



Association Highlights

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May 31 is deadline for performance records

May 31 is the deadline for submitting Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) to the American Angus Association to affect bull listings in the fall 2002 *Sire Evaluation Report*. Information received after May 31 will not be included in the fall report. If you have questions, contact the Performance Programs Department.

Nominate state delegates now

You only have a few weeks left to nominate delegates to represent your state at the 2002 American Angus Association Annual Meeting set for Monday, Nov. 18, in Louisville, Ky.

Each Association member may nominate one member. All eligible nominations will be included on a state ballot that will be mailed to members for the final selection of delegates. Nominations must be received by June 30. You should have received a nomination petition in the mail.

It's important to nominate a person who is willing to attend the Annual Meeting and who is informed about the Angus business. That person could be you. If that's the case, don't hesitate to nominate yourself.

If you're new to the Angus breed, make plans to attend the Annual Meeting to learn more about the business of your Association. The event is during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), which is the site of one of the four Angus Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point shows.

NJAS coming in July

In just a few short weeks Angus juniors, parents and enthusiasts will be on their way to Milwaukee, Wis., for the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The event is set for July 8-13 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park.

The NJAS is the Association's largest annual event and attracts more than just Angus juniors and their parents. "Angus Under the Big Top" is the theme for the event, which is being hosted by the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, the

Wisconsin Angus Association and Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary. Breeders from across the country will attend for the opportunity to meet friends, both new and old; to support the youth of our breed; and to learn more about what's going on in the Angus business.

Juniors will exhibit heifers, bulls, cow-calf pairs and steers. There is a carcass contest with special emphasis on meeting *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) specifications. State junior Angus associations compete in a team sales competition. Another highlight for the week is the Auxiliary-sponsored All-

American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off.

Angus youth will participate in public speaking, poster, graphic design, photography and state junior association scrapbook contests.

State showmanship winners will compete for the national honor of "top showman" at the 36th National Junior Angus

Showmanship Contest.

Delegates from each state junior association will elect six new directors to the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors. All competitive events will be at the fairgrounds.

For more information, refer to page 33 in this issue. Complete rules for all of the contests are available online at www.njaa.info.

Players needed for Angus Foundation golf tournament

Golfers, don't forget to bring your clubs to the NJAS this year. Whether you're an amateur or a pro, you'll want to participate in the second annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. The event will take place Tuesday, July 9, during the NJAS in Milwaukee, Wis.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. and includes 18 holes of golf for all players. A lunch will be served afterward for all players, and awards will be given. The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, and several levels of sponsorship are available. Contact the Junior Activities Department or e-mail James Fisher at jfisher@angus.org for an

entry form and complete tournament information.

Writing contest for juniors

Juniors will have the opportunity to participate in a creative writing contest for the first time this year. The purpose of the contest is to encourage the enhancement of written communication skills and to allow junior Angus members another chance to compete prior to the NJAS.

Winners will be selected in three age divisions: 9 to 13, 14 to 17, and 18 to 21 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Prizes, to be awarded at the NJAS, will be \$50 for first, \$30 for second and \$20 for third in each division.

Juniors who want to participate in the contest should write a creative story or feature story that covers a current beef industry issue. Entries must be sent to the American Angus Association and be postmarked by June 1. For complete rules or more information, go to www.njaa.info or contact the Junior Activities Department.

LEAD Conference has juniors on the rail to success

Being part of the NJAA is more than just working with your Angus heifer or steer. It means learning from others and developing leadership skills that will last a lifetime. One event that focuses on the members themselves is the annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, set for Aug. 1-4 in Sacramento, Calif.

All juniors age 14 and older are eligible to attend the event. This year's theme is "From St. Joe to Sacramento — On the Rail to Success." Participants will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about the newest technologies in agriculture, and explore the state of California.

Registration materials can be found in the entry packet that was distributed to all active juniors last month. Request materials by contacting the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info. Registration is \$175 for juniors and \$125 for advisors until June 15, the early registration deadline. After that date, registration will be \$200 for juniors and \$150 for advisors.

**Junior deadlines
Summer is approaching
fast, and so are many
deadlines for junior
members. Deadlines are
listed for your reference
in "Next Generation,"
page 82.**