



THE GALLOWAY DISPATCH

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2015 NILE Galloway Show RESULTS

November 2015

"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

~ Leonardo da Vinci

The 2015 NILE Galloway Show was held on Sunday, October 11 at 8 AM in the Metra Complex, Billings, MT.

While the number of head entered was down from years past, it has been reported that the quality of animals entered was very high. The show was judged by Caleb Boardman, of Laramie, WY.

Grand Champion Female went to CK Bizzy 4B, owned by CK Galloways, Fort Benton, MT.

Reserve Champion Female went to Brass Ring Big Red One 9B, owned by Brass Ring Galloways, Terry, MT

Grand Champion Bull went to HB Moto Moto 3342, owned by Blegen Galloways, Kindred, ND.

Reserve Champion Bull went to Brass Ring Cornelius 18C, owned by Brass Ring Galloways, Terry, MT.

Congratulations to Brass Ring Galloways who won Premiere Breeder and Exhibitor at the 2015 Galloway show.

Photos of winners can be found on pages 2 and 3.

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Grand Champion Female

CK Bizzy 4B

Shown by CK Galloways,
Fort Benton, MT

Pictured (L to R) Caleb
Boardman, Shawn Schu-
macher, Madison Schu-
macher

Reserve Champion Female

Brass Ring Big Red One 9B

Shown by Brass Ring
Galloways, Terry, MT

Pictured (L to R) Susan Waples,
Caleb Boardman, Will Wheeler



Grand Champion Bull

HB MOTO MOTO 3342

Shown by Blegen Galloways,
Kindred, ND

Pictured (L to R) Harley
Blegen, Caleb Boardman,
Michelle Blegen



Reserve Champion Bull

Brass Ring Cornelius 18C

Shown by Brass Ring Galloways,
Terry, MT

Pictured: Susan and Russ Waples

National Western Stock Show

Its that time of year again! Time to sort through your calves and yearlings, or maybe that top cow/calf pair, and make plans to get them entered in the 2016 National Western Stock Show (NWSS). **Entry deadline is November 20th.** You will need registration numbers for your entries, so make sure you get those registration applications sent in to the CLRC in a timely manner.

Online entries can be made at this url: <http://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/livestock-exhibitors/>

Michelle Blegen is once again taking the helm as Show Superintendent. She has a lot of excellent ideas for how best to promote Galloway cattle through the NWSS venue. This year, the Galloway breeders will have rooms blocked off at the Quality Inn and Suites, Denver-Stapleton, 3737 Quebec St, Denver. Call 303/388-6161 to reserve your room, and use the Group Code VK8KY7, Galloway breeders group. Rooms must be reserved by December 25th. These rooms are available beginning January 15, through the night of the 18th, \$116. It's a lot of fun to gather in the evenings with fellow breeders at the hotel and share some laughs, food and drink with some really fine people that you may only see once a year.

If you plan on arriving a day or two before the Galloway are eligible to enter the Stockyards, you can rent stall space at Adams County Fairgrounds, north of Denver. Their number is 720-523-6800. The stalls have been running \$15 per head per night. There are plenty of hotels in nearby Brighton, CO, only ten minutes from the Adams County Fairgrounds, making it very convenient if you come a day or two early to prep your cattle and need lodging.

If you haven't yet attended the Denver Stock Show, I can't recommend it enough! There's something just so....good.... about it. Good people. Good cattle. Good times.

The Galloway show is Monday, January 18th, 1 PM.

2016 DIRECTORY

The AGBA will be producing another Breeders' Directory for the 2016 year. Project contact person is Shawn Schumacher.

Ad commitment date is November 15, 2015. Ad submission deadline is Dec. 1, 2015.

Ads must be copy ready. Any design time that the publisher puts into an ad will be billed directly to the advertiser at \$85/hour. The "Copy Ready" information will be included in subsequent information.

Ad options are Back Inside Cover, Full page, Half page, and Quarter page. Pricing will be confirmed soon.

Additional information will be forthcoming. Please check the americangalloway.com website, as well as emails to the gallowaybreeders@yahoo.com group. If you are an AGBA member, and have never been added to the email group, please contact Judy Decker at renfarms@osprey.net or 620/343-6757.

Please consider being a part of this worthwhile project.



Press Release

Michelle Blegen has accepted the AGBA Executive Secretary position. She is an active member - breeding, showing, and promoting Galloways along with her husband Harley, for 32 yrs. Professionally, she has worked for USDA 16 years in various office positions and has an accounting background.

She is looking forward to serving our association and will be our members' contact point if they need anything.

She can be contacted at blegen_galloways@juno.com, or call/text her at (701)219-4815.

In Memoriam

Kathryn "Kathy" Grant

Kathy Grant, wife of Jim Grant, Hazelton, ID, passed away on September 25th. Jim and Kathy have been fixtures in the Galloway breed for decades. They are well known for their passion and contributions to the Galloway breed.

Kathy and Jim were married February 14, 1975. She is survived by Jim, a son and daughter, three step children, and several grandchildren.

The online obituary mentions her love for travelling, and many of us have had the enjoyable experience of having the Grants show up at any number of Galloway events in various parts of the country. Kathy will be missed by all who knew her, including her fellow members in the American Galloway Breeders' Association.

On behalf of the AGBA, we extend our deepest sympathy to Jim and family.

2015 NILE Grand Champion
 Percentage Heifer



CK Burbank 38B. Bred and shown by CK Gallo-
 ways, Fort Benton, MT

2015 NILE Grand Champion
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Mother's Day 2013

Editor's note: This delightful story was submitted by Stu Dykstra, by way of illustrating how important 'just the right amount of mothering' is to the cattle producer.

This little event occurred close enough-a week previous-to qualify for the title I've chosen. The mother is R643, not a purebred, but a high percentage Galloway cow. Enough Galloway to give her the character I value greatly in a mother. Events that occurred in just one day illustrate that character.

This moderate sized black cow is seven years old. She calved probably around daylight. When I drove into the stack yard next to the pasture, about mid morning, her baby was working at nursing, probably for the second time. I couldn't read her tag number, but knew the baby was new, especially from his distinctive color. His daddy is a Hereford bull with lots of pigment, producing some distinguishing color patterns in his calves.

Around noon, I was again at the stack yard. New family was about the same spot. A mid sized cottonwood stood in the neighbor's pasture, about eighty yards away. The tree held one raven, with its' mate circling the tree. Now I don't think ravens are a big threat to even a newborn calf, but his mother wasn't so sure. She had her head up, and was obviously looking squarely at the birds. She took a couple of steps

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Mother's Day, continued

toward them, which caused them to depart. All is well.

Late afternoon finds us all back in similar locations. The stack yard is on leased ground, and provides storage for hay, but also machinery, fencing material, trailers etc. Visits are frequent. This time, I noticed movement on the neighbor's side of the fence, partially concealed by sagebrush. My first thought was a coyote. That was too large. It was a fox, just loping along, and probably not even aware of the bovine pair. But R643 wasn't taking chances. She trotted a dozen steps toward the fox, and he conceded the territory very quickly.

About a dozen short yearling steers occupied a little strip of grass around the stack yard. I had been supplementing the short early spring grass with a little hay at this time of year. After watching the fox depart, I drove in to feed the steers. This put me closer to R643 than I had been earlier in the day, but I could still not read her tag. The thing I should have done would have been to drive around to her side of the fence. The short cut of crawling over the fence seemed easier than opening another gate.

Once again, R643 wasn't having any of it. She did not challenge me at all, but just took Junior and started

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**Denver Stock Show Entries
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November 20th!**

AGBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
= \$80**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES
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**2016 DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY
JANUARY 1, 2016**

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American Galloway Breeders' Association Register/Transfer Report

2015

01/01/2015-03/31/2015

Registrations

Transfers

Black	40	11
Dun	10	3
Red	3	0
White-black	5	3
White-dun	0	0
White-red	0	0

04/01/2015-06/30/2015

Black	29	21
Dun	8	3
Red	2	1
White-black	28	21
White-dun	2	0
White-red	0	0

07/01/2015-09/30/2015

Black	5	3
Dun	1	1
Red	0	1
White-black	8	10
White-dun	0	0
White-red	0	0

Total

Black	74	35	52%	45%
Dun	19	7	13%	9%
Red	5	2	4%	3%
White-black	41	34	29%	44%
White-dun	2	0	1%	0%
White-red	0	0	0%	0%
	141	78		

2014-2015 Registrations

Females	170	70%
Bulls	74	30%
	244	

2014-2015 Transfers

Females	140	78%
Bulls	40	22%
	180	

Mother's Day, cont. from pg 9

down the fence line away from me. This forced me to try to cut her off, as of course, the tag was in the opposite side ear. My tactics put more pressure on her, and like any good mama, she had Junior on the opposite side, away from me and next to the fence.

My misguided maneuver and her unwillingness to share her baby caused him to be crowded through the fence. Oh boy! The best thing to do is go home for supper and hope he'll crawl back to Mom. Because Mom was tight against the fence when I returned to check, I knew things were still wrong. Junior was next to the fence and up against a cross fence corner. I opened a sorry wire gate in the main fence, hoping that one of them might fall through and be reunited. I didn't care who was where, as long as they were together. Now this fence is a seven wire affair, and not easy for a calf to get through.

A big circle around the pair to get them started for the gate opening seemed like the right choice. Now I had my Aussie with me. I felt sure that R643 would be quite concerned, and try even harder to get back together because of my dog. Don't know what she was telling Junior about how dangerous we were, but he took a little run at the fence and wriggled through. When they went over the hill, she was at a long trot, and Junior was at a gallop. I thing they touched each other about every second step. I did drive up to them about three days later to get the tag number.

Now this little cow did everything right for what I want. No, the calf weight at birth is always going to be unknown. But having an unassisted birth with the calf up and sucking, means that the weight was good. The calf can be tagged later, maybe a few weeks later. A cow that cares so little about her calf that anyone or anything can walk up to it in a big pasture or on the open range might be pretty hard on the new baby. I prefer that cows not even hide their baby for the first few days while they go to water. When the calves are a little older, leaving them with a baby sitter is fine.

I like a cow that likes her calf so much that she won't share. She doesn't have to be a man-eater, but she needs to care enough about Junior to always know where he is, and close enough to deal with any threat.

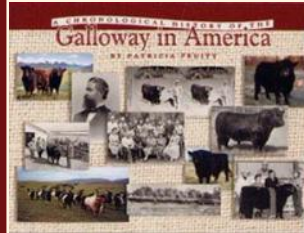
For my desires, R643 displayed just the right balance, a good deal of which comes from Galloway maternal instinct. And, by the way, I looked at them a few days ago on summer pasture. Junior is not as I had first surmised. Jeanette would be a better name. She sure will have a running start at staying in my herd.

Stuart Dykstra

Rifle, CO

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Is your tattoo letter for 2015

Stay Informed

The AGBA has an email list that is available for members to use to notify others about upcoming events such as field days, sales, shows, etc.

If you have never received an email from ***gallowaybreeders@yahoo.com***, chances are you are not on the list. SO...kindly send an email to myself, and I will see to it that you are added :)

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Thanks!

Judy

Did You Know...

You can easily share this newsletter with your inquiry list by simply going to americangalloway.com, click on More About Galloways tab, and then copy the link for The Galloway Dispatch into an email.

President's Corner

Galloway breeders,

Fasten your seatbelts, unless you like living on the wild side.

Myself, along with the AGBA board of directors, are going to shake things up a bit- in a good way- and we want to take the breeders along as we move the Galloway breed forward. One of the things we did at our October meeting was to utilize the Executive Secretary position as stated in our By-Laws. With this position we hope to improve the lines of communication between you -the breeders, and the board of directors and the CLRC.

Be prepared to be contacted by either myself, your director, or the Executive Secretary. We will be seeking your input as we map out the future of the AGBA and Galloway breed.

For many years the AGBA has been doing the same things the same way as far as promotion and member involvement. Guess what? We continue getting the same results, with modest increases in registrations and transfers. Don't get me wrong, this has been good, but that is not good enough.

I WANT GREAT!!

What do I need from my fellow Galloway breeders?

PARTICIPATION!!

Help me help you. What can I or the other directors do for you and your Galloway cattle operation? What can the AGBA do for you? What are your breeding programs short term and long term goals? How does using top Galloway genetics fit into those goals? If you don't have goals, maybe I can help you set some.

The AGBA wants to advertise our great breed, so the rest of the industry can learn what we know. The possibilities are numerous, and widespread. Where do you see Galloway cattle being promoted?

Galloway cattle fit into so many different beef production scenarios, that it is difficult for the AGBA to hit them all. Your program may be completely different from mine. What works for me maybe doesn't for you. Call me, text me, or email me

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and tell me about your program. I can talk Galloway cattle any day all day. My phone numbers are 701-212-0112 (cell) or 701-645-9073. Email me at blegen_galloways@juno.com. Let me hear what is happening in your part of the world. If you don't want to talk to me, call your directors from your region.

The new 2016 directory is in the process of being put together. Advertising rates are **very** reasonable. Even if you don't have cattle to sell, or you only direct market Galloway beef, let the rest of us know what you do. I get calls from people wanting to buy Galloway beef, or just go look at some Galloway cattle and visit with a breeder.

In closing, I ask again for your participation in promoting our breed. Support your association with your membership dues, which are due January 1, 2016. We can only improve our service to you as a breeder if we are informed and funded.

Thanks for your assistance.

Promoting Galloway Cattle,

~ Harley