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Roger's Record News

Bullpen Facts

During the next several months we will address several specific items related to breed programs. Included will be information on new or revised programs, fee adjustments and clarification of current programs. As we proceed through the months, if anyone has a question or needs further explanation of a specific program, please forward to the Brown Swiss office, Attention: Bullpen Facts. We hope this communication link will help keep all breeders better informed. To begin, we have the following Board action:

Fee Adjustments Effective June 1, 2007

Transfer Fees-	<u>Current</u>	<u>June 1, 2007</u>
Less than 60 days	\$15.00	\$20.00
Over 60 days	20.00	25.00
Export	20.00	25.00
Estate	2.00	2.00
Whole Intra-herd	50%	50%
Classification Fees-		
Regular Tour:		
Non BSA/PTPR per cow	10.00	12.00
Herd Minimum	100.00	100.00
Jr. Minimum	30.00	30.00
Mini-Tours (Dec., Jan., Feb.):		
BSA/PTPR per cow	9.00	10.00
Non BSA/PTPR per cow	10.00	12.00
Specials: (Effective Jan. 20, 2007)		
Flat Herd Fee-BSA/PTPR	Per diem + Travel	500.00
Non BSA/PTPR	\$150 min. + Travel	500.00
Per Cow Fee - BSA/PTPR	3.00	10.00
Non BSA/PTPR	10.00	12.00

SMA Testing Required – Effective June 1, 2007

In late August 2006, GeneControl in Germany, announced they had developed a specific gene test for the abnormality SMA. This gene test is basically 100% reliable, while allowing for human recording errors. The availability of such a test allows the Brown Swiss industry, and breeders, the ability to better control the gene frequency of this genetic recessive.

Thus, your Board of Directors took action to expedite this control by passing the following requirement: “All bulls whose semen is collected for the first time on or after June 1, 2007, must have official SMA test results from the GeneControl laboratory on file at the National Brown Swiss office, before their offspring will be eligible to be registered by BSCBA.” This includes AI bulls as well as any syndicate or breeder bulls collected for sale of semen. All bulls collected prior to this date, are encouraged to be tested with the new gene test for SMA as well. Thanks to GeneControl’s gene test for SMA, the Brown Swiss world can now manage this fatal abnormality.

SMA CARRIER CORRECTION

Due to improper identification of a sample tested for SMA, the bull **HILLTOPACRES Z JAGUAR *TM** was incorrectly listed in the March 2007 Bulletin as a carrier when in fact he has been tested *Free of SMA as a non-carrier*. We apologize for reporting this incorrect information.

****NEXT MONTH: PTI (PPR) CHANGES****

From the baseball side of the ‘Bullpen’ we have this fact:

“The Green Monster”, is located in left field of Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox, which is one of the oldest parks still in existence. The first game in Fenway Park was held April 20, 1912, ninety-five years ago.