

# ***NDGA Newsletter***

## ***Summer 2023***

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

Hello members,

One of the best times of the year for Northern Plains cattlemen is when we move pairs to grass and turn out bulls. This year it seems especially enjoyable after a long and brutal winter and an arduous time fixing fence. At least most areas have abundant grass and water and a promising hay crop.

During a May 11 conference call, the board gave President Jensen the go-ahead to finalize arrangements for the 2024 annual meeting and sale. Jordan says all the reservations have been made at the Baymont Inn in Mandan for the annual meeting, social and dinner; and at Kist Livestock for the annual sale -- all to be held the last weekend in January. He says Chris Mitchell accepted our offer to manage the Golden Rule sale again this year.

Our association is blessed to have a large number of junior members. In this newsletter you'll read of two upcoming events for the juniors. We wish them well.

You'll also read of the passing of Arlen Hillius and Ron Rewald. Our condolences to their families.

Here's hoping there will be only pleasant surprises as we check cattle this summer.

## **Juniors:**

The Northern Lights Junior Association will be hosting a summer field day for all juniors and their families from June 10th -11th at the Stutsman County Fair Grounds in conjunction with the North Dakota Junior Simmental Association. On Saturday, juniors can participate in a sales talk competition and seminars on daily hair care and fitting and understanding EPDs. There will be a picnic on Saturday night sponsored by the North Dakota Simmental Association followed by a junior activity put on by the NLJA board members. The livestock show and showmanship will take place on Sunday morning. We are grateful to the Stutsman County Fair Board for allowing us to hold the event there for no cost and to the NDJSA for allowing us to partner with them to make this field day a success!

In July some of our junior members will make their way to Huron, SD for the 2023 Junior Classic. This is a week-long event in which juniors compete nationally in multiple competitions, network with other juniors from all over the country, and have a whole lot of fun! We are fortunate that we have a Junior Classic close to home, and we invite all juniors and their families to come and check it out for even a day or two!

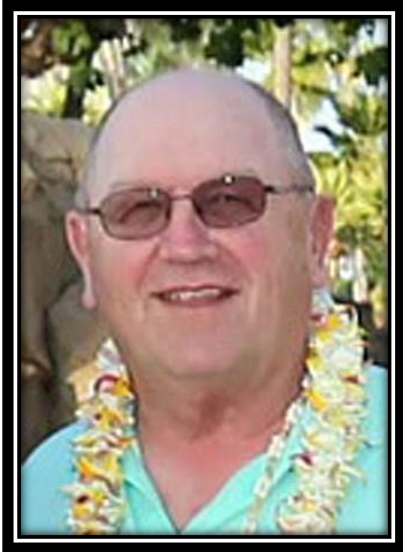
## **Member News:**



**Arlen G. Hillius**, "Poncho", 73, Medina, ND passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023 at his farm near Medina.

Arlen's daughter Christina and her husband Dwight Dockter are members of the NDGA, as are his granddaughter Bailey and her husband Austin March.

In 1977 Arlen and his wife Irene moved back to the family farm where they farmed, had dairy cows for many years and later beef cows.



**Ronald Rewald** passed away on March 29, 2023 at the age of 71. Ron and his wife Robin owned and operated Triple R Gelbvieh of Pettibone.

Ron married Robin Torgerson June 14, 1974, and in the coming years, they had two children. In 1975, Ron began farming with his father-in-law, Tuffy Torgerson, near Pettibone ND, and over the next several decades he raised registered Polled Hereford, Red Angus, and Gelbvieh cattle.

Richie and Sarah Heinrich (Diamond-D Gelbvieh, Medina) welcomed triplet calves on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Sarah says the dam was ultrasounded with twins, so they were surprised when a third calf came out – backwards. Combined, the three calves weighed 183 pounds. All are still doing well.



### **Website:**

Some updates have been made to our website, including on the membership page. We continue to try to improve the website and are open to suggestions. Send website information to Bailey March at [bdockter10@hotmail.com](mailto:bdockter10@hotmail.com)

## **From the Archives:**

“The 2008 Golden Rule Sale is going global, with a little help from new sale management, Purple Haven Enterprizes, Mandan, ND. The February 28, 2008 sale will be broadcast online at [www.liveauctionhaven.com](http://www.liveauctionhaven.com) and viewers will be able to evaluate the sale offering in real time, according to Jeff Erhardt, owner and president of Purple Haven.”

*Taken from Gelbvieh Greeter, November 2007*

## **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 2023, please make payment to treasurer

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Editor's note: The fall 2023 edition of the ND Gelbvieh Association Newsletter will be e-mailed on September first. If you have information you would like included, please send it to me. Thank you.

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