

National Federation of Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders, Inc.

by Allen Bush, Secretary

The Flemish Club is celebrating its 90th year in existence. I would like to thank all of those who helped start and progress our great club. It is truly an honor to be the secretary/treasurer of the NFF-GRB. We have a tremendous past, a great present and an outstanding future. Please promote our great club and encourage others to raise Flemish Giants.

I also want to encourage everyone to attend as many Flemish Specialty Shows as possible during the 2005-2006 season. Normally, you can find at least a couple in your area or several if you are willing to make a short trip.

It is a great pride for the Flemish Club to have such a great group of "Youth Exhibitors." We have seen youth members placing animals in all kinds of shows. We have seen Flemish Clubs letting the kids show in Youth, Open, and in some special weekends, they are able to show in both. I encourage clubs to give the kids a choice. We also have youth starting websites, writing articles, mentoring other youth and just promoting the Flemish in a way which no adult could accomplish. I promise our youth I will do all I can to keep this momentum going. The ARBA realizes the importance of youth members and the Flemish Club applauds their efforts.

The 2005 Sweepstakes is nearing an end. The leaders with reports submitted as of 07/23/05 are as follows: Jan Van Etten, NY - 13,856; Dwight &

Marge Westercamp, IA - 11,970; Allen & Tammy Bush, CA - 11,965; The Clouse's of Indiana - 11,655; Bob & Lynn Bolyard, MI - 9,497; Will & Christi Sutton, MO - 7,208; Frank & Judie Welch, PA - 6,540; Bob & Kathy Borna, MI - 6,350; David & Julie Heaps, UT - 5,729; Vic & Gloria Bloom, MI - 5,303. Good luck to all that promote our "Gentle Giants".

The 2005 Youth Sweepstakes is also approaching a climax. The leaders with reports submitted as of 07/23/05 are as follows: Danielle Souster, WI - 5,654; Wil Wilfong, CA - 3,112; Ashley Wilson, IL - 2,269; Lainey Smith, CA - 2,073; Dallis Ramos-Deleon, WI - 1,429.

TAMMY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU AT A SHOW REAL SOON.

PLAN ON ATTENDING THE ARBA CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

DO NOT FORGET IT IS A "DOUBLE SWEEPSTAKES SHOW" IN THE OPEN AND THE YOUTH.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

by Aimee Tanguay Brown

Greetings from tropical Vermont!

As I write this on a balmy summer afternoon, I wanted to keep you abreast of major developments within our club and for our breed.

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Silver Martens Black & Blue

Consistent ARBA Convention Winners

1973 Detroit—BOB
1974 Ventura—BOB, BOS,
1975 Milwaukee—BOB, BOS
1976 York—BOB, BOS
1978 Saginaw—BOB
1979 Tucson—BOB, BOS
1980 Milwaukee—BOB
1981 Syracuse—BOB, BOS
1982 Seattle—BOB, BOS
1983 Colorado Springs—BOB, BOS
1984 Orlando—BOB, BOS
1985 Houston—BOB, BOS
1986 Columbus—BOB, BOS
1987 Portland—BOB
1988 Madison—BOB

1989 Tulsa—BOB, BOS
1990 Tampa—BOB
1991 Pomona—BOB, BOS
1992 Columbus—BOB
1993 Tacoma—BOB
1994 Tulsa—BOB
1995 Louisville—BOB
1996 Peoria—BOB, BOS
1998 Portland—BOB
1999 Louisville—BOB
2000 Columbus—BOB, BOS
2001 San Diego—BOB
2002 Peoria—BOB
2003 Wichita—BOB
2004 Providence—BOS

5 times Best 4 Class & 2 times Best in Show at ARBA Conventions with Silver Martens

Winner of either a BOB or BOS at 32 of 34 ARBA Conventions attended

A total of 55 ARBA Convention BOB's & BOS's



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American Cinnamon Rabbit Breeders Association

by Elbert Weakland

Our president, Oliver Flynn, called today; the awards for the ARBA Convention in Indiana have been ordered. He feels the lucky winners will be well pleased.

Now is the time to start gathering articles for the table and booth. This year we will be alone in our own booth. This is our big fund raiser and has helped keep membership and sanction cost at a minimum. Now is the time to step forward and help.

We will also need people to staff the booth. It may be understaffed during the Cinnamon show but we need people doing shifts. Call Oliver now and volunteer a time slot. If everyone donates a few minutes, all can see and take in the show.

Bring your Cinnamons as well as your skills and help make this a big club success.

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Specialty Clubs

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First of, a big welcome to new member Michelle Sauerwein of Wyoming and a hearty welcome back to Bob Whitman. It's good to have you back, Bob!

Bob Whitman has worked very hard to bring awareness of rare breeds to the American Livestock Breed Conservancy and on September 1, Blanc de Hotots, along with several other breeds, were officially recognized and put under the watch of the ALBC. For those of you who are unfamiliar, the ALBC is a nonprofit membership organization working to protect nearly 100 breeds of livestock from extinction. I, for one, am very excited about our new affiliation.

The biggest news for our breed is that in the fall of last year, I imported several rabbits from both England and Germany, bringing some much needed purebred Blanc de Hotots to add to our gene pool. One of those Hotots managed to win BOB at last year's convention in Rhode Island. Offspring of these rabbits will be available for sale at the convention.

Our club has some exciting things planned for our booth in Indianapolis, including raffling off a pair of Hotots! Stop by and say hello!

Finally, our club will be electing new officers at the Indy convention. It's a great time to get involved in the growth of this diverse and all-inclusive group.

We hope to see you in Indy and best of luck to all the exhibitors!

National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club

by Jack & Karin Bailey, Publicity Chairs
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The Directors of the National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club have awarded the bid for their 2006 National Specialty Show to the New York State Angora Club. The show will be held on May 27 (Memorial Day weekend) in conjunction with the NYS Angora Club Specialty Show. The location is at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY, near Utica, in the beautiful and historic Mohawk Valley. The theme is "Angora Kicks in 2006." Mark Stewardson of Ontario, Canada and Debbie Vecchio of New York will be our judges. The official hotel and banquet will be at the Ramada in New Hartford, NY. The Spiral Spinners of Vernon, NY will also hold a fiber event with the Saturday shows. Whether coming from East or West, there are plenty of sights and attractions along the way: Niagara Falls, Finger Lakes Wine Region, Turning Stone Casino and Baseball Hall of Fame. We hope angora breeders will come from near and far to join us for an angora kicking good time in 2006. Contact Jack Bailey, President for more information: 35 High St., Lyons, NY 14489 (315) 946-4224; stjohnslyonsny@eznet.net.

Now for some winnings that missed the last deadline:

Best In Show
English Angora
White Sr. Doe
"7 Pine's Diana"
Deb Butorac
March 26, 2005

Best Reserve In Show

English Angora
White Sr. Doe
"7 Pine's Diana"
Deb Butorac
May 28, 2005

Congratulations on the wins!

We hope to see all of our angora friends as well as the rest of you at the ARBA Convention in Indianapolis this October! God bless you and your bunnies with safe travel!

Information can be forwarded to us at 35 High St., Lyons, NY 14489 or e-mail us at: stjohnslyonsny@eznet.net. The deadline for the November/December newsletter is September 25.

Silver Marten Rabbit Club

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Cumberland Country Rabbit Breeders, Cumberland, ME - 12 shown by 2 breeders - May 22, 2005. Judged by Karen Fisher. BOB: blue senior buck - June Hill; BOS: black senior Doe - June Hill.

Central Mass. RBN May 29, 2005 - 26 shown by 4 breeders. Judged by Karen Fisher. BOB: Blk. Jr. Doe - Valerie Tucker; BOS: Blue Sr. Buck - Valerie Tucker.

York County Rabbit Breeders, Action, ME. Judged by Al Butler. June 4, 2005 - 10 shown by 2 breeders. BOB: sable senior doe - June Hill; BOB was runner up to BIS. BOS: black senior buck - June Hill.

Conn. Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Inc. 6/5/05 - 42 shown by 5 breeders. Specialty Show judged by Mike Avesing. BOB: Chocolate Jr. Buck - Laurie Brodeur; BOS: Black Sr. Doe - Laurie Brodeur. Open show judged by Alan Platt. BOB: Sable Sr. Doe - Laurie Brodeur; BOS: Black Sr. Buck - Valerie Tucker.

Western Maine RBA at Fryeburg - 14 shown by 2 breeders. Judged by Paul Jurgelonis - 6/19/05. BOB: black senior buck - June Hill; BOS: sable senior doe - June Hill.

Northeast Rabbit Fanciers, Westfield, Mass. Show A Open 34 shown by 3 breeders. 6/19/05. Judged by Alan Platt. BOB: Sable Jr. Doe - Laurie Brodeur; BOS: Black Sr. Buck - Valerie Tucker. Youth Jasmine Wright BOB. Show B 34 shown by 4 breeders, judged by Freda Kraus. BOB: Chocolate Jr. Buck - Laurie Brodeur; BOS: Chocolate Sr. Doe - Laurie Brodeur.

New England Show Circuit 6/26/05, Spencer Mass. - 35 shown by 3 breeders. Judged by Lindsay Benoit. BOB: Chocolate Sr. Doe - Laurie Brodeur; BOS: Blue Jr. Buck - Laurie Brodeur.

Northeast Rabbit & Cavy Inc. 6/28/05, Spencer, Mass. - 35 shown by 3 breeders. Judged by Rusty Westhoff. BOB: Chocolate Sr. Doe - Laurie Brodeur; BOS: Blue Jr. Buck - Laurie Brodeur.

Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Assoc. Annual Midnight Madness Show, Topsfield, Mass. - Aug. 6, 2005. Show A judged by Jay Hreiz - 32 shown. BOB: Black Sr. Doe - Valerie Tucker; BOS: Blue Jr. Buck - Valerie Tucker. Show B judged by Paul Jurgelonis - 32 shown. BOB: Black Sr. Doe - Valerie Tucker; BOS: Blue Jr. Buck - Neil L. Serica.

It was nice to see June Hill at this show! This has been one of the hottest and driest summers in a long time!

Mini Lop Rabbit Specialty Club

by Christopher DeSurra
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Congratulations to all the owners of the many fine mini lops that have won Best in Show and Best Reserve in Show this past year.

Although this list is incomplete, according to the latest *Mini Lop Advocate*, open honors were awarded to: Andre & Cheryl Von Arx - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Page Woodward - 1 BRIS; Lisa Davis - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Sherry Smith - 1 BRIS; Christopher DeSurra - 4 BRIS, 2 BIS; Bob Lloyd - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Andrea Baber - 1 BRIS; Kim Hafermann - 1 BRIS, 1 BIS; M & P Wojcik - 1 BRIS, 1 BIS; Theresa Farrow - 1 BRIS, 1 BIS; Lee & Marian Katz - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Tracy Elston - 3 BRIS, 1 BIS; Jerry & Carole Hartel - 1 BRIS; Liz Hemphill - 1 BRIS; Kay & Greg West - 1 BRIS, 1 BIS; Liz & Larry Dishaw - 1 BRIS; Howman Family - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Hobart & Judy Todd - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Judith Miles - 1 BRIS.

Youth honors were awarded to: Matthew Stevenson - 4 BIS; Page Woodward - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Elizabeth Bell - 2 BRIS; Christina Blackwell - 3 BRIS, 2 BIS; John Traini - 1 BIS; Christopher Torres - 1 BIS; Crystal Brakhage - 2 BRIS; Erin Magnuson - 1 BRIS; Lizzie Stout - 1 BIS; Lucas Wilke - 1 BRIS; Chelsea & Derek Maggard - 1 BRIS, 2 BIS; Laramy Roberts - 2 BIS; Ashley Sawyer - 5 BRIS, 2 BIS; Andrea & Andrew Vaz - 1 BIS; Miranda & Tanner Haynes - 1 BIS; Brad & Amelia Paul - 2 BIS; Tori & Tressa Ritchie - 1 BIS; Emily Schmidt - 3 BIS; Kayla & Jenea Schmidt - 2 BRIS, 5 BIS; Aaron Helms - 1 BRIS; Kasey Bower - 1 BRIS, 2 BIS; Jarrad Allen - 1 BIS; Shannon Burns - 1 BIS; Amber Morgan - 1 BIS; Katie Ann Myers - 1 BIS; Travis & Ryan Poe - 1 BIS; Mary Shafer - 3 BIS; Logan Spencer - 2 BRIS, 1 BIS; Breanna Brokaw - 1 BIS; Laura Garrison - 1 BIS; Travis Jackson - 1 BRIS.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the new Mini Lop Guide Book, please send \$125 for a full page, \$65 for a half page, or \$35 for a quarter page or enlarged business card to Pennie Grotheer, P.O. Box 17, Pittsburg, KS 66762 with the copy of your ad. This is your last chance to advertise for the next five years.

I hope you are finalizing your plans to attend the ARBA National Convention in Indianapolis. Remember to bring something special for the auction. Congratulations to Terry and Tracy, way to go, I'm glad it has a handle.



NEW ZEALANDS

White Red Black

Dues:

Adults - New \$14.00; Renew \$12.00

H/W - New \$16.00; Renew \$14.00

Family - New \$27.00; Renew \$22.00

Youth - New \$12.00; Renew \$7.00

Canada - New \$16.00; Renew \$14.00

Foreign \$40.00

Sanction Fee: Open \$12.00 - Youth \$8.00

Make checks payable to AFNZRB

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NZ guidebook, subscription to New Zealand Times.

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