

Last N' News

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Letter from the President

Hello everyone,

Well looks like fall is in the full swing with a chill in the air and the rolling dust from the steadily rolling combines in the fields. Enclosed in this Fall Newsletter you'll find the minutes to our annual meeting which was extremely productive. You'll also find the list of our newly elected officers/ board of directors, the latest IDGA Spring show news, and upcoming future events that are in the works for all of the IDGA members!

As I drove home from the annual meeting October 5th I couldn't help but feel full of excitement from thinking about all of the ideas put forth during the meeting that would help make things more active in the association, such as a possible A.I. clinic or an IDGA Linear Appraisal. However with those things comes a lot of planning to work out all the bugs so that it's successful. However we have a newly installed officer team and board of directors who are passionate and strive for success and want the IDGA to have the premier leadership that it deserves.

The board of directors and I are very excited for the bright future that lies ahead for the association and with a lot of dedicated work, were going to get there! Never before has a time been so great to renew your membership or become a new member! This is going to be an exciting year and I hope you can be a part of it with us! I want to thank all the members who could attend the annual meeting as well as bringing the great food! Also a special thanks to the board members for all of their behind the scenes work they do for the association!

I hope you all enjoy the beautiful fall and have a safe, abundant harvest,

Shelby Cornelius
IDGA President

Updated Spring Show Information:

IDGA Spring Show will be
Saturday May 17th and May 18th
In Colfax, Iowa

THIS WILL BE A 3 RING SANCTIONED SHOW, 2 RINGS ON SATURDAY
AND ONE SUNDAY MORNING

Check back for more details. Please "like" our Facebook page for more updates!!

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Special points of interest:

- Don't forget about Membership Dues for 2014
- Colfax IDGA show dates are May 17th and 18th and will be a 3 ring show.

The First IDGA Group ADGA Linear Appraisal Session: 2014!

Contact Deb Konen with anything you would like included in our quarterly newsletter!

Deb Konen
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Judy Nayeri will be hosting our spring linear appraisal group at her farm In Bondurant, just minutes away from Interstates 35 and 80 and Highway 330.

Next spring is surely very much on all our minds as we are in the midst of breeding season and planning for the future of our herds. Now is also the time to look towards the 2014 ADGA Linear Appraisal season, and plans are in the works for a group IDGA session, at a central location. Costs can be kept as low as possible with this group set-up, with the fee divided up equitably among all participants.

We are in a good time frame as far as dead-lines (application dead-line is Jan 31, 2014, with application fees rising after that), but the more we can plan now, the better.

On a personal note, I can say that the ADGA Linear Appraisal program has had a significant positive effect on my own herd and in the way I look at, think about, and make breeding plans for my goats. The committed and experienced appraisers have always taken time to answer all my questions and to offer advice based on their own observations throughout their careers. Really, I cannot say enough good things about this program – I consider it essential to my herd's development.

I hope that you will consider joining us for an incredibly informative day, whether or not you are bringing your own goats. Please contact me at jasperfarm@live.com for more information as plans come together!

Join the Iowa Dairy Goat Association

Complete the form and mail with a check made out to IDGA to Judy Nayeri, 9398 NE 100th AVE Bondurant ,IA..50035. Feel Free to copy this and share this form with all your goat friends.

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- Purebred
- American

- Alpine
- LaMancha
- Nubian
- Saanen
- Toggenburg
- Oberhasli
- Recorded Grade
- Nigerian Dwarf
- Other (Please List)

Membership Form

Sign Up For:	Price
<input type="radio"/> Membership	\$12.00
<input type="radio"/> Breeder's List	\$8.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Herd Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Treasures Report

Thanks again for your participation. The State Fair Auction raised \$508.00 for the IDGA. This allows us to continue to support youth events that many of you enjoyed at the fair, pizza party for our 4H and FFA participants. It also helps promote other activities which include the yearly May Show and this year our sponsorship of the national show and the hospitality both.

Included in this newsletter is a membership form. For those of you who have already sent your 2014 membership and/or breeders listing thank you. For those of you who still have not sent it in, please take a moment to do so. Please send to:

Judith Nayeri
9398 NE 100th Ave.
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Finally, I would like to ask all of you to keep your eyes open for raffle items. Its these items that really help support the IDGA. There will be a raffle at the May show and an auction at the ISF. Please keep your eyes open for those special bargains. We have some unique items already donated. A goat theme is nice but not essential. If you don't want to store them, I have room.

I want to thank you all for a successful auction at the state fair. We had six animals nominated to the Select sale:

1. LaMancha Doe, Cornfolk Charming Evie nominated by Michael Cornelius and purchased by Sue DeZwarte
2. Saanen buckling, Virden-Creek Saanens Kile nominated by Stefanie Walker and purchased by Mike Lindstrom
3. Nubian Doe Ranschau Acres Diamonds R4ever nominated by Brittany Ranschau Korver and purchased by Jeff & Lori Wells
4. Alpine buckling, R'NR Acres Milo nominated by Tabitha Dengler and purchased by Robin Wisgerhof
5. LaMancha buckling, nominated by Michael Cornelius and purchased by Al Buseman
6. Saanen doe, Virden-Creek Saanens Olive nominated by Stefanie Walker and purchased by Craig Koopman

Other donated auction items and purchaser were:

Cheese Cookbook, Guinevere McIntyre
American Flag Doorstop, Justin and Brittany Korver
Tote Bag w/goat design, James McDaniels
Walnut Nativity, Justin and Brittany Korver
Farm Logo T-Shirts(2), Josh Schwennen
Wall Plaque, Butch Sowers
Original Goat Painting, Josh Schwennen

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Show, let's have a record turnout.

Notes from the Editor

We are happy to bring back the print edition of the quarterly newsletter. If you have anything you'd like to have put in the newsletter, please send them to Deb Konen and watch future issues for IDGA news.

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Purebred/American

Lower Case=Grade

A=Alpine
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B=Oberhasli
S=Saanen
T=Toggenburg
L=LaMancha
P=Pygmy
D=Nigerian Dwarfs

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Tack Pen Philosophy

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Marketplace

Marketplace is a spot for everything goat and farm related you have to buy, sell, or trade. Send anything you would like to include in the section to Deb Konen.

The Great Transition....Time has marched on and I find myself faced with lots of opportunities. Do I discontinue my long journey with dairy goats entirely; do I go in other directions, other hobbies? Maybe I should just let the many pens go idle, maybe just replace some of the pens and pasture with meat goats? Maybe just come home from work and go in the house and become a couch potato? I think these questions might be some that many middle aged people ask themselves when the time has come when their children have grown, the show ring may not have the pull it once had and you've slowed down enough to realize the importance of things you may not have realized when were flying through life in a blur.

Because of this crazy family of goat keepers I've met over the years part of me is encouraged to continue on. There are certainly glorious times and downfalls for all of us. The people that really count are the ones that stay in touch, that are real outside the show ring as well as in day to day life. Without a doubt there are bonds among goat keepers that have spanned a lifetime. At a recent annual meeting there was much discussion about animal and exhibitor numbers at the Iowa State Fair. As of recently the numbers are down, especially in the 4-H and FFA area. As I travel in the summer and do some county fair judging it's apparent that animal projects on the whole are down. So as I judge I find myself in a sticky situation, part of me wants to bow out and or slow way down in the dairy goat industry, and the other part of me wants to encourage these young people to power on, to do the best they can with their projects and perhaps come see us all at the I.S.F. Then it occurs to me that I must have some foundation left in me for the dairy goats OR I wouldn't do what I do. I wouldn't go to the meetings, I wouldn't return calls to agree to judge, I wouldn't help my neighbors AI their goats, I wouldn't help the show chairman search for judges for our annual show. Many of you have encouraged me to carry on. You've encouraged others to carry on, perhaps we all have a balance we must find to continue on our journey. Perhaps there's a new chapter for me just around the corner with dairy goats? Perhaps the unknown is what drives all of us. It could very well be just like the excitement of the new kid crop each spring; we anticipate it because of the unknown. Is that next champion just about to come?

The entrance of new faces and families, new ideas, and possibilities may just be the spark that re ignites the flame for this old time passion. A few young faces and new families came to the annual meeting, one young lady came up to me, bravely stuck out her hand and shook mine and said "remember me?" Of course I did, it was a young 4-Her that I had met at a county fair. So our actions certainly go out and are digested by people weather we realize it or not. All of us that partake in this organization, that read this newsletter, that want shows to continue, that enjoy the dairy goat, that enjoys the fellowship, needs to mentor, to share what you can to encourage others to fill in the balance. Gray hairs come to all of us, (thank goodness most of mine are still on my head) and I'm confident generations before us pondered the same questions. Is there any passion left for me? Is it time for me to hang up my hat? Is there new members coming? Can my actions help build the future? Can yours? Your actions have rekindled my passions.

Until we meet again.. Butch.... Tack Pen Philosopher.

P.S. Six Dairy does are bred at my house awaiting that unknown, and my Grand Daughters show a little bit of that spark!