

PENN STATE STOCKMEN'S CLUB

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Spring Newsletter

March 5, 2011

Spring Dinner Dance

Are you ready for another fun event with PSSC?!?
Details are listed below:

<u>Date:</u>	Friday, April 15, 2011
<u>Place:</u>	Ramada Inn and Conference Center, 1450 S. Atherton St. State College, PA
<u>Time:</u>	Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Program 8:00 p.m. Dancing 9:00 p.m. By Fred Metzger Band

Rooms are on reserve for Friday night at the Ramada for the price of \$149.00 (plus tax). The higher price is due to it being Blue-White weekend. The hold will expire March 15, so make your reservations by calling 814-238-3001.

94th Little International

The 94th Little I will be held April 16, 2011 at the Snider Ag Arena. The Show Manager is George Peters from Pa. Furnace, PA. The Assistant Show Manager is Courtney Cowden from Prosperity, PA. The Little I will begin at 8:00 AM with the horse and sheep show. The Dairy Exposition will start at 10:00 AM, and the beef and hog show will all run simultaneously from that point on. LI judges this year are Beef: Ben Logan, Horse: Kitty Reed, Sheep: Jill Gevin and Swine: Daryl Bomgardner. Following the show the Little I Banquet will be held at Celebration Hall, State College, PA. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to purchase a ticket through PSSC, you may do so on the enclosed reservation form. Your tickets will be available from Jana Peters at the dinner dance or during the LI show.

DAS Distinguished Alumnus

During the LI weekend, Mr. Chester D. Hughes will be recognized as our Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus. Chet is a familiar face to many as he has served the PSSC board and the 2009 President. Chet graduated from Penn State with a B.S. in Animal Industries in 1977 and a M.Ed. in Agriculture and Extension Education in 2004. While an undergraduate student, Chet was extremely active in B&B, serving as the Show Manager for the 60th Little International

Livestock Show. He lived and worked at the beef barn and was also on the Livestock, Meats and Horse Judging Teams. Immediately following graduation, he worked as an agent for Susquehanna County Cooperative Extension. He then took break from extension and worked for the American Angus Association until 1982 when he then returned to a position with Lancaster County extension. Chet continues to serve as the Senior Extension Educator with specialties in beef and pork quality, cattle feeding, on farm assessment and environmental review and 4-H youth livestock programming. He coached several state champion 4-H livestock and meats judging teams many of which went on to national competition. Chet is well known for his accomplishments in state and national Cooperative Extension organizations and the American Angus Association. He is a sought after livestock judge. We are glad to know Chet as an active member of our club, and congratulate him on this honor and look forward to celebrating his achievement during LI weekend.

Winter Business Meeting

The winter business meeting was held January 8th. We had a nice presentation by the National Beef Ambassador Team. Kristen Stufft, a sophomore at PSU in animal sciences is serving as a member of the team and coordinated the presentation.

Items of club business discussed were as follows:

- Approved a donation of \$500 to the PSU Beef Quiz Bowl Team.
- Approved a \$1000 donation to the National Jr. Angus Show being hosted by the PA Jr. Angus Assoc. in July 2011 in Harrisburg.
- Approved a \$1000 donation to the department in support of the all East Livestock Judging contest to be hosted by PSU April 8-10.
- Fundraising activities are continuing for the PSSC Freshmen Scholarship. Contact Luke Zerby at ljzerby04@yahoo.com if you have ideas and want to help.

Election Results

The president by progression for 2011 is Mr. Brian McAllister and the new vice president is Mr. Wes McAllister. Newly elected directors are: Chrysan Cheran, Justin Cunfer and Paul Tuttle.

Congratulations to them and thanks to the others who were on the ballot. The other current directors are:
2009-2012

Keith Bryan, Gary Dean, and Kitty Reed

2010-2013

Bill MacCauley, Gary Oakes, Terry Shearer

Thanks to Dan Baum, Jennifer Kauf, and Scott Rhoads who went off the board after three years of service. Scott is now serving as our representative to the College Ag Alumni Society. Thanks Scotty!

NCBA Quiz Bowl Results

The PSU Beef Quiz Bowl Team placed second this year in San Antonio, Texas. The members of the team were: Ben Cashell, Ryan Fairbairn, Joshua Ebert, Natalie Niehls. Dr. Dan Kniffen coached the team. Of the 16 years PSU has attended, Penn State has been the National Champion team nine times and placed second six.

Stockmen's Apparel

Brian McAllister is putting together another order for clothing and hats with the PSSC logo. Watch the web

site and our Facebook page for more detail. Items will be available for pick up at the dinner dance and LI.

DAS Alumni Tailgate

PSSC will again partner with the Dairymen's Club to hold the fourth annual DAS Alumni Football Tailgate. Tickets have been reserved for October 29, 2011 for PSU vs. Illinois. The tailgate time will be set when the game time is announced. If you are interested in helping with future tailgates contact Brian McAllister at brianmcall1@yahoo.com.

PSSC is on Facebook!

We have joined the world of social media. If you are a member on Facebook, be sure to "like" us. The fan page is called "Penn State Stockmen's Club." Feel free to write on the wall with things that you think would interest the membership. The purpose of our organization is keep alumni connected with the department and each other. Dairy & Animal Science also has a Facebook page as well as the College of Ag Sciences and CAAS.

CONSIDER JOINING THE PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

PLA is YOUR voice in promoting the livestock industries in Pennsylvania and supporting the youth who will be tomorrow's leaders. The mission of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association is to develop and conserve the full agricultural and soil resources of Pennsylvania by promoting the production and maximum usage of cattle, sheep, swine, and horse industries within the Commonwealth. We accomplish our mission by offering extensive support to agribusiness and livestock breeder organizations, sponsoring and conducting livestock expositions with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and assisting members with sales of livestock. We take pride in our accomplishments with educational organizations and breed associations and have a record of success in helping our members achieve their goals. We put a high priority on assisting 4-H, FFA and collegiate youth and their many activities. Annual dues are only \$25 and you can join by accessing: <http://palivestockassoc.org/> and clicking on "Membership."



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