

**PENNSYLVANIA GUERNSEY
BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION**

190 Seal Road
Eighty Four, PA 15330



**BLUE
HALTER
SALE**

**Bedford County Fairgrounds
Bedford, PA**

April 20, 2024 at 11am

*Breakfast and lunch items
will be available for purchase.*

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August 13-15, 2024



CALL TO THE 92ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GUERNSEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Dear PA Guernsey Breeders and Friends,

The 92nd Annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association will be held April 19th, 2024 at the Quality Inn Bedford PA (4407 Business Route 220). A block of rooms has been reserved with a room rate of \$79.99 available until April 17th. Call 814-623-5188 for reservations.

Registration and Hospitality opens at 11:30 a.m. in the lower level. The business meeting, beginning at 1:00 p.m., will include various officer and committee reports as well as Board member elections. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Board is encouraged to contact Vickie Baker, nominating committee chair (724-331-4814). Following the Annual meeting the new Board of Directors will hold an organizational meeting at 3:30 p.m..

Please join us at this year's banquet to be held at the Bedford American Legion (3721 Business 220) beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program will include the presentation of both adult and junior awards.

The annual Fun Auction will be held following the banquet to raise funds for support of our Youth activities. Also being auctioned this year are Guernsey items donated by Janet Harding Ruslavage's family with proceeds benefiting the Center for Dairy Excellence. Banquet ticket information and form are included with this newsletter and on our website.

The 44th annual Blue Halter Sale will be held on Saturday morning April 20th beginning at 11:00 a.m..

I look forward to seeing all of our members at this year's Annual meeting, banquet and Blue Halter sale.

John McMurray
PA GBA President

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BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION**

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Cassie Rassau
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AGA UPDATE

PGBA Members,

I'm looking forward to visiting with everyone in April but want to give you a few things to think about before we meet. If you've got questions, reach out at convention, or give me a call at 724-331-4814

At the upcoming National meeting in WI, we will be voting on a few changes to the bylaws. The reason for the vote is a proposed change in the Board of Directors Areas. Because we are opening the bylaws to a vote, I have been tasked with spearheading the by-laws committee. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to volunteer. We would love to have you.

Bylaws Amendment Vote - There will be a vote at the Annual Meeting on June 22nd in Wisconsin to amend the Bylaws to change the Board of Directors makeup from district representatives to all At-Large representatives.

Active Adult Members can vote either by attending the Annual Meeting or designating a Proxy who will be at the meeting. Proxy slips are included with the annual member mailing which will arrive in April/May along with other convention information. You can designate the Proxy Committee or a specific Member to vote for you in proxy.

If this passes, each year's election will be open to the entire country to vote. No more than 2 Board Members from the same state will be permitted to serve at a time. There are no changes to the number of board members or the term lengths/limits.

There is a list of Active Members on the website where you can check for your name. If you are not on the list and believe you should be, contact Robin.

Ambassador Program - We are also introducing a new Ambassador Program. The deadline to apply will be July 1st and the Ambassador will serve from September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025.

The Ambassador must be a Junior or Adult member between the ages of 18 - 21 as of January 1. They will be required to submit a resume and letter of recommendation along with their application. Applications can be found on the website under AGA Youth Programs or News. The Ambassador will represent the breed at the National Shows, National Convention, and any other agreed-upon events. The Youth Fund and Promotion Fund will help cover expenses, but we are actively soliciting sponsors/donations to ensure this is a paid position with expenses covered. • There will still be a National Queen and Princess.

Promotion Committee - Also, a new Promotion Committee is being formed with the goal of generating promotional ideas, managing social media and outreach and helping with fundraising.

Vickie Baker - AGA District 2 Director

Hello Spring!

It is time again for the Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association annual meeting and contests in Bedford. This year we will be meeting on April 19th, I look forward to seeing many of you there! We will begin at noon with the annual meeting and lunch, followed by contests starting at 12:30. I would like to encourage you to compete in a contest this year. One that may be outside of your comfort zone, you never know what can happen!

The contests that are open to compete in are prepared public speaking, PA Guernsey Queen, PA Outstanding Boy and Girl, folding display, and quiz bowl.

Please let me know by April 1st what contest you plan to participate in, but please know you won't be turned down from competing the day of if you don't let me know ahead of time, with the exception of the queen contest. All contests will follow the national rules. Those wanting to compete in PA Outstanding Boy/Girl please reach out to me via email to get the application.

Those wanting to run for PA Guernsey Queen, please let me know as soon as possible and send a copy of your application to myself and AGA by March 31st.

I look forward to seeing you in Bedford.

Cassie Rassau

PA Guernsey Youth Coordinator

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

March 31st - Due to AGA

Scholarship Applications, National Outstanding Youth and National Queen Applications, Junior Production and Breeder Awards

April 1st

Let Cassie know what contests you plan to compete in

YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Banquet RSVP

Name: _____

Adult Tickets \$30.00 _____

Youth Tickets (12 & under) \$15.00 _____

Please RSVP by April 1st.

Make checks payable to PA Guernsey Breeders

Mail RSVP to Holly McCarty, 3763 Dark Hollow Rd, Hughesville, PA 17737

or email to paguernseyassociation@gmail.com



PENNSYLVANIA GUERNSEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

92nd Annual Meeting & Banquet

APRIL 19TH

Bedford Quality Inn, 4407 Business Route 220, Bedford PA, 15522

Room Reservations: To reserve your room, call 814-623-5188. The room rate being offered is \$79.99 per night. You must mention you are with Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders to receive the special room rate.

Schedule

Friday, April 19th

Bedford Quality Inn

11:30am Registration & Hospitality Open
This will be downstairs near meeting rooms

1:00pm Annual Meeting

3:30pm Board of Directors Meeting

5:30pm Social Gathering
Bedford American Legion

6:00pm Youth & Adult Banquet
Bedford American Legion

Youth Schedule

Friday, April 19th

Bedford Quality Inn

12:00pm Annual Meeting & Pizza Lunch

12:30pm Prepared Public Speaking
Contest & Interview Contest

1:00pm Folding Displays Due

1:30pm Quiz Bowl Tryouts

Saturday, April 20th - BLUE HALTER SALE

Bedford County Fairgrounds - 729 W. Pitt Street, Bedford, PA