



**PENNSYLVANIA GUERNSEY  
BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION**  
190 Seal Road  
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**BLUE  
HALTER  
SALE**

Bedford County  
Fairgrounds  
Bedford, PA

April 26, 2025 • 11AM



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August 12-14, 2025

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee for 2025 consists of Aaron Gable, Tom McCarty, and Dan Ealy, chair. We present Becky Bitler, Catherine Blauser, Betsy Musser, and Chris Reichard as candidates for election to the board of directors for a 3 year term. Each candidate has presented a brief introduction for your review. We hope everyone can attend the annual meeting at 1pm on Friday, April 25th at the Quality Inn, Bedford, PA. Sincerely, Dan Ealy

I, **Becky Bitler**, would like to be considered for a PGBA Board Member. I am a wife, mother and dairy farmer on our family's Vista Grande Farm in Berks County. Our Guernsey herd, under the Jacoris prefix, is rooted in my 4-H project and is now part of our 290 head milking herd. We bred the unanimous 2024 Open and Junior All-American Fall Yearling and the 2023 Junior Reserve All-American Fall Calf that was leased to a 4-H'er. This year's classification also yielded our first bred & owned Excellent. I have a BS Degree in Animal Science from Delaware Valley University and currently serve as the Dairy Chairperson of the Oley Fair and have served on the Berks County Holstein Club Board.

**Catherine Blauser** and her family own and operate Dirty Boots Farm in Oil City, PA. Catherine and her family raise their dairy show heifers while the cows are housed and milked at a nearby farm. She has been attending both state and national guernsey conventions for the past 12 years with her children Andrew and Haylee. They are also expanding their on farm pork production and processing. Catherine is also a partner and office manager for Walls Dairy Transport, LLC, with 3 trucks hauling over 3.2 million pounds of milk per month into Farmers Cheese of New Wilmington, PA.

**Betsy Musser** along with her family own and operate Den-Be Farms in Enon Valley, Pa. Betsy is a long time Guernsey breeder and member of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders Association, she currently serves on the Youth Committee. She has served on the board of directors at Lawrence County Fair for the past seven years. **Chris Reichard** owns and operates Misty Meadows Farm in New Paris, PA along with his wife, Beth Clark. He has previously been elected to the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association Board of Directors and has served as Vice President. Chris has also chaired the Finance and Constitution & By-Laws committees. During his tenure as a professional cattle groomer, Chris assisted with preparation and care of consignments for the Blue Halter Sale.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PA Guernsey Breeders and Friends

The 93rd Annual Meeting of PA Guernsey Breeders' Association will be held April 25th, 2025 at the Quality Inn Bedford, PA (4407 Business Route 220). A block of Rooms has been reserved until April 11th. Call 814-623-5188 for reservations.

Registration and Hospitality opens at 11:30 am in the lower level. The business meeting beginning at 1:00 pm, will include officer and committee reports as well as board member elections. We hope you plan to attend the meeting.

Please join us at this year's banquet to be held at Bedford American Legion (3721 Business 220 Bedford) beginning with social at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 pm. Entrance is located on lower level at the rear of the building. 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 a video presentation of sale animals is being planned. Banquet ticket information and registration form are included with this newsletter and on our website.

The 45th annual Blue Halter Sale will be held on Saturday morning April 26th 2025 beginning at 11 a.m..

I look forward to seeing all our members at this year's Annual Meeting, Banquet and Blue Halter Sale. Hope you all are making plans to attend.

Kevin Stoltzfus  
PA GBA President

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AGA UPDATE

PGBA,  
Spring is finally here! Even though the cold days slowed down chores in the barn, the AGA board has been busy! Be on the lookout for a survey from AGA. This will be available online in March. You will be receiving an email with the link. We prefer that you do the online version, but if you need a hard copy mailed, please reach out to the office or myself ASAP. There will be a quick turnaround time so do not delay in submitting! We are looking forward to hearing from our membership to guide us in a strategic plan to grow the Guernsey breed. We need everyone's input and support.

The board will soon be implementing an update to the Genetic Recovery system. We are currently discussing options with the Genetic Improvement Committee. We are moving to a percentage system for % Registered Guernsey Ancestry and evaluating options for both male and female offspring. If you have current recovery animals, you will see an update to those papers. Reach out to myself or someone on the Genetic Improvement Committee with your thoughts.

The Promotions Committee has been posting more on social media and will soon have items available for sale. We will also be featuring our contact advertisers ads on the AGA Facebook page. Our committees have been busy, and I appreciate everyone who volunteers their time at both the state and national level and those who support the Journal. We have a great cow and great people, and I am thankful to be part of the Guernsey breed. I look forward to connecting with everyone in Bedford in April. If you want to talk Guernsey before that, give me a call at 7243314814.

Vickie Baker – AGA President – 724-331-4814

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 31 Deadline for Distinguished Service, Master Breeder, Outstanding Young Farmer, Living Lifetime, National Queen Contest, National Youth Production Awards and Scholarship applications

April 25 PGBA Annual Meeting & Banquet

April 26 Blue Halter Sale

April 30 deadline for enrollment in the 2025 - 2026 National Directory

April 30 Deadline for Quiz Bowl Entries

June 1 Deadline for Youth Contest Entries

July 8-12 AGA Convention

August 8-12 Guernsey Gold Showcase

August 12-14 Ag Progress Days

September 13-17 All-American Dairy Show

September 30 - October 3 World Dairy Expo

November 4-11 North American International Livestock Exposition

Hello,

Spring is finally here! That can only mean it is time to gather in Bedford for our annual meetings and banquet.

It's always a day I look forward to, seeing the youth in their annual meeting, competing in contests, seeing friends, and presenting at the annual banquet. New this year we will be adding a Photo and Essay Contest, as well as Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest. Other contests include Production, Prepared Public Speaking, Outstanding PA Youth, PA Guernsey Queen, Outstanding PA Boy and Girl, Folding Display as well as Quiz Bowl.

We will be begin at 12:30 p.m. with a light lunch, contest sign up, and annual meeting. At 1 p.m. we will begin contests and at 1 :30 p.m. Quiz Bowl Tryouts will start.

If you need an application for any of the contests please reach out to me at Cmrassau@gmail.com.

I hope to see you all in Bedford on April 25th!

Cassie Rassau

PA Guernsey Youth Coordinator

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YOUTH ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

PA CONTESTS

Due March 31st to Cassie

Production, Essay, Photo, PA Guernsey Queen, and PA Outstanding Youth

NATIONAL CONTESTS

Due March 31st to AGA

Outstanding Youth, National Guernsey Queen, Scholarships, Junior Production and Breeder Awards and the Janice KeeneAward

Banquet RSVP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Tickets \$30.00

Youth Tickets (12 & under) \$15.00

Number

Please RSVP by April 12th.

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

93rd Annual Meeting & Banquet

APRIL 25TH

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.

NEW: Following the awards banquet there will be a special preview of sale cattle at the American Legion. Banquet tickets will not be required to attend.

Schedule

Friday, April 25th

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 25th

Bedford Quality Inn

12:30pm Annual Meeting, Pizza Lunch & Contest Sign up

1:00pm Prepared Public Speaking Contest & Interview Contest

1:00pm Folding Displays Due

1:30pm Quiz Bowl Tryouts

Saturday, April 26th - BLUE HALTER SALE - 11AM

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