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**2018-2019 JABGA Regional Shows**

- **5/11/19**
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**ABGA/JABGA National Show**

- June 9-14, 2019
  - Fonner Park
  - Grand Island, NE

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**JABGA News**

Be sure to visit the links for each JABGA Regional Show listed in the left column.

The JABGA is looking for donations for the 3 auctions at the National Show. Silent Auction #1 will open at 8 am Monday and close at 6 pm Tuesday. Silent Auction #2 will be Wednesday 8 am thru Thursday at 5 pm. We will still have lots of fun with the Live Auction which will be held at the Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening. If you are interested in donating, please contact Kathy Daves-Carr at dxdarlin1@yahoo.com or Mary Ellen at Mary@abga.org. Thank you for your support of JABGA!!

**ABGA News**

**ABGA Directors** are up for election in Regions 1, 2, 8 and 9 this year. Ballots will be distributed by May 1, 2019 and must be returned by May 20, 2019. Results will be announced by June 1, 2019. Candidates are: Region 1: Cary Hayward, Kimberly Liefer, Kimberly Royer, and Madison (Maddie) Fenton; Region 2: Ken Baty; Region 8: Chris Shaffett and John Blackstock; Region 9: Deric Wetherell. The following bios were submitted by the candidates:

**Cary Hayward – Region 1**

I would like to introduce myself as a candidate for the ABGA Area 1 Director position. I have bred Boer goats in western Oregon since before the turn of the century (really!). I have owned, shown, Ennobled, and loved my favorites, as you have, and I have experienced the same challenges that you as members have regarding production and marketing of Boer goats. I do believe that Boer goats are fundamentally a production animal, yet production traits do not have to be sacrificed in the interests of current style as a show animal. More than 30 years in my profession as a veterinarian, and a business owner, has taught me well that professional competence and excellent customer service skills are the key to a successful business. I can generally find a way to resolve challenges and to get people to work together toward the common goal. I have met and worked under many ABGA judges of very different backgrounds, but all of whom make up ABGA. .. they are as diverse as the ABGA members! A Director of the American Boer Goat Association is elected to operate this business in the most appropriate way that meets the needs of the various members, that identifies future direction, and evolves with opportunity while remaining true to the stated purpose and functioning within its by-laws. I will certainly work with each and every area
Kimberly Liefer – Region 1

I am currently the ABGA Director for Region 1. As, my term is coming to an end, I would like to take this time to thank you for your support. I hope that I have been able to answer all your questions or get your questions and concerns resolved. as I feel I have learned so much and want to continue my good work for the members. I live in a small town called Redland, Oregon just 26 miles from MT Hood. I live here with my husband. I have 3 grown children and 4 beautiful Grandchildren. My children raised 4H goats and cattle in the early 2000’s and that is how it all began. We currently have 70 head of registered Boer Goats, I am a breeder of Cane Corso Dogs. I have 25 years in the medical field and over 15 years in the Embroidery and Ad Specialty Field. I have successfully put on The Wild West Boer Goat Show 9 consecutive years in a row. I have bred and owned goats that have won at the Local, Regional and National Show level as well as sold goats for meat production.

Kimberly Royer – Region 1

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the American Boer Goat Association Region #1 Director position. My background includes raising goats since 1998, focusing on my herd of 25 ABGA goats since 2009. Other experience I have includes 24 years in private production agriculture; 2 years of employment at a meat processing facility; 20 years of employment with the USDA where I work as an Executive Director for Farm Service Agency; 5 years as a member of the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board; 8 years of service on the Washington County Fair Board and many years as the Cambridge Rodeo Association Board secretary. These efforts provide me a solid foundation in understanding how a Board of Directors operates and has prepared me with the skill sets to professionally represent Region #1. I enjoy showing my goats at ABGA sanctioned shows and try to make 6 to 8 shows a year. With that said, I believe the foundation of the breed is the end-product, meat. There is a bright future for Boer goats as a viable business with increased meat sales and a good consistent demand. As your director, you would find me to be open, straight forward and optimistic. My service goals include hosting a roundtable discussion in each state in the region. I chose to run for ABGA director because it is a job I would really love to do. I would be happy to visit with voters in the region who have questions.

Madison (Maddie) Fenton – Region 1

Hi all, I am a candidate for the Region 1 ABGA Director’s position. I live in Touchet, WA and am currently pursuing a degree in Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University. I was born and raised within the Boer goat industry and am now the owner/operator of Dust Devil Ranch (MADI), a Boer goat operation of approximately 200 head. In addition to my own herd, I also work closely alongside my grandmother, Terry Brown of Capriole Boer Goats. While I may be the youngest candidate for the Region 1 position, I do believe my extensive knowledge, passion, and experience for this industry plays to my advantage. I have experience in the area of leadership by serving as the chapter President of my FFA chapter (300 members) and previously serving as the Area 1 director for the JABGA (National Vice-President). In addition to my leadership roles, nothing makes me happier than traveling the country and meeting/working alongside breeders who share a similar passion for this industry. I make it a priority of mine to stay involved and up-to-date with association happenings, rule changes, breed standards, etc. With that said, serving as the Area 1 director will only encourage me to actively educate and help those within this great industry….. an industry that is currently my passion and ultimately my future!

Chris Shaffett – Region 8

I am hoping to serve as your next ABGA Region 8 Director. I reside in Hammond, LA and have been involved in the goat industry since 2002 when I was in high school and owned and operated CMT Boer Goats with my family. During my high
Show Awards Sponsorship
If you or a business you know would like to sponsor any show awards, the National Show website will have all of the show awards listed. We have rosettes, buckles, banners and bronzes available to sponsor.

JABGA Contest Schedule
Be sure to review the rules for each of the contests so you are prepared.

Sunday –
Public Speaking - 8 am to 12 pm
Topics:
Junior Division: How do you tell if your goat is sick?
Intermediate: How do you administer medications to your goats?
Senior: How do you maintain a proper vaccination and deworming program?

Sunday –
Skillathon - 8 am to 12 pm
Sales Talk - 3 pm to 6 pm

Monday –
Goat Judging - 3 pm
Senior Reasons follow contest

John Blackstock – Region 8
I am running for the region 8 board of director position because I want to make a better future for our kids. I was born in Brazoria County, Texas. When I graduated Texas City High School, I left for the Marines. I eliminated threats to the U.S. I was in the Gulf War in the early 1990's. After returning home, I worked for the South Texas Energy Plant (a nuclear plant) as a ninja. While I was in the reserves at that time, I still felt the need to serve more so after a short time of the Marines, I enlisted in the Army. Because of my special forces training in the Marines, I went straight to Ranger School and graduated top of my class.

I left the services in 2002 and, in 2004, met my wife Karla Blackstock. Together we raised 2 children, Parker Stone and Peyton Blackstock. Parker showed goats for 7 years before heading off to college at Texas Tech. Peyton is almost 12 and has shown goats since she was 4 years old. Karla and I have a small herd of goats and cattle. We are very involved in our local community through the VFW, Children’s Hospital Trail Ride, FFA Booster Club, St. John Lutheran Church. I want to use my time as a director to make a stronger association. I enjoy working with my Boer goats and know that we have to keep agriculture alive for our children.

National Show
Visit us on Facebook:

25th ABGA and JABGA National Show
Updates will be posted in the Facebook group to assist with arrival and other show details. The Exhibitor page of the National Show page on the website has information vital to your experience in June. Be sure to complete your entry form completely. There are changes from past years.

The National Show program is the guidebook for the week. If you wish to include an ad, please complete http://abga.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-Vendor-Advertising-Form.pdf and submit with payment.

T-shirts will be available for sale on the website soon. We will have shirts for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital charity day.
You must have completed a medication report for each entry and have a paper form of your health certificate to submit to the office upon arrival. Monday is the BBQ Contest. Cooking is done during the day, and judging will be 6:30-8:30. Contest guidelines are available under Exhibitor Info tab on the National Show Site,
The End Cap and Pen Decorating judging will be Wednesday at noon. Decorate using the Show Theme “Keeping the Drive Alive for 25”.

school years, I served on the JABGA board and then later as an advisor. I served as ABGA Regional Director between 2008-2011. I became an ABGA judge in 2005. I have judged the JABGA National Show on three different occasions. I have worked for the State of Louisiana as a Program Specialist since 2008 after receiving a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from SELU. I have served Faith Apostolic Church for 15 years as Youth Pastor. I have been married to Jessiec Shaffett for 11 years and have one son Preston Shaffett that is 8 years old. If I had to choose one word that should describe the future of ABGA it would be “consistency”. As an organization I feel that it is imperative that we are consistent in everything we do. Our timeliness in serving our members should be “consistent”. The quality of service we provide our members should be “consistent”. The treatment of all of our members should be “consistent”. With the support of our region I know we can improve the ABGA and make it greater than ever before. The Boer goat’s best days are ahead and so are ours!

John Blackstock – Region 8
If you have a Boer goat sale

ABGA / JABGA SANCTIONED SHOWS

4/26-27 - BGANC Boer Goat Blitz - Salisbury, NC
4/27 - Show Me Boer Spring Spectacular - Sedalia, MO
4/27-28 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza - Greeley, CO
4/27-28 - Pike Co. Diamond Classic - Glenwood, AR
4/27-28 - 11th Annual Pike Co. Diamond Classic - Glenwood, AK

May 2019
5/3-4 – Sunshine State Classic – Ocala, FL
5/4 – Arkansas State Fair – Little Rock, AR
5/4 – Fiesta Boer – Filer, ID
5/4 – IBGC Show #1 – Paoli, IN
5/4-5 – John Morrow Memorial JABGA and ABGA Show – Zanesville, OH
5/4 – MSU Spring Classic – Morehead, KY
5/4 – OBGA Silver Series Spring Classic – Guthrie, OK
5/4 – Spring Fever Spectacular – New Plymouth, ID
5/11 – INMGA Mother of all Goat Shows – Lewiston, ID
5/11 – JABGA Area 3 Regional Show – Richmond, IN
5/11 – KMGA Spring Prairie Circuit – Salina, KS
5/12 – Stateline Showdown – Richmond, IN
5/18 – IBGC #2 – Osgood, IN
5/18 – Stateline ABGA Show – Marshall, MI
5/18-19 – WV Boer Goat Blitz – Kearneysville, WV
5/18-19 – Kiamichi Classic – Poteau, OK
5/18-19 – SD End of School Year Blowout – Tripp, SD
5/18-19 – Showdown on the Brazos – Brenham, TX
5/18-19 – Northeast Livestock Expo – Windsor, ME
5/18-19 – Boers in the Boro – Murfreesboro, TN
5/25-26 - JABGA Area 2 Regional Show - Altamont, IL
5/25 – Bluegrass Showdown – Murray, KY
5/25-26 - NY Boer Breeders Expo – Syracuse, NY
5/25-26 – OMGP Spring Shows – McMinnville, OR
5/26 – IMGP Regional Roundup – Altamont, IL
5/26 – Knoxville FFA – Knoxville, IA

June 2019
6/1 – JABGA Area 3 Eastern Regional – Kearneysville, WV
6/1 – IBGC#3 – Bloomington, IN
6/1 – Northern IN Premier – Goshen, IN
6/2 – Eastern Regional ABGA Show – Kearneysville, WV
6/2 – Wayne FA Spring Classic – Corydon, IA
6/9-11 – JABGA NATIONAL SHOW – Grand Island, NE
6/12-14 – ABGA NATIONAL SHOW – Grand Island, NE
6/15 – Pike Co Classic – Piketon, OH

UPCOMING SALES

4/27 - The Legendary Sale (Morehead, KY)
4/28 - Missouri Spring Invitational 6th Annual Sale (Sedalia, MO)

6/9 – National Elite Doe Sale – (Grand Island, NE)
6/29 - Boers by Hobby 17th Annual Sale (Modesto, CA)

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JABGA Youth Coordinator
Kathy Daves-Carr has been appointed as the Interim Youth Coordinator. We are still reviewing resumes for the position. If you are interested, please submit your resume to Lary@abga.org.

Contact ABGA

JABGA NATIONAL SHOW

ABGA Today Sale List
If you have a Boer goat sale coming up and want the information to be included in this newsletter, please email details to wvburners@comcast.net

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