

NC Junior Angus Association

Spring is one busy season for the NC Angus Juniors! The past few months, juniors have traveled to shows and sales to participate in Angus activities. April 30th- May 1st, juniors joined at the Beef Unit in Raleigh for the annual NC Junior Angus State Show. On Saturday afternoon, juniors exhibited their Angus heifers and cow/ calf pairs before the judge, Brad Johnson. Grand Champion heifer went to Catherine Harward with her January '10 heifer and Reserve to Daniel Boykin with his March '10 heifer. Grand Champion cow/ calf pair went to Brooke Harward with her February '09 cow and bull calf. Showmanship winners included; Daniel Boykin as Grand Senior Showman and Reserve went to Avery Faulkner. Sydney Cox won Grand Intermediate showman and Reserve went to Colleen Jones. Grand Junior Showman was LeAnn Harward and Reserve went to Mattie Harward. Lastly, Riley Wood won Grand Novice Showman. After a busy day of showing, juniors relaxed with a meal sponsored by the NC Angus Auxiliary followed by an evening of Ag Olympics. Juniors split off into 4 teams and competed in activities such as a cow patty toss, the human wheelbarrow race, and an obstacle course. I believe the activities were just as much fun to compete in as they were to watch for the surrounding crowd! After the excitement of the games wore off, juniors cooled down with some bowls of ice cream and said goodnight. Sunday morning juniors gathered for breakfast and devotions led by advisor Mr. Brown and son Daniel. President Brooke Harward led a brief meeting to discuss old business and upcoming sales and shows. To conclude the weekend, older juniors held a brief showmanship clinic to give some tips and advice to younger juniors on how to show their cattle, what to wear in the ring, and other helpful hints. The State Show provides a way for juniors to come together and show their Angus cattle in a relaxed environment where they can still play games and talk with friends and other Angus enthusiasts. The NCJAA shows much gratitude for the many supporters of the State Show, including the Angus Auxiliary who sponsored the meals throughout the weekend. Also, thank you to all the Angus members that came to join the juniors as we had a great time and hope everyone did the same!

Other highlight shows the past few months included the Atlantic National Angus Show in Timonium, Maryland the last weekend of May. Juniors from NC including Colleen Jones; Justin Wood; and Brooke, Catherine, and LeAnn Harward showed in the junior show and in showmanship. Colleen Jones won Grand Champion senior showman and overall showmanship. Many other juniors proceeded to the final heat of their divisions. During the open show, many NC Angus cattle did well in their classes and competed for division winners. Congratulations to all Angus juniors and farms for their winnings in Timonium! The following weekend in Raleigh, all breeds gathered at the state fairgrounds for the NC Junior Beef Roundup. Grand Champion Angus heifer went to Herman Angus with their September '10 heifer. Reserve Champion went to Riley Wood with his January '10 heifer. Herman Angus also won Supreme Grand Champion among all the breeds at the show. Congratulations to all Angus exhibitors during the show and participants in showmanship. Also at the show, the NCJAA held a meeting and cookout Friday night for all Angus members and other juniors at the show. Juniors discussed the upcoming national show in Pennsylvania and past sales and events over hamburgers, hotdogs, and cold drinks.

Springtime means sale time for NC Angus and the juniors were there to serve lunch and take part in the sale day fun. Juniors served hamburgers and hotdogs at both the Out West Sale and Spring Fever Sale. Also at the sales juniors auctioned off cakes baked by juniors and other Angus members. Thank you to everyone who either purchased the cakes or baked them. Proceeds from the sales will help the NCJAA co-sponsor a lunch at the national show in July. The NCJAA greatly appreciated all the support from Angus members at the sales and those who purchased raffle tickets this spring!

In the upcoming months juniors will be just as busy over the summer with shows, conferences, and many events. Upcoming Angus shows in June include the Eastern Regional show held this year in Louisiana and the All-American Breeders Futurity held in Louisville, Kentucky. In July, many juniors from across the United States will travel to Pennsylvania for the National Junior Angus Show. Regardless of whether you show cattle or not, the show is a great experience and is packed with activities and contests. Juniors compete in contests such as the Cook-off, speaking, writing, poster, photography, scrapbook, team sales, team fitting, and quiz bowl contests throughout the week. Juniors can show Angus heifers, cow/ calf pairs, bulls, and steers. Also during the week, Daniel Boykin will represent North Carolina in the National Showmanship contest. A junior must be at least 14 years old and may only compete once in the national contest. Good Luck to all juniors traveling to Pennsylvania for the show and contests! To end the summer off, juniors will gather in St. Louis, Missouri for the LEAD conference where they participate in workshops and visit farms to learn about Angus cattle and farm operations. It is a great experience and a fun time to meet juniors from across the US. With school out and summer time here juniors will be traveling across the state and country as well as spending time with their Angus cattle. Have a great summer!



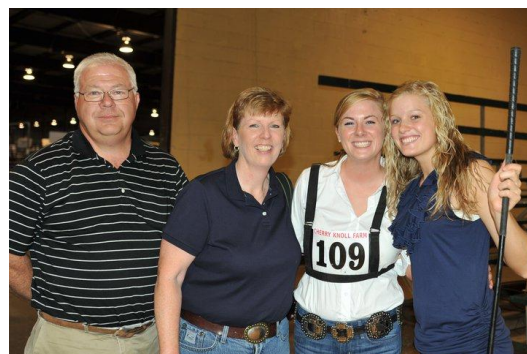
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^ Ag Olympic fun



^At Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Colleen Jones wins Grand Champion Showman