



THE VOICE OF AGS



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Notes from the Office

Well by the time this reaches most of you, I hope that you will be experiencing warmer spring like weather. It's hard to believe that I'm starting my tenth year with AGS. I'm very pleased with how much we've grown. Please keep in mind the following to assist us with providing you with the shortest work processing times:

1. Please remember to fill in all blank spaces on applications. When they are submitted with information missing it slows everyone else's work down while we attempt to gather that data. We will attempt to collect the needed information via phone, but if we do not receive a response within three days we will be returning orders to have the necessary information filled in. Also please remember to send in all necessary forms such as service memo's, bills of sale (include original certificates), lease memorandums or AI service memo's.
2. **Please DO NOT send in ADGA registration papers on kids where you own both of the parents that are AGS registered. This again only slows the processing of your work down while we have to look up registration numbers and gather the necessary kidding information.**
3. We have a new credit card processor; please remember to include your three or four digit CVV code from the back of the card for proper processing. In addition to MC, Visa, and Discover, we are now accepting American Express. As always we accept checks, money orders and PayPal (payags@earthlink.net).

Nomination ballots are in this issue, please remember to nominate and then VOTE! You are AGS and this is how your voice can be heard. Thank you for your continued support. We wish you good luck in this years shows and happy kidding!

AGS Website

Please remember that important information is posted to the AGS website in the Current News section which is located on the main page of the website. You can check on office closures, important notices from the Board and updated information on turn around time for most work requests.

Forms and brochures can be downloaded and printed from the website page by the same name.

Upcoming shows and events can be found on the Events page under the heading 'show ring.'

Useful tools such as a gestation calculator for both mini and standard breeds as well as a suggest colors and patterns chart for Nigerians can be found under the Education tab.

AGS Membership Dues

AGS Membership Dues run from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Early renewals (Oct 1-Dec 31).

Individual-----	\$20 (\$15)
Junior-----	\$10 (\$5)
Senior-----	\$15 (\$10)
Family-----	\$30 (\$25)
Life-----	\$200

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Special points of interest:

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- **Voice Deadlines:**
Spring—January 31 **Summer— April 30**
Fall— July 31 Winter— October 31

2013 AGS National Show & Convention Schedule

The 2013 National Show will be held June 18-22, in Kennewick, WA. For up to date information or to contribute, the local host group had set up a website at: <http://ags-national-show-2013.com>

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Goats may start to arrive
9 a.m. Board of Directors Meetings (members welcome) held at: Fairground Office building
10 a.m. Judges Pre-training Conference held at: fairgrounds

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

8 a.m. Judges Training Conference held at: fairgrounds
9 a.m. Board of Directors Meetings (members welcome) held at: Fairground Office building
9 a.m. Herbal Medicine – Kat Drovda, MH, CR, DipHIr, CEIT
9 a.m. Youth -- General Care of Goats -- Bailey and Diona Schilling, Kennewick, WA
10:30 a.m. Successful Small Farm Marketing Technique (part 1) – Lorri Conway, Conway Farms.
10:30 a.m. Youth Showmanship Clinic -- Mark Addington, Walla Walla, WA
1:00 p.m. Chiropractor Care for Goats -- Dr. Elizabeth Faletti, DC
1:00 p.m. Youth -- Fitting Contest -- Team of two, goat will be provided
2:30 p.m. Successful Small Farm Marketing Techniques (part 2) – Lorri Conway, Conway Farms.
3:00 p.m. Costume Class followed by Fun and Game-O-Rama
4:00 p.m. Bio-Security at show and on the farm -- Susan R. Kerr, DVM, PhD, PAS
6:00 p.m. First Milk Out for DHI One Day Test

Thursday, June 20, 2013

6 a.m. / 6 p.m. DHI One Day Milk Test Area to be Designated
7 a.m. All Goats for Youth Nationals Must Be Checked In
8 a.m. Judges Training
9 a.m. National All Breed Youth Show Arena, Judge: Laura Beers, Torrington, WY
7 p.m. Youth Pizza Party
7 p.m. Art contest and buffet

Friday, June 21, 2013

8 a.m. National All Breed Junior Doe Show followed by 1 hour break
National All Breed Buck Show Judge: John Pfeiler, Bloomfield, NY
7 p.m. Members Meeting & Dinner

Saturday, June 22, 2013

8 a.m. National All Breed Senior Doe Show Judge: John Pfeiler
Release of Animals Following Conclusion of Show

State of the Society

Registrations for 2012

Breed	Registrations	Trend	Total in Herd Books
Nigerian Dwarf	5194	↑	65,038
Wethers (recorded)	170	↓	1,880
Nubians	47	↓	60,401
Toggenburg	6	↓	14,451
French Alpine	9	↓	19,352
Sable	8	↑	79
Pygmy	2	↓	9,159
LaMancha	5	↓	1,350
Saanen	3	↓	19,085
Oberhasli	0	↓	490
Totals	5444	↓	196,729

Membership (Dec 31, 2012)

Individual	1288
Junior	237
Family	587
Life*	135
<u>Senior</u>	<u>67</u>
TOTAL	2314

*Number of life members who have been active in the past 3 years or have requested to continue to receive member services.

AGS Directors 2013

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

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DISTRICT 5

Gene Boring 2014, 5061 French Creek, Shingle Springs, CA 95682, (530) 672-2907 boring@directcon.net

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AGS Judges Training

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

AGS Membership # (Individual Membership) _____

Are you a returning candidate from last year? _____

(If you are a returning candidate you are not required to take the pre-training day, however you can if you so choose. New Full Candidates must take the pre-training conference)

Please check how you wish to enroll:

\$100 _____ Candidate

\$50 _____ Auditor

\$35 _____ Classroom Auditor

\$50 _____ Pre-Training Classroom day/some hands on. (New Full Candidates must take this course)

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR 2013 IS MAY 15

LATE FEES FROM MAY 16-31 _____ \$10 / LATE ON OR AFTER JUNE 1 _____ \$20

(ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

Signature: _____

Make Checks Payable To: American Goat Society, P.O. Box 63748, Pipe Creek, TX 78063 or fax to 830-535-4561

Or to pay via credit card (Visa, MC, Discover, AMEX) _____

Expires _____ / _____ CVV _____

The three day seminar (including Pre-Training conference classroom portion) will encompass:

Classroom Instruction:

- Show rules
- Major faults and disqualifications
- AGS breed standards
- AGS Unified Score Card
- Ethical behavior of judges
- Dairy Goat Anatomy
- Comparative term and reasons
- Importance of accurate reasons
- Giving accurate reasons
- Dairy goat structure and confirmation
- The Report of Award
- Practice placing and reasons classes ("hands on" work with goats in barn)

Written Examination (requires a passing grade of at least 75% on each of five sections)

Judges Training Cont.

1. Labeling a dairy goat picture with names of body parts
2. Identifying the seriousness of faults
3. True/false and fill in the blank questions on the confirmation of animals according to the AGS breed standards, reasons, rules, etiquette, ethics, show rules, and special aspects of judging
4. Breed standards & score card
5. The Report of Award

Oral Examination

Placing at least 8 classes, preferably representing all breeds, at least four of which will be in milk, with at least 75% accuracy.

Giving accurate, appropriate reasons, and presentation on at least two of the classes, with scores of at least 75% on accuracy and presentation.

To prepare for the JTS, you will need to purchase a copy of the Judges Training Manual from the office. The cost of the manual is \$20.

You can request a registration application (MSWORD format), by emailing agsgoat@live.com The application is available on the AGS website. www.americangoatsociety.com

Thank you for your interest in AGS Judges Training, and we look forward to seeing you in Kennewick, WA this summer.

AGS Judges Committee,

Tim Flickinger-Chair

AGS Fees

This is an important reminder that certain fee changes were approved by the Board at the 2012 Convention and took effect January 1, 2013.

Registration for Doe / Wether under 30 months Member rate increased from \$4.50 to **\$5**

Duplicate certificate fee increased from \$2.50 to **\$3**

Transfer fee increased from \$2.50 to **\$3**

Certificate Revision fee increased from \$2.50 to **\$3**

Fax fees decreased from the current \$2.00 + \$.50 per page to **\$.50 per page with a \$2 minimum**

The Postage and Handling fee has been **discontinued**

AGS Scholarships

In 2012 AGS awarded three scholarships. Benjamin Sims was awarded the John Howland Scholarship while Jamie Boring and Camille Veters were both awarded AGS Education Scholarships. This year we have two scholarships available. The application to apply for these scholarships can be found on the next page of this issue of the Voice. Please make sure that all requested information is submitted so that the committee can make an informed and accurate recommendation to the Board for the awarding of these scholarships.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION American Goat Society

TO BE ELIGIBLE – Applicants must have been a part of an AGS membership for at least two (2) years. The following is also acceptable: The applicant may also be under legal guardianship, child or grandchild of an AGS member in good standing for at least two (2) years. Give name and relationship to the AGS member.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

COLLEGE _____

COMPLETE COLLEGE ADDRESS _____

COLLEGE GPA/YEAR (if applicable) _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____

HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL GPA _____ CLASS RANK _____ OUT OF _____

SAT SCORE _____ ACT SCORE _____

INTENDED MAJOR OR AREA OF INTEREST _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER

- LIST ANY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS INSIDE AND/OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL
- LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE OR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
- WHY AND TO WHAT USE DO YOU PLAN TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP IF IT IS AWARDED TO YOU
- WRITE AN ESSAY DESCRIBING YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH DAIRY GOATS. INDICATE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, LEARNED, AND ANY AWARDS OR PERSONAL REWARDS YOU HAVE GAINED.
- INCLUDE TWO (2) LETTERS OF REFERENCE INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE REFERENCE
- INCLUDE MOST CURRENT TRANSCRIPT FROM HIGH SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING

ALL MATERIALS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO –
American Goat Society, Inc., PO Box 63748, Pipe Creek, TX 78063

The application must be postmarked prior to **June 1, 2013.**

Members!! It's time to Nominate Directors for 2013 Elections NOW.

Part of the appeal of AGS is that the members DO have a direct voice in who represents them at the Board of Directors meetings where AGS rules/policies/member concerns are all addressed.

Now is the time to give it some thought and nominate members that you want to represent your voice.

If you don't participate in the nomination or election of directors thinking it doesn't matter either way or that the one you are for will win anyway, please remember that one vote can make a difference in who will represent you, AND incumbents will not automatically be on the ballot unless they are in the top two qualified nominees

Be heard by AGS, **NOMINATE** now and **VOTE** in the spring.

Each year the term expires of one the directors in **YOUR** district. One Director at Large term will expire. Now is the time to start thinking of who you want to nominate to run for those positions. Anyone nominated must have their 2013 membership fees paid by Jan 1, 2013 and have been a member of AGS for the previous three full years. **MAY 15** is the deadline for nominations to be postmarked in order for them to be counted. Election ballots are determined by the two qualified names receiving the highest number of nominations for the position.

Members are limited to ONE ballot. You may nominate any member for Director at Large. District Director must be from your district. **Cast your vote in your district only**

District 1- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

District 2- AL, KY, MS, TN, FL, GA, NC, SC, OH, VA, WV.

District 3- TX, NM, OK, LA, AR, AZ.

District 4- CO, IA, ID, KS, MN, MO, MT, UT, WI, WY, NE, IL, MI, IN, ND, SD.

District 5- CA, HI, NV, OR, WA, AK.

Director terms expiring in 2013:

Director at Large: Heather Fair

District 1: currently open

District 2: currently open

District 3: Sunni Milligan (not seeking reelection)

District 4: Lora Mae Fugate

District 5: currently open

Ballots should be mailed to and will be tabulated by:
Sara Foster
PO Box 1000
Boerne, TX 78006
Please mark envelope with the word BALLOT

Take part in AGS-NOMINATE- one of those that will be going out of office or another member-but NOMINATE. Remember, INCUMBENTS need your nomination if you want them to be on the ballot

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Ballot to Nominate Directors

I nominate _____ for Director at Large.

I nominate _____ for Director/District _____

Signature _____ District _____

Printed Name _____

Cut off at dotted line and mail to: Sara Foster, PO Box 1000, Boerne, TX 78006 to be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2013.**

Be sure to put your name and return address on the envelope for member verification check.

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Is the recommended tattoo letter for 2013

We're on the web:

www.americangoatsociety.com

Announcements List

In order to further communication between AGS and its members, AGS has an Announcements only e-mail group. This list is used by the AGS Board and the AGS Office to distribute information in the most timely, concise manner possible to the membership. The Announcements list provides direct information from the Board to the membership. If you wish to receive this free service you must request membership through the link below. Please, make sure to include your membership name with your request so we can confirm that only AGS members are included on the list. Current news and workload processing times are available at the bottom of the home page on our website.

You can subscribe to the new list at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AGSAnnouncements>