



# Texas Junior Angus Association State Show Newsletter

## State Show to be held June 10-12, 2011 • Bell County Expo Center - Belton, Texas

We are now preparing for the TJAA State Show. Included in this newsletter you will find the show categories, schedule and general information about the show. Remember, you must be a TJAA member to participate. If you are not currently a member, we invite you to join our Junior Association. Annual membership dues are only \$10 and applications can be found online at [www.texasjuniorangus.com](http://www.texasjuniorangus.com). Ownership issue date is May 15 and the entry deadline is May 20.

### BORN ON A SHOWBOX

By Brazos Williams, 2011 TJAA President

Whether you recognize it or not, the progress of the Angus breed and some of the greatest changes that have taken place within the breed took shape while great Angus minds were sitting on the show box passing around ideas. This is the story of how one of those show box meetings happened and how, 40 years and several generations later, we enjoy the benefit of that gathering.

My grandfather Jerry Williams told me this story a number of times, although I was too young and did not remember it all. Helen Heyser, the only remaining member of the founding five filled in the blanks for me.

In 1970, Texas had several regional junior associations, with no real leadership or direction, so that fall at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene, TX, Waymon Ashley, then AAA field man, J.V. and Helen Heyser and my grandparents Jerry and Kay Williams sat on a show box, and hashed out a plan to birth the Texas Junior Angus Association. Mrs. Heyser told me the first thing Waymon Ashley told them they had to do was to get the Texas Angus President Mr. A.E. Richmond, and the Board of Directors, as well as the founding President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Theo Cromer, to vote to dissolve all of the regional associations and form one state organization, and so they did. In 1971 they held the first general meeting of the Texas Junior Angus Association during the Fort Worth Stock Show and elected the first officers. They were: President Riley Simpson, Nacona; 1st Vice President, Mike Herron, Rotan; Secretary and Queen, Patricia Pressler, Borger; Reporter, Siciley Heyser, Cisco, and Advisors J.V. and Helen Heyser also from Cisco and Jerry and Kay Williams from Lockney.

Forty years later our membership roster still reads like a family tree, Mollie, Matie, Logan, Stuart and Stephanie Lastovica's parents were all TJAA members and Robert Lastovica served as President. Robert and his wife Abon served as TJAA advisors as did Steven and Sandra Lastovica. Nick Brost, although not a Texas Junior Angus member was a member of the National Junior Angus Board, his kids, Evan and Abigail Williams are now TJAA members. Tom and Merridee Wells, Zach and Wade's parents, were both President's of their state Associations, in Oklahoma and Oregon. Texas Angus Board member Alford Echols was a TJAA officer. Some of our newest members, Cutter and Coulter Pohlman, can also trace their roots through the TJAA. Their mother Moriah was Miss American Angus and served on the National Junior Angus Board, as did father Scott. Cutter and Coulter's "Paw" grandfather Steve Olson currently serves on the American Angus Board of Directors and "grandma" Ginger was Texas Angus Queen.

I am proud of our heritage and history, and all the people involved now and in the past as well, but even more proud of our new members who are making their own junior Angus family trees.

So the next time you load that old show box in the trailer, you might want to be a little gentler, it not only houses your show equipment, but it has served for many generations as a meeting room, card table, dinner table, friendship maker, and most of all the place where the Texas Junior Angus Association was born.

### TJAA STATE SHOW SCHEDULE

Judge: Jake Scott, Gordon, NE

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 10...

6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Shavings available for purchase

All day

Grounds open for stalling

4:30-7 p.m.

Cattle Check-in... no late entries, no substitutions

Cattle must be in place by 7 p.m.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Sign up for non-cattle contests: Quiz Bowl; Sales Talk; Peewee Coloring Contest; Showmanship; and Fitting. Turn in posters (including the new peewee division), photographs, creative writing and graphic design.

7:15 p.m.

Short exhibitor meeting

Members enjoy the evening with family & friends... Relax by the pool!

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 11...

7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Shavings available for purchase (last call)

9 a.m.

Showmanship: Peewee, Junior, Intermediate, Senior Jackpot  
Peeweeps color your picture after your showmanship!

10 a.m.

Judging of non-cattle contests, except sales talk

11:15 a.m.

Quiz Bowl Written Test

NOON

Lunch Break... pizza provided by TJAA & sponsors

1 p.m.

Show begins: Registered steers, B/O Bulls, (steers & bulls will be weighed prior to show); C/C pairs & B/O heifers, followed by individual sales talk... Jr, Int., Sr.

6 p.m.

Complimentary dinner, awards, scholarship presentations & silent auction - Tenroc Ranch, Salado, Texas

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 12...

8:15-8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

9 a.m.

Resume Show: Owned heifers

Followed by Team Fitting Qualifier for NJAS, 15 minutes after the conclusion of show. This is for those interested in competing on the NJAS team only! Participants must provide own equipment & animal.

**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LIVIN', LOVIN' AND  
SHOWIN' ANGUS IN TEXAS**

Pre-order your TJAA 40th Anniversary T-Shirts  
on the entry form or email [mwells@txfb-ins.com](mailto:mwells@txfb-ins.com)

**Ownership Deadline: MAY 15, 2011**  
**Entry Deadline: MAY 20, 2011**  
**NO LATE ENTRIES, NO SUBSTITUTIONS**

# GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION

1. There will be classes for registered Angus steers, bred and owned bulls, cow/calf pairs, bred and owned heifers and owned heifers. Champions will be selected in each category.
2. Entries will be listed in the show program in order of age (youngest to oldest) and will be led into the show ring in that order.
3. Classes will be broken with no more than 12 head in any class, with most classes having no more than a 60-day spread in age. Classes will not be named, but should fall closest to the standard classifications.
4. Division champions will be named in the owned and the bred and owned heifer show (i.e. senior heifer calf, summer, junior and senior yearlings).
5. Age classification for heifers, owned and bred & owned: 09-01-09 to born after 01-01-11\*
6. Age classification for bulls: 01-01-10 to born after 01-01-11\*
7. Age classification for steers: 01-01-10 to 12-31-10
8. Any cow/calf pair may be exhibited provided that the calf is bred and owned by the junior exhibitor and the following rules are met:
  - Cow must be solely owned or bred and owned by the exhibitor. If the cow is not bred by the exhibitor, the issue date on the recorded transfer of the cow must precede the breeding date of the cow for the calf at side.
  - Calf must be the cow's most current natural calf and can be no older than 09-03-10.
  - **Calf must be registered and tattooed by the show date and have original registration papers. Please enter the calf information (registration #, sire, age and name) on your entry form.**
  - Calves may be entered in the bred and owned heifer or bull division of the show, but an additional entry fee should be included.
  - Since we will not have a bred and owned cow/calf division as they have at nationals, we will award double premium money to any entries that qualify.

\*NEW AGE CLASSIFICATION... For owned heifers, bred & owned heifers and bulls, there will be a class of born after 01/01/11. There will be one class only in each show with all calves born after 01/01/11 showing together.

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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW or YOU NEED TO REMEMBER TO BRING

### HEADQUARTER HOTEL: La Quinta Inn & Suites – Belton

229 West Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513

Phone: 254-939-2772 • Fax: 254-939-1769

TJAA block of rooms \$94.00 + tax. Cancellation Policy by May 11, 2011

### OTHER HOTELS: No TJAA Blocks

Holiday Inn Temple-Belton • 5247 S. General Bruce Dr., Temple, Texas • 254-778-5511

La Quinta Inn-Temple • 1604 W. Barton Ave., Temple, Texas • 254-771-2980

Holiday Inn Express-Salado-Belton • 1991 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado, Texas • 254-947-4004

- This is a **BLOW AND GO SHOW - NO GLUES OR COLORANTS**.
- **Sullivan Show Supply** trailer will be on the grounds.
- A **photographer** will be on hand to take pictures.
- **Bring registration papers.** We will be checking tattoos and issue dates (on or before May 15) on papers.
- **No health papers required.**
- **Fans:** aisle or hanging
- Bring your **wheelbarrow**.
- **Shavings** will be available for purchase at the facility.
- **Generators** are allowed in the barns, although the facility has added extra electricity.
- No dogs.
- If you are planning to enter the **National Showmanship Qualifier**, you must enter by May 20th. You **MAY NOT** enter at the show. Please fill out your entry form and include your American Angus Association member code, as you will not be eligible without one.
- **Dress code.** We will follow the same requirements as the National Show. You must wear a collared, tucked in shirt and long pants in order to show. No T-shirts, cropped tops, etc. National Showmanship contestants must wear white shirts and black pants.
- **Silent Auction.** Please contact Peggy Dolson at 254-796-4265 to donate items to the silent auction.
- **40th anniversary t-shirts** will be available. In order to get the correct sizes and amounts you must pre-order. Orders can be placed on the entry blank. T-shirts will be \$18 each. A few, in limited sizes will be available at the show, however they will be \$20 each and we cannot guarantee availability, so order early.

## CONTESTS, CONTESTS, AND MORE CONTESTS!

Cattle are not the only things that are showcased at the State show...Enter a poster, photo, writing, or graphic design...test your salesmanship skills in the sales talk...or take a quiz on Angus and beef facts.

Speaking of these contests...most of these are also National events which Texas members will participate in. **All photos, creative writing, and graphic design entries must be submitted to the National Association by June 1**, so you will need a second set of photos or a copy of your essay and graphic design for the state competition. However, you may exhibit the same **poster** at both the state and national contests (we recommend that it be laminated to protect it). We will follow the same age divisions as recognized by the National Junior Angus Association. The rules for each contest and their respective categories will follow the National guidelines and may be accessed through [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) (click on NJAA tab) or [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) (click on contests tab).

Dust off your brains and enter the **written quiz bowl competition**. The written quiz bowl test at the state show will determine the seeding for team members for the national quiz bowl competition. Even if you think that you don't know much about the Angus breed and industry, give it a try, it's a learning experience!

The **sales talk** is basically the same as the national competition, but is an individual event at the state level. You will need to supply the judges with copies of your registration papers and have someone hold your heifer or bull while you are "selling" your animal. While the state competition for sales is an individual event, the national contest is a three- four-member team competition; the four highest placing individuals at the state level will make up the National team. If those persons are not going to Harrisburg, PA, alternates will be named.

The National Show has a **team fitting contest**. Texas has some great talent in this category. If you are interested in being on the Texas team, you'll need to stay for the qualifying round on Sunday afternoon at the state show.

**Peewee Mania:** (Age 8 and under as of 01-01-11) We are involving our Peewee members in the Poster, Photography, Creative Writing, and Graphic Design Contest this year plus adding a Coloring contest! All participants will have access to the same colors and picture where ALL BY THEMSELVES they will color in THEIR OWN STYLE the most beautiful cows you ever saw! All entries will be judged and awards given at the dinner on Saturday night. Start young, have fun and grow up in a great organization!

## FIRST TIME SHOW PARTICIPANTS TAKE NOTE!

The "Newcomer" award will be given to a first-time show participant who not only has an animal or animal(s) in the show, but also enters showmanship and at least one other contest (sales talk, photography, poster, writing, graphic design, or quiz bowl). Get involved and be recognized. *Please check the box on the entry form if this is your FIRST Texas Junior Angus State Show.*

### If you have questions, please contact a TJAA Advisor:

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Nikolyn & Ty Williams 806-292-6476

Ann & Kyle Williams 806-892-3583

Or visit the Texas Junior Angus Association website, [www.texasjuniorangus.com](http://www.texasjuniorangus.com)

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