

# Auxiliary Action

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## Auxiliary conducts summer meeting at NJAS

*Bud Smith, American Angus Association president, and I had the privilege of joining Iowa Angus Auxiliary President Julie Gray on the stage for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) opening ceremonies. What a glorious sight to see the juniors march down the stairs and into the outdoor pavilion! But you didn't have to sit center stage to feel a deep sense of pride as these young people followed their state flags and each group was introduced.*

*What an outstanding gathering this is each July—Angus families coming together to participate as individuals and teammates, all striving to do their best to have a memorable week of competition and fellowship.*

*Thanks, Iowa! We look forward to Denver in 2001.*

### Auxiliary meeting highlights

The American Angus Auxiliary conducted an open meeting July 13 at the NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was near the barn so mothers could come and go as their schedules allowed. Complete minutes will be printed later, but following are a few highlights of the meeting.

- Cheryl Oxley, *Angus Journal* production manager, was a special guest at our meeting. Both Cheryl and Terry Cotton, general manager of the *Journal*, met with our officer team to review our printing needs. The *Journal* continues to do a superb job of working with us and handling our printing requirements. Our sincere appreciation to the *Journal* and its entire staff for their generous contributions to the Auxiliary.
- We had reports from several committee chairpersons, including Anne Patton Schubert, who reported the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>™</sup> Cook-Off had a record number of 44 teams and 181 people entered this year. The contest continues to grow in both participants and categories.
- Marjorie Perkins reported that the Ways and Means Committee has been busy at the show. Catalog and Internet sales have been steady during the year.
- Finance Chairwoman Linda Brost set up two new funds to help support expenditures for junior awards and Miss American Angus. Several donations for both already have been received.
- The Legislation Committee submitted a proposed bylaw change that would move the Advisory on Trust Committee to permanent-standing-committee status. The proposal will be

printed in the October issue of the *Journal* and voted upon for approval at the November general meeting.

- There were favorable comments about the meeting at the NJAS as many of the ladies who are in attendance at the summer show are not able to join us at the November Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky. The summer meeting will continue at all national junior shows in the future.

### Auxiliary sponsors awards

Our Auxiliary continues to support the juniors in their activities and educational goals each year. In addition to the scholarship winners (see page 78) and the many Cook-Off prizes (see page 184), Chairwoman Cathy Watkins announced the Crystal Award winners: Jennifer Scharpe, Minnesota, and Adam Jones, Kansas.

I visited with both of these young people and asked them how many of the nonshowing events they entered in their quest for the Crystal Award. Jennifer had entered every one of them, and Adam had entered all but photography. The variation of contests gives juniors who are unable to bring their animals the opportunity to participate and to vie for one of the major awards.

Silver Pitcher winners were announced by Chairwoman Sherrie Grappe. Kami Krebs, Nebraska, won the girls' award and Kyle Conley, Missouri, and Wesley Womack, Kentucky, won the boys' award.

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Our Auxiliary has given the Showmanship Award for 34 years. This year we began a new tradition by honoring the man who organized the first National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in 1967 and the first NJAS in 1969. Receiving the inaugural Dean Hurlbut Showmanship Award presented by the Auxiliary was Jessica Sawyer, Nebraska.

Other showmanship winners receiving the Auxiliary's silver bowls were Kyle Hain, Nebraska, second; Jennifer Beck, North Carolina, third; Brittney Burns, Illinois, fourth; and Ryan Sweeney, Michigan, fifth.

Congratulations to the winners and to the participants in all of the contests at this year's NJAS.

#### NJAS trivia

- A record number of 1,224 animals were shown at the 2000 NJAS.
- Glenn Grote drove all the way from Texas just to cook up 1,000 pounds (lb.) of barbecued beef for everyone! Thanks to the Grotes and their crew.
- Four hundred cookbooks were given to the lucky people stopping by the Ways & Means booth.
- The Nebraska crew served up banana splits Tuesday night, and I have it on good authority that they used the fruit from 14 banana trees, the creamy milk from 100 Jersey cows, and 27% of California's strawberry crop. And they had a special pipeline installed all the way from Hershey, Pa., just to deliver the chocolate syrup. It was worth every delicious bite! Thanks, Nebraska.
- Marjorie Perkins and her daughter, Kathy, had 20 volunteers to help keep the Auxiliary Ways & Means booth open for 76 hours during the show. Thanks to all who helped.
- Yvonne Hinman is still from Montana, not Missouri, no matter what Jerry Lehmann says.
- The *Angus Journal* and American Angus Association photographers took approximately 50 rolls of film at the show. Wow!

- Three hundred youth of all ages went home wearing the official 2000 NJAS T-shirts with this year's participants' names printed on them.
- Everyone had a good time.

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Opportunities always will be present throughout our lifetime. We must, however, have the foresight to recognize their possibilities and, secondly, the commitment and courage to transform them into a successful reality.