



Auxiliary Notes

► by Nancy Jo Sullivan, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Auxiliary encourages new members to join

The world is filled with interesting things to do. Don't lead a dull life in such a thrilling world.

— From the writings of Dale Carnegie

Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joy and dividing our grief.

— Joseph Addison

New Auxiliary members

July and August are generally busy months for cattle shows, vacations and family reunions. Isn't it great we can do all three at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)?

Not only are we making new friends, but we are catching up with our current friends. July 4th has an even deeper special meaning for me as I realize how lucky we are to live in America!

Let's talk about the Auxiliary at the state level. Maybe you are the mother of a new member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), or should we be politically correct and call you a "show mom"? The purpose of the individual state Angus auxiliaries is to promote Angus cattle, educate the public, provide scholarships to youth and facilitate the selection of state Angus queens and princesses. The fundraisers we hold through the year include the ways-and-means booths, silent auctions, scholarship donation heifers and airline ticket raffles, just to name a few.

I can tell you from experience that there

are many fringe benefits to being involved in your state Auxiliary — new friends, a feeling of fulfillment, and some very special memories.

I remember helping the Iowa Angus Auxiliary make gallons of coffee for a very cold Winter Exposition Show and Sale. We ran out of hot water, and I had to stand in a shower — with my clothes on — to catch the hot water so we could meet the coffee demand. It was worth it to see the smiles and to hear "thank you" from everyone as they warmed up.

Please make an effort to join your state Auxiliary soon. While you are at it, make it a double and join the American Angus Auxiliary. To get the name of your state contact, please contact me at the address provided in the officer listing or contact Vickie Meiburg at (810) 688-2222 or meiburgangus@blinks.net.

History note

The Auxiliary was first asked to help select an "Angus Queen" for the American Angus Association in 1967. It was decided at the annual meeting that the queen and scholarship programs would be tied together, with the top female scholarship winner becoming the Angus Queen. The contest officially began in 1968.

If you are already a member, dues are \$10 and are due in November. Please let us know if you have moved, and inform us if you are a life member, so we can update our records. The American Angus Auxiliary has many committees you can join, including Advisory on Trust, Auxiliary Extension, Awards, Beef Education, Computer Tech, Finance, Legislative and By-Laws, Membership, Scholarship, Miss American Angus, Program and Hospitality, Public Relations, and Ways and Means. Please call me with any questions or to volunteer your talents.

Note: I am still in need of state updates for Alabama, Indiana, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, Mississippi, Nebraska, Texas, Georgia, Michigan, Washington and Wisconsin. Please get these to me soon for the yearbook, which will be available at the annual meeting at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville in November.

Junior awards and contests

At the national level, we love to reward Angus juniors for outstanding achievements. One way we do this is through Certificate of Achievement Awards. We welcome juniors to make a copy of the application provided on page 54 and write down their placing(s) and the name of the show or competition. If they do this after each show, they'll be glad they did when it comes time to apply for the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. Also, remember that when your juniors are applying for the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship during their junior year in high school, they'll have a leg up on the competition. Please e-mail Renée Driscoll at waldridge@avalon.net or call (319) 668-2082 for more information about the achievement awards.

The American Angus Auxiliary selects Miss American Angus at the national level. I've had many questions on how we choose our Miss American Angus. The very first step is winning the Auxiliary scholarship contest

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Ways and Means chairwoman Rosie Bearden and her husband, Jack, in 1993.

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in your state. State scholarship contacts and the application form are made available on the Auxiliary's Web site. (The 2003 application will be on our Web site before the end of the summer.)

The top five female scholarship winners have the opportunity to compete for Miss American Angus. If any of these five girls chooses not to run, the next highest placing applicant will be asked to compete. The Miss American Angus competition is held in Louisville, Ky., in conjunction with the NAILE.

The competition consists of a prepared speech, an interview, impromptu question category and informational test. I have been so impressed with the girls and the Miss

American Angus Committee co-chaired by Ann Bell and her daughter Christy Page.

Spotlight on Ann Bell and Christy Page

Ann Bell is from Georgia and has been married for 31 years to Wayne Bell. Ann and Wayne have two children and two grandchildren.

Ann has been very involved in Angus organizations in Georgia and is currently serving a second term as Georgia Angus Association president. Ann and Wayne have a small herd of registered Angus cattle. Wayne likes to say that Ann is a professional volunteer. They also have a small used car business that they own and operate called Wayne's Used Cars.

Christy Page and her husband, Phil, live in Winder, Ga. Christy had a very active junior Angus career, showing and participating in events. Her personal highlight was being crowned 1995 Miss American Angus.

Christy is currently the Georgia Angus Association secretary/treasurer and the communications and events coordinator for the Georgia Agribusiness Council. She also owns a freelance business called Creations by Christy, where she designs and creates sale books and advertisements and is a livestock photographer. Phil and Christy own a small herd of Angus and commercial cattle. Phil owns and operates Double P Enterprises — a professional landscape design and installation business.

What a busy mother and daughter they are, and yet they have time to volunteer and to co-chair the Miss American Angus Committee. Thanks, ladies!

Christmas in July

We are planning to partner with the juniors in Louisville again this year to offer the Holiday Room, which will be filled with Angus paraphernalia and gifts perfect for holiday gift giving. Yvonne Hinman is in charge of the 2002 Holiday Room. Please contact her to reserve tables for Auxiliary members and state Auxiliary Ways and Means. Please call Yvonne at (406) 654-4809 or e-mail her at hinmanangus@hotmail.com for more information.

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Certificate of Achievement Award Application from the American Angus Auxiliary

The Certificate of Achievement is issued only for outstanding achievements at national, state and district (tri-county) levels. County-level achievements are not eligible. In a given year, a qualifying junior Angus member will receive one certificate, listing his or her achievement record as reported during the year.

Achievements that qualify: Champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions, cow-calf bingo, quiz bowls and all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognized competitions, including those held at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards also qualify.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Member or nonmember code _____ Age _____

Name of 2002 show or competition	Level (district, state, national)	Placing	Other

Please mail to Renée Driscoll, 2558 N Ave., Williamsburg, IA 52361; or send via e-mail to walridge@avalon.net by Nov. 1. If you have questions about filling out the form, call Renée at (319) 668-2082.