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January/February 2018

Register now for the GAA Seminar, Annual Meeting and Banquet

Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the 2018 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Seminars, Annual Meeting and Banquet set for Saturday, March 3, 2018. The events will be held at The UGA Livestock Arena in Athens.

The day will get started with a line-up of speakers and the opportunity to interact with industry leading vendors. Registration and trade show will start at 1 p.m. with the first speaker beginning at 2 p.m. The GAA Seminar is free to everyone and invites any Angus breeder, commercial cattleman or junior enthusiast interested in the Angus business!

The GAA is very fortunate to have Kelli Retallick as one of the guest speakers. Retallick, the director of genetic services for Angus Genetics, Inc., will discuss the most recent enhancements to the American Angus Association's weekly genetic evaluation, how they are making EPDs better, how they affect you as a producer and what is on the horizon for the future of the Angus breed. Kristin Toll, with Member Services of the American Angus Association, will be the second speaker and will be discussing Angus Login. These speakers and vendors will benefit all adult and junior cattlemen alike!

The GAA Annual Meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. where committee chairpersons will recap 2017 activities, review GAA financials, approve the budget for 2018, and announce newly elected GAA Directors. Following these events, the social will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the banquet at 7:00 p.m. The banquet will feature a CAB prime rib dinner, presentation of awards, announcement of Miss Georgia Angus, Georgia Angus Princess, GAA Member of the Year, Georgia Angus Hall of Fame inductee, Commercial Cattleman of

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Year,



Retallick



Toll

Keynote Speaker, and sale of the 2018-2019 GAA Directory ads.

Adult buffet dinners cost \$30.00 and children's (12 and under) buffet dinners cost \$15.00 if purchased no later than Tuesday, February 27, 2018. All orders received after this date or at the door will cost an additional \$10.00 per plate. Please pre-register for this event to help the banquet committee allow for adequate space and food. All reserved banquet tickets will be available at the door at 6:00 p.m. No refunds will be given. All pre-orders are responsible for payment.

The GAA Board of Directors hope you participate at this year's events! Come for the seminars and stay for the Annual Meeting and Banquet! If you are interested in purchasing a vendor booth for the even or if you have any questions, please contact Christy Page at 770-307-7178 or info@georgiaangus.org. Please plan to bring a door prize for the banquet!

Registration Form on Back Page for Both Events!

Angus Genetics, Inc. Announces Foot Score Research EPDs

Angus Genetics, Inc. (AGI) announced the release of two new foot score research EPDs, the first of its kind in the U.S. for beef cattle.

The American Angus Association® has been collecting foot scores since 2015, with approximately 12,000 data points sent in. Members have reported two scores for claw set and foot angle. The pair of scores are based on a scale from one to nine, with five being ideal for both traits.

AGI Director of Genetic Research Stephen Miller says the collaboration with membership in collecting foot scores allowed steady advancement toward a foot score research EPD.

"Angus breeders have completed a tremendous amount of data reporting in such a short period of time; this is truly a testament to their commitment toward genetic progress," Miller said. "We are absolutely thrilled to begin the process of rolling this breakthrough out to the membership."

Last summer, AGI initiated a research analysis on yearling foot scores with the collected data. The analysis reported moderate heritability estimates for both claw set (0.25) and foot angle (0.25). Since the preliminary analysis, AGI worked alongside the Association's Information Systems team to develop the appropriate genetic evaluation model to predict foot score selection tools and now has research EPDs ready for delivery.

A research EPD is a prelude to a production EPD, serving as a one-time analysis delivered to the membership and enabling the Association to get meaningful feedback from Angus producers. Unlike a production EPD, a research EPD does not get updated weekly but can be updated periodically as more data flows into the database. The more data collected, the more robust the evaluation becomes, and the sooner the research EPD can be moved into production.



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Letter from your President

Dear Friends and Fellow Angus Breeders -



Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the season with family and friends.

With the start of the new year brings many activities of the Georgia Angus Association. I invite each of you to attend the GAA Seminar, Annual Meeting and Banquet on Saturday, March 3 at the UGA Livestock Arena in Athens. We are very excited about the line up of speakers and vendors for our seminars, and about our new date at the UGA Livestock Arena. You can find more information out about these events and registration material in this newsletter. Don't forget, our banquet dress this year will be your western best!

In your newsletter, you will find several important pieces of information. First, is your ballot for the Georgia Angus Association Board of Directors. This is a very important process and I personally hope you will take the time to vote and return to the GAA office by Tuesday, February 27.

I am very excited about the upcoming GAA Spring Event Sale set for March 24 at MM Cattle Co. in Bowdon. The committee has done an outstanding job of pulling this sale together and we have elite sale offering. Catalogs will go out to all GAA members in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about any of the upcoming events or Georgia Angus activities, please feel free to contact myself or Christy at any time.

I hope to see you March 3 in Athens and March 24 in Bowdon!

Best regards,

David Williams

Calendar of Events

February 2018

17 Yon Family Farms - Ridge Springs, SC
21-25 Georgia Jr. Nat'l Livestock Show - Perry

March 2018

3 GAA Annual Meeting & Banquet - Athens
7 Tifton Bull Test Sale Irwinville, GA
17 Smith Angus Farm/Predestined Cattle Co. - Wadley
24 GAA Spring Event Sale at MM Cattle Co. - Bowdon
31 D&W Angus Sale - Hartwell

April 2018

5-7 Georgia Cattlemen's Convention & Beef Expo - Perry
14 Ogeechee Farms/CAM Ranches - Wadley
17 Tifton HERD Sale - Irwinville
20 Cowboy Logic - Talmo
20 Friendship Farms - Canoochee
21 Georgia Genetics - Hartwell
28 Bridges Angus Farm at Callaway Farms - Rayle
29 Rocking W Angus - Jefferson

Sale Report

- Gretsch Bros. Angus Sold 60 Yearling Bulls to Gross \$168,400 and Averaged \$2,806.
- Cowboy Logic Bull Sale Sold 63 Yearling Bulls to Gross \$231,350 and Averaged \$3,672.
- Calhoun PT Bull Sale Sold 66 Bulls to Gross \$161,700 and Averaged \$2,45.

Do you want to advertise in the GAA Cow Chips?

Advertising space is available in the March Cow Chips:

Advertising Rates:

Full Page - \$100 1/2 Page - \$75
1/4 Page - \$50 Business Card - \$25

Classified Ads Free for GAA and GJAA Members. Send 25 words or less and contact information

Advertising Deadline: March 1, 2018 - Submit all ads to info@georgiaangus.org

GAA ballots due February 27

GAA members have the opportunity to vote for the 2018-2020 GAA Board of Directors. An official ballot has been provided in each applicable newsletter and should be returned in the enclosed ballot envelope no later than February 27 to the GAA office.

All nominations have been provided on the official ballot. A bio on each candidate has been included in this newsletter. Please vote for 7 individuals to be named to the GAA Board of Directors and please choose one GAA member to receive the GAA Member of the Year award.

GAA Membership renewals due February 20, 2018

Annual membership fees for the GAA are now due. In addition to paying your annual dues, membership records will be updated based upon your invoice. This information is used in the associations membership directory and website. Membership dues invoices were mailed in early January.

All membership dues are to be paid no later than February 20, 2018. 2018 membership dues are

\$50.00 and voting rights and membership for additional family members can be obtained for an extra \$10.00 per family member.

**Please be sure to mail your membership form and check to the new GAA address:
Georgia Angus Association
2681 Gum Springs Church Rd.
Jefferson, GA 30549**

The Junior Corner - News from the Georgia Junior Angus Association

Georgia Junior National Livestock Show

The GJAA will be holding a corn hole tournament and pizza party on Thursday, February 22 following showmanship at the State Show.

GJAA Membership Dues

State Show is just around the corner - if you are exhibiting a registered Angus heifer make sure that your Georgia Junior Angus Association dues are paid by Feb. 15, 2018 for the year to be eligible for added premiums.

GAA in search of new Angus royalty

The GAA will crown two ambassadors for the state association on March 3 during the GAA Banquet. Miss Georgia Angus is eligible to those young ladies between the ages of 15 and 21, and Georgia Angus Princess is eligible to those young ladies between the ages of 9 and 14, as of January 1, 2018. These young ladies must be a member of the Georgia Junior Angus Association and their parents must be a members of the GAA.

The role of Miss Georgia Angus and Georgia Angus Princess is to promote Angus cattle and Angus activities, and to represent the state Angus association. These ambassadors should represent the GAA and the Angus breed by attending shows, field days, banquets, meetings, etc., at their own expense.

If you are interested in serving as Miss Georgia Angus or Georgia Angus Princess, please contact Carolyn Gazda, queens committee chairperson, no later than February 23, 2018 at 706-540-2222 or gazdacattleco@bellsouth.net. This is a great opportunity for junior Angus members to get involved!

Calhoun Bull Test



Alan Bridges & Phillip Bridges, Bridges Angus Farm LLC, Lexington, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull to the 2017 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale, Dec. 1 in Calhoun, Ga. Bridges Weigh Up 6102 is a September 2016 son of Plattermere Weigh Up K360. He posted an average daily gain of 4.98 pounds, with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,408 pounds. Pictured from left are Alan Bridges and Phillip Bridges, consignors; and Lee Brown, Georgia Cattlemen's Association president.

Meet your GAA Board of Director candidates

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a ballot for the 2018-20 Georgia Angus Association (GAA) Board of Directors election. GAA members have the opportunity to vote for their directors by returning the enclosed ballot in the ballot envelope by February 27. Here is a brief bio on each candidate.

Fred Gretsch, Lexington, is married to wife and partner Anne Gretsch for more than 25 years. They have four kids - Will, Zach, Abbey, and Jaden. Fred has been in the cattle business for 25 years and has been an Angus breeder since 2005. Fred is a past president of the Oglethorpe County Cattlemen's, a current member of both Madison and Oglethorpe chapters, participates in the Angus AHIR program, and has been involved in junior activities through Abbey and Jaden. Fred is also an NCBA member and an independent contractor with Genex. Fred has a degree in Ag Economics from UGA, and participates in the UGA bull tests, herd programs, and beef challenge. Fred is a member of Team National, and board member for his family foundation music business. He has also served several terms on the GAA Board of Directors



Bailey (Toates) Herrin, Reynolds, is a native of Smithville, Missouri, Bailey pursued her love for agriculture by attending Oklahoma State University, where she double majored in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications. Upon graduation her career led her to Georgia where she started working for Georgia Cattlemen's Association as the Director of Communications. Since moving to Georgia, she has enjoyed getting to know cattle producers across the state. Her passion for the cattle industry is evident in everything she does. Bailey combined her love for cattle, design and photography together to start Herrin Livestock Services. Bailey and her husband Jeremy run an Angus-based commercial and Registered Angus herd in Taylor County.



Smitty Lamb, Tifton, was raised on a small farm near Wadley. He obtained his BS and Master's degrees in animal science from the University of Georgia in 1991 and 1993, respectively, where he was a member of the livestock, meats and horse judging teams and coached the meats judging team while in graduate school. Since 1998, Smitty has worked as a cotton merchant. He is currently the Memphis-East Sourcing leader for Glencore, Ltd's cotton division. Smitty has also held positions as a County Extension Agent, and Agricultural Education. In 1997, Smitty and Clint Smith, business partner and cousin, established Ogeechee Farms in Wadley. Ogeechee uses extensive AI and ET technology focusing on the breeding and development of Angus bulls that exceed for traits of merit and add value to commercial operations. Smitty and his wife, SuzAnne, have two children, Tatum and Beau Brinson. He is an active member of Tifton's First United Methodist Church. Smitty is also a graduate of the 2008 class of the Georgia Agri-Leaders Forum Foundation and serves on the Board of American Cotton Shippers Association.



John Lovin, Lexington, has a long career in the agricultural industry. John and his wife Leanne have raised chickens for 30+ years and also run Genflo Angus which consists of 75 head of Angus cattle and 125 commercial cows. He is a member and director of the Oglethorpe County Farm Bureau, member of the Oglethorpe FFA Alumni, has served on the Gwinnett County Fair Board of Directors for nearly 30 years, and has served on the Georgia Angus Association Board for four years. They have four children and ten grandchildren.



Mike McCravy, Bowdon, and his wife Christy, own and operate MM Cattle Co. where they host an annual bull sale in Nov. each year along with selling some commercial females from their bull customers. In March they are excited to be hosting the Georgia Angus Association sale at their new sale facility. A full time cattleman, Mike is very involved in the industry. He came up through the junior program where he was active in both the GJAA and the state 4-H programs, both of which he still supports and promotes today. He has been a member of the American Angus Assoc., the Georgia Angus Assoc., and the Georgia Cattleman's Assoc. since the age of 21 in 1980. Currently serving as a board member of the American Angus Association, he has served on several committees and is the current chair of the members services committee. He has served on the Ga. Angus Assoc. board for several terms, where he is a past President, and he has served on different committees including the Beef Expo Sale. He was a member of the GA. Cattleman's Assoc. board for 6 years, moving through the ranks to President in 2008. He is a member of NCBA and has served on several committees there. Active in local organizations, he has been a board member and President of both the Carroll and Heard County Cattlemen's Associations and the Carroll Co. Young Farmer's, along with being a board member of the County Farm Bureau, the GCCPA, the Carroll Co. Livestock Sales barn, and several different advisory councils.



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Andrew McPeake, PhD, Arnoldsville, along with his father Dr. Charles McPeake, own and operate CAM Ranches, a 100 head purebred Angus operation focused on providing superior seedstock to progressive cattlemen. CAM Ranches is the culmination of having been raised in a family with deep long-term roots in the American Angus Association and utilizes the most current research available to more accurately manage day-to-day operation of the cowherd. Reproductive strategies include a total AI breeding philosophy and an extensive embryo transfer program resulting in close to 100 pregnancies annually. CAM Ranches participates in an annual production sale with Ogeechee Angus Farm in Wadley, Ga., the second Saturday of April. Andrew was selected to the 2009 class of the Beef Leaders Institute, through AAA, which is designed to cultivate leaders in the beef industry. Andrew has been on the GAA Board of Directors for the past six years and is currently serving as Vice President. Along with AAA and GAA, Andrew is also a member GCA and is serving on the animal health committee. Andrew and his wife, Julie, have two children, Naomi and Charles Aubrey (Cam). Julie serves as Chief Communication Officer for the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Naomi loves showing goats, and CAM is game for about anything as long as it is his idea.



Kyle Potts, Jefferson, was born and raised in Jefferson GA on his family farm; A Farm that's been in the Potts family since 1884. He graduated from Jefferson High School and then went to The University of North Georgia on a baseball scholarship where he earned his bachelors degree in Business Management. Kyle married Chelsey Parks of Murrayville, GA and they have 3 beautiful kids, Katy Paige (7), Parker (3), and Thomas (1). Kyle began managing the family operation in 2006. They have a diversified operation in which they background stocker cattle, develop replacement females, and raise Angus cattle. Kyle has a true passion for the entire beef industry.



Clay Williams, Bishop, GA, graduated from the University of Georgia in 2014 with a degree in Agribusiness. Clay and his father, David Williams, manage 50 plus Angus females. Clay currently works for Dow DuPont, in the Pasture and Land Management Business as the Pasture Territory manager in Georgia and the Carolinas. Clay also serves as the advisor for the Georgia Junior Angus Association and sits on the board for the Georgia Forage and Grassland Council. He has also been a director for the Georgia Angus Association.



Doug Williams, Milan, is an owner operator of Turnpike Creek Farms, a partnership with father David and brother Derek, and it was established in 1980. Doug and his wife Tammy have three children - Drew, Daniel and Hannah. All are active in all aspects of the family farm and have host an annual bull and female sale since 1999. All children have been active in the NJAA and have attended all but 1 National Junior Show since 2007. Doug is a member of McRae First Baptist Church, past president of Telfair County Farm Bureau and Three Rivers Cattlemen's Association, and has served on the GCA's Executive Committee. He is currently employed as an Agricultural Education teacher of Telfair County Board of Education. Doug has served the past 10 years on the Georgia Angus Board of Directors including President the last four years. He was awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree in 2015. He is a member of the Georgia Club Calf Producers, Georgia Young Farmers, National Swine, Georgia Cattlemen's Association and Georgia Farm Bureau.





*Place your advertisement in the 2018-2019
Georgia Angus Association Membership Directory*
Ads Go On Sale during GAA Banquet - Saturday, March 3!



Ad deadline - April 25, 2018

The GAA Directory is mailed to all GAA members, distributed to state and national Angus shows and events, the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Industry Convention and Expo, and mailed on request all over the country!

Ad prices are for black and white copy:
Full Page - \$350; Half Page - \$250; Quarter Page - \$125; Business Card - \$80
One Spot Color - Additional \$50; Two Spot Colors - Additional \$100; Full Color Process - \$350

Contact the GAA office now to reserve your ad @ info@georgiaangus.org

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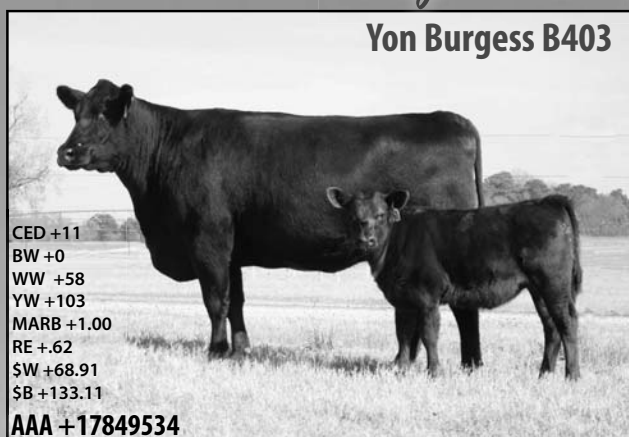
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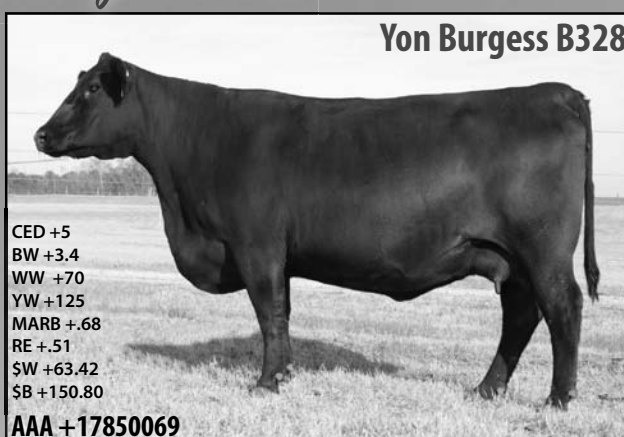
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GAA SEMINAR, ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 - UGA LIVESTOCK ARENA, ATHENS, GA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Vendor Set-Up
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Attendee Registration & Trade Show
2 p.m. Speaker - Kelli Retallick, American Angus Association
Update on Angus Genetics Inc.
3:30 p.m. Speaker - Kristin Toll, American Angus Association
Angus Login
5:30 p.m. GAA Annual Meeting
6 p.m. Social Hour
7 p.m. GAA Banquet

*****Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with Vendors throughout the day.**

UGA Livestock Arena is located at 2600 S. Milledge Ave., Athens, GA 30605

Suggested Attire - *Your Western Best!* Please know the evening activities will be conducted in an area with a dirt floor inside the livestock arena.

Name _____ Farm _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Attending Seminars _____ (FREE Event! Please confirm number of attendees for planning)

Adult Banquet Tickets @ \$30.00 each _____ x \$30 = _____

Child's Banquet Tickets (12 & under) @ \$15.00 each _____ x \$15= _____

Total \$ _____

Please return no later than February 27 to:

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or Reserve Tickets by e-mailing info@georgiaangus.org

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