
American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc. ★ ★

Newsletter

June 2003

Houston Livestock and Rodeo Official Press Release

BBB Results

Houston, Texas - March 6, 2003 - Brother "Kody" and sister "Kandi" nabbed Grand Champion Bull and Grand Champion Female in the Open Belgian Blue Cattle Show on March 6 at the 2003 Houston Livestock Show™.

Grand Champion Bull Kody, whose registered name is Buss 'Del' Original Kodiene, was sired by Opium DeChocquence out of D'Original Ginette ET. He was born in April 2000.

Kody is owned by C. Stanley Jones of the Jones Cattle Co. in Nacogdoches, Texas. Jones started raising Belgian Blues in the early 1980s after reading about their low cholesterol meat.

"Belgian Blues have less fat and cholesterol than a chicken," Jones said. "They yield a lean and tender cut of beef."

Jones imported cattle from Europe and Canada to start his herd.

Judge Randy Hill, of Hill 3 Ranch in Davis, Okla., has trained with Belgian and American judges.

"The Champion Bull is well-balanced," Hill said. "He has as much muscle in the front as in the back, and excellent muscle definition."

Grand Champion Female went to Kandi, or Buss 'Del' Original Kanada Kandi. She was sired by Opium DeChocquence out of D'Original Ginette ET, and was born in June 2000. Kandi was grand champion female at Tulsa, Okla., last year.

Kandi is owned by Schlichte Cattle Co., a sixth-generation ranch in Menill, Iowa. Cindy Schlichte has shown at Houston for seven years.

Reserve Grand Champion Bull went to Schlichte's Ralgro, also owned by Schlichte Cattle Co. Ralgro was sired by JBB Jones Chadwick out of Highgrove SCH Flo Jo 2572, and was born in April 2000.

"This is Ralgro's last show," Schlichte said. "Now he has to earn his keep and breed cows."

Reserve Grand Champion Female went to Sieren's Martina, who was sired by Sugar Hill Rocky out of SCH Chad's Fertie, and was born in May 2002.

Owner Glenda Sieren of Sieren Cattle Co. in Hedrick, Iowa, named Martina after Martina McBride, the country music singer. "The win feels great, and was worth the 19-hour drive," Sieren said.

Pierre Mallieu, secretary of the World Belgian Blue Association, attended the show. "Belgian Blues offer lean and tender meat, and a lot of high quality cuts. They are also an optimal breed for crossing," Mallieu said.

Complete Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ results are on the Show's Web site at www.rodeohouston.com and www.hlsr.com.

Events Calendar

Wanted - YOU and your best animals !

Your participation is essential – so make it a family affair.
Let's show them what the BBB is all about and have some fun too!

July 25-Aug. 3 - Ozark Empire Fair - Springfield, Missouri

www.ozarkempirefair.com or for more information contact Connie Brooks at 417.795.7916 or info@mnpfarm.com, including motel information. Entry forms should also be on-line.

Dates to remember -Entry deadline June 25. Arrival by Thurs. July 24th at 7 p.m. Show Sat. July 26 at 9 am. Release is 3 p.m. on July 27th, Sunday.

August 7-17 - Iowa State Fair - Des Moines, Iowa

www.iowastatefair.com or for more information, including hotel details contact Julie Buss at 319.984.5125 or bussblues@aol.com or check the website, entry forms on-line June 15th.

Dates to remember – Entry deadline July 1, 2003. Arrival on Aug 10 by noon and the show is on Monday August 11th. Out Tuesday, August 12th in the afternoon, usually between 2-4 p.m.

Tulsa State Fair – The National Show and Membership Meeting

Sept. 25 – Oct. 2, 2003

The Tulsa State Fair will again host our National Show. The judge will be Ms. Christianne Nicks from Belgium. Ms. Nicks is on the International Belgian Blue Board and is an accomplished judge and breeder.

The deadline for entries is Aug. 23, 2003. All entry information is now online at www.tulsastatefair.com. Late entries accepted thru Sept. 10, 2003. For more information call Glenda at the ABBB office.

Banquet and Auction will be Saturday Sept. 27, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

 Remember your auction items!

Tickets for the banquet are available now for \$25.00. Children's plate is \$8.00 for 12-3 years of age and under 3 is free.

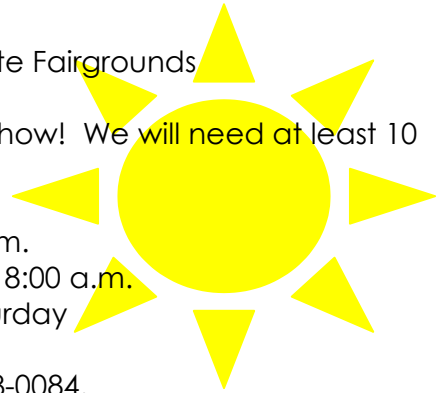
The menu is: K.C. Strip charbroiled and topped with Shallots and Herb Butter Garden Salad, Potato, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert, and Beverage. Come for a great time!

Tickets offered in advance, please send in your reservations while sending registration fees for the Tulsa show to Glenda at the office.

Reservations at the Tulsa Holiday Inn Select are available at \$59.00 plus tax for a double – call 800-836-9635 or 918-270-7351.

Oct. 2-3 - Oklahoma Junior Show - Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tulsa State Fairgrounds

Oklahoma Juniors – here's your chance to shine at the junior show! We will need at least 10 exhibitors to have a Champion in the Junior Sale!



Be in place by Oct. 2 at 8:00 a.m.
Steer judging on Wednesday Oct. 3 at 8:00 a.m.
Heifers judging on Friday and Saturday

For more information contact the office or Cas Sally at 918-748-0084.

October 3-5 - Ozark Farmfest - Springfield, Missouri

For more information : Connie Brooks at 417.759.7916 or info@mnfarm.com.

Welcome New Members !

- ✓ Glynda & William Linder - Marshfield, Missouri
- ✓ Don R. Douglas - Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

*** And **Thank you** to all of you who renewed your membership ! ***

Canadian News

For information on sale contact Ken Miller at kejab@sk.sympatico.ca or by tel: 306.868.4903.

Member Web Sites



The ABBB is now offering one page websites to members linked to the ABBB site. Your webpage includes:

- ✓ up to 4 photographs
- ✓ your farm logo
- ✓ contact and service information

All for the low cost of \$100 for the 1st year! Yearly maintenance of the site billed to the Member based on the time spent by the webmaster at \$17.50 per half-hour.

Yearly renewal of \$50 after the 1st year, plus maintenance time, if needed.

All information can be emailed or mailed to Glenda at the office. Photos and logo originals will be returned.

An inexpensive way to advertise your animals, services and meat products on the net!

Best wishes to L.D. Parvin who has been ill in the hospital but is now home and recovering well.



On behalf of the ABBB we express our deepest sympathies to Kathy and Ronnie Price for the recent loss of Ronnie's Mother.

Youth Program

Great information on our new youth program is posted on the Internet site, at www.belgianblue.org, and watch for updates! If you don't have Internet access, call Glenda Sieren at 641.653.2499.

Everyone's kids can participate and if they are grown and gone there might be a neighbor just itching to show !!??

Calling all Juniors – participate and accumulate your points! And parents (yeah, they can be in on it too ;-), we'll leave them do the homework) please keep records on all the Belgian Blue events your kids are involved in.

Julie and Scott Buss are the youth chairpersons along with the help of Glenda Sieren and Cindy Schlichte.

Membership / Registrations

Please register your calves for the show season. Questions or concerns?, Contact the office and we'll be happy to help !

Blood Typing and DNA Changes

In the last year the ABBB Board has been assessing the protocol needed for the switch to DNA testing as many breeds have been paving the way for us over the last few years. Using appropriate and industry standard testing is especially important for us, as we are an association that values the parentage of our cattle.

With the industry switching to DNA, we have encountered some stumbling blocks. The switchover to DNA might, unfortunately, not always be easy for many of us. The process may also be difficult at times when using the various genetics we have stored over the years, but the advantages of using the new testing will benefit the BBB in the end. Enclosed is a Newsletter Supplement with details on testing and registering stock.

The following change in lab testing services came about because the lab we have always used discontinued the use of blood typing.

After careful consideration of many options, the Board has chosen the services of a lab which will continue to blood type as well as DNA and therefore maintain our tradition of quality in the transformation process – the lab is Bova Can, a very reputable Canadian firm. This will give us the flexibility needed in the various situations in registering animals.

We are aware that using the new lab will be a good asset but might also have a few draw-backs such as shipping costs for blood samples and possibly the length of time to process each case. But, more importantly, members will still have both testing options available for their breeding program.

The Board looks forward to the use of DNA testing for the BBB. We regret any inconveniences to the membership, but we also want you to know we appreciate your patience and diligence working with the ABBB in processing your cattle registrations. Your feedback is welcome.

Please keep the attached Newsletter Supplement Flyer with Shipping Instructions to aide in this process. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the office !

ABBB Journal and Newsletter

A special "Thank You" to Cindy Berner-Schlichte
for her efforts in publishing our Spring Journal!

2003 Fall Issue – September 2003 Show Issue

Please submit your camera-ready ads by Aug. 1, 2003 (as always, we greatly appreciate receiving your add as soon as possible!)

Can't beat these Breeder advertising prices !

Inside Front Cover -\$125

Inside Back Cover -\$125

Back Cover -\$125

One Full Page -\$100

½ Page - \$65

Photographs and Logos will be an additional \$10 for each. Camera ready artwork will be needed for any logos.

Cindy Berner-Schlichte has taken on the task of producing the Journals for 2003. We're also working to reduce your advertising costs. Questions about the Journal ? Call Cindy at 712.938.2449 or Glenda at the office.

Please submit your ads or any other item to the Office. Thanks!

Newsletter publication dates

July
November
March
May

Submission deadlines for the Newsletters

June 1, 2003
October 1 2003
Feb. 1, 2004
April 1, 2004

Newsletter Classified Ads are **free of charge** for MEMBERS!

Free Classified Ads

Fullblood Cows and Bull for Sale. Bull is a 2 year old. Sire: Opium and Dam: Ginette contact Julie or Scott Buss at 319.984.5125 or email: bussblues@aol.com.

Fullblood bulls needed: contact Stanley Jones. 936.564.5581 or email windhill@netdot.com.

Fullblood cows for sale: contact L.D. Parvin at 580.623.5221.

3/4 Belgian Blue bull for sale - black and white yearling: Mathias Cattle Co. (641) 684-4872 or (641) 777-1025.

ABBB Mailing List

We're always updating and working on our mailing list. If you have any mailing information change or delivery problems – please contact us!

Thank you for keeping us informed of your current mailing and email addresses.

In the BBB News

British Belgian Blue Semen Exported to States

In a bid to continue their policy of easy care linked to natural calving, 500 straws of Ridge Dean Mahogany semen have recently been exported to two breeders in the USA. The big attraction being his black colour, in addition to his proven track record. Sold through 'Hawkeye Breeders' to Bob Love and Julie Buss. [Continued on the Internet, read the full article at - www.belgianblue.co.uk/members/news/2003/semn_export.html]



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View the
ABBB Newsletter Supplement - Registrations and DNA & Shipping Instructions
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