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Editor's Corner

We have lots of kids on the ground and the weather is starting to warm up although there is still a chill in the air and snow on the ground. Spring is here...

I am including my contact info in the opposite article so that anyone who has something to submit to the Voice will be able to easily find how to reach me.

Please feel free to email me articles of interest, photos, recipes or comments for the newsletter. Don't forget to send in your AGS membership dues.

Wishing you all a wonderful kidding season,

Trisha & Aaron Tank

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE VOICE?

Members and Directors are welcome to send photos, short stories, drawings or articles they have to the Voice for possible publication. All subject matter should be of a non-biased, non-controversial nature. Informative or articles of interest from other publications may be used if permission is received to print it. Be aware that space is also limited for articles or stories.

Send any items you might want to contribute to the editor: Trisha Tank, PO Box 543, Felton, MN 56536, email: goats@bilritefarms.com OR Gayle Nelson, 1327 East Lawson Rd, Little Rock, AR, 72210, email: anarky@worldnet.att.net

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Nomination Results

Here are the results of the director nomination ballots as reported by the tabulator, Mrs. Holmes who is a notary public and an impartial party.

* indicates the individuals who will be on the ballot, based on number of votes, eligibility and willingness to run and serve. There will be space on the ballot for a write-in candidate.

Please vote at election time! Ballots will be mailed out shortly.

DAL:

*Sharon Boger	27
*Tina Pankratz	7
Sunni Florence	3
William Kowalik	2
Valerie Ciesynski	2
Kathy Staten	2
Sandy Liska	1
Penny Hawkins	1
John Howland	1

D1

*Karen Stanger	13
*Dale Carlson	5

D2

*Eddie Fugate	10
*Cheryl Sugar	4
Allen Cunningham	1

D3

*William Kowalik	8
*Kim Steele	2

D4

*Laura Beers	2
Sandy Liska	1 (Declined)
Dottie Clark	1 (Not a current member)

D5

*Penny Hamers	1
Stacy Morris	1 (Declined)

As you can see, the number of nomination ballots submitted was low.

This makes it ever more important to USE your rights as a member and VOTE.

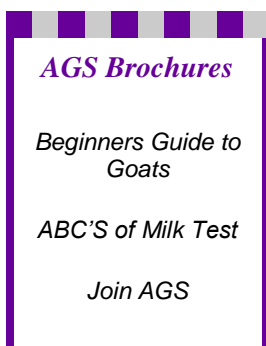
Be sure the person you cast your vote for is :

Eligible(must have been a member for 3 full years and paid membership by Jan1 of this year)

Capable: Understands the function of being a board member as well as having knowledge of AGS

Able: Can commit the time and money necessary to attend board meetings and can communicate with and FOR you as members throughout the year.

AGS Brochures available



The new brochures are in the AGS office now and are available to the membership.

brochures can be purchased in bulk from the office as follows:

1 to 10 brochures.....	15 cents each
11 to 25.....	13 cents each
26 and over.....	10 each

More brochures will be developed in the upcoming year. Possibilities for topics will be Breed Standards and Descriptions, Health Care and Management, and Showmanship.

For those members with online access. The brochures are now available to download and print in pdf format.

These are available on the AGS website at: www.americangoatsociety.com

News & Announcements

AGS Scholarships Available

Each year using the interest from the AGS Scholarship CD, AGS awards as many Scholarships as the interest will allow with some monies added by the Board to complete a partial scholarship from interest.

The John Howland Scholarship is in honor of the work John Howland did for AGS. One is available each year to a qualified applicant. The AGS Educational Scholarship is in the same amount as the John Howland Scholarship and one or more is available according to interest received on the CD.

The Scholarship committee reviews applications and selects applicants to recommend for the awards to the Board at convention each

year.

Those applying for an AGS scholarship must have been in an AGS membership for two years or be under legal guardianship, child, or grandchild of an AGS member in good standing for at least two years and complete the application by the deadline of May 1 excluding final transcripts.

Past recipients may reapply each year by completing another application with revisions.

Applications are available from the AGS office or John Howland, 2506 Burtonsville Rd., Esperance, NY 12066-3305.

DIST. 2 Directors report: Eddie Fugate

JUDGES TRAINING TO BE HELD

There will be a Judges Training May 21- 22 in Purdy, Missouri by the Mc Dowall 4-H club at the Purdy Community Center. Purdy is located above the Arkansas northern border. Purdy is about 75 minutes N.E. of Fayetteville, Ark. ; 60 minutes S.W. of Springfield ,MO ; 60 minutes S.E. of Joplin Mo.

Fees for this JT are \$50 for official candidate and \$35 Audit only. If you decide to take the whole training later instead of auditing, you may pay the additional \$15 to do so ,as long as space is available Judges Training Manual are \$10. The manual can be purchased and studied early from the host ,Tina Pankratz, phone

nights 417 442-7181, or Allen Cunnungham. JT chair person. Trainers will include Gayle Nelson , Eddie Fugate, Jean New, Tina Pankratz, and any other judges that would like to donate their services.

Motels in the area are the Budget Inn 417-847-4196, Super 8 417-847=9200, Hartland Lodge, Monett, Mo. There may be some manuals at the new AGS office if they survived the move. Call Tina Pankratz (nights) to **pre register** so they will know how much materials to have printed.



Message From the President

Dear AGS Members,

By the time you read this, the AGS Office will have been settled in it's new location in Pipe Creek Texas. As most of you know, this has been an exhausting and trying period for the Board and any members that have had to wait for paperwork to be processed. I hope the worst is over and AGS will move on to provide members with the quality of service and response they deserve. I am confident our new Office Manager, Amy Kowalik and her sister Audrey will bring a ray of sunshine to an otherwise cloudy period in AGS history.

However, the process of renewal and progress is far from finished. Amy and Audrey are frantically trying to catch up on months of back paperwork. The Data Management Committee is feverishly examining software options that will enable AGS to effectively enter the electronic age. The Office Procedures Committee is putting final touches on a long overdue written policy and procedures manual. The Judges Committee will address the issues of adequate numbers of AGS Judges. The Classification Committee must find a way to make AGS's classification system more accessible and meaningful. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee has a great deal to do before Convention in June. The entire Board has more on it's plate than anytime in the history of AGS. And so on, and so on. I mention this because I firmly believe the only way AGS will meet all these challenges is with the participation and cooperation of the membership. Except for the Office Manager, all the work that drives AGS is performed by volunteers. Most of our volunteers are simply goat folks who have a passion for their chosen species and are driven, by God knows what, to help other goat folks. There is no glory and no compensation aside from the satisfaction they are doing something for others and their dairy goats. In the heat of controversy, we often forget that. Our volunteers and workers are very much appreciated and indispensable. I sincerely hope more of you will find time to help AGS move forward in whatever fashion you see fit and contribute to whatever extent you are able. I, personally, will not be able to continue my involvement at the level that has been required this past year. Even though I am accepting a nomination for D1 Director, I will not be accepting nomination for any Office this year at Convention. In fact, it looks very much like I won't even be able to be in attendance in Oklahoma. I feel it's only right to let the membership know that before the elections so there is no misunderstanding. This past year has cost me countless hours - well over a thousand. The time taken from family and my business cannot be recovered. I do not regret my involvement in AGS. I am quite pleased at the progress and direction our Society has experienced these past two years. I will continue to support AGS and be available for Committee work, if asked. I simply feel there are plenty of members available that can and should be able to pitch in and take over.

On that note, I must remind you, Director elections are coming up shortly. This past year has shown how important your Directors are to the advancement and welfare of AGS. This is YOUR registry – get involved, by voting. Please invest the first class postage to have a say in the future of AGS. Those who choose not to vote have little right to complain, after the fact.

Finally, a special THANKS to all those who offered comments and opinions on a variety of matters over the past two years. Your contributions, both pro and con, have been both valuable and influential to the entire Board. Please keep up the involvement.

May this summer find your milk sweet, your ribbons purple and your kids all sold.

Dale Carlson, President



Secretary's Notes

Greetings from the Office of A.G.S! Hope everyone is having a happy kidding season! After a rocky start we are getting the office back on it's feet and well on it's way to being caught up! We thank everyone for their continued patience and support. We have finished all of the backlogged paperwork for December and are close to being done with January's work. We've included a few reminders that will help in the process of getting your registrations back as quickly as possible.

Secretary's Notes

- Please note to always enclose a filled out rate sheet with your most current information when making registration requests with the office.
 - *Make sure all areas of your application for registration are filled out. Try not to leave any areas blank as this will slow down the progress of your paperwork.
 - *Go over your paperwork before sending it into the office to make sure you have enclosed all the proper forms such as Bills of Sale or Service Memos.
 - *When applying for Show Sanctions or Stamped Duplicates please make that notation on the outside of the envelope.
 - *When using Pay-Pal to pay for member services please remember to use pay@americangoatsociety.com and not the office email.
- These few little "extras" would go a long way to ensure that YOUR A.G.S. Office stays up to speed & running smoothly.

Thank you members for putting your trust in us, we look forward to working with each of you and seeing A.G.S. be the best registry it can be!
 Amy Kowalik, Office Manager & Audrey Kowalik, Office Support Staff

District 3 Director



I have been happy to serve as director from Texas for the past two years. When my family and I started raising goats about eleven years ago, I would have never imagined how involved I would become in AGS. After raising various breeds including Nubians, Alpines, Pygmies, and even a couple of Boers, we discovered Nigerians. Breeding ND's soon led to showing, which then led to hosting shows, including the 2002 Nationals. An interest in milk production records and pedigrees soon followed. A couple of years ago I was contacted by an outgoing Director who suggested I seek election to represent our district. Although at first I was a bit reluctant and unsure if I was really ready to make the commitment, serving as director just seemed like part of a natural progression within the organization. Upon my election, I decided to get a better feel for what the members of D3 really wanted and needed from their registry so I conducted a survey. Occasional surveys and an annual D3 Newsletter help continue to keep the lines of communication open. As their voice, I have tried to make sure the concerns of the members have been addressed. Sometimes this means going against my own personal opinion to vote the way the majority of my constituents have asked me to vote. I continue to actively seek input from ALL members and do my best to keep them informed about what is going on with their registry. I have done my best to push for the changes necessary to meet the needs of the membership. Serving as a director is not a task that should be entered into lightly and you better be prepared to make tough decisions and put in long hours. I have made that commitment because I believe in AGS. Those who know me will attest that I am a very staunch supporter of this organization. As a life member, I am in this for the long haul, so to speak. As an organization, we have made great strides but there is still much work to be done. It takes the commitment of many people to accomplish this goal. THIS IS YOUR REGISTRY! Take that next step and get more involved. Volunteer for a committee, host a show, participate in a milk test, communicate with your director, or run for office. With elections coming up, one of the easiest and most important things you can do for your registry is to VOTE. Thank you!

William Kowalik, Director District 3

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Show Results

TCC Mini Mania 4/12/03 Granbury, TX

Judge: Kristopher Fraley
Grand Sr. Doe: Twin Creeks BW Fantasea 19 3/4
Owner: Kellye Bussey
Rs. Sr. Doe: Goodwood KW Elisabet Ney 2*D 21 7/8
Owner: Audrey Kowalik
Jr. Grand Doe: Promise Land LD Panaoga (can't read the name) 19 1/2
Owner: Ellen Dill
Rs. Jr. Doe: McCurry Farm Anne With An "E" 18 5/8
Owner: Linda Worley
Grand Buck: Backwood Oak Storm Watch 22 5/8 no win re-tattooed
Owner: Linday Worley
Rs Buck: Ponders End FO Minstrel Show 23 5/8

Motherlode Mini Milker 5/17/03 Diamond Springs, CA

Judge: Jeanne Carson
Sr. Grand Doe: Ponders End PN Ballerina 20 3/8
Owner: Shannon Strangeland
Sr. Rs. Doe: Twin Creeks PH Summer Sage 20
Owner: Melissa Van Orsdel
Jr. Grand Doe: Dallyup Ranch Black Satin 15 1/2 No Tattoo
Owner: Dotty Clark
Rs Jr. Doe: Twin Creeks AH Arwen 16
Owner: Susan Greenberg
Grand Buck: Copper Penny Black Tie Affair 22 3/8
Owner: Shannon Strangeland
Rs. Buck: MYS Jackson 23
Owner: Debbie McCormack

SWWDGA 5/24/03 Chehalis, WA

Judge: John Gorman
Sr. Grand Doe: Gay-Mor's Lucky Meadowlark 21 1/4
Owner: Darlene Daly
Rs. Sr. Doe: Mystic Acres Hermione Granger 21 3/4
Owner: Darlene Daly
BU: Gay-Mor's Lucky Meadowlark
Owner: Darlene Daly
Jr. Grand Doe: Camanna MQ Misty Diamond 18 1/4
Owner: Andrea Green
Rs. Jr. Doe: Promiseland Feline Lucky 18 1/4
Owner: Karla Steele
Grand Buck: Inavale BH Family Jules 21 3/4
Owner: Margo Piver No Win
Rs. Buck: Camanna QR Storm Chaser 22 1/8
Owner: Margo Piver No Tattoos

Glom Spectacular 5/25/03 Corunna, Michigan

Judge: Julie Matthys
Sr. Grand Doe: Sugar Creek Nate's Patience 22"
Owner: Cheryl Sugar
Sr. Rs Doe: Wood & Stream Black Russian 20.7"
Owner: Marjorie Kitchen
BOB: ARMCH Gay-Mor's RA Mayfly 4*D 22.1"
Owner: Cheryl Sugar
don't know best udder winner
Jr. Grand Doe: Sugar Creek NR Revelation 18.8"
Owner: Cheryl Sugar
Rs Jr. Doe: Irish Whisper NK Angel Wing 16.4"
Owner: Susan Brennan
Grand Buck: Rosasharn's Tom's Keiki Kane 22 1/2
Owner: Deena Sansone
Rs Buck: Caesar's Villa FL Brat in Barn 22 1/2
Owner: Aletha Moody

Curry County Fair 7/24/03 Gold Beach, OR

Judge: Diane Heaney
Grand Sr. Doe: Domingo Dakota Wind 22 1/8
Owner: Anna Brown
Rs. Sr. Doe: Camanna MB Chaebree 21 1/4
Owner: Anna Brown
BU: Domingo Dakota Wind
Owner: Anna Brown
Jr. Grand Doe: Mountain Quest CM Amber Dawn 18 1/8
Owner: Tembi Buckingham
Rs. Jr. Doe: Camanna FJ Hope's Charity 17 1/2
Owner: Anna Brown

Washington County Fair 9/13/03 Brenham, TX

Judge: Kristopher Fraley
Sr. Grand Doe: Little Rascals Dance for Joy 21 1/2
Owner: Gary & Sandra Whitehead
Rs Grand Doe: Willow Creek Moon Pie 21 7/8
Owner: Brandon & Christy Whitehead
BU: Lost Valley Mercedes
Owner: Audrey & Amy Kowalik
Jr. Grand Doe: Piddlin Acres Shanghai Noon 20 1/2
Owner: Valerie Ciesynski
Rs Jr. Doe: Hill Country's Borrowed Dreams 17 7/8
Owner: William Kowalik
Grand Buck: Little Rascals American Hero 21 7/8
Owner: Kellye Bussey No Win
Rs. Buck: Twin Creeks BW Aragorn 20 1/8
Owner: Kellye Bussey

Show Results

North Carolina State Fair 10/24/03 Raleigh, NC

Judge: John Gorman
 Sr. Grand Doe: Caesar's Villa GD Gretchen 3*D 20
 Owner: Sharon Boger
 Rs. Sr. Doe: Enchanted Hill CC Delphinium 21 1/2
 Owner: Sharon Boger
 BU: Caesar's Villa GD Gretchen 3*D
 Owner: Sharon Boger
 BOB: Caesar's Villa GD Gretchen 3*D
 Owner: Sharon Boger
 Jr. Grand Doe: Piney Acres Miss Lily Copa 20
 Owner: Steve Cooper
 Rs. Jr. Doe: Promiseland DEA Freedom 16
 Owner: Keith Harrell

Arizona State Fair 10/25/03 Phoenix, AZ

Judge: Todd Biddle
 Sr. Grand Doe: Adams Funny Farm Ivy 21 1/4
 Owner: Amanda Barbier
 Rs. Sr. Doe: Adams Funny Farm Trinket 21 3/8
 Owner: Linda Adams
 BU: Adams Funny Farm Trinket
 Owner: Linda Adams

3rd Annual Winter Romp 11/23/03 Waddell, AZ

Judge: David Millison
 Grand Sr. Doe: Adams Funny Farm Star Bright 21
 Owner: Amanda Barbier
 Rs. Grand Doe: Artist's Eye Esprit 21 1/4
 Owner: Linda Adams
 BU: Adams Funny Farm Star Bright
 Owner: Amanda Barbier
 Jr. Grand Doe: Lil Roughnecks Sweet Junebug 20
 Owner: Amber Stephenson
 Rs. Jr. Grand Doe: Saguaro Lady in Red 19 1/2
 Owner: Kathryn Lewis
 Grand Buck: Ponders End MTB Wall Street 23
 Owner: Debra McCormack
 Rs Buck: Piddlin Acres King of the Hill 23
 Owner: Terri Gonzales



AGS 2003 PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Compiled by Gail Patcher-DHI Coordinator

The records included in this booklet consist of all those lactations of 305 days or less *completed in 2003* and the records of all does participating in one-day tests during 2003.

This was a banner year for DHIR testing. There were twenty-four herds on test in fourteen different states. There were three each in Michigan, Texas, Virginia, two each in Minnesota, Idaho, Oregon, Missouri, and one each in North Carolina, Maine, New Mexico, Florida, New York, Massachusetts, and our first ever in Alaska! There were four herds testing standard sized does. The rest were all Nigerians.

There were 144 lactations completed in 2003. Some does completed more than one lactation. There were 84 qualifying records.

The Top Ten this year is dominated by the Rosasharn herd, owned by Anne Petersen, and the Jobi herd, owned by Joanne Jelke, with a few newcomers to the scene. Anne's exceptional doe Uni places first in milk production and butterfat for the second year in a row.

There were thirty-three applications for one-day tests made in 2003, of which thirty-one tests were completed. There were 144 does tested, representing twenty-nine owners. Eighty one does made qualifying records.

Eight bucks qualified in 2003 for their plus sire titles, and the famous ARMCh Goodwood Kauri Tree ++*S qualified for his second plus. Three does qualified for their stars through their progeny.

There are twenty herds signed up for DHIR testing in 2004, and hopefully more owners will apply later on. We've had several one-day tests already.

It's easy, inexpensive, and lots of fun to milk test your animals. Why not make this year the year you try it for the first time.

Top Ten booklets for the years 1996 through 2003, containing complete DHI data, including color photos of the #1 does, are available for only \$3.00 each.

Order them from Gail Patcher

609-773.0060

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LOOKING BACK AT AGS MILK TEST PROGRAMSby Gail Patcher

When I was appointed as the DHI volunteer for AGS I was lucky enough to be able to look at the AR and star record books. I already had all of the Nigerian records in my computer database, but nothing had been done yet with the standard breeds. A few months ago I computerized all the milk records available for standard dairy goats.

Unfortunately, all records prior to December 17, 1963, 1968, 1969, and from August 1989 to February 1993 were missing. From what I understand, when a new secretary-treasurer took over, all the records weren't handed over. Unless some of our older members have books containing these records, we will never have all the records back to the beginning.

At about the same time I started on these old records I started reading some very old Dairy Goat Journals from the library of our local goat association. I was amazed at what I found.

In 1937, AGS was very big and popular. The whole October magazine was about the AGS convention at the Missouri Agricultural College in Columbia, Missouri. Most of the articles were about milk production, not showing. This was the year AGS printed its first yearbook, which was the first one published by any dairy goat association. 2,000 copies were printed and cost \$.60 per copy.

Breeders were still able to import animals from England and Switzerland. Two such people were Mrs. Joseph Tatem from Haddonfield, NJ and Don Allen from Steuben, NY. Rock Alpines were very popular. The Dairy Goat Journal reported all the sales of animals.

But the emphasis was on production in "the old days". There were a lot of goats being tested through DHIR, and a lot qualified through one-day tests. Remember, this was before Nigerians exploded upon the dairy goat world, so all these animals earning stars were standard goats.

The record books show that Carl Romer was the secretary-treasurer from 1963 through 1967. His first milk test award was #S63003, on August 22, 1963. It awarded a "star sire" to Chikaming Dawn's Darcy, a Nubian buck, on the basis of his sire's being a *B and his dam being a 4*M. Back then a lot of animals were dual registered with both AGS and ADGA. The next secretary-treasurer was J. Willette Taylor, from June 1970 to September 1978. There were no milk records in the books during the interim years.

Wayne Hamrick then took over. His first award was done on January 5, 1979. Wayne's last work was done on August 3, 1989. There are no records available until John Howland took over. I recall John telling me that a lot of records weren't turned over to him when he took the job, and he had the tremendous task of starting up with no help at all. John's first award was done on February 5, 1993, and his last was done on June 22, 1999, when Judy Ratcliffe took over. Judy did her first award on November 10, 1999.

The first star for a one-day test that was recorded in the books was awarded to Tyler's Silver Dusk II, a French Alpine owned by Lucy Tyler, for her record made on February 11, 1964. The first Nigerian star (AR1399) was awarded on February 5, 1993 to Goodwood Moonflower *D, owned by Jackie Myers of California. Does completing lactations in 1988, 1990 and 1992 were not awarded their ARs until much later.

When I was looking over the books I went for a journey through memory lane. In 1963 I was twenty-four years old, and very much into goats. This was about the time we started a commercial goat dairy. There were many old friends and well-known herds mentioned in the books. I had talked to Carl Romer over the phone. I worked for Merrill Morris of Ivy Lane. I also worked for Lucy Tyler, a well-known and respected AGS director and judge. I cleaned pens for her all day long for \$5.00 a day (and I brought my own lunch). Her husband Tom was a very nice man. He took out the heaping manure spreader, since I was too young to be able to drive the tractor, and when he was spreading it I either swept down cobwebs or trimmed some feet. I loved it, and Lucy taught me a lot, as did Merrill.

Some of the herd names I remember so well from the early 1960's are Ivy Lane, Chimney Rock (I went down to Winkie Lee's and picked up a wonderful Alpine buck, and I saw my first LaMancha at her farm), Tyler, Law-Zel, Gold Crown, Edaco, Rio Linda, Hill Top Manor, Hurricane Acres, Baliwick, Evania, Laurelwood Acres, Chikaming, Cadillac, Morka Acres (Painted Lady was the dam of my first and only Spotlight Sale purchase), Naches, Q, Del Rogue, Hallcienda, Zia, Bond, Roach, Fooshee, and Rocky Ford. I even spotted Nita's Tyler Colby, one of my own bucks!

The AGS milk test program has evolved over time. For a long time, an AR number or star number was given

for each DHIR or one-day test record, and both numbers were given for an AR record. Stars were given to does with

ADGA registration numbers, American and grade animals! From what I understand, this was during the time AGS was splitting with ADGA to become a purebred registry, and there must have been some carryover of these non-purebred animals.

Up until the past few years, the only records sent in were those that qualified for stars. Breeders had to apply for ARs and stars and for plus titles for their bucks. Unfortunately, many titles were not awarded, especially for bucks, since nobody knew when the animal was eligible. It was only a few years ago that the Board voted to do this automatically at no charge. Now, all records of does completing records during the current year are printed in the Top Ten brochures, not just the ones qualifying.

During the early years, AGS published Top Ten awards. I was able to pick up a few official records from 1949 from old yearbooks, and a lot of records from the certificates I found in the books, which listed the records of the dams and granddames. I was not able to find any Top Ten mention after 1955.

When I started raising Nigerians, I went on test because I thought it was important. Although there were a few other herds on test, there was virtually no mention of their records in the AGS yearbook. I felt that these wonderful goats needed to be given credit for their excellent milk production. I spoke to John and he started putting mention of them in the yearbook, but it wasn't enough for me. I started collecting all the records that I could with the cooperation of John and the herd owners who had been on test. I collected all the doe pages I could and started my own "Top Ten."

After awhile ANDO asked me to collect the records for them, then ANDDA, and finally AGS asked me to do the Top Ten booklets. Finally we were official!

With a lot of cooperation from all the herd owners, John, and Judy, I was able to compile an AGS official database of all Nigerian DHIR records from 1988 on.

Not too long ago, the Board agreed to let me be the DHI Coordinator to lift some of work off Judy's shoulders. Since then, I take care of all milk test related work, including accepting applications for DHIR and one-day tests, compiling records, and making a pest of myself making sure all the records are sent in!

I thought the members might be interested in how our Nigerians are doing. The first chart contains the DHIR averages for all the years that they have been on test. 2003 is not included, since I haven't received most of the records yet.

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I have entered "N/A" where no records were kept. We didn't require heights on miniature does until 1999. Some didn't test for protein in the early years. Note that one column reads "# Does' Lactations". I had to give it that title because in some cases a doe would have more than one lactation completed during the year, so I couldn't call it # Does. In 2003 we had 23 herds on DHIR test, some of which were standard does.

Next comes a chart containing the averages for all does participating in one-day tests. I haven't included 2003, since not all the records are in. We had 28 owners and 143 animals so far doing one-day tests.



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As you can see, we are getting more does being tested each year. I hope more members will decide to test their does, either by DHIR or one-day tests. It's not too expensive, and it's a lot of fun. You get to find out just how much butterfat and protein your little does are giving. It's free advertising, and lately more and more buyers are interested in milking their does, and want proven milk-producing lines.

Top Ten booklets with color photos of the #1 does and a list of all the does who completed records for that year are available for only \$3.00 per year (1988 through 1993 are combined). They can be ordered by contacting me.

YEAR	# OWNERS	# DOES' LACT.	AGE	HT	DIM	MILK	FAT	FAT %	PRO	PRO %	AMT QUAL	% QUAL	LIFETIME PRODUCTION			
													DAYS	MILK	BF	PR O.
1988	1	2	1.00	N/A	215	468	30	6.3	20	4.3	2	100%	215	468	30	20
1990	1	3	2.07	N/A	292	832	44	5.2	40	4.1	3	100%	353	1023	57	51
1992	1	3	2.06	N/A	206	597	31	5.2	N/A	N/A	3	100%	206	597	31	N/A
1993	2	2	2.01	N/A	191	425	24	5.4	N/A	N/A	1	50%	294	655	37	N/A
1994	4	12	2.07	N/A	236	482	30	6.3	23	4.7	8	67%	248	498	32	23
1995	6	28	2.07	N/A	229	497	30	6.0	22	4.5	19	68%	339	710	43	31
1996	5	41	2.08	N/A	233	587	37	6.0	26	4.5	29	71%	406	961	60	42
1997	8	77	2.09	N/A	227	491	32	6.5	23	4.6	50	65%	393	851	55	40
1998	13	118	2.11	N/A	222	487	32	6.4	22	4.6	69	59%	418	953	62	44
1999	14	139	2.11	20 2/8	211	516	33	6.4	23	4.5	87	63%	476	1156	74	52
2000	17	155	2.06	20 2/8	201	473	30	6.1	21	4.4	84	54%	382	916	59	41
2001	15	128	2.08	20 4/8	176	447	28	6.1	19	4.2	60	47%	409	1030	64	45
2002	13	105	2.07	20 4/8	202	531	34	6.3	22	4.2	67	64%	367	988	63	42
Totals	8	63	2.09	20 3/8	218	526	32	6.0	24	4.4	37	70%	347	831	51	39

In future issues of the Voice I will start publishing the standard does' records, a few years worth at a time. If anybody has any record of any of the lost records, please contact me. I can e-mail the entire spreadsheet to anybody interested.

YEAR	# OWNERS	# DOES' TESTS	AGE	HT	DAYS	MILK	BF %	SCORE	AMOUNT QUALIFIED	% Qual
1996	6	13	4.01	N/A	65	1.4	6.4	21.29	3	23%
1997	4	10	3.05	N/A	94	2.6	5.6	36.23	4	40%
1998	12	39	3.11	N/A	85	2.3	5.7	31.82	16	41%
1999	19	74	2.10	20 5/8	47	2.9	5.1	34.56	34	46%
2000	18	66	3.01	20 3/8	52	2.8	5.0	33.38	26	39%
2001	15	67	3.01	20	60	2.5	5.5	32.22	24	36%
2002	23	109	2.11	20 2/8	65	2.8	5.7	36.88	60	55%
TOTALS	14	54	3.04	20 2/8	67	2.5	5.6	32.34	24	40%

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 A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER

1. LIST ANY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS INSIDE AND/OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.
2. LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE OR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.
3. WHY AND TO WHAT USE DO YOU PLAN TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP IF IT IS AWARDED TO YOU?
4. 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

ALL MATERIALS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO – **John Howland, 2506 Burtonsville Rd., Esperance, NY 12066-3305.** The application must be postmarked prior to **1 MAY.**

AGS Committees/Chairs

Awards: Makes recommendations to BOD concerning Lincoln Doe awards & rules. They also make recommendations for individual awards of merit (i.e. director emeritus, life membership award, outstanding service etc)

Sandi Liska-chair, John Howland, Gayle Nelson, Jean New

AI/Embryo Transfer: Keeps abreast of issues relating to AI/embryo transfer, requirements & procedures as it relates to registration with AGS & makes recommendations to the BOD concerning such.

John Howland - chair, Allen Cunningham, Stacy Morris

Breeds & Registration Committee: Propose registration rules & standards that help maintain the integrity of pedigrees & herd books. Serve as the coordinating & screening committee for any suggested changes or additions to the breed standards as requested by the breed clubs before they are presented to the Board. All breeds' issues should be worked on through this committee in conjunction with individual breed clubs as they pertain to AGS purebred dairy breeds.

Lisa Jo Helgesen - chair, Teresa MacDonald, Penny Tyler, Dween Muse, Priscilla Rose

Budget: develops budget recommendations for the BOD for the coming year. This includes recommendations for necessary fee increases & rate changes based on current costs & past Membership/Registrations/Transfers of the society.

Dina Callow-chair, Gayle Nelson, Sharon Boger

Complaint/Arbitration: Handles official complaints filed by members in good standing & makes recommendations to the BOD (due to the nature of the committee it is limited to BOD members only)

Kellye Bussey-chair, Allen Cunningham, Keith Harrell

Constitution & Bylaws: Reviews current AGS C&BL & makes recommendations to the BOD for changes.

Gayle Nelson-chair, Priscilla Rose, Linda Worley, Stacy Morris

Data Management Committee: made up of members with data & computer experience to oversee & report on current status of the AGS computer system & database functionality. (Microsoft Access experience helpful)

Lisa Jo Helgesen, Chair, Elizabeth Knapp, Terri Brown

DHI: Handles current issues for DHIR & top ten recognition as well as clarifying wording of AGS milking requirements & forms.

Gayle Nelson-chair, Teri Brown, Gail Pletcher, Cheryl Sugar

Election/Nomination: Made up of the 3 directors with the most Board tenure. Puts together a slate of qualified candidates for the general election to the board, based on nominations & input from the members. (To be appointed later after results of Const. Change vote)

Historian: Gathers together all forms of data that make up the history of AGS, categorizing specific items so things can be looked up, Example: all known issues of the Voice, Bod minutes & decisions by year, policy changes/dates, photos & publications etc. Putting all of this together then transcribing/scanning into a format that can be saved to disk. This would be an ongoing project

Gayle Nelson-chair, Alice Hall, Sandi Liska, Penny Tyler, Bea Howland, Hazel Mc Teer, Eddie Fugate

Judges: Makes recommendations to the BOD on issues relating to judges training as well as complaints filed against judges or shows. (limited to judges only)

Allen Cunningham-chair, Penny Tyler

Show Rules: Clarifies & writes recommendations to BOD concerning show rules for AGS shows. Also reviews any proposed changes to show forms etc. Reviews disputed show results & works with Office to resolve.

Valerie Ciesynski, Kellye Bussey, William Kowalik, Sandi Liska

National Show/Convention: works on guidelines & recommendations for BOD & solicits future sites for convention and/or national shows. (note: should be working on proposal format with cost analysis given to potential future hosts)

William Kowalik-chair, Gail Pletcher, Terri Stanton

Sub committee: Current year National show/Convention: works with main committee to put together current years' show and/or convention

2004 –

Subcommittee: National Show Fundraising: (responsible for securing corporate donations to fund premiums/awards for the National show) (at this time there is no scheduled 2004 National show – however volunteers are welcome to begin planning for 2005)

Office Procedures: Author a written set of office policies & procedures for the Secretary & Treasurer to follow.

Fred Phillips - Chair, Dina Callow

Public Relations/Products: Maintains website & puts together advertising & promotional materials benefiting AGS. (note: Artists pen/ink drawings needed. Also graphics artists and/or those experienced with FrontPage & web building. If you are talented in this area, or know someone that is, please contact this committee)

Kellye Bussey-chair, Keith Harrell, Priscilla Rose, Sunni Florence, Kay James

Publications: Oversees & manages all member publications such as the Voice & Member Handbook. (See below)

Valerie Ciesynski-chair,

Sub-Committee: Handbook: designs & maintains current handbook content, sends to office for printing

Lisa Jo Helgesen, Chair, Trisha Tank, Audrey Kowalik, Amy Kowalik,

Sub-Committee: Voice: works on recommendations from BOD & member input for content. Published quarterly. Must send hard copy as well as electronic format to office for printing. Requires knowledge of Microsoft Publisher & or Word

Trisha Tank, Editor, Gayle Nelson, Contributing editor, Amy Kowalik, Audrey Kowalik

Scholarship: Reviews scholarship applications submitted & makes recommendations to the BOD if all qualifications are met.

John Howland - chair, Gayle Nelson, Jean New,

Youth Committee: Develops & recommends programs & activities designed to promote youth participation & awareness in the dairy goat industry. Acts as advisory body & intermediary for the Youth Board.

Anne Peterson, chair, Todd Biddle, Scott Horner, Deena Sansone,

Subcommittee: Youth Board: Youth representatives from each D who help plan & participate in various activities. Will have one member designated as Youth liaison who may report to the Board, through the Youth Committee.

Come join us for the 2004 AGS National Show and Convention in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

HOST HOTEL

Best Western 600 E. Mcelory Stillwater, OK 74075 Phone: (405)
377-7010

Tell the hotel you are going to be there for the AGS National Show and Convention/Dairy goats. Rates are \$55.00/night for BoD, \$62.00/night with up to 4 people sharing the room. The rooms will have Coffee pot, Ironing board, Hair dryer, Refrigerator, and the rooms on the 4th floor also have a Microwave.

AIRPORTS

Tulsa & Oklahoma City Airports are of equal distance from Stillwater

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AI Clinic with Reproductive Enterprises, Guest speaker: Less Hutcheson, & Dr. Terry Gipson from Langston University
Parasite Clinic, Guest speaker Dr. Terry Gipson

Complete Nutrition Workshop, to include feed rations and DHIR, Guest speaker: Dr. Terry Gipson, & Dr. Steve Hart from Langston University.
Soap Making workshop, Cheese making workshops

Youth activities And much more!

Get your 2004 T Shirts!



The T-shirts are a heavy duty white with the color logo on the front. Sizes are Youth Large, Adult Small, Medium, Large, X-Tra Large, XXLG., & XXXLG. The cost is \$10.00 each.

You can mail payments or request a SHOW PACKET from
Ella Branson 1603 156th Ave SE Norman, OK 73026

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for 2004

In June of 2000, a discussion list was set up for the members and directors by director Valerie Ciesynski.

In 2001 this internet list was approved by the AGS board as the official AGS list and it is open to any AGS member.

Please take the time to join the list to give your input and opinions. Discussion and debate among fellow members on this list can be very productive for the society as a whole.

To join, go to: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/discuss_ags
Or go to the link on the AGS website at the url below:

We're on the web:

www.americangoatsociety.com

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