

TEXAS JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION

FALL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2009

Hey TJAA Members!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone having a great holiday season, and ready to gear up for all the great Angus activities that are on the horizon. In this newsletter, you will find lots of information including officer and director applications, scholarships, the annual TJAA meeting in Fort Worth, and 2010 State Show Judge selection.

If there is any information that you feel was missed, or something you are looking for that is not included, please let me know! Our goal is to make sure everyone is well-informed.

So .get your cattle ready, pack up a great attitude, and let the fun begin!

See you soon!

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You will find the following items attached to this email:

Photo Contest for Juniors
TAA Scholarships
Proposed ByLaw Amendments
Miss Texas Angus Queen Application

The above, and all other TJAA information, is listed on the TJAA website:
www.texasjuniorangus.com.

TJAA Junior Activities

The Southwest Livestock and Exposition Show in Fort Worth is fast approaching! We have a lot to accomplish, and the following includes some items on the agenda:

Heifer Check-in:

Heifer check-in is on Friday, January 22nd, beginning at noon; Angus will check-in following Brangus in line 1; at this time, original registration certificates will be checked, tattoos read, show cards issued, and inspection by sifting committee completed. Any animal, upon check-in, which does not have a legible tattoo corresponding to its registration certificate is ineligible to show.

Membership Renewal Time:

It is time to renew your TJAA membership. TJAA membership runs for a calendar year, so current memberships will expire on December 31st. You must pay your 2010 dues prior to the annual meeting to run for officer, director, or vote in the election. Membership application is attached and available on the TJAA website, www.texasjuniorangus.com, under Membership. Dues are \$10 and will make you eligible to hold an office in the TJAA, run for the Rookie award, apply for scholarships, etc. Return the application to Kim & Scott Jones, TJAA Advisors, 2132 FM 2502, Bleiberville, TX 78931, or bring it to the annual business meeting on Saturday morning in Fort Worth. (If you are planning to renew in Fort Worth, please fill out the forms in advance to expedite this process.

Officer/Advisor Elections:

If you plan to run for TJAA officer, NJAA officer candidate, or NJAA voting delegate, you must be a paid member, have been a director for 1 year and submit a completed officer application postmarked by January 2, 2010 to: Kim & Scott Jones, TJAA Advisors, 2132 FM 2502, Bleiberville, TX, 78931. Members wishing to run for TJAA director must also submit an application by the January

2, 2010 deadline. Officers, along with officer candidate, voting delegates, and directors, will be elected during the business meeting on Saturday morning. The new officers will be introduced at the banquet on Saturday evening.

It is very important that you seriously consider the responsibility of an officer prior to submitting your application. Being elected to an office means you are willing to represent and work for your members. There is work to be done and every officer is important! Officer duties are described in the current association bylaws posted on the TJAA website under Membership. The officer/director application is also available on the TJAA website under Information.

Advisor Position: We will have one position open for advisors this year as Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be completing their term. If interested in running for this position, please contact Andy Holloway at 325-668-0466 for further information. A letter of intent will need to be submitted by January 2, 2010 to : Kim & Scott Jones, TJAA Advisors, 2132 FM 2502, Bleiberville, TX, 78931, and the interested couple will be introduced at the annual meeting. Voting for this position will be conducted along with officer elections.

Annual Business Meeting:

The TJAA Annual Business Meeting will be held Saturday, January 23rd, in the upstairs Stockman's Room in Barn 1; there will be an opportunity to meet the officer candidates at 9:30 a.m., followed by the general membership meeting at 10:00 a.m. This is a very important meeting and we invite each member to attend. Agenda items include: election of officers, community service project, fundraiser ideas, and important dates for upcoming events. Members wishing to run for TJAA officer, NJAA officer candidate, NJAA voting delegate, or TJAA director must complete the application (available on the TJAA website under Information) and mail to: Kim and Scott Jones, TJAA Advisors, 2132 FM 2502, Bleiberville, TX 78931, postmarked by January 2, 2010. You must also have paid your 2010 membership dues to run for officer/director or vote in the election membership renewal/application is available on the TJAA website under Membership.

Annual Banquet:

The TJAA Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Cactus Room (across the street from Barn #1). Tickets are \$10 per person; these must be purchased in advance (by noon on Saturday) all tickets must be paid for in advance, as no tickets will be sold at the banquet door. These may be purchased prior to and immediately following the annual meeting Saturday morning. TJAA officers and directors are asked to help decorate at 6:45 p.m., prior to the banquet, and to help again with clean-up after the banquet.

Miss Texas Angus:

Our current Texas Angus Queen, Mollie Lastovica, has done an outstanding job this year! Her successor, the 2010 Miss Texas Angus, will be crowned at the annual TJAA banquet in Fort Worth. Applications are due to Mrs. Merridee Wells on or before January 1, 2010.

Rookie of the Year Award:

Are you a first or second year TJAA member and 13 years old or younger? Have you done an outstanding job this year in the TJAA? If the answers to these questions are "yes", then you are eligible to apply for the Rookie of the Year Award. The application is attached and available on the TJAA website. This award will be given at the annual banquet in Fort Worth. The Rookie recipient receives a \$250 certificate toward the purchase of any Angus heifer bred and sold in Texas; the seller must be a Texas Angus breeder and the winner will be asked to exhibit their purchased heifer the following summer at the TJAA sponsored state show. Completed applications must be mailed to Tanya Holloway, TJAA Advisor, PO Box 751 Stamford, TX 79553, postmarked by January 2, 2010.

Bronze and Silver Awards:

The National Junior Recognition Program provides an opportunity for young Angus breeders to become nationally recognized for continued achievement. This program is based on activities over a junior member's entire career. There are three levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Bronze and Silver Awards can be earned at any age; the Gold Award, however, will be given only during the last year of eligibility as a junior member. Winners of the various levels receive a specially designed pin, cast in the metal of the respective award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold). Recipients of the National Junior Recognition Programs Awards also receive local, regional, and national recognition through media and at Angus functions. Additional information and application available at www.njaa.info, click on awards. This program is made possible as a result of generous supporters and donors to the Angus Foundation.

Photo Contest for TJAA Members

Texas Angus Association is sponsoring a photo contest for all TJAA members. The winning photo will be used on the cover of the TAA 2010 Membership Directory! To be eligible, submit your name and a winning photograph of Angus cattle.

The photo must be emailed to the TAA office in camera-ready format, high resolution (300 dpi). The winning photographer will be listed on the inside front cover of the directory and will receive a \$100 cash prize.

The Directory Committee Chairman and Sandra Kittley, Executive Secretary, will select the winner. **All entries are due by March 1, 2010.**

Please contact Sandra Kittley with any questions. Call 817-740-0778 or email taa@sbcglobal.net.

All you shutterbugs, get those cameras out and be a winner!

TJAA Constitution and Bylaws: Proposed Amendments

These are the amendments that were compiled by the By-Law Committee. They will be voted on during the regular business meeting at Fort Worth, January 23, 2010. Please review each proposed amendment carefully prior to Fort Worth to expedite the voting process. If you have any questions about any proposed amendment, please contact an advisor or Mollie Lastovica prior to Ft. Worth. These were sent to the membership list under separate cover, and are also posted on the TJAA website.

TJAA State Show Judge Selection

The judge candidates have been compiled by both the officers and advisors (3 from the advisors, 3 from the officers). Members present at the regular business meeting in Fort Worth will have the chance to rank the 6 judge candidates (as shown on the sample ballot on the TJAA website.) The candidate with the lowest numerical total after voting will be contacted as the first choice judge to check his/her availability. If you are interested in contributing to the judge selection, make sure you are present at the Fort Worth meeting.