



Greeting BBSAI Members!

Where did 2006 go! I know some of you are already in the full swing of lambing. As the little newcomers pop into the world, we hope you'll be seriously thinking about adding their names to the ever-growing list of registered sheep. Every sheep that is registered strengthens its breed and its parent registry. So if you are proud to call those little lambs Barbados Blackbelly or American Blackbelly, make it official! Send in those registrations!

Happy lambing!

**Note:** If your email program is not set to accept HTML text, you have received a text-only version of this newsletter, which is boring because you can't see graphics and tables. If you would like to see what you've missed, or if you would like to download the newsletter from BBSAI's Web site, go to <http://www.blackbelysheep.org/newsletter/2007jan/bbsai2007jan.htm>

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## President's Corner

As we welcome in a New Year, the newly elected Board of Directors is busy planning projects to undertake for 2007. However, our main project is to serve you and our primary goal is to keep members informed and up-to-date. Thus, we need to open a two-way street for communication. One way is to encourage you to inform us of what you would like to see us doing to stay up with the ever changing laws and policies. Another is to open additional avenues of communication between you and the Board of Directors. Currently, we have three processes in place to do this, which are:

- (1) Mail service – which is very costly to all of us;
- (2) Email service – is used to send this newsletter to the membership and;
- (3) BBSAI website – which has everything about the Association.

With this said, we are actively seeking new and better ways to reach our membership. We are updating our mailing lists, both email and regular mail to assure that newsletters and correspondence reach everyone. Our webmistress reports that there is a lot of traffic on the BBSAI website, and that is very exciting. It is a wonderful resource and we encourage our members to continue to visit frequently, and to tell newcomers to the breeds about it.

So as we embark on 2007, let's all establish a resolution to prosper as an Association. To prosper, we need to be able to hear and communicate with our membership! Remember, you elected us, so how about helping us out. It won't cost anything but a little of your time.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, Happy New Year to one and all!!!

Mark Fleming  
President

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### **New Members**

Cheryl Jackson, Bayfield, Colorado  
June Wilharm, Whitewater, Wisconsin

We welcome you into our flock!

### **Renewed Members**

Miles and Carol Brayton, Paxico, Kansas  
Victoria Howard, Peculiar, Missouri  
Stephanie Parrish, Westminster, South Carolina  
Beth Stamper, Powell Butte, Oregon  
Terry Wereb, Painesville, Ohio  
Tony and Karen Maeder, Bonham, Texas

Thank you for staying with our flock!

Correction

In the October 2006 Newsletter, we said in error that member Susan Smith was from Barryton, Missouri. It is actually Barryton, Michigan. We apologize for the error! -- M. Swindell

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**Most Majestic Polled Ram**  
Photo by Helmut Lang



**Most Majestic Horned Ram**  
Photo by Gerry Krause

### **Photo Contest Results Are In!**

It's official. The 2006 BBSAI Photo Contest is now closed and we are excited to announce the winners!

Most Feminine Ewe: Entry #E-002 Submitted by Beth Stamper  
Most Majestic Polled Ram: Entry #R-006 Submitted by Helmut Lang  
Most Majestic Horned Ram: Entry #R-005 Submitted by Gerry Krause  
Cutest Lamb: Entry #L-002 Submitted by Beth Stamper  
Funniest: Entry #F-005 Submitted by Susan Smith  
Open: Entry #O-009 Submitted by Helmut Lang

This issue, we feature our two winning ram photos, shown above.

To view all the wonderful entries in the photo contest, please visit the online photo

album at <http://www.picturetrail.com/gid9839670>

THANK YOU to everyone who submitted photos to the contest! And congratulations to our winners! Please be watching your mail for your awards!

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## **A Plea for More Photos**

By BBSAI Board

Dear Members,

Recently our webmistress, Carol Elkins, performed a complete overhaul of the BBSAI website. We hope you will visit it often! We are in desperate need of good photos of blackbelly sheep to put on the website. We especially need high resolution photos of horned American Blackbelly rams in summer coat (no winter woolies please). Photos can be emailed to any of the board members listed at the top of the page, or they can be mailed to: Barb Lee, 18555 S. Lyons Rd., Oregon City, Oregon. Please note that while we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to feature your sheep on the BBSAI website, we are unable to credit the photographer or list details of the animal.

Please help us add to the attractiveness of our website by showing off photos of these beautiful sheep!

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## **On-line Sheep Management Classes**

By Phillip Berg

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Continuing with providing various delivery methods of educational information, the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program launched 3 new online courses so sheep enthusiasts can keep current in the comfort of their own home or office. The courses provide fundamental sheep management information designed for any size or type of sheep operation. The three courses include Introduction to Sheep Management, Introduction to Sheep Health and Ewe Ration Formulation. These courses would be an excellent opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about sheep production within their own home or community.

The Introduction to Sheep Management course is a 14 lesson self paced course with continuous enrollment. This is the online version of the successful home study course that provides an overview of year long sheep management. The other two courses are more structured and are designed for more interaction. The required text book for the Introduction to Sheep Health is Gates's™ Practical Guide to Sheep Disease Management (3rd edition) and the Sheep Production Handbook, 2002 Edition is required for the Ewe Ration Formulation course.

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program is a sheep management education/consulting program offered by Minnesota West Community and Technical College located at Pipestone, Minnesota. The purpose of the program is to help sheep producers increase income and profit through the production of quality lamb and wool. To maximize the profit per ewe and realize the full potential of all sheep through use of modern management practices, new technologies and new approaches to marketing of both lamb and wool.

For more information visit the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program web page [www.pipestonesheep.com](http://www.pipestonesheep.com) or contact one of the Lamb and Wool instructors, Philip Berg, [philip.berg@mnwest.edu](mailto:philip.berg@mnwest.edu), (507) 825-6799 or Mike Caskey, [mike.caskey@mnwest.edu](mailto:mike.caskey@mnwest.edu),

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### **Calendar of Blackbelly Events**

If you know of any upcoming events in which American or Barbados Blackbelly Sheep are participating, please notify the editor at [newsletter@blackbellysheep.org](mailto:newsletter@blackbellysheep.org)

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Thank you for being a loyal BBSAI member. We value your membership and will continue to strive to be a good resource for you. Please let us know how we are doing and share with us any ideas you may have about what the BBSAI can do for you.

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