Association Highlights

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Make plans to attend Reno

The 2003 Western National Angus Futurity and 2003 Western Regional Junior Angus Show are scheduled for later this month in Reno, Nev. The event will take place April 25-27.

This year the Western National Super-Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Show will move from a two-day to a one-day event. If you can't make it to Reno, you can view real-time coverage of the show at www.angusjournal.com/reno.

Look for delegate petitions in the mail

In preparation for the 2003 Annual Meeting this November in Louisville, Ky., petitions to nominate state delegates should be in all members' mailboxes early this month.

Members may nominate any member from their state, including themselves. The candidates should be actively involved in the Angus business, be willing to attend the Annual Meeting and be able to represent Angus breeders.

Nominations are due to the Association by June 30, and every qualified nominee will

be included on a state ballot. The ballots will be mailed to the membership who will vote on the slate of delegates.

Angus 'Boot Camp' planned

The Association is planning a conference for local, state and regional Angus association leaders, June 5-6 in Saint Joseph, Mo. The forum is designed to provide opportunities



for association leaders to exchange ideas and information to enhance

services provided to their members and to learn how to better use American Angus Association services.

Two representatives from each association have been invited to "Angus Leaders' Boot Camp." They will have the opportunity to tour the Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) offices, visit with Association staff and directors, and attend a one-day educational program. More details will appear soon online at www.angus.org.

Report new association officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer lists to the Communications and Public Relations Department by May 1. This will ensure that correct listings are posted on the Association Web site and in the 2003 Resource Edition published in the August Angus Journal. Listings include the association's name; Web site, if applicable; and current officers and their contact information. If you have not received a form to update your officer listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at (816) 383-5100 or lmaudlin@angus.org.

Start planning summer field days now

With spring in the air, and summer around the corner, it is time to begin thinking about hosting an Angus field day at your farm or ranch. The Association's Communications and Public Relations Department has field-day planners and kits available to make your event a success.

The field-day planner provides a timeline for organizing your event, from planning the program to handling publicity. The planner offers a checklist of details for you to review a month, a week and a day before your event. There are also some reminders for sale planning.

The field-day kit is a collection of literature, posters and other promotional items available from the Association. The kit is perfect for decorating your facilities and for providing information to junior and regular members, as well as to commercial producers.

Call the Public Relations Department or e-mail Maudlin at lmaudlin@angus.org for more information or to request these materials.

North Dakota to host 2003 National Angus Conference & Tour

Plans are underway for the 2003 National Angus Conference and Tour, set for Sept. 24-27 in Mandan, N.D. A program of top beefindustry speakers will highlight the one-day conference. The North Dakota Angus Association (NDAA) has planned a two-day tour that will feature Angus herds across the state.

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■ ASSOCIATION FEES

CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the major cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	

TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date\$	5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date\$	7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date	2

MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per weanii	ng weight)\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$30
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf	regular registration fee plus \$10
Cell-clone transplant calf.	regular registration fee plus \$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*. Copies are available free from the Association.

■ BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire	%	Split-ET
+	Embryo transfer calf	@	Clone-ET
^	Cell clone		

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■ Breeder's Reference announcement

Pursuant to Section XII b. and c. of the Rules of the American Angus Association and Article VII of its Bylaws, the membership of Kevin and Virginia Bronson, #A-1046307, has been suspended for a period of six months, commencing March 1, 2003, and concluding on Sept. 1, 2003.

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., is the sponsor for the event, with a theme of "Take Initiative." Registration materials will be available soon by contacting Linda Campbell at (816) 383-5143 or lcampbell@ angus.org.

Junior deadlines approaching soon

Many deadlines for junior shows and events are rapidly approaching. All National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members between the ages of 9 and 21 should have received an entry booklet in the mail by now. If you have not received the booklet, contact the Junior Activities Department.

April 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Regional Preview Show.

May 1 is the ownership deadline for the Eastern Regional, the Northwest Regional Preview and the North Central Regional Preview. Gold Award applications and nominations for the Honorary Angus Foundation and Advisor of the Year honors are also due May 1.

May 15 is the application deadline for Angus Foundation scholarships and the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship.

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