



THE *Galloway* DISPATCH

GALLOWAY: MAKING CATTLE GREAT AGAIN!

NILE NOTES

After a decades-long run of showing in its own show at the Northern Invitational Livestock Exposition (NILE) in Billings, MT, your Galloway breed was unable to garner the required minimum number of entries to qualify for its own show this year. The result was a handful of Galloway cattle bravely presented by two veteran Galloway breeders in the NILE All Other Breeds (AOB) show, which was also open to crossbreds. The Galloway was the **ONLY** pure breed showing in the AOB show. Since the show was also open to crossbreds, this 'AOB' show was in fact a Club Calf show. The sires listed in the show program was a Who's Who list of popular club calf sires, including I90, Man Among Boys and General Lee. We were absolutely showing in the Clubby world. Many of the females would have no hope of 'going on to be a good cow in the herd' with their big bones, heavy muscling and double-wide chests and hips. Many looked more like steers than females. The AOB show judge was Kirk Stierwalt, of Oklahoma.

The really good news is, Blegen Galloways walked away with the Champion Yearling Bull in this AOB/Club Calf show!! The bull was Willow Valley Denver, bred by Jon Brown/Willow Valley Galloway, and owned by Blegen Galloways. I don't think many would disagree with me that this bull should have gone on to win Grand Champion Bull, he was that superior to the others in the Grand Champion Drive. Regardless of the formal outcome, we were all so proud to see him blow away the competition....even if the judge chose differently. Great job Blegens and Willow Valley!

We all owe a big Thank You to Brass Ring Galloways of Terry, MT, and Blegen Galloways of Roundup, MT, for putting forth the effort to have the Galloway breed represented in the 2017 NILE.

**November
2017**

"The truth is, of course, that what one regards as interruptions are precisely one's life."

C.S. Lewis

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2017 NILE AOB Champion Yearling Bull, Willow Valley Denver.

Owned and exhibited by Blegen Galloways, Roundup, MT

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Twenty. For the 2018 NILE, a minimum of 20 Galloway in the AOB show will be our ticket to regaining our own Galloway breed show once again. Please, if you live within 8-12 hours of Billings, consider what you can do to help make the Galloway show a reality again. And for sure, if you live further away and can make the long haul, bring your animals!

You have no idea the level of camaraderie and enjoyment that takes place in the barns in the Galloway aisle. It is always an 'all hands on deck' sort of atmosphere, with those who are in attendance without cattle pitching in to lighten the load just a bit for those who have brought cattle. Please consider making the effort to attend the Galloway shows at both the NILE and Denver in 2018!



2018 NWSS

The National Western Stock Show is right around the corner, and it is the premiere cattle show in the country. You are the beneficiary of several hardworking breeders who step up and make sure the Galloway breed –your breed– is represented there each year. If you haven't yet made it to the NWSS Galloway show, make this the year! Plan NOW to attend, because you know something will 'come up' if you don't!! We all really have a great time, and an extra set of hands is always welcome. You will have the opportunity to see first hand what type of cattle your fellow breeders are producing, make new contacts and friends, and hopefully get inspired to bring cattle in the future.

Better yet....bring cattle to the 2018 NWSS Galloway show! After you finish reading this, put the newsletter down and take a walk through your herd and select two or three calves to halter break and bring to the show. See how simple this can be?

Entry Deadline: November 20, 2017.

Show Date: January 15, 2018 at 1PM.

Galloway Lodging Arrangements: Drury Inn—Stapleton. Address: 4550 North Central Park Blvd, Stapleton, CO. Rooms feature two queen beds, and the hotel offers a great breakfast and their signature 'Kickback' event in the early evening, featuring a light hot meal and adult (and non) beverages.

Individual reservations can be made by reserving online, go to www.druryhotels.com, then enter Group number of 2306315.

Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and refer to the Group number of 2306315.

We can't wait to see you there!

(Keep an eye out on the AGBA Facebook page, website and email list for breaking news on all things National Western Galloway Show)

**Don't forget
to book your
Lodging!**

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date:
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World Beef Expo Results

Females

Champion Cow/Calf Pair.....Darrell Riemer, Bar R Galloways
Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair....Allysha Salter
Champion Heifer Calf....Darrell Riemer
Reserve Champion Heifer Calf....Blegen Galloway
Champion Yearling Heifer..... Shawn Schumacher, CK Galloways
Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer.....Eli Berry, Berry Ranch
Grand Champion Heifer....Darrell Riemer
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer... Shawn Schumacher

Bulls

Champion Bull Calf.....Eli Berry
Reserve Champion Bull Calf.....Harley Blegen
Champion Junior Bull.....Darrell Riemer
Reserve Champion JR Bull.....Eli Berry
Grand Champion Bull.....Darrell Riemer
Reserve Champion Bull.....Eli Berry

Champion and Reserve Champion Percentage Heifer....Eli Berry

Pair of Females: 1st: CK Galloways 2nd Bar R Galloways 3rd Berry Ranch

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Odds and Ends

2018 AGBA Annual Directory

Ad commitments were due November 10. Plan on having your camera-ready ad to Winston Publishing by Thanksgiving. If you need assistance creating an ad, they will help you, at \$80 per hour. This will be billed to YOU!

Please Note: You must be a member in good standing to participate in the annual directory beginning with the 2019 issue. This includes even the basic ranch listing. You must have your 2018 dues paid **on time** to participate in the directory advertising.

For information contact Shawn Schumacher

ckgalloways@itstriangle.com or call her:

406-799-0276

Galloway In the News

Brad and Leslea Hodgson, of Root Prairie Galloways, MN, participated in a SARE grant to test the viability of reducing cool season competition in a stand of native tallgrass on their farm. The Galloway are featured in photos throughout the article that was published online in the On Pasture newsletter. Check it out at:

<http://onpasture.com/2017/09/04/time-grazing-to-increase-warm-season-grasses/>

You Can Help!

Traditionally, the NWSS Galloway Show has made it a point to recognize its winners with the presentation of keepsake quality show awards. These awards are made possible by the generosity of many breeders within the organization. This is an opportunity to show your support, even if you cannot make it to Denver in person.

Please send your financial contributions to Michelle Blegen at:

311 Alec Roy Rd, Roundup, MT 59072

Credit cards are also accepted, so please contact Michelle via email blegengalloways@midrivers.com or at 701-219-4815



Thank you in advance for your willingness to support the Galloway breed at this premiere livestock show!

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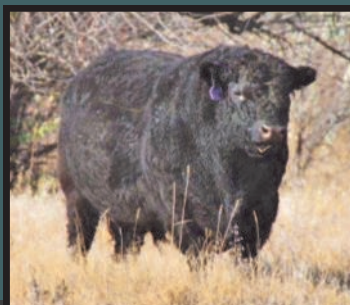
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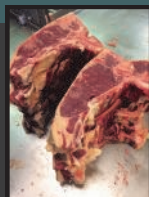
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Left:
Michelle
Blegen

Right: Jim
Grant, Eli
and Har-
ley catch-
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things.



Susan and Russ Waples

Center: Brass Ring Dana,
plotting her show strategy.



Above, L to R: Tom Wilder, Sarah
Bowman, Eli Berry

Right, L to R: Shawn Schumacher,
Russ Waples, Harley Blegen



Joan Hoffman



Oh Oh...You're Being Watched!

I had the chance to visit with the neighbors across the aisle from the AGBA's little collection of Galloways at the NILE in October. The man approached me as I visited with his (adorable) little kiddos. He said, "You know what? You Galloway people are the nicest people in this business. Everywhere I go if there's Galloway people there, they are friendly and helpful to others who aren't even in their breed. And that is very uncommon in this business."

You already know it costs nothing to be kind, but the price of being otherwise can be steep and lasting. So a big shout out to the Galloway breeders who serve as ambassadors for our breed as they travel to shows or help with youth or welcome visitors at their farm or ranch. People notice!

Galloway: The PURE Breed

Truly pure breeds of cattle are a rare thing today. As a Galloway breeder, you have agreed to act on behalf of this unique and somewhat rare breed, preserving its genetic purity and integrity. This excerpt from Beef Magazine's 2006 article, *What is a Breed*, may help shed some light on the 500 year legacy that you are commissioned with preserving and propagating.

"The Shorthorn breed was created by selecting the best of the native, short-horned cattle in northeast England and infusing them with a small amount of Galloway blood. The Hereford breed was developed by infusing the native cattle of Herfordshire in southwest England with Flemish cattle imported from the low countries in Europe.

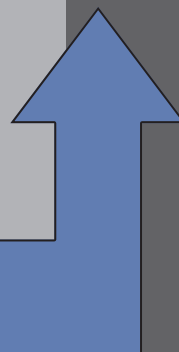
Shorthorn blood is reported to have been introduced into the Angus breed at an early stage of its existence. And the Red Poll breed originated in the English countries of Norfolk and Suffolk where some Galloway and Devon breeding eventually found its way into the breed.

As near as can be determined, two British breeds appear to have remained free of outside blood — Galloway and

West (Scotch) Highland.

Galloway originated in southwest Scotland's Galloway province. When the Romans first populated England, cattle roamed the region's forests. These indigenous cattle became the progenitors of the Galloway. Today, Galloway are recognized as the oldest breed of beef cattle in the British Isles."

As a breeder of purebred Galloway cattle, you are the present day link in a chain five centuries in the making! This should be a tremendous source of pride, as well as incentive to continue the legacy of producing quality Galloway cattle to assure the breed's success well into the future.



Junior Galloway Program

Submitted by Shawn Schumacher, AJGBA Chariman

Hello American Junior Galloway Breeders!

If you are a member of 4H or FFA, you have probably completed your 2017 projects and are deep in the commitment of next year's project. If you are looking for Galloway females or steer prospects check out the new American Galloway Breeders Association website at www.americangalloway.com. There you will find a listing of AGBA members that could assist you in your next Galloway or Galloway Influenced project. Galloways and Galloway Influenced cattle make an excellent choice for projects such as Market Beef, Saleable Bred Heifer, Baby Beef or Beef Breeding. The website is also a great place for those AJGBA members that are interested in starting or building their own herd with new Galloway Genetics.

Another place to check is the American Galloway Breeders Association Facebook page. Many breeders do post animals that are available for purchase. You can also leave a request. The AGBA members would greatly appreciate the opportunity to help a young person get their start or help with a Galloway or Galloway Influenced cattle project.

Beginning January 1, 2018 the AJGBA will begin a new point system for its members. Points can be accrued by promotion of the Galloway Breed. It can be by exhibiting at Local Shows, Jackpots, County Fairs and National Shows. AJGBA members can also earn points by giving demonstrations and talks at all levels in 4H and/or FFA. Points are also available to AJGBA members that are Independent of 4H and/or FFA and working toward their own operation of breeding and raising Registered Galloway and Galloway influenced cattle.

To participate in the AJGBA rewards program you must sign up. Sign up is as simple as emailing Shawn Schumacher at ckgalloways@itstriangle.com and saying "Sign me up". Please make sure you include your name and mailing address. Once you are registered you will receive information as to how the point/reward program works as well as a point tracking sheet that will help you record your activities.

The next show for many is the National Western Stock Show in Denver. This show takes place January 15, 2018. The Junior Galloway show has been well attended the last several years. If you are planning on exhibiting at the NWSS please let Shawn Schumacher know at ckgalloways@itstriangle.com. The NWSS is a great place to meet Galloway Breeders and look for new Galloway Genetics!

If you have a friend or know someone who would like to join the American Junior Galloway Breeders Association please provide them with a membership application or direct them to www.americangalloway.com.

Tug, Tug, Tug, wins the tug of War when teaching a calf to lead!
Good Luck on all of your new projects and Galloway adventures!

**Before You Enter
the Arena, Whisper:**

*"We are going to be
Amazing!"*



DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO JOYCE JONES ON THE PASSING OF BELOVED HUSBAND JAMES "JIM" JONES SR. ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2017. JIM AND JOYCE ARE FIXTURES IN THE GALLOWAY WORLD, LONG TIME BREEDERS OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL WHITES IN NEW CASTLE, PA. SURVIVORS INCLUDE JOYCE JONES, TWO DAUGHTERS, JANINE (RICHARD) GOEHRING OF NEW CASTLE AND JENNIFER (RUSS) MCCONNELL OF WAMPUM; TWO SONS, JAMES E. JONES, JR. AND JAY (JULIE) JONES OF NEW CASTLE, PA.



World Beef Expo Report

Submitted by Jerry Stephens

The World Beef Expo celebrated it's 25th Anniversary the weekend of Sept 22-24, 2017 in Milwaukee, Wi and for the first time in 13 years several Galloway Breeders met to celebrate the anniversary and exhibit their Galloway Cattle. Those in attendance were Eli Berry, Berry Ranch, Mora Mn. Shawn Schumacher, CK Galloways, Fort Benton MT. Darrell Riemer, Bar R Galloways, Alden MN. Joan Hoffman/Mike Salter, Stoney Acres Farm, Grand Ledge Mi. Michelle Blegen, Blegen Galloways Roundup MT. Together they exhibited a total of 18 Galloways.

We are planning for the Galloways to return to the World Beef Expo in 2018 and do hope that more breeders will take advantage of the great facilities and staff in Milwaukee.

While it was great to see everyone in Milwaukee again, we did receive bad news the morning of the show of the untimely passing of our great friend and fellow breeder Jim Jones. Sincere condolences go out to Joyce, Jimmy, Sis, Jay and Jennifer and their families during this terrible time.

Jerry Stephens

Please see page 5 for WBE Results

2018 Dues are due by December 31 2017!

2017 Annual Meeting: Sticky Notes Version

Discussed: The need for a revision of the AGBA's regional boundaries to better distribute numbers relative to the two directors allotted per region. The bylaws specifically allow for regional boundaries to be redrawn from time to time as needed. If you have an idea or opinion about this matter, please contact your director.

Elections:

East: Joan Hoffman

Mountain: Susan Waples

At Large: Joe Schumacher

2018 Annual Directory

The deadline for materials submissions to Winston Publishing is Thanksgiving! Please contact Shawn Schumacher with questions.
ckgalloways@itstriangle.com

Check out the newly revised AGBA website. Same URL, new fresh layout and colors! A big shout out to the website committee Richard Serr, Bill Johnson and Michelle Blegen for their hard work.

Meeting was held
October 14th,
6PM at the Vegas
Hotel, Billings,
MT

2018 Galloway World
Congress will be in
Melbourne, Australia!



Remember
your 2018
Dues!

Due: 12/31/17

Remember your 2018 Dues

Attention Annual Members:

If you are an Annual Member in good standing, your farm should be listed on the AGBA website under the Galloway Breeders tab. Go there and look! If your name and farm information are not listed, kindly send all pertinent information to **Richard Serr** at raserr@aol.com. Just the basics, look over a few of the other entries for the general idea of it. Also, if your address or email address change, contact Richard for website changes, and cc myself for changes to the Dispatch mailing list... renfarms@osprey.net

Are you receiving AGBA EMAILS???

We want all active AGBA members to be on our AGBA EMAIL List!

If you are a current, paid up member and never receive any emails from the gallowaybreeders@yahoo.com address, please email Michelle Blegen at blegengalloways@midrivers.com to have your email added to the list.

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Did You Know...

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Break time at the 2017 NILE.

A big shout out to Maggie Hayes, member of the AJGBA, for taking the initiative to submit a 2017 'Wrap UP' of her year with her Galloway cattle! (Maggie and her family live in Geneseo, KS)

This past year was pretty relaxed for me in the show cattle world. I only went to the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver and did pretty well there. In the Jr. Show, I received champion female and champion pair! At the NWSS, the Galloway community is very relaxed and fun to be in. Every one helps each other whether that is helping show other peoples stock at last minute or just cleaning up the stalls. My dad, brother, oldest sister and her husband also came to Denver. It was my first NWSS and I am planning to come back in January!



In February, my family and I went to the 2nd Annual Kansas Cattle Drive in downtown Buhler. This event is a showcase of ranches from across the state. We had many people ask about our "fluffy cows"! It was a fun day of visiting with people from all walks of life and filling them in on all the advantages of the Galloway breed.



We also took Biscotti and Destiny to Rice County Farm Bureau's 2nd Grade

Ag day. Here, we talk about our cow/calf operation and share how we take care of our herd. This is a fun way of promoting the Galloway breed because the kids absolutely LOVE the "fluffy cows"! They really enjoyed petting them!

I enjoy just working with my cattle. Going out to the barn and grooming my fluffy Galloways is one of my favorite things to do. This year, I have halter broke a couple of heifers and I am currently working on halter breaking a bull calf. This past year, we had a couple of full blood Galloway calves and lot of half-blood Galloways that all look adorable! I'm also excited that we will be

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