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**Canadian Angus Association Honours Doug Haughton of Houghton Bros.; Jim Round of KBJ Round Farms and Gary Slezina for 50 Years of Membership**

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**Comox, BC**—During the Canadian Angus Association Annual National Convention banquet, three members were honoured for 50 consecutive years of membership in the Association: Doug Houghton of Houghton Ranch in Knutsford, BC; Clyde, Alberta's Jim Round of KBJ Round Farms and Gary Slezina of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Doug Haughton is a third-generation 4-H member and the owner of Haughton Ranch, located on the hills of Knutsford, B.C., close to his hometown of Kamloops. Haughton was involved with 4-H as a boy, and continues to donate his time to the cattle breeding, showing, and judging community. He is known for experimenting with different strategies to market his cattle, including spaying, not implanting some animals, expanding into the bred heifer market, and finishing his cattle on wine. Aside from cattle, Haughton has also pursued the farm machinery business. After graduating from college, he took a job in Kamloops at the local John Deere dealership selling farm equipment. "John Deere Doug" has been reputable and acclaimed by customers for over 30 years.

The Round family officially entered the Angus scene when they purchased their first Angus heifer in 1964, joining the Canadian Angus Association a few years later. Jim has served the Angus community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Northern Angus Alberta Club, as president of the Alberta Angus Association in 1987, and as CAA president from 1995 to 1996. Jim and his partners Ken and Barry have sold cattle worldwide to Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Australia; recently, they had one of their Red females win Reserve Champion at Chihuahua, Mexico.

Gary Slezina joined CAA as a Junior member in an Angus family. In 1959, seven purebred Angus heifers were born near Coaldale, Alberta. Frank Slezina, who had recently immigrated from Czechoslovakia, bought these seven heifers and created what would become an essential pillar beneath the foundation of Canadian Angus genetics. Most notably, in 1971 six females from the Southolm herd were purchased at the Toronto Royal by Scottish breeder John Graham, who then imported them to Scotland. These females became the first of the Canadian Angus breed to be imported back to their country of origin.

The Canadian Angus Association offers sincere congratulations to Doug Houghton of Houghton Ranch; Jim Round of KBJ Round Farms and Gary Slezina. It is because of the dedication of

individuals and families like theirs that the agriculture industry continues to be an important sector in our nation today.

The Canadian Angus Association instituted a long-term recognition award program in 1998 to honour individuals and families that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Angus breed in Canada by maintaining a continuous membership in the Association for at least 50 years. In 2011, the award program expanded to recognize families with 75 and 100 continuous years of membership.

The Canadian Angus Association is Canada's largest purebred beef breed organization. The Association represents more than 2,000 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle in the closed HerdBook and promoting the breed across Canada. The member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.

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