



BWMSBA Spring 2019



Above: Gwawr Hughes with her home bred Eryri Shearling ewe. Breed Champion and Reserve Interbreed Champion at this year's Royal Welsh Spring Festival. Section judge was Mr Dyfed Rowlands.

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RWAS Spring Festival Results

Judge: Dyfed Rowlands

Aged Ram

1 Bethan Davies 2 E O Williams 3 Palmer and Hayward

Shearling Ram

1 E O Williams 2 Gwawr Hughes 3 Gwawr Hughes

Aged Ewe

1 Gwawr Hughes 2 Bethan Davies 3 M and D Evans

Shearling Ewe

1 Gwawr Hughes 2 Elin Meredith 3 M and D Evans

Group of Three

1 M and D Evans 2 Gwawr Hughes

Breed Champion - Gwawr Hughes (shearling ewe)

Res Champ - E O Williams (shearling ram)



*Reserve Champion,
Shearling Ram from
Edd Williams, Wenallt
Flock.*



A number of members work very hard to put together an impressive breed stand.

Winning Group of Three from M&D Evans, Cefn Flock. Left to right, Chris Garn, Judge Dyfed Rowlands, Donna Evans and Matthew Evans.



Show Results & Photos

In order to keep our members up to date, if you have any results or photos from shows around the UK, please send them to the office so that they can be used on the website and Facebook, in newsletters and potentially in the Flock Book. Please bear in mind, that under data protection rules, where children are included in pictures, the permission of the parent must be sought before it can be posted, used or forwarded.

Ram of the Year 2019

This year's competition will already be underway as the show season accelerates.

Qualifying shows are listed on page 21 of the current flock book. Points cards can be downloaded from the downloads page or the website or directly by typing the address below into the search bar of your web browser

<http://www.blackwelshmountain.org.uk/workspace/uploads/ram-of-the-year-card-2019.pdf>

Alternatively, please email enquiries@blackwelshmountain.org.uk or phone the office to request a copy.

Gaer Award 2019

Qualifying shows for the Flock of the Year competition in 2018 are RWAS Spring Festival (already completed), Eglwysbach (10th August), Royal Welsh (22nd - 25th August), Llandeilo (17th August), Monmouth (6th July), New Forest Show (30th July - 1st August), Royal Three Counties (14 - 16th June), Royal Bath & West (already completed). This year, there are no double points events.

BWMSBA Council:

President: Nigel Daff

Chairman: John Griffiths

Council Members: Kevin Bowman, Margaret Brain, Mark Bufton, Bethan Davies, Gareth Davies, Matthew Evans, Stephen Forsyth, John Green, Darren Hayward, Gwawr Hughes, Mair James, Delyth Meredith, Ben Williams, Edd Williams, Lyn Williams.

Royal Bath & West 2019

Judge: Gwawr Hughes



Bath & West Champion, Senior Ram, Wenallt Young Gun. Handled by Glyn Williams.

Group of Three

1 Mrs Sarah Sladen 2 Mr Paul J Bertorelli 3 Mr Rory Ferguson

Ram 2 shear and upwards.

1 Mr E O Williams 2 Mrs Sarah Sladen 3 Mr Paul J Bertorelli

Shearling Ram

1 Mr E O Williams 2 Mr Paul J Bertorelli 3 Mrs Sarah Sladen

Breeding Ewe

1 Mr Paul J Bertorelli 2 Miss Linda Eccles 3 Mr Rory Ferguson

Shearling Ewe

1 Mr E O Williams 2 Mr E O Williams 3 Miss Linda Eccles

Pair of Shearling Ewes

1 Mr E O Williams 2 Mrs Sarah Sladen 3 Miss Harriet Bown

Lamb, Male or Female

1 Mr Rory Ferguson 2 Mr Rory Ferguson 3 Mrs Sarah Sladen

Pair - one male & one female.

1 Mr E O Williams 2 Mr Rory Ferguson 3 Mrs Sarah Sladen

Champion Mr E O Williams

Reserve Mr E O Williams

BWMSBA Young Shepherds

Every year, BWMSBA awards two trophies to young shepherds for their exceptional contributions to the breed and the Association.

This year, the Chris Hughes award for under 16s, has been won by Carys Jones. She was nominated by several members. Her enthusiasm for her sheep and all things Black Welsh Mountain is lovely to see. She is keen to learn, to improve her flock and she takes on board any advice she's given. She has competed at some of the major shows in both young handlers and the open classes doing a great job. She always has a smile on her face whether she wins a rosette or not.

Congratulations to Carys.

The second award is the Steffan Trophy and this is for young people in the age bracket 17 - 26. This year's winner is Edward Morgan. He has been a supporter of the breed for a number of years and see no reason why this should not continue into the future.

Many congratulations to Carys and Edward. Both trophies will be presented at the Royal Welsh Show.

Royal Welsh 2019

In recent years, there's been a post showing get together with members

working together to provide enough food for all to enjoy. While this has been successful, it has placed a disproportionately heavy workload on some members. With this in mind, it's been agreed that for this year's gathering, a caterer will be engaged to provide a light buffet of sandwiches and nibbles for those attending. Members are asked if they could please endeavour to bring puddings, cakes, fruit etc. Start time will be approximately 7pm.

It would also be very helpful to have an indication of likely numbers, so please contact the office if you intend to be there.

The Young Handler classes will take place as usual at the end of the day's showing. The judges this year will be John & Hilary Garn.

Annual Sale 2019

This year's sale will take place on **Friday 30th August** at Raglan Market. Please note that this is a week later than the sale was held last year.

Members should receive entry forms directly from the Auctioneers very soon. Entry fees will be £5.88 for males and £2.35 for females. Entries will close on Wednesday the 31st July.

There are changes to the schedule of classes for this year. BWMSBA is introducing show classes for single shearling ewes and single ewe lambs, in addition to the pairs. It is hoped that this will allow a bit more flexibility for vendors when batching sheep for sale and also for purchasers when selecting what they want to buy. Note that vendors are limited to a maximum of two single shearling ewes and two single ewe lambs.

The appointed judges are Mr Philip Moyle for the males and Mr Darren Hayward for the females.

Please take care to complete the entry forms as fully as possible. Male animals **MUST** be fully registered by the closing date and sire details of ALL sheep must be included on the entry form. Ear tag numbers must also be entered on the entry form. All this information is essential if an accurate catalogue is to be produced.

All stock will be inspected on arrival (from 7am). BWMSBA reserves the right

refuse to sell animals failing inspection as part of the official sale.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MALES TO BE ENTERED IN THE 2019 SALE MUST BE REGISTERED. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM THE WEBSITE <http://www.blackwelshmountain.org.uk/downloads>, OR FROM THE OFFICE BY POST OR EMAIL.

BWMSBA Centenary 2020

The BWMSBA Council has worked very hard over the last twelve to eighteen months to plan a range of events to mark 100 years since the formation of the Association.

8th August 2020: The Black Welsh Mountain Sheep Breeder's Association will be hosting a special one day Breed Show at the Royal Welsh Showground. Sponsorship is being secured, with Greenlands Insurance having signed up as main Sponsors. There will be a full range of classes, to suit exhibitors of all levels of experience. More details will become available closer to the time, but please put the date in your diary.

Saturday 13th September 2020: There will be a Centenary Open Day, hosted by Edd Williams, Wenallt Flock, Talybont on Usk. Further details to follow, but please put the dates in your diaries.

Saturday 3rd October 2020: BWMSBA Centenary Dinner: This will be held at the Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon, close to the birthplace of the BWMSBA. Plans are still being developed, but there will be a three course dinner, an after dinner speaker and entertainment. There's plenty of accommodation at the hotel or in the surrounding area. Please let the office know if you'd like to attend. Price to be confirmed.

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