



## American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc.

### The Beef Solution™ Newsletter

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL!** 

**ABBB WISHES EVERYONE A  
SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY  
SEASON!!**

## The National Show 2008

Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa

The National show, dinner, and membership meeting were held at the Iowa State Fair. The purebred/fullblood judge, sponsored by the Belgian Herd book and Pierre Mallieu, was Michel Wallays. Michel and his wife Els were wonderful guest of the ABBB. Michel wanted to express his great appreciation for the quality of the cattle and their time in the U.S with the following comments:

“Els and I were very impressed by the average quality level of the cattle and especially by the leg soundness.

As well, the general organization of the show was very impressive if you consider showmanship, the work of the stewards, the discipline of the breeders and the respect they show for the judge and all those involved. No wonder the American cattle is appreciated in the world. If the US breeders bring the BBB breed to the same level they have brought other breeds, the success of the BBB is guaranteed.

The kindness and friendship of everybody in the Society but also in the U.S. in general was as high as we have been informed by other Belgian visitors.

As well, our stay was extremely pleasant and useful. The visits organized were at an amazingly good level. We didn't expect to learn so much.” Michel Wallays

The percentage judge was Craig Phillips of Parker, CO. Craig demonstrated his skill and knowledge of the cattle. We all appreciate Craig and his family for coming to judge the percentage show.

All final results of the show are available at [www.belgianblue.org](http://www.belgianblue.org)

During the annual membership meeting the members discussed many aspects of the breed and the association goals.

The Officers for 2008-2009 are as follows:

Glenda Sieren – Executive Director

Connie Brooks – President

Harold Brubaker – Vice President

Steve Dollarhide – Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Hunt – Board Member

Stanley Jones – Board Member

Cindy Berner-Schlichte – Board Member

Ken McManigle – Board Member

Ronnie Price – Board Member

Marie Goubau – Board Member

As president of the association, I welcome all to join us in working together for the growth of this powerful breed. I appreciate the opportunity to work with all breeders. I also extend an invitation to all for their insights and ideas. Please feel free to contact any of us. I would also to “express my appreciation” to the members, the board, and Steve Dollarhide for the kind award at the dinner at the spring sale. I was so caught by surprise I didn't know what to say. Thank you for the privilege.

## YOEBSTL'S HONORED WITH A “LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP”

Donna and Roger Yoebstl of Kentucky have been members, supporters, and exhibitors of Belgian Blue Cattle “Forever”! They have very seldom ever missed a National Show! We are happy to award them an “Honorary Lifetime Membership” at the annual dinner. They are moving to Las Vegas to be with family. We will greatly miss their shining faces and big smiles. Best wishes to Donna and Roger on moving to

their new home. The National Show will not be the same without them.

## **PREMIER AWARDS FOR 2008**

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**Congratulations to:**

### **2008 Premier Cow**

Jones' Squirt ET

Sire: Franchi De La Bonne Raie

Dam: Jones' Tiffany

Jones' Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX

### **2008 Premier Bull**

Jones' Rambo ET

Sire: Elan De Somme

Dam: ABB Hattie

Jones' Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX

### **2008 Premier Breeder**

Scott, Julie, Eric, and Blake Buss

Buss Beef Barn, Denver, IA

## **2008 National Champions**

**Congratulations to**

### **Grand Champion Bull**

**JSH Teddy Bear**

Dam: Ursula LKM14N

Sire: H & M Hercule White Diamond

James and Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO

### **Grand Champion Female**

**Princess Shelby ET LKM37S**

Dam: Flightpath HBN Princess 6D

Sire: Phillipper De Remichampagne.

Kountry Blues, Stanley, IA

The national membership dinner was held in conjunction with the national show. At the dinner we experienced many laughs with Glenda's new attire. The on going saga of red continues. Watch the journal for photos! Another highlight was the auctioning war between two Grandpas bidding on a date with Kylie Schlichte for their grandsons. What a great time laughing!!!! Great job to Grandpas Wilbur Kerhli and Ken McManigle and a great job by Kylie! And "Congrats" to Kyle Kerhli the

lucky guy. You have to come next year to experience the fun!!

### **Photos**

Please send or email your photos of your winners to the office for promotional purposes. The photos will be returned to you. Any questions, please contact Glenda.

## **HOUSTON LIVESTOCK AND RODEO SHOW 2009**

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The HSLR will be held in the usual style of Texas hospitality. The schedule for the event is as follows:

Begin Arrival: Saturday March 14 at 7 a.m.

In Place: Saturday March 14 by 5 p.m.

Checked In By: Saturday March 14 by 7 p.m.

Show: Sunday March 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Begin Release: Monday March 16 at 5 p.m.

Must Be Out By: Monday March 16 by 10 p.m.

The judge for the show is Ed Atkins of Paris, Texas. The Blues are on probation this year so we need to make a good show on numbers. Come for a great time. All entry information is online at [www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com). Hotel information will be available on our website or call Stanley Jones at 936.564.7889 Entries are due by email or postmarked by January 05, 2009. No premium books will be mailed this year.

### **Well Wishes**

Sympathies to the Harold Brubaker Family for the loss of Harold's mother-in-law

Get Well Wishes to Mary Keese of AR

### **Journal Deadline – May 1, 2009**

Please be thinking about your ad for the journal for 2009. The Journal will be published again for distribution in Des Moines at the National Show. Please send any information to the office. Any questions call the office or Connie Brooks.

### **New Members Welcome!**

Jim Merritt

Hickory Creek, TX

Jeremy & Barb Kass

Bellevue, IA

Lloyd & Kellie Capps  
Oologah, OK

Mike & Shirley DeShazo  
Bokoshe, OK

B & L Cattle Garyana Marciel - Jr  
Bill & Leigh Anne Parkey Livermore, CA  
Vinita, OK

Evelyn Harry – Jr Juliana Marciel - Jr  
Oakville, WA Livermore, CA

### **“So They Say”**

Helpful hints from some “ole’ timers”!  
A calf with a thick tongue – put a tablespoon of sugar on the tongue to reduce swelling so the calf can nurse.

For a prolapse, dissolve 5 lbs sugar in 6 gal. in warm water. Bath prolapse with solution until the size is reduced to push back in.

### **Showing information**

Here are policies set forth by the board when showing cattle. Please help us with these policies:

(1) The tie breaking method used for the Premier Bull, Cow, and Breeder will be as follows: A tie in any of the premier awards will be which breeder or animal in each of the respective categories have the most Grand Champions, then the most Reserve Grand Champions, continuing to the most Division Champions’ and then to the most First Places. Records will be maintained in the ABBB office.

(2) Any questions or challenges on the results of any ABBB sanctioned show will need to be addressed before the official completion of the show and will be resolved before the animals leave the show grounds.

(3) Clipping of show cattle will be a slick shearing against the hair growth for the fullbloods, purebreds, and high percentage within 30 days of the show. The halfblood cattle may be shown slick sheared or with hair in order to accommodate the FFA and 4H shows. To show with hair the halfblood should be groomed and/or blown with the hair growth and not against the hair growth.

(4) Please refrain from wearing anything in the show arena that advertises your farm or ranch.

### **Forms Available on [www.belgianblue.org](http://www.belgianblue.org)**

Registration      Membership  
Transfer          Embryo Transfer

**Please use the classified ads to advertise you cattle.**

### **Tulsa State Fair 2008 Champions**

#### **Grand Champion Fullblood/Purebred Bull**

##### **JSH Samson**

JSH Blues, Walnut Grove, MO.

Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond.

Dam: Mandy LKM8N.

#### **Grand Champion Fullblood/Purebred Cow**

##### **Price’s Tiffany**

Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX.

Sire: Highgrove Brute Matthew.

Dam: Price’s Sabrina.

Judge for the show was Dr. Mike Ellis of Indiana

A complete list of the show results is on our website.

### **Memberships Dues**

Memberships were due Jan. 1, 2009. They are \$50 for active members, \$25 for associate members, and \$25 for Junior Members. All memberships need to be up to date in order to be listed in the journal membership directory. Thanks for your support! Attached is a membership renewal form with a small survey and update information. Please take the time to send or email the information to the office. We appreciate all your help with updating the information. All memberships received by Feb. 01, 2009 will be shipped a complimentary copy of the RFD TV DVD on the Blues on a first come basis. We have a limited supply. Great promo material for your operation!!

### **DNA Rule Change**

#### **DNA**

Please send all samples directly to the lab to keep the system accurate. All samples need to be sent to the lab with the necessary paperwork from our ABBB office. All DNA kits will expire after 60 days if not sent in then another kit will need to be purchased to DNA

an animal. The lab is, unfortunately, no longer blood typing. Thanks for your help. Please help us keep our database up to date. Let us know of any changes on the cattle. It is very important in order to refer potential breeders. Also it is very important to keep the office informed of animals listed on the classified ads which have been sold. Thanks!

### **Registrations and Transfers**

Please send in your registrations and transfers to the office as needed. To keep our herd book up to date, please make sure transfers are complete on animals sold. Transfers are especially helpful to new breeders. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Feeder Cattle Classified Ads on the ABBB Website**

Members are encouraged to use the classified ads in the Newsletter and on the **ABBB** website free of charge for both your market and registered cattle. Please call or email the office with your ads

### **Classified Ads**

For Sale: Elite Reg. Fullblood Belgian Blue Bull 3 yrs. old, calves on ground are impressive, black, halter broke, easy keeper  
Call: 319.984.5125 or 319.240.8189

For Sale: Purebred and high percentage Belgian Blue bulls. Contact Bill Parkey at 918.256.8532  
[www.blcattle.com](http://www.blcattle.com)

For Sale: Black purebred (99%) bull.  
Born 1/1/2006. 65 pound birth weight.  
Contact Wilbur Kehrl, Elmcrest Genetics at 563.920.8494.

For Sale: Fullblood and High Percentage Bulls.  
Call Steve Dollarhide, Haworth, OK @ 580.245.2370

For Sale: Two black fullblood heifers. Also, bulls for sale. See Sieren Cattle webpage at [www.belgianblue.org/members/sierencattle](http://www.belgianblue.org/members/sierencattle)

For Sale: Fullblood and 1/2 Blood Bulls & Heifers. Sired by SCH Opium Ottis, Grand Champion Bull at 2007 National Belgian Blue Show and sire of multiple Grand Champions and National Champion Cow in 2006.

Contact Michael or Shirley DeShazo @ 918-969-2608 after 3:30 Weekdays or 918.658.4389 or 918.658.4385 anytime.

Cattle For Sale: Contact James Keese in Arkansas, 870.699.4498 or visit our website <http://www.keeseefarms.com>

For Sale: Fullblood and halfblood bulls.  
Call Lynn Kaufman, Underhill Farms - phone: 620.345.8415 or visit our website [www.underhillfarms.com](http://www.underhillfarms.com) or email [lynn@underhillfarms.com](mailto:lynn@underhillfarms.com)

For Sale: Purebred and High Percentage Bulls available. Please check our website [www.mnpfarm.com](http://www.mnpfarm.com) and "Sale Cattlelog" Contact: MNP Farm at 417.759.7916, cell 417.840.5464 or email [info@mnpfarm.com](mailto:info@mnpfarm.com)

Fullblood Bulls Needed: Contact: Stanley Jones 936. 564.5581 or email: [info@jonesent.us](mailto:info@jonesent.us)

For Sale – t-shirts and sweat shirts with the ABBB logo are available. Contact: Glenda Sieren, ABBB Office, Phone: 641.661.2332 or email [info@belgianblue.org](mailto:info@belgianblue.org)

### **Interesting Sites**

[www.clrc.ca](http://www.clrc.ca)

[www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com)

[www.iowastatefair.com](http://www.iowastatefair.com)

[www.tulsastatefair.com](http://www.tulsastatefair.com)

[www.cattlenetwork.com](http://www.cattlenetwork.com)

[www.ranchandfarmworld.com](http://www.ranchandfarmworld.com)

[www.cattlegrower.com](http://www.cattlegrower.com)

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