

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Show sanction requests continue to be received from many parts of the country, and have even had one from Canada for a spring show.

Some show secretaries are still having problems differentiating between the Dwarf Hotot and the Standard Hotot. Because of that, some sanctions requests are being sent to the wrong specialty club secretary. We are getting the problems worked out by passing mail along to the opposite club. It would help expedite things, however, if show secretaries were sure in advance, which type of Hotot they were sanctioning for upcoming shows. Thanks.

Members of our club have commented about how much they enjoy reading something in each issue of *Domestic Rabbits* under the specialty clubs' section. Only one more thing needs to be done to improve our reports, and that is to share the news of what is going on in your part of the country. Unless you share the news with your club secretary, there may not be a lot to report.

News, complaints, sanction requests, club bulletins or anything else you would care to send (or share) may be sent to Hotot Rabbit Breeders International, 852 Colebrook Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405. Thanks.

National Federation of Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders

By Roger E. Dent, Secretary

Bill Hartley and Frank & Helen Barta of Michigan have had their names placed on the Life Membership list of the Federation. We congratulate these members on their many years of devotion and service, and wish that they have many more years of enjoyment from their GIANT endeavors.

One of the spring all Flemish shows has been completed. The Northwest FGRB was held in mid-March. Meri Hansen won BOB with a fawn sr. doe; BOS went to Bob & Dorothy Dunham for their sandy sr. buck. There were nine exhibitors showing 34 Flemish.

Other Flemish clubs held shows. Reports will be in the June newsletter. Ohio, California, Michigan and eastern states' shows were well attended. The York Co. and Butler doubleheader had well over 100 Flemish shown, with Harold May winning BOB at all three shows with his sandy sr. buck (WM393) and lambasted his fellow competitors in most of the other classes.

Here's a listing of the top ten sweepstakes series leaders as of early April: Gene Gilmore, TX, 5149; Harold May, NY, 4483 (Butler shows not included); Robert & Kathy Bomia, MT,

3283; Bob & Dorothy Dunham, WA, 3212; Tony & Kathy Bell, TX, 2821; Jack & Hazel Langley, TX, 2649; Bob & Audrey Thomas, PA, 2376; Bill & LaVerne Sikes, TX, 1830; Tom & Muriel Keyes, OR, 1748; and Orville Thayer, MI, 1698. The series ends on June 30. It should be quite an exciting race. Good luck to all at the remainder of the shows.

The Membership Contest has ended, and the winners are John & Judy Foster of New York. Congratulations on your efforts in promoting our club to new members.

The new contest has already begun. It will run until March 31, 1986. Promote your club!! Get a NEW member.

Plans for the ARBA convention in Houston are progressing. The list of specials has been sent to the catalog chairman (we have another outstanding list of GIANT specials). Would appreciate any donations or pledges. Flemish HQ will be in the Red Carpet Inn Astrodome. I still have some rooms left (\$26 to \$40). If you desire a room, please contact Secretary Dent. Kurt Witt has donated a room to be raffled. Donations for room raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Drawing will be on June 9 at the Michigan FGRBA Picnic Show. Send directly to Secretary.

Our Awards Night Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct. 30. If you are in Houston, plan on attending.

We will be conducting our annual election in

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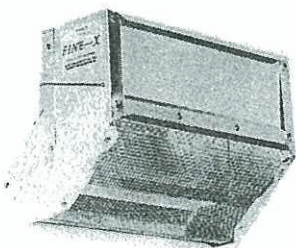
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