

# NORTHWEST CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION

## January 2021 Newsletter

Hello Charolais enthusiasts. We made it through another year and we all are looking forward to a better 2021.

The Covid virus is still making the rounds and several companies have produced vaccines that are just now being distributed. To get the shot or not is still a hot topic among our friends and family.

We have a new President of the United States taking the reins of the country and we will all be watching to see what the future holds.

This past year the NWCA Board of Directors were forced to cancel their plans for Association activities and shows. It was heart breaking for everyone, especially the Junior members.

Looking towards the future we can't help but believe that the next twelve months will bring a more normal world for us all. Some of the ideas for this year the Board has discussed, in addition to supporting the Open and Junior Charolais show at Yakima next fall, is to possibly host an online sale (females, pairs, steers, semen, embryos), hosting a field day meeting, etc. If you have ideas to share, we would love to hear from you. This is your Association and the Board is here to serve your needs.

The Northwest and beyond is rolling into bull and female sale season. Several of our members have upcoming sales so check out the website <https://www.nwcharolais.com/events> more information. Most sales you can view and bid online. We also have a few private treaty listings on the Sale Barn page. (If you have something to market or would like us to post, just email us and we will get it listed)

It's time again to renew your NWCA membership. The dues for 2021 are still the same, \$10.00 for Individuals and \$5.00 for Juniors. Please check your listing on the website and if none of your contact information has changed, you don't have to fill out another application, just mail your check to: **NWCA 5412 Birch Road Pasco, WA. 99301**

If you need to make minor changes, just put a note in with your check and we will take care of it. We will leave all 2020 members on the website member page until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Director Updates**

### **Floyd Lewis- Washington Director**

Well things in Washington have been interesting, our governor has pushed back the state reopening date multiple times. But we move forward, thinking spring calving is just around the corner or already started for most.

Wishing you all the best results with that remember to stay as clean and dry as possible it should help cut down scours. Have a great season and hopefully we will see you soon.

### **Nancy Condon – Oregon Director**

Greetings, no big updates from Oregon.

I see many breeders getting ready for their bull sales in the near future. Their offerings show our continued work in improving our genetics and performance. My hope is for continued, strong interest in smoky calves. It makes me happy to see increase membership at the national and local level each month. I look forward to hearing ideas from all of you as to what you want us to accomplish this year as your Charolais organization. The board has been discussing options for this year including an online female sale during the Central Washington state fair and continuing to support the youth in any way we can. We really need your input to make decisions. Please contact the board member with your thoughts. This is your association. I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

### **Zane Garner – Washington Director**

Hello everyone, we at the U of I are excited to embrace 2021!

Classes here are returning to some semblance of normal, baby calves are hitting the ground, and fall calves are growing like weeds.

We hope everyone had a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everything the new year has to bring! Be safe and good luck with calving!