



# Pygmy Times

Sierra-Pacific Pygmy Goat Association



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## Welcome New Members

Barnes Family  
Wheatland, CA

Duncan Family  
Napa, CA

Glakeler Family  
Napa, CA

Ho Family  
Mountain View, CA

Holly Michael  
Auburn, CA

Parsons Family  
Williams, CA

SPPGA MEMBERS TO DATE:

Up to "46" 😊

Next SPPGA meeting will be held at the Goat-Tober-Fest Show, October 15th-16th!

Visit our website:  
<http://sppga.topcities.com/>

**TATTOO LETTER FOR 2011**  
**"B"**

## This Months Quote:

**"Live each day to its fullest, for you never know if it will be your last."**

**Author Unknown**

## Message From the President:

I am excited to be writing for our newly revised newsletter (thank you Cindy and Tamra). As you all know, Fall is right around the corner, which brings the Harvest Fair show, now in Auburn at the fairgrounds, and Goat-Tober-Fest in Red Bluff. Please check out the SPPGA website for entry info and deadlines. Our website is [www.sppga.topcities.com](http://www.sppga.topcities.com). Looking forward to seeing you there.

Also, it's time to start planning for those babies! Get your list of does and bucks ready, and check it twice. Everyone loves Christmas in the spring and there is nothing better than little "kid" presents in our barns.

Now with your breeding plan in place, make sure that you don't forget to sign up for the weanling (and yearling) futurity. With all the preparation and hard work you put into it we are sure to have an amazing 2012 show year.

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## Message from the Farm:

Well, it was a very productive summer here at the Country Oaks Ranch. My dad came down for my son's graduation and did a lot of work for me. He was able to plumb my barn for water so I now have automatic water spouts in the barn! No more transporting water in the winter for them to have water in the barn when it rains because they will not go out and get a drink. They melt you know. Just ask them. He was also able to redo the inside of my trailer so I can get my goats in and out the ramp on the back instead of lifting them in and out the side door. It has made a big difference when loading my goats for shows. Since the kids have grown they are no longer helping out and I am doing it all. Thank goodness for dads! Also, Hank Sassman was able to get the vents in my trailer

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**Articles are needed** for the newsletter. Please submit all articles, business cards, pictures, ect. **by the 20th of the month** so we have time to get them into the newsletter. Email them as a word document or jpeg to: **countryoaksranch@gmail.com** or mail them to:

Tamra Loetscher  
 19190 Moroni Lane  
 Grass Valley, CA 95949.  
 Thanks!

**From the Farm Cont.**

so my goats have more ventilation. He has also agreed to install my new windows too! Along with all of that he helped me redo all of my goat pens and build a third baby pen!! Thank you Hank!! It's nice to have friends! Well, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and hope to see you at the next show! Happy Halloween!!  
 Tamra

**Remaining Shows of the 2011 Show Schedule**

**10/15-16 Goat-tober Fest, Red Bluff, CA**  
 Judges: Conklin, Perry  
 Chair: Tammi Josephson

**11/6 Fall Fun Jr. Show, Red Bluff, CA**  
 Judge: Struthers  
 Chair: Tammi Josephson

**11/12-13 Fall Frolic, Gridley, CA**  
 Judges: Mumpower, Bishop  
 Chair: Wortham

Hope to see everyone at the remaining shows!

**SPPGA 2011 Board of Directors:**

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# Kids Page

## Word Search

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Words to find:

Goat  
 Pygmy  
 Hoof  
 Chine  
 Pastern  
 Wether  
 Doe  
 Buck  
 Fun  
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**Hey kids!** Did you remember to sign up for the SPPGA Showmanship Highpoint? If not, make sure you fill out the form and either give it or mail it to Lisa McClelland so you can start earning points!

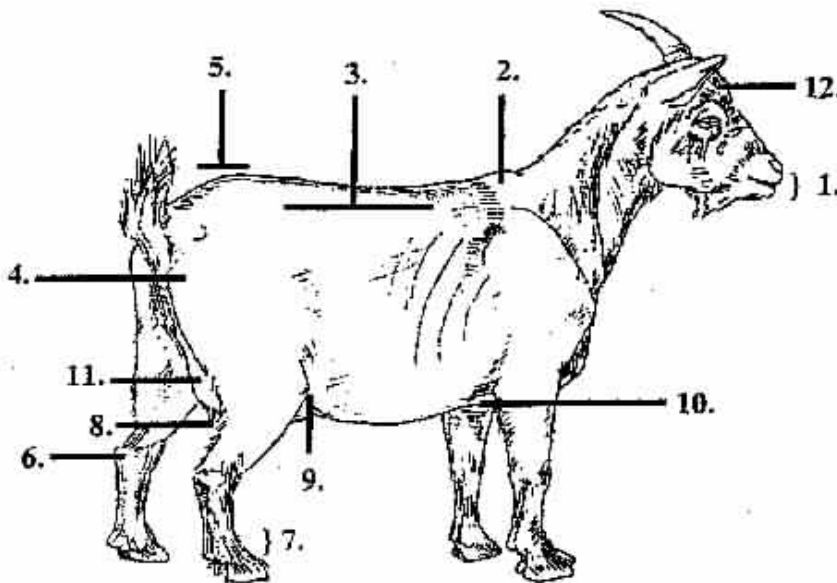
### 13 signs that your goat may not be feeling well.

- \* tends to stay away from other goats and/or you
- \* has a distressed or depressed expression in the eyes
- \* looks dull and listless
- \* does not want to move
- \* grinds teeth
- \* breathes in a quick, shallow fashion or coughs a lot
- \* has no appetite, is not interested in food
- \* urinates frequently
- \* tries to urinate but can't, especially wethers
- \* exhibits a change in color and consistency in their poop, ie, scours (diarrhea)
- \* has a temperature above normal
- \* shows a drastic change from their normal habits and behavior
- \* head pressing, presses head against wall or fence

## Disney Trivia!

1. What movie did Gaston play in?
2. Who was Copper's best friend in "Fox and the Hound"?
3. What movie had the song clip, "we're elephants on parade"?
4. What did Peter Pan never want to do?
5. Who acted as mother to the Lost Boys?

Answers: 1. Beauty and the Beast 2. Todd 3. Jungle Book 4. Grow Up 5.



\*Taken from the NPGA website

Answers: 1 muzzle, 2 withers, 3 back, 4 pin bone, 5 rump, 6 hock, 7 pastern, 8 teat, 9 flank, 10 chest floor, 11 udder, 12 forehead



This is Country Oaks Ranch Sealy Booth. He swears he did not eat his bed. I think he looks guilty!

How many teeth does a goat have?

Answer: 32

## Color Choices for Registration

Revised January 2010 by NPGA

In an effort to make registering a goat easier, there are now just 6 color choices: caramel, grey agouti, brown agouti, black agouti, black and solid black. It is now longer necessary to assign a shade such as light, medium or dark.

The color formerly called grey/brown agouti may be registered as a grey agouti with other colors shown as random markings. If the animal changes shade (color) at maturity a request for correction may be made by sending in the appropriate form and a new picture.

### Caramel Pattern

All have light vertical stripes on front side of darker stockings, which may be either black or brown. Muzzle, crown eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as the body.

**CARAMEL:** The caramel color pattern can range FROM white to caramel hairs, intermingled with white in the undercoat making the top coat appear to be a shade of white/cream TO white hairs intermingled with darker caramel/buff hairs in the undercoat making the top coat appear to be a dark tan.

### Agouti Pattern

All agoutis have solid stockings darker than main body color (black stockings on grey and black agouti), brown stockings on brown agouti). Muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body.

**GREY AGOUTI:** The grey agouti color pattern can range FROM black and white hairs intermingled with slightly more white hairs to give a light grey color, making the topcoat appear to be silver/pewter in shade TO a darker appearance with fewer white hairs, but still a salt and pepper appearance that is pronounced.

**BROWN AGOUTI:** The brown agouti color pattern can range FROM brown and white hairs intermingled, with slightly more white hairs to give a lighter grizzled brown color TO mainly brown hairs with only occasional intermingled white hairs.

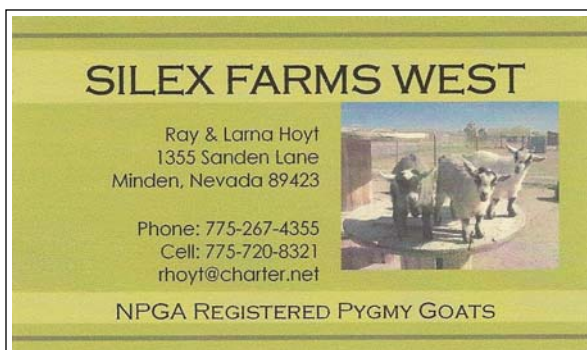
**BLACK AGOUTI:** Black mainly with only occasional intermingled white hairs.

### Black Pattern

All blacks have solid black stocking.

**BLACK:** Solid black except for muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white. The tail may be accented in white.

**SOLID BLACK:** All black with NO lighter accented tones on the muzzle, crown, eyes, ears, or tail.



Your business card  
could be here!

### The 2012 Show Schedule has been released! Yippee!

**April 14-15 Gold Rush Classic, Placerville, CA**

Judges: MaryBeth Guenther, Dr. Elaine Krieg  
Contact: Michelle Fonda 530-878-8775

**May 12-13 Gold Country Classic, Auburn, CA**

Judges: Dr. Jason Overman, Lila Zarski  
Contact: Linda Henwood 530-368-6837

**June 16-17 Summertime Spree, Susanville, CA**

Judges: Jennifer Sanderson, Kelly Culp  
Contact: J.T. Struthers 530-254-6591

**August 18-19 Sea Breeze Classic, Watsonville, CA**

Judges: Debbie McGhee, Jennifer Josephson-Lozoya  
Contact: Inga Gonzales 925-625-7869

**October 5-7 Harvest Fair, Santa Rosa or Auburn, CA**

Judges: Linda Colville, Kelly Estes, George Starbuck  
Contact: Kevin Kress 707-996-6673

**October 20-21 Goat-Tober-Fest, Red Bluff, CA**

Judges: Bob Barber, Donna Elkins  
Contact: Tammi Josephson 530-347-5877

**November 10-11 Fall Frolic, Gridley, CA**

Judges: Kevin Kress, Renee Furst  
Contact: David Wortham 530-923-2155

As more shows are scheduled we will add them to the list. More information will be available regarding the shows on the website as it becomes available.


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**Champions from Watsonville Show**

**First Show:**

**Best Wether**

**Whirlwind Farms Confident Attitude**  
Owned by Linda Henwood

**Reserve Best Wether**

**Country Oaks Ranch Rylan**  
Owned by Tamra Loetscher

**Junior Champion Doe**

**Valle Verde Teddy's Tabitha**  
Owned by Gina Miller

**Reserve Junior Champion Doe**

**Griffiths Special Phapsody**  
Owned by Katherine Griffiths

**Senior Champion Doe**

**Flying Turtle's Mini Muriel**  
Owned by Elaine Krieg

**Reserve Senior Champion Doe**

**Flying Turtle's Billiant Demise**  
Owned by Elaine Krieg

**Grand Champion Doe**

**Flying Turtle's Mini Muriel**  
Owned by Elaine Krieg

**Reserve Grand Champion Doe**

**Flying Turtle's Billiant Demise**  
Owned by Elaine Krieg

**Junior Champion Buck**

**Flying Turle's Corineus**  
Owned by Shelby McClelland

**Reserve Junior Champion Buck**

**Pygmy Goats by T.J. Santana**  
Owned by Cindy Sassman

**Senior Champion Buck**

**Whirlwind Farms Remarkable Blend**  
Owned by Linda Henwood

**Reserve Senior Champion Buck**

**Giffiths Chocolate Thunder**  
Owned by Katherine Griffiths

**Grand Champion Buck**

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**Message From the President Cont.**

Mark your calendars! Our next SPPGA meeting will be held at the Goat-Tober-Fest show. If you have anything you would like on the agenda or anything I can help you with, please do not hesitate to ask. You can email me at [igonzo@goldstate.net](mailto:igonzo@goldstate.net).

Sincerely,  
Inga Gonzales  
SPPGA President

Congratulations everyone!



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**Champions from Watsonville Show**

**Second Show:**

**Best Wether**

**Ponderosa Pines Ranch Shotgun Willy**  
Owned by Hank Sassman

**Reserve Best Wether**

**"R" Wild West Pygmys Dimitri**  
Owned by Kate Tackmier

**Junior Champion Doe**

**Pygmy Goats by T.J. Aiyanna**  
Owned by Josephson Family

**Reserve Junior Champion Doe**

**Rustling Pines Absolutely Diamonds**  
Owned by Linda Henwood

**Senior Champion Doe**

**Pygmy Goats by T.J. Serissa**  
Owned by Josephson Family

**Reserve Senior Champion Doe**

**Angel Creek Farm Awhirlwindmystery**  
Owned by Elaine Krieg

**Grand Champion Doe**

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Owned by Elaine Krieg

**Junior Champion Buck**

**Valkyries' Hyperion**  
Owned by Michelle Fonda

**Reserve Junior Champion Buck**

**Flying Turtle's Corineus**  
Owned by Shelby McClelland

**Senior Champion Buck**

**I Gonzo Phoenix**  
Owned by Inga Gonzales

**Reserve Senior Champion Buck**

**Flying Turtle's Ximen Estoca**  
Owned by Elaine Krieg

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1/4 page \$20.00 / year

1/2 page \$40.00 / year

Or

1/4 page \$2.50 issue

1/2 page \$5.00 issue

Full page \$10.00 issue

Submission deadline is the 20th of each month. Please submit everything before the deadline.  
Make checks payable to SPPGA.

**Goat-Tober-Fest Information**

October 15th and 16th, 2011

Tehama District Fairground

Entries must be postmarked by **October 5th!**

Pre-Entry Fee: \$5.50 per goat/show

Late Entry Fee: \$7.50 per goat/show

Prospect Wether: \$2.50 per goat/show

Pens: \$6.00 per pen for weekend. Bedding provided. Pens are 8'x8'. Fairgrounds will be cleaning pens!!

Crockpot dinner on Saturday.

Raffle and auction after show on Saturday.

Camping: RV's \$25/night, Tents \$5/night

There will be a *costume contest* on Saturday!

Other fun events will be going on during the weekend.

Hope to see everyone there!!



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# Sierra Pacific Pygmy Goat Association

## 2011 Junior High Point Showmanship Championship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # :(        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age of January 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relation to SPPGA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed application to: Lisa McClelland  
11605 Black Rd.  
Smartsville, Ca 95977

### **Rules for Showmanship point Championship Competition**

*The showmanship competition is open to all youth 18 years and under. There are no entry fees to enter. You must be related to an SPPGA member. You **MUST** sign up prior to entering the ring at the show for those points to count. The following shows will apply to the competition:*

Citrus Fair 2/18-20, 2011 Cloverdale, CA  
Gold Rush 4/16-17, 2011 Placerville, CA  
Gold Country Classic 5/13-15, 2011 Auburn, CA  
SPPGA Susanville 6/4-5, 2011 Susanville, CA  
Sonoma County Fair 7/31, 2011 Santa Rosa, CA  
California State Fair 7/18-21/2011 Sacramento, CA

Sea Breeze Classic 8/20-21, 2011 Watsonville, CA  
Silver State Classic 9/10-11, 2011 Susanville, Ca  
Harvest Fair 9/30-10/2, 2011 Santa Rosa, Ca  
Goat-Tober-Fest 10/15-16, 2011 Red Bluff  
Fall Fun Junior Show 11/05/11 Red Bluff, CA  
Fall Frolic 11/12-13, 2011 Gridley, CA

The point breakdown will be as follows:

First Place 5 points  
Second Place 4 points  
Third Place 3 points  
Fourth Place 2 points  
Fifth Place 1 point

Age divisions will be as follows:

5 and under  
6 thru 8  
9 thru 13  
14 thru 17  
18 and over

There will be prizes awarded at the end of the season for the High Points in each age division. Good luck to everyone!!

**If** you have any questions, please contact Lisa McClelland at (530) 432-0445 or (530) 263-6448 or Email at [jleemac@infostations.com](mailto:jleemac@infostations.com)

# Sierra Pacific Pygmy Goat Association



## SIERRA PACIFIC PYGMY GOAT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

Herd Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Web Site:

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (please circle one)      FAMILY      SINGLE      New \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed      \$12.00      \$10.00      Renew \_\_\_\_\_

Present Size of Herd \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Raising Goats \_\_\_\_\_

Referred/Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you breed for resale: Y/N      Research: Y/N      Meat: Y/N      Milk: Y/N

Do you offer buck service: Y/N      Buck Lease: Y/N

I would like more information on: Showing      Judging      Hoof Trimming      Disbudding

Health/Maintenance      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_