

The Galloway Dispatch



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Autumn 2009

NILE Notes and AGBA News

The 2009 annual meeting of the AGBA was held Tuesday, October 13th, at the Country Inns and Suites in Billings, MT. Attendance was good, as was the food that Joyce Jones and Joan Hoffman so thoughtfully arranged for.. thank you both for your thoughtfulness. Vice President Leroy Kindler conducted the meeting since President Sarah Bowman had urgent out of town business.

After reviewing and approving previous year's minutes, Joyce Jones went over the treasurer's report, and then it was on to new business. Several items were discussed, and complete minutes will be available at a later date. But some of the discussions covered the need to compile a semen catalog, the future of an AGBA newsletter and the possibility of a color annual publication. LeRoy commended Deb Vance for her previous years' work in promoting Galloways via her Party in the Pen at the Denver Stock Show.

Elections were held for new directors. New directors are: Deb Vance, Mtn Zone, and new directors at large: Jody Hipsher, WI, and Shawn Schumacher, MT. During the executive meeting, directors elected new

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Party in the Pen

Please make your plans to attend the Annual "Party in the Pen" at the NWSS. It will be on Sat. Jan 16th from 1-3 PM. This event is designed to offer NWSS attendees the opportunity to "Meet, Greet & Eat" with our Galloway Breeders. We announce it on the PA system and post fliers at the Yards. It's great fellowship with our breeders and great fun to introduce others to our breed. We have some new ideas in the works - so be sure to **Be There** and join the fun. Visit www.theDDRanch.com for details right before the NWSS. For more information please contact us!

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~ Ronald Reagan

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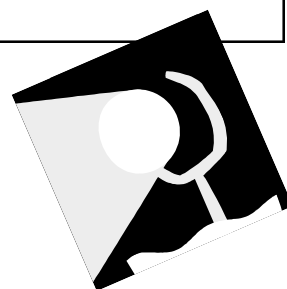
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officers: President - Harley Blegen. VP - Joan Hoffman. Sec/Treas - Joyce Jones. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the meeting, as well as to those who have agreed to serve on the board! And please, keep in contact with your directors, forward your suggestions/ideas to them. You have a lot of great ideas... so please, share them!

YOUTH IN ACTION!



Jacqueline Greenwell was kind enough to send along photos of she and her family members exhibiting Galloway cattle at the Northwestern Washington Fair.

Jacqueline received both the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor award!



Jacqueline (left) and sister Rylee



The Greenwalls and their Whites: Jacqueline, Dad Rodney, Grandfather Jerry, brother Richard and sister Rylee.



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"They Eat WHAT?"

If you've been raising Galloway for more than a couple of years, you've probably already figured out that they do indeed consume plants and browse that your neighbor's cattle refuse.

So here's an idea: Let's compile a geographic listing of pasture plants that you have observed your Galloway utilizing on a regular basis, or even an occasional basis. For the upcoming 'Annual' that will be produced in lieu of the Dispatch, such a listing may be a real eye opener for producers who would not have believed that cattle would eat... 'THAT'...!

Please email your information to me at **renfarms@osprey.net** and I will begin compiling the info. Just include your name, state, and the common and scientific name of the plant(s) you are submitting as being on the menu for your Galloway cattle.

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SCURS

by Jacqueline Greenwell

Recently a problem arose in our herd of White Galloways. It was scurs.

While trying to resolve this issue, I contacted many longtime and current breeders. What I found was that, while a few select breeders knew what I was talking about, hardly anybody knew exactly what was involved genetically and how this had crept into our herd. Because this is a real issue in certain bloodlines, and because many breeders don't know what to look for, I wanted to write this article to help educate others.

First of all, because many don't even know what scurs are and what they look like, I will try to describe it to the best of my ability. Scurs are small horn-like growths on the frontal bone in the same location horns would grow. Scurs are referred to as "wiggle horns" in German and indeed, most

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\$5 Junior

Is this your **last issue** of *The Dispatch*? If your AGBA membership has lapsed, so will your subscription! Not sure if you are paid up? Visit the AGBA website Breeders' Directory. Only current members are listed. Paid up but not listed? Contact your regional Director.

President's Box

Hello from the almost frozen mud bog. As I write this, there are only a few days till Halloween. We have had an extremely wet and cold October. We got teased with a warm month of September, thinking summer had finally arrived. October showed up and we have had rain, rain, snow, then more rain. The majority of the crops are still in the field, standing in water. We have another rain/snow/ wind event scheduled for the weekend, when we are supposed to be gathering cows. The morale of my help (Michelle and Hope) will be oh so wonderful. I can't wait.

I returned home from the national show and annual meeting, with a renewed enthusiasm for our breed. This was only slightly dampened by the drive home in 6-8 inches of heavy wet snow, the last 200 miles of my trip. I know my young traveling companions were pretty quiet as we slipped and slid our way East towards home. I agreed completely with Kyle Hipsher, when he suggested we go back as it was still 55 degrees in Billings. We made it home just fine, as I hope everyone did also.

We had a strong showing of cattle, from 9 breeders, representing 6 states. The AGBA members that came out to the NILE, need to be commended also. We had breeders from many different states, and even a few of our Canadian friends. There were small groups scattered end to end in the Galloway aisle, and the conversations (stories) seemed endless. We had a good group of "the next generation" of Galloway breeders also present. We need to do whatever we can to encourage our young members.

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AGBA 2008-09 Calendar

November 20 Entry
deadline for NWSS

December 4 North
Star Classic Cattle
Show, Galloway Show

January 16 Party in the
Pen at Denver Stock
Show, 1-3PM

January 18 Galloway
Show at the Denver
Stock Show 3 PM



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are moveable and are not attached firmly to the skull. Scurs typically do not appear until about 4 months of age and stop growing at a few inches if left on. Some scurs will never grow much bigger than a thumbnail. Because we have cattle that have wonderfully long hair, scurs can hide under the shaggy hair of the poll. Because of this it is good to periodically check the poll area when doing other annual herd work.

Genetically, scurs are a little tricky. Because animals who have scurs are still considered "polled" genetically, there is no DNA test yet developed to test specific animals as carriers of the gene. However, through the process of elimination, if scurs are in your herd, you can figure out which cows and/or bulls are carriers and should therefore be culled from the purebred, registered herd.

For male animals to physically show scurs, they only need to have one copy of the gene,

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Semen Catalog

Do you have some of dandy Galloway bulls on ice? If you answered 'yes', then you need to contact Jacqueline Greenwell and give her the data on the bull. It seems that the demand for Galloway semen is on the rise, and it has been suggested to the AGBA from a knowledgeable source that the Association needs to compile a brochure or catalog of Galloway semen in the USA. This booklet will be printed and made available at shows and conferences, as well as by mail in response to inquiries. Once the information is gathered, we will most likely add another web page to display the data as well.

A big Thank You goes out to Jacqueline who has graciously volunteered to take on this project! Contact Jacqueline via email at overpassgalloways@yahoo.com or by phone at 360-724-4670.

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2010 National Western Galloway Show

January 16 - January 20

We need **your support** in order to keep the show in Denver! Many breeds are now making the National Western their National Show because of the exposure they receive.

It is a great place to take a break from the early winter weather and to enjoy yourself.

*Entry Deadline
is
November 20,
2009!*

BEGIN ARRIVAL:

Saturday, January 16, 7:00 a.m.

IN PLACE:

Saturday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

SHOW:

Monday, January 18, 3:00 p.m.

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Lots of fun waiting to be had at Denver, so Be There!!!



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Examples of Scurs on cattle. Upper, a British White. Lower, scurs on a crossbred bull, breeds not stated.



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Why are scurs a problem? If the animals are still considered "polled" it's not a big deal, right? Wrong! The AGBA herd book rules clearly state:

"Regardless of their color patterns, the following cattle are not eligible for registration in any Section or either Appendix of the Herd Book:

... (iii) Any animal with horns or scurs.

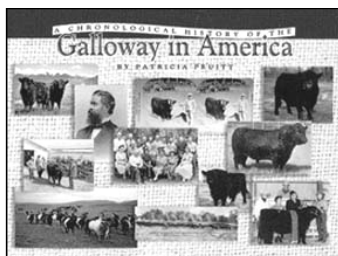
Scurs are defined as any cartilaginous or horn-like growth which may develop through the skin, or on the skin, at the horn site."

As we continue to develop our herds, and as we market them, making them more appealing to the everyday cattleman, we need to remember to choose replacement females and bulls, looking for not just one or two characteristics, but by looking at the entire animal, not sacrificing breed standard for an attribute we have been breeding for, for some time possibly.

Hopefully this has helped. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact me, I'm always willing to talk!

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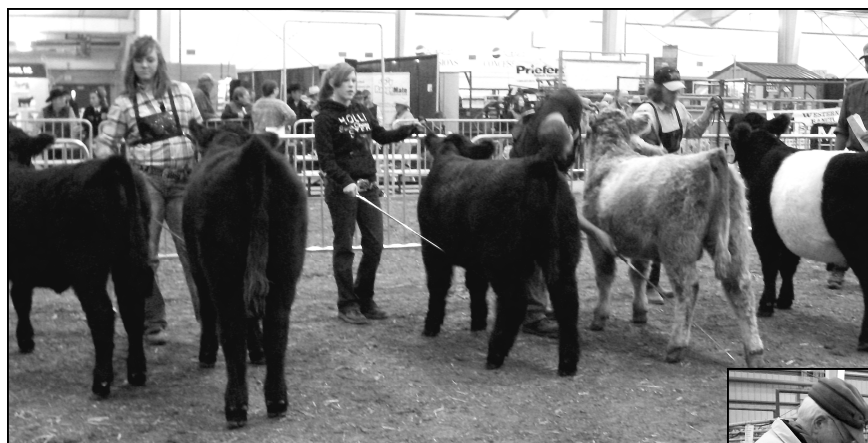
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A class of bull calves during the 2009 NILE Galloway show.

In view: Hope Axvig, Lorna Riemer, John Blegen, Gayle Cerullo and Greg Morine's better half...!!



(L to R) Russ Waples, Pep Waples, Susan Waples, Jim Grant



(L to R) Darrell Riemer, Deb Riemer, Julie Morine, Greg Morine, Russel Horvey. Foreground: Lorna Riemer



Helaina Fowler with the **Reserve Champion Female**, 2009 NILE Galloway show. Nice job, Helaina!

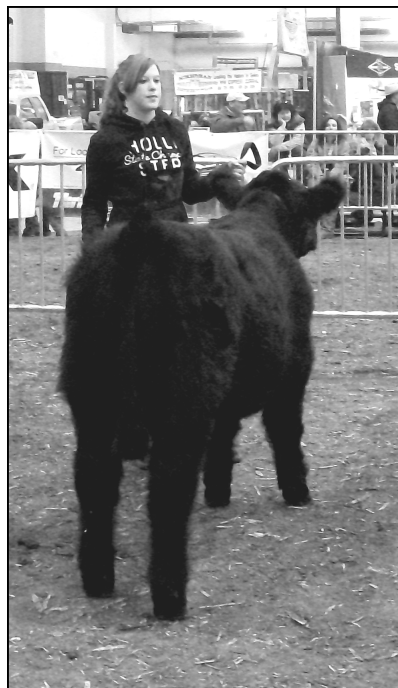


(L to R) Larry Frederickson, Kit Smith, Russel Horvey

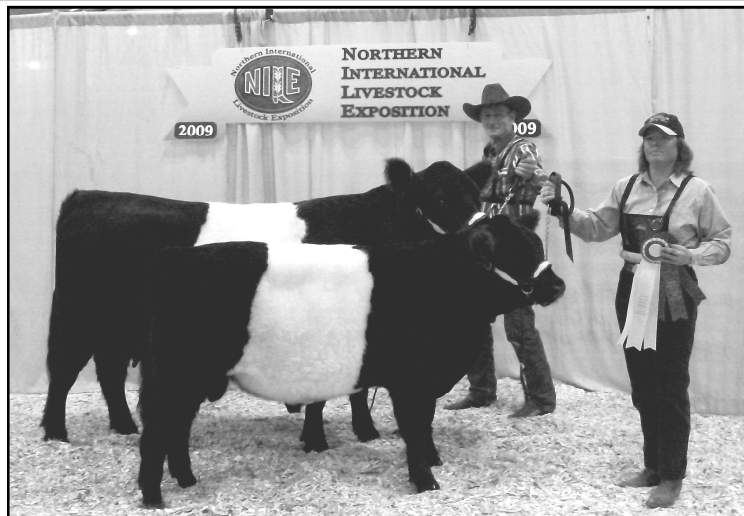


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Lorna Riemer
with the 2009
NILE
**Reserve
Champion
Galloway
Bull**, owned
by Bar R
Galloways.



Gayle Cerullo's Belted cow and her bull calf took top honors at the 2009 NILE Galloway show, with the cow earning **Grand Champion Female** and the calf taking **Grand Champion Bull**!

Mattie Decker with
Brass Ring Watusi,
owned by Brass
Ring Galloways



Michelle Blegen, Blegen Galloways, discusses 'Pericles' with the judge during the mature bulls class.

Galloway Yield

Brad and Leslea Hodgson, of Fountain, MN, shared some interesting beef data with me recently. They took a 17.5 month old Galloway bull for slaughter, 100% grassfed, and were surprised when the processor contacted them to inquire about their genetics. The young bull had a liveweight of 880#, sported a 514# carcass weight (58%), but he really paid the bills with a whopping 390# (75%) of take home meat! (Actual weight, not calculated!)



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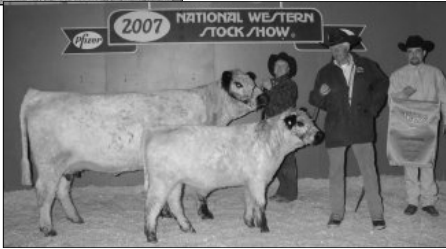

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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from either the sire or dam. These animals should not be saved for breeding. Therefore, all males that carry the scur gene will have visible scurs.

Heifers and cows, to physically show scurs, must have two copies of the scur gene, therefore, both of her parents, sire and dam, are carriers of the scur gene. This females calves will ALL be carriers of the scur gene and her bull calves will all have visible scurs and heifer calves will be carriers. Therefore, this particular animal can pass on the gene to any of her calves. Her calves will have a 50% chance of being "clean", neither showing scurs or carrying the gene, while the other 50% of her calves may or may not show scurs but will still carry the gene. However, a heifer carrying only one copy of the scur gene, from either parent, will *not* have visible scurs.

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Brass Ring Galloways

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~Russ and Susan Waples

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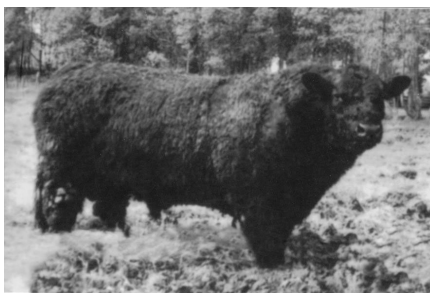
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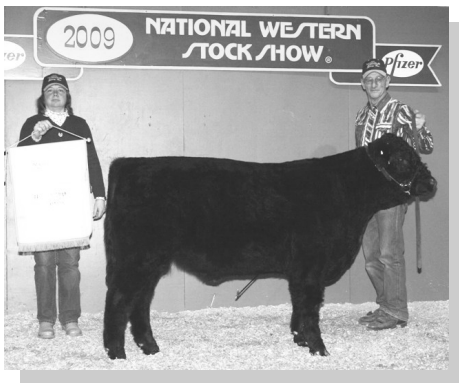
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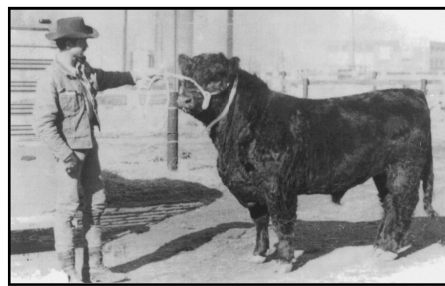
Decebe of Trapper...

was reserve champion bull at the 2009 Denver Stock Show. His full brother and sister are offered for sale this year.

Our heaviest calf, a bull weaned at 660#, is full brother to Decebe. Average weaning weight of the ET calves is 554#. We are also offering one yearling bull, closer than half brother to the 2009 calves, and with a 8-star feed efficiency score!

Two of the eight calves are sired by Globe Titan - a bull and a heifer - full brother and sister.

The cattle offered for sale in 2009/2010 will produce excellent carcass cattle. Heifers would make super foundation cows or 4-H prospects. Carcass and maternal traits have always been stressed in my cattle over almost 50 years of breeding.



Sultan of Trapper...

was the sire of the Denver carcass champs in 1979. He was a cousin of the ET calves and three donor cows. Two of the ET heifers will be shown by Leroy Kindler at the 2010 NWSS.

For Sale:

8 ET Calves

(4) Bulls

(4) Heifers

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I felt we had good interest in our cattle, as the quality was very good. I can't thank the exhibitors enough, as I know how much effort goes into it. I hope we can continue to support all of the AGBA sponsored shows around the country. Speaking of shows, we have a new one coming up the first weekend of December, in conjunction with the North Star Classic, in Valley City, N.D. This show is becoming one of the upper Midwest's largest cattle shows. We will have a Galloway show on Friday, Dec. 4th at 7:30 a.m. Contact me for more info. The next show will be the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. We need to support this show, or we may not have it any longer. Contact Leroy Kindler for entry info.

At our annual meeting, the general consensus was...advertising, advertising, advertising. We have some new breeders, with fresh ideas, wanting to work with the board on implementing them. I am looking forward to working with everyone.

I would like to thank Judy for all she has done with the Dispatch. Judy has expressed her desire to discontinue the Dispatch. The board will be deciding on what type of format we want, and look for a person or persons to take on the job. We are currently looking at a couple of options. I have been contacted by a party interested in continuing on with a newsletter. The board will be having meetings quarterly via conference call to discuss all of our options, as well as other topics. Please contact your Directors to bring up any concerns you may have.

I hope everyone's fall roundups go well, and the 2009 calf crop comes in as we hoped it would.

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