

Last N' News

Iowa Dairy Goat Association

Letter from the President

Summer 2015

Wow, what a busy spring it has been! Time sure does fly by when you're having fun, and we have been having a lot of fun through the duration of IDGA spring events! Our Youth Ambassador, Ben Lehman and board director, Butch Sowers attended the Iowa State Ag Learning day at the Hansen Learning Center at the ISU campus. They worked the IDGA booth and spent the day educating the public on the industry.

IDGA Secretary, Guinevere McIntyre and board director, Lori Wells hosted the IDGA Cheese making clinic in Colo. They received an outstanding number of attendees to the clinic and she will be sharing more extensive information on the clinic and the Share a Kid program project she has been supervising within the newsletter.

The Iowa Spring Classic was a huge success! This was a record year bringing in 408 does in the 1st ring and 394 does in the 2nd ring along with 63 bucks exhibited that evening on the first day! Thank you to all of our exhibitors who make the show such a success and fun event for everyone! Thank you to our show secretaries, ring stewards, and everyone else working behind the scenes. Special thanks to our show chairman families, James & Jamie McDaniel and Butch & Brenda Sowers. These families give a lot of time and energy towards the show that not very many people get to see. They have worked diligently to ensure a quality show is being run and that everyone is having a positive experience.

I wish everyone the best of luck with the rest of the showing season! The Iowa State Fair is just around the corner and I hope to see you all there! Again, Thank you members for making our IDGA events such a success and for working on making our industry the best it can be! It is defiantly an exciting time to be in such a growing and evolving part of agriculture.

- Shelby Cornelius

Iowa Dairy Goat Assoc. President

Don't forget to put the IDGA annual meeting on your calendar! It will be Saturday, October 10th at 10 am in Colo, Iowa at the Community Center. We will also have a potluck lunch so bring a dish to share.

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Lower Case=Grade

A=Alpine
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P=Pygmy
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Iowa Spring Classic Review

WOW!! That is all I can say about it.

We moved our show back 2 weeks, added a fourth ring and added a 2 ring buck show this year, and, as a result, we doubled our entries. The show expanded from one barn to three barns full of goats. There were goats everywhere. Ring 1 had a total of 408 goats, ring 2 had 394, ring 3 had 284 and ring 4 had 274. All classes were official except Jr Toggs and Obies.

I want to personally thank my show committee and sponsors for putting on an awesome show on for all of our exhibitors. Without your time and donations we wouldn't be able to put on our show. Thank you to all of the following:

MT CHEVRE
CJ MANNING FARMS
7TH HEAVEN ACRES
GOTTA GET SOME GOATS
REICHERT'S DAIRY AIRE
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J'S FEED & SUPPLY
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GOAT HOLLOW
GRANDPA'S FARM
J&J LIVESTOCK

I would also like to thank the ladies who make the rings run smoothly and keep our paperwork straight. Vicki Ranshau did a wonderful job in rings 2 and 4, with the help of Jeff and Lori Wells and Anne Dengler. Deb Konen was the lady in charge of rings 1 and 3 with Pat Blank volunteering to come down and help on Saturday. Deb and Matt Konen thank you for all your hard work on entries and check in. Thanks again for all your hard work, ladies. (Matt and Jeff too!)

Most of all I want to thank all of our **Exhibitors** for supporting our show and making it run smoothly. What a TURN OUT! Hope to see everyone again next year. The date will be June 4 and 5, 2016, the weekend after Memorial Day. If you have any suggestions on how to improve our show please email me at: mfd5712@gmail.com.

Thanks again,
James McDaniel
Show Chairman

2015 Iowa Spring Classic Results

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Ring 1 Barb Norcross SR Doe
Sanaan:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Box of Metal
RGCH Fox Trot Tas Kneedeep
CC Pleasant-Grove Box of Metal
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH ASG Black Eyed Bella
RGCH Crane View Andromeda
CC CH Shere County OB Arpeggio
Recorded Grade:
GCH Timberland Acres Bindie
RGCH The J & J Livestock Rapunzel
CC CH Hendricks-farms Ace Paisley
Nubian:
GCH Cole's Kids Designer Zendaya
RGCH Cream of Kansas' PL Sleet
CC Cole's Kids Designer Zendaya

Oberhasli:
GCH CH Whisper-N-Creek Sorceress
RGCH CH Fixer-Up Zora
CC CH Whisper-N-Creek Sorceress
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF Peppermint Candy
RGCH Schmidt/ECF SBJ Disco
CC Schmidt/ECF Peppermint Candy
Alpine:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
RGCH AGS Zora's Aislinn
CC Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Lamancha:
GCH Whisper-N-Creek Wookie
RGCH SG Calico Fields Ch True
CC Whisper-N-Creek Wookie
BDIS: Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Ring 2 Jay Rudolph SR Doe

Sanaan:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Chance Jobiva
RGCH Fox Trot Tas Kneedeep
CC Pleasant-Grove Chance Jobiva
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH ASG Black Eyed Bella
RGCH AGS Fall Creek LP Spice
CC CH Shere County OB Arpeggio
Recorded Grade:
GCH Timberland Acres Bindie
RGCH Hillstar Farm Tessa's Tiffany
CC CH Hendricks-farms Ace Paisley
Nubian:
GCH Cole's Kids Designer Zendaya
RGCH Cream of Kansas' Zed Roselyn
CC Cole's Kids Designer Zendaya
Oberhasli:
GCH New Dreams Bret Cherry Jubilee
RGCH Whisper-N-Creek Chaos
CC New Dreams Bret Cherry Jubilee

Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF SBJ Disco
RGCH Schmidt/ECF JP Lemon Blitz
CC Schmidt/ECF SBJ Disco
Alpine:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
RGCH AGS Zora's Aislinn
CC Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Lamancha:
GCH Whisper-N-Creek Wookie
RGCH Raintree Ez Kalista
CC Whisper-N-Creek Wookie
BDIS: Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Ring 3 Karen Smith SR Doe
Sanaan:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Chance Jobiva
RGCH Pleasant-Grove Box of Metal
CC CH Child's Acres 2PRM/SHM Passion
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH ASG Black Eyed Bella
RGCH AGS Fall Creek BL Nutmeg
CC CH Shere County OB Areggio
Recorded Grade:
GCH Timberland Acres Bindie
RGCH Breezy 4 Dotty
CC Timberland Acres Bindie
Nubian:
GCH Cole's Kids Designer Zendaya
RGCH Cream of Kansas' Zed Roselyn
CC GCH Acorn Acres Jager
Oberhasli:
GCH CH Whisper-N-Creek Sorceress
RGCH Whisper-N-Creek Chaos
CC CH Whisper-N-Creek Sorceress
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF Peppermint Candy
RGCH Schmidt/ECF SZZ Myturn
CC Schmidt/ECF Peppermint Candy
Alpine:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
RGCH Ma's Acres Lavina
CC Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Lamancha:
GCH Raintree Kad Katinda
RGCH Raintree EZ Maisey
CC SGCH Calico Patch Oreo Cookie
BDIS: Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Ring 4 Ziggy Ginest SR Doe
Sanaan:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Box Of Metal
RGCH Virden Creek Sanaans Olive
CC CH Child's Acres 2PRM/SHM Passion
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH Little Tots Estate Mandy
RGCH AGS Fall Creek LP Spice
CC CH Shere County OB Areggio
Recorded Grade:
GCH Timberland Acres Bindie
RGCH Rolling W Acres Café Latte
CC Timberland Acres Bindie
Nubian:
GCH Nubilop Acres Always a Lady
RGCH Cream of Kansas' Rebel Child
CC GCH Acorn Acres Jager
Oberhasli:
GCH CH Whisper-N-Creek Sorceress
RGCH New Dreams Bret Cherry Jubilee
CC CH Whisper-N-Creek Sorceress
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF Peppermint Candy
RGCH Schmidt/ECF SBJ Disco
CC Schmidt/ECF Black Betty
Alpine:
GCH Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
RGCH Pleasant-Grove Machine Mania
CC Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Lamancha:
GCH Raintree Kad Katinda
RGCH Raintree EZ Maisey
CC SGCH Calico Patch Oreo Cookie
BDIS: Pleasant-Grove Longs Maven
Ring 1

Barb Norcross Bucks
Nigerian Dwarfs:
GCH AGS Luc's Laredo
RGCH Raisin Ridge Ranch Jesse James
Nubian:
GCH Hoanbu ATL Elevation
RGCH Pruittville's Nitro Rocket
Alipne:
GCH Soldier-Mtn Maximum Velocity
RGCH New Dreams Taxt Maximus
AOP:
GCH Evie's Toggs Storm's Velocity
RGCH J-Haven's RS Denim Sunset
BBIS: Evie's Toggs Storm's Velocity
Ring 2 Jay Rudolph Bucks
Nigerian Dwarfs:
GCH Goatee Acres Max Bogart
RGCH AGS Fall Creek WR Cilantro
Nubian:
GCH Hoanbu ATL Elevation
RGCH Lakeshore Farms High Esteem
Alipne:
GCH New Dreams Taxt Maximus
RGCH R'NR Acres Ford
AOP:
GCH Ranea Brio
RGCH J-Haven's RS Denim Sunset
BBIS: New Dreams Taxt Maximus
Ring 1 Barb Norcross Jr Does
Sanaan:
GCH Meadow Hill Brio Pansy
RGCH Meadow Hill Brio Primrose
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH Dill's TS Ho Ho Ho
RGCH Little Tots Estate Olivia KBCC
Recorded Grade:
GCH Hendrix TJ Silver Lace
RGCH Hillstar Farm Tiffany Sasha
Nubian:
GCH J & J Livestock Eagle
RGCH Ma's Acres Peaches and Cream
Oberhasli:
GCH Deidrago BR Bleeding Heart
RGCH Gotta Get Some LC Frost Bite
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
RGCH Meadow Valley LLW Wasabi
Alpine:
GCH Ma's Acres Perianna
RGCH Ma's Acres Persimmon
Lamancha:
GCH Raintree EZ Frosty Swirl
RGCH Molly's Miracles By Tannenbaum
BDIS: Hendrix TJ Silver Lace
Ring 2 Jay Rudolph Jr Does
Sanaan:
GCH Virden-Creek Sanaans Fern
RGCH 4DF EB Fiona
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH Little Tots Estate Ebony
RGCH Goatee Acres Lar Squeaks
Recorded Grade:
GCH Hendrix TJ Silver Lace
RGCH R'NR Acres Elisa
Nubian:
GCH Ranschau Acres Indigo
RGCH J & J Livestock Elvira
Oberhasli:
GCH Deidrago BR Bleeding Heart
RGCH Gotta Get Some LC Frost Bite
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
RGCH Meadow Valley LLW Wasabi

Alpine:
GCH ASG Paragon's Alias
RGCH Ma's Acres Perianna
Lamancha:
GCH Calico Patch DS Candy Cane
RGCH Whisper-N-Creek Bostyn
BDIS: Calico Patch DS Candy Cane
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Sanaan:
GCH Meadow Hill Brio Pansy
RGCH Virden-Creek Sanaans Fern
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH Fall Creek Co Sage
RGCH Two Dogs Farm JJ Jane
Recorded Grade:
GCH Hendrix TJ Silver Lace
RGCH Hendrix- Delightful Sin
Nubian:
GCH J & J Livestock Elvira
RGCH J & J Livestock Flirtatious Fern
Oberhasli:
GCH Deidrago BR Bleeding Heart
RGCH Gotta Get Some LC Frost Bite
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
RGCH Dry Creek Acres Firestar
Alpine:
GCH Ma's Acres Persimmon
RGCH Kid Patch ZC Flawless
Lamancha:
GCH Timberland Acres Dezi
RGCH Molly's Miracles RY Tannenbaum
BDIS: Timberland Acres Dezi
Ring 4 Ziggy Ginest Jr Does
Sanaan:
GCH Virden-Creek Sanaans Fern
RGCH Meadow Hill Brio Pansy
Nigerian Dwarf:
GCH Two Dogs Farm JJ Alice
RGCH Goatee Acres BOG ABU
Recorded Grade:
GCH Breezy 4 EDNA
RGCH Hendrix TJ Silver Lace
Nubian:
GCH J & J Livestock Flirtatious Fern
RGCH J & J Livestock Elvira
Oberhasli:
GCH Deidrago BR Bleeding Heart
RGCH Gotta Get Some LC Frost Bite
Toggenburg:
GCH Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
RGCH Dry Creek Acres Fellie Fran
Alpine:
GCH J & J Acres Princess Anna
RGCH Ma's Acre Persimmon
Lamancha:
GCH Timberland Acres Dezi
RGCH Molly's Miracles RY Tannenbaum
BDIS: Timberland Acres Dezi

Morgan Allen - Kenyon, MN
Candidate for a District IV Director Position



Hello! My name is Morgan Allen and I was happy to receive the nomination for a District IV director position. Thank you IDGA for giving me the opportunity to tell you a little more about myself, my family and our farm and why I would like to be an ADGA Director.

I grew up near Red Wing, MN and spent my youth involved in 4-H and FFA showing dairy cows, horses and dairy goats with my mother Andrea and my brother, Jordan. In 1995 we registered our first goat under the herd name "Haycreeks" and my love and passion for goats has continued ever since. I attended college at the University of Minnesota and majored in Dairy Science and this is also where I met my husband, Keith. We will be married 12 years on June 21st and have a 5 year old son, Mason. I work for Big Gain, Inc as a Dairy Nutritionist and have been enjoying my career with them for over 13 years. I spend time in Minnesota and Iowa working with dairy farmers and goat farmers. In addition to my full time job, our family also has a small herd of Oberhasli that we raise for both show and milk. We sell milk to a local micro creamery and have fun in the summers showing at local, state and national shows. We also enjoy ADGA's performance programs and participate in both DHIA and LA.

Although a director position would be a totally new experience for me, I do have some committee work under my belt to help me out! I have really loved being involved in the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association board of directors. I have served in various capacities including board secretary for many years and most recently, Chair for the 2013 National Show. I am also very involved with MN Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers program having served a three year term on the state committee. On the county level, I chair the Promotion and Education committee and enjoy working in our community to promote Ag. I have also been to Washington DC numerous times on behalf of all Minnesota farmers speaking to our elected officials about Agriculture policy.

If I am elected to the board of directors I will work hard for the members of our district to keep you informed on the business of ADGA, bring forth your suggestions and concerns to the appropriate committee, be an advocate for dairy goats and their products and conduct myself in a professional manner. This is our organization as members and we should all be involved and informed in both the history and future of ADGA.

Thank you for your consideration. Look for a ballot in July and feel free to contact me any time on Facebook or via email at morganashleyallen@gmail.com.

2015 Iowa State Fair Select Sale

It's time to be thinking about offering your best animals in the Iowa Select Sale. Contact Timothy Schmidt, entries are due July 10th, details below. **SELECT BREEDERS' SALE** Saturday, August 22 at 8:00 p.m. Supervisor - Tim Schmidt, 4143 Coolidge Avenue, Hawarden, IA 51023, phone: 712-552-2080, email: schmidt.tm@gmail.com **RULES** 1. All ages of does, as well as buck semen, will be offered for sale. Bucks to be nominated should be born between January 1 and April 1 of the current year. Animals offered for sale are nominated with a nonrefundable fee of \$10.00. The committee will make final decisions regarding selection of those nominated at the Fair. Nominations close July 10 to be included in the sale catalog. A copy of a registration certificate must be submitted with the nomination form and fee. It is highly suggested that animals nominated have negative CAE test results. 2. Paperwork will be between buyer and seller. Sellers may refuse sale, in which case they will pay 10% commission from the last bid offered. 3. Delivery of semen will be arranged between buyer and seller. 4. Select sale animals will wear colored plastic chains (when not being shown) and their pens will be marked. Consignors must exhibit goats at the Iowa State Fair. 5. This sale is sponsored by the Iowa Dairy Goat Association and commissions will be theirs.

You are invited!

Please join us July 11, 2015 for the

Quad State Classic Dairy Goat Show

Located at the Sioux County Fairgrounds, Sioux Center, IA



2 Senior Doe & 2 Junior Doe Shows

(Nigerians are dual sanctioned with AGS)

Ring 1 – “Nationals are Too Far Away” Judge – Tecoa Seibert

Ring 2 – “South Dakota East” Judge – Todd Biddle

For more information and Entry Forms:

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Tack Pen Philosophy

Greetings to you and yours. I hope you are enjoying all those new arrivals; the anticipation of future champions and high producers is what drives us. Because of all of you we have experienced our best Iowa Dairy Goat Association Spring Classic show EVER. With 408 animals starting off through ring 1 we can say "WE DID IT " With lots of effort from the Show Committee, another grand event is in the books. First, a giant thanks to James and Jamie McDaniel, our show chairman family, their efforts and sacrifice are what determine this success. To Jeff and Lori Wells, Pat Blank, Guinevere, Vicki Ranshau, Deb Konen, Matt Konen, Judi Nayeri, Sara Goemat, and anyone else who helped out around the ring I say many thanks. We experienced more corporate sponsors who joined us this year so please patronize them.

Things went very, very well. There were a few glitches and always will be. We learn every time we do this, and hopefully improve. As we sit around each evening we talk with exhibitors and visitors and ponder what we can do to improve or change. Many times we talk about moving to more rings of judges or switching nights on the buck show or whatever, the truth is we as a committee will keep up as fast as we can accomplish your wishes. We can bend a long ways but if we break then the show will come to an end. I smile every time I see new faces come to one of our events and smile even bigger when we witness you veterans take part in helping them through the paces. We have received multiple emails and FB notices of how the newer faces enjoyed such a good show. One very important thing for all of us to remember is our IOWA quality, all our judges made certain that they told us how great it was for them to sort through such awesome animals. As we continue on into the future, the word is traveling around the country how good the show and the animals are in Iowa. So to all of us, put a feather in your hat and be proud of yourselves.

So now time is ticking and what lies ahead? We're told our Friends to the North West part of the State are planning a show on July 11th I believe, please try to support them. It's great to have these opportunities to get out and promote. Also the Iowa State Fair is quickly approaching, If you have that special animal that would contribute to our Select Sale on Saturday night at the ISF... please give Tim Schmidt a call and let him know.

And now I hear of more and more people going on milk test and proving what their animals can do in the production realm of things. Power on people, power on. Our dairy goats are worth more than perhaps any time in history from a production stand point. The majority of you that read this article will no doubt be of the "Show "type crowd but it's good to hear the production part of the equation come back into these animals. You CAN have animals with chrome and the willingness to also milk. There has been for many years the stigmas that "show "animals don't milk. Well friends only we can change that stigma. For the most part we breed and exhibit very correct and sound animals, and it's these traits that sometimes heavy producing stock can utilize. By keeping your "pretty" stock strong and yet increasing that milk production you'll find yourselves with a much higher probability of merchandising. The old line I always heard was that the good production animal should be that 8 lb avg. a day milker and now that's going up higher. We all know that every animal in a herd cannot do this, your 7 pounder just may be the easiest one on the farm, she milks, she's strong, she breeds back quick every season, she's never sick, but the 14 pounder just might be the one who's questionable every year. Are her feet trimmed again? Is her stomach upset? Do you suppose she's bred this time? So there are gives and takes to making us better managers.

I'll close by repeating to all of you, thanks so much for being part of the IDGA. We've accomplished so many powerful things in the last 10 months. There is a presence of excitement in this organization like never before. Let's work hard to keep it strong. Many times as groups get successful they can spin out of control, so let's not forget the foundations that held us up for so many years. Hope to see you all very soon, Best Regards Butch.... tack pen Philosopher

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