

South Carolina Angus Association News
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Mother Nature is going berserk! Today it is spring weather about 70. (Maybe Mother Nature is having a hot flash!) because tomorrow the high will be 45! Another winter day for SC. I hear that my family in Nashville is expecting snow! However, my daffodils are ignoring the cold and have decided to bloom anyway.

The weather has not kept Angus folks away from sales. The prices are high which means our grocery stores also have high prices for the beef.

Speaking of that, SCAA has their big weekend in March starting with the annual banquet and meeting on Friday, March 20th. The dinner at the Kresge Hall at the Clemson Outdoor Lab (No, the dinner is not outdoors) will honor Steve McPhail posthumously by dedicating the Futurity in his memory. His son Steve McPhail II will present the bull trophy to Jane, his widow. Steve passed away peacefully at home on June 12, 2014.

Angus friends are also grieving for Cory Watt (22) who fought cancer bravely for seven years, setting an example of faith for the rest of us. The South Carolina Angus Association will present the Watt family with donations for the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment Fund at the Angus Foundation.

In addition the South Carolina Angus Hall of Fame adds a new member, Ned Stevenson. Walter Shealy II chairs the committee consisting of Evelyn Edmunds and Billy McLeod. Billy plans to step down and turn his spot over to Doris Blackmon.

The new officers are presented as: President, Dr. Larry Olson: Vice-President, Dr. Steve McPhail II; Treasurer, Mike Johnson and Secretary, Sharon Furr. The new directors are Neil Boyd, returning for a second term. Heather Blackmon Collins, expecting any minute, Dixon Shealy, Nancy Blumer and Danny Winchester.

Have you noticed Sharon has been contributing to our news articles? She has a fresh way of writing and I know you will enjoy her articles in the future. She shows a love of Angus and their people in her work, plus she takes excellent pictures. I plan to continue to serve until July.

On Saturday, March 21 at noon the 44th Carolina Angus Futurity begins. The juniors have a silent auction to benefit the SCJAA preceding the cow auction.

March 7 has Angus folks split between the SC Cattlemen's meeting in Columbia and Wood Angus Sale in Willow Spring, NC. SCAA and AAA man the Angus booth at the Cattlemen's meeting. Sharon Furr and Walter Shealy plan to head out to the Wood Sale the same day.

February was the Valentine month for love of Angus. We had a sale almost every weekend. The Angus went high. Sharon Furr and I split up the sales. Lynn Shealy and Larry Olson helped too.

The SCAA officers and directors met after the Clemson Bull Sale on February 7 to finalize the details of the Futurity. The board has tried to help defray the expenses to our consignors by selling ads in the catalogue and having sponsors at the sale. The crowd at the Clemson Bull sale indicates that Angus are in demand at good prices. Now Sharon will report on her trips.

"Have sale will travel.....on the road again" by Sharon Furr

My first trip was to Clemson for their bull and heifer sale - It was a beautiful day, right about 60 and boy was the cattle complex packed, and man did they have a lot to choose from.

2015 Clemson Bull Test Sale Result on February 7, 2015

Lots	Average	Total
19 open com.females	\$1,966	\$37,250
43 bulls (all breeds)	\$4,505	\$193,750
Total		\$231,000

Next on my road trip agenda was to Seneca for the Tokeena Angus Sale - with Gwen and Neil McPhail

They had a great sale - totals were great - it was a beautiful day, but oh so very windy!

They offered up junior and senior bulls, along with open heifers, open heifers exposed and bred cow/calf pairs. The sale day drew a huge crowd and folks were in the mood for buying. (No results are available.)

Next I was on the road to Ridge Springs for the Yon's sale with Kevin and Lydia - it was an awesomely beautiful day. The bulls were stretched out sunning the entire time I was out taking pictures - the cow/calf pairs went extremely well and the heifers even did better. The bulls offered up were junior and senior, and anyone who left without a

bull, well it's your own fault because there was a lot to choose from, and something for everyone.

This was a very bitter sweet sale for the entire Yon Family - yes, their hearts were at the sale, but they also were grieving the loss of Cory Watt who was really and truly a part of their family. Proceeds of Lot 1 went to the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment.



*Lot 1 Yon Witch Y 129 from the Yon Sale.
The proceeds are going to the Cory Watt Memorial Endowment Fund of The Angus Foundation. Lot one's sale brought in \$26,000.00 for Cory Watt Fund.*

And last but definitely not least the Saluda Replacement Heifer Sale - thanks to Lynn Shealy for his excellent reporting on this sale - it was huge! 209 head sold from 15 different consignors - and they sold like hotcakes. Travis Mitchell opened the sale addressing a packed auditorium, and Roy Copeland spoke to the crowd as well, inviting everyone to the South Carolina Cattleman's Meeting, in Columbia on Saturday, March 7th. Bred heifers averaged 2345.00, and open heifers averaged 1858.00 - Riley Farms donated the proceeds from their open heifer that brought 2800.00 to the local 4H - it was a great sale.

While Sharon was travelling all those places, Evelyn Edmunds, Ted Bartee and I headed to Sumter, SC to Billy McLeod's Black Crest Sale on Valentine's Day. Ted bought me a bull for my Valentine!

The day was beautiful but cold with the wind whipping by. The sun was shining and the crowd was out. After eating the good lunch provided by Black Crest the crowd filled the bleachers to bid.

Watch for our new SCAA Directory soon. The printer has it in his hands.

By the time you read this it may be April and the sun will be shining with flowers blooming. The snow and cold hard times do not last forever. The promise is for a better tomorrow. Just hang in there when the road is rough. Angus folk are known for their durability and determination, "May the rain fall softly on your fields. May God hold you in the palm of His hand." from the Irish Blessing.

A special thanks to Sharon Furr, Larry Olson, Lydia Yon and Lynn Shealy for their help. Remember if you would like to join our SCAA, send a check for \$20 to SCAA and your contact information to Windy Barteo, 1717 St. Paul Church Road, Clover, SC 29710. TEL: 803-222-7533, Email: tumblet8@bellsouth.net.

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