



Junior Spotlight

WHAT LIES AHEAD? JRA OPPORTUNITIES IN 2008

Recognition, money, travel, competition, scholarships...all are available to JRA members - if you want to be involved! Take note of the registration, application and entry deadlines listed below and seize your opportunities! For more information on any JRA program or contest, please contact Dawn Bernhard, Junior Programs Coordinator - dawn@redangus.org. Applications, registration forms and information available on the web at www.redangus.org.

RAAA Scholarships - 7 available!

Application deadline March 31, 2008
Contact Betty Grimshaw - betty@redangus.org - or download application from the website.

JRA Essay Contest!

Entry deadline May 1st - Topics found on the website.

JRA Powerpoint Presentation Contest!

Entry deadline May 1st. Details on the web.

JRA Graphic Design Contest!

Entry deadline May 1. Details on the web.

Merit Award Program (MAP)

Applications due May 1. Awards include scholarships to attend Round-Up. Details and application on the web.

American/Canadian Exchange Program

Application deadline May 1. Open to any JRA member, 16 years and older. JRA members selected to represent the RAAA/JRA travel to Canada to participate in Showdown. This year, the Canadian Junior Showdown will be July 17-20, Spruce Meadows, Calgary, AB.

2008 Round-Up

Red Angus Days, Tennessee Nights - June 24 - June 29.
Registration deadline May 1. Forms available on-line with the February issue of the "Have You Herd" newsletter.

2008 JRA National Officer Elections

Application deadline May 1. Forms available online with the February "Have You Herd" newsletter.
Positions open for election in 2008 are:
West region - AL, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA
Mountains region - CO, MT, UT, WY
South region - AL, AR, AZ, FL, GA, LA, MS, NM, NC, SC, TN, TX
If no applicant from a region runs for election, any eligible junior may run for an At Large position representing that region.
However, all application rules and deadlines apply.

2008 JRA Photo Contest!

Entry deadline August 1. All entries are displayed at the National Red Angus Convention, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Entries in the contest are used to make Red Angus Christmas and/or notecards.



ROUND-UP 2008... RED ANGUS DAYS, TENNESSEE NIGHTS!

Tuesday, June 24

Noon - Check-in deadline: Welcome Ceremonies; Orientation ; Contest entries due: scrapbook, poster

1:00 p.m. - CPC - large feeder and feed mill - southern Kentucky

4:00 p.m. - Red Hill Farms, Bart and Sarah Jones, Lafayette, TN cattle tour, meal, ice breakers, contests

Wednesday, June 25

10 a.m. - Tennessee Tech University - Mr. Jim Ligon and animal science students; Cowboy College and Ranch Rodeo; Boruff's Creekside Farm, Richmond Boruff, Sparta, TN. Cattle tour and noon meal.

4:00 p.m. - Montvue Farm, Dr. John and Gale Montgomery's place - Lenoir City; cattle tour, Cattle Evaluation Contest, Equipment I.D., swimming, supper

Thursday, June 26

8:00 a.m. - University of Tennessee Vet School; Quiz Bowl, tours at Vet School

11:00 a.m. - Dr. Richard Daughtery, president of TN Cattlemen's Association - vet clinic and Heifer Development operation; Speaker: Prof E.R. Lidvall

Noon meal

3:00 p.m. - Dollywood Theme Park, Pigeon Forge, TN

Friday, June 27

9:00 a.m. - Whitley Red Angus, Horton, AL; herd/farm tour and lunch; Team Sales, Stockman's Quiz, weight guessing contest

4:00 p.m. - Swan Creek Red Angus, Rhonda and Darryl Deist, Petersburg, TN; (guests: Rocky Hill Farm, Howard and Charlotte Bobbitt; Pat and Ron Lampley); supper, cattle tour, Team Judging - new contest!

8:30 p.m. - Atkinson Red Angus, Ray and Gwyn Atkinson, Pulaski, TN. Cattle tour, barn dance

Saturday, June 28

8:00 a.m. - Tennessee Walking Horse farm tour

10:00 a.m. - Hickory Hill Red Angus, Wiley Finley and John Carter, Taft, TN; SERRA Field Day - judging contest, embryo workshop

6:00 p.m. - Nashville - Awards ceremony and pizza party at headquarters

Sunday, June 29

Everyone departs for home. JRA Board attends New Officer Training.

Things to Know:

Registration fee - \$275 per junior; \$375 per adult/chaperone - discounts available for families

Registration deadline - May 1, forms in April Red Generation and online

JRA Officer application deadline - May 1 with Round-Up registration

JRA Officer positions open in 2008: West, Mountains and South regions

Headquarters/arrival location - Nashville, Tennessee

Contests during Round-Up: Team Sales, Quiz Bowl, Barnyard Olympics, Print Advertising, Team Judging (new), Scrapbook, Poster, Cattle Evaluation, Stockman's Quiz and Equipment I.D.

Are you ready to be a Leader?

JRA Officer Candidates Needed!

Each year, three positions on the six member JRA Board are open for election. In 2008, the three regions with open JRA officer positions are:

West region - Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

Mountains region - Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming

South region - Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

Applicants for the JRA Board must be 16 years of age; must have attended at least one Round-Up prior to year of application; must be present at the 2008 Round-Up and must have a continuous JRA membership for two years prior to year of application.

****Applications must be completed and received by May 1, 2008.**

Top Ten Reasons To Attend Round Up

10. Show off your Red Angus knowledge with Quiz Bowl
9. Try to win something cool from another state with the Chinese Auction
8. Get into lively debates over regional differences
7. Have a great time dancing the night away
6. Serenade your fellow JRA members with your singing abilities on the bus
5. Use your ranch skills at the Ranch Rodeo
4. Travel all over an area and see their methods of agriculture
3. Experience "Hinney Writing" first hand
2. Spend a week looking at quality Red Angus
1. Make forever lasting friendships and memories with people your age from all over the U.S. and Canada

JRA FUNDRAISERS

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

Two fundraisers were planned and two additional donations were made for a total of four fundraising activities held during Red Angus activities in Denver: Fischer Red Angus, Harlowton, Montana, donated embryos; Schuler Red Angus, Bridgeport, Nebraska, donated pick of their 2007 heifer calf crop; Nick Van Geelan donated 10 straws of Red Fine Line Mulberry semen and raffle tickets for a Sullivan Air Express III blower were auctioned. All the fundraisers led off the Mile High Classic Red Angus Sale on Monday, January 21.

Special thanks to Kyle and Amy Gilchrist, sale managers, for allowing the JRA these fundraising activities!

Fundraising results:

Schuler donation heifer, purchased by Dr. John Montgomery, Mont-Vue Red Angus, Lenoir City, TN

Fischer embryo donation, purchased by Ketterling Brothers, Wishek, ND

Mulberry semen purchased by U-Bar Ranch, Peerless, MT
Blower raffle ticket auction buyers: Bryler Ranch, Canada; Weidenbach Ranch, Highmore, SD; Star G Ranch, Douds, IA; Cross Diamond Cattle Company, Bertrand, NE; Big Red Genetics, Fargo, ND; Walnut Springs Farms, Hopkins, MI

The JRA wishes to express their sincere thanks to all the breeders who support our programs with donations and purchases! Your generosity is truly appreciated!

JRA FUNDRAISER AT FORT WORTH

The JRA Board raffled a Sullivan Air Express III blower to support various JRA programs. Members of the JRA Board had been selling tickets since September. The drawing for the blower was held during the National Red Angus Show on Sunday, January 27. Winner of the blower was 3K Land and Cattle Company, the Fergusons and the DeVoes, Justin, Texas. Congratulations to the crew at 3K! Thanks to all who supported the raffle with ticket purchases!!

2008 Junior National Red Angus Show, Ft. Worth, Texas

The Junior National was held in Ft. Worth on Sunday, January 27. Junior Red Angus members from 8 states exhibited 63 heifers. The heifers and cow/calf pairs were beautifully presented! Cheramie Viator, Franklin, Texas served as judge and commented on the outstanding and impressive quality of the cattle and the professional and courteous demeanor of the junior exhibitors! Detailed results from the show, along with photos, are found in this ARA issue. The JRA Board had a pizza party, complete with ice breakers, for all junior exhibitors on Saturday. Then, they took all the junior exhibitors and some family members to the Ft. Worth matinee rodeo performance. The JRA Board assisted with the Junior and Open Shows, including taking photos, organizing and handing out ribbons and awards, lining up classes, weighing cattle and working in the ring. Nathan Nelson, JRA Leadership Director from Starbuck, Minnesota, sang the National Anthem at the show opening.

Junior Show Results

Champion Heifer: SLGN Duettes Summertime 672S, shown by: Ryan Shuey, Corning, Iowa

Reserve Heifer: SLGN Peekaboo's Tedi 738T, shown by Kenzie Schultz, New Braden, Texas

Champion Bred and Owned Heifer: TWG MI Sterling Lady, shown by Thomas Glascock, Pilot Point, TX

Champion Cow/Calf Pair: Brown Ms Abigail S7539, shown by Tucker Brown, Throckmorton, TX

Champion Junior Showman: Thomas Glascock, Pilot Point, TX

Res. Jr Showman: Tucker Brown, Throckmorton, TX

Champion Senior Showman: Ben von Forell, Wheatland, WY

Res. Sr. Showman: Laura Ewald, Waldorf, MN

Junior Herdsman Award: Misty Jackson, Sumner, TX

We had tremendous support from breeders in sponsoring junior show awards. Thanks to all the sponsors who help make the rewards for junior exhibitors possible!!

Class Winner (show halter with engraved plate) sponsors:

Hickory Hill Farm, Wiley Finley and John Carter, Taft, TN

Atkinson Red Angus, Gwyn and Ray Atkinson, Pulaski, TN
6R Ranch, the Avery family, Redmond, OR

Cedar Hill Red Angus, Dan, Alicia and Chelsea, Jane Lew, WV
Weber Show Cattle, the Weber family, Lake Benton, MN, Nelson Red Angus, Starbuck, MN

NGN Red Angus, Benson, MN, Mendoza Red Angus, Laurence, Sheila, Marianne and Mariah Mendoza, Valley Springs, CA
Lookingglass Red Angus, Brian and Debbie Heinze, Roseburg, OR

3K Land and Cattle Company, Wayne and Judy Kay Ferguson, Justin, TX

Twin C Cattle Company, Carl Crouch, Gilmer, TX

Milk Creek Reds, Tena and Bruce Ketchum, Plevna, MT
Croissant Red Angus, Jean and Larry Croissant, Briggsdale, CO,
Feddes Red Angus, Chuck, Carol and Jake Feddes, Manhattan, MT

Rocky Hill Farm, Charlotte and Howard Bobbitt, Petersburg, TN

Cow/Calf pair (director's chair): L & L Red Angus, Nora and LeRoy Hall, Casey, IA

Bred and Owned Heifer (director's chair): Harmony Hills Red Angus, Marilyn and Larry Ellison, Fair Grove, MO

Bred and Owned Bull Calf (director's chair): Tanner Red Angus, Rick Tanner, Topeka, KS

Grand Champion Heifer (showbox): Star G Ranch, Amy and Kyle Gilchrist, Douds, IA

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer (showbox): Andras Stock Farm, Steve and Will Andras, Manchester, IL

Ch. Junior Showman (belt buckle and show stick): Bull Hill Ranch, Jim Meeks and Raymond Prescott, Gray Court, SC

Reserve Ch. Junior Showman (showstick and gift cert.):

Chiefline Red Angus, Dr. Mark Miller, Abernathy, TX

Ch. Senior Showman (belt buckle and showstick): Fischer Red Angus, Esther and Ron Fischer, Harlowton, MT

Reserve Ch. Senior Showman (showstick and gift cert.):

Arrowhead Ranches, Gary and Ronnie Keith, Purcell and Moore, OK

Junior Herdsman Award (painted showstick and director's chair): Twin C Cattle Company, Carl Crouch, Gilmer, TX



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the
Kettering Brothers
of North Dakota for purchasing the
embryos donated by
Fischer Red Angus!

And special thanks to
Dr. John Montgomery
of Mont Vue Farm in Tennessee
for purchasing the heifer that was
so generously donated to the JRA by
Schuler Red Angus!

***Your Support is
Appreciated by
all the JRA!***

2008/2009 NATIONAL JUNIOR AND OPEN SHOWS

This is that calendar year when we actually have two national shows - but they do fall into two different fiscal years for the Association. The 2008/2009 year National Shows will be held in October in conjunction with the N.I.L.E. in Billings, Montana. So, juniors, begin making your plans to attend the Junior National Show in Montana in October. More information will be available in the Red Generation and the online newsletter.

JRA BOARD ATTENDS YOUTH BEEF INDUSTRY CONGRESS

The JRA Board will attend one of the premiere youth beef leadership conferences in the country when they participate in the Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC). The 2008 YBIC is being hosted by the junior beef breed organizations located in the Kansas City area and will be held March 26-30 at the Purina Research and Conference Center at Gray Summit, Missouri (near St. Louis).

The objectives of YBIC are:

- To bring concerned youth together working in the interest of the beef cattle industry



- To provide youth with further knowledge and understanding of all segments of the beef cattle industry and how these segments are related to each other
- To provide youth with the educational and motivational tools needed to assist toward roles as future agricultural leaders.

The JRA Board will be joined at YBIC with Junior Boards from other beef breed associations as well as state youth cattlemen's organizations.

TRAVELING FEMALE PROGRAM CHANGES

During the 2007 National Red Angus Convention, the JRA voted to move the operation/control of the JRA/Sal Forbes Traveling Female Program to each of the Junior Regional Associations within the JRA.

Each of the six regions were experiencing unique challenges within their region and the decision was made to allow each region to operate the program as best fits their needs and resources.

The contact people within each region remain the same and each coordinator is working out details for the program to benefit their own region. Information can be obtained by contacting the Traveling Female Committee members in each region.

Leadership Has Its Advantages

By Megan Johnson, JRA 2nd Vice President, Nunn, Colorado

I am currently serving the second year of my two year term as a National Junior Red Angus Officer. In this time I have had opportunities and experiences that I would not have experienced otherwise. Through my time serving, so far, I have gotten to attend the National Junior Shows, gone to National Convention, helped put on Round-Up, and met so many wonderful people.

Ever since I was a little girl I have been attending the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Last year the National Junior Show was held there. I had fun getting to hand out ribbons, mingling with the juniors, and all attending a rodeo together. As you know, the junior show travels to a different place each year. This year it was held at the Fort Worth Stock Show. If it were not for me being a national officer, I would not have ever had the chance to attend. It was fun to experience the Fort Worth Stock Show, it is different than Denver! I had a blast getting to attend the rodeo with the juniors as well as helping out with the show. And, I had opportunities as a leader - helping with ice breakers and working the shows.

On that note, I have gotten to travel to National Convention for the previous two years. In 2006 it was held in Kerrville, Texas. During that convention we traveled to a ranch where we were able to see giraffes and feed camels! It was a great time, not only seeing exotic animals, but getting to be a part of the National Convention, attending meetings, being part of decision making, attending a national sale and conducting fundraisers. In 2007, Convention was held in Dodge City, Kansas. We gave a junior report, which all of the board members were responsible to present a piece, to the general assembly of Convention, we conducted fundraisers and held a JRA Board meeting and were part of the Junior Activities Committee meeting. We went to see a gun fight and had a night on Boot Hill! The Junior Board took an old time photo while we were there as well! If it were not for me getting to be a National Junior Officer, I would not have gotten to opportunity to travel to national convention.

I have attended Round-Up for six years. At the 2007 Round-Up held in Colorado and Wyoming, I was on the production side. Being on the junior board, it is part of our responsibilities to help make decisions on Round-Up and we are in charge of the contests. It is a big responsibility, but it is awesome to be able to help make our summer event what it is. Not only do we help with that but we also participate in officer training. This helps us to be better leaders as board members, but also runs over into our daily lives on how to be a better person.

I would have to say that the best opportunity I have received while being a junior officer would be the people I have met and the relationships I have formed. Being able to attend the national shows and convention gives the opportunity to meet different breeders within the Red Angus breed, adults as well as juniors. Being on the junior board with five other people that you travel with, work with, and spend LOTS of time with, you get to be pretty close. No matter where we are, what we are doing, or how much work we have, we always seem to have a good time. I have made life-long friendships. If it were not for being a national junior officer, I would not have met the people or formed the relationships I now have.

The benefits of being a National Junior officer are tremendous. The experiences I have gotten, the things I have learned, the places I have traveled, would not have happened without being an officer. It is definitely worth the time and effort it takes to be on a leadership team like the JRA Board.