

2016 WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS

November 2016

The 2016 World Galloway Congress is in the books, and by all accounts it was top notch. The Scots went out of their way to plan many fun and interesting events related to the Galloway breed and central to the rich Scottish culture and history. Jon Brown, Willow Valley Galloways, has supplied a great selection of excellent photos from the trip to Scotland, and has reflected on his trip there in a delightful recounting on page 3. *All Scotland photo credits in this issue are his.*

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GO Youth! Madison Schumacher, Fort Benton, MT, is interviewed in Scotland by Border TV at the Mochrum Estate during the Galloway World Congress.

Way to go Madison!

Right: WGC delegates were treated to the annual Military Tattoo in front of Edinburgh Castle.

(What IS a Tattoo? See page 8!)



The Denver Stock Show

Monday, January 16, 2017 1 PM

OK.... SO EVERY FALL, THIS ISSUE OF THE DISPATCH COMES OUT, AND YOU THINK TO YOURSELF, "HEY, I REALLY OUGHT TO GO TO THAT THING AND SEE WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT." AND GUESS WHAT? ***YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT!*** ISN'T IT GREAT IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES THAT YOU CAN BE SO SPOT-ON ABOUT SOMETHING?



SO DON'T DELAY-PREPARE TO PLAY! COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW BREEDERS AND CHEER THEM ON. YOU WILL NOT BE BORED... THERE'S PLENTY TO DO TO PITCH IN, AND LOTS OF GREAT TIMES IN THE DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW, DURING THE SHOW, AND THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW. BETTER YET.... BRING SOME OF YOUR OWN CATTLE!! IT'S THE BEST WAY THERE IS TO SHOW EVERYONE EXACTLY WHAT YOUR GENETICS PROGRAM LOOKS LIKE. SEEING IS BELIEVING, RIGHT?

ALL OF THE PERTINENT DATES ARE LISTED BELOW, INCLUDING THE VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON LODGING. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A ROOM AT THE SAME PLACE AS THE REST OF YOUR FELLOW AGBA PEEPS, THEN GIVE DRURY INN A CALL AND RESERVE ONE OF THE BLOCKED ROOMS TODAY.

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IN PLACE: Saturday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

SHOW: Monday, January 16, 1:00 p.m.

BEGIN RELEASE: Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 a.m.



ALL OUT: Wednesday, January 18, 12 Noon

IMPORTANT: The AGBA has a block of rooms reserved at Drury Inn Denver-Stapleton. We have 14 rooms with double queen size beds for \$119 plus tax per night. First come, first served. Cut off date to reserve a blocked room is Dec. 11th. DO NOT DELAY, THEY WILL GO FAST! Group code is **2259691**. Call Drury Inn at **303.373.1983**

~ SCOTLAND ~

A WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS SUMMARY

Jon Brown

A Caledonian journey complete with Scottish castles, highlands, lowlands, islands, lochs, distilleries, and the historical significance of most everything. A country abounding with every hue of green possible, ancient rock walls for pasture fences, centuries old stone farm houses painted white, frequent rain & pleasant temperatures, Bagpipes, kilts & tartan, lots of sheep & dogs, sweetbread, black pudding & haggis, drams of scotch and pints of lager and most importantly of all, the gracious and gentle people of Scotland. A place where America has a lot of its cultural foundation, as well as the origin of the Galloway breed of cattle. This is a swift impression of Scotland which we envision upon reflection of our August trip to the 2016 World Galloway Congress in Scotland.

The mystique of Scottish Galloway cattle has always been fascinating to us. Thus, when the opportunity was available to actually visit their ancestral country and area, it was not something we were going to miss. The Congress was extremely well organized and the tours were great. Seeing local Galloway breeders, farmers & cattlemen operate in a country so far from Oklahoma was very enjoyable and insightful. History and tradition are wrapped into the whole fabric of Scottish life. It seemed natural that Galloway cattle are part of the rural culture.

Another aspect to this World Congress was the association with Galloway breeders from around the world - amounting to approximately 250 people from 15 countries. This experience, apart from all other things, was amazing. An event founded with a common Galloway interest bringing folks from different countries, cultures, environment, and perspective combined to create an occasion with a life of its own. This is one of the things we didn't expect.

The Galloway cattle we saw in Scotland were another item which we weren't quite prepared for either. We visited the Royal National Galloway show at Dumfries, as well as several solid and belted Galloway herds in the region. The belted Galloway cattle tended to be more what we consider traditional with moderate frame and look similar to belties in American. However, the solids, of which the vast majority were black, were very large framed cattle. We didn't see any moderate sized black Galloway. These cattle possessed the basic traits of our American Galloway, yet it was obvious that the Scottish selection criteria was of a different focus than America's today. Their current trend reminded us of the late 1970's and 80's trend we experienced in the States and Canada. As a personal observation, we hope there are traditional Galloway herds in the UK which have not followed this large frame size trend.

It would be easy to go on and on about our Caledonian experience, but the simple and quick summary is: it is a beautiful & historical country, fascinating farms & livestock, unique global interest & relationships. And most special are the wonderful Scottish people and their culture.

Innsidh na geòidh as t-fhoghar e. "The geese will tell it in autumn." Meaning: All will be revealed in due course.

Slainte (Cheers),

Gleann Seileach (Willow Valley)

Jon & Shelli Brown

Records Matter

Submitted by Joyce Jones

A message from the former Secretary/Treasurer of the American Galloway Breeders' Association:

In 2006, there were 177 Galloways registered. In 2007 there were 173 Galloways registered. There were 128 Galloways registered in 2008. There were 211 Galloways registered in 2009. In 2010, there were 183 Galloways registered. In 2011, there were 224 Galloways registered. In 2012, there were 258 Galloways registered. In 2013, and 2014, there were 97 Galloways registered each year. As you can see, Galloway cattle are not among the most populous of cattle breeds. As a matter of fact, Galloways are in the Watch Category on the Livestock Breeds Conservancy Priority List. Our beloved Galloways meet the definition of the Livestock Conservancy for heritage cattle.

"Watch" is defined as fewer than 2,500 annual registrations in the United States with less than 10,000 animals registered with their breed associations globally.

There are four (4) criteria as defined by the Livestock Conservancy for a breed of cattle to qualify as a heritage breed:

1. **True Genetic Breed:** A breed is a true genetic breed if, when mated, it reproduces the breed type.
2. **Endangered Breed:** The breed is or has been endangered as defined by the Livestock Conservancy. It must appear on one of the Conservancy Priority List categories as Critical, Threatened, Watch or Recovery.
3. **Long history in the United States:** The breed must have been in the United States since at least 1925. If it was developed since 1925, the foundation stock must no longer be available. If the breed was more recently imported, the breed must be globally endangered.
4. **Purebred Status:** Heritage cattle must be registered purebred animals or the immediate offspring of registered purebred animals. Cattle resulting from the results of a breed association sanctioned grade-up program must have obtained purebred status.



In order for Galloways to move forward so they can eventually be removed from the Conservancy Priority List completely, we need to register more animals. Our genetics need to be documented so that they will not be lost. We have already experienced the loss of several good genetic lines due to the death of a long time breeder or due to heard dispersals.

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As responsible breeders, we need to individually identify our animals by tattoos and/or ear tags. Our own record keeping needs to increase in efficiency, whether it is paper or a computerized program. A unique, permanent identification is the best method. It needs to be thorough, but easy enough to be accomplished rapidly, even in the absence of the owner. While the owner can do this responsibly, the link to a register ensures that the genetics will not be lost.

We are all guilty of putting things off; planning to use a better method when we have more time. As breeders, we should have a detailed list of our animals in an easy to find, safe place. Breeders should give correct information to their registrar. The registration records are only as good as the information provided to the registrar. It should be done in such a way that the breed association can fulfill their responsibilities accurately, efficiently and correctly. This will ensure your animal identification will not be lost after you have spent years of work creating your genetics.

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SCOTLAND!



Ancient Watch Tower in the Scottish Hills (left)



Romesbech Herd (Below)



Klondyke Farm Black Galloway Cattle (Above)



Ian Finley with the Blackcraig cows. (Right)

(Records, from pg 5)

I encourage you to take your record keeping systems seriously and to register your animals with an eye toward the betterment of the breed. Register those animals who vigorously meet the breed standard as defined in the herd book rules. Don't register an animal just because it is a Galloway; register it because it is an animal of the quality you would want to purchase. Galloways have been around for hundreds of years because breeders have been diligent about preserving the desirable traits of the Galloway. Let's get the Galloways off the "Watch" list and into the mainstream breeds by registering our quality animals!

~ Joyce Jones

TATTOO - "A military performance of music or display of armed forces in general. The term comes from the early 17th century Dutch phrase *doe den tap toe* ("turn off the tap"), a signal sounded by drummers or trumpeters to instruct innkeepers near military garrisons to stop serving beer and for soldiers to return to their barracks."

Source: Wikipedia



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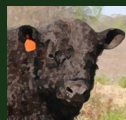


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GALLOWAY

Flags of each country represented at the 2016 WGC.



The WGC Delegates pose for group photo at Drumlanrig Castle (above)

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Left: ET calf from DD Ranch's Sephora and Big Deal White Lightning.
Right: DD Ranch's Sephora with Big Deal White Lightning sired Heifer.

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A load of World Galloway Congress delegates enjoying their transport across the pastures of Klondyke Farm.

An interesting side note; The Scots came up with a unique way to transport the hundreds of delegates across pastures by using wheeled hay feeders !

Willow Valley

GLEANN SEILEACH

GALLOWAY

Chickasha, Oklahoma

The Future



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Grand Champion Carcass Galloway
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Building upon Tradition

The Past

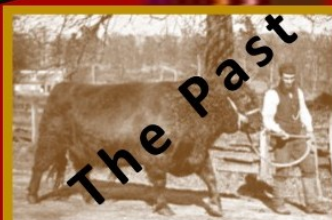


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Royal Show at Dumfries:

Left: Beauty C1437 of Romeboech & Bull Calf

Right: Champion Bull and Female



Left: Tim Oliver's herd
of White Galloway



Below: Royal Show at
Dumfries, Senior Bull
Class



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If you are a member and do not receive the Galloway Dispatch and view it online only, kindly send your information to Judy : renfarms@osprey.net and include your mailing address.

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Is your tattoo letter for 2016

Director's Corner

Hello from Stevensville Montana, home of the Bitterroot Galloways! We are located in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley which is commonly known as the "banana belt" of Montana in the Western part of the State.

My name is Bill Johnson and my wife is Kasey. Together, we have a toddler named Hailey and also a son, Matthew. In the late 1990's, I became involved with Galloway cattle upon leasing some land to a Galloway breeder. I was impressed with the self-sustaining nature and lack of human interference needed with the Galloway breed. The calving ease, maternal instincts, feed efficiency, and cold weather resilience, convinced me to start my own herd around the year 2005. I started with 11 cows and one bull and have slowly grown the herd.

We currently own about 50 cow-calf pairs and the coloring ranges from black, white, red, dun and silver. We primarily sell registered stock and some commercial Galloway as well. I am excited about the interest in the breed as more people are able to see what great cattle they are.

I have a close family, and since 2005 my entire family has had some involvement in the herd. Throughout the year my sister Teri and brother-in-law Bryan, as well as my niece and nephew (Natalie and Blake) have cattle moving days in which we all get together, take care of the animals, separate them out, eat lots of good food, and work together to keep our herd information and herd records organized. My nephew Blake, a Youth Galloway member, applied for and met all the requirements for a heifer through the Youth Galloway Program. He was recently awarded his heifer and he is planning on beginning his own herd. (Thank you to Gayle Cerullo for donating a beautiful heifer and for all her hard work in keeping this positive program going.)



Bill Johnson and daughter Hailey

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Judy K Decker, editor

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Director's Corner, from pg 15

Recently we had the opportunity to attend the World Galloway Congress in Scotland. It was inspiring to be among so many Galloway lovers from around the world. We met some folks who are not only fellow Galloway breeders, but have also become friends. It's always a pleasure to meet Galloway breeders as they are always interesting, unique, and diverse people. We were stunned by the greenery in Scotland and the true beauty of the region. Our Scottish affiliates were not only very friendly and very hospitable, but also very funny! We spent many conversations trying to decipher their accents and figure out what they were saying, although they were speaking English! We also learned, the hard way, that a Scottish Summer means you better bring a down coat for the hills and the wind!

We were impressed with the beautiful cattle at the farms we visited, along with the scenery and the organized hay feeder transportation that was ready for so many people at the same time. It was a pleasure to attend the Galloway Show at the Agricultural Fair and we were amazed at the size and scale of the cattle we saw in the show. Although they were large, they were highly impressive and remarkable animals. As the Scottish would say, the show and the experience was "smashing!"

Looking to the future, I am dedicated to continue working with the American Galloway Breeders' Association's members and Directors. I believe its important to continue to improve our organization in order to encourage and welcome new members and breeders to the Galloway breed in order to advance knowledge and reverence for these animals.

~ Bill Johnson