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points. Two White Galloways prepared by Queanbeyan High School also featured in the Medium Domestic class, and scored 68.5 and 76 points.

- Andrew Monaghan (Jandrew- 427), NSW

Celebrating 25 years at Lardner Park Farm World Field Day!



Stan and Lorna Robinson (*Cumbria*, 6-ABGA and *Koralea*, 87-ABGA)), pictured above, attained twenty-five years of exhibiting at Lardner Field Day held 26-29 March this year. This magnificent achievement is extraordinary considering Stan and Lorna live three hours drive from Lardner.

The weather was kind to all at Lardner this year, lovely sunshine most days – though many would have been very happy to have rain instead of sunshine. Stan and Lorna had lots of interest this year, with several sales already completed. Considering the bad start to the year, this is a fantastic feat.



As always, the Beltie dinner was held on the Saturday night, with delightful food and company. As a total surprise, Stan and Lorna were presented with a beautiful chocolate mud cake – with an edible photo of *Cumbria Bewaldeth Zigmund* (6198-

ABGA) on the top, and a small gift. Its not often you surprise Lorna, but this certainly did!

Farm World is Australia's premier mixed farming Field Days and held at Lardner Park, near Warrugal, VIC. Over 650 exhibitors and 50,000 people attend the 4-day annual event. The dates for 2010 are 25-28 March.

Farm World also runs a steer trial which Beltie breeders may be interested in participating in – and its not just limited to Victorian breeders! For more information, go to www.lardnerpark.com.au and check out the steer trial section. Would be great to see you involved!

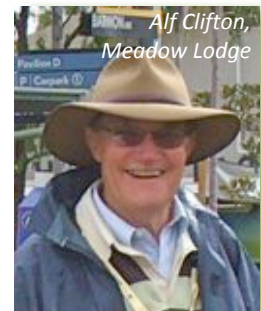
It was a great four days, and wonderful to catch up with fellow breeders. Congratulations Stan and Lorna on this achievement!

-Kerry Heazlewood, Victorian Councillor

2009 Sydney Royal NSW

Stud Belted Galloways were judged on Monday 21st April, with Open Steer judging held Thursday 16th April.

Like Canberra, numbers were substantially down compared to last year, with only three belties shown by studs new to the show ring, *Bekadan* (506 – ABGA, M & B Presland) and *Sassafras* (GC&BMA, J & K Astbury). However, it was a very enjoyable experience. Nice to see breeders such as Alf Clifton (who also presented ribbons), John Ford and Terry Pierce come along, all traveling the miles and armed with encouraging and enthusiastic words.



Results

Class 245 – Female, over 30 months

- 1st Bekadan Bonnie (M & B Presland)
- Senior Champion Female
- **BEST EXHIBIT**

Class 513 - Bull, over 20 & not over 30 months

- 1st Bekadan Caesar (M & B Presland)
- Senior Champion Bull
- Grand Champion Bull

Class 514 - Bull, over 30 & not over 36 months

- 1st Peppercorn Ben (J & K Astbury)
- Reserve Senior Champion Bull

(S520) Most Successful Belted Galloway Exhibitor

- 1st Bekadan (M & B Presland)

The judge, Bronwyn Nielsen described Peppercorn Ben as “a fine young bull with a big bold head, very mobile (loved his walk), nice muscle expression down through the hindquarter, later maturing, very sound and with lovely sire appeal.”

*Bekadan Caesar with breeder, Merv Presland
at Sydney Royal 2009*



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2009 Sydney Royal Cattle Show Weigh & Scan results

Bull	Kgs	Gain	Rump/Rib Fat (mm)	EMA* sq. cm
Bekadan Caesar	604	0.93	20/15	108
Peppercorn Ben	524	.50	8/5	88

* EMA was scanned and competitors informed but was not included on the competition weigh and scan sheet

Bekadan Caesar was described “with tremendous muscle from shoulder right through the top line, and with good convex expression in the hindquarter.” Further comments included “ amazing thickness and depth but did not exhibit too much muscle in the brisket.”

“A textbook-quality example of Belted Galloway female attributes,” was how Bekadan Bonnie’s description began. “Has depth through the barrel, adequate thickness, beautiful teat placement, and tracks beautifully. She exemplifies a quality matron.”

Judges were noted for positive commentary on the muscularity of both the belted and solid types of Galloways appearing in the male and female Interbreed classes.

Indeed, outside the show ring, the Senior Champion Galloway Bull, Mitchaliam Destroyer (*LMD D01 - AGA*) bred by Peter Koppman and owned by M&L Davis, was much commented on for his muscling by breeders of all breeds. Some even considered this bull the best carcass of the show.

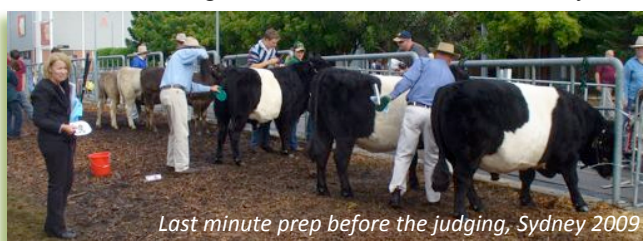
In stark contrast to last year’s Sydney Royal, where a record number of Belties were entered into the carcass competition, no Belties were eventually entered this year.

However, five solid Galloways were entered. Two were bred by Greg and Chris Stuart (*Minto*) and achieved 82 and 67.5 points, with the latter steer fed by Northholm Grammar School. The steer, entered into Class 5: - Lightweight Open Steer 331-361kg Live Weight, place 5th on the hoof, 4th on the hook in its class and 2nd in the Virtual Taste test.

Two were bred by Greg and Kathy Venticinque (*Eadale/KKT Australia Pty Ltd*) and achieved 74.5 and 68.5 points. While positive comments were given, they did not place.

The fifth steer, bred by Peter Koppman (*Greenthorpe, Vombatus*), and fed by Oakhill College achieved 83.5 points. The steer, entered into Class 4: - Lightweight Open Steer 286-333kg Live Weight, place 5th on the hoof, 1st on the hook in its class and 2nd in the Virtual Taste test. This steer was not available for selection in the Stan Hill Team.

The breed average for this show for solid Galloways was



Last minute prep before the judging, Sydney 2009



Peppercorn Ben with Jason Astbury Sydney Royal 2009

75.2 points.

In the Stan Hill Trophy, the solid Galloways placed 9th out of ten teams achieving a collective score of 224 points. Limousins, with 270 points placed first, Charolais came in second on 261 points, and Shorthorns in third position on 256.5 points.

While Merv Presland, deputy principal of Chifley College, Shalvey Campus, NSW, did not enter belties this year, the college nonetheless entered five Angus, Murray Grey and Hereford steers as part of its agricultural curriculum.

Armed with the Presland feeding touch, the college once again walked away with swag of ribbons and awards for first and various other placings that included two bronze medallions. All that can be really said here is ‘thank God he’s a beltie breeder!’

This round up has to acknowledge the trojan efforts of Phillip Brine of Hunter River High, and Tim Eyes of Tocal Agricultural College. These students gave up their school holidays to act as cattle grooms for the Galloway teams, and were impressive with their handling skills and professionalism. All studs were thankful for their presence and support. Glad to hear you’ll be back next year boys! Bring your friends - you are lots of fun!

Also, acknowledgement is to be given to the Australian Lowline kids for showing their initiative in setting up a useful cattle wash service to raise money for the Victorian bushfire victims. People across all breeds were extremely impressed and the service well supported. Hats off to you.

- Andrew Monaghan (*Jandrew- 427*), NSW



Terry Pierce, Peppercorn, keeps a guiding eye on the young ones