

# SPECIALTY CLUB REPORTS

## Lop Rabbit Club of America

By Linda B. Shuping

Congratulations to all the winners in English and French Lops, youth and adult, at the Madison Convention. The cream of the crop of "Lovable Lops" again put in a fantastic showing. As usual, breeders all worked together and kept the action moving. The highlight was the Lop Club Banquet where all the winners were rewarded for their efforts, and there will be more awards coming as the members again broke a record at their fund-raising auction.

Their goal was awards for the National Lop Show, CAMELOP, to be held in conjunction with eight other specialty clubs at the Ohio State Fairgrounds from April 28-30. Lop Club headquarters will be the Ramada Inn-North, 800-228-2828 or 216-885-4084. Contact Marg Lawton, 2106 W. Bath Road, Akron, Ohio 44313 for more information.

At the Lop Club Banquet, Jean Brunette, retiring secretary/treasurer, who has offered the club her "Hoosier Hospitality" for the past few years was presented with a special thank-you gift for the outstanding job she has done in helping the club grow. Janet Lorenz of 30006 Dunlavy, Magnolia, Texas 77355 is the club's new secretary/treasurer and is looking forward to hearing from "you all".

For those of you who may be wondering who Linda Shuping is, let me announce that I was formally Linda Holt from Virginia, until I met Paul Shuping at, you guessed it, a rabbit show in Smithfield, N.C., last spring. We were married in September and yes, we had a rabbit centerpiece on our wedding cake.

I hope to have more news for you in the next issue. May your nest boxes be full.



## National Silver Fox Rabbit Club

By Mary Bethell, Secretary

The National Convention and Show in Wisconsin is now history and tucked away in the memory bank is renewal of friendships and meeting new and interesting people.

We had a good turnout of members and talked to a lot of people about the Silver Fox. One new member, David Kabela from Texas, was signed up.

There is no way the club can say enough thanks to the Schreibers. Dale and Georgia were there and took on most of the load. Others helped, but without Dale checking the rabbits in and out, seeing that they were fed and watered, taking care of the raffle items and sale items, and the many other things that had to be done, we would not have had a successful show. Thanks, Dale — and all the helpers.

Five out of the seven officers were at the annual meeting, plus six members. LaVern Steele managed to get there, but could not stay for the meeting. The minutes have been printed in *Footnotes*, so I won't go into detail here.

We will have a booth in Oklahoma and share it again with the Beveren Club. Dani White is booth chairperson, and she, with my assistance, will make a new Silver Fox Banner for the booth.

We need help from members who will be attending next year. Specials were collected in the amount of \$130 so that the chairman will have a head start. Still need the Breed Chairman and Secretary.

Our Standard Committee chairman, Cindy Wickizer (new ARBA President), was tied up in meetings and could not attend our meeting to present the proposed changes that her committee had been working on.

She also had to resign from those duties, but left us with some great ideas to consider.

The members are now mulling over these proposed changes and will soon come up with a final form to present to the National Standards Committee.

Finally, congratulations to Floyd and Mabel Tobias on their Best and Best Opposite of Breed. They do have final animals.

Our new club President, Leon Kartchner, says, "One goal I have while President is to increase the size of our club. To do this I need your help. Keep pushing our breed, let others know how much you enjoy breeding Silver Fox Rabbits. Let's Get Foxy."

For information about this club, write Mary Bethell, 5081 Buck Road, Shingle Springs, CA 95682. Why don't you get FOXY?

## Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Vice-President

All the show reports are in, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Cornett has tallied up the points for our club's annual Sweepstakes.

First place for the 1987-88 show season went to your reporter, Fleur-de-Lis Rabbitry, Fredericksburg, VA with 2176.5 points.

Second place: Jeffery A. Schifflert, Brightwood, VA with 1631 points.

Third place: Jim & Kathleen Cornett, Texas Bandit Rabbitry, Dublin, TX with 711 points.

Fourth place: Laura Roesener, R Red Barn Rabbitry, Mokena, IL with 402 points.

Fifth place: David and Barbara Carpenter, Carpenter's Better Build Bunnies, Salinas, CA with 135 points.

Congratulations to all who share in the awards! They represent a whole lot of hard work.

Blanc de Hotots were not the biggest breed entry at the National Convention in Madison (could the day ever come when we see double-digit entries in each class?)

Judge Mike Withrow did a commendable and thorough job of judging, in spite of some rabbits showing poor table manners.

Best of Breed and Best Opposite were both won by Fleur-de-Lis Rabbitry, Fredericksburg, VA.

California led with three exhibitors, plus one from Michigan, and one from Virginia.

For the second year in a row, Mary Hughley and daughter, Freddie Hughley, did a nice job of setting up the H.R.B.I. booth; this time with a popular grab-bag feature, a raffle, and other items for sale. They were assisted in manning the booth by Mary's husband, Woody Hughley, and Elizabeth and Murphy Street.

Just a short time remains for consideration of changes in the 1990 ARBA Book of Standards. We decided in 1987 to resume the use of Blanc de Hotot because of confusion over the name "Hotot" being applied by many breeders to the Dwarf Hotot. One question still open is what to do about "checking," the light discoloration on ears.

I have volunteered to update our members regularly by way of this column in *Domestic Rabbits*, plus publication of our Hotot International News from time to time.

If you have topics, items of concern or interest, or even complaints to share with other members, drop me a line at 6 Purvis Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

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