



Auxiliary Notes

► by Nancy Jo Sullivan, president, American Angus Auxiliary

In the “good ol’ summer time”

Can you believe it is July again, and soon many of us will be gathering in Louisville, Ky., for the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world?

Time to plan

July not only means attending the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) — it also means our Executive Committee and committee chairmen are planning and preparing for the American Angus Auxiliary annual meeting in Louisville this November.

I am writing this article in May for the *July Angus Journal*, and I am already talking about November. Wow! It is no wonder time is flying. This is my 16th “Auxiliary Notes” article — talk about time flying! I can remember submitting my first article to Yvonne Hinman, 2000 Auxiliary president, looking for some encouragement and feedback. I got the feedback all right when Yvonne commented, “Good start, Nancy. You only have 11 to go!” Eleven turned into 20. Now I only have four left. Enough with talking about time passing — let’s get ready for the “good ol’ summer time”!

Preparation for NJAS

July and August are popular vacation months, and for many families that vacation

is the NJAS. What a grand time it is. For those of you attending your first NJAS, here are a few suggestions for making it the greatest:

Be sure to pack jeans and shorts one to two sizes larger than you normally wear. Why? The food is great. Kentucky knows how to host a great show, and Louisville has great restaurants. Be sure to look up the ones that serve *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®)! And you won’t want to miss the great meal on Thursday prepared by the Kentucky and Texas associations.

There is one more “belt buster” I should mention, and that is sugarcoated nuts. You will know when you are close to them by the aroma. The sugarcoated nuts, or as Jane Ebert (2001 Auxiliary president) so fondly calls them, the “Auxiliary Going Nuts,” will be located by the Ways & Means booth. The Pat Grote family donated Pat’s machine for perpetuating the growth of the Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship fund. After your third or fourth sack of nuts you’ll be glad you packed those extra-size jeans.

NJAS activities highlights

The Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off is in the West Hall at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 15. The event is fun and educational. The contestants come prepared with the tastiest and quickest ways to prepare CAB. You may even get to taste some of those great Cook-Off samples.

Wednesday, July 16, has so much to offer with the extemporaneous public speaking contest in the West Hall in rooms 5, 6 and 7 and the team sales competition at the Broadbent at 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 17, is as exciting. The public speaking contest is in the West Hall, starting at 2 p.m., in rooms 5, 6 and 7. Quiz bowl finals are at 3:30 p.m. in rooms 4 and 5 of the West Hall. Be prepared to be amazed by the juniors’ knowledge of the industry.

As you can see, there is so much more to this event than a blue ribbon.

Make new friends.

Volunteer to work at the American Angus Auxiliary booth. Not only will you meet new friends, you will have fun and can receive a discount on your purchases at the end of the shift. Wouldn’t it be nice to know you have most of your Christmas shopping completed in July?

Come to the American Angus Auxiliary’s midyear meeting July 14 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Reminders and posters will be displayed by check-in. We’d love to meet you. You can also sign up to work in the Ways & Means booth at the midyear meeting.

Don’t forget the adult social at the Executive West from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 18. Sometimes after a week packed with the excitement of the NJAS, you may be tempted to crash. Please don’t yield to that temptation. Instead come and stretch out your hand to greet and meet new and old friends. I hope I am one of the new friends you will meet.

Reminders

By the way, since July will be so much fun and so invigorating with all that knowledge and excitement, you’ll want to mark your calendar for Louisville for Nov. 15-18, 2003, to attend the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), the American Angus Association Annual Meeting and the Auxiliary’s Annual Meeting and Breakfast.

Have a “good ol’ summer time,” and I look forward to meeting you soon.

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