

# *the* Tunis Shepherd

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NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY, INC.

ISSUE 7

## PRESIDENT, KEN MAYES, tells us.....

I enjoyed Wooster....seeing the quality of sheep and meeting all of the people. It was a great feeling to go out to supper with 75 people and have a good meal together. And then at the membership meeting to have the bleachers full of people interested in the Tunis club gave the board of directors lots of reasons to go to work.

Our next big event is the National Show at the Big E on September 20th. The Board of Directors will meet on Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the fairgrounds. Make sure that your directors know about your concerns, etc. as many decisions will be made at that time. I have appointed Peter Harris to head the committee to study bringing the regional memberships into balance and to meet the constitutional requirements. He will be asking one person from each region to work with him on this committee. They will present their ideas at the September board of directors meeting so that the Board can act upon it at that time and to put it into place by the first of the year. There will be several other important committee reports presented also so we will be busy. Any business not covered during the directors' meeting in the morning will be completed at the Annual Membership meeting that evening at B'Sharra's Restaurant at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. More information about the restaurant will be provided at the show!

One idea that I have asked Louise and Judy to put into action is a short column listing our new members in the newsletter. The new members need to know that we recognize and welcome them to our club and where to find them! This will start in the next issue. What ideas or suggestions do you have for the newsletter? We want to make it an useful tool for you and your flock.

So you are strongly urged and encouraged to attend the National Show in Massachusetts in September and to attend the general membership meeting that evening. Remember...

September 20th	10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
	2:00 pm	Judging
	7:00 pm	General Membership Meeting

Hope to see you there, Kenneth Mayes

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# **NATIONAL TUNIS SALE.....May 24th & 25th, 2003**

## **CHAMPION RAM...YEARLING RAM**

Bruns Tunis, OH	\$700	Triangle Farms, Jerry & Linda Cook, Muncie, IN
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## **RESERVE CHAMPION RAM...YR RAM**

David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$500	Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, Wytheville, VA
Bob Bartholomew, NY	\$250	Kristin Pratt, Rebersburg, PA
Walter & Denise Clark, PA	\$650	Dirk Wise, Springs Mills, PA
Mom's Tunis, VA	--	
Peter & Judy Harris, MA	\$375	Randy Powley, Loudon, TN
Linda Cook, IN	\$200	Lily Coleman, OH
Linda Cook, IN	--	
Georgina Anderson, KY	\$150	Michael Monk, OH
Don & Miki Schrider	--	

**TOTAL: \$2,825**

**7 Head averaged \$403.00**

## **FALL RAM LAMB**

Darling Farm...J & L Dunham	\$300	Dan & Robin Swartz, NY
Bob Bartholomew, NY	\$350	Jozi Best, OH

**TOTAL: \$650**

**2 Head averaged \$325.00**

## **SPRING RAM LAMB:**

Jozi Best, OH	\$200	No sale
Regina Powell, OH	\$300	David & Sandra Rock, NJ
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$325	David & Sandra Rock, NJ
Mom's Tunis, VA	--	
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH	\$150	Molly Kleman, OH
Bradshaw Tunis, OH	--	

**TOTAL: \$775**

**3 Head averaged \$258.00**

## **CHAMPION EWE...YEARLING EWE**

Jozi Best, OH	\$800	Erik Meyers, NY
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## **RESERVE CHAMPION EWE...YR EWE**

Joe & Joan Seavey, NY	\$1,000	Regina Powell, OH
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 675	Darling Farm, J & L Dunham, OH
Jozi Best, OH	\$ 700	No Sale
Dwight & Sally Barney, NH	\$ 700	Erik Meyers, NY
Bob Bartholomew, NY	\$ 425	Henry Zerby Family, OH
Bob Bartholomew, NY	\$ 500	Henry Zerby Family, OH
Jozi Best, OH	\$ 450	The Feasley Family, NY
David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 500	Bruns Tunis, OH
Dan & Robin Swartz, NY	\$ 400	Darling Farm, J & L Dunham, OH
Gary Grenier, CT	\$ 350	Walter & Denise Clark, PA
David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 350	Ehman Acres, OH
Josh Howe, NY	\$ 475	No Sale
Peter & Judy Harris, MA	\$ 300	Dr. Roy Davis, MO
Walter & Denise Clark, PA	\$ 275	Ehman Acres, OH
Walter & Denise Clark, PA	\$ 350	Straut Farms, TN
Don & Miki Schrider, PA	\$ 350	Marj Finnegan, OH
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$ 400	Ehman Acres, OH

**TOTAL: \$8,125**

**16 Head averaged \$508.00**

## **FALL EWE LAMB:**

Dan & Robin Swartz, NY	\$250	Tanner Brown, NY
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**TOTAL:**

**1 Head averaged \$250**

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### EARLY SPRING EWE LAMB

Regina Powell, OH	\$1,500	Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH
Gary Grenier, CT	\$ 600	Erin O'Flaherty, OH
Regina Powell, OH	\$ 475	Justine Swartz, NY
Kleman Family, OH	\$ 350	Julia Hasselman, IL
Kleman Family, OH	\$ 400	Henry Zerby Family, OH
Joseph & Joan Seavey, NY	\$ 350	Henry Zerby Family, OH
Georgina Anderson, KY	\$ 200	Dr. Roy Davis, MO
Georgina Anderson, KY	\$ 250	Dr. Roy Davis, MO
Georgina Anderson, KY	\$ 250	Dr. Roy Davis, MO
Regina Powell, OH	\$ 500	Devan Newton, RI
Jeremy Jochums Chickering, OH	\$ 325	Julia Hasselman, IL
Regina Powell, OH	\$ 425	Dwight & Sally Barney, NH
Bruns Tunis, OH	\$ 400	Hotis Scotch Acres, NY
Bob Bartholomew, NY	\$ 400	Henry Zerby Family, OH
Bob Bartholomew, NY	\$ 325	Dr. Roy Davis, MO
Mom's Tunis, VA	\$ 275	Mayes Tunis, MO
Dwight & Sally Barney, NH	\$ 550	Dr. Roy Davis, MO
Julie Jones, NY	\$ 325	Straut Farms, TN

**TOTAL: \$8,050**

**18 Head averaged \$447**

**\$20,650 TOTAL SALE for 47 animals that sold**

**\$440 overall average**

**\$1,500 Top animal**

### WINNERS OF THE SALES CREDITS....

\$50 Tanner Brown, NY

Donated by the NTSRI

\$25 Justine Swartz, NY

Donated by OTSA

\$25 Devan Newton, RI

Donated by OTSA

There were 29 names in the drawing!

### DEVAN NEWTON OF CHEPACHET, RI writes...

"Hi, I'm Devan Newton and my grandfather just bought me a ewe lamb at the sale. I am 12 years old and I started showing three years ago. We live in Chepachet, Rhode Island. Thank you for putting my name in for the \$25 credit. I appreciate it. Yesterday, my grandfather surprised me with the ewe lamb. We named her Gabby. I look forward to having a long relationship with Gabby. Thanks again for putting my name in for the \$25 credit.

Sincerely,

Devan Newton"

**The OHIO TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION would like to thank everyone for helping to make the National Tunis Sale in Wooster a great success. The sheep were fantastic and all the people who attended make for a very enjoyable weekend.**

**There are so many people to thank for the hard work they put into our national sale. One person I would like to mention is Gene Niese of Leipsic, Ohio. He welded and built the frame for the picture backdrop so the curtain would hang nice. His son, Mike, told me that his dad could build anything. Thanks, Gene. His work made for some great pictures and was appreciated by all who used the back drop. We are looking forward to the 2004 National Tunis Sale and to our Ohio Trade Day in September. Have a great summer and thank you, again.**

**DAN KLEMAN, President**

## NATIONAL TUNIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.....

Wooster, Ohio                      May 24, 2003

Dwight Barney, President, called the Annual NTSRI Directors' meeting to order at 9:10 am on Saturday, May 24, 2003 at Wooster, Ohio at the National Sale. Seven of the eight directors were present: Gary Grenier, Dwight Barney, Joe Seavey, Don Schrider, Bob Bartholomew, Randy Powley, and Louise Dunham along with a number of interested guests and our clerk, Judy Harris.

Dwight thanked the group for their support and listed our accomplishments for the club. He then introduced the newly elected directors...Dan Swartz, Ken Mayes and Sally Barney.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the last newsletter by a motion made by Bob B. and Joe S. Gary Grenier, Treasurer, reported that we had a balance of \$3,625.30 and this was accepted by actions by Don and Louise. The directors were reminded that their portion of the conference call was \$61.12.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**CLERK:** Judy distributed reports for the past year, etc. showing our continued growth. The report in the Banner also indicated continual growth in the area of animals registered. Judy indicated that we have approximately 10 new members.

**NEWSLETTER:** Louise distributed information about applying for a non profit mailing permit but asked that we not do anything until the fall meeting. Louise will be checking out the best prices for copying, etc. Joe asked that the editor do a better job of checking the accuracy of all reports sent to her.

**YOUTH:** Joe announced that the scholarship recipient, Georgina Anderson of Kentucky was at the show and would be participating in the show. Joe indicated that he had received reports that our club had one of the premier youth programs. He thanked us for the support during his term.

**WEB SITE:** Bob Bartholomew reported that he had sent the web master the information requested but that it still wasn't on the site. Gary reported that she needed the information in another format. Various board members expressed concern with the web site.

**SHOW COMMITTEE:** Dan Kleman reported that various shows and groups had already asked for financial assistance and that this weekend was the last possible date for requests. Requests had been received from NAILE, Big E, Ohio State Fair, Keystone, Great Lakes Regional, and Empire State Youth Show.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE:** Don Schrider reported the election results for District 8; Ken Mayes was elected with Roy Davis as a write-in for alternate; District 4; Dan Swartz and Lauren Howe tied...and Lauren volunteered to be the alternate; and District 1: Sally Barney was elected over Julia Jochums, who will serve as alternate. Don presented bills for \$81.76 for the elections.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The first topic was the elections of officers. Ken Mayes and Randy Powley were nominated for president and Ken was elected by a paper ballot. Randy Powley and Dan Swartz were nominated for vice president and Dan was elected after several run-off votes. Sally Barney and Gary Grenier were nominated for treasurer and Sally was elected. Louise Dunham ran unopposed for secretary and was elected.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** The new president, Ken Mayes, named Peter Harris, Roy Davis and Dan Kleman to show committee for another year. Joe Seavey was named as chairman of the youth committee. These appointments were approved by the board.

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** Louise brought to the board's attention that Region 7 represented 41% of the membership and that representation was in conflict with the constitution. Ken asked that a committee be formed to review the constitution and to present it at the Big E meeting in September. These people volunteered to be on the committee and the president will decide the committee's make-up: Jozi Best, Randy Powley, Dan Kleman, Peter Harris, Dwight Barney, & Julie Jones.

**BROCHURE COMMITTEE:** Judy informed the group that we had very few of the breed brochures remaining and maybe it was time to have a new look to the brochure. Ken appointed a committee made up of Judy Harris, Don Schrider, Bob Bartholomew, Lyle Hotis and Kathy Freeman to redo the brochure. The committee is asked to move quickly on this project.

**ADVERTIZING BUDGET:** Don Schrider asked that the board look again at where their advertizing dollar is spent. He suggested several publications that aren't show oriented such as the American Livestock Breed Conservancy. Randy Powley was appointed chairman of the committee with Judy to look at our \$900 budget and where we are spending it. This report needs to be ready by the September meeting.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Sally Barney offered to write articles for the sheep magazines. The club recognized Jozi Best's efforts in providing articles. Various publications such as Farm Bureau news magazines and other farm papers were suggested also.

**WEB SITE:** Bob and Louise will work on improving the service on the web site. A report will be given by the September meeting. Jozi suggested that we connect the two committees (publications & web site) as they both deliver the same information.

BREED STANDARDS: It was suggested that the board provide in their brochure a list of typical faults that would prevent an animal from being registered or from being shown. The information given now is vague and doesn't help new people. Don Schrider will chair the committee and Bob Bartholomew, Jozi Best, Sally Barney and Dan Swartz volunteered for this committee also.

Louise and Dan Kleman updated the group on the rest of the weekend's activities. Sally Barney reviewed the ewe lamb futurity rules and the progress with that program. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am by a motion made by Bob Bartholomew and Dan Swartz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Dunham, Secretary

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## **THE GRAND CHAMPION RAM AT THE NATIONAL SALE.....**

was bred and exhibited by John & Irene Bruns of Maria Stein, Ohio! This was a great honor for a Tunis flock that was started just in June of 2001. Let's find out more about Bruns Tunis...

The Bruns family has had suffolks since 1989 when their son, Eric, started raising sheep. Eric now works as a shepherd at the Riverwood Farm. The other 3 Bruns boys (Andy, Ben and Greg) are still in the area but not as involved with the sheep. John & Irene will talk about their two granddaughters, Lauren & Janel, if you ask! John also drives school bus so the Bruns are very involved in local athletic events and he is a township trustee. Irene is a seamstress and will be making our banners for the Regional Tunis Show at Celina

John writes..."We bought our first Tunis in June of 2001. Our son, Eric, said if we would pick up another breed of sheep that we should look at the Tunis. I saw a small flock for sale in the 'Country Living Magazine'. When I called they were sold but they gave me the phone number of Tunis breeders...one was Louise Darling (Dunham) who selected 2 brood ewes and 2 yearling ewes from S & T (Editor's note....it was with a lot of help from Dan Swartz!) for my first purchase. She then sold me a ram lamb...that we named 'Charlie'...the sire of our 2003 National Champion ram at Wooster."

The 19 head of Tunis are pastured around the chicken houses that hold 59,500 laying hens that make up the family's main income. The sheep do have their own separate barn on this 7 acre farm located on the main highway thru Maria Stein. The main stud ram "Charlie", 8 brood ewes, 2 yearling ewes, 3 ram lambs and 5 ewe lambs are composed mainly of S & T breeding along with some Bartholomew, Darling, Clark, Rock, Powell, Mayes and Fingerlakes bloodlines.

John & Irene would like to keep showing their Tunis flock and to sell breeding stock with the help of their Tunis breeder friends and with the help of their son, Eric. It is hard sometimes with the eggs to gather and the school bus route to run to do that. They acknowledge that with Eric's grooming and fitting abilities along with his showing skills, they seem to get that little bit extra from their sheep.

John advises that when you purchase your sheep that...."you buy what looks good to you for you are the judge that day and everyday when you feed them in the barn." He reminds new breeders that a "poor" or "fair" sheep will eat just as much as a "good" or "great" sheep will eat.

John admits that he would not have done anything differently with his flock "with all of these good people around." And concludes his interview by reminding us that...."It's nice to win in shows and to try to breed, feed, groom, and show your sheep to win but remember to have fun out there with your friends (competitors) in the show ring." And I know John and Irene had fun with us Ohio people this weekend as some more of "Charlie's" offspring have entered the show ring..... watch out....there's another good "Charlie" son coming.

Thanks, John & Irene....

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## **EMPIRE SPRING CLASSIC SALE....May 31, 2003 Cobleskill, NY**

I've tried in various ways to get a report...but haven't received the information yet.....I do know that Woolmark Farm...Dwight & Sally Barney had the Champion Ewe that sold for \$500 to the Dan Kleman Family, OH.

Sorry!!!!

**RANDY POWLEY, REGION 6 DIRECTOR writes.....**

**SOUTHEAST TUNIS TRADE DAY.....A GRAND SUCCESS!**

Many thanks are given to Barbara and Leon Cassell for their hard work and kind hospitality making the second annual Southeast Tunis Trade Day a grand success. Special thanks also to Bob Bartholomew (NY), Brian & Diane Horner (NJ), Louise & Dunham (OH), Dave Bradshaw (OH) and Dan Kleman (OH) who took the invitation to come south and brought or sent sheep. With these northern beauties added to the genteel southerners of Virginia and Tennessee, there was a nice mix of lambs and yearlings, ewes and rams, a total of 33 being offered in the private treaty sale. We must not forget to thank the buyers who came with empty trucks and trailers but went home loaded with sheep. There was no official count made but it is estimated that close to 26 sheep exchanged hands. Sheep left for new homes in New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

While the sale was the main focus of the Trade Day, it was not the only thing that occurred. Barbara had the local vet come and talk about health papers. This was a very appropriate topic due to the current environment within the sheep industry. It was very interesting to hear a vet's perspective of the what's, when's and why's of health papers.

Second on the agenda was Paul Cassell giving a short, yet but very informative talk regarding his Dorset embryo transplant project. This was followed by a lively discussion about the techniques, merits, benefits, successes and failures of out of season breeding.

After all the heavy topics, we then had an excellent barbecue lunch. This afforded us all time to visit with old friends and to meet new friends. Plans are all ready underway for next year's Trade Day. While the exact date and place have not yet been determined you can plan on it being in late April/early May. Watch the newsletter for more information and plan on joining us.

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**THE NTSRI YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, Jasmine A. Seavey writes...**

Here it is again. With most of the sale done and over with, the official show season has now started. I, unfortunately, will only be attending a few shows early in the season. Due to college, the fall shows will be missed. I may not be seeing very many Tunis breeders this show season but I wish all of you the best of luck. My showing career may be temporarily suspended, but I'm sure I'll be present at some of the sales in the spring.

This past year, I have had the honor of serving as the National Tunis Youth Representative. It has been a great experience and I thank everyone in the Association for making it possible for me. Some of the exhibitors I know better than others. Some know of my plans for the future but for those of you who don't, I am attending Utica College in the fall. I was accepted into the communication department and will be majoring in Public Relations. For those who know me even the tiniest bit know that I like to talk. This is a good field for me to venture into. I am now a Utica Pioneer and part of the class of 2007. As I start this very important journey in my life, I will always remember the people "who knew me when....." I will definitely be around and will hopefully get the chance to write in the newsletter. I'm just one more fair kid growing up and leaving the safe circle of Tunis friends. I thank each and every one of you for all the help and support you've given me over the years. Please take care and Good Luck this season. I'm going to miss everyone.

Sincerely, Jasmine A. Seavey

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**CAN YOU HELP?????**

I was informed that the Richard Feasley Family of Holland, NY experienced a dog attack on their sheep last night (July 20th) and had 10 show animals killed and many other sheep maimed. They are looking for animals to re-establish their show and brood flock. If you have any for sale....please contact them at 585-537-3082. They need our support.....

## **DON SCHRIDER, REGION 5 DIRECTOR writes....**

As you may notice, the election is over and we now have some new members filling their positions on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Ken Mayes, Dan Swartz, and Sally Barney on their new positions. The exciting part of this election was that Dan Swartz and Laureen Howe tied for Director of Region 4. After speaking with both on the phone, and giving them some time to think, it was decided not to have a run-off. Instead Laureen decided to accept the post of Alternate because of her busy schedule. She wishes everyone to know that she appreciated the show of confidence and support in her bid for office. Also, Roy Davis and Julia Jochums will be the other alternates for their Regions. Congratulations to all.

Well, the National Show and Sale was a big success! I'm sure Louise has a full report in this newsletter, but let me just say that it could hardly have gone better. Good job Ohio Tunis Breeders!

Miki and I learned a lot about getting sheep ready for a show and have a new respect for the amount of work that people put into it. Had we docked our tails shorter, grain fed much longer, and shaped our sheep instead of slick shearing, we might have done much better in the show. But we did have some joy in exhibiting our sheep. You see our sheep had excellent pasterns and legs, and no red fibers where they did not belong. Also, before the Auction, the Auctioneer made a few comments about Tunis sheep. He said "we" have great show sheep, but that "we" just need to get the red color back (most of the sheep at the show were more of a golden tan - lighter than ideal, but still good). We were proud that the ewe we brought exhibited the best shade of red color of all the Tunis there.

We also had a great time meeting other breeders and seeing the quality of their stock. There were so many good sheep that this would have been a marvelous place to get a start in quality Tunis to exhibit. Based on the sale results, I would say that I am not the only person who thought that way!

At our Annual Board Meeting, much business was discussed. Two very important items were a call for a new Club Brochure and a call for an update to the Breed Standard. First, Judy Harris reported that we are about out of brochures and asked if it isn't time to revise it as well. I volunteered to layout a new brochure version. In order to do a good job, and to represent quality sheep from a number of breeders, I am asking for **YOU TO SEND IN PHOTOS OF YOUR SHEEP**. High quality photos are needed as soon as possible so that I can have a finished version ready for proof by September. I certainly have some nice photos in my collection, but wouldn't you like to see your sheep on our club brochure? Please feel free to contact me with any questions (address, phone number, and email are on this publication). All photos will be returned after scanning of the images.

Second, a committee was formed to review the Breed Standard. We are approaching this as if the Breed Standard is correct as written, what we will be trying to do is to make a quick reference list that lists faults by their severity and items that disqualify a sheep from registration. It is felt that there is some confusion of what is only a fault and what constitutes disqualification from registration. For instance, dewlaps are a fault but faces with a blaze are not mentioned (though mottled faces are). What do you do if you have a black lamb or a white lamb born to your Tunis ewe? Rarely seen? Yes, but they have occurred. Most breeders would never register such a lamb, but someone who didn't realize that this is unregistrable might.

So I would ask that you pass on any comments you might have about faults (or even good points) to myself or another member of this committee. (Members: Don Schrider, Dan Swartz, Bob Bartholomew, Sally Barney and Jozi Best.) Your input is much appreciated, especially points of faults that are rarely seen but that do show up from time to time. We need your input very quickly on this too (we need to be **FINISHED** by September), so do not put it off! Other than that....I hope you have a great, lazy summer.

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### **KEYSTONE STUD RAM & EWE SALE....**

**Yearling Ewe...Champion Ewe**

**Best Tunis, OH**

**May 16-17**

**\$300**

**State College, PA**

**Purchaser**

**Bob Bartholomew, NY**

**Spring Ewe Lamb....Reserve Champion Ewe**

**Best Tunis, OH**

**\$275**

**Bob Bartholomew, NY**

**Spring Ram Lamb**

**CH...The 1.43 Acre Farm, NY**

**\$150**

**RES CH...Best Tunis, OH**

**\$225**

**Mary Martz, PA**

**Lois McConaughy, PA**

## **ATTENTION TUNIS YOUTH.....**

We are now accepting applications for the National Tunis Youth Representative and for the annual Scholarship award. For an application or for more information about either position, please contact:

JOSEPH A. SEAVEY, 529 Pollock Rd., Canton, NY 315-386-3363 or your director. Applications are due by September 1, 2003. The selections will be announced at the National Tunis Show at Eastern States in September.

\*\*\*If you applied before to be the National Tunis Youth Representative and were not selected, dust off and revitalize your application and try again!

Thanks! Joe Seavey

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## **SALLY BARNEY, REGION 1 DIRECTOR writes....**

Just some thoughts regarding color.....In the past two years, I have listened to both the judge of the National Tunis Show and the auctioneer for the National Tunis Sale remind Tunis breeders to preserve what we have. Preserve the efficient, good woolled, excellent meat animal we have now; preserve the uniqueness of the "redheads". I would heartily agree. In fact I would go a step further and say that I believe we are very close to the edge in terms of "improvement" of the Tunis breed. I believe we are very near the edge in terms of color. I love the red heads, but in some cases, it is very difficult to find the red in the black and mousy brown to grayish colors I'm observing more and more lately. I worry when I keep hearing breeders saying a particular Tunis has great color because she is real real dark....I, personally, am not interested in Tunis which are getting darker and darker and darker...I want to see the red and be able to identify it as red without a color chart. That's my opinion.

## **LOUISE DUNHAM, REGION 7 DIRECTOR writes....**

I'll follow Sally's lead and say....just some thoughts regarding the club's growth. I fully support the Board's review of the district boundaries and representation. I think we need to take full advantage of this westward growth and it takes more people to do that. As the constitution is written now....if I'm absent, there can be no business conducted because of the number of members in my district. But the flip side of that is that I can't truly serve the membership of my district fairly if the numbers of members get too large...so I need help to continue to promote the Tunis in "region 7" or "region 7 & 7 1/2".

And you could see that membership at Wooster.....we had 75 dinner reservations for Saturday night! That is awesome....and we filled the auction ring bleachers when we had our general membership meeting. The interest is there and we need to continue to promote a variety of ways of meeting that interest....that's why I hope you will consider attending the Tunis Trade Days in Kenton on September 27th. No grooming...no judging...let's just talk and compare animals. Not all of the Tunis will meet "show" standards and we don't want them too, either...so we, as a club, need to offer alternatives....and one alternative will be the trade day. As Don Schrider said we need to review our advertizing emphasis so that we continue to reach a wide reading audience....show sheep or rare breed....and I support that idea, too.....and that's my opinion.

Thanks for coming to Ohio.....we hope you will return soon.

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## **2003 MEMBERSHIP BLANK...NTSRI.**

<b>NAME</b> _____	<b>Individual</b> _____
<b>FARM NAME</b> _____	<b>Farm</b> _____
<b>ST. ADDRESS</b> _____	<b>Family</b> _____
<b>CITY, STATE &amp; ZIP</b> _____	<b>Business</b> _____
<b>PHONE #</b> _____	
<b>E-MAIL</b> _____	

**REMEMBER ALL DUES ARE \$10...PAYABLE JAN. 1ST! Please send to:**

**Judy Harris, 819 Lyons St., Ludlow, MA 01056**



# NATIONAL TUNIS YOUTH SHOW....July 20th, 2003

14 Exhibitors.....53 head of Tunis shown!

## 3 YEARLING RAMS

Jackie Lewis  
Jared Laval  
Elizabeth Townley

## 6 EARLY RAM LAMBS

Justine Swartz  
Justine Swartz  
Jasmine Seavey  
Elizabeth Townley  
Martha Robie  
Elizabeth Townley

## 4 LATE RAM LAMBS

Martha Robie  
Suzie Benoit  
Jared Laval  
Alicia Buffington

## PAIR OF RAM LAMBS:

Justine Swartz  
Martha Robie  
Elizabeth Townley

## CHAMPION RAM - Jackie Lewis

RES. CHAMPION - Justine Swartz

## EARLY YEARLING EWE

Jasmine Seavey  
Jackie Lewis  
Jackie Lewis  
Chelsea Knapp  
Suzie Benoit  
Elizabeth Townley  
Elizabeth Townley  
Jared Laval

## LATE YEARLING EWE

Jasmine Seavey  
Martha Robie  
Martha Robie  
Justine Swartz  
Jared Laval  
Devan Newton  
Anna Charest  
Brandon Tayler  
Kim Bulger

## PAIR OF YEARLING EWES

Jasmine Seavey  
Martha Robie  
Jackie Lewis  
Jared Laval  
Devan Newton  
Elizabeth Townley

## EARLY EWE LAMB

Jasmine Seavey  
Jasmine Seavey  
Justine Swartz  
Jeremy Jochums-Chickering  
Justine Swartz  
Devan Newton  
Devan Newton  
Brandon Tayler  
Brandon Tayler  
Elizabeth Townley

## LATE EWE LAMB

Jackie Lewis  
Jackie Lewis  
Martha Robie  
Suzie Benoit  
Martha Robie  
Jared Laval  
Kim Bulger  
Alicia Buffington  
Jared Laval  
Suzie Benoit  
Elizabeth Townley

## PAIR OF EWE LAMBS

Jasmine Seavey  
Jackie Lewis  
Justine Swartz  
Martha Robie  
Suzie Benoit  
Jared Laval  
Devan Newton  
Brandon Tayler  
Elizabeth Townley

## EXHIBITORS FLOCK:

Jackie Lewis  
Jasmine Seavey  
Justine Swartz  
Jared Laval  
Martha Robie  
Suzie Benoit  
Elizabeth Townley

## MARKET LAMB:

Jackie Lewis

## SR SHOWMANSHIP

Jackie Lewis  
Alicia Buffington  
Suzie Benoit  
Jasmine Seavey

## CHAMPION EWE - Jasmine Seavey

RES. CH. EWE - Jasmine Seavey

## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Justine Swartz  
Jared Laval  
Martha Robie  
Elizabeth Townley  
Kim Bulger  
Devan Newton

## NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

Brandon Tayler  
Jeremy Jochums-Chickering

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!

## JOZI BEST writes...

After four weeks touring east and west through a dozen states, seeing many breeds and kinds and sizes of sheep and lambs in numerous settings -- inside and outside; closeup to handle and measure; miles away on wide open range; impatiently tearing the wrappers off round bales of new haylage just dumped in the snow before the shepherd can jump off the tractor; a ewe calling to her lamb sleeping yards away; yearling rams crowded under the shelter of a just leafing out, enormous cottonwood as rain begins; uncountable range ewes scattered as far as I could see; ewes with full bloomed past weaning age lambs peacefully still settled in the center of a paddock as dawn breaks; lined out in a narrow pattern conformed to the shape of the rise on their return to the barn at dusk; day-old twins in the jug, all big fuzzy ears; the bottle bum loose to greet everyone at the door; "king of the hill" posing on the dirt pile, silhouetted in the sunset; a backyard of enough variegated colored woolies for a Joseph's coat; even a flock of redhead moms and molasses lambs evenly spread over a green hill pasture as I rounded a curve in the road; the sight that took my breath away and touched my heart to wet my eyes was a step into our own little stable with Fanci-dog beside me. Two January and Eight February freshly shorn ewe lambs all turned to point and stare, copper capped heads on ballerina long necks, slim, level topped and straight legged beauties poised, captivating dark eyes radiating "Are we not the prettiest troupe you've ever seen?" I answered, "you certainly are."

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### MEMORANDUM FROM NAILE....

TO: All Sheep Breed Organizations

RE: Sheep Schedule changes

In planning for this year;s (2003) NAILE, there are a couple of changes that you need to know:

Market Lamb Mamma Sale will move from Saturday to Friday

Other breed sales will remain on Saturday

Market Lamb weigh in deadline will change from 6 pm to 4 pm...and the show will move from Sunday to Saturday.

JR BREEDING SHEEP SHOW will move from Saturday to Sunday.

JR BREEDING SHEEP SHOW will use 3 show rings and hold showmanship classes in the Goat show ring.

Thanks Harold Workman, President & CEO

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## FOR SALE ADS:

**Ram Lambs from the 2002 National Tunis Sale Champion Ram.**

**Large number to choose from.**

**Contact David Bradshaw 2800 CR 131, Edison, OH 43320 or 419-946-4347**

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**Registered Tunis Ewes for sale: 6 brood ewes, 4 yearling ewes & 5 ewe lambs.**

**Flock consistently produces twins & triplets. Will sell separately or priced very attractively as one unit. Call Mark Lach at 937-585-4347 Central Ohio**

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**Registered 3 year old proven ram & 6 three year old proven ewes with 6 ram and ewe lambs. All registered....reasonably priced.....Priced to sell as one unit.**

**Contact Brenda Gibson in West Manchester, OH at 937-678-5824**

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## THE TUNIS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER WRITES....

Hi Everyone!

I just wanted to thank everyone for the scholarship I received this year. I appreciated it so much! My first year at the University of Kentucky was great! I loved my classes (well, all my classes except Chemistry!) and met so many new people. But as much as I liked school, it was great when finals were over and I could come home to my family and the Tunis. Thank you all again for the scholarship, and I hope to see you all next week in Wooster, Ohio!

Georgina Anderson.....Hustonville, Kentucky

April 20, 2003

Hello NTSRI,

It sure has been quite a winter. Getting the Tunis Futurity off the ground, Northeast Youth Show, Tunis Show, Cobbleskil and Ohio Tunis Sales. When did someone say there is nothing to do.

When I look around, I realize how thankful my family and I are for the tremendous support we received after the fire February 16, 2003. Twenty years of hard work was lost...we will return. For some reason, Thank You doesn't seem to be enough. Although I have hundreds of thankyou's to write, I'd like to thank Wendy Cameron, and Linda S. for their tireless work on our behalf. Many folks from many breeds have supported us.

Alicia has decided not to continue showing at this time. She could change her mind once Southdowns and Tunis appear on the farm. She is at the age where work and further education have become a priority.

Shortly after the fire, a relative told me I should not get started again at my age. HUH! I'm jumping back in full body...this is my therapy. Plans for the barn are completed and waiting on the weather. By mid-summer, Southdowns and Tunis will grace the pastures of Alanda Farm.....once again promoting both breeds. Getting back to normal...Yeah as normal as things get around here.

Thank you all!

John Buffington Family

### **2003 SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION:**

The Smoky Mountain 4-H District is made up of the 24 eastern counties of Tennessee. This year's sheep show included over 500 market lambs, commercial ewes, and breeding ewes. Again, this year, Tunis were well represented with eight young people showing a total of eighteen sheep. Congratulations to all these hard working youth and best of luck at the State Expo.

#### **JANUARY JR EWE LAMBS**

Greer Goddard

#### **FEBRUARY JR. EWE LAMBS**

Adam Hensley

Courtney Franzblau

Ryan Hensley

#### **MARCH JR EWE LAMBS**

Erin Straut

Ryan Hensley

#### **JUNIOR YEARLING EWES**

Erin Straut

Courtney Franzblau

Adam Hensley

Adam Hensley

Kevin Hensley

Erin Straut

Erin Straut

Kevin Hensley

#### **SENIOR YEARLING EWES**

David Layman

Ryan Hensley

**CHAMPION:** David Layman, Sr Yearling

**RES. CHAMPION:** Erin Straut, Jr Yearling

### **2003 OHIO EXTRAVAGANZA.....JR BREEDING SHEEP SHOW**

Held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, there were more than 500 market lambs present and close to 100 head of breeding sheep. For the first time, the Tunis had their own separate classes and both the Champion Ewe and Champion Ram were given serious consideration for Supreme Champion!

#### **SPRING RAM LAMB**

Eric Kleman

Colton Lowry

#### **YEARLING EWES**

Molly Kleman

Jaccl Erwin

#### **FALL EWE LAMB**

Colton Lowry

#### **SPRING EWE LAMBS**

Molly Kleman

Eric Kleman

Jaccl Erwin

Jaccl Erwin

Ryerson Toth

**CHAMPION RAM:**

**CHAMPION EWE:**

Eric Kleman

Colton Lowry

Molly Kleman placed 2nd In Showmanship!

## **NEW ENGLAND SHEEP SHOW & SALE.... July 19 & 20, 2003**

The New England Sheep and Wool Growers annually present a monetary award to one outstanding youth sheep breeder from each New England state. This year Jackie Lewis from West Suffield, CT and Martha Robie from Bath, NH were recognized in this way. Both are outstanding Tunis youth who are deserving of this award. Congratulations!

<b>CHAMPION RAM</b>	<b>Jozi Best, OH</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Joan Seavey, NH</b>
<b>RES. CHAMP RAM</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Joan Seavey, NY</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>Gary Grenier, CT</b>
<b>CHAMPION EWE</b>	<b>Jan Smith &amp; James Fitzgibbons</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>Dwight &amp; Sally Barney, NH</b>
<b>RES. CHAMP EWE</b>	<b>Joe &amp; Joan Seavey, NY</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>Dwight &amp; Sally Barney, NH</b>
<b>Lawthea Farm</b>	<b>sold a Yearling Ewe</b>	<b>\$150</b>	
<b>Joe &amp; Joan Seavey</b>	<b>"early spring ewe lamb</b>	<b>\$275</b>	
<b>Jozi Best</b>	<b>"late spring ewe lamb</b>	<b>\$325</b>	
<b>Lawthea Farm</b>	<b>"late spring ewe lamb</b>	<b>\$300</b>	
<b>Lawthea Farm</b>	<b>"late spring ewe lamb</b>	<b>\$125</b>	
<b>J &amp; J Farms</b>	<b>"late spring ewe lamb</b>	<b>\$325</b>	

**Sandy Hunt-Hamel of Honey Lamb Farm sold a yearling ewe for \$250 with all proceeds going to the Bruce Hunt Memorial Fund.**

**BUYER'S CREDIT....Kim Bulger of Sloansville, NY was the recipient of the NTSRI \$50 youth buyers cred. Kim purchased a Futurity nominated ewe lamb consigned by Wendy Cameron, Lawthea Farm.**

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## **REGIONAL TUNIS CLUB INFO.....**

**NORTHEAST TUNIS ASSOCIATION** is sponsoring a national Tunis Ewe Lamb Futurity. It has been reported that Futurity nominated lambs have been purchased by youth from Indiana to Rhode Island. Because of the strong sales, the futurity prizes are fully funded for this year.

Sally Barney serves as president of this organization and Jeanne Grenier is the secretary.

Contact Sally Barney at 603-659-5857 for more information.

**OHIO TUNIS SHEEP ASSOCIATION** represents the midwest...not just Ohio! The club is working hard to allow its members the opportunity to sell, trade & buy the type of Tunis they want by promoting two different types of sales...the National Tunis Show and Sale in Wooster and the Kenton Breeding Sheep Trade Days in September with no show but just private treaty sales.

Dan Kleman serves as president of this organization and Louise Dunham is the secretary.

Contact Louise Dunham at 937-465-8299 or tunis@bright.net for more information.

**IF YOU KNOW OF A LOCAL ORGANIZATION THAT ACTIVELY PROMOTES THE TUNIS....** We could list their membership information here....if it was sent to us!

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## **BREEDING SHEEP-TUNIS- TRADE DAY.... SATURDAY, SEPT. 27TH**

**HARDIN CO. FAIRGROUNDS (BETWEEN ST. RT 68 & 31)**

**KENTON, OH**

**ALL BREEDS & AGES OF SHEEP MAY BE OFFERED FOR SALE...BUT THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE TUNIS. CONSIGNORS MAY ALSO BRING USED SHEEP EQUIPMENT TO SELL. TO SELL? NO PRE-REGISTRATION....JUST \$5 PER HEAD. OPEN TO THE WORLD!!!!**

**NO SHOW...PRIVATE TREATY SALES. THIS IS THE PLACE TO SELL THOSE EXTRA BROOD EWES OR THE LATE EWE LAMBS. (WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE SEVERAL "EXPOSED" BROOD EWES FOR SALE.) REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY THE SHEEP AND HEALTH PAPERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR INTERSTATE SALE.**

**BARNS OPEN AT 9:00 AM WITH ALL SHEEP IN PLACE BY 11:00 AM. PRIVATE TREATY SALES START AT 12:00 PM WITH THE BARN CLOSING AT 2:00 PM.**

**QUESTIONS? WANT A FLYER? NEED A HOTEL ROOM? CONTACT ED OR RAGINA POWELL AT 419-675-1953**

**OR DAVID BRADSHAW AT 419-946-4347**

NTSRI MONTHLY INCOME				
	2000	2001	2002	2003
JANUARY	\$682.00	\$280.00	\$475.00	\$742.00
FEBRUARY	\$411.00	\$872.00	\$284.00	\$581.00
MARCH	\$312.00	\$590.00	\$803.00	\$497.00
APRIL	\$430.00	\$558.00	\$1,329.00	\$1,847.00
MAY	\$1,101.00	\$1,477.00	\$1,426.00	
JUNE	\$1,387.00	\$1,267.00	\$1,454.00	
JULY	\$1,067.00	\$1,029.00	\$589.00	
AUGUST	\$765.00	\$803.00	\$561.00	
SEPTEMBER	\$646.00	\$470.00	\$686.00	
OCTOBER	\$497.00	\$358.00	\$577.00	
NOVEMBER	\$383.00	\$368.00	\$624.00	
DECEMBER	\$295.00	\$488.45	\$513.00	
	\$7,976.00	\$8,560.45	\$9,321.00	\$3,667.00

NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY INC				
MEMBERSHIP				
	6/1/00	6/1/01	9/15/02	5/25/03
REGION 1	16	17	21	23
REGION 2	19	17	25	22
REGION 3	20	15	21	20
REGION 4	31	37	38	36
REGION 5	22	29	27	25
REGION 6	39	52	51	49
REGION 7	42	52	62	63
REGION 8	25	30	28	23
TOTAL	214	249	273	261

2003 NTSRI MONTHLY EXPENSES				
JANUARY	AMOUNT	MARCH	AMOUNT	
TELEPHONE	\$73.05	PRINTING	\$253.93	
POSTAGE	\$8.39	TELEPHONE	\$67.78	
TOTAL	\$81.44	POSTAGE	\$69.79	
		TOTAL	\$391.50	
FEBRUARY	AMOUNT	APRIL	AMOUNT	
STAPLES	\$50.97	POSTAGE	\$14.86	
TELEPHONE	\$67.99	TELEPHONE		
POSTAGE	\$44.24			
TOTAL	\$163.20			

**CALENDAR OF TUNIS EVENTS:**

Aug. 2nd	DISTRICT 3 REGIONAL TUNIS SHOW...Sussex Co. Farm & Horse Show in conjunction w/New Jersey State Fair	Contact B. Bartholomew
Aug. 3rd	NORTHEAST REGIONAL TUNIS SHOW West Swanzey, NH	Cheshire Fair Contact Laurie Goodrich 603-399-7151
Aug. 5th	OHIO STATE FAIR....Columbus, OH	6:00 pm ***Exhibitor's Meeting to follow judging to select judges, etc.
Aug. 9th	GREAT LAKES REGIONAL TUNIS SHOW.... Mercer Co. Fair Celina, OH	10:00 am
Sept. 20th	NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW....Eastern States Exposition West Springfield, MA	2:30 pm Contact Judy Harris for info
Sept. 27th	BREEDING SHEEP TRADE DAY.... Kenton, OH 9:00 am...private treaty sale	7:00 pm Contact Louise Dunham for info
Nov. 20th	NORTH AMERICAN LIVESTOCK SHOW Louisville, KY	2:00 pm

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**NOTES:** Sally Barney, Treasurer, asks: Members needing reimbursement from the NTSRI for budgeted items purchased on the behalf of the club must submit a receipt with their request for reimbursement.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER....September 20th w/show results of the National Show!**

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**LOUISE'S LITTLE BIT.....**

"Goals.....It is good to have an end to journey towards....but it is the journey that matters." Ursula K. LeGuin. Well, Jim and I know our goal with our Tunis but the journey was a little bit unpredictable this weekend. Our local fair has a very competitive Tunis show (and breeding sheep show in general) and Jim has worked hard to get the sheep ready and we would have been pleased to just win a class but we won 2 classes, Best Tunis flock and Supreme Flock Over All Breeds and didn't have a champion ram or ewe in the line-up! We were sky high! But then we got to thinking about our loss....you know we lost the champion ewe drive...by a nipple! Our yearling ewe has 1 extra nipple and that was the reason given by the judge! The judge was a commercial man and he says that really matters to him and he just sells any ewe lambs with extra teats. He was consistent...he placed a lot of good ewe lambs down in the class because of extra nipples. Now where does this additional culling criteria fit into our Tunis breeding program? Above length of loin? Above strength of bone?

As the directors are working on a list of disqualifications & faults for new breeders, I wish they would make a list of traits that are highly inheritable and those that you won't get without a prayer. I haven't found the perfect ram (and if I did....I would have probably sold it to John Bruns) so I need to figure out what traits I have a chance to get when I make those crosses. A Hamp breeder told me that he bought the longest ram he could find...he knew it had weak pasterns but he didn't have that problem in his ewes so he thought he was safe....yes, he got longer sheep...but it took him 3 years to get rid of the weak pasterns! I think a lot of us "newer" breeders need help with this area....what traits aren't worth the risk? Help!

As we journey thru the fairs, Jim and I will be making plans for the next breeding season and trying to match the right ram with the right ewe....and hope we are making the right decision.....it's a good time of the year. And, yes, we have counted nipples on the 10 ewe lambs out here in the pasture.....Have you? See you at the Big E!

**WEBSITE.....[tunissheep.org](http://tunissheep.org)**