

Specialty Club Reports

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on Saturday, March 12th. Motto of the show is "Do Your Time in Leavenworth." Dwight and Marion Kamm are spearheading the show; they can be contacted at: 785-470-5813 or kammalop@tctel-co.net. Their snail-mail address is 1199 Hawk Rd., Abilene, KS 67410.

Anticipated judges for the 2005 Lop Nationals include Glen Carr, Conall Addison, David Kabel, and Caleb Thomas. (If you are planning to fly to this event, it's not too early to book those airline tickets, as college students will soon be purchasing their tickets for spring break excursions.)

Kudos to LRCA secretary Jeanne Welch for keeping our website updated! On the website, you can locate information on everything from how to join the LRCA to how your favorite rabbit is doing in sweepstakes competition. There are photos, lists of upcoming LRCA-sanctioned shows, and names and contact information for breeders of English and French Lops. You can also access information about the 2005 Lop Nationals and the 2005 ARBA Convention on the LRCA website.

If you're not "into" seeking information on the Internet, you may receive information on all aspects of the Lop Rabbit Club of America by contacting Jeanne Welch, P.O. Box 8367, Fremont, CA 94537-8367.

As the last line of this reporter's favorite little kids' book promises, "See you in the spring!"

Champagne D'Argent Rabbit Federation

by Wayne A. Cleer
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The results of the 2004 ARBA National Convention in Providence, RI:

OPEN:

Best of Breed, Junior Doe, shown by Wayne Cleer, of IL

Best Opp. Sex, 6-8 Buck, shown by Nathan & Tonya Persinger of OH

Best Display, 1104 (doubled) Points, by Nathan & Tonya Persinger

Best Breed Fur, (13) by Tracy Gouette of CA

1st Sr. Buck (8) Wayne Cleer

1st Sr. Doe (8) Nathan & Tonya Persinger

1st 6-8 Buck (13) Nathan & Tonya Persinger

1st 6-8 Doe (18) Nathan & Tonya Persinger

1st Jr. Buck (18) Nathan & Tonya Persinger

1st Jr. Doe (21) Wayne Cleer

There were 86 Champagnes shown, judged by Paul Smith of California.

YOUTH:

Best of Breed, Junior Doe, shown by Robert Crosby, of MI

Best Opp. Sex, Junior Buck, shown by Robert Crosby

Best Display, 380 (doubled) Points, by Robert Crosby

1st Sr. Buck (4) Megan Matthys, of IN

1st Sr. Doe (4) Robert Crosby

1st 6-8 Buck (7) Breanne Combs, of IN

1st 6-8 Doe (10) Robert Crosby
1st Jr. Buck (3) Robert Crosby
1st Jr. Doe (6) Robert Crosby

There were 34 Champagnes shown, judged by Paul Smith of California.

The National All-Champagne Show will be held in Pueblo, CO at the Colorado State Fairgrounds on April 30, 2005. There will be an all breed show on that date. Also, a Champagne Specialty on May 1, 2005 with another breed show on that date. For more information contact: Mike Peacock, 11781 4050 Rd., Paonia, CO 81428 Ph. 970-527-5193. E-mail: mpeacock@tds.net

National Silver Rabbit Club

by Connie Riehl

Congratulations to Clem Steinhoff for his BOB and BOS wins at the ARBA Convention in Providence, Rhode Island. I did not get the results of the Youth, so I'll report that in the following DR.

I'm seeing even more interest in Silvers from the Yahoo group. That's great! There is especially talk from Ohio and Michigan. Anyone belonging to the National Silver Club or anyone who is interested is welcome to join the Silver Yahoo group. It is silverrabbit@yahoo.com.

It was determined during Convention that the All Silver Show will be in Sedalia, MO on April 2, 2005. This will be in conjunction with the Midwest Trailblazers. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Anyone who would like to join the National Silver Club, please contact Laura Atkins, 1030 SW KK Hwy, Holden, MO 64040-8221. Dues are Adult \$7.00; Youth \$5.00; and Family \$12.50. Silver Patches are \$5.00 each.

Palomino Rabbit Co-Breeders Association

by Karen and Kathleen Utter

Congratulations to all the ARBA Convention winners. Thank you to Jeanne Vaill for getting us the information.

Youth - 23 - Judge: Bonnie Burdick

BOB and BOSB - Golden - Ryan and RJ Raab

BOSB and BOSV - Golden - Ryan and RJ Raab

BOV Lynx - Intermediate Buck - Carrie Curley

Best Senior - Sarah Smith

Best Intermediate - Ryan and RJ Raab

Best Junior - Ryan and RJ Raab

Open - 41 - Judge: Bonnie Burdick

BOB - Lynx Senior Buck - James Hunter

BOSB - Golden Junior Doe - Bob Bergene

BOV Lynx - Senior Buck - James Hunter

BOSV Lynx - Intermediate Doe - Victor Vogts

BOV Golden - Senior Buck - Victor Vogts

BOSV Golden - Junior Doe - Bob Bergene

Best Senior - James Hunter

Best Intermediate - Colleen Percherski

Best Junior - Bob Bergene

We would like to congratulate a Palomino Youth

member Carrie Curley who competed in the ARBA Royalty in Providence and won 4th Runner-Up in National Achievement award and 2nd Place award as part of the Senior Judging Team from California. Carrie is a wonderful young lady who we know will go far in life. Please join us in congratulating Carrie and all of the youth who compete in the Royalty contests.

We have some more Best In Shows to report. Saturday, October 23, 2004, Chuck Coate had a Golden Junior Doe that was BIS at the Rabbit Producers of Santa Clara Valley show in Watsonville. On Sunday, October 24, 2004, Shawney Young had a Lynx 6/8 doe win BIS at the Southern California Fair. Congratulations to both!!! On October 31, 2004, Kathleen Utter had a Lynx Junior Buck win Reserve in Show at the CRCS show in Lakeside, CA.

Remember to plan to attend the 2005 All Palomino National in Belton, Texas on April 1-3rd. The National will be held on Saturday with two Specialty Shows on Sunday. There is also going to be a Palomino Meat Pen class with prize money. For more information, please contact Carolyn Wright at w&cwright@smithsys.net.

As Honorary Palomino Historian, I would like to thank Tuffy's mom, Genny Gentry, for giving me several 20 year old *Domestic Rabbit* magazines, along with some other mags. It is quite a hoot to see some of the Palominos that were winning "back then". Another huge thank you goes to Diane Hollinger for offering me a photo of one of the displays that Mark Youngs set up at one of the ARBA Conventions when he was trying to get the Palomino rabbit accepted as a breed. She knew Mark Youngs and helped him design our hand shake logo. She has also offered an original stamp of the logo. Needless to say, I am overwhelmed, and do thank Genny and Diane from the bottom of my heart.

Please remember the founder of the Palomino rabbit was Mark and Mable YOUNGS - NOT "Mark Young" as the ARBA has the history listed.

Anyone reading this who has anything pertaining to the history of the Palomino rabbit and is willing to share it please contact me at P.O. Box 290665, Phelan, CA 92329 DubOberon@aol.com.

Thank you all,

Karen and Kathleen Utter

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

by Aimee Tanguay Brown

Greetings fellow Hotot breeders!

Congratulations to Open exhibitors Aimee Tanguay-Brown of Vermont for her BOB and Best Display wins in Providence and to Freddie Hughley of California for her BOS win. Also worth mentioning was Aimee's win of Worst in Show with a Hotot buck many came to know as "Dirty". Youth BOB was won by Olivia Weis of Indiana. Also a big thank you and congratulations to Ron Riddle for judging the Hotots and then going on to win BIS with a beautiful Silver Marten.

None of our officers were in attendance at this year's convention.

Our website, <http://www.blancdehotot.com/> is back up and running after being down for a short time, so people interested in learning about or purchasing these unique rabbits can find information

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and breeder contacts.

We are still not set on a date or location for Spring Nationals but as soon as that information is decided upon it will be posted up on the website.

Please remember, the HRBI is encouraging breeders to sanction their Hotots at local shows so that we can bring this breed out into the public eye and get them the attention they deserve as well as raise money for the club. Sanctions are only \$2 and can be sent to Sheila Spillers at hototrb@yahoo.com.

Any information you would like mentioned here and on the website can be sent home to me at aimiee@blancdhotot.com. See you at the shows!

Rhineland Rabbit Club of America

by Lorena Ferchaud

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As promised, this month's column will be reporting on the Rhode Island convention. Please forgive me if I mess up on a few of the more specific details, my computer has crashed twice in the last week; I swear that I saw smoke coming from it!

All of my email notes that I gather in between DR reports were lost, but the RRCA guidebook and all of my pedigrees were on disk, thankfully.

Convention judging was done by one of my

favorite Rhineland judges, Caleb Thomas. Caleb speaks "Rhinelandese" if you will, that is he addresses the things that we as breeders look and breed for. After checking for all of the breed qualifications and the qualities of them, he doesn't then limit himself to just looking at the spots, but evaluates the finer points like how they carry their ears, power, tracking, their style on the table, etc. As breeders, we know that it takes so much more than just having the spots in the right places.

Forty eight Rhinelanders were shown at Convention in open. Open SR Buck was won by Ferchaud's Apollo; SR Doe was Ferchaud's Liberty; Jr Buck went to Cunningham's Coda, and Jr Does was won by Ferchaud's Cookie. Best of Breed went to the SR Doe; Best Opp went to the SR Buck.

On a personal note, I can tell you, it was a real thrill to win Best and Best Opp against such tough competition. These two rabbits are littermates, and are two of the best rabbits in my barn. The Sr Doe was also 1st place Sr doe last year in Wichita.

The awards provided by ARBA were very nice, and I want to thank Glen Carr for helping me pose my Buck and Doe together for their photos. Not an easy task to get two arch breed rabbits to strike and hold a pose for pictures.

Getting to go up for Best in Show was so exciting, even though my doe did a slow run and gave some half-hearted poses; I have lots of pictures to remember the event by.

Six Rhinelanders were shown in Youth by Amanda Rutherford, AZ; Erik Baumle, WA; and Elisha Houser, CA. BOB was won by a snappy little Jr buck owned and bred by Amanda, and Best Opp was won by her Sr Doe.

The trio of Rhinelanders raffled off by the club was won by none other than our own Julia Krout. The buck was donated by Martha Adams, placing 4th in Jr bucks, the 2 does, one donated by Lorena Ferchaud of CA (who is out of the BOB doe), and the other donated by Dave Gerling on NY placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in their Sr doe classes. The battle to win this fabulous trio intensified after the breed judging when we all realized how well the trio had done in competition.

Our raffle quilt, "Rediscovering America's Rabbits" had people lined up nearly everyday to buy tickets for it. The lucky winner was Anna Marie Page of IL. Becky and Julia Krout report numerous men with high pitched voices claiming to be Anna Marie after the drawing!

We were thrilled to finally get a chance to meet our friend from Great Britain, Judy LeMarchant. What a great time we had chatting and getting to meet someone we had only talked to online. I bought a copy of Bob Whitman's book, but purposely packed it so I would have to read my school books on the plane ride home. Our family is thoroughly enjoying his book!

Our annual meeting did not have a quorum, but a lot of subjects were brought up for discussion. Club members can expect to see a ballot in their mailbox in the very near future. Please take the time to vote; your officers can't run your club the way you want unless you vote.

Our week in Rhode Island just flew by; there was lots of buying and selling as we all tried to get

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