

## **South Carolina Angus Association News**

**Sharon Furr**

**June and July 2015**

Ms. Windy started out last month's article with this paragraph:

'And I am getting ready to turn the SC Angus Secretary's job over to Sharon Furr of Spanish Oaks Farm in Blackstock, SC. I know you will enjoy her writing. She already writes articles for the Chester newspaper. Sharon loves Angus and will provide great articles as she writes about Angus breeders. She possesses plenty of energy and works hard at her job. I believe you will find that Sharon will be a great asset to our SC Angus Association.'

Now since I have been working with Ms. Windy for the past couple months, all I can say is, "What in the world was I thinking, and I said yes?!"

Oh my, gosh, where do I begin? I cannot help but to think all those years what I took for granted with Ms. Windy being our SCAA Secretary, and yes, I did take her for granted, and now I see what all she did make happen behind the scenes, and I never ever knew. Thank you so much Ms. Windy for everything. Now guys, let me tell you, my plate is very full and running over, so if I get behind, or need a little help from all of you out there, please push me along and help me, it's all new to me, but I will do the best that I can with all your help! Baby steps right.

I hope everybody that is reading this newsletter is getting much needed rains. We, at the farm, went 37 straight days without a drop, the fields were dying and I was getting just a little worried, but praise God we have been getting much needed rains for the last four days, and I am stoked. We've calved out, cut hay for the first cutting all the way around, and have worked mothers up for breeding – we have two calving seasons, one in the fall and one in the spring, so we have two breeding's as well. I have managed to sell all the young bulls, and have beautiful girls coming up to condition for the fall breeding programs and upcoming sales beginning first of 2016, and I know many of you are doing just that as well, culling out girls that just don't seem to be showing out, and conditioning the ones who you will be keeping and or getting ready for 2016 sales. By the time you read this newsletter in the Cattle Connection, we will be a month behind, so yes, in an attempt to keep everyone as up to date as possible I will sometime speak futuristically, and too if you are sending in information to me that you want used in these articles and newsletter, please get them in to me as they happen, to be able and get the best timing possible for all of our readers out there.



*Love, love, love*



*Let's name this one Carolina Girl!*



*Twins in the South*

I will be going on the road during the summer months to different farms, so don't be surprised if I come pulling up in your driveway, and get out and say, "Let's go look at some cows", one of my most favorite things in the world to do. Also too, I will be going to some of the Junior shows, so I am way excited about getting to do that. One of my favorite verses says.....'and a little child will lead them', so I can't wait to learn and absorb everything I can from our Juniors.

The main events coming up for the summer are the Junior Shows. Our SC Juniors will be on the road again, some have already been on the road. Breann Steadman and Carly Watt showed at the Atlantic Nationals Memorial Day weekend, both girls did well with their cattle finishing at the top end of their class. Carly was second in Senior Showmanship and also won a scholarship. We have five juniors going to the Eastern Regionals in Lewisburg, WV with a total of 17 head.

Those attending are Breann Steadman, Carly Watt, Kaylen Ryan, Allison Harmon, and new member Jared Carnes. Carly Watt will be competing in the Showmanship contest at the National Junior Show in July at Tulsa, OK. Woo-hoo!



*These juniors won Senior Showmanship at the 2015 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 22-23 in Timonium, MD. Pictured from left are Kalie Rumbold, Wyanet, IL, Champion; Carly Watt, Iva, SC, Reserve Champion; and Chase Anderson, Chrisman, IL, Third place.  
Photo by Megan Packerman.*



*These Angus juniors were awarded Atlantic National Merit Scholarships at the 2015 Atlantic National Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, May 22-23 in Timonium, MD.  
Pictured from left are Paul Hill, Betsie Michael, and Dianne Hale, all scholarship committee members; Cheyenne Jones, Franklinton, LA; Carly Watt, Iva, SC; Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, OH; Matthew Mitchell, Reinholds, PA; Corbin Cowles, Rockfield, KY, who also won the Greg Krueger Scholarship; Connor Orrock, Woodford, VA; Daniel McFarland, Keithville, LA; Lindsay Upperman, Chambersburg, PA; Emily Velisek, Gaithersburg, MD; Alana Eisenhour, Wellsville, PA; and Alan Miller, scholarship committee member.  
Photo by Megan Ackerman.*





*The 2015 Atlantic Nationals was dedicated to the memory of Cory Watt, Iva, SC, former National Junior Angus Board Chairman. Paul Hill, Show Chairman, right, presents the award to Cory's family, Uncle Mark Duffel, sister Carly, and parents Rebecca and Jody Watt, who received the award on May 24 during the Atlantic National Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show in Timonium, MD.  
Photo by Megan Ackerman.*

The SC Junior Beef Round Up will be up in Clemson July 31st. - Aug. 2nd, and don't forget the County Fairs and the State Fairs start up in September and go through October. Ted Bourne has been ever so generous to provide me with much needed information on our Juniors, thank you so much Ted! Stay tuned for more info on how all of the Juniors do in the next months to come.



*Ben Black and Spanish Oaks Alice*

Our first show will be the Jr. Beef Round-up at Clemson July 31 - Aug. 2.

Also, something beautiful that happened at the Atlantic Nationals was that the Atlantic National was dedicated to Cory Watt this year. The Watt family received a beautiful plaque in Cory's honor. Please continue to remember the Watt family in your day to day lives, and lift them up constantly.

Don't forget, if you know of someone who would like to join or even if you'd like to go help â€ contact Ted Bourne (864-379-2253), Kelley and Mike Ryan (864-247-6234), or Jesse Adkins (864-933-1343).

Upcoming events:

**July 13-18:** National Junior Angus Show, Tulsa, OK

**July 31-Aug 2:** Junior Beef Round Up, Clemson, S.C.

**Aug. 6-9:** LEAD Conference for 14-21 year-olds, Seattle Washington

Please check with the NJAA web site for more information: National Junior Angus Association (NJAA)@ [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa)

A quick note on our South Carolina Angus Association Officers and Directors. On May 31st we met to discuss the upcoming year and moving forward with new and different ideas, there was much discussion around many different ideas, but one item in particular will be a little change to the website. Not only will the look and feel change, but we will also be connecting with Facebook and Tweeter, along with linking up other sites through our Association Home Page. So be on the lookout for our new and improved website coming your way very soon.







*SCAA Directors and Officers May 2015 Meeting*

In the weeks to come, I know many of you will be ever so busy with cutting hay, getting young bulls ready to go on bull test, rotating your herds, maintaining grasses, keeping up with fly control, killing weeds, and just trying to beat the heat and dog days of summer. I also know summertime is always very busy with vacations, and family, and cook outs, and just having fun and living life. Make sure each day you are living out loud and making beautiful lasting memories. For you know when it's all over and said and done, that's all we have left, our beautiful memories.





*Summer Grazing 2015*

If you need to reach me, or if you have something cool to share with me, or if you have any great pictures from any event you have been too, please don't hesitate to call me, or text me, or email me â€‘ I'd love to hook up with you. Don't forget too, if you haven't paid already, SCAA dues are \$20 for one year, so just send a check to: SCAA, c/o Sharon Furr - Secretary, 2049 Boyd Road, Blackstock, SC 29014.

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Thanks again guys for allowing me this opportunity to serve. I can't wait to see you on the road, but until then, live out loud!

-Sharon