

# ***NDGA Newsletter***

## ***Fall 2022***

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### **A Message from the Board:**

Greetings. We hope this finds you doing well, that the calves look good and the cows have bred back. We hope, too, that hail, grasshoppers, footrot and pinkeye have not been issues for you this summer.

A very successful and enjoyable Junior Show and Field Day was held last month. Thanks to the Sickler family for hosting.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about the Junior Show, Field Day and Summer NDGA meeting. Some important decisions were made regarding the 2023 Golden Rule Sale. Thanks to those who were there and provided input. (Minutes of the summer meeting are being sent as a separate attachment).

### **Golden Rule Sale:**

Chris Mitchell, Mitchell Marketing Services, has been retained as sale management for the 2023 Golden Rule Sale. It was also decided at the summer meeting that a Gelbvieh-influenced, commercial female sale would be added to the event.

NDGA president Jordan Jensen says many details still need to be worked out, including whether the sale will include open heifers, bred heifers or cows; the minimum percentage Gelbvieh that will be allowed, commission rates, etc. Jordan says input from the membership is welcome. Contact him if you have suggestions or just want to visit.

## **Field Day and Junior Show:**

*(report submitted by Klint Sickler)*

The North Dakota Gelbvieh Association held its annual field day, in conjunction with the ND Junior Gelbvieh Association's junior show, at Prairie Hills Gelbvieh on August 13th. While the day was interrupted by a welcome rain shower, the 75 guests in attendance adjusted quickly and had a great day of comraderie and touring the PHG pastures. Guests from ND, SD, MT, MN, and Canada were on hand for the summer membership meeting, junior show and tours of the Sickler herd.

Cody & Jaycie Forbes, alums of the AGJA executive board, joined us for the day as the judges for the junior show. The juniors were very appreciative of their efforts, and Cody & Jaycie spent a good part of the morning working with the juniors on showmanship and daily care of their animals.

During the annual meeting of the ND Junior Gelbvieh Association, this group of young Gelbvieh enthusiasts took the progressive step to expand their membership boundaries to include youth in surrounding states that don't have a junior organization. The decision was made to extend an invitation to any youth in Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, or Canada that would like to be a part of their junior activities. By opening our arms to these



surrounding states, we would like to offer mentorship, support, and a network of kids with similar interests to support their growth as junior exhibitors. This also extends to anyone who would like to participate in the annual Junior Classic activities, but may not have the state support or knowledge to make it happen.

Since the association has grown larger than just North Dakota, the group has voted to change the name to the Northern Lights Junior Gelbvieh Association to reflect the larger regional footprint it represents. A new board consisting of members from ND and MN was organized, and work has begun on writing new bylaws for the organization.

If you are a junior or know of juniors from ND, MN, MT, WY, or Canada and are interested in becoming a part of this group – contact advisors Klint or Maralee Sickler and they will be happy to visit with you.



*Abi Reetz and Anna Gordon from Worthington, MN show their entries in an open heifer class.*

*Luke Heinrich, Medina, enjoyed his first experience showing a calf.*



*Judges Cody and Jaycie Forbes assist Annabelle Altman during the showmanship portion of the Junior Show.*

**Junior Show Results:**

Champion Female: BEA 245J – Shown by Montana Wilson, Worthington, MN

Reserve Champion Female: VOS Princess Anna 157H – Shown by Kylee Sickler, Gladstone, ND

Champion Bull: PHG Kristoff K50 – Shown by Kylee Sickler, Gladstone, ND

Reserve Champion Bull: FPCC 433K – Shown by Montana Wilson, Worthington, MN

Champion Junior Showmanship – Kylee Sickler, Gladstone, ND

Reserve Junior Showmanship – Annabelle Altman, Worthington, MN

Champion Senior Showmanship – Montana Wilson, Worthington, MN

Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship – Abi Reetz, Worthington, MN

### **Website:**

The North Dakota Gelbvieh Association's new website is now up-and-running. [www.ndgelviehassociation.com](http://www.ndgelviehassociation.com). Thanks to Linda Deutcher for creating it; and for Bailey March for coordinating the switch.

Paid-up members are welcome to advertise their sales on the website. Check the membership page. If you are a paid-up member and are not listed, please let Bailey know. If you are listed and haven't paid your dues for this year, Chad Kraft is the one to contact.

This is our website. Please help keep it current by providing information to Bailey. Constructive criticism is welcome.

## **Stockmens Convention Booth:**

The North Dakota Gelbvieh Association will be taking part in the trade show at the ND Stockmen's Association convention September 22 and 23 in Bismarck. NDGA members will "man" the booth starting at 5:00 pm on Thursday and from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm on Friday. If you can help, contact Al Gustin or Jordan Jensen. The AGA will be providing promotional materials.

Angus, Red Angus and Simmental breeds will also be represented at the trade show.

## **Miss Ag USA:**



Maci Wehri from Mott, ND was crowned Miss Agriculture USA earlier this year at a competition in Ohio where she competed against eight other state winners in a variety of categories. Maci, who is 19, is no stranger to the cattle industry and the Gelbvieh breed. Her grandfather, Harvey, started Wehri Gelbvieh in 1984. Wehri Gelbvieh of Hebron, ND continues today operated by Maci's dad Dean, her uncle Brian and the help of Maci and her cousins.

## Arrivals:



Lawson Harvey Messer was born August 16<sup>th</sup>. He's the son of Dakota and Alyssa Messer and Grandson of NDGA board member Brian Wehri and his wife Cheryl. Lawson has a big sister, Della, who's two.

## From the Archives:

"The North Dakota Gelbvieh Gals held a meeting Sept. 16, 1989 at the ND Gelbvieh field day. Each member was given pictures of Gelbvieh cattle to be hung at area sale barns with the permission the sale barns."

*(Taken from the "North Dakota Gelbvieh News", November, 1989)*

## Other news and notes from the NDGA:

Annual dues for the ND Gelbvieh Association are \$40 per member. If you have not paid your dues for 2022, please make payment to treasurer

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