

Georgia Goat News

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From your president. GDGBA Spring Show - I would like to thank everyone for their support of GDGBA's 30th annual spring show. It was great to have everything come together because of everyone pitching in. Even though we had less animals than last year, exhibitors were still able to earn 27 championship legs. We offered a third buck show & had a Junior Showmanship show on Friday night. We also had a photographer available to take pictures. Wanda Clark was the winner of our exhibitor's "gas" \$100.00 bill give-a-way.

FDGA Goat Production Conference - The weekend after our Spring show, John and I attended the *Florida Dairy Goat Production Conference* in Gainesville, Florida. We have always wanted to attend and we finally got [took] the time to go this year. We were able to attend most of the talks. It was well worth & we both felt like we learned something new from each talk. Annette Maze talked about how to "work smart" in our goat operations. Jackie Nix from *SweetLix feed* gave a really interesting and informative review of the importance of minerals on nutrition in goats and talked in depth about how minerals affect immunity. Afterwards, I attended a cheesemaking seminar by Chris Cassidy. Pamela Hunter, DVM from the USDA Division of Animal Industry gave an interesting presentation about the NAIS program. There was a lot of discussion and many people seemed to have become more understanding about what is going to happen with the new program. Mara Ricci, DVM (Bret Gaboardi's wife) gave a great

talk on prenatal care and how to deal with birthing difficulties. Mara used a pelvis model and a stuffed goat doll to help demonstrate what to do in different situations. Lisa Shephard and Bret Gaboardi gave an interesting talk about the advantages of ADGA's Linear Appraisal program. The most educational part was when they showed pictures of "long ago" champion animals from the early years vs. our more current ones.

August GDGBA youth show. On August 12, GDGBA will be holding an ADGA sanctioned Youth Show and One-Day milk test. Sara Dzimianski has been working hard to put this event together. We all know how important our youth are and we are encouraging everyone to support this event. For information contact Sara - entry forms, etc. are in this newsletter.

ADGA primary: I hope everyone took the time to vote in this last primary. Please make an effort to vote in the general election; you should be receiving your ballot soon - they are due August the 7th. Also notice the ballots in the ADGA's *News & Events*. Due to a few costly court battles, the ADGA is seeking to make changes to the constitution that will affect people who decide to sue the ADGA. Every vote counts!

ADGA National Show Goat breeders from Georgia and all over the country are getting ready to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hope to see everyone at Vivian's!

Mandy

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Club Minutes - March 18 th -----	7	July 15 th - Club Meeting at Vivian's - 2:30 p.m.
Carrollton Show Results -----	8	July 17-22 nd - ADGA National Show - Indiana.
Revised Club Constitution -----	11	August 11-12 th - Club's One-Day Milk Test - Jefferson, GA.
Lice & Their Effects -----	16	August 12 th - Club's Youth Show - Jefferson, GA.
Ringworm -----	17	Sept. 16 th - Club meeting
		Sept. 23 rd - Lawrenceville show - judge: Will Pearson

Next Meeting - July. 15th - The Alvrus' @ 2:30 p.m.!