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It's Never Too Early to Start

Leona Jimenez helps Madison Lee, age 5, in the showing at the 2007 National Murray Grey Show in Ridgefield, WA.

Photos in this issue courtesy Steve Cummings, Bonnie Sicard and Leona Jimenez

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Notes from the National Office

2007 July EPDs have been generated and BreedPlan members should all have received Individual Herd Reports by now. AMGA has just received the Mature Sire list from which we generate the Sire Summary. The Sire Summary will be completed as soon as possible. Members who are not yet enrolled in BreedPlan are encouraged to contact BreedPlan members or the National office to learn more about this valuable herd management and marketing tool.

A great "thank you!" and "job well done!" goes out to the NWMGA for hosting a wonderful National Show and meetings. The accommodations were wonderful – and the banquet unique, a Chinese & Mexican buffet. The show was well done and the quality of the cattle was as good as it gets. Many of us who are not from the Northwest took advantage of the opportunity to see some of the local sites, notably Mt. St. Helen's and the Washington coastline. Cloud cover kept us from seeing the volcano but we had a great time out on the coast.

Thank you and congratulations also go out to Chelsie Burroughs (OR), Kelly Deterding (IL), Brittany Holly (OR) and Kyle Knight (IN). These 4 former junior members have shown their dedication to the breed by becoming adult, Annual Members. We look forward to a great future for the breed as our juniors step up and become breeders and leaders in the Association.

AMGA extends heart felt thanks to Annette Pulliam and George Virtue who will be leaving the Board in January. Annette declined to run for a second term in order to have fewer things on her plate for a while. She has served several terms on the Board over the years and we appreciate her dedication. George has served two consecutive 3 year terms and served as President for two years. He provided strong and creative leadership in a difficult time for our organization. AMGA extends our best wishes to both Annette and George.

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Images from the National Show & Meetings



AMGA Executive Director John Gerow & Registrar Gennie Gerow present (from left to right) Chelsie Burroughs, Kelly Deterding and Kyle Knight to the AMGA National Meeting.



Kelly Deterding helps Samantha Virtue with her calf in the show ring at the National Show.



The Lighthouse at Cape Disappointment



AMGA Members enjoy the Awards Banquet before the Annual Membership Meeting in Ridgefield, WA.

Notes from the National Office (continue from page 1)

While we are mentioning George Virtue, let's all send our best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery George's way. He had his second knee replacement on August 20 and we hear that he is home and doing well.

Congratulations and welcome go out to Michael Birch in Maryland and Kyle Knight in Indiana for being elected to their first terms on the AMGA Board of Directors. And we welcome Pat Flavel back for her second term.

AMGA Winter Directors meeting is planned for February 9, 2008 in Reno, NV to coincide with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association convention being held here in Reno February 4 – 9. If you are planning on coming to the NCBA convention and would like to sit on on the Directors' meeting, please let us know. More details in the December "MG NEWS"

2007 AMGA Annual Membership Meeting

The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting was held at Who Song and Larry's Chinese Restaurant and Cantina in Ridgefield, WA, on Saturday evening, August 4, in conjunction with the National Show Awards Banquet.

As fitting the settings, the meeting was informal and upbeat. Executive Director John Gerow presented the financial report and informed the membership present that their Association was in better financial shape than he predicted in his budget.

John and Gennie Gerow presented the 2007 – 2008 Herdbook. They reported that the work generated a small profit for the Association.

A motion from the floor was adopted directing John to publish a list of herd names, prefixes and matching members names on the web site and in future issues of the "MG NEWS" and "Herdbook".

The election of Directors was complicated by candidate John Thomson of Idaho withdrawing his name from the ballot. Mr. Thomson told John Gerow in a phone call that evening that he would be unable to participate as much as he would like and that he believed the Association would be better served by someone else taking his seat. When the ballots were counted, Kyle Knight received 4 write-in votes and was accepted as a Director by the members present. Pat Flavel from Idaho was elected to her second term and Mike Birch from Maryland was elected to his first term.

Presentation of the awards and trophies from the National Show wound up the Annual Membership Meeting.

The Directors reconvened their meeting to elect officers. George Germaine of Vadar, WA will serve as the Association's President, Pat Flavel of Kuna, ID will serve as Vice President. Sharon Virtue, regional rep for the NWMGA will once again serve as Secretary to the Board and Steve Cummings of Bedford, IN will serve as Treasurer.

Genetic Carcass Trait Results Wanted

The American Murray Grey Association is in the process of developing a system to report and promote the results of carcass trait genetic testing that members are doing. We would like your suggestions and your carcass trait reports if you would like to participate.

Penn State to Study Murray Grey Color

Animal Science students at Penn State will be analyzing Murray Grey colors. The purpose of this student is to broaden the understanding of MG colors and to help members select genetics for specific colors as needed to meet individual market conditions.



Ginger Natolis and Sharon Virtue
2007 National Show
Ridgefield, WA

Long Range Planning Dominates Directors' Meetings

With several years of solid growth and expansion in membership and activity behind them, the AMGA Directors have begun making plans for continuity of management in the future. Following on discussions that were held at the Board's Winter Meeting in February, Executive Director John Gerow and Registrar Gennie Gerow presented the Board with a contract proposal for their services that included a guaranty of continuation in the event that either John or Gennie might become incapacitated.

The Gerows will be developing an inventory of AMGA properties and a plan for the Association to retrieve its property in the event that both John and Gennie might perish together. They will also be developing a procedural manual, complete with instructions for operating the AMGA computer system in Australia. These efforts are intended to insure an orderly transition to new management under crisis conditions.

Prior to this discussion, Executive Director John Gerow gave the Directors a very detailed description of year to date finances and activity. Gerow reported that the Association has nearly met its budgeted income in the area of Memberships and Female Inventory. Using data from the third and fourth quarters of the past two years, John presented an amended budget suggesting that the Association will end the year with more retained earnings than originally budgeted.

The Board members decided to hold their annual Winter Meeting at the association's headquarters in Reno on February 9, 2008 because the NCBA convention will be in Reno from February 4 – February 9, allowing directors to take in some of the convention during the trip.

All Directors were present, except Andy Zinnel who was at the Iowa State Fair with his FFA students.

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2007 National Murray Grey Show Results

Ridgefield, WA -

Nine Murray Grey breeders from Washington, Oregon and Idaho paraded 50 extremely high quality Murray Greys across the tanbark at the Clark County Fair on August 4, 2007 in the 2007 National Murray Grey show. Judge Kim DeLashmutt, an Angus breeder from Redmond, OR, judged the show. In his placings, he repeatedly mentioned how impressed he was with the quality of the cattle that were presented. The quality ran deep in every class and every animal shown was a good example of what Murray Greys can be.

<i>class (# of entries)</i>	<i>place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Sire</i>	<i>Owner</i>
Heifer Calf, Mar/Apr 2007 (2)	1st	JB True Romance	SWG Khan	JB Ranch
	2nd	HA Tori	Pattirex Pistol Pete	Samantha Virtue
Heifer Calf, Jan/Feb 2007 (10)	1st	HA Tahiti	The Glen Manuel	MacKenzie Virtue
	2nd	DG Temarra Tillie	HA Nitro	Diamond G
	3rd	DG Tawny Princess	HA Nitro	Diamond G
Heifer Calf, Sept/Oct 2006 (2)	1st	CAC Silver Sweetheart	Wee-Gun Tjandamarra	Chelsie Burroughs
	2nd	HA Sierra	HA McKinley	MLJ Ranch
CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		HA TAHITI		
RES. CHAMPION HEIFER CALF		DG TEMARRA TILLIE		
Yrlg Heifers, July/Aug 2006 (1)	1st	TY Sophie	HA McKinley	Tyler Holly
Yrlg Heifers, Jan/Feb 2006 (6)	1st	MLJ Shakira	HA Maximum	MLJ Ranch
	2nd	HA Silverqueen	HA McKinley	Diamond G
	3rd	Rockin R Sophie	Twin Fir Tampa Bay	Rockin' R Ranch
CHAMPION JR HEIFER		MLJ SHAKIRA		
RES. CHAMPION JR HEIFER		TY SOPHIE		
Cows, 2 yr olds 2005 (6)	1st	JB Monique Richele	ER Smokin' Gun	JB Ranch
	2nd	JB Romance Rose	ER Smokin' Gun	JB Ranch
	3rd	Pattirex Roxee	HD The Next Big Thing	Pattirex Ranch
Cows, 3 yrs & up (4)	1st	MLJ Patagonia	HA Mr Muscle	MLJ Ranch
	2nd	WCC Canadian Breeze	Temar Lotus	Diamond G
CHAMPION SR FEMALE		MLJ PATAGONIA		
RES. CHAMPION SR FEMALE		JB MONIQUE RICHELE		
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		MLJ PATAGONIA		
RES. GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE		HA TAHITI		
Cow/calf pair (8)	1st	MLJ Patagonia/MLJ Taurus		MLJ Ranch
	2nd	WCC Miss Canadian Breeze/DG Temarra Tillie		Diamond G
	3rd	JB Romance Rose/JB True Romance		JB Ranch
Pair of Females (7)	1st	MLJ Patagonia/MLJ Shakira		MLJ Ranch
	2nd	JB Monique Richele/JB Romance Rose		JB Ranch
	3rd	DG Temarra Tillie/DG Tawny Princess		Diamond G
Bull Calf, Mar/Apr 2004 (4)	1st	MLJ Taurus	MLJ Rimmel	MLJ Ranch
	2nd	DS Time to Tango	The Glen Guru	Greg Burroughs
Bull Calf, Jan/Feb 2007 (9)	1st	Rockin' R TJ	HA Renegade	Rockin' R Ranch
	2nd	HA Tritton	Pattirex Pistol Pete	Hillside Acres
	3rd	JB Triumph	JB The Rock	JB Ranch
Bull Calf, Nov/Dec 2006 (1)	1st	JB Stormcat	JB The Rock	JB Ranch
Bull Calf, Sept/Oct 2006 (2)	1st	JB Silver Charm	Cranbrook Virtue	JB Ranch
	2nd	BH Super Trooper	HA McKinley	Brittany Holly



**2007 Supreme Champion Murray Grey
2007 National Grand Champion Bull**

Rockin' R TJ

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2007 National Grand Champion Female

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National Show Placings (continued from page 5)

CHAMPION BULL CALF
RES. CHAMPION BULL CALF

ROCKIN' R TJ
MLJ TAURUS

Yrlg Bulls, May/June 2006 (1) 1st

MLJ Silverado

MLJ Pharos

MLJ Ranch

CHAMPION JR BULL

MLJ SILVERADO

Bulls, Sept-Dec 2005 (1) 1st
Bulls, Dec 31 2001 & older (1) 1st

JB Roar
CAC Rock Solid

Willalooka Pharaoh
HA Mighty Mo

Morgan River Ranch
Chelsie Burroughs

SR CHAMPION BULL
RES. SR CHAMPION BULL

JB ROAR
CAC ROCK SOLID

GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RES. GRAND CHAMPION BULL

ROCKIN' R TJ
JB ROAR

SUPREME CHAMPION - ROCKIN' R TJ - ROCKIN' R RANCH, ROB NEWBURN, KUNA, ID

Pair of Bulls (5)

1st

JB Silver Charm/JB Stormcat

JB Ranch

2nd

MLJ Taurus/MLJ Silverado

MLJ Ranch

Get of Sire (4)

1st

JB The Rock

JB Ranch

2nd

HA McKinley

Hillside Acres

Best 5 Head (6)

1st

JB RANCH

2nd

MLJ RANCH

3rd

DIAMOND G RANCH

PREMIER BREEDER AWARD - HILLSIDE ACRES

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD - JB RANCH



Bonnie Sicard, JB Ranch, Madras, OR and Steve Cummings (left), Limestone Ridge Farm, Bedford, IN receive the Get of Sire trophy for the get of JB The Rock, bred by JB Ranch and owned by Limestone Ridge Farm.



Sharon Virtue, Hillside Acres, Sweet Home, OR receiving the Premier Breeder Award for the 2007 National Show

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**Sharon Virtue Unveils
Grey Angus Initiative**

Sharon Virtue, Hillside Acres, Sweet Home, OR announced at the Board of Directors' Meeting that she has trademarked the name "International Grey Angus Association" and that she is working to develop a registry and performance evaluation program for a composite breed of cattle. Grey Angus, as Sharon envisions it, will be a composite consisting of between 75% and 25% Murray Grey blood and the remainder being purebred Angus.

Sharon hopes that this composite will open new market potentials for Murray Greys and will pave the way for Murray Grey genetics to access the Certified Angus Beef program. By processing Grey Angus performance data through AMGA's BreedPlan, the program will generate greater EPD accuracies for Murray Grey sires and will also generate income for the American Murray Grey Association.

Contact Sharon Virtue or AMGA for more information on the Grey Angus initiative.

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George Germaine, Vadar, WA cuts watermelon for exhibitors at the National Show

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