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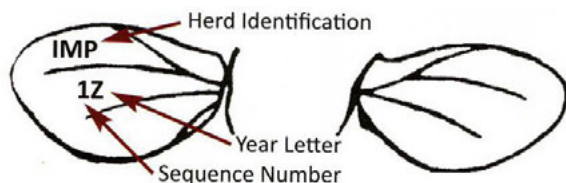
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## Canadian Galloway Association 2016-2017 Directors



*Brian Robertson, President*

Tri-R-Way Galloways, Clearwater, Alberta  
I grew up in Phelpston, Ontario and my interest and introduction to Galloway cattle was influenced by my parents and grandfather. I raise purebred Galloway and Angus cattle. I am building my own ranch in Clearwater County, Alberta. I'm looking forward to expanding our Galloway herd. My family has been raising Galloways for nearly 30 years primarily blacks and some reds.



*Jim King, Vice President*

Chickadee Farm, Innisfail, Alberta  
Raising red and black registered Galloway cattle.



*Simon Legace, Executive Secretary*

Ferme du Rapide SENC., St-Hyacinthe, Quebec  
I bought the 150 acres family farm in 1985 with a herd of Herefords and enlarged the size of the farm to 400 acres of soybeans and wheat. In 1997 I bought my first Belted Galloway and since then I have been keeping a small herd of 20 Belted Galloway cows.



*Ward Marshall, Director*

Future Farms, Innisfail, Alberta  
I have grown up on a farm and just started my first year of University at Lethbridge taking Agricultural Business. I recently have entered into the Galloway business. I have had great guidance and assistance from Jim King and Brian Robertson into the introduction to the growth of the breed. I look forward to meeting numerous breeders and the success within the breed and cattle industry.



*Kelly Worthington, Director*

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*Vanessa Beach, Director*

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*Ron Black, Secretary-Treasurer*

Ron recently retired from CLRC but maintains his association with Canadian Galloways.

# President's Message

Hello fellow Galloway breeders, enthusiasts and those of you looking at our diverse breed. May I start off by saying that with out our dedicated members this breed and Association would be lost so for that I'm proud to be your President for 2017. This year the Association has seen an influx of newer members full of great new ideas that will help us rebrand our breed within Canada and hopefully abroad. It was most evident at this year's AGM in Campbellville, Ontario. Most of those in attendance were first-time AGM attendees that brought an open mind and fresh perspective, which will help update the Association's image. Following the meeting, the board of directors elected the 2016/2017 executive: President Brian Robertson (Caroline, AB), Vice President Jim King (Innisfail, AB) and Executive Secretary Simon Lagace (St Hyacinthe, QC). The rest of the directors consisted of new-comers Vanessa Beach (Stouffville, ON), Chris Schapp (Drumbo, ON), and sitting are Kelly Worthington (Carstairs, AB), and Ward Marshall (Innisfail, AB). We were so glad to see new faces but also sad to see Bob Airth and Marie Blake go as their allowable consecutive terms were up. This year we also recognized the Russell Horvey family (Big Deal Galloways) for 50 years of Galloway promotion at Farm Fair with most of his family in attendance to witness the occasion.

Yet again we had a number of breeders do their part for breed promotion across Canada. The Salter/Blake Family (Suncrest/Sunrise Farms) with a display of cattle and Tony Onufer (Cedarmill Farms) attended the Royal Winter Fair (Toronto, ON) in November, Farm Fair International (Edmonton, AB) where Ward Marshall (Future Farms) and Jim King (Chickadee Farm Galloway) exhibited in the multi-breed show, Outdoor Farm Show (Woodstock, ON) and various fall fairs across Ontario attended by The McIlwraith Family (Glenfiddich Galloway), Salter Family, Onufer's and many junior show people. There has been a rise in demand of beef producers wanting to finish Galloway or Galloway-influenced cattle on grass and providing "naturally" raised beef to meet the growing consumer demand for these products. Breeding stock sales have stayed consistent with past years as there are new people wanting to start with Galloway. We have also seen a renewed foreign interest in Canadian Genetics be it live cattle embryos or semen. These positive trends may be a reflection of improved promotion and advertising methods.

The Association has pursued some new ways to advertise. We have a new Facebook group that you can join: "Canadian Galloway Association." This year Kelly Worthington (Whispering Wind Galloway) a member of our promotion committee brought forward the idea of selling a gestation calendar that would display pictures of all three breeds from various herds. This new promotional tool has been a hit and we hope to continue it. Contact the Association Secretary if you are interested in purchasing a calendar still for 2017. The promotion committee is also in the process of creating brand names and a new logo that will be recognizable and can be universally-used for marketing anything from naturally-raised beef to top-end breeding stock throughout Canada. All-in-all the future looks bright for Galloway despite low market prices. Times like these force us to look outside-the-box and try new things.

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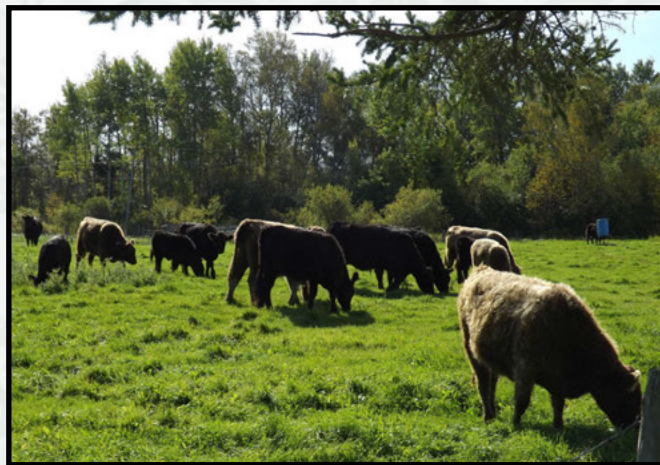


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# The World Galloway Congress

This past August my family and I attended The World Galloway Congress, in Scotland where the Galloway breed originated. The congress was based in Gretna Green, Scotland, close to the border of England. It was a very busy and exciting five days. Full of meeting new people from all over the world, spectacular scenery, wonderful hosts, great food and impressive cattle.

The congress was from August 5 to 10th. We arrived at 3 p.m. on the 5th, registered and settled into our hotel room at Gretna Hall Hotel. In the evening we met in the pavilion and were served a delicious dinner having several main course and dessert options. This gave everyone the chance to meet and become acquainted with new faces as well as visiting with old friends.

On the 6th we were off to the Dumfries Lockerbie Fair, which was hosting The National Galloway show, and what a show it was, giving us a chance to see the best in the country and all colours of the breed.



The 7th was our day to conduct official business with chairman's and country reports. At this time an invitation was extended from The Australian Belted Galloway Association to attend the 2018 World Congress. Followed by another enjoyable evening meal and entertainment.

On the 8th we began our farm tours, visiting Tim Olivers in Northumberland, in north east England, then to Kirkstead, farmed by the McClymonts, in Yarrow Valley. We enjoyed viewing great cattle and incredible scenery. In the evening we traveled to Edinburgh to attend the world famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which was one of the highlights of our trip.

After a late night we were off early on the 8th for more farm tours. First on the agenda was Mochrum Estate owned by Mr. David Bertie, cousin of the late Miss Flora Stuart who was famous worldwide, not only as president of the Belted Cattle Society, but as custodian of the breed in the UK. Next was Klondyke Galloways, owned by Maxwellton Estate, one of the largest herds of Galloways in the UK, managed by Scott McKinnon, president of the World Galloway Association, another day of great hosts and wonderful scenery.

Finishing off the congress on the 10th we traveled to Romesbeech Galloways owned by the Jim Ross family. Then to the Muil and Speddoch Belties, both herds are managed by Robert Ross. Drumlanrig Castle was next, home of the Duke of Buccleuch KBE, president of the Galloway Cattle Society of the UK. We were served lunch and toured the castle and gardens. To end the day we went to Blackcraig Galloways and the Corse owned by the Finlays, all the farms having remarkable cattle, and great sights.



It had been a very interesting and pleasant time, with everything being very well organized. Gretna Green was an excellent choice for home base because of its central location and colourful history. The events were very entertaining and exciting to attend. The farm tours were excellent and gave great insight to the workings of Scottish farm life. We saw beautiful scenery and cattle that demonstrated the quality of the Galloway breed. Thank you to all the host farms for their hospitality, and going to all the work that having us tour their farms created. Attending the Congress has created friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to Chairman Scott McKinnon and his committee and to Dorothy Goldie for looking after many details for the attendees. With 234 delegates from 16 different countries they did an amazing job and delivered a most educational and memorable congress.

Being retired dairy farmers who had never traveled out of North America it was an awesome place to visit.

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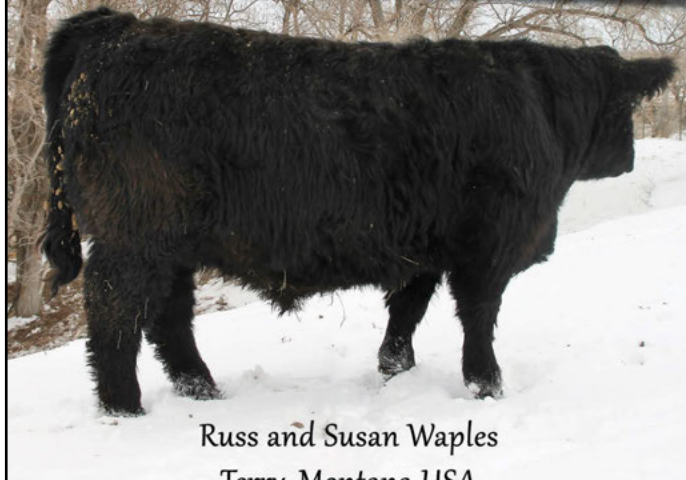
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## *CGCA Registratoion Activity In 2016*

Registration activity in the Canadian Galloway Association in 2016 saw a 33% increase in the number of animals registered compared to 2015. There were a total of 426 animals registered in 2016, consisting of 133 bulls and 293 heifers. This number includes 344 solid colour Galloways, 48 Belted Galloways, 14 White Galloways and 20 Belted Galloway Appendix animals. Of the solid colour animals, 247 were black, 60 were dun and 37 were red.

Of the total registrations, 50% were from Alberta, 38% from Ontario and 5% from Quebec, with the remaining 7% coming from the other provinces and the U.S.A.

The number of transfers was slightly lower than in 2015, with a total of 211 animals of all types having been transferred. 33 animals were transferred for export to the United States in 2016.

The membership in the Association for 2016 totaled 104, including 84 senior members, 15 associate members and 5 junior members.

In 2016, the transition to SNP testing at Delta Genomics for Galloways and many other breeds took place. While DNA microsatellite testing is still accepted for registration purposes, SNP testing is now the recommended technology and the test kits being issued by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation are for SNP testing at Delta Genomics in Edmonton, unless the breeder request otherwise. During the year, all hairs that were on file at Genserve Laboratories Inc. were transferred to Delta Genomics.

Submitted by Ron Black, Secretary-Treasurer

## *Activites De La SCG En 2016*


En 2016, la Société canadienne Galloway a marqué une augmentation de 33% dans le nombre d'animaux enregistrés versus 2015. Il y avait un total de 426 animaux enregistrés en 2016 – 133 taureaux et 293 génisses. Ce nombre comprend 344 Galloways de couleur solide, 48 à ceinture, 14 blancs et 20 dans la section appendice à ceinture. Parmi les animaux de couleur solide, il y en avait 247 noirs, 60 louvets et 37 rouges. Du nombre total d'enregistrements, il y en avait 50% de l'Alberta, 38% de l'Ontario et 5% du Québec – le dernier 7% comprenait des animaux des autres provinces et des États-Unis.

Il y avait une légère diminution dans le nombre d'animaux transférés en 2016 – 211 animaux de tous les types – 33 ont été exportés aux États-Unis.

En 2016, il y avait un total de 104 membres – 84 séniors, 15 associés et 5 juniors.

En 2016, la transition aux tests SNP avec Delta Genomics a eu lieu pour les Galloway et plusieurs autres associations de bovins. L'analyse de microsatellites ADN est toujours acceptée pour but d'enregistrement mais le test SNP est maintenant la technologie recommandée. La Société canadienne d'enregistrement des animaux délivre les trousseaux SNP pour analyse chez Delta Genomics à Edmonton à moins d'avis contraire par l'éleveur. Au cours de l'année, tous les échantillons de poils qui étaient entreposés chez GenServe Laboratories Inc. ont été transférés à Delta Genomics.

Soumis par Ron Black, Secrétaire-trésorier



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# Commercial Galloways: Meeting the Markets

The Tesoriero Family share their journey with Galloways...

We are John, Joanne, Nicky, Tim and Zeena Tesoriero and operate a family farm, "Wyanbah", near Bingara on the North West Slopes and Plains of New South Wales. We run a standard black Galloway stud based on commercial principles, and a composite herd of beef cattle (predominantly Galloway/Angus).

We also operate a cropping area for forage and grain production. Our soils are predominantly basalt with some loamy ridges. Our supposed average annual rainfall is 730 mls but over the last five years the average has been closer to 500 mls.

We bought our first Galloway cattle in 1992, which consisted of one bull Kaidenth Kasehard, one cow Kaidenth Carol with a heifer calf at foot, and one in calf

cow, Glenkelso Erica. At that time we were situated between Stanthorpe and Warwick, in Queensland. These were purchased with savings from selling firewood – hence our name "Fireglow". The amber tinges on the tips of the hair of the black Galloways were also relevant to our name. We chose Galloways because we had read about them and we discussed the breed with a New Zealand friend. He was a Red Poll breeder but had great experiences with Galloways. He always told the story of working on a beef property in New Zealand. The buyers came to the property to purchase Angus steers but if there weren't enough to fill the truck they would load some black Galloways. After a while the buyers would say, "We'll load the Galloways first then fill it with Angus". That was testament enough for us.

We were so impressed with our



*John and Joanne Tesoriero*

small start that in 1995 we made a trip to Wodonga for the annual Galloway Show and Sale. We purchased two bulls – Southern Cross Nicholas and Budawang Nathan. We used these bulls in our commercial herd for crossbreeding and in our stud.

We then purchased more cows from the Southern Cross stud in 1997 followed by Southern Cross Roger, Southern Cross Rifleman and Globex Telstar. We attended shows around Warwick and the Toowoomba Royal for approximately nine years and sold a number of bulls to stud and commercial cattle breeders.

In 2002 we took our show team to Canberra for the world conference. In the year leading up to Canberra we also attended the Warwick, Killarney and Texas shows, as well as the Toowoomba and Brisbane Royals.

The first year that we took our Galloways to Toowoomba, we were very nervous about how the judges and spectators would react to our Galloways. Not many people know of Galloways. Our judge was Bill Mayne of Texas Angus. Bill and his family have bred Angus for decades. Bill was very complimentary. He said, "You don't see Galloways in Queensland, they are more found in Victoria & Southern New South Wales. These breeders have done an excellent job presenting these cattle and the breed deserves more recognition than it receives. Galloway cattle perform well in feed trials and carcase competitions and are an outstanding beef breed". We were often the only Galloway breeders showing and were always awarded grand



*Galloways and their crosses grazing on oats during one of the better seasons at John and Joanne's property, "Wyanbah".*



champion for the breed, so our main gratification came from competing in the interbreed judging. It was not unusual at Toowoomba Royal for up to 27 beef breeds to be represented and it was very exciting to be placed in the top ten breeds, competing against "the best of the best".

When we moved to Bingara, New South Wales in 2003 we were completely commercially focussed. We purchased 561 hectares and then a further 215 hectares in 2005. As we were transitioning from 70 breeders to 250 breeders we had to purchase and retain a number of females to reach our target. Consequently over the years we have trialled different breeds and their crosses with our Galloways. Our commercial females are based on a cross breed of Galloway, Angus, Hereford, Red Poll, Murray Grey, and Brangus. In the commercial world it has been difficult to market pure Galloway cattle, because they are unknown. All of these crosses have been successful, although Galloway/Angus is a standout cross for us.

Our aim for the commercial breeding herd is to be 50% Galloway/50%Angus. By having "Scottish Blacks" we have a Bos Taurus herd but still have hybrid vigour in crossing the Galloway and the Angus. We say, "The only way to improve an Angus herd is with a Galloway bull". The Galloway breed adds excellent

traits in a cross breeding enterprise. These traits include fertility, temperament, structure (feet, length of body, thickness) and longevity.

In a commercial breeding herd, fertility is number 1 priority. A calf on the ground is money in the bank. Our area has suffered with drought considerably over the last 10 years. Our neighbours who have comparative herd sizes have recorded PTIC results of 50-60%. In good seasons we record PTIC results of 93% but in the diabolical year of 2014 we had a PTIC rate of 85%. We would like to think good management has played a role, but genuinely believe our Galloway genetics deserve the accolades.

Our herd needs to be functional. Our cattle need:-

- Sound feet, that can carry that bovine animal to feed and water and support the bull to service his cows
- Good strong bone that also carries that body
- Body (length and depth). This is the formula for high saleable meat yield
- Reproductive system. Bulls need to be structured to perform their job – get cows in calf quickly, with no harm to himself or the cows. The bulls and cows need to be structured for calving ease.
- A calm temperament is essential for many reasons. Improved weight gains, excellent carcass quality and safety for animal and human



*Scottish Black bulls are currently used in composite herd at Fireglow. The photo of a Scottish Black Amberley Park bull purchased six years ago, has not been photo shopped... he is that long and last weighed at over 1100kg!*

- Longevity is often referred to when talking about the Galloway breed. Cows and bulls that last and last must increase productivity. Our local vet claims that the average working life of a bull is 2.4 years. If a bull produces 35 calves per year, this is approximately 85 calves for his lifetime, and if the average price of a bull is \$6,000, then those calves have cost \$70.00 per head to breed. We have had Galloway bulls that have been 10 years of age before we have sold them. Not because they have broken down etc but because we can no longer use them in our breeding herd.

A Galloway carcass has amazing qualities. It is:

- Tender
- Juicy
- Flavoursome

We are always assessing and evaluating our business, and our business is selling quality beef.

- Our customers want black Bos Taurus cattle that perform in the paddock and in feedlots.

- Angus and Angus cross



*On the left the Fireglow Galloway team, on the right the Angus team in the beef interbreed Toowoomba Royal.*



*A Fireglow 2 year old Scottish Black heifer with her first calf.*



cattle are very popular and there are numerous premium markets for these cattle.

- We are using genetics from Black Galloways and Black Angus to breed "Scottish Blacks". Cattle are our business and they too are assessed and evaluated on a regular basis. We use performance records to help us with our assessment. Individual animals have a track record – PTIC results, calving history, calf weaning weights. This is crucial to ensure our herd is moving forward in productivity.

For a number of years we have concentrated solely on our commercial beef enterprise and sourced our Scottish Black and Galloway bulls from Amberley Park. As Amberley Park has taken a different direction, we have purchased a portion of the elite Galloway and Angus genetics from Malcolm and Carol. It is our passion and goal to continue the aims of Amberley Park and breed quality Galloways and Scottish Blacks. Through this we aim to enhance our commercial herd and improve the profitability of other stud and commercial breeders of Black Galloways and Scottish Blacks through the sale of bulls and females.

Marketing from a commercial point of view has been the biggest hurdle for our Galloways. When times are good any breed is popular and relatively easy to sell. But when it is dry or there are other market influences then prices drop dramatically and usually Angus or black baldies are the preferred breed, and other breeds are discounted heavily for no rational reason.

We have researched and tried a few different markets:-

- Direct to public saleyards – we only use this avenue for cull animals
- Direct to butchers – tried this, as soon as they find something cheaper there is no loyalty
- Direct to consumer – i.e. farmers' markets, home deliveries. A survey of potential customers was done and the results were that our location was

too remote and most consumers would only buy maximum of 5kg lots. We often have visitors and they rave about our beef, and we sometimes sell a quarter or half a body to friends, but it is not the core of our business.

- Direct to Abattoirs for grass fed premium. There are specifications for this market also. Stock cannot be fed any genetically modified feeds (e.g. cottonseed), they cannot be fed any cereal grains (this includes cereal crop grown for grazing but has some seed growing on it). Hormone growth treatments (which we don't use anyway) cannot be used and neither can antibiotics. As our region experiences some very dry seasons, we do not always have fresh green feed available for stock all of the time.

- Direct to Woolworths. The cattle need to be supplementary grain fed and finished. Stock must meet their rigid specifications (including MSA). The specifications include a carcass weight between 220 and 285 kg and a fat depth on the P8 site of 4-16mm. The cattle must have their milk teeth or have only 2 permanent teeth.

- Direct to backgrounders and feedlots. Different backgrounders and feedlots will have different breed

requirements and specifications, such as accepting cattle with only milk teeth, and live weights ranging anywhere from 250kg to 450kg.

Woolworths, backgrounders and feedlots have been our best options. We have built relationships with our purchasing clients and they are now happy to take our cattle without prior inspection. We need these relationships so that we know the buyers and they know our cattle. Most people are shy of the unknown and that first introduction to Galloway cattle is hard, because the Galloways are not yet branded or famous in the beef industry.

When we recall our New Zealand mate's experience, we question what has happened in the last 30-40 years that has caused the Angus to be so popular? "Marketing and a united focus" is the key. The Angus breeders have been great marketers and have been so focussed on their goal and vision. This is what Galloway breeders need to be. Let our Galloway cattle do what they do best – "grow great beef" and let their masters unite and show the world how great Galloway cattle are.



*Fireglow Scottish Black steers 15-18 months 420-500 kg to suit the domestic market. Similar Fireglow steers were recently sold to a local feedlot for \$3.50 kg live weight, 10 -12 months to gross \$1120 a head. Feedback from the feedlot was that their weight gain was up to 2.74kg/day.*





As I age, I can not believe how fast a year goes by! It seems like it was only yesterday that I sat down to write last year's Advance report. So here we are again!

The ECGA grew this year by two memberships!

Our juniors started their year off in London at Junior Beef Expo... Ruth Dedman, Chelsea Weiler and Shelby McIlwraith showed their heifers. Glenfiddich Galloways did a draw giving a junior a chance to win straws of Galloway semen from the bull of their choice.



Patti Blake was awarded Brussels Fair Ambassador... what an incredible achievement for this young lady! Congratulations again, Patti.

The summer proved humid and hot with very little rain...thank goodness that our Galloway World Congress was in Scotland! We were able to cool down and enjoy some true Scottish weather. We saw beautiful scenery, excellent cattle and were shown a great time! It was great to see old friends and make new ones.

The ECGA hosted the Canadian AGM in Campbellville, Ontario at the end of August. It was nice to have so many new faces attend the meeting. Glenfiddich Galloways hosted the bbq after.. thanks to all who came out to the meeting.

We attended the Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock in September. We were in a new location, and because of this, I believe we did not see the crowds we normally do. The Salter/Blake family attended the International Ploughing Match with their cattle display.



Suncrest, Sunrise, Killowent, Cedarmill, Dedmandale and Glenfiddich all helped to promote the breed through our local fall fairs. Ruth, Chelsea, Shelby and Patti participated in the Scott Van Kampen Memorial Showmanship class at Erin Fall Fair. It was tough but Shelby gets to put her name on the plaque for 2016.

Ruth, Shelby and Chelsea went on to the Royal Winter fair and showed in the Masterfeeds Junior Beef Heifer Show. They exhibited their heifers in an All Other Breed class. There were two heats, Ruth and Chelsea placed 3rd and 4th. Shelby and Cece were awarded Reserve Grand Champion! Congratulations to all junior show (wo)man on their excellent year!

A big thank you to Tony Onufer, Marie Blake and girls, and Clayton Salter for once again providing a wonderful and informative display of cattle at the Royal... many people stopped by to chat and the three bull calves were very happy with the attention they received.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2017...  
Ciaran McIlwraith-Yool





# 2016 World Galloway Council

Sunday 7th August 2016 held at Gretna Hall Hotel, Gretna, Scotland

## AGENDA

### Welcome & Opening of Meeting

President Scott McKinnon welcomed everyone to the conference and opened the Meeting at 10:15.

Scott then asked everyone to stand when their country was announced. Representatives from the following countries: Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, France, Norway, New Zealand, Lithuania, Switzerland, USA, United Kingdom present.

### Delegates

Australian Belted Galloway - Ashleigh Michael & Kerry Heazlewood  
Australian Galloway Association - Shane Smeathers & Malcolm Cock  
Galloway Australia - Colin McNeil & Greg Stuart  
Belted Galloway Society USA - Jon Bednarski & Vic Eggleston  
Belted Galloway Society UK - Natalie Spedding & Tim Oliver  
Galloway Cattle Society GB - Andrew McConchie & Scott McKinnon  
Galloway Cattle Society NZ - Barry McAlley & Angela McNaughton  
Swiss Galloway Association - Berchtold von Fischer & Helene Keller  
Denmark Galloway Association - Tina Skriver Jensen & Lars John Jensen  
American Galloway Association - Harley Blegen & Eli Berry  
Canadian Galloway Association - Brad Card & John McIlwraith  
German Galloway Association - Horst Kraft & Georg Menke  
Austrian Galloway Association - Wolfgang Reschl  
Riggit Galloway Cattle UK - Anton Coaker & Alison Bunning

### Apologies

None

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Read by Jane Bradley

Minutes approved by Agatha Winters, 2nd by Barry McAlley. CARRIED

### Business arising from Minutes

None

### President's Report

Scott McKinnon advised the meeting that in the UK cattle numbers are stable, however there is a large swing to Native breeds. There has been a big promotion of the Galloway breed. There has been a huge amount of work done to organise the conference and the herd visits. The herds to be visited are all commercial based operations and focuses on Commercial traits.

### General Business

#### 1. The Original World Galloway Council

Barry McAlley as a founding member of the World Galloway Council gave a brief outline of what the objectives were when the World Galloway Council was established in 1998.

- The objective was to facilitate the coming together of all Galloway & Belted Galloway enthusiasts
- To organise the hosting of a conference every two years.
- To assist the Hosting Association with the promotion of the conferences
- To assist with the distribution of information

Each Association can nominate 2 delegates

A President to be appointed from the next Hosting Association, a Vice President to be appointed from the Association to host the conference in 4 years time.

#### 2. World Galloway Website

Alistair McIlwraith has kept the Website up to date, however he is unable to continue to do so. We need to appoint someone to continue to do this. Our thanks to be sent to Alistair for all his work regarding the set up and maintenance of the site to date.



- John McIlwraith nominated Georg Menke – Nomination declined.
- Anton Coaker proposed that the Host Association for the next conference administer and maintain the website – 2nd by Merlin Bradley. CARRIED

3. Scott McKinnon advised the Conference of the passing of Sonja Kofoed-Phil. Sonja organised the World Galloway Conference in Denmark and has attended conferences since. Scott asked the Conference to stand in memory of Sonja. Condolences sent to Niels-Erik Nielsen

## **Appointment of Office Bearers**

### **President**

Ian Marjarsen Nominate by Merlin Bradley, 2nd Barry McAlley

Judith McKinnon Nominated by Roger Rankin, 2nd Tony Laing

A silent vote was carried out by the delegates of the conference. Judith McKinnon was appointed as President of the World Galloway Conference.

### **Vice-President**

Jon Bednarski Nominated by Vic Eggleston, 2nd Andre LeMatre

No Further nominations - Jon was appointed Vice-President

### **Secretary**

Jane Bradley Nominated by Roger Rankin, 2nd Barry McAuley

No Further nominations – Jane appointed Secretary

## **Invitation from the Australian Belted Galloway Association to attend the 2018 World Galloway Conference**

Judith McKinnon invited everyone to attend the 2018 World Galloway Conference to Adelaide on 6th to 9th September 2018. Judith gave an outline of the attractions of Adelaide. There will be Galloways, Belted Galloways, White Galloways & Miniature Galloways in the show at Adelaide. There will be tours organised pre and post the conference to other areas of Australia.

## **Dates & Venues for future World Galloway Conferences**

2020 - The Belted Galloway Society, Inc of USA

Jon Bednarski gave an outline of where the 2020 Conference will be held in Lewisville, Kentucky in November 2020

2022 – Swiss Galloway Association will host the 2022 Conference

## **Association Reports**

American Galloway Breeders Association  
 Australian Belted Galloway Association  
 Australian Galloway Association  
 Galloways Australia  
 Belted Galloway Cattle Society UK  
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 Horst Kraft  
 Wolfgang Reschl Riggitt  
 Anton Coaker

## **Close of Meeting**

Scott McKinnon thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1:30.



# *Congratulations to Russel Horvey and Family of Big Deal Galloways for 50 years of commitment*



## *In Memory of Donald Alexander Robertson*



June 5, 1934 - June 4, 2016

The Canadian Galloway Association (CGA) lost another Ambassador of the Galloway breed of cattle and loyal member of the association this year. Don bought his first Galloways in 1982 from the Argaldon herd owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Cadden. Don owned and bred one of the largest purebred herds of Galloway cattle under the prefix "GOWRIE." In Don's 34 years with the CGA he sold purebred cattle through out

Canada east to west, and exported to USA, Germany and Russia. Don was an active member of CGA and held positions of Director, Executive Secretary, and President. Don supported Eastern Galloway Association promotion and advertising activities. Don and his family promoted and showed Galloway cattle at the Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, Saskatchewan, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto, Ontario and World Beef Expo Madison, Wisconsin USA. Don was a big supporter of genetic evaluation and improvement of the breed. Gowrie bulls were included in programs for feed test evaluation and DNA genetic evaluation. Don and his family always welcomed visitors for inspection

of his herd and many also enjoyed his great hospitality including Faye's good home cooking. In 2012 Don and his family also invited members of the Galloway World Congress to tour the Gowrie and Tri-R-Way herds and enjoyed meeting so many people who share the same interest in Galloway cattle.

Don started farming when he was 16 years old with his dad and brothers. In 1959 Don in partnership with his Dad took over the operations of his family's home farm. Don and Faye started out with Purebred Holsteins and shipped milk for 50 years. Don and Faye raised a family and worked side by side for 57 years. Don was also a member of the Canadian Holstein association and owned a small flock of purebred Suffolk sheep with Scot. Don's legacy to his family, grandchildren and friends will be the memories of his hard work, love for farming, honesty and devotion to his family. Don never passed an opportunity to offer help or assistance when needed.

Don passed away peacefully at home where he was born, surrounded by family ending his battle with cancer. He will be missed by Faye, his 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Don's son Scot, daughter in law Mary and grandsons Brian and Jay will continue to raise Galloway cattle and share his enthusiasm of the breed into the future.



# Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain & Ireland

## *2016 Annual Report*

Hello 2017. With every new year we have renewed hope of the year to come, but you have to say goodbye to the old year - 2016, a year which we started planning for over two and half years ago. We were delighted to host the Galloway World Congress, we just never thought there would be so many of our fellow breeders and friends wanting to attend. With 240 delegates from over 15 different countries it was a challenge to accommodate and move everyone around the country. We do hope you all enjoyed yourselves and took some great memories away with you. Thank you for coming, we very much enjoyed having you and hope it is not too long before we see you in the home of Galloway.

With the World congress and our annual events 2016 has passed in a blink of an eye, it hardly seems any time since our spring sales in Castle Douglas and Carlisle. Our sales in the spring were disappointing especially for the bulls, but this was in keeping with the other breeds. The uncertainty of our subsidies from

Europe, meant farmers were not spending the money. Talking about Europe you will know that in the summer the British public voted to leave Europe, much has been said and there is much uncertainty about the plan to leave and whether we will be better or worse off financially. At the moment it has made the pound weaker against the euro, which has given the farmer a better price for beef and lamb, lets hope increased prices for all our goods continues.

We have enjoyed a fairly good summer, although we could have done with a few weeks of dry weather together, for many people it was a struggle to get a good hay crop and August and September were wet, but it is amazing, the weather normally averages itself out and we had the most spectacular backend (fall) with the most amazing autumn colours. Most of the shows enjoyed good weather and we are indebted to our exhibitors for keeping the Galloway breed in the public eye. Our Royal Highland show is certainly

one of the best if not the best show in the UK and if you decided to visit, I would recommend attending this fabulous show which is held in late June.

In 2016 our national show returned after a two year absence and what a show our exhibitors put on for the World Congress. It was certainly a highlight for me seeing a fantastic show of cattle in front of a world audience. There are many photos on our web site which I hope you have a look at. Below are the reports from our 2016 main events, photos of the World congress are on our web page, [www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk](http://www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk), if you would like a copy of any of them, I would be delighted to email a copy to you. You can also keep up to date with all our activities on our web site.

On behalf of the UK Galloway Cattle Society I would like to wish all our friends around the World a very happy and healthy 2017 and hope to see you very soon.

## *Castle Douglas Spring Show & Sale* **Wallets Marts Castle Douglas**

February 12, 2016 Judge: Mr Willie McCornick, Barquhill, Newton Stewart

### **Male Champion:**

Troloss Juggernaut - Troloss Farms

### **Reserve Male Champion:**

Jock of Balgray - David & Rosemarie Cornthwaite

### **Female Champion:**

Blackcraig Dusty V514 - Finlay Family

### **Reserve Female Champion:**

Nerys Vienna of Nether Cleugh - Peter Hunter Blair & Sons  
Duncan & Andrew

### **Top Selling Male:**

Troloss Juggernaut - Elvanfoot

### **Top Selling Female:**

Blackcraig Dusty V514 - Finlay Family

### **Averages:**

16 Bulls - £2598.75 (+£1136.25)  
12 Led Heifers - £1732.50 (+£468.12)  
13 Unled Heifers - £1235.76 (+£260.49)  
1 Steer - £10506

## *Royal Highland Show* **Edinburgh, Scotland**

June 23-26, 2016 Judges: Mr Dennis Gall, Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway

### **Male and Overall Champion**

Messrs J Finlay with Blackcraig Sid

### **Reserve Male Champion**

J & S Ross with Turbo Tam of Nether Cleugh

### **Female Champion and Reserve Overall**

Troloss Farms with Troloss Jackie

### **Reserve Female Champion**

J & S Ross with Beauty 1437 of Romesbeoch

### **Junior Champion**

J & S Ross with Lady Diana 1669 of Romesbeoch

### **Reserve Junior Champion**

Messrs D & R Cornthwaite with Leo of Balgray



# 2016 Galloway National Show

## Dumfries and Lockerbie Show

August 6, 2016 Judges: Mr Gibb McMillain, Over Barskeoch, Dalry, Castle Douglas

### Male and Overall Champion

Messrs J Finlay with Blackcraig Sid

### Female Champion:

Troloss Farms with Troloss Jackie

### Reserve Overall

David & Rosemarie Cornthwaite with Lady Silverbell 11th

### Reserve Female Champion

Michael McCornick with Barquill Dusty H747

### Reserve Male Champion:

Klondike Farms Ltd. with Coldplay of Fingland

*To end this fabulous day, Blackcraig Sid was awarded the Champion of Champions, a deserving winner over the other 13 beef breeds.*



Blackcraig Sid - Galloway National Show Champion 2016 at the Dumfries Show. Overall Beef Interbreed Champion at Dumfries Show and Royal Highland Show Galloway overall Champion 2016.

David and Rosemarie Cornthwaite of Balgray Hill, Lockerbie received the interbreed Pair championship over thirteen other pairs at the popular Westmorland County Show with Leo of Balgray an 18 month old Ballavair Black Magic son and Lady Silverbell 11th of Gall-way, this 23 month old Lochnagar of Gall-way daughter was reserve overall Galloway breed Champion at the recent Galloway National Show at Dumfries and Lockerbie show. Leo of Balgray also received first in the bull class and champion in the any other breed section, with the Cornthwaite's senior bull, Ballavair Black Magic receiving reserve champion in the same section.





## *Congratulations..*

to the 4-H members who received CGA awards in 2016,  
they are as follows:

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Wyatt Sheppard  
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Congratulations to each of these kids, who received \$50,  
except Caden who received \$100.




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## ACGA Junior Members Share...

This was my fourth year in 4-H and I decided to show my purebred Galloway heifer, Glenfiddich Cece.

I started the show season at the Junior Beef Expo. After that I went to seven fall fairs; South Niagara, Aberfoyle, Acton, Caledonia, Rockton, Erin and the Royal - just to name a few. At our 4-H show at Rockton, I received Champion Heifer and Reserve Champion Show Person. At Erin, I received Champion Female in the Galloway Show and received the Scott Van Kampen Memorial Award. My last show of the season, I received Reserve Champion, All Other Breeds and made it back to the semi-finalist in Showmanship.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me out this year and I am looking forward to next season.

Thank you,

*Shelly McIlwraith*



Hello, my name is David MacTaggart! During my eighth and final year as a member of the Central Lacombe 4-H Beef Club, I was fortunate to participate in many 4-H events from the club level to the national level. In November of 2015, I travelled to Toronto during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to compete in the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition. There I was selected as the winner from a group of very talented youth. My speech was titled, "How is climate change affecting Canadian Agriculture?" As the Lacombe and District 4-H president I chaired the organizing committee for our family dance in March. It was an excellent night with seventy-five people from around the West-Central Region in attendance. At

4-H Alberta Selections in May, I was privileged to be chosen as an ambassador for the West-Central region. That month, I also participated in our District Achievement Day. There I displayed my show steer, commercial heifer and two year old Galloway cow calf pair. They all performed very well at the show. Throughout the summer I partook in provincial 4-H programming such as the Provincial Beef Heifer Show in Olds while also staffing Key Member Unlocked at Lakeland College. We concluded the year as a club with a legacy pie social to celebrate the beginning of 100 years of 4-H Alberta. Now a junior leader, I organized this event at the Lacombe Agricultural Pavilion. Many club members and alumni were attended our celebration. My career as a 4-H member has been an incredible journey. I would like to thank all of my leaders, fellow members and those involved with the Galloway breed for teaching me many valuable lessons along the way.

*David MacTaggart*







## Biography:

Dr. Colin Palmer is an Associate Professor of Theriogenology (Animal Reproduction) at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Originally from Nova Scotia, Dr. Palmer worked in mixed practices in Ontario and British Columbia and has owned/operated a practice in Saskatchewan. Dr. Palmer along with his wife Kim and children Lauren, Emily and Carter run a herd of purebred Red Angus cattle under the KC Cattle Co. name.

## Tips on Managing the Newly Purchased Bull

My last article offered pointers on selecting bulls for your breeding program, but what happens when you get your bull home can have a tremendous impact on his reproductive success and your satisfaction with your purchase.

Many producers lack adequate facilities to house bulls; therefore, the preference is often to put off delivery as long as possible; hopefully just before he is needed. Arrival at a new facility is stressful for any animal – add to this a change in diet, social dominance issues, fighting, major or minor injuries, exposure to new bacteria and viruses to name a few. In an ideal world every bull would have his own pen since mixing of bulls invariably results in fighting to establish dominance. If mixing is to occur then bulls should be placed according to age/ size. Yearlings with yearlings; two-year olds and older together. Even better would be to mix two-year olds and mature bulls in their own respective groups. My preference when mixing bulls is that all go into a new pen together as opposed to introducing a single bull to an established group. Fighting will still occur, but the new guy is less likely to be the focus. Similarly, when putting bulls to pasture try to place young bulls with young bulls and mature bulls with mature bulls. Mixing age groups invariably results in the mature bull dominating the younger bull and interfering in his breeding attempts. If you want to use the younger bulls in this breeding group, let the mature bulls breed for the first cycle or two of the breeding season, remove them, and then follow with the younger bulls. This will also give the younger bulls more time to mature and fewer cows to breed.

The two main causes of declines in sperm quality are heat and stress. Heat may come from a fever, inflammation of the scrotum or an increase in environmental temperature. Fat deposits in the neck of the scrotum can also impair the testicular cooling mechanism. Pain, soreness from fighting, bad weather are some of the causes of stress; however, the stressor needs to be of about 3 to 4 days duration to have a negative effect on sperm quality. Chasing a bull up a chute won't do it! The severity and duration of the heat and stress largely determine how bad the sperm will be affected and for how long. A single severe case of footrot may affect sperm production so dramatically that the bull will not have a satisfactory semen count (>70% morphologically normal) for the entire summer. Heat and stress can occur at the same time with a single condition. Bulls that are very sick for a few to several weeks may undergo testicular degeneration where the testicles actually shrink in size, sperm production is virtually eliminated and the few that are present are abnormal. Surprisingly, I have seen bulls recover from degeneration, but several months are required. Heat and stress tend to result in the appearance of the same sperm defects

which appear sequentially in the semen sample as the sperm enter the ejaculatory pool similar to the appearance of specific birth defects being linked to the stage of gestation when the toxin was consumed. Relatively minor cases of stress can result in an increase in sperm midpiece defects; specifically, the distal midpiece defect. The spermatogenic response to stress varies between bulls with some showing the defect and others not, but we do know that it is usually short-lived with many showing a full recovery in as little as 7 to 10 days.

We recommend 1 yearling to be placed with 15 to 20 cycling cows. "Yearling" is loosely used when referring to bulls 12 to 18 months of age. Two-year olds and older - 1 bull per 25 to 30 cows. Individuals in both age groups can handle more cows, but management must watch closely to ensure that cows are getting pregnant in a timely fashion and that the bull(s) do not lose excess condition or get injured. Bulls with larger scrotal circumferences produce more sperm and are more likely to settle more cows in a shorter time-frame than smaller scrotalled bulls.

Yearling bulls are commonly fed grain-based concentrate diets to grow them prior to sale. The more fleshy bulls are typically the best fed and can often have a hard time adapting to a forage-based diet at the same time that they are supposed to be breeding cows – hence the so-called "melting" phenomenon. When your bull is delivered ask what he has been fed and try to feed him similarly. If the breeder has moved him to a largely forage ration then great. Hopefully, it wasn't just the day before! If concentrate was being fed, try your best to pick up the same or similar feed and continue feeding him at about 50 to 70% of what he was being fed and reduce the amount gradually until the desired amount is reached. The remainder of the ration should be good quality hay with a total ration protein content of at least 12%.

Hard working bulls usually lose some condition throughout the breeding season, but excessive weight loss should be avoided. It is common for yearling bulls to lose up to 2 cm in scrotal circumference between the beginning and end of breeding season. Yearling bulls are still growing and will serve a single cow many more times than a mature bull; usually at the expense of their own appearance. Inexperienced bulls are also more prone to breeding injuries; therefore, overuse should be avoided otherwise his first breeding season could be his last. Yearling and two-year old bulls should be pulled from the breeding field long before the cows come home and fed carefully to restore them to breeding condition for next year. Always vaccinate your bulls with the same vaccines used in the cow herd and consider employing a footrot vaccine.





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