Welcome to the second issue of Boer Goat Monthly!

Dear Mary Ellen,

This email will be sent out on the first of each month, and will include information that is important to you as an American Boer Goat Association™ member.

JABGA Leadership Conference
Junior members from across the country gathered July 14-18 in Manhattan, Kansas, at Kansas State University, where they took part in the JABGA Leadership Conference.

Highlights of the conference included touring the K-State Reproduction facility, learning to use a goat chute, trimming feet, evaluating live goats and then their carcasses, and learning to cut and grind goat meat. The juniors also learned how to collect a buck and analyze semen.
9: Lancaster County Super Fair Boer Goat Show (NE)
12: Missouri State Fair Boer Goat Show (MO)
15: Wilson County Fair (TN)
15-16: Erie County Fair (NY)
15-16: State Fair of West Virginia (WV)
16-17: Rolling Hills Casino Boernanza (CA)
16-17: Daviess County Boer Goat Show (IN)
17: Iowa State Fair (IA)
18-19: Kentucky State Fair (KY)
20: Humbolt County Fair (CA)
21: Butte County Fair (CA)
23: Southeast Kansas ABGA Show (KS)
23: Desert Premiere Boer Goat Show (CA)
23: The Great Darke County Fair (OH)
23-24: Hocking Hills Caprine Classic Boer Goat Show (OH)
24: Maryland State Fair (MD)
24-25: Nebraska State Fair (NE)
26: Minnesota State Fair (MN)
28-29: Colorado State Fair (CO)
29: ABGA Show at the Oregon State Fair (OR)
30: Keystone Summer Finale (PA)
30-31: Colorado Boer Classic (CO)
30-31: KMGA Fall Prairie Circuit ABGA Sanctioned Show (KS)
31: Twin Falls (ID)

Full Yearly Schedule of Events

Reminders

**Fairs/Livestock Expositions**
If a show is in conjunction with a fair or livestock exposition, ribbons will not be provided but instead may qualify for funding. Please refer to show rule #1400 for more information.

**The Boer Goat**
**July/August Edition**
The July/August issue of The Boer Goat has been mailed.

**Important Links**
- ABGA Board of Directors
- ABGA Approved Judges
- ABGA Region Map
- ABGA Affiliates
- The Boer Goat Magazine

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**Face-to-Face Board of Directors Meeting**
The Board of Directors held a Face-to-Face meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 17-19. At this meeting, several items were discussed. To view the full agenda, click [here](#), and to view the full minutes of the meeting, click [here](#).

The next ABGA Board of Directors Face-to-Face Meeting will be held September 26-27, 2014 in Oklahoma City, OK.

**ABGA Board Elects Leadership**
The ABGA Board of Directors have elected new officers and a new Executive Committee.

**ABGA Officers**
- President: Brad Mackey
- Vice President: Mark Anderson
- Secretary: Tracy Diefenbach
- Treasurer: Scott Pruett

**ABGA Executive Committee**
- Brad Mackey, President
- Mark Anderson, Vice President
- Ervin Chavana, Past President
- Paul Grafe
- Shon Callahan
- Paul Kinslow
- Cindy Westfall

**Committees Established**
The ABGA Committees for 2014/2015 have been established and are listed on the Committees page of the ABGA Website. All members are encouraged to become active and consider volunteering to serve on a committee they have a specific interest in, or have skills that can contribute to the fulfillment of the committee’s goals.

To sign up, click [here](#).

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**JABGA Connects on Facebook**
The JABGA has created a Facebook page to connect with JABGA members, and anyone else who is interested in staying up-to-date on everything JABGA. Click here to like the page!

**Judge Certification School Survey**
Are you interested in becoming an ABGA certified judge? Please fill out this short, three question survey, which will help ABGA to plan the next judge certification course. Click here to take the survey.

**Announcements**

**DNA Program Q&A**
Do you have questions about the DNA program? Click here to read some common questions and answers.

**ABGA launches new website**
The new website was be launched on July 8. Links from the ABGA Database to the ABGA Website are still being re-programmed. This affects the show results and we should have this fixed soon.

While there are many changes, all of the online activities that involve interaction with the database will remain the same until the new database is functional, which is scheduled for the first part of January, 2015.

**Events Calendar Update**
The Events Calendar has been updated with all the information that the ABGA office has received. We have added seminars to the Events Calendar. If you or your group are sponsoring a seminar, please send that information to robyn@abga.org, who will see that it gets added to the schedule.

**National Show Winner Corrections**
The National Reserve Grand Champion Buck was TST1 Windy Acres Triple D, and is owned by Samuel, Iris & Deanna Lerena, as well as Terry & Sue Taylor.

The National Grand Champion Fullblood doe was TST1 Windy Acres Precious Jewel, and is owned by Taeah Fisher, as well as Terry & Sue Taylor.

The JABGA Bred & Owned Overall National Champion Fullblood Doe, COLA Katniss C19, is owned by Cole Hammett.

Please look for this email on the first of each month to stay up-to-date on everything ABGA!

**Sincerely,**

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