



AUSTRALIAN WELSH BLACK CATTLE SOCIETY INC

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DATES TO REMEMBER

East Gippsland Field days. Saturday & Sunday 27th & 28th April @ Bairnsdale.

Society get Together. 2nd June, 2012, @ Albury after committee meeting.

2012 World Conference. Germany. 10th to 20th August, 2012

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Society Get Together. The next Welsh Black Committee Meeting is on Saturday afternoon on the 2nd June, at the Albury Manor House. The meeting itself is closed except to the committee, but what the committee would like to have after the meeting is a society social get together and an evening meal. You're welcome to bring as many friends along as you would like.

The Albury Manor House has offered discount rates for accommodation on the Saturday night if you mention you're with the Australian Welsh Black Cattle Society. Normally \$126 twin share, our price is \$99 twin share. The Society did something similar here back in 2007, it was very successful and we were certainly looked after. Contacts for the Albury Manor House is 02 6041 1777 and the address is 593 Young Street, Albury, NSW, 2640.

If you would like any more information, please contact Carol Mazurek or myself, Colin.

On Farm Challenge. Last year we had our very first On Farm Challenge and it was so successful, it will be on again this year. Entries close at the end of May with entry forms to be mailed out to all members in a matter of days. If for any reason you miss out, please contact either Carol or myself and we'll send one on. For those of you, who may not understand how the On Farm Challenge works, please see below.

An on farm challenge is when cattle are judged on your own property by a recognised judge. All you need to do is to put your entry in and on the day of the judge arriving on

your property, you just need to yard your animals you have entered. What you **DO NOT** have to do is, break them in to lead, wash them, feed them up, clip them and pay to get them to a show. **They are judged on structure only**, so, an animal running under extreme drought conditions with no supplement feeding has an equal chance of taking the major, or minor prizes, as an animal running under good green conditions that is also getting supplement feeding. They are only judged on the **structure of a Welsh Black animal**. Entry fees will be kept to a very basic fee and you can enter as many animals as you like. Just because you do not show, or have never shown, does not mean you cannot do this style of competition, as Daniel has said, "you'll be very surprised what will win." Give it some thought; you'll get lots out of it. It's also a very good way of having your cattle assessed for breeding purposes.

Welsh Black Society Uniform. At the last committee meeting I was asked to include in this News Letter what our breed uniform is. A little history first though. In the very late 90's a few of us were sitting around having a chat, a beer, apple cider or a cuppa one night at the Melbourne Show. The discussion started on white dust coats for showing and breed uniforms, and why don't we have our own breed uniform. At the time there were only a couple of breed societies with registered uniforms. Next meeting it was agreed to look into it and from memory it was Jane Dawe and Irene Henry who agreed to take on the job of putting something together. A uniform was agreed on and registered with the RASV.

What that uniform consists of is; white shirt, red tie, green society woollen vest, bone moleskin trousers and boots. If you would like to purchase any of these items, the society has the red ties and green vests. Just contact Daniel or myself.

The Society is still on the lookout for more donations of steers for Rutherglen High to prepare for the 2012 Melbourne Show. Are you able to help? The students are full of enthusiasm and have done a great job helping to promote the breed. The society would like to thank the students for the preparation and presentation of the 2011 steers in a very professional way and also for the promotion of the breed throughout the year whenever the occasion arises. If you would like to donate a steer (or heifer) for the school to prepare for the 2012 Royal Melbourne Show, please contact a committee member. There has been three animals promised which will be delivered to the school mid April.

3rd Welsh Black Cattle World Conference. This will be held from the 10th to 20th August, 2012, and hosted by the German Welsh Black Cattle breeders. This trip consists of 10 days, to include farm visits and local sights. There has been an itinerary made available, which includes visiting the property where the first Welsh Blacks were introduced into Germany in 1985. This will also be where the World Conference will be opened. Another property to be visited will have 25 Welsh Blacks, plus 1800 other cows, 900 being dairy cows. Also to be visited will be a ship lifting system, a farm on an old military base, plus other farms which have things of interest and of course you will also catch up with Hans & Birgit on their property. If you are interested in joining the tour or would like more

information, which I do have, please get in touch with me ASAP. The Welsh Black Cattle Society in Wales is taking bookings.

NEW Updated Herd Book. The Society has updated their herd book, thanks to Carol. If you would like a copy, or copies, please let Carol know and send payment of \$20.00 per copy. See top of News Letter for contact details.

If you would like an earlier copy of any of the Herd Books, please also get in touch with Carol.



Left: Lukita Dawn

Memberships. Membership renewals have been mailed out for payment for the period 1/7/2011 to 30/6/2012. There are a number of members who still have not paid their membership for the 2010/2011 financial year. Carol and I, as treasurer, will be more than happy to accept your payment. **Membership renewals for 2012/2013 will be sent out in April.**

FOR SALE

**Pure Welsh Black Heifers,
2011 and 2012 drop.**

**Contact Lesley Gilchrist
LEMIC PARK WELSH BLACK
CATTLE STUD**

03 5678 8283 after hours please

If you no longer require full membership, for whatever reason, and would like to continue receiving news from the Society, have you considered becoming an Associate Member? There is a cost to produce this News Letter which the Society tries to cover, as advertising does not cover all the expenses.

As of 2010 our Senior Membership is \$100, junior is \$20 and Associate Membership is \$40.

Receiving Your News Letter: This News Letter is distributed in two ways, via email and post. As you can imagine, it's much easier via email. If you are presently receiving this through the post and feel your email would be OK and you're happy to receive the News Letter via email, **could you please let me know as printing is getting difficult.** Originally I wanted this to pay for itself through advertising, but I'm afraid that's not happening due to lack of support, which brings me to advertising.

Advertising Aside from advertising your own stud, do you know of a business that would put an advertisement in, or do you have a business besides your cattle? Rates are very reasonable and it's a lot cheaper than using stock agents. Advertising in this News Sheet has worked well in the past for many of our members. Advertising rates are: 1/8 page \$10.00; 1/4 page \$20.00; 1/2 page \$40.00. If at all possible, could you please email your advertisement to me.

Contact details: Colin Sedgman, P.O. Box 61, Benambra, VIC, 3900

Email: ctsedgman@bigpond.com

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Merchandise. The Society does have a limited supply of merchandise. Items available are; rugby tops, black polo shirts, windcheaters, uniform show vests, uniform red ties and stubby holders. All of these items are Welsh Black branded merchandise, so if you're interested in anything, please give Daniel Laird a ring.

Colac Store Cattle Sale 13/04/12 @ 11am.

Heifers and calves: 9 x F1 (Welsh Black Friesian cross) with 4-6 month old calves at foot, running with Charolais bull since 8/12/11.

Cows and calves: 6 x Welsh Black cows with 3-6 month old Welsh Black calves at foot, running with Charolais bull since 1/9/11.

Contact Daniel Laird 0428 210 828

Or

Agent (HF Richardson - Paul Kerr 0418 523 530).

Yarunga

Welsh Black Cattle Stud Est 1999

Stud and commercial cattle for sale

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CGU Insurance: For those of you who are not aware, CGU Insurance gives a commission to the Welsh Black Cattle Society for any policies taken out by members or friends associated with our Society. This commission is from your annual premiums, not just

your initial premium. For further information, contact Ray Maxwell on 0418 536 685, or give Colin a ring.

Last thing, have you thought about donating a steer/heifer to the kids at Rutherglen High to prepare for the Royal Melbourne Show. If it's not a pure, have you thought about a cross, or another breed to help out.

**Colin Sedgman,
Editor**

P.S. If you are interested in Daniel's for sale animals, the store sale is THIS FRIDAY, the 13th April.