

YOUTH:

Best of Breed, a Junior Buck, shown by Julie Madsen of AZ.

Best Opp. Sex, a 6-8 Doe, shown by Kory Krider of IN.

Best Display, 72 points, by Heather Odabashian of CA.

Best Breed Fur, by Heather Odabashian of CA.

1st Sr. Buck, Heather Odabashian

1st Sr. Doe, Heather Odabashian

1st 6-8 Buck, Kory Krider

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1st Jr. Buck, Julie Madsen

There were 11 Champagnes shown, judged by Oren Reynolds.

The National All-Champagne Show will be held in Springfield, NE, on Saturday, May 27, 1995. It will be a cooped show in conjunction with the Nebraska R & C BA show on Sunday, May 28, 1995. For more information write Lori Morrison, R.R. 1, Box 284M, Fort Calhoun, NE 68023.

Anyone interested in the Champagne Federation, write: Wayne Cleer, 1704 Heisel Ave., Pekin, IL 61554.

Havana Rabbit Breeders Association

by Kalei Colridge

Hello, from not so sunny California. I can't

remember getting so much rain. Pretty soon swimming lessons will be in order for my rabbits.

The first thing I would like to do is to congratulate Joshua Weber. At the Convention in the Youth Show, he won Best of Breed with a Chocolate Jr. Buck and Best Opp. of Breed with a Chocolate Jr. Doe.

On January 21, at a show in Santa Rosa, California, I had the opportunity to see a broken Havana. They were presented, I believe, by Helen Dunn. I was really impressed by them. We should be getting the results back soon on how our club voted. This will mean either working towards a new variety or not. It would be really nice if they were approved. I'm sure it would expand the Havana's popularity, and help our club grow.

From what I hear our club is getting bigger. There were quite a few people that signed up at the convention as new members. Here in California, the number of Havana's being shown seems to be in an upswing.

The Guidebook Committee is working on the 1995-2000 guidebook. It was decided that one of the people in the book dedication will be Doc Reed. Audrey Barhite, from the Guidebook Committee, has asked for input from the HRBA members. This includes youth members. Areas that might be of interest could be: the different individual varieties, the history of the Havana, what it is like to raise Havanans in your part of the country, as well as any other ideas you have. The committee also needs nice pictures of well-typed Havanans for the guidebook.

I wanted to note that one of our youth members, Uno Kivi, from Nevada, has just received his register's license. Pretty good for only 15 years old. Congratulations, Uno.

This year's all Havana show will be held at Thurman, IA. The date is April 21. Contact Don Jackson for more details.

Pass the word around to non-members, showing Havanans, to join the HRBA. Send membership information to: L. D. Humbarger, PO Box 368, Markle, IN.

Membership: (1 year) Adult \$7.00-H/W \$10.50; Youth \$5.00; Family \$10.50 plus \$2.00 per youth at the same address.

Sanction Fees: Open \$5.00; Youth \$3.00.

Please let me know how your Havanans are doing, so I can put it in the *Domestic Rabbits*. I would especially like to hear from the youth members. My name is Kalei Colridge, I am 14 years old. My address is 1718 Newburgh Ct., Fairfield, CA 94533.

Blanc de Hotot International

by Sherrill Randazzo

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Here in Southern California we have seen a larger turnout of Hotots at shows than in the past. We are very proud of our active Youth, who are working hard to promote the full size Hotot. We would like to urge breeders who have Hotots in their rabbitries to either join our club or at least register with us. In this way we can bring in some new bloodlines to our breed. We have received many requests for breed stock and our breeders are doing their best to fill orders. Our goal for '95 is to improve our breed, and increase the number of Hotot entries at shows.

For further information, please feel free to write:

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Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America

by Pennie Grotheer

Spring is fast approaching and with it will be the Mini Lop Nationals to be held in Springfield, IL, on April 29-30. The Illinois Mini Lop Club will be hosting the two-day show. If you would like more information or a show catalog for \$3, please write to Show Secretary Sharon Lacewell, 1361 S. River Beach Drive, Chilli-cothe, IL 61523. Remember, Mini Lop breeders, no MLRCA sanctions will not be issued for a specialty show anywhere on this weekend. Also, no MLRCA sanctions will be issued for any all-breed shows for this weekend within 500 miles of Springfield, IL. I know some clubs are having a problem with this, but we want as many breeders and rabbits to be there as possible. So we'll see you in Illinois come the end of April.

I thought it would be nice to start showing you some of the BIS's our Mini Lops have won:

Youth:

Kristen Thompson, November 12, 1994 at Gaston RBA.

Robert & Sarah Hafermann on November 12, 1994 at Washington Co. 4-H Youth Bunny Club.

Kenneth DeMarree on November 13, 1994 at Wine & County RBA.

Wendy & Cindy Walker on November 19, 1994 at Bluebonnet 4-H Rabbit Club.

Open:

Kevin & Brenda German on October 1, 1994 at Town & Country.

Linda Ritz on October 8, 1994 at Borderline RC.

Bob & Debbie Galory on November 13, 1994 at Wine Country RB.

Billy & Debbie Byers on November 20, 1994 at Catawba River R&CBA.

Donna Belhumeur on November 26, 1994 at Hares R Us Youth Club.

There were six youth shows and eight open shows where our breeders took Four Class but not BIS.

If you would like more information about our wonderful Mini Lops or about joining the club—write to the MLRCA, P.O. Box 17, Pittsburgh, KS 66762-0017

National Mini Rex Rabbit Club

by Melissa Hillmann,
Publicity Chairperson

Springtime finds us all hoping for large healthy litters and grooming our rabbits for the many upcoming Spring shows. We should all be making our plans for our National Specialty Show in Sedalia, Missouri called 'Show Me Your Mini Rex' held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 27-28, 1995. The show will be at the Missouri State Fairgrounds, with the specialty show on Saturday judged by Walter Gibson, and Walter Wills and Don Jackson judging the youth show. On Sunday, there will be a Central States Rabbit Club Show, judging for both days will begin at 8:30 a.m. and both shows will be double sweepstakes points shows. Entry deadline will be May 12, 1995 with entry fees of \$4.00 per entry and \$2.00 fur for the NMRRC show on Saturday and \$3.00 per entry and \$2.00 fur for the CSRB show on Sunday. Entries should be sent to: Sue Gillispie, HCR 71 Box 110, Vienna, MO 65582. The Sedalia Inn will be the show hotel, with a special rate of \$37.00 per night for a double room. Phone (816) 826-8400. There will be a picnic style Barbecue on Saturday night at the fairgrounds with a price of \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for youth, and children 8 and under are free. Please mark on your entry form if you will be attending. You may pay for the banquet at the show. The nearest airport will be Kansas City, and the show grounds are about a two-hour drive. There will be no shipped in rabbits. Camping is available on the fairgrounds. The barns will open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday until 10:00 p.m., on Friday, and at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a security team in place during the day and staying overnight in the barn. If you wish to bring rabbits to sell,

cooping will be \$2.00 per rabbit. You might indicate on your entry form how many sale coops you will need. The feeds available will be Heinrich and Lipscomb. Contact General Gene Gillispie (814) 744-5882 with any further questions.

If you are thinking ahead to Louisville, you've probably already bred and are raising your winning animals. With the entry numbers growing steadily, I believe we could see 1100 to 1200 Mini Rex at the 1995 Convention, maybe more. The smoothest running judging tables are the ones with the most help in carrying up and re-cooping the animals. We always seem to start out with plenty of enthusiastic helpers but towards the late afternoon it is really difficult to get the rabbits carried off of the table, and the judging grinds to a halt. I would hope that this year we could organize some cooperative effort to have carriers that would work for a couple of hours and then take a break and be replaced by another group that would work for a couple of hours. I know that it isn't the most interesting or glamorous of jobs, but if you look at it as if each rabbit you are carrying is someone's pride and joy, their contender for BOB, and somewhere, someone else is carrying your pride and joy and contender for BOB, it is an important job and deserves our best effort. Please talk to your fellow breeders and see if you can form a group that would give a little time to carrying rabbits.

A professional photographer took pictures of all of the varieties of Mini Rex at the Tulsa show and a full color poster is being readied for sale. I would hope that if you are a judge or have a special someone who is a judge you would get one of these posters. If the photos turn out as well as we hope, they will be a great help in defining ideal color for the breeder and judge alike. When the posters are available they will be sold at the Mini Rex booth at convention and by mail, from our storekeeper.

Elections are coming up this summer and it will be an interesting slate of contenders for president. You will find profiles of the candidates in your upcoming newsletter, please read them over carefully and be sure to vote for district directors in the even numbered districts and president. Those who are elected will have a very busy term, our club is experiencing rapid growth and constant change, with all of the accompanying joys and headaches.

We should start saving our change for the 24K auction in Louisville, sometimes it takes a lot of change! We have in the past had the opportunity to purchase some outstanding animals from winning lines. It is a 50/50 auction with the club retaining 50% and the breeder 50% of the proceeds from the sale. The committee that organizes this auction likes to keep the animals in it of very high quality and the animals must have been shown and judged in the convention show. Please contact any board member if you need any information about the auction. The animals' coops will be clearly marked and you will have a chance to see them judged and to look them over yourself when they are put out on display prior to the auction.

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