



Cow Chips
May/June 2009

GAA sponsored Angus show set for June

The Georgia Angus Association (GAA) will be hosting the 2009 Southern National Angus Show set for June 4-6 in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Angus enthusiasts are invited to take part in this year's event - "*The Biggest Little Show in the South.*"

Activities will begin on Thursday, June 4 with cattle arrival and check-in. A watermelon cutting will take place at 4:00 p.m., followed by a Georgia Junior Angus Association meeting which will include summer plans for Georgia Juniors and final planning for the 2009 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). All juniors and adults involved in the NJAS are asked to attend.

The Southern National Junior Angus Show will be kicked-off on Friday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m and will be judged by Cody Sankey of Lansing, Mich.. Juniors 9-21 years-old can compete in showmanship, bred-and-owned heifer, bred-and-owned bull, owned heifer and cow/calf pair classes. In addition, Georgia's two delegates to the 2009 National Junior Showmanship competition will be selected. The GAA Board of Directors will hold a board meeting following the junior show. And to close the day, the GJAA and volunteers will be putting together welcome packets for the upcoming NJAS.

On Saturday, June 6, John Chism, Winchester, Ken., will evaluate entries in the Southern National Angus Open Show beginning at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors will exhibit entries in the female show, bull show, cow/calf classes and group classes.

A silent auction will be held during the 3-day event to help raise funds that will offset show expenses.

The Southern National Angus Show Committee, led by Larry Bramblett, Smitty Lamb, Harvey Lemmon and Christy Page are expecting approximately 100 head of Angus cattle from across the southeast to exhibit at this

year's event.

Show information is available online at www.georgiaangus.org, including rules, entry forms, and award sponsorship and silent auction contribution forms. Sponsorship information was mailed to GAA members in April and the show needs your support. If you have not signed up to sponsor an award, please e-mail Christy Page at info@georgiaangus.org now!

The Southern National Angus Show Committee hopes to see you June 4-6 in Perry!



GJAA offers two scholarships

Each year at the Southern National Angus Show, the Georgia Junior Angus Association awards two scholarships (one boy and one girl). Priority is given to a graduating senior.

For more information on the scholarships or to receive an application, please contact Carolyn Gazda at gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net or 706-369-1456. Scholarship applications are due May 20, 2009.

Tifton Bull Sale



The Georgia Angus Association (GAA) recognized Browns Twin Oaks, Griffin, Ga., for consigning the high indexing Angus bull to the 2009 Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, March 4 in Irwinville, Ga. BTO 2V1 Rito B720 is a December 2007 son of Rito 2V1 of 2536 1407. He posted an average daily gain of 5.81 pounds. Pictured from left includes Arnold Brown, consignor, and Chuck Idone, GAA president.



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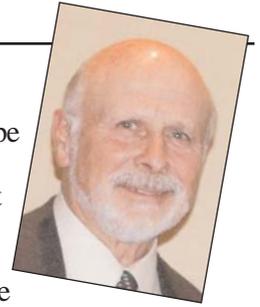
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Letter from your President



Greetings from Central Georgia! For the first time in years, our ponds are full, creeks are running water and the grass is green. I hope and pray this is a sign of a more favorable growing season this year. Although the rain is welcome it did not come without a price; recent weather systems have caused severe damage in some areas of the state.

The Southeast Angus Showcase Sale held April 3, 2009 during the Georgia Beef Expo is now in the history books. Even though our lot numbers fell off drastically from the original estimate of 60+ lots mainly due to results of Arthrogyrosis Multiplex testing, the sale was a huge success. Bids seemed to be comparable to similar sales especially when considering the economic conditions we are currently experiencing. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all the consignors who brought an excellent set of cattle for the sale. They had to brave some really heavy storms to get the cattle to the Agricenter in Perry. On another note, there was a lot of participation amongst the consignors in keeping the cattle area clean and presentable. That cooperation took a load off of the committee members. The more we can do to help ourselves, the less we have to hire out. A special thanks goes out to John Jarrell and Christy Page for the long hours and hard work they put in to make this sale a success. If you have any suggestions to help improve the sale, please let us know.

During our GAA Board of Directors meeting held April 2, 2009 at the Beef Expo, it was agreed to determine if there is interest in another fall sale. Last years inaugural sale had an excellent set of cattle but the sale average was less than desired. This was attributed in a large degree to the effects of the economic down turn that had begun just prior to the sale. We feel that this can become a viable sale and would be a benefit both to consignors and your organization. Please give it some thought when you receive a forth coming questionnaire.

The spring sale season is in full swing and the show season is beginning to heat up.

With the Southern National coming up in June and the Nationals following in July, this is shaping up to be a very busy summer. If you can help in anyway, please respond to the request for volunteers. Your help will be greatly appreciate by both the Southern National Committee and National Junior Angus Show Committees.

I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable summer. If we can help you in any way please do not hesitate to call me on my cell 478-954-0117 or e-mail cjidone@aol.com.

Thanks for your support and God Bless you!

Chuck

Congratulations

- ◆ To past GJAA member Allison Porter and her husband Justin Seibert on the birth of their son. Tate was born on March 11 and weighed 7 lb., 13oz. and was 20.5 in. long. Proud grandparents are Melvin and Donna Porter.
- ◆ To Randall and Tiffany Upchurch on the birth of their son, Bence Conner, born on November 19, 2008. He weighed 7 lb., 7 oz., and was 19 in. long.
- ◆ To all the GJAA members that are graduating high school or college! Good luck!

Speedy Recovery

- ◆ To Melvin Porter who had knee surgery in March.
- ◆ To John Morgan who had shoulder surgery in March.
- ◆ To Doug Williams who spent time in the hospital and is recovering from viral meningitis.
- ◆ To Haddie Beckham who will undergo extensive surgery to remove a tumor. Haddie is the daughter of Dan and Mia Beckham, owners of Lemmon Angus.
- ◆ To Wayne Shackelford who has been in and out of the hospital this year.

Advertising space is available in the July/August Cow Chips:

Full Page - \$100

Quarter Page - \$50.00

Half Page - \$75.00

Classified Ads - \$25.00

Advertising Deadline: June 15, 2009

Angus breeders make strides at identifying AM genetics

The combination of scientific and technological advancements and the willingness of Angus producers to test their animals, along with efficient communication tools such as the Internet, have aided the American Angus Association® in its efforts to keep the membership

American Angus Association serves a diverse membership

Because not all cattle producers are looking for the same services and programs, the American Angus Association® has designed its programs and services to fit the needs of breeders of varying sizes with diverse goals. And, the Association membership is definitely varying.

Out of the nearly 17,000 active regular and life members who submitted registrations in fiscal year 2008, two-thirds registered fewer than 10 head and only 4 percent or 601 members registered more than 100 head. Some members are full-time farmers and ranchers that derive their incomes from production agriculture and yet others are part-time producers who have other sources of financial means and view their herds as more of a hobby operation. In addition to various sizes of operations, the Association provides programs specifically for junior members—those 21-years-old and younger—building leadership and life skills such as public speaking and decision making.

“With such a diverse membership, we try to provide programs that fit every member’s needs,” says Don Laughlin, Association director of member services. “We understand that many of our members make their livelihoods from Angus cows so having access to our customer service representatives is important. But it is also important to the producers who work off the farm or ranch and have seven cows that we are available to answer their questions.”

Besides a fully-staffed customer service department to answer members’ questions about registering and transferring animals and general membership inquiries, the Association also provides one-day turn around service on work submitted accurately to the office.

In addition to the assistance members can receive conducting the daily business most think about when dealing with the Association, other services provided include Beef Improvement Records, which encompasses Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and the Beef Record Service (BRS), Commercial Programs, AngusSource®, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), junior programs and educational literature and opportunities through communications and events. The staff of highly knowledgeable regional managers located in 13 areas across the United States is another valuable resource available to members.

“As the Association has developed and enhanced programs and services over the years, we have tried to make sure that they are suitable to the entire membership,” Laughlin says.

informed and abreast of the issues of Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM), a genetic defect discovered within the breed late in 2008.

“We have tried to be transparent in getting information out to our members and the entire industry in a timely fashion,” says Don Laughlin, Association director of member services. “The fact that we had help from Dr. Jonathan Beever and Dr. David Steffen, experts in veterinary pathology and molecular genetics has helped us gain significant knowledge about AM more quickly than we expected.”

Since the gene has been identified and testing has become available, five labs are now conducting the tests and electronically submitting those results to the Association daily. The results are being posted to the Association’s Web site, www.angus.org and being added to the database. As of March 31, more than 50,000 animals had been tested and reported to the Association. Keep in mind — only the five authorized labs can report to the Association; no individual reports will be accepted by the Association.

With so many animals tested, AAA Login users (registered and commercial) can log in and use the Potential Carrier Report on their account to see exactly which animals they should test first. Animals on the Report are labeled several ways:

- No Carrier Ancestor, the animal listed has no AM carrier in its pedigree or has an ancestor that has been tested free and therefore does not require testing;
- Undetermined, the animal is commercial and does not have enough information in its pedigree to determine parentage.
- Potential Carrier, has one or more ancestors in its pedigree that are carriers and should be tested to find out definite status.

Laughlin notes that as of July 1, 2009, any animals that are “potential carriers” will carry a notation on their pedigrees, both printed and online, that will state that they are such.

Although a veterinarian is not required to pull samples when submitting tissue, hair or blood to a testing lab, it is vital to submit the correct sample, the correct form and follow the directions carefully. Each lab has different forms, requires different samples and has different price structures, so breeders should read and follow all instructions carefully.

All the authorized labs’ contact and testing information can be accessed on the Angus homepage at www.angus.org. Once the breeder has selected the lab, collected the respective sample to submit, he or she should be sure that sample is correctly identified. Laughlin suggests giving the lab 10-14 days for testing and/or to obtain test results. If the animals’ results are not on the Web site after that time, call the lab to be sure that it received everything it needed.

For more information about testing for AM or any information about the American Angus Association and its programs, visit www.angus.org or call 816-383-5100.

GAA Board Minutes

The GAA board of directors met Thursday, April 2, 2009 in Perry at the Georgia Beef Expo Sale.
The following highlights the information that was discussed.

Beef Expo Sale: The sale committee reported there were about 40 live lots for the sale and some cattle had been pulled for various reasons. Due to previous experience in collecting money for past GAA sales, it was decided that past due accounts past 90 days would be turned over to the consignor to help collect money.

Directory: The directory committee reported ads were due April 15. Christy Page seeked everyone's else on getting this year's ads in on time.

Fall Sale: The board of directors decided to send a survey to the GAA membership to determine if the association would hold a fall sale in 2009.

Junior Activities: The committee reported on the Georgia Junior Angus Association's activities and plans for the 2009 National Junior Angus Show. Stacey Britt asked each board of director to help sell 10 tickets for the Embryo Lottery program which is one of the fundraising efforts for the show.

Honorary/Hall of Fame Award: This committee will have nominations ready for this award by the fall GAA Board of Directors meeting with the first awards being presented at the 2010 GAA Banquet.

Southern National Angus Shows: This year's shows are set for June 5-6 in Perry, Ga. At the time of the

Sale Report

- ♦ Ogeechee Farms - 60 Lots Grossed \$225,950 and Averaged \$3,766
- ♦ Bridges Angus Farm - 55 Lots Grossed \$166,200 and Averaged \$3,022
- ♦ Three Trees Ranch - 75 Lots Grossed \$1,060,500 and Averaged \$14,140
- ♦ John Morgan Angus - 72 Lots Grossed \$447,600 and Averaged \$6,217
- ♦ Bricton Farm - 92 Lots Grossed \$481,825 and Averaged \$5,237
- ♦ Southeastern Angus Showcase - 45 Lots Grossed \$92,400 and Averaged \$2,053.
- ♦ Lemmon Angus - 54 Lots Grossed \$162,800 and Averaged \$3,015
- ♦ Pine Ridge Angus - 62 Lots Grossed \$218,950 and Averaged \$3,531
- ♦ Turnpike Creek - Grossed \$110,625. 55 Angus lots averaged \$1,770; 12 Sim/Angus lots averaged 1104
- ♦ Graham Angus - 60 Lots Grossed \$91,500 and Averaged \$1,525
- ♦ Shoulderbone Plantation Dispersal - 318 Lots Grossed \$842,300 and Averaged \$2,649.00
- ♦ Tifton Bull Test - 52 Angus Bulls Grossed \$106,300 and Averaged \$2,044

meeting, it was confirmed that the junior show judge would be Cody Sankey of Michigan State University and the committee was still working on obtaining an open show judge. Entry and sponsorship information would be available in mid-April and Entry deadlines are May 20.

State 4-H/FFA Livestock Shows: The GAA awarded chairs to all Angus champions and prize money to five of the six registered Angus winners.

The board of directors agreed to sponsor the Georgia Cattlemen's Scholarship Challenge and the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

The next meeting date was set for Friday, June 5, 2009 following the Southern National Junior Angus Show in Perry, Ga.

Angus Vice President of Industry Relations Jim Shirley retires

Angus veteran Jim Shirley announced his retirement from the American Angus Association®, effective July 31.

Shirley currently serves as vice president of industry relations and director of activities. In that position he has overseen administration of activities, junior activities, industry and member communications, and the regional manager field team.

The Southern Iowa native was promoted to his current position in May 2004 after serving 19 years as a regional manager for Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota. He was honored with the Top Livestock Marketeer Award by his peers at the 2001 National Western Stock Show.

Shirley says he has enjoyed working with Angus members and assisting in the progress they have made during his tenure, noting a marked increase in the quality and depth of quality in the breed that is available today.

A true servant of the membership, Shirley says he'll miss that interaction the most as he leaves to explore other opportunities that will afford him time to become more involved with family and in managing his home farm near Hamburg, Iowa. Jim and his wife, Linda, have two grown children, son Matthew and daughter Megan Jewett, and a new granddaughter, Madalyn Jewett.

Before joining the Association field staff, Shirley was an advertising salesman and events reporter for the Farm and Ranch Guide. He also served as the executive secretary for the American Shorthorn Association and as an area coordinator for the American Polled Hereford Association. Shirley obtained his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and attended graduate school at New Mexico State University.

Is there a need for GAA Fall Sale this year?

The GAA Board of Directors discussed whether or not to hold a GAA Fall Sale in 2009. Last year, the association made a first attempt to start this sale. Although the cattle offering was tremendous, economic conditions caused the sale to not be as successful as one might wish. The GAA Board of Directors have decided to survey the association's membership to determine if a sale should be held this year. Please take time and opportunity to complete the following survey and voice your opinion about this opportunity with you are a buyer or a seller.



Association Fall Sale Survey

Name _____ Farm _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Circle your answer or fill in the blank:

1. Would you be interested in consigning cattle to the 2009 GAA sponsored fall sale? Yes No
2. If so, would what you consider consigning? (example: pairs, bred heifers, etc.): _____
3. If you are interested in consigning cattle to a GAA sponsored fall sale, in what city or area of the state would you be interested in seeing this sale take place? _____
4. Would you be interested in hosting the GAA sponsored fall sale? Yes No
5. Would you be interested in attending the GAA sponsored fall sale to purchase cattle? Yes No
6. If the association decides to hold the GAA sponsored fall sale, exactly when would you suggest having the sale? (example: specific date, time of the week, early or late fall, etc.): _____
7. Would you like to see the association continue this sale in the future but not in 2009? Yes No
8. Additional comments: _____

The GAA Board of Directors would greatly appreciate your feedback.
Please return no later than June 1 to:
Georgia Angus Association
638 Lake Crest Drive
Jefferson, GA 30549

Watch for the new
GAA Membership Directory
coming this summer!
First copies will be available at the
Southern National Angus Show and then
mailed to GAA members in June.

Thank You _____

- ◆ Everyone that helped with the Georgia Beef Expo Sale, especially sale chairmen John Jarrell and Chuck Idone.
- ◆ Everyone that is assisting with the National Junior Angus Show either by offering your talents and time or through financial support!

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News from the AAA

Performance information due June 5

June 5 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) data for inclusion in the next National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), which generates data for the Fall 2009 Sire Evaluation Report. It's important to both individual herds and to the breed to collect and submit performance records promptly.

Performance information can be submitted through AAA Login, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) or via conventional mail, e-mail or fax.

Continue to report abnormal calves

At the request of David Steffen of the University of Nebraska, the American Angus Association is asking members to be on the lookout for two separate and distinct types of calves, specifically (1) any calves with severe hydrocephalus and (2) any calves displaying characteristics of a condition referred to as fawn calf syndrome (FCS). The Association's web site, Angus Online, includes postings and photos of these conditions, and anyone who has calves born with these abnormalities should contact Don Laughlin, director of member services, at 816-383-5100 or send e-mail to Don Laughlin.

Nominate delegates now

Only a few weeks remain to nominate delegates to represent each state at the 2009 American Angus Association Convention of Delegates, set for Monday, Nov. 16, in Louisville, Ky. Each active Association member should have received a nomination petition in the mail and may nominate one member from his or her state or district. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members this summer for the final selection of delegates. Signed nominations must be received in the Association office no later than June 30 to be included on the final ballot. It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. The event takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Order Black Books now

Now is the time to place your order for the 2010 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource® black books. The pocket-sized books include a 2010 calendar as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd.

You can custom-order your books for \$3 each to include your operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. Custom orders require a 100-book minimum order. If you would like to order smaller quantities with the Association's logo on the back cover, those are available for \$3 each. Custom orders must be placed by July 15. To place orders, contact Kristin Toll, the BRS/AngusSource black book representative, at 816-383-5100.

Juniors should note deadlines

A summer full of junior Angus activities is first preceded by many deadlines for entries, contests and awards.

• May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

June 1 deadlines include:

- Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
- Entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) writing, photography and graphic design contests
- Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- Ownership deadline for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show

Other important deadlines include:

- June 10, NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines due; and
- June 15 deadline for submitting names of state candidates and delegates for NJAA elections and early Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) registration.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer or steer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact the American Angus Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Also, all original registration papers are needed at shows to verify the animal's tattoo. If you store your papers electronically, be sure to request the paper copy before leaving home to attend the show.

Tee up for 9th Annual Golf Tournament

The ninth annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament will be Tuesday, July 21, at Houston Lake Country Club, Perry, Ga., in conjunction with the NJAS. This event provides an opportunity for Angus enthusiasts of all ages to join together in a day of fun and recreation while raising money to support the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research programs.

Player entry fees will again be \$100 for adults and \$75 for junior Angus members. Player registrations must be received by June 30. A player late fee of \$10 will be applied to players registering after June 30.

Funds raised through team entry fees and event sponsorships support the Foundation's education, youth and research efforts. For more information about signing up a team contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Auction will support Foundation

A silent auction featuring a variety of Angus items will be conducted during the NJAS in Perry, Ga. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Angus Foundation. Many valuable items and collectibles will be featured.

All state junior associations are encouraged to donate an item to the auction, but donations from individuals are also accepted. To donate items contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

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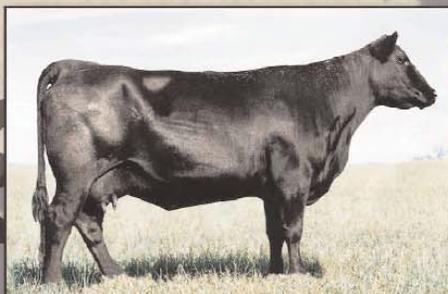


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The Junior Corner - News from the Georgia Junior Angus Association

Dear Georgia Junior Angus Association,

Hey everyone, I hope ya'll have found the next great one to show next year and of course this summer at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Speaking of which, do not forget to get the word out and continue to ask your family and friends to come help us in July. Before Nationals get here, we will have Southern Nationals, a small but competitive show. Both events will be held in Perry, Ga., this year. Southern Nationals is one of my favorite shows; it is so laid back and is a show to get the new calves accustomed to the show atmosphere as well as getting the veteran calves back in to action. This year's show will be different though, because that it is our last meeting before NJAS. Also we have new fun activities planned. If you have never been to this show before, then this is the year to attend!



Shelby Eidson and I attended the Raising the Bar conference in Nashville the weekend of April 3-5. While there, we planned several activities for Southern Nationals. One that I am most excited about is the mentoring program; with a shortage of the junior age members active in our association, I thought we needed an activity to get juniors more involved. To me, the mentoring program will do that job quite well. This year we will have an autograph book to complete. Certain signatures will be needed for the kids to be eligible to win. The first three finishers will win a prize. Hopefully, this will encourage the junior age group of the association to take part and become excited for Angus events, as well as attract potential members to join at even earlier ages.

We will also be hosting a fitting contest at Southern Nationals. The contest will determine which team will represent our state in the NJAS fitting contest. Last year, when we arrived in Des Moines, we realized there were more juniors wanting to participate than needed. This will keep that problem from reoccurring this year. Trey Davis is the man in charge of this contest, so if you have any questions, send them his way (treymbd3@aol.com). The fitting contest is one of many contests you may participate in at the NJAS. With deadlines growing near, you all need to choose any contest you want to enter and your teams if necessary. Do not be hesitant about doing these contests. They can help you in so many different ways from public speaking to just knowing the Angus breed better. I really encourage you all to find a contest that that interest you and plan to participate in it at the NJAS.

I hope you can control your excitement now that you know some of the great activities we have planned for Southern Nationals. I want to see a great number of participants in both activities, as well as the show and in the meeting. It will be a blast! So if you are not planning on coming as of now, you might want to reevaluate your decision. We hope to see you all there and wish you well until June. Remember that this show will also be our last meeting before NJAS. Also keep on asking everyone you know to come and help us get ready for NJAS. Never forget that if you ever want to ask me a question or just talk, shoot me an email at cccattleco5@yahoo.com. If you ever need me to do something for you (whether it is teaching your dog how to juggle or help you in some way with your cattle) let me know. My job as president is to serve you all. Along with that, bleed black and let your Angus pride show. See you all soon.

Clay Williams
GJAA President

The Golden Gate to Opportunity

By Trey Davis, NJAA Foundation Director

The *Golden Gate to Opportunity* is the theme for the 2009 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference which is scheduled to be held August 6-9, 2009, in San Francisco, Calif. The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors has put together an exciting schedule of fun and educational activities that is sure to make for a great time. A few things on the agenda for the weekend include going to the famous Pier 39, dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and a tour of Vintage Angus Ranch.

If you've never been to LEAD before, this would be a great year to go. This is by far the most interesting and exciting LEAD scheduled to date. However, be sure to sign up early because only the first 200 applicants will be permitted to go. Don't miss this Golden Gate to Opportunity See you in Cali!

The early registration fee for NJAA members is only \$200, if received by June 15, and includes lodging (4 per room), meals and bus transportation. After June 15, registration is \$225, based on space availability. Registration for adults—advisors and chaperones—is \$250 and includes double occupancy lodging. Registration forms are in the green junior entry packet that was mailed in January or registration is also available online at www.njaa.info.

Don't Miss It!

Next GJAA / NJAS Meeting

June 4, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.

Perry, GA

(in conjunction with the Southern National Angus Show)

**All junior and adult NJAS committee chairs are asked to attend and provide a committee report during the meeting.

Volunteers Need to Stuff Welcome Packets

June 5, 2009

Following Southern National Jr. Show

Georgia continues to prepare for the 2009 NJAS

By Katie Gazda, NJAS Executive Junior Co-Chairman

Greetings Georgia Juniors! It is so hard to believe that in less than a hundred days we will finally be welcoming the National Junior Angus Association to the largest beef breed show in the world in our very own Perry!

First off, I just wanted to throw out a big THANK YOU to everyone who has been proactive in helping us kick this event off and get the ball rolling over the past year. If you haven't helped yet, or have been waiting for the right opportunity, this is it! We are getting into crunch time and there are still millions of things that can be done! All it takes is you!

We are still accepting (and welcoming!) donations for the show. This can be done in a variety of ways. The easiest way to make a contribution is through the embryo lottery program. All you have to do is purchase a ticket for \$100 and you are entered into the lottery and have forty-five chances of winning a package at the show. Another easy way to support the show is through class sponsorships, which are \$150. An easy way to pick up class sponsorships is by soliciting your local feed, hardware, and supply stores into donating to the cause. Grandparents are also great supporters!

The week of the show, we will be needing manpower - this can be through serving meals, working hospitality, or a variety of other things. If you can't be at the show the entire week, let us know when you can be there and we will let you know where we need help. If there is something specific you would like to be doing, let us know that, too! As state hosts, we will be arriving in Perry on the 17th to lay sod, set up decorations and our display, fix beds for the entire barn, make tieouts, etc. This is an important time for our state juniors and adults to work together as a team and to show the nation just how great the Georgia Junior Angus Association is!

Southern Nationals will be the perfect time for some state bonding. We will be meeting together on Thursday afternoon to finalize plans for the big event and on Friday afternoon to stuff welcome bags. Everyone should be there!

ALSO!!!! DON'T FORGET DEADLINES. Ownership and entry deadlines in June 1! Go to www.njas.info for more details.

As always, if you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact me. Get excited - Our Sweet Southern Showdown is almost here

Georgia junior officers attend leadership training

By Shelby Eidson, GJAA Secretary

Nervous, anxious, excited . . . these are just a few words that describe how I felt before we left for "Raising the Bar" in Nashville. To start with Clay Williams was riding with my mom and me and the two of us had never really talked before. Then on top of that I would be rooming with girls I didn't know and interacting with a large group of strangers. Looking back after having so much fun, all I can say is boy, did I worry for nothing!

Saturday morning started off with a funny icebreaker. I'm sure the names of Chocolate Clay and Spaghetti Shelby will follow us for many years! We did more of these between sessions and each one was a little crazier than the last. The sessions on Saturday focused on mentoring, fundraising, memberships and parliamentary procedures. Clay and I are really excited about the mentoring program and plan to start this in our junior association.

After lunch on Saturday, we headed to the ropes course for more team building activities. All of the things we did challenged our creative sides, but at the same time made us realize you can accomplish more when you work as a team. Our evening activity was bowling and obviously the creative juices were still flowing. I never knew there were so many different ways to get the ball down the alley! Several people have already made plans for rematches the next time this group is together.

Sunday morning we worked on our public speaking skills, discussed goals and had more team building games. If you ever need a tower built out of

marshmallows and raw noodles just give me and Clay a call!

I am so glad I went to "Raising the Bar" this year. We have a great junior group and my goal is to help make it even better with the things I learned. I encourage any junior who has the opportunity to attend this workshop to go. In addition to getting lots of great information, Clay and I have become good friends and now I also have friends from Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana and Tennessee. I am already looking forward to next year!



Clay Williams, Bishop, and Shelby Eidson, Arnoldsville, represented Georgia at the 2009 National Junior Angus Association Raising the Bar Officer Training, April 3-5 in Nashville, Tenn. Raising the Bar is designed to provide state junior Angus association officers and advisors leadership training in order to build stronger associations. Planned regionally, these conferences also allow leaders to exchange ideas with youth from other states.

Adult and junior volunteer sign-up

With the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) closing in, final preparations are being made. So many volunteers have come forward to make initial planning arrangements. So many more have asked how they can help. If you would like to assist with the NJAS and do not have an assigned task, now is the time to speak up.

Georgia Angus volunteers will begin the set-up process for the NJAS on Friday, July 17 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry at 9:30 a.m. with a kick-off meeting. We are asking volunteers to be in place by this time to receive direction from the executive committee. Beginning on Friday and throughout the weekend, volunteers will be need for decorating the show ring and facility, setting up hospitality and meal areas, preparing bedding for tie-outs, setting up Georgia's junior display and cattle stalls, etc.

Beginning Saturday night through Monday morning, volunteers are needed to welcome Angus families from across the country with cattle trailers. These volunteers will be the first friendly faces our guests will see and will need to provide southern hospitality, a welcome packet, a bottle of water and instructions about tie-outs, stalling cattle and trailer parking. Additional volunteers

will be needed to assist families in unloading trailers and getting settled into the fairgrounds and Perry area.

Throughout the week long events, more volunteers will be needed to help work in the show office providing facility and area information to guests, volunteers to sell NJAS logo items during trade show hours, volunteers to assist in the hospitality area, volunteers to help with contests, and many volunteers to help prepare and serve the 14 meals that will be provided to all guests.

These are just a few ways you can help. The NJAS Executive Committee is asking all junior and adult volunteers that will be at the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 19 and Monday, July 20 to wear "Georgia" T-shirts so that the state volunteers can easily be recognized. Volunteer T-shirts are \$7 each and should be ordered by June 15. Additionally, we are asking all of adult volunteers and older junior volunteers to wear name tags throughout the week as another way to be easily recognized by out of state guests.

If you would like to sign up to help with the NJAS, for a volunteer T-shirt or a volunteer name tag, please complete the volunteer form below and return to Carolyn Gazda by June 15.



Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Adult & Junior Volunteer Name Tags

Please print clearly first and last names for all name tags needed in your family/farm: _____

Adult & Junior Volunteer T-Shirts - \$7.00 ea (available sizes: Youth XS-L and Adult S - 3XL)

___ # of T-shirts for Sunday, July 19 Sizes (indicate Youth or Adult): _____

___ # of T-Shirts for Monday, July 20 Sizes (indicate Youth or Adult): _____

Opening Ceremony T-shirts - \$15.00 ea. (available sizes: Youth XS-L and Adult S - 3XL) - Order now to guarantee your size!

All Georgia Junior Angus Association (GJAA) members (up to 21-years-old) wishing to participate in the Opening Ceremony parade of states on Monday evening, July 20 will be required to wear the white NJAS logo T-shirts that have been on sell by the GJAA. All GJAA members are invited to walk in the parade of states whether exhibiting cattle or not.

___ # of T-shirts for Opening Ceremony Sizes (indicate Youth or Adult): _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Please remit order form and check payable to GJAA by June 15 to:

Carolyn Gazda, GJAA Advisor
1985 Morton Rd. ♦ Athens, GA 30605

Please check areas in which you would like to volunteer to help and would like someone to contact you:

___ Decorating/Set-Up ___ Welcome ___ Meals ___ Hospitality ___ Show Office ___ GJAA Booth

___ Contests ___ Other Interests: _____

Please check days you are available to help:

___ Fri., 7/17 ___ Sat., 7/18 ___ Sun., 7/19 ___ Mon., 7/20 ___ Tues., 7/21 ___ Wed., 7/22

___ Thur., 7/23 ___ Fri., 7/24 ___ Sat., 7/25

For questions, please contact Carolyn at gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net or 706-369-1456

2009 National Junior Angus Show Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, July 17

9:30 a.m. Georgia Kick-Off Meeting
All day NJAS Set-up

8 a.m.

Trade Show and Silent Auction opens
- *Reaves Arena Concourse & McGill*
Resume Show - *Reaves Arena*
Steers

8 a.m.

SATURDAY, July 18

All day NJAS Set-up

Bred-and-Owned Cow-Calf Pairs
Owned Cow-Calf Pairs
Bred-and-Owned Bulls
Bred & Owned Best Five Head
Post Quiz Bowl Final Round Qualifiers
- *Outside Show Office*

SUNDAY, July 19

All day Cattle begin arriving, set up, move-in

9 a.m.

Showmanship Check-in - *Show Office*
Hospitality Open - *Beef/Dairy Arena*
Lunch - *McGill*

MONDAY, July 20

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - *McGill*
9 a.m. - Noon Cattle Check-In - DEADLINE:
Noon - *Covered Arena*
Contest sign up - *RCC*
Team Sales, Team Fitting, Extemp.
Speaking, Judging Contest, Quiz Bowl,
Posters, Scrapbooks; Turn in to Show
Office - Silent Auction Items

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Showmanship Orientation and Photo
Session - *Reaves Arena*
Showmanship Preliminaries
immediately following photos - *Reaves
Arena*

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

11:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hospitality Open - *Beef/Dairy Arena*
11 a.m. Queens Luncheon - *Depart for
Henderson Village*

3 p.m.

Team Fitting Contest - *Covered Arena*
Quiz Bowl Finals - *RCC*

4:30 p.m.

Noon Advisors Meeting - *RCC*
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch - *McGill Marketplace*
12:15 p.m. Check-In, Weigh and Process

FRIDAY, July 24

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

8 a.m.

Breakfast - *McGill*
Trade Show and Silent Auction opens
- *Reaves Arena Concourse & McGill*
Resume Show - *Reaves Arena*
Owned Heifers (Hfr Calf Div 1, 2, &
3 Champ. Lt & Erly Inter. Champ., &
Jr. Yrlg Div 1& 2 Champ.)

1 p.m. Cook-off Information Meeting - *RCC*
3 p.m. Exhibitors Meeting - *McGill*
3:30 p.m. Candidate/Delegate Meeting - *McGill*
3:30 p.m. Mentoring Mixer - *McGill*
5 p.m. Dinner - *McGill*
6 p.m. State Line-up and Picture - *Reaves
Arena*
7p.m. Opening Ceremonies - *Reaves Arena*
9 p.m. Banana Boat Social - *Beef & Dairy
Arena Walkway*

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

11 a.m.

Hospitality Open - Beef/Dairy Arena
Presentation of Advisor of the Year
Award & Honorary Angus Foundation
Awards - *Reaves Arena*
NJAA Elections - *Reaves Arena*
Dinner - *McGill*
NJAA Awards Program - *Reaves
Arena*

3:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

6:30 - 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 21

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - *McGill*
6:30 a.m. Angus Foundation Golf Tournament -
Houston Lake Country Club
7:30 a.m. Prepared Public Speaking Contest -
RCC
8 a.m. Judge Scrapbooks & Posters - *McGill*
8 a.m. Fitting Clinic - *Covered Arena*
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hospitality Open - *Beef/Dairy Arena*
10:30 a.m. Cattle Judging Contest - *Covered
Arena*
11:30a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch - *McGill*
1 p.m. Cook-Off Contest - *RCC*
6 p.m. Annual Meeting of the NJAA - *Miller-
Murphy- Howard Building*

9 p.m. - midnight

Presentation of the Following Awards:
Team Sales Contest; Poster Contest;
Graphic Design Contest; Photography
Contest; Public Speaking Contest;
Herdsmanship Contest; Extemporaneous
Speaking Contest; Writing Contest;
Cook-Off Contest; Scrapbook Contest;
Gold Awards; Crystal Award; Carcass
Contest; and Auxiliary, CAB/NJAA, Angus
Foundation Scholarships; Introduction of
New NJAA Officers and Directors
Junior & adult social/dance - *Heritage
Hall & RCC*

WEDNESDAY, July 22

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - *McGill*
8 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction Opens
- *Reaves Arena Concourse & McGill*
8 a.m. Begin Show - *Reaves Arena*
Bred & Owned Heifers
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hospitality Open - *Beef/Dairy Arena*
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch - *McGill*
Noon Extemporaneous Public Speaking
Contest - Begin Prep Time - *Heritage Hall*
12:30 p.m. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
Contest - Begin Speeches - *RCC*
2:30 p.m. Team Sales Competition - *Reaves Arena*
4:30 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Social -
Heritage Hall
5 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Meeting -
Heritage Hall
6 p.m. Quiz Bowl Written Test - *McGill*

SATURDAY, July 25

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

8 a.m.

8 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Breakfast - *McGill*
NJAA Board Meeting - Show Office
Trade Show and Silent Auction opens
- *Reaves Arena Concourse & McGill*
Showmanship Finals and Awards
Presentation - *Reaves Arena*
Resume Show - *Reaves Arena*
Remainder of Owned Heifers (Jr.
Yearling Div. 3, 4 & 5 Champions,
Sr. Champion, Grand Champion &
Reserve Grand Champion) Owned
Best 5 Head, Announce Premier
Breeder, Junior Premier Breeder &
Sweepstake Winners, Auxiliary
Silver Pitcher Presentations (prior to
selection of Grand Champion)

9 a.m.- noon

10 a.m.

Hospitality Open - *Beef/Dairy Arena*
Close Silent Auction - *Reaves Arena
Concourse*

THURSDAY, July 23

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - *McGill*

11:30 a.m.

12 noon

Lunch - *McGill*
Close Trade Show - *McGill*

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Calendar of Events

May 2009

- 9 Callaway Farm - Rayle, GA
30 44 Ankony Farms, Clarksville, GA

June 2009

- 1 NJAS Ownership and Entry Deadline
5-6 Southern National Junior Angus Shows - Perry, GA
15 Registration Deadline for LEAD
18-20 Georgia Junior Beef Futurity - Perry, GA
25-27 Eastern Regional Jr Angus Show - Columbus, OH

July 2009

- 13-16 World Angus Forum Calgary, AB - CN
17-18 Georgia Angus breeders set-up for National Junior Angus Show - Perry, GA
17-18 National Junior Angus Show Set-Up - Perry, GA
19-25 National Junior Angus Show - Perry, GA

August 2009

- 1-2 All-American Angus Breeder's Futurity Show - Louisville, KY
6-9 LEAD - San Francisco, CA

September 2009

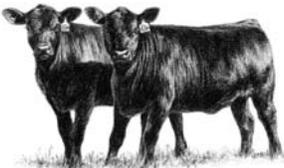
- 21 Southeast Empire Angus Show - Lawrenceville, GA



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