

Report From Scotland

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

25TH TO 28TH June 2009. Judge: - Mr Gib McMillan, Over Barskeoch, Dalry, Castle Douglas

Never has one breed dominated the four days at the Highland show. The Galloway breed enjoyed a tremendous show, winning all the major trophies, individual, native interbreed, interbreed and pairs to dominate the cattle championships at Scotland's premiere show.

The star of the show was Blackcraig Kodiak exhibited by Willie MacLean and his daughter Lynne, from Inverglenn, Barcaldine, Oban. This six year old bull was bred by John and Ann Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock and is by the well-known sire Glenkiln Dynamite 1K and out of the renowned Bertha family. Kodiak was part of all the celebrations on Friday along with Doon of Urr Nerys 42nd from Jim and Selina Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead and Blackcraig Noreen from John and Ann Finlay, Blackcraig. They won the native team of three.

On Saturday they were joined with John and Ann's other heifer Blackcraig Diana 0222, to make up a team of four and secure the prestigious

interbreed trophy. Judge Peter Donger, from the Charolais and Saler Seawell herd, described them as a 'tremendous well-balanced team' Earlier in the day Peter Donger had no hesitation in placing Kodiak best overall in the individual award. "He is the best Galloway I have ever seen" he said. This is the first time since 1974 and the introduction of the continental breeds that the Galloways have won the individual award and to come out top over the 12 other cattle breeds and 1051 beef entries is a fantastic achievement for a minority breed.

For the first time in many years the Society was represented with a breed stand, this proved a very wise decision as it gave members a meeting place to watch the week's events unfold, some where to celebrate and welcome new and old friends. At next years show the Society will be represented with a stand and we would be delighted to welcome all our friends from near and far.

Leading Awards

**Rosette for best Junior Female,
born on or after 24th June 2007**
J & A Finlay - Blackcraig Noreen P260

**The Francis Gourlay Galloway Cattle Society
Memorial Challenge Cup, Rosette for best Female**
J & A Finlay - Blackcraig Noreen P260

Rosette for reserve Female
J & A Finlay - Blackcraig Noreen P260

**Rosette for best Junior Bull,
born on or after 24th June 2007**
Klondyke Farms Ltd – Klondyke Powerplay

**The Galloway Cattle Society 100th Show
Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup, Rosette for
best Bull**
William MacLean – Blackcraig Kodiak

Rosette for best reserve bull
J,M, & D Maxwell – Blackcraig Lunatic

Bronze Medal for Breeder of best Bull
J & A Finlay

**Junior Champion Prize of £25,
Rosette for best Junior Animal, born on or after
24th June 2007**
J & A Finlay - Blackcraig Noreen P260

**Rosette for reserve Junior animal
born on or after 24th June 2007**
Klondyke Farms Ltd – Klondyke Powerplay

Rosette of reserve Animal
J & A Finlay, Blackcraig,
Corsock, Castle Douglas

Rosette for best Animal bred by Exhibitor
J & A Finlay, Blackcraig,
Corsock, Castle Douglas

Special cash prize, Breedplan UK prize of £25, Prize of £50, Champion Medal, Dr William Heughan Memorial Trophy, The Dr Gillespie Memorial Challenge Trophy, Rosette for herdsman in charge of best Animal.
Willie MacLean

The Reid - Walker Perpetual Challenge bowl for best Group, consisting of one Bull and two Females all being the property of one Exhibitor
J & S Ross, Romesbeoch,
Shawhead, Dumfries

The Tordarroch Perpetual Challenge Trophy
for the Exhibitor gaining most points in the Galloway Classes
J & S Ross.

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SPRING SHOW

Wallets' Marts, Castle Douglas

Two-day show and sale – Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February, 2009.

Judges:-Bulls, Mr Peter Hunter Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry, Castle Douglas
Females, Mr John Wood, Kingledores, Biggar, Lanarkshire

Galloway were very much in demand at the Society's premier sale, which ensured a bumper trade for the excellent show forward, this resulted in one of the best sales for more than a decade. Once again all sections broke the four figure average with averages for served heifers up over £200.

It was a bull from the pre-show judge Mr Peter Hunter Blair, Nether Cleugh, Dalry, which received the top price of the day, obviously unable to show, his sole bull entry Prancer of Nether Cleugh was sold to new member Exmoor Forest Farm, Devon for 5500gns. This 16-month old Doon of Urr Anonymous son and out of the top show heifer, Foxgolve Madonna of Nether Cleugh was first prize bull calf at Dumfries and Peebles shows.

The champion bull was Klondyke Overdrive from Klondyke Farms, Shancastle Farm, Moniaive, Thornhill, sold for 4000gns to Keith Smith, another breeder looking to upsize his pedigree and commercial Galloway herd, from Greenacre Lodge, Skerne, Driffield. This Klondyke Legend

son and out of the heifer Klondyke Whacko, was the first ever championship ticket for stockman Scott McKinnon.

Making their début at the sale was father and son team Jimmy and George Irving of Mountbenger, Selkirk, their reserve male champion was Mountbenger Ace is out of Kirkstead Moss Rose and sire by Penninghame Major, the bull sold for 2500gns to Germany.

The top priced female at 3100gns and female champion was Blackcraig Noreen O245 from noted breeders John and Ann Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock, Dumfries this 26 month old heifer by Klondyke Magnum is out of the best cow in the herd is off to new breeder Jamie McCurdy, Broguhshane, Ballymena, Northern Ireland. The reserve female was from Mr A M Brown, Drumhumphry, Corsock, Dumfries, Drumhumphry Hope 423 is by Blackcraig Idol and out of Drumhumphry Hope 111 and joined the consignment bought by Exmoor Forest Farm.

Prize List

2 year old male champion

Klondyke Overdrive, Klondyke Farms Ltd to Mr Smith, Greanacre Lodge, Skerne, Driffield for 4000gns

Reserve 2 year old male champion

Mountbenger Ace , M/s J F Irving & Son to Germany for 2500ngs

Senior Male Champion

Pedro of Romesboech, J & S Ross to M/s Heard Hughslade, Devon for 4000gns

Reserve Senior Male Champion

Penninghame Panorama, M/s A K McConchie & Co to M/s Winters for 2800gns

Junior Male Champion

Kirkstead Playboy, M/s R A McClymont & Son to M/s Cornelious, Devon for 3200gns

Reserve Junior Male Champion

Piccolo Pete of Romesbeoch, J & S Ross

Female Champion

Blackcraig Noreen O245, M/s J & A Finlay, to Mr McCurdy, NI for 3100gns

Reserve Female Champion

Drumhumphry Hope 423 to Exmoor Forest Farm for 1500gns.

Averages

19 Bulls £2625 (+£748.12), 53 bulling heifers £1008.59 (-£2.07), 15 served heifers £1272.50 (+213.11)