

SPRING Newsletter



GREETINGS FROM SYA CHAIR



Greetings, SYA members! Over the last few months we have had an abundance of changes to the SYA organization from updating the functioning of our website to co-hosting the annual Canadian Young Farmer's Forum that took place in Saskatoon on February 23 – 26, 2018. It has been an exciting few months and we are looking forward to the year ahead!

During, CYFF we held our annual elections for Board of Directors and I am pleased to announce we had an abundance of nominee's campaign. I would like to extend a huge welcome to Glen Munholland and Ryan Scragg to the board. I know you both will

bring an immense amount of value to our team. I look forward to working with both of you in the year ahead. I would also like to take this time to extend a big thank you to our past chair Shawn Mantyka, your leadership for the organization over the past few years is greatly appreciated. As well as past directors, Joel Prosko and Kerrie Andreas, your time on the board was invaluable. Thank you, for all your hard work and dedication, we hope to see you at future SYA events.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Brittany Yuzik and I have the honour of being Chair for the 2018 term. I grew up on a grain and cattle farm near Wakaw, where I am still play an active role in both operations. I obtained my Degree in Agribusiness from the College of Agriculture at the U of S. I am currently employed by BASF as a Business Representative in Northeast SK and live in Tisdale. In my spare time, I head down to the family farm to help with seeding, harvest and calving. When I'm not helping on the farm, you can find me sledding, fishing, playing ball or travelling. I have served the SYA board for two years and find the organization extremely valuable. I believe networking is one of the key components in being successful and this organization aligns with those values. The agriculture industry is full of so many knowledgeable and innovative people. I don't know any other industry that can connect people as much as this one does. So please take advantage of this networking opportunity to learn and engage from a variety of individuals.

Over the next few months, the board will begin planning our 2019 SYA conference and we have some exciting, new plans in store for you. Stay tuned!

On behalf of the board, we would like to wish each of you a happy, healthy and safe spring season! All the best in a successful season ahead. We look forward to meeting and connecting with each of you at future events!

SYA Chair - Brittany Yuzik

MEET THE SYA TEAM

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MEET AN SYA MEMBER

Name: Glen Munholland

Where are you from? Strasbourg, SK

How are you involved in the Ag industry? Involved in the Ag industry as a producer, learner and enthusiast.

What kind of work do you do? I produce cereals, pulses and oil seeds.

Is succession planning an issue in your business?

Succession planning is a major part of our business. Inter-generational transitions on our farm are a near constant happening. As we spend many years reimbursing the out-going farmer. Four years ago when I began to farm we spent time mapping out what strategy worked best for our operation with the accountant. The biggest staple in our succession planning strategy is trust.

What are your hobbies? Some hobbies include hunting, firearm collecting, curling, travelling, sledding, restoring and running antique tractors, and history from all eras.

What is your favourite part about being in the Agriculture industry?

My favorite part of being in the agriculture industry is learning and the future. Nothing excites me more than thinking about what the future holds.

How has being a part of the SYA benefitted you?

Being a part of the SYA has benefitted me firstly by all the connections I have been able to make with other young folks in Saskatchewan interested in agriculture. As well has presented me with lots of useful and applicable information to help me further my business and well being.



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CYFF CORNER

A Message From Your CYFF Saskatchewan Representative



The CYFF Conference was a memorable weekend as farmers from across the country flocked to Saskatoon for the first 'Saskatchewan edition' of the CYFF conference. In addition to excellent speakers and networking opportunities, the partnership with the SYA

proved to be an effective way to collaborate on educational efforts and engagement at the AGM. Congratulations to SYA directors and staff on a successful event, and welcome new directors Glen Munholland and Ryan Scragg.

As your newly elected Saskatchewan/Manitoba/Northwest Territories representative, I am looking forward to representing these provinces at the national level. The value that this conference provides to me in my farming career is second to none, and I want to ensure that you find value in

the event as well. Part of ensuring that we provide value to members is having secure funding agreements. As funding negotiations wrap up and the new suite of programs under Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP) have recently been announced, it is clear that supporting young farmers is a priority for our federal government.

I want to thank and acknowledge outgoing CYFF representative Jody Berglund for doing an incredible job representing young farmers with poise and determination. I know I've got big shoes to fill, and I am looking forward to the opportunity. Now that we've finally got some snow on the ground and farmers are feeling more optimistic, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and successful seeding season.

Feel free to send me an email if you've got any suggestions or ideas: koduncan90@gmail.com.

Katelyn Duncan

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CYFF-CONFERENCE REPORT



Greetings fellow young farmers! It seems that this winter season is flying by. This was an exciting year for SYA because this year Saskatoon was host to the Canadian Young Farmers Forum annual conference. As a first time attendee it was a bit overwhelming. Farmers wearing all kinds of

different hats descended on the Paris of the Prairies to meet and discuss all things Ag.

It would be difficult to give you a complete overview as there were dozens of presentations on every topic from “Agvocacy”, to leadership, to finances, all the way to the wonders of maple syrup. Friday’s conference opened with a great presentation from Dr. David Posen on the topic of stress and stress management. We were wowed Friday evening with a great show from the Hunter Brothers, the pride of Shaunavon.

Saturday was full of presentations from farmers from all across Canada. These presentations really brought out the full diversity of Canadian agriculture. Although almost every farm was significantly different in structure and function, the commonality was their passion for

farming. You could see on their faces and hear in their voices the absolute pride they had for their operations and what they were doing for the world. Its a wonderful thing to see the positivity in agriculture right now. We were given a snapshot of the future of agriculture machinery from John Deere, and a reminder of the importance of farm safety from SaskPower. Saturday was a night of fun and games as we participated in a fantastic team building game, then were sent off to enjoy some of Saskatoon’s nightlife.

On Sunday the farm presentations continued where Saskatchewan’s own Sheldon Mattus gave us a virtual tour of the Mattus farm. We had great speakers from Sask Canola and and the Egg Farmers of Canada. In the afternoon Kristjan Hebert talked to the group about “work life integration” and the importance of improving on all the small things in our businesses in order to drastically improve profitability.

This was a great weekend and a wonderful conference. I have to the thank the SYA and the CYFF for combining forces to put on what is by far the most informational and social stimulating conference of the year. The speakers were dynamic and the chance to meet and learn from other farmers, many from just down the road, was unrivalled by any other conference I have ever attended.

SYA Director - Ryan Scragg

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