



British White Cattle Association of America

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2017 BWCAA Annual Meeting, National Show and Sale Purcell, OK - October 6—7, 2017

This issue of the eNews is dedicated to the upcoming annual meeting, national show and sale. This year's official guide is hot off the press and should have arrived in your mailbox. If you haven't received your copy yet, call the office to request one. Look inside to find a list of recommended accommodations, a highlighted map of the venue, programs and entry forms for showing and selling animals. Even if you cannot be there in person, Sale Manager Tommy Patterson has made it possible



Ryon Walker, Ph.D.
Livestock Consultant,
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Ryon's areas of emphasis include: estrous synchronization and artificial insemination (AI), management strategies to improve reproductive efficiency, heifer development, improving cow-calf efficiency in forage-based grazing systems, and back-grounding management.

for folks to bid on animals either before the sale or during the sale by telephone. Submit the Absentee Bid Form (page 14 in the official guide or available on the BWCAA website) to the BWCAA office before September 31. The sale catalog section lists animals entered in the sale before August 5th. But consignments may be made up until 10:00 a.m. the day of the sale (October 7th).

October 6th Program: BWCAA Annual Membership Meeting

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday with refreshments and registration (\$35/person at the door which includes lunch). We will begin with a presentation by Dr. Ryon Walker, Livestock Consultant with the Noble Foundation addressing methodologies of artificial insemination (AI), reproductive efficiencies, and tips on how to achieve the highest possible conception rates. Be thinking about the questions and concerns you have about AI and be ready to have them addressed by an expert.

During the break, you can look over the donated items brought in for the fund-raising auction during lunch. If you would like to donate items for this event, please bring them for the morning session. The auction will take place during lunch.

Next on the agenda will be a panel of British White breeders moderated by Nick Wilson discussing considerations for selecting bulls. We look

forward to audience participation.

Just prior to lunch, President Jonathan Wiechmann will convene the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting. We will elect board members; discuss the state of the organization, the past year's activities and plans for the future.

After lunch, the board will convene for its annual reorganization meeting and discuss other timely issues. All members are welcome to attend.



At 2:30 p.m., our show judge, Clinton Laflin will put on a fitting and showing clinic for any and all interested in showing animals. This should be especially helpful to persons showing an animal for the first time and help fine tune experienced show contestants' skills.

We encourage all members to stick around for the dance (family-friendly) beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the OSU Farm and Home Building featuring Oklahoma's premier country-western band, the Ole Troubadours.

Admission is free thanks to a generous friend of BWCAA. The public (potential new British White cattle owners) is invited as well. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be offered for sale by the Jr. BWCAA Association.

October 7th, 10:00 a.m. - National Cattle Show

This year's show is managed by Deanna Carter with help from Local Arrangements Committee chair, Vicky VanHorn. The competition will begin with showmanship classes, followed by heifers, bulls, steers and finish with cow/calf pairs. Entry forms are included in the official guide, but also available on the BWCAA website under the Forms tab or by calling the office. The deadline for entering cattle in the show is September 15, 2017. Be sure to contact Vicky VanHorn (405) 527-1161) to order your beginning supply of bedding. All contestants are encouraged to attend the fitting and showing clinic on Friday afternoon.

October 7th 1:00 p.m. -National Sale

Sale manager Tommy Patterson has again enlisted Auctioneer Eric Brown, Ada, OK to bring wit and excitement to the cattle auction. The sale order will begin with animals that are both in the show and sale. These will be followed by lot number as indicated in the Sale Catalog portion of the official guide. Absentee bidding is possible either before the sale or by telephone during the sale, but the Absentee Bid Form and funds must arrive at the Association office by September 31. Forty seven consigned animals that were submitted before August 5th are listed in the Sale Catalog portion of the official guide. More consignments as they are added to the list can be viewed on the BWCAA website www.britishwhite.org under the "What's New" button. You can also view the Registration Certificates of all those listed on the online list. Consignments are welcome until 10 a.m. the day of the sale, but we prefer cattle arrive the day before. Make sure you have all the necessary paperwork. Call Tommy Patterson at (256) 762-4392 if you have any questions about the sale or if you plan to bring animals on the 7th. Special thanks go out to the Patterson's for donating the proceeds of the sale of Lot 38 to the BWCAA Jr. Association. Be sure to check this one out!