Jim & Selina Ross – Scotland

Jim Ross lives at Romesbeoch near Dumfries in South West Scotland. Since childhood he has been involved in farming and in particular livestock husbandry.

Jim was an active member of the Young Farmers organization and was the winner of the Stocksman of the Year.

The list of his achievements would fill many pages, however, if we look at the last ten years the Romesbeoch herd of pedigree Galloways has taken the trophy for "Herd of the Year" seven times and has been runners up on the other three occasions. This trophy is awarded to the herd with the most successes during the showing season and is decided on a points system. During the same ten years Jim has also had the award of "Herdsman of the Year" on seven occasions, although he is the first to admit that his children have helped him win this, again a points system decides the winner but all shows and sales are included in arriving at the winner.

Cattle from Romesbeoch have stood as Galloway Champions at the major National Shows, they have also been interbreed winners and on many occasions have formed part of the successful interbreed team. Heifers have also topped the prices at pedigree sales and are to be found in many herds.

The Romesbeoch herd was unfortunately lost to the FMD epidemic being taken out in the contiguous cull. It is good to report that pedigree Galloways were back at Romesbeoch in the Autumn (Sept, Oct, Nov) of 2001.

Jim has also been successful with Blue Headed Leicester sheep and here again has had success in the show ring and is a Past President of this association.

Jim has been an Officer Bearer with the Galloway Cattle Society for many years as a member of Council. He is currently the Depute Chairman and the Chairman of the Sales Committee.

Jim and Selina have two daughters and two sons. Their eldest daughter, Lindsay, visited Australia in 1998 and worked at Canberra Show with the Castle Douglas Herd, then went to the Globex herd to help at the National Show before heading south to help the Cumbria stud at the Gippsland Field Days.

Daughters Lindsay and Caroline, and sons Matt and Doug are all accomplished stock handlers and all have won trophies in young handlers competitions. On leaving school son Doug was responsible for looking after a very successful team of Highland and Belted Galloways for another breeder in the area.

Robert McIntosh – Scotland

Robert with his wife Mary and son Stewart farm in partnership in the region of Yarrow and Ashkirk near Selkirk in the Scottish Borders in what can best be described as picture postcard country apart from winter when high winds can blow the snow into twenty foot snow drifts and isolate the farm.

Robert is a very experienced stock man having learned his art from childhood. From his Huntly herd he presents a fine show of heifers for our pedigree sales and these animals have a reputation for doing well wherever they go. Bulls from the herd have also taken various championships and have fathered many more winners, whilst prime steers finished at the farm and shown at venues such as the Scottish Winter Fair and local Christmas markets have been very successful. ON the production and marketing of prime meat, Robert is a Director of a small but enterprising company formed last year to sell pure Galloway beef.

Robert is also very well known in the world of Blackface sheep especially in the sometimes high price tups market and his sheep flocks are always a picture on any visit to his farm. He is known as an ambassador for the Blackface breed and this is equally true for his involvement with Galloway cattle.

Robert is a member of the Council of the Galloway Cattle Society and is the chairman of the Publicity Committee. He always finds time to attend, set up and run our publicity stand at specialist beef events and local agricultural shows.

Robert has visited Canada, Germany and Ireland in connection with the breed and has hosted many visitors from both at home and overseas to the Huntly herd.

John & Beryl Cleland – New Zealand

John Cleland is currently the President of the New Zealand Galloway Society. John and his wife Beryl breed White Galloways at their property at Pekanui near Otorahanga in the North Island. This year they will be calving 50 White cows. John and Beryl visited Australia in November 1999 when they visited several Galloway and Miniature Galloway herds. We welcome them back to Australia.

John Smart - New Zealand

John breeds Belted Galloways on a small block at Albany near Auckland and is currently a councillor of the New Zealand Galloway Society.

Barry McAlley – New Zealand

Barry hardly needs an introduction to any Galloway or Belted Galloway breeder. He attends more Galloway and Belted Galloways shows around the world than anyone else.

Barry breed Belted Galloways, White Galloways and Black Galloways at Clevedon, just south of Auckland. Barry is currently the Secretary/ Treasurer of the New Zealand Galloway Society and is a member of the World Galloway Committee.

Jerry & Kathi Jurkowski – USA

Jerry and Kathi are from Klover Korners Belted Galloway Farm at Rockton, Illinois.

Jerry served on the Council of the Belted Galloway Society of serval years and was one of the founders of the Belted Galloway show at Wisconsin World Beef. Kathi initiated the youth program in the US Belted Galloway Society and ran this program for 3 to 4 years.

Gene & Sue Drew – USA

Gene & Sue are from Driftwood Plantation Belted Galloways at Awendaw, South Carolina. They are here with their Farm Manager, Keith Jones and his wife Shannon.

Gene & Sue have been very involved in a program to identify the lines carrying hypotrichosis, a genetic condition characterised by partial or complete lack of hair. This is a genetic condition that can affect all cattle breeds.

Charlie & Joan Jackson – USA

Charlie & Joan are from Starlite Belted Galloway Farm, Mountain Home, Arkansas.

They are breeding for Red Belted Galloways.

Jane Faul – USA

Jane farms at Paradise Bottom Farm, Battletown, Kentucky where she breeds Belted Galloways. Jane has for many years produced the US Beltie News – a monthly newsletter that is circulated around the world. Jane is currently the Treasurer/Secretary of the World Galloway Council. Jane is here with her daughter, Liz Bell.

Remmer & Maria Rieken – Germany

Karl Ludwig von Hollen – Germany

Karl is a delegate from the German Galloway Society to the World Galloway Council and runs a Galloway herd in Germany with some imported animals. Karl attended the World Galloway Conference in Scotland in 2000.

Horst & Lilo Kraft – Germany

Enjar Poulsen & Leif Andersen – Denmark

Wolfgang Reschl – Austria

Fred & Fritz Zehtner – Austria

Fred owns the BOA (Best of Austria) Galloway Stud in Austria and he is a regular attendee at the World Galloway Conferences. He is here this year with his brother Fritz.

Robert & Sharon Ballantyne – Canada

Robert owns the Diamond B Galloway Stud at Livelong, Saskatchewan. He was last here at the Royal Canberra Show in 1989 (Galloways and Belted Galloways were the

Feature Breed that year) when he judged the Galloway Females. Muriel Johnston from Scotland was the judge of the Galloway Bulls that year.

Robert has exported Galloways and Galloway genetics around the world and he has judged at many Canadian and International Cattle Shows.

Robert & Betsy Sawatzky – Canada

Robert & Betsy have started a new venture in Canada where they are awaiting the arrival of their first Miniature Galloway calves in April this year. These calves were purchased as Embryos from Peter & Gina Sutherland from Wodonga, Victoria. Bob and Betsy also breed North American Bison on their property in British Columbia, Canada.