

Florida White RBA

submitted by Tonna Thomas

Winter Greetings! Hope everyone and every bunny is wintering well. Well, if you missed the ARBA convention in Ft. Worth, then you missed a great one. The weather was great and the hospitality wonderful.

Congratulations go to RJ & Ryan Rabb (IN) for winning Best of Breed in youth. Brittany & Morgan Webb (TX) had Best Opposite of Breed. There were 127 shown by 18 exhibitors. In open, Tylene Peacock (CO) won Best of Breed and Lowell Trausch (OH) had Best Opposite of Breed. There were 268 shown by 39 exhibitors. Congratulations to all of you!!!

Thanks to all who donated rabbits to the Florida White Auction. I understand it was a huge success.

Shows are slowing down for the winter. On November 11th in Dodge City, KS, Blake Foraker took Best in Show in 2 of the 3 youth shows that day. The following weekend in Harper, KS again in the youth show he took Best in Show. Very Good job Blake!

Make sure, when you sell your Florida Whites that a membership application goes along with the pedigree. In some cases, non-members are winning Best of Breeds and even Best in Shows. In order to receive sweepstakes points you must be a member of the Florida White Club. You are also missing the quarterly newsletter by not being a member.

The spring National Florida White show will be in Indianapolis, IN on April 21st. For more information, contact Tammy Ormsby at rabbitjudge@excite.com. It looks to be another fun and memorable weekend.

If you have any information you would like to see in this report, send it to Tonna Thomas at tthomas00@sbcglobal.net. If you do not have internet capabilities, the address is listed in the "DR" under the judges listing in MO.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

submitted by Laurie Staley-Jones

Hello Everyone~ Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. We had a fairly large turn out at this year's Convention. 34 Blanc de Hotots were entered in the Open classes and 7 in Youth. Taking home BOB for Open was David Weill of Leander, TX. BOS went to Michelle Sauerwein of Cody, WY. Youth BOB honors went to Corbin Staley of Paragon, IN and BOS to Kathryn Sauerwein of Cody, WY.

New Officers were installed at Convention also. President: Michelle Sauerwein~ Cody, WY. Vice President: Bob Wilkinson ~ Kennewick, WA Secretary/Treasurer: Laurie Staley-Jones~ Paragon, IN and two new Directors: Bob Whitman~ Beaumont, TX and Margaret Cummings~ Kent, WA. Freddie Hughly ~Altadena, CA and David Weill ~ Leander, TX will retain their positions through 2007.

HRBI has a new website, created by former Sec/Treas Sheila Spillers (LA), that is now being maintained by myself. Hop on over to www.geocities.com/blancdehototclub and check it out. I will be working on updates as time allows. If anyone has any Blanc de Hotot pics they would like featured on the site, feel free to email them to me and I will do my best to upload them to the site. Also, if anyone has any Hotot breeding tips or Hotot show stories please send those in also.

May your nest boxes be full with banded critters for the spring shows!



Open Group 4
English Lop
Trina & David
Carlson, CA

Lop Rabbit Club of America

submitted by Derek Poole

Happy New year to all of our lop family! By the time you read this, the bustle of the holidays will be over and in the snowless North, we are that much closer to the show season.

It is hard to believe that convention is over. What a great time. I think that the LRCA banquet was one of the best attended and supported events that I have gone to. Your support ensures that the hosting Lop club can really do all the fun aspects of providing great awards for the coming year. Way to go LRCA members.

Great job to all of our ARBA convention winner in Fort Worth. Dave and Trina Carlson had BOB English Lop and Dara Gribi had BOS English Lop. Dave and Trina's English went on to win it's class for Best in Show. I know that I was certainly on the edge of my seat. What a huge success for the breed. Way to go Carlsons! Also Mary Brunst and Courtney Acarregui had BOB and BOS respectively. I watched the youth judging and they were tough folks! BOB open French Lop went to Lynn and Patrick Eden and BOS went to Brad and Dan Clouse. In the youth, Matthew Stevenson won BOB and BOS went to Amy Swanson. Way to go French Breeders! This was a very memorable convention, and it was sure great to enjoy some warm southern weather.

Soon, it will be time for zone directors to announce the youth of the year awards. If you are fortunate to have a youth that has one, lets all try to recognize them and make this superb accomplishment go noticed, not only to our fellow LRCA members, but also to other exhibitors at the shows. This is great PR and it is a great avenue to show off our young people. Congrats to all our youth winners.

Well, it is time to feed and prepare nest boxes. I hope that we will all have some healthy youngsters that turn heads on the show tables. LRCA nationals are four months from now and only 10 more months to Grand Rapids.

Mini Lop RCA

submitted by Christopher DeSurra
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What an awesome convention! It was a great location, well organized and managed, very well attended, and great fun. The aisles were wide and clean, and the building was well ventilated.

The National Mini Lop Club would like to thank the show staff and all of the judges and volunteers that made this convention so special and memorable.

Congratulations to the following open class winners:

Hobart & Judy Todd	82 Solid Senior Bucks
Andrea Baber	88 Solid Senior Does
James & Sara Kitsemble	76 Solid Junior Bucks
Amy Alderson	89 Solid Junior Does
Dale Smith	75 Broken Senior Bucks
Tracy & Terry Harmon	69 Broken Senior Does
James & Sara Kitsemble	61 Broken Junior Bucks
Howman Family	75 Broken Junior Does

Further congratulations to Amy Alderson for winning Best Solid with her junior doe, to Hobart & Judy Todd for winning Best Opposite Solid with their senior buck.

Congratulations to Sara & James Kitsemble for winning Best Opposite Broken and Best Opposite of Breed with their junior buck, and to the Howman Family for winning Best Broken and Best of Breed with their junior doe.

Michelle Wojcik won Best Fur and the Howman Family had the Best Display.

Congratulations to the following youth class winners:

Kayla & Jenae Schmidt	30 Solid Senior Bucks
Emily Schmidt	38 Solid Senior Does
Megan & Alyssa Reilly	38 Solid Junior Bucks
Crystal Brakhage	40 Solid Junior Does