

Iowa Dairy Goat Association Inc.

Summer Newsletter 2013

A Letter From the President

As Bob Dylan sang, "Times are a changing" nothing could be more true for the IDGA. I want to let you all know of some of the many changes that have occurred this last year.

We have had a few changes in our officer team this year. Guinevere McIntyre is currently serving as our Interim Secretary and has done a great job with updating our website and trying to make the most out of it for each of you to use as members. Judith Nayeri is serving us as our Interim Treasurer and has been hard at work organizing our books and trying not to go blind on paper work! Also, I am now serving you as your President and am excited to serve the association in any way I can.

Besides our changes with officers and our website we have also created a Facebook page (Iowa Dairy Goat Association) in which you can keep up with events or if you have a question or have a related event yourself you want others to know about! (appraisals, goats for sale, ect.) Please be sure to take advantage of our website and our facebook page as they are set up for you to use! We also are in the works of creating a vinyl banner that would have the IDGA's logo, emblem, ect. That can be used during the state fair, spring show, and other events that may arise!

Also please be sure to mark your calendars for our annual meeting on October, 5th 2013 at the Colo Public rec center in Colo, Iowa. I hope to see you all at the state fair and best of luck finishing your showing seasons!

- Shelby Cornelius

Iowa Dairy goat Association President

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Eagle Creek Farm earns honors

Northwest Iowa family shows at eighth national show



**Tim Schmidt did some final clipping shortly before the show as Kara kept the young goat quiet.
PHOTO BY RUTH KLOSSNER**



**The Schmidts of Hawarden, Iowa, are ready for the Toggenburg Junior Show on July 8 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. From left: Tim, Mary, Kara and Callie.
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by Ruth Klossner

HAWARDEN, Iowa-For a family that got into goats almost by accident, the Schmidt family of northwestern Iowa has come a long way. The family bought its first Nubian goats when it was raising sheep and needed some nursemaids. That was 13 years ago and things have changed since then.

"We decided we liked goats better than sheep," Mary said with a chuckle.

Both Tim and Mary Schmidt grew up with livestock-Tim with Simmentals, hogs, and sheep, and Mary with Angus cattle. They knew nothing about dairy in any form...or about goats, for that matter.

After those first Nubians, the family switched to Toggenburgs.

"We went to get another goat for a nursemaid. The lady let us pick one out of 30 or 40 kids. The one we picked was already entered in shows. She asked if she could show it and it won the Nebraska State Fair as a junior kid and was reserve at Iowa," Mary said. "She said we'd have to bring it back the next year."

That was the start of showing goats for the Schmidt family. That first Toggenburg, Macey, became a permanent champion and many of the present show goats trace back to her.

Letter From the Secretary

We have a page on the IDGA website (www.iowadairygoat.org) that I want to be sure everyone knows about. It's our Brag Page, and this is where you get to show off highlights from your herd. You can access it from the main page of website, just look at the menu on the right, so please check it out. It's free to all members, and actually, only available to members, it's great exposure for your herd, and something for all IDGA members to have pride in!

The Schmidts of SCHMIDT/ECF Toggenburgs have helped to kick things off with their beautiful ADGA National Show Toggenburg Jr Champion, SCHMIDT/ECF Zest Marvel, and we are also proud to show off Kara Schmidt's ADGA National Show Senior Showmanship championship.

We're looking to post new Champions, appraised Excellent, 3000# milkers, Superior Genetics designations, and national show wins. As they happen, let us know and we will get you on the site! We'll need the goat's picture, name, qualifying score or records as applicable, the name of the breeder, your name and herd name, and whatever contact info you would like us to post.

There's nothing I love more than getting updates onto the website (ok, not entirely true, but you know what I mean) so please send submissions for the Brag Page (or any other correspondence) to me at jasperfarm@live.com.

Guinevere McIntyre

Iowa Dairy Goat Association Interim Secretary

2013 Iowa State Fair Select Sale
Saturday August 17th 8:00 pm.

This year's nominated animals are:

L1547416 Cornfolk Charming Evie AI born: 01/23/2011 2 year old milker

Sire: SG Redwood-Hills Beau Charmer ++*B

Dam: Oak-Bar C Emma

Evie was appraised (02-04) as a second freshener 84 +V+V, her sire is +208 for milk. Her dam has a permanent LA score of (08-06) 88 VEEV and was the 2010 ISF Reserve Senior Champion and placed 5th at 2013 Nationals in St. Paul with 3rd Place udder!

Nominated by Michael Cornelius

AS1627142 Virden-Creek Saanens Kile born: 03/11/2013 Buckling

Sire: Pleasant-Grove Dasher

Dam: The Virden-Creek WTR Snowbell Dam's dam is Fox-Trot MFT Tickle 2x ISF Senior Grand Champion, this is the first time anything has been offered off the "Tickle line". His dam Snowbell appraised 89 VVEE as a 2 year old and was 2012 ISF Reserve Senior Champion also as a 2 year old. So far in 2013, she has been Grand Champion at Sedalia.

Nominated by Stefanie Walker

N1649006 Ranschau Acres Slush born: 05/02/2013 Doeling

Sire: Nubilop-Acres Saint Gabriel

Dam: Cream-Of-Kansas' PL Sleet

Dam Sleet was 2x Grand Champion at the 2013 IDGA Spring show, the only show she has been shown in her lifetime. Two of Slush's paternal sisters were the Junior Grand Champions at the 2013 spring show, with one going on to be Best Junior Doe in Show.

Nominated by Brittany Ranschau Korver

AA1650244 R'NR-Acres Milo

AA1650245 R'NR-Acres Ford born: 03/06/2013 Bucklings

Sire: R'NR-Acres Dex

Dam: R'NR Acres Zinger

The sire of these bucklings, Dex, has one permanent Champion daughter and the dam Zinger is one of the Dengler family's strongest show does. Both of these bucklings will sell.

Nominated by Tabitha Dengler

L1638744 Cornfolk Mojo Ninja born: 03/06/2013 Buckling

Sire: Cornfolk Jules Mojo AI

Sire: Cornfolk Charming Ellie AI

Ninja's dam was the 2010 ISF Junior Champion and placed 17th in the 4 year old class at 2013 Nationals, she appraised 86 as a 2 year old (02-07) with E in mammary. His sire scores high in Stature and Rump Width. Mike says "Ninja is very dairy, having an open rib and thin pliable skin. He stands wide at the hocks with a well set leg".

Nominated by Michael Cornelius

AS1627140 Virden-Creek Saanens Olive born: 03/09/2013 Doeling

Sire: Pleasant Grove Dasher

Dam: Virden-Creek Saanens Bianca

Olive's dam, Bianca scored 86 as a 2 year old and is a heavy milker, Bianca's full sister was 2012 ISF Junior Champion. These animals trace back to Kapra Vista lines and that strength can be seen in Olive. Nominated by Stefanie Walker