

### From the Editor:

The days are getting longer and the temperatures are warming up (hopefully)! Before long, Spring will be here and so will spring kids. With Spring comes show season to the east coast! While we have had a reduction in the number of shows on the east coast, that should not decrease our enthusiasm for the breed. Get involved spreading the word about pygmy goats: help organize a show, speak to a 4-H club on pygmy goat management and health or even write an article for the local newspaper. Education is the key to the public awareness and to increasing the interest in pygmy goats. I have met a lot of people with misconceptions about pygmy goats. Let's share our love and promote the breed! See you in Spring!

2011 Dues are Due!

See next page for more information



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### News and Announcements

### **Interested in More Shows?**

In a effort to promote the pygmy and to restore showing in the East, Christine Rader is looking for anyone who might be interested in attending a show in western NY.

The first possibility would be MAY, the second possibility is SEPTEMBER. Please e-mail Christine if you or anyone you know would be interested in attending/helping organize.

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### **Membership Chair NEEDED:**

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Have you paid your dues for 2011?
Pay now and don't miss the excitement!
Membership forms are available on the club website:
http://ecpgc.yolasite.com/

Forms and dues should be mailed to Stefany Hemmer:

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## 2011 Eastern United States Show Schedule

### The Pygmy Stampede

April 2 & 3, 2011 (Sanctioned) Greensboro, NC

Maggie Leman: 919-596-0984; maggidans@msn.com

2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows 1st Judge: Keith Harrell 2nd Judge: Fran Bishop

### **OPGA Lloyd Smetzer Memorial Show**

July 16 & 17, 2011

Wooster, OH

Sheryl Howard: 740-745-1218; esfpygmygoat@windstream.net

2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows

1st Judge: Rusty Repp
2nd Judge: Sarah White

#### The Goatie Mountain Getaway

July 23, 2011

Boone, NC

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2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows

1st Judge: Doug Bragg

2nd Judge: To Be Determined

#### NC State Fair

October 21 - 23, 2011

Raleigh, NC

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1 Doe, 1 Wether Shows

Judge(s): TBA

### The Festival Of Pygmies

November 18 - 20, 2011

Greensboro, NC

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2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows 1st Judge: Debbie McGhee

2nd Judge: To Be Determined



### FILLING OUT THOSE ENTRY FORMS

By Dr. Kay Orlando, DVM (Reprinted from WPGC Newsletter, May/June 2001)

It is important for both the exhibitor and show committee alike, that show forms be filled out correctly. While forms differ, the basics are the same - there is a list of classes with ages, cost of entries and pens, and other information about the show such as arrival times and activities. There is a form similar to the one below on which the actual entries are to be listed.

#### ANY GOAT SHOW

Class Sat Sun Name Birthdate Reg # Tattoo

IV X X Kay Orlando

7 X Fir Meadow Lucky 3/17/99 12000F FMF M1

14 X X Fir Meadow Foolish 4/1/97 11000F FMF K1

Fill in the needed information. Class IV is a showmanship class. This means competition between exhibitors on their ability to fit and show a goat. The show committee needs the name (and age if needed) of the exhibitor not the name of the goat. This entry form asks for certain information about the goats shown in the conformation classes. Be sure to include all of the information asked for by the show committee. The form may also ask for more information (such as sire/dam) or less information than the sample form. Birthdate is always needed. The show committee will need it to make sure the goat is in the correct class. If the goat's registration is not back yet, put "pending" in lieu of a registration number. The show committee can fill that in when you arrive with the papers.

Print legibly or type your entry. It is important for both you and the show committee that the entry be legible. If you want your name and your goats' names (including herd names) to be spelled correctly in the program, make sure the person taking your entry can read it.

Be sure to correctly figure the number of classes entered. This is a two day show. Showmanship classes are not always the same cost as confirmation classes. The goat in Class 7 is entered for Saturday only and would be counted as one entry. The goat in Class 14 is entered for both days and would count as two entries. If this were your entry, you would owe money for two entries in showmanship classes and three entries in conformation.

Double check to make sure the goat is entered in the correct class. Birthdays slip by almost unnoticed and the dates on the entry forms are sometimes confusing. The easiest way to figure out which class to enter a goat, is to think about how old that goat will be on the day it is shown.

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Answer any other items on the show entry form. If the show committee should need to contact you prior to the show, they will need a telephone number or e-mail address. The show committee needs an accurate pen count for set-up and straw, so be sure to include how many you will need. Sometimes the show sponsors a social function. Be sure to designate whether or not you will be attending to aid the show committee in getting an accurate count to plan the event. Don't expect to be acknowledged for bringing a raffle or auction item if you did not indicate so on the entry form. Be sure to sign the disclaimer on the entry form and children under 18 years of age should have a parent sign.

Send in the full payment for your show entry. The club or individual putting on the show may need the entry fees to pay expenses in advance of the day of the show. Many show expenses are due well before the day of the show.

Respect the deadlines that the show committee has set. Expect to pay late entry fees if your entry is not sent by the deadline. The show committee sets up pens, orders bedding, completes judging sheets, and makes up programs based on the goats that are entered before the deadline. If you need to make changes in your entry, contact the show committee prior to arrival if possible. This will speed check-in when you do arrive.

Consider sponsoring a class. These sponsorships really help defray the cost of the show. If you cannot afford a sponsorship, then bring a raffle or auction item. These additional incomes may make the difference in whether the show breaks even on expenses.





### For Sale

### No goats for sale this newsletter!

Got an animal for sale? Advertise here for free! Just send the goats' names, pedigrees, your contact info, and other relevant information to:

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The East Coast Pygmy Goat club is a nonprofit club founded January 2009 by fellow pygmy goat enthusiasts. Our knowledge, dedication and compassion will be the key to our success within this club. Our goal of dedication is to focus on the future of the Pygmy Goat by educating the new members, promoting health, longevity and the welfare of the pygmy goat. As a club we intend to have shows, seminars on management, health, reproduction and other challenges. Join us in our compassionate endeavor. The East Coast Pygmy Goat Club welcomes all. Owning a pygmy goat is not necessary to be a member. We do ask that you share the same interest, dedication and enthusiasm in the welfare of the pygmy goats and the future of the NPGA.



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