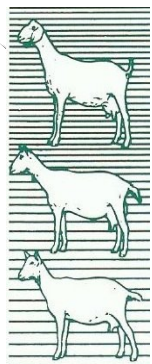


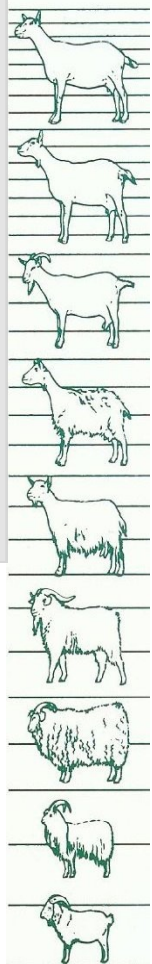
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

As I write, there is a covering of approximately 3" of snow – it has been flaking away all day today, although it is turning more towards sleet now so if we're lucky, it will not lie too long. So far this winter, the goat water buckets have only been frozen once or twice in the shed – I don't doubt there's worse to come though.

I have decided it would be a good idea to publish a brief summary of our committee meetings in the monthly journal and on the website, therefore a précis of the November meeting appears later in this journal.

Word has reached me of the death of 2 long standing BGS members - Elaine James, Bromsgrove, Worcs. known mainly for her ANs, and Helen Benson, Lincolnshire known for her GGs. Condolences are extended to the families of both ladies.

Members' attention is drawn to an increase in Society subscriptions which will take effect from 1 January 2013. Single Membership will increase by £2 to £35 with half year membership increasing by £1 to £17.50; Partnership Membership will increase by £2 to £38.50 with half year membership increasing by £0.75 to £19.25; Family Membership (in addition to one of the aforementioned) will remain the same, i.e. £11, with half year membership also remaining the same at £5.50. Members living in the EU and Eire will pay an additional charge of £20 and members living elsewhere in the World will pay an additional charge of £35 to cover postage. As previously advised, Affiliated Societies can opt to pay £55 if all publications are required, or alternatively £20 without publications. All other fees, e.g. show recognition fees, prefix fees, kid registration fees etc remain unchanged. In reaching a decision about increasing the subscription fees, the committee was mindful of the need to hold down any increase to a minimum whilst taking into account increased postal rates.

The Grassroots software has a Birth Notification feature – after careful consideration, the committee is in agreement that this feature be switched off at the moment.

I would like to take the opportunity through the pages of this last 2012 journal, to extend my very best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas followed by a healthy, happy and prosperous 2013.

Agnes Aitken

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who are:

Miss Jantzi, Idaho, USA;
Mr Gomer & Miss Crowe, Norfolk;
Miss Moss, Dorset;

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

In line with BGS Rule 17, nominations are now invited from members, for the BGS Committee elections due in 2013. Elections for Ten Members take place triennially. Every Committee benefits from new blood and new ideas and enthusiasm. I hope that members will consider allowing their names to go forward. Nomination forms are available from the BGS Office now and must be returned to the office, duly completed by 31st January 2013. Each nomination form requires a proposer, a seconder and must be countersigned by the candidate. Each candidate may also submit by 31st January 2013 an election address of not more than 150 words. Do you have the time, energy and commitment to take the BGS forward? Look forward to hearing from you.

Jane Wilson

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members

Included with this Journal is your 2013 membership renewal notice. Please note that in November the Committee agreed to increase subscriptions to reflect increased postal charges. The new prices are listed on the next page. For those who pay by Banker's Order (Standing Order) if you can amend the payment amount before the due date, that would be very much appreciated.

Half of our membership have used the online Grassroots System during the last year. Well done and thank you for your enthusiasm for the programme. If you have used the programme for registrations and transfers, please always remember to print off the invoice/statement of payment, otherwise it stays there until your next transaction gets added to it. If you have any queries, do ring the office. You can also pay your subscriptions using PayPal through the "Members Online" web page. Do remember that Grassroots provides online facilities for Service certificates as well as registrations and transfers. Paper applications for registrations, transfers and service certificates continue, as always to be accepted.

Wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year

Jane



SUMMARY OF BGS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2012

Nick Clayton gave a very informative and detailed input on meetings he had attended. He also outlined progress being made with various health and welfare schemes.

BGS secretary reported membership had reached 1017 and that Grassroots (GR) was being used by 517 members. 2012 show data was finished and lactation data in respect of Milk Recorded animals was on GR.

Various publicity materials were discussed, e.g. banners, mugs, fleeces, ties and caps. It was learned that 40 colours were available for the various articles of clothing.

Due to the GR Birth Notification feature being unable to coexist with current BGS Rules & Regulations, a decision was taken to switch the feature off at the moment.

Increased subscriptions rates were approved.

The 2012/13 budget was approved.

BGS owned cups and trophies had been re-valued which resulted in an increased insurance premium.

It was agreed to undertake a future enhancement of the BGS website.

Next committee meeting date: 9 February 2013.

Agnes Aitken

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Letters

Dear Editor,

Can I please say a very big thank you to all members who attended the joint AGM's at Rowington on Oct 28th who bought raffle tickets or put coins/notes in the *Kids For Kids* collecting tins. The total raised came to £146.25 which is a splendid amount. I have just sent this to K4K online by BACS.

It was unfortunate that Patricia Parker MBE could not be there in person to speak to you all. I did my best to stand in for her & I hope her powerpoint presentation gave you some idea of the constant struggle the families in North Darfur villages face on a daily basis for survival.

Every penny raised helps in the 61 K4K villages. So thank you for your generosity.

<http://www.kidsforkids.org.uk/newsupdates.asp>

Christine Ball

Dear Jane,

I am in the process of writing my second book (which could turn into a third). It is to be on the History of the Anglo Nubian in the U.K. I plan to also incorporate all (I hope) of the B.G.S. registered A.N. prefix's with a short profile on each.

If there are any breeders who do not want their herd included please will they let me know by 31st.March 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Maggi Franklin.

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A SIMPLE AMBITION

Every year she dreams in vain
When Christmas time comes round again
That she will have a chance
To be a star in the nativity.

She hears of donkeys being asked
To undertake this special task
And even little lambs are sought
For shepherd boys when gifts are brought.

Sometimes a camel seen
With three wise men upon the scene.

If only she was asked to play
She'd never eat the manger hay

Or drive the other creatures wild
And terrify the Holy Child.
She'd like to sit there for a while
And smile her most angelic smile

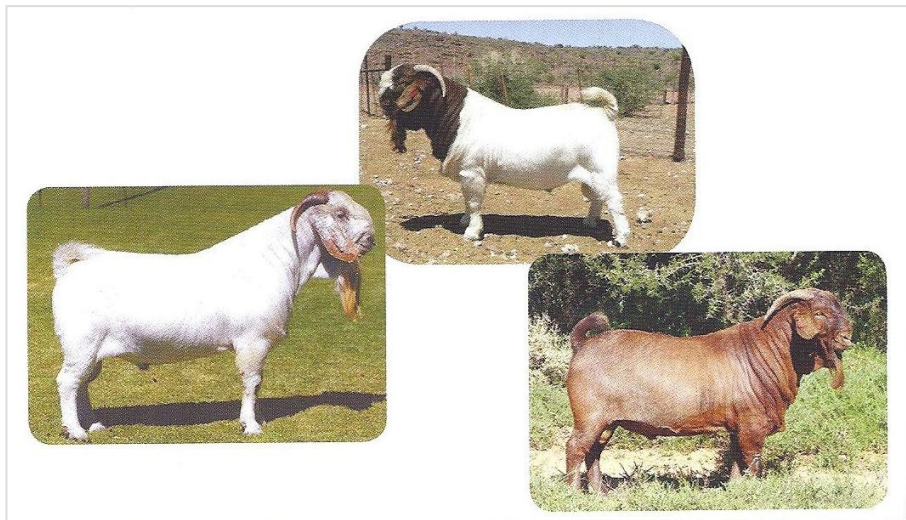
For surely – in that stable bare
With ox and ass –A goat was there?

Mrs P Brown

Taken from the 1988 BGS YAR BOOK



Boer Goat Meeting 18th October



I was delighted to be able to accept an invitation extended by the British Boer Goat Society to attend a meeting they had organized at Stoneleigh when they had as a speaker Mr Stephanus Malan, Adelaide, South Africa – current president of the South African Boer Goat Society. The aim of the meeting was to educate interested UK people on the finer anatomy points of the Boer Goat, and learn about their husbandry and welfare.

The following is a summary of the points which particularly interested me personally:

Boer Goats have a 54% killing out rate; the meat is 'heart friendly' being low in cholesterol and of a high quality. It is flavoursome, succulent, tender, extremely attractive and very tasty. Animals must be marketed between 3 and 12 months when carcasses should weigh

no more than 23 kg. Females and castrated males are used for meat production.

In addition to the meat, Boer Goat skins (known as pelt) are tanned and used for making the uppers of shoes, gloves and other sophisticated high quality leather items. Attempts are made to breed goats with short, smooth hair as this increases the pelt quality.

South African Boer Goats browse, they do not graze, and are particularly good for scrub clearance and shrub control. At one experimental farm Boer Goats were recorded as consuming 74% leaves and 26% grass and were able to co-exist on the same area of pasture as cattle because the two species do not compete for the same fodder.

Boer Goats are a small, hardy, stocky breed of goat, thriving well in arid or

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cold conditions such as exist in Canada. They are highly resistance to diseases such as Blue Tongue, pulpy kidney etc – so far as is known, they do not contract Blue Tongue. They are less susceptible to internal parasites due to their browsing characteristic. However, they can contract Blue Louse which is treated by dipping at the same time as cattle are treated, or alternatively a pour-on has been found to be an effective treatment.

Male kids are castrated at one month old when they are vaccinated against brucellosis. They are weaned at 3 – 3.5 months of age. Female kids are weaned between 3.5 and 4.5 months of age and they are covered whenever they come in season. Adult females (ewes) are very fertile and not seasonally bound with multiple births being common place, recording an average kid percentage of 180%. It is possible to select kidding times to fit in with a time of year when food is most plentiful and kiddings can occur every 7 – 8 months under intensive conditions. Ewes produce plenty of nutritional milk resulting in the rapid growth of kids. They are capable of maintaining economic production up to approx 10 years of age meaning that only a low percentage of replacement ewes need to be retained. One male (ram) runs free range with 35 – 40 ewes; younger ewes are kept as a group separately from older ewes. Ewes cycle over a 17 day period and it is possible to pregnancy test them 42 days after conception. Close line breeding is practiced and it is normal to buy in only one ram to a herd every few years. The highest quality ram is bought,

he will be used one season then sold on – his male offspring are retained to pass on the good qualities they have inherited from their sire.

Boer Goats are identified by ear tag and their registration information is recorded in a herd book. Huge goat shows are held when thousands of entries are forward. Auction sales are conducted (similar to bull or ram sales in this country) when animals offered for sale are assessed prior to going under the hammer. Good quality goats sell for very high prices.

There are three types of Boer Goat in South Africa, the most common of these being the **South African Boer Goat**. It has a white body with red head and ears and usually a white blaze. It is naturally horned and it is particularly liked when the horns grow backwards over the animal's skull. There is also the **South African Kalahari Red** which, as the name suggests, is a totally red/chestnut coloured animal with no markings. The third variety is the **South African Savannah White**, a pure white animal but not so beefy as the South African Boer and of lesser numbers.

As far as judging Boer Goats is concerned, it would appear their good points are similar to those looked for in a good dairy animal in the UK – a good top line flowing to a gentle rump slope, good legs above strong upright pasterns, a wide chest and correct mouth. Mouth deformities are not acceptable. It is acceptable for ewes to have 4 or even 6 teats, but no fishtails. Rams are judged on testicle attachment and evenness of size. The

Boer Goat Meeting *Cont'd*

scrotum must be at least 25 cm in circumference with no larger split than 5 cm. Cull defects include knock knees, bandy legs, cow hocks, post legged or sickle hocks, legs that are too thin or fleshy, weak pasterns and hoofs which point either outwards or inwards. Animals are judged in a group loose in the ring with the judge pointing to his/her selection when placings are made.

To be considered competent to judge Boer Goats candidates have to submit themselves to a grading system which is done by qualified judges – there is an oral exam then a competency assessment which is carried out in South Africa.

I found the day very, very worthwhile. I was made to feel welcome and found the speaker extremely interesting. He spoke for about 5 hours but was very easy to listen to. The differences between Boer Goats and our own dairy goats are not significant and I believe that any current BGS judge would easily learn how to successfully judge Boer Goats, providing they carefully studied their breed standard.

Gordon Webster

BACK TO BACK MALE & YOUNGSTOCK SHOWS

It is a sad fact of life that there are fewer goat keepers exhibiting stock these days and the expense of putting on a show seems to increase year after year. In particular, male goat shows are few and far between. That was one of the main reasons why the Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society decided several years ago to hold an annual Male Goat and Young Stock Show.

Male goat classes are included at Hambleton Show which is held at Thirsk in North Yorkshire, approximately 70 to 80 miles from Northumberland. Otherwise if local goat keepers wish to exhibit their male goats they need to travel to Cheshire or the Breed Shows at Newark or travel well up into Scotland.

I had the pleasure of judging at the South of England Show this year and during a break in proceedings I enjoyed a coffee and a chat with Richard Pemble who was my ring steward. Richard told me of a suggestion he had made regarding the possibility of holding back to back male goat shows to incorporate the Kent Male and Young Stock Show and the Sussex Male and Young Stock Show. The idea of holding back to back shows in Northumberland had run through my mind some time previously and so I was interested in discussing the idea with Richard.

The result of this conversation helped to clarify my own thoughts and on returning home I contacted other members of the Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society to gather their opinions. Everyone agreed



BACK TO BACK MALE & YOUNGSTOCK SHOWS

that it would be a good idea to hold a back to back Male and Young Stock show this year.

We quickly applied for BGS recognition and invited a second judge. Schedules were produced and rosettes ordered.

The entry was slightly up on the previous show. Exhibitors were sent two schedules but only one entry form and were asked to indicate if their entries were intended for one show or both. In the event everyone entered both shows. This made the collating of both catalogues so much easier.

The first show commenced at 11am and once it was over we all enjoyed a communal lunch. The second judge arrived in time to commence with the second show at 2pm. We are extremely grateful to both judges who very generously declined to accept any travel expenses.

The exhibitors all agreed that the back to back shows had worked very well. Two shows for the preparation of one! The goats were all very well behaved and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

We have decided to repeat the back to back shows again next year and with more publicity we hope to attract a bigger entry.

Richard Wood

2012 RABDF FARM WALK

The majority of visitors are from commercial herds obviously but on this occasion there were quite a few people from small goat herds too. Nick Everington said there were 150 people booked in altogether.

Fay Ogden (Toggenburgs) & I went. This is the 5th year the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF) has held a Goat Walk and I'm pleased to say I have been able to get to them all. The presentations are always interesting and you learn a lot on the actual walk round the herd too.

This herd was started with high-health status, pedigree, BGS registered stock from the Goosemead herd. Goosemead owner Neil Walker was there and his herd manager Kate Dedman who was brought up with pedigree Saanens. She organises all the matings and the quality of the Goosemead herd is high.

Charlie Whitehouse & his team are very good stockmen. All the goats were friendly, relaxed & in super condition. All pens had at least one big blue plastic barrel that the goats loved playing with. Milkers were laid across them & kids pushing them around and curled up on them!

Plenty of space and light. I thought it was one of the best commercial herds I've visited.

Christine Ball

Photographs centre pages by Mrs C Ball.

RABDF FARM WALK



RABDF Farm Walk



HERD DIARY

My name is Lynne Summers. I live on a smallholding in Somerset with my husband Keith. We have a small herd of 17 goats; BS, AN and one BT bought in as a kid last year. I have kept goats for about 25 years (with help from him indoors) starting with a rescued BS type called Hannah and her 2 kids.

1st September: Arrived at Dorset County Show the night before. A nice relaxed, friendly show; goats settled in almost immediately. Entered both BS first kid-ders in the milking competition; they are milking well but I am having trouble with the butterfats. After a.m. milking, apart from seeing to the goats, the most important thing in the mornings is coffee,

I am never quite awake until I've had a cup. The show day was enjoyable and thanks to 3 friends we were able to take all 5 BS kids into the ring. On leaving we got stuck in the mud at the bottom of a hill but thanks to another friend we were towed to the top and onto the road.

4th September: Somerset Goat Club members milk record on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of every month; we currently have 17 milk-recording members. After completing the 24-hour milking, they post their results and samples to me, which arrive through our letter-box (the cat flap) over a period of a few days. On arrival all sticky tape has to be removed from lids of pots before putting



Westways Kids

**HERD DIARY**

them in alphabetical and numerical order into an NMR sample box.

5th September: Completed my milk recording this morning. Weight-banded and calculated how much Oramec to give the 4 goatlings that I want to put into kid; thank heavens for calculators. Made a note on the calendar.

6th September: Attended the funeral in Portishead of a long-standing friend. She was a dog-behavioural trainer so the church was packed with people and numerous dogs. After the service police blocked the roads to allow the hearse and mourners to walk the half-mile to the cemetery. Her coffin was taken there in a glass sided carriage drawn by two black horses with black head feathers. The procession streamed out in front of us and as far behind as we could see – utterly amazing. We got some very funny looks from the people sitting in their cars. She planned her own funeral from start to finish and I am sure if she was watching she was thoroughly enjoying her moment.

7th September: Washed goats, packed up and set off for Frome Show. Arrived on site in good time for stripping out. The following show-day was thoroughly enjoyable. Good show, good company. Didn't get stuck on the way out and had a good journey home.

10th September: Last milk-recording samples received. Entered pm and am results onto forms (normally about 3 A4 pages). Checked number of entries on forms matched number of pots in box, put forms in plastic sleeve in case of

leakage and sealed in box with samples. Labelled box and delivered to Dairy Crest in Chard. Willow and Whoopee in season, but will leave them until they come in again. It's our wedding anniversary - we've been married 46 years. We swapped cards but didn't make plans to do anything special; just to sit with feet up and a glass of something at the end of the day was good.

14th September: Off to Royal Berkshire/Newbury Show. As we drove out of our gates with the trailer on the back, we must have caught the top, side window of the camper on some branches. We could hear knocking as we drove up the road, and when we stopped to investigate found we had lost almost the entire window, just a small piece of plastic and a handle remained. We jammed a bale of haylage against the opening to stop stuff falling out and drove on. We have just been told that the replacement window will cost £296.23 ouch!

16th September: Thoroughly enjoyed our first back-to-back show, not as hectic as we thought it would be, so will go again next year. Good journey home, with the window sealed up with some plastic sheeting and tape.

17th September: 120 bales of straw delivered, 100 for us and 20 for a friend. Having made our own hay and collected three loads from a farmer in Bridgwater we should have enough to see us through until next year.

18th September: Milk recording results back from NMR – my butterfats are still

HERD DIARY

not good enough. Entered all members' results onto the computer, ran off results sheets and new sheets for next month. Laid papers out along the hall floor, removed old labels from Jiffy bags, repaired scruffy bags, put on new labels and filled with forms and fresh pots. Sealed envelopes and took to the post office in Langport – job done. I have tried to lessen the postage costs this year by handing out supplies of pots at shows; so far this has saved about £5 a month.

22nd September: Wormed all 5 kids with Oramec in their LAST bottle of milk. Washed bottles and put them away - hooray.

24th September: Vet came to take blood samples from Vanilla (a 2½ year old, first kidder) who has had a couple of fits. They only last for a few minutes, but it's distressing to watch and for about 5 minutes after she looks bemused. Results came back all perfectly OK. She is normally fit, bright, eats well and milks well; she has had two fits about 7 months apart. The second one was quite some time ago so will keep an eye on her. The man arrived to clean our lounge suite, but as we didn't want one of the chairs done – no one sits in it - he cleaned the carpet

as well with no increase in price - bargain

25th September: First ever flue jabs for us both. Several days later we developed horrendous pains in knee and hip joints. Apparently we weren't the only ones to report this, however after about a week the pains disappeared?? Wormed the two males, and two retirees.

26th September: Finished processing/cooking apples; froze some for us and put some in small cheese pots for mum; she likes apple sauce with pork. Called in and put 10 pots in her freezer - they should keep her going for a while.

30th September: Copper bolused whole herd. Animax used to make copper boluses for Pfizer Ltd called Copprite. Apparently Pfizers no longer sell Copprite but Animax now make the bolus under their own brand name of Copinox. Willow served (but returned again on 23rds October). Hopefully by the end of October we will have one BS, two ANs, and one BT in kid – am really looking forward to the arrival of some BT kids.

Lynne Summers

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Stokesley

British Goat Society Awards

CM should read Aphrodite Shamara.

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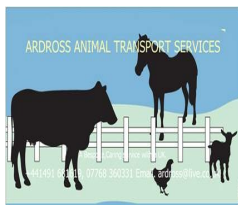
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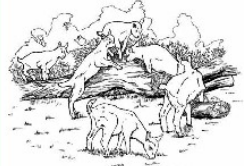
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BGS CALENDAR 2013

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2013 BGS Calendar

is now hot off the press for sale in time for Christmas and the New Year.

The calendar is totally self funding, all sales are profit for the BGS. Last year sales made over £500 for the BGS. Please support this publicity project by purchasing a copy, be it for yourself or a Christmas present for a goaty friend.

The calendar is A3 size, showing a goat subject on half the calendar, with a date and notes area on the other half.

The calendar's are £6.00 each including P&P.

Please order the calendar from the BGS office and make cheques payable to the BGS . Numbers are limited so please order sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Thanks for your support in advance,

Shane (BGS Publicity officer)

**BGS MUGS**

Following the success of the production of some other BGS publicity items, the next item is a BGS mug. Made from fine bone china with a gold rim, it has the BGS logo, with a British Alpine goat as the main design. The plan is, if the mugs sell well, numbers are limited, other mugs will be produced with different breeds of goats taking the place of the main design. Building a collection of different breeds, but this depends on demand.

Thanks

Shane (BGS Publicity officer)

Mugs are available from the BGS Office priced at £6 each plus £2.50 p&p.

BGS Rules and Regulations

The Committee has been in the process of reviewing a number of Regulations in the “British Goat Society Rules and Regulations”. The current version (1st January 2012) can be downloaded or ordered through the Downloads and Books section of the website (www.allgoats.com).

For example, with Grassroots now up and running it should no longer be necessary for owners to have to claim for distinguishing signs and awards which can now be generated automatically through the Grassroots system. This will necessitate re-drafting of some regulations. Changes already approved by committee (in accordance with Rule 16) now mean that regulations are no longer numbered consecutively eg there is currently no Regulation 8.

The committee intends, as part of this review, to address any such numerical anomalies such that new proposals will take into account a re-numbering of regulations as necessary. While this process will be addressed through Rule 16, it may mean that certain other BGS documents which cross reference current regulations will be out of step for a while until they too can be updated.

Members, and in particular those involved in show organisation and milk recording, need to be aware of this situation, although it is not expected that this will cause any major difficulties.

Terry Hanna

Proposed Regulation Changes

Propose that Regulations 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 11 be amended as indicated below. Amendments and additions are shown in "Italics" and deletions have been struck through. For ease of understanding the Regulations have been left in their entirety.

Procedure for Registration

1. Every application for any form of registration must be made *either by 'manage your herd' on Grassroots (this is only available to British Goat Society members) or on an official form available for that purpose, obtainable from the Secretary or via the British Goat Society website www.allgoats.com* The goat must be eligible for registration, and be named, in accordance with the Society's Regulations. For entry in the Herd Book, Foundation Book, Supplementary Register, all progeny of one mating must be registered at the same time. No goat entered in the Herd Book may be re-entered in or transferred to, any other Section thereof, subject to Regulation 27. A goat entered in the Supplementary Register or Identification Register may upon qualifying under Regulation 4(2), be re-registered in the Foundation Book and thereafter any of its progeny previously registered in the Foundation Book or Supplementary Register may be entered in the Herd Book subject to Regulation 2, provided in each case that the original registration card is surrendered, the appropriate form is completed and the fee paid. All information asked for must be given on the form which must be certified and signed by the applicant, and then sent with any enclosures specified thereon to the Secretary who will issue, provided all the Regulations of the Society have been complied with, a certificate confirming each registration and the number under



Proposed Regulation Changes *Cont'd*

which it has been recorded. No duplicate of such certificate will be issued under any circumstances. All applications from members of an Affiliated Society must be forwarded through an authorised officer of the Affiliated Society.

Goats Eligible for Entry in the Herd Book

2. A Male or Female Goat is eligible for entry in the Herd Book, subject to Regulations 13 and 27, if it complies with the following conditions:

- (1) (a) Male Goat. The sire and dam are entered in the Herd Book.
- (b) Female Goat. The sire is entered in the Herd Book and the dam is entered either in the Herd Book or the Foundation Book.
- (2) It is not less than one calendar month nor more than two years old.
- (3) The person making the entry is a Member of the Society, or a Member of an Affiliated Society and the breeder of the goat, i.e. the owner of its dam at the time the goat was born, in whose ownership the dam had been duly registered.
- (4) A certificate of service of the dam is presented (See Regulation 18(b)) signed by the registered owner of the sire (or an authorized agent) *or a service certificate can be completed on line (via Grassroots) by the registered owner of the sire. A copy of the service certificate does not need to be presented if the person applying for registration was the owner of the sire at the date of service or if the service certificate was completed on line.*
- (5) Other progeny of the same mating has not been registered previously.
- (6) All goats shall have an individual identification mark.

The primary means of identification must be an ear tag which should be inserted in the left ear. The tags must be pre-printed and both the tags and the printing must be approved by the appropriate Government Agency.

If the identification is by tattoo, the herd/flock mark is to be inserted in the left ear and the individual number and the BGS sequence of letters is to be inserted in the right ear.

- (ii) The individual identification mark to be applied in accordance with Regulation 11.
- (iii) The individual identification mark to be quoted *whether registering on line or on the registration application form.*
- (7) All or any of the conditions (1) to (5) may be waived by the Committee if the goat is:
 - (a) imported
 - (b) imported in its dam or
 - (c) born as a result of the use of imported semen (see Regulation 13(1) or
 - (d) born as a result of embryo transfer (see Regulation 13(2)).


The Committee must be satisfied that the goat so registered can be recognised as pure bred.

- (8) The age limit of two years will be waived in the event of a goat becoming eligible for entry in the Herd Book by reason of its dam qualifying for and being entered in the Foundation Book under Regulation 4(2), if it has been registered previously in the Foundation book or Supplementary Register.

Goats Eligible for Entry in the Foundation Book


4. A Female Goat only is eligible for entry in the Foundation Book, subject to Regulations 13 and 27, if it complies with the conditions of (1) or (2):

- (1) (a) The sire is entered in the Herd Book and the dam is entered in the Supplementary Register.
- (b) It is not *less than one calendar month nor* more than two years old.
- (c) The person making the entry is a Member of the Society, or a Member of an Affiliated Society and the breeder of the goat, i.e. the owner of its dam at the time the goat was born, in whose ownership the dam has been duly registered.
- (d) A certificate of service of the dam is presented (See Regulation 18(b)) signed by the registered owner of the sire (or an authorized agent) *or a service certificate can be*


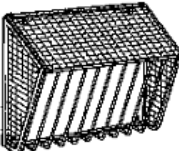
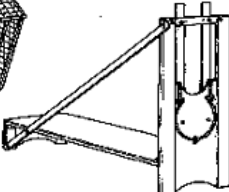
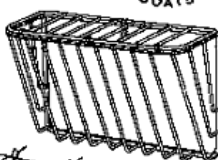






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completed on line (via Grassroots) by the registered owner of the sire. A copy of the service certificate does not need to be presented if the person applying for registration was the owner of the sire at the date of service or if the service certificate was completed on line.

- (e) Other progeny of the same mating has not been registered previously.
- (2) The goat has won a Star or Q Star or has qualified for the prefix R and is owned by a Member of the Society or a member of an Affiliated Society.
- (3) That all goats must have an individual identification mark.

Goats Eligible for Entry in the Supplementary Register

5. A Female Goat only is eligible for entry in the Supplementary Register, subject to Regulation 27, if it complies with the following conditions:
 - (1) The sire is entered in the Herd Book.
 - (2) It is not less than one calendar month old.
 - (2) The person making the entry is the breeder of the goat, i.e. the owner of its dam at the time the goat was born.
 - (3) A certificate of service of the dam is presented (See Regulation 18(b)) signed by the registered owner of the sire (or an authorized agent) *or a service certificate can be completed on line (via Grassroots) by the registered owner of the sire. A copy of the service certificate does not need to be presented if the person applying for registration was the owner of the sire at the date of service or if the service certificate was completed on line.*
 - (4) Other progeny of the same mating have not been registered previously.
 - (5) That all goats must have an individual identification mark.



Proposed Regulation Changes *Cont'd*

Goats Eligible for Entry in the Identification Register

6. A Female Goat only is eligible for entry in the Identification Register, subject to Regulation 27, if it complies with the following conditions:
- (1) It is not eligible for the Herd Book, Foundation Book or Supplementary Register.
 - (2) It is not less than one calendar month old.
 - (2) That all goats must have an individual identification mark.

Procedure for Earmarking Identification

11. (a) An approved identification mark shall consist of a series of numbers which are a combination of the Herd Number (six digits) *which is allocated by the appropriate Government Agency* and an individual number which may be allocated by the breeder of the goat (or by the appropriate Government Agency should it decide to do so). Some Government Agencies may require leading zeros before the individual number. A country of origin mark will precede the Herd number but it will not form part of the registration number for BGS purposes.
- (b) *Goats born after 31 December 2009 need to be double identified by one of the following methods:*
- i) two ear tags with the same unique 12 digit number.*
 - ii) an ear tag and a tattoo with the same unique 12 digit number (UK code and flock number on one ear, individual animal number of the other). The tattoo can go across both ears.*
 - iii) an ear tag and a pastern mark with the same 12 unique 12 digit number.*

EID is voluntary for goats, however, if they are born after 31 December 2009 and intended for export, they must be full EID identified.

- (c) Should the original identification mark become indistinct or lost, the identification as stated on the registration card must be renewed in accordance with the current regulations of the appropriate Government Agency, and the BGS either:
- i) by tattoo for goats born on or before 9th July 2005 (a tag may be substituted if preferred).
 - ii) by a tag to replace a tag.
- If there is any change to the individual identification number, the registration card and any fees due shall be sent to the BGS Secretary who will amend the card and the records held by the Society.
- (c) A sequence of letters for incorporation in earmarks may be assigned for use by a Member of the Society, by an Affiliated Society, or by a member of an Affiliated Society. Application for such a letter sequence shall be made to the Secretary. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, such a letter sequence shall be reserved for the sole use of the person or Affiliated Society to whom it is assigned.

Proposed: Margaret Hardman
Seconded: Nick Parr

Odds and Ends

Recently I went to the BGS office to research the early presidents and chairmen. This involved using the old minute books, and inevitably I became distracted by other things which I read. Here are a few of the things which attracted my notice. It also occurred to me that some of the Affiliated Societies may have gems hidden away in their minutes. What about having a look and sharing some of them?

Ros Earthy

From the 18th June 1912, Committee meeting

Barbados Goat Society

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Barbados Goat society and it was resolved that the Society be affiliated to the British Goat Society

From 12th November 1912, 1st Monthly meeting of the new Committee

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Barbados Goat Society, notifying a show of goats about to be held on Dec 18th at Barbados and asking for a medal or medals to be offered by this Committee. It was resolved to offer the Society's medal for the Best Male Goat.

From the "Report of the Committee" at the AGM October 20th, 1914 by H S Holmes Peglar, Hon. Secretary

Encouraging the Toggenburg

In the absence of means for introducing fresh blood from abroad your Committee have carried out their proposal (as fore shadowed in the last Report) to encourage the breeding of the Toggenburg by the offer of special premiums for pure males. This movement, however, can hardly be said to have met with the success anticipated. At Waltham Abbey only four such goats were entered in the competition— two of which received premiums. It is also a matter of regret that the opportunity afforded for obtaining service of a premium winner at a comparatively small fee has only been taken advantage of, so far, by one member.

Show Updates Booklet 5

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			AM	PM	AM	PM		
Leatland Primrose	B042123D	4.95	3.26	4.04	2.73	2.66	1.20	16.57

Royal Berkshire
Milking Competition

Leatland Primrose	B042123D	4.45	3.37	4.04	2.75	2.67	1.20	17.85
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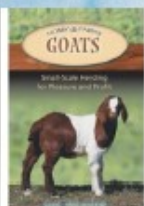


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