



NALJA News

2000 Fall Edition

Fall Board Meeting Report

Hey there juniors! Your board of directors held their yearly meeting October 13 and 14 in Kansas City. We discussed and planned the times and activities for the 2001 Junior National Show. Make sure that you keep your eyes open and read all of the Special Summer Edition of NALJA News thoroughly, we have made some scheduling and rule changes, they will be announced in a few months.

Many items were discussed and some changes were made. We made these changes with the best interest of the junior membership in mind. We hope that you agree with our decisions.

One important topic is the application deadline for the Ambassador. We need a dedicated junior member that is looking for valuable experience in Limousin and would like to live in Colorado for a

summer. This is a great position and would be helpful to all individuals. The application deadline is December 1.

As the school year comes to an end, make sure to keep an eye on the deadlines for other scholarships and board applications.

We will be holding another Leadership Conference in College Station, Texas in 2001. This is going to be a great opportunity to meet other individuals with the same interests and goals in life. The conference will help junior members have a better perspective of the beef industry and where it's going.

Please look into the web pages located at nalf.org and at limiweb.com for information and important membership updates.

Web will provide important information

For all junior members that have access to the internet check us out and see what is going on with the junior association. We have a NALJA Web page on both nalf.org and limiweb.com. Please keep an eye on these to see the important dates and find out information on new items. If you have an e-mail address please send it to laurie@nalf.org. NALF would like to make up a list-serve so that we have easy access to all of the members if there is something that we would like to send. If you would like to place something on the web page please contact Winston Grannis 606-849-2046 or Thane Combs 785-746-8883 and they will help you take care of it. Please use these web pages they were created to help promote NALJA.

Upcoming events

Winter brings two important junior events.

The North American International Livestock Exhibition is the crown jewel of the eastern stock shows and the National Western Stock Show is the granddaddy of them all.

Louisville, Kentucky hosts the NAILE and the facility is the best in the country. Limousin activities begin November 9 with cattle arrival. The junior show is November 12 at 8:30 a.m.

The NWSS is held in Denver every year. This unique event garners the interest of many commercial cattlemen, who come to view the bulls in the Yards and the Denver mystique is always present on the Hill.

Limousin activities have changed a little this year with cattle arriving on January 2 and the junior show on January 7.

The Limousin Social and Genetics on Ice auction are also scheduled for that day.

Entry deadline for Denver is November 15.



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MOO-lennium to Highlight Junior Nationals

Come one come all!!

The 2001 Junior Nationals will be held in Louisville, Kentucky and we hope all of you are planning to join us.

The theme for this year's show is Celebrating the MOO-lennium 2001. It will be held July 8 to 14 and will undoubtedly feature the best and brightest Limousin juniors in the nation.

The show headquarters will be the Executive Inn East. Call and ask for the Limousin block of rooms (502) 367-6161.

Here is the tentative schedule of events:

Sunday, July 8:

Cattle can begin to arrive.

NALJA Board of Directors Interviews

NALJA Meeting-bid presentations

NALJA Board of Directors meeting

Monday, July 9:

Cattle check-in

Cattle must be in place

NALJA Annual Membership meeting and welcome

NALJA Pizza Party and Dance

Tuesday, July 10:

Public Speaking

Quiz Bowl Preliminaries

Cow Camp Welcome Dinner and

Opening Ceremonies

Wednesday, July 11:

Bred and Owned Bull and Female Show

Steer Show

Sales Talk

Quiz Bowl Finals

Cow Camp Finals

Limousin Beef Cook-Off

Junior and Intermediate Showmanship

Thursday, July 12:

Moo-lennium National Junior Female Show

Friday, July 13:

Judging Contest

Senior Showmanship

NALJA Awards Banquet, NALJA Dance

Saturday, July 14:

All-American Futurity

LIMI Conference to be held in College Station

Are you a NALJA member? Would you like to learn more about the beef industry, leadership skills and meet other junior members from across the Country? If you answer yes to any of these questions then you need to attend the 2001 LIMI Conference.

I am really excited that we are going to have another leadership conference. The LIMI Conference is going to be held in the spring of 2001 at Texas A&M University, in College Station, Texas.

The conference that we had in Stillwater, Oklahoma two years ago was awesome! It was the

first time that I had seen most of the people without any cattle. The conference really helped me to put a perspective on the fact that the junior program is not all about the competition in the showing, it is about the young people raising Limousin cattle.

Most years, it was too far for my family to haul cattle to the National Jr. Show, this event allowed me to participate at a national level. I had a wonderful time in Oklahoma and I know that College Station is a great place to have this event. If anyone has any questions about LIMI 2001, feel free to e-mail me at: nikkijaeger@hotmail.com

Officer Profiles

Since it is a challenge for some to attend the events held throughout the year, these profiles of the NALJA board may help members get to know this year's officer panel. Each profile contains member's hometown, college and a little insight.

Mindy Kreber, NALJA President

Hometown: Tabor, South Dakota

College: South Dakota State University

Important things: I am a senior animal science major at SDSU. I have been involved with Block and Bridle, Little I and many intramural sports. I have learned to live with no regrets and to my best ability. Laugh it is the music of the heart.

Why I wanted to be a board member: I wanted to become a leader who would help children achieve their goals, while I expanded my knowledge of the beef industry.

Advice: Keep your head up and your dreams high, you can do anything if you believe in yourself.

Nikki Jaeger, NALJA Vice President

Hometown: Glenwood Springs, Colorado

College: Texas A&M University

Important things: I am involved in Saddle and Sirloin. I am on the student council for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. My major is Agriculture Development and I want to double major with the second major in communications.

Things that I am excited about for NALJA: I am excited about the LIM Conference and hope that everyone can make it to College Station.

Advice: My advice to any junior member is to be active in everything that you do. I also would tell you to take advantage of all the knowledge that the people in this breed have to offer, they are all here to help.

Jamie Straight, NALJA Secretary

Hometown: Logan, Iowa

College: Iowa State University

Important things: I am a junior in Animal Science at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. I am a member of our Block and Bridle club and the Beef Interest Group. After graduation I plan to continue encouraging our junior activities as well as have a job within the cattle industry.

Why I wanted to be a board member: I decided to become a board member because I wanted to be more involved in our junior association, as well as get to know our membership on a more personal basis. I also felt that it would be important for me to have an input on the decisions made for our future.

Advice: Be yourself, have fun, and let us know your thoughts.

Thane Combs, NALJA Historian

Hometown: Ottawa, KS

College: Butler County Community College

Important things: I love Limousin cattle and enjoy the others that are involved. I like showing and hanging out with friends.

Why I wanted to be a board member: I wanted to be a leader for future breeders. I wanted to be involved in the Limousin breed as much I can. I wanted to help out younger kids, as I had been helped.

Advice: Keep up all your hard work and never give up.



This year's Junior Board is (front row from left) Mindy Kreber, Nikki Jaeger, Jamie Straight, Thane Combs and Winston Grannis. Back row from left, Quin Peterson, Clint Long, Ashley Etherton, Derek Grigsby and Amber Lawrence.

Quin Peterson, NALJA Director

Hometown: Pukwana, South Dakota

College: Northeastern Oklahoma A&M

Important things: I love to visit with people and help out the younger kids in the association. I am always laughing and willing to help.

Why I wanted to be a board member: I wanted to be a board member so that I could help out the junior members with their achievements and goals.

Advice: Always keep your head high, you are worth more than you think.

Here's what Mindy had to say about the rest of the NALJA board.

Amber Lawrence, NALF Ex-Officio

Hometown: Anton, Texas

College: Texas Tech

Amber is a great asset to our board. She is very experienced and knows the right choices that need to be made for NALJA.

Winston Grannis, NALJA Reporter

Hometown: Flemmingsburg, Kentucky

School: Flemmingsburg High School

Winston is a great help, he is always willing to join in on anything. He has an open mind and doesn't mind hard work.

Ashley Etherton, NALJA Director

Hometown: Dawson, Illinois

College: Southern Illinois University

Ashley is a great girl. She knows what is going on and helps with many projects that need attention. She has an open mind and makes great decisions.

Clint Long, NALJA Director

Hometown: Cedar, Iowa

College: Iowa State University

Clint has the knowledge and experience that is needed to make some serious decisions that affect everyone. He is open minded and gives his input when it's needed.

Derek Grigsby, NALJA Director

Hometown: Welch, Oklahoma

College: Oklahoma State University

Derek, is a great person, he has a good head on his shoulders and helps make decisions that look out for the junior members.

All of our board is very experienced and knows what is happening and the actions we need to take to keep making a difference.

President's Pen:

NALJA holds many opportunities for members of all ages. Even though you may think that you are just here showing cattle you will soon learn that you are making a great difference in your life.

Every now and then we don't take the time to realize that someday we are going to be older and will need to take on the world by ourselves. The most important thing that we can do is get ourselves ready for the future so we can grab a-hold of it and go.

Just by joining NALJA you become part of a great organization that cares for its members and their future. You are expanding your knowledge everyday when you wake up and agree to take on the challenges that your day brings

Some of the best advice that I can give you is to become involved, both with our association and with the activities in your hometown. There is no greater education than hands on experience. For the members who are old enough and would like to gain experience in the Limousin breed, I advise you to apply for the ambassador position, it is a great way to become involved. For others, I advise you to apply for the board of directors. There is so much out there you just have to be willing to take it on. This is an opportunity for everyone, believe in yourself, and see how far it will get you, you will be surprised!

I would like to take a moment to thank those who con-

tributed either their magic, faith, time, energy, vision, passion, support or friendship in an important and appreciated way.

To my family, thank you for never taking away my hope, it was all that I had. Never once did you laugh when I wanted to be my own individual, your love and support were always within reach.

To my "Big Cheese" for getting me started in the Limousin association and for never giving up on me. To my closest and dearest friends for helping me get through each and everyday of my life. You give me hope and inspiration, always standing beside me in all my decisions and reminding me that what doesn't kill me only makes me stronger. To the junior members for having this strong faith in me. I hope that I can be all that you expect me to be. And my last thank-you goes to God, for giving me each and every day of my life.

Thanks Again,
Mindy Kreber

Focus 2000

Plan now for your Future!

The Limousin breed is holding Focus 2000 Symposium, November 30 to December 2, in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

This would be a great chance to see where the breed is now and how the breed plans to get to where it wants to be. The symposium is for everyone that wants to learn more about the breed. We encourage you to attend.

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