was also an Equine Dental Clinic on April 11, 1998. Cliff Hanna, a Farrier and Equine dental Specialist for the Whitehorse area, delivered a very informative session composed of part classroom and part practical experience. Gordon and Carlene would like to thank Cliff and Nicola for coming and would like to thank Greg & Shelly for putting them up.

KLONDIKE CHAPTER COMING EVENTS

MAY 16, 1998

Ladies Beginner Horsemanship Clinic
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
HOOF BEATS Equestrian Center
Instructor: Carlene Kerr.
Intro course for timid horse enthusiasts

JUNE 5/6, 1998

Dressage Clinic 9:00 am
HOOF BEATS Equestrian Center
Instructor: Inga Sumanik

JUNE 14, 1998

Fun Gymkhana Day
8:00 am Registration 9:00 am Start
HOOF BEATS Equestrian Center

AUGUST 17, 1998

Demonstration/Discipline & Breeds
Minto Park Area
NOTE: This event will be held with Bits and Bridles 4-H Club

BITS & BRIDLES 4-h CLUB

Members are working towards their horse husbandry badges. Members will be participating in a Spring clean up in May.

YAA - FARM GATE SALES RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale throughout the Yukon. May 1, 1998 with the draw date October 21, 1998. Help support Yukon Agriculture.