

Blanc de Hotot Rabbit International

They say time flies when you are having fun and the 80th Annual ARBA Convention has come and gone. It was great to meet up with old and new members of the club and see the growing interest in our unique breed.

Congratulations to Aimee Brown for her Best of Breed win and to Freddie Hughley for her Best Opposite win.

Our club meeting was a successful and productive one with the HRBI electing new officers. Bill Fulkles will serve as President, Jean Gregg as Vice President and Sheila Spillers as our new Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations and good luck in your new posts. We would also like everyone to take note that our sanction fee is now \$2.00 for Open and \$2.00 for Youth. Membership to the club is still only \$5.00. Any sanction or sweepstakes information can be sent to Sheila Spillers.

Hotot Nationals will be held in Crescent City, Illinois (in conjunction with Tan Nationals) on April 24 and 25. Judges will be Joel Marshall and Gene Johnston, Jr. For more information, contact Sheila.

Our new website is up and running! Visit the site at www.blancdehotot.com or link to it from the Hotot picture on the ARBA's website. Any pictures, news, upcoming sanctions, Hotots for sale, and announcements of new litters can be posted on to the site, so please send me whatever you want up on the site. My e-mail address is webmaster@blancdehotot.com. I would like to encourage anyone interested in this breed to visit the site. With your participation, we can start getting this breed out there and letting people finally get to see the Blanc

de Hotot first hand.

That's it for now . . . let's see those Hotots on the table!

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Holland Lop Rabbit Specialty Club

by Valerie Harrell

Convention was a huge success and we have many top wins to report! In the youth sector we offer congratulations to Cheyenne Keen for an amazing win of both BOB and BOS along with the honor of having Best Display. We are proud of our dedicated youth breeders! To be in the top ten of one or more of the large classes presented is an achievement that was reached by: Cheyenne Keen, Rebecca Gromley, David Belokonny, Karan Baareman, Danielle Steere, Janessa Chrisp, Taylor Bailey, Linsy Wilson, Brett Ohlrogge, Erica Reske, Ruth Dapper, Ashley McCreight, Jarret Wain, Jennifer & Julie Shahan, Andrea Zenk, Heidi Brown, Meggie Smith, Ashley Garza, Shannon Juhnke, Rebecca Walter, Jessica & Rachel Clakley, Jenna Buchenauer, Brandy & Justin Hall, Samantha Fitzgerald, Maria Norris, Tiffany Wayne, Bryanne Smith, Katie Kloster, and Kristina Layne. What a great show so many youths from all parts of the country put on!

In the Open Holland Show at Convention, we congratulate an equally diverse group of breeders from the four corners of our country. Stephanie

Valentine took BOB with a Solid Junior buck and BOS was won by Pat & Val Cammack with their Solid Senior doe. Best Display was awarded to Tracy Lukeman and Best Fur to Cheri Bushee. Again, a long list of "top 10ers" gives credit to the hard work this past year: Joy Kretzer, Christine Feld, Anna Dapper, Ardis Hartwig and Tim Waddell, L. Dupee, R. Rezac, B&K Phelan, Sarah & Dan Pitney, Marylouise Cowan, Pat & Val Cammack, Tracy Lukeman, Paula Bennett, John & Karen Novina, Albrecht/Sheri Coop, Stephanie Valentine, Gina Grasso, Bonnie Norton, J/C Crafton, Greg Rodgers, Amy Dedrick, Allan & Becky Ormond, Kelly Fliven, Jennifer Poprawski, C. Topf, H. Thalimer, Chris Zemny, Jim & Pat Shooks, Lisa Braun, Tim & Rachel/Jean, Todd Naragon, Karen Legino, J/J Fitzgerald, Pandora Allen, Joyce Kretzer, CL Rice, Janet Smith, and J. Hahn.




Other convention news revealed that the Holland Lop Otter color pattern has passed for the second time for Heather . . . they were some beautiful otters. Also, the price for sanctioning Hollands for your local show has increased effective January 1, 2004. Open sanctions are now \$16.00 and Youth sanctions are \$10.00 per show and should be sent to Linda Pett.

We have some larger Holland events coming soon so you may want to make a note of these on your show calendar. The Michigan State RBA Spring Convention will be held the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2004, in East Lansing, MI. The convention show is Saturday and on Sunday there will be a double specialty show with judges Jeremy Watmuff and Heather Litchfield. You may contact Audrey Patriarche at: patriarche@nsl.msu.edu for additional info. Two huge shows are planned in the

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