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the

PLOUGHBOY

newsletter

THE YUKON AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



Busi-

ness & Pleasure

Members making the most of the occasion.

The business meeting is over, and the food is on, ..., so lets talk a little turkey.

✧ Fall General Meeting ✧

This year's fall 'away' meeting, was held Saturday, Sept 19, at the Sourdough Sodbusters farm (The Falles). 25 members and guests, and about ten kids attended. We wish more people had come out, but those who did had a great day, a great meeting and a great time, including the kids who loved the trampoline, the bonfire and the hot dogs. Thanks to all, and especially to our special guests, Minister Archie Lang, MLA Brad Cathers and Ag Branch Director, Tony Hill. A special thanks as well to the Falle family for hosting us, and for their work, along with Jim Dillabough, in putting up one of our Association's big tents. (available for rent). Good thing we had it because we did get a little shower during the business meeting. But, we were mostly blessed with a sunny fall day. It was perfect for our



Hamburger Soup

was one of the dishes served at the pot luck. Some liked it enough to request the recipe. So here it is. Bon Appetit!

1 1/2 lbs ground beef, 1 medium onion chopped fine, 1-28 oz can diced tomatoes, 2 c water, 3 cans consomme, 1 can tomato soup, 4 carrots & 3 sticks of celery chopped fine, parsley, 1/2 tsp thyme, pepper to taste, 8 tbslps barley...Brown meat and onions. Drain well. Com-

bine all ingredients in large pot.

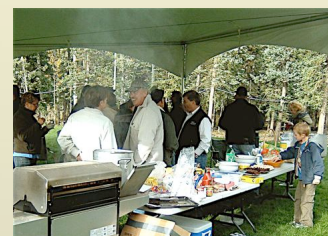
Simmer

2-3 hrs

covered.

Serves

8-10



earlier walk on the nearby Mayo Rd. property our Association hopes to obtain for the establishment of a multi-use agricultural products processing facility and other farm services. (pics below), and after the business meeting, the sun came out again for our pot luck and social.



Directors meetings of our Association are usually held the second Wednesday of every month in the TC Richards Bldg boardroom, 7pm. Members are welcome to attend. In fact, our Directors would love to hear from anyone who has an idea or an issue for their consideration, or who would like to volunteer to help with projects as they arise. Just call the office at 668-6864, or drop in.

MEMBERSHIP

The issues facing our ag industry and the farmers who grow our food also

concern the whole community. Get involved. A

membership in the YAA is still just \$10.

THE GALVAYNE'S GROOVE

Sydney Galvayne was an Australian born Irishman from the mid 1800's. He was a renowned student of the horse, and a horse trainer. When he came to England in 1884 he introduced a humane system of training unbroken or vicious horses using a method that utilized the horse's strength against itself.

He held over 300 classes in Great Britain teaching these methods and in 1887 appeared before Queen Victoria.

Among his many feats as a horseman, Galvayne perfected a method of ageing horses by their teeth. He had great success in demonstrating this ability in his travels.

One of the clues to aging a horse by his teeth that Sydney used now bears his name. That is the Galvayne's Groove. This groove appears on the upper #3 adult incisors of a horse.

These are the two corner incisors on the top jaw. Either of these two teeth can be viewed from the side of the horse's mouth by lifting the upper lip a bit.

Now here's the interesting thing about this tooth. At about 10 years of age a vertical groove appears on the tooth at the gum line and develops downward as the horse ages. It often is dark in color and readily visible. You will find some harder to see though. In these cases try to feel the groove with your fingernail.



11 years – groove just starting

At 15 years the groove is half way down and at 20 years it is all the way to the bottom or bite line of the tooth.

But that is not the end of it. Now the groove begins to disappear. And again from the gum line down taking another ten years to disappear completely at the bottom of the tooth. So this provides a handy little gauge to get an idea about a horse's age. To use it you estimate how much of the groove is showing – for example if it is half way down the tooth. In this case, because the groove appears at 10 years and is all the way down at 20 years, the groove indicates an age of 15 years.



If the groove's approximately 2/3 of the way down the tooth then you would have about 17 years.



17 year old groove

In the case of the older horse you are looking at how much of the groove has disappeared. This starts to happen at 20 years and

the groove is completely gone by the time the horse is 30 years old.

30+ years – no groove



Again any fraction of this process will give you an age in between these two figures. A groove that has receded down half of the tooth would indicate a 25 year old horse, for example.

A horse younger than 10 years and older than 30 years will not show a groove. You will need to use other clues to age these two groups of horses.



Here are a couple of things to note about using this method.

First a word of caution. This little groove can help you get a good approximation of the horse's age. But it is an approximation because you are "eye balling" whether it is $\frac{1}{2}$ way down or $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way down, etc. And then you are dividing the 10 year window by that fraction.

Most of the time you will be very close to the horse's age using this technique. But I would suggest you don't bet big money on it!

Another thing you notice is that the length of the groove is sometimes different between the near side tooth and the off side tooth. If you run into this, average the two numbers. For example if the near incisor says 18 years and the off incisor says 16 years call him 17 years old.

The best way to practice this technique is to look at as many horses as you can that you, or someone, knows the age of. That way you can check yourself.

With some practice you will get quite good at this. You may not qualify to appear before the Queen of England but you will surprise your friends and fellow horse owners with your expertise!

Learn to use the Galvayne's groove. You will find it often comes in handy.

Have fun!Until we meet again – at your horse's mouth!

Cliff Hanna practices equine dentistry in northwestern Canada. His main focus has become providing hands-on knowledge to the individual horse enthusiast. Cliff holds equine dental awareness seminars, speaks at conferences, writes articles for horse magazines and on line horse sites. He is also author of the horse owner's dentistry handbook, "Look A Gift Horse In The Mouth" and "How To Age A Horse By His Teeth".

Contact Cliff at: www.TheHorseDentistryHandbook.com
www.AgeingHorseTeeth.com

An Old Farmer's Advice

- * Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- * The biggest troublemaker, you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- * Always drink upstream from the herd.
- * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- * Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- * Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God.

- our thanks to Dorothy Bradley

Equipment for Rent

The YAA has acquired a Leon 375 manure spreader, a John Deere 1590 No Till drill and an Aerway aerator with funding provided 60:40 by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and YTG via the old APF program, and the new Growing Forward' program. These implements are available for rent by any



Yukon farmer on a cost recovery basis. Purchase of a three body rollover plough was also recently approved, and will be available soon.

Call the YAA office for details.

..., And Fertilizer for Sale



Whether your needs are large or small, if you are planning to buy fertilizer, your most economical option is to purchase through one of the YAA owned bulk fertilizer bins. You can do so by calling one of our bulk bin site holders. They are: **WHITEHORSE AREA** - Mike Blumenschein(668-2407), Dave Andrew(667-7844), Bill Drury(668-1045), Wayne Grove (393-1942), Steve McKenzie-Grieve(633-4092), Rick Nielsen(668-7104), Ray Falle (633-5218), Len Walchuk(668-6742); **WATSON LAKE** – Dalyce Stubenberg(536-7447); **MAYO** – Jack Smith(996-2273); **CARMACKS** – Pete Jensen(667-2030); **MENDENHALL** – Cliff LaPrairie(633-3388).

ODDS AND ENDS

HOME REMEDY -

A MOUSE TRAP PLACED ON TOP OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK WILL PREVENT YOU FROM ROLLING OVER AND GOING BACK TO SLEEP AFTER YOU HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON.

2009 North of 60 Agriculture Conference,

November 6 and 7, High Country Inn

The conference will include the National Value Plus Workshop, a Young and New Farmers Forum, information about Growing Forward programming and an afternoon session on Greenhousing Technologies.

The Yukon Grown Banquet is Saturday, November 7. Tickets available at the Agriculture Branch.

FOR SALE

Hoe Drill - 15 ft. 7200 series with road transport system, field ready.
\$4,500.00, phone 668-2407, - Mike

Velvet Elk Antler - used to improve arthritis, blood circulation & energy
Lg -100 capsules \$40, Sm - 30 capsules \$15
Ford Elk Farms Ltd (867) 633-4342

...and how about giving Mom a break

Thanksgiving Pies - 9 inch, oven ready. Pumpkin, Apple, Cherry or Blueberry, \$8 each.

Also available - Pumpkin Loaf and Orange Cranberry Loaf, \$7 each

To order call 633-3484 or 333-9314

Pickup October 10th at 149 Wilson Drive in Granger

First Pentecostal Church Ladies Auxiliary

MORE SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

- IF YOU HAVE A BAD COUGH, TAKE A LARGE DOSE OF LAXATIVES. THEN YOU'LL BE AFRAID TO COUGH.
- YOU ONLY NEED TWO TOOLS IN LIFE - WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE. IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD, USE THE WD-40. IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES, USE THE DUCT TAPE.
- IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT WITH A HAMMER, YOU'VE GOT AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM.

Equine Association of Yukon

By now you may have heard of this new organization which was formed in March 2008. One of the main objectives of Equine Association of Yukon is the development of equine sport as well as other equine related activities and infrastructure in Yukon. In January, 2009, four people volunteered to hold the following executive positions: President - Jody Mackenzie-Grieve, Vice President - Jaime Hanna, Secretary - Tracy Andrew, Treasurer - Vibeke Coates. Their goal is to do both English and Western Equine Canada rider level testing which is the first step towards EC coaching certification. They have also looked into the Certified Horsemanship Association Program as there are currently many certified CHA instructors in the Yukon.

Membership in the EAY is through member clubs. Therefore, if you are a member of YHRA, you are automatically a member of EAY. For further information, please contact any of the executive members:

Jody Mackenzie-Grieve - 393-4788

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Bids for Transport

This is a picture of a 5 body Kuhn reversible plow. (allows back and forth plowing). The Yukon Growing Forward Committee has approved funding for YAA to purchase a 3 body reversible plow. The funding agreement requires us to obtain competitive quotes for its transport here from Mayerthorpe, Alberta. The plow is on order, but we expect it will be available for delivery before the end of October. Anyone interested in submitting a quote should contact the YAA office. The plow weighs 965 kg. More info on the plow may be found on the web at <http://www.kuhn-usa.com>

Newsletter ads and submissions

Display ads are welcome. \$20 for 1/8 page, \$30 for 1/4, \$55 for 1/2, and \$100 for a full page. Classifieds are free, but keep em short, OK. We also invite your suggestions as well as submission of articles and other materials for inclusion in the Ploughboy.

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THIS YEAR WE HAVE A FULL SLATE OF DIRECTORS. THANKS TO ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS AND OUR INDUSTRY, BUT LET'S SHARE THE WORK AND THE THANKS. THE AGM IS A LONG WAY OFF, BUT PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING YOUR NAME FORWARD NEXT YEAR. MEANTIME, WHEN THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PITCH IN ON A PROJECT, PLEASE VOLUNTEER. WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE HELP.