

Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America

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I mentioned in the last article that a great time was had by all in Michigan at the national convention. In addition to stellar competition, our national club announced the awards for our end-of-year contests. The results for the 2006/2007 open sweepstakes year are as follows:

Breeders of the Year

- District 1-Andre & Cheryl Von Arx
- District 2-Christopher DeSurra
- District 3-Karen & Ann Brouns
- District 4-Theresa Farrow
- District 5-Alex Lacewell
- District 6-Greg & Kay West
- District 7-Chris Gurney
- District 8-Howman Family
- District 9-Janet & Trent Canipe

Top Lop Contest

- 1st Howman Family
- 2nd Howman Family
- 3rd Donna Mallory
- 4th Sara & James Kitsemble
- 5th Nicole & Susan Velotta

Herdsmen of the Year

- 1st Howman Family
- 2nd Marty & Kassie Sieber
- 3rd Hobart & Judy Todd
- 4th Greg & Kay West
- 5th Karen & Ann Brouns

Quality Points Winners (pts/show)

- 1st Howman Family 723
- 2nd Emily Schmidt 550
- 3rd Christopher DeSurra 537
- 4th Jacques Laroche 511
- 5th Tracy & Terry Harmon 493
- 6th Kersting & Pancoast 491
- 7th Theresa Farrow 449
- 8th Hobart & Judy Todd 412
- 9th Don Peterson 379
- 10th Sara & James Kitsemble 357

Overall Sweepstakes Winners

- 1st Howman Family OH
- 2nd Christopher DeSurra CA
- 3rd Donna Mallory MI
- 4th Sara & James Kitsemble WI
- 5th Hobart & Judy Todd IN
- 6th Theresa Farrow TS
- 7th Tracy & Terry Harmon KS
- 8th Don Peterson GA
- 9th Greg & Kay West FL
- 10th Marty & Kassie Sieber CA
- 11th Larry & Sue West MI
- 12th Beth Dunlap MI
- 13th Andrea Baber WI
- 14th Michelle Wojcik WI
- 15th Karen & Ann Brouns MN
- 16th Annette Stauber CA
- 17th Elizabeth Bell CA
- 18th Mahan & Hester KY
- 19th Pam & Laura Travis MI
- 20th C & V Denham TN

The youth results will appear in the next issue.

National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club

by Amy Arata

Congratulations to Colin Burns of New York who won BIS Youth with his English Angora, Countryside Paris. This doe is from Colin's own breeding and he does all the grooming and care for his angoras. Colin is only 14 years old, but he's a force to be reckoned with at the shows as he also won first place in open competition with his colored sr. buck. He's proof that hard work does pay.

NARBC had a lot to be proud of at this convention, with Samantha Jacoby winning best of group with her French Angora as well as BOB with her Giant Angora. Morgan Towell won BOB with her Satin Angora. If the youth are the future of our club, we sure have a lot to look forward to!

Open breed winners at convention are Betty Chu, English; Charlotte Schweikart, French; Jack Bailey, Giant; Linda Kolassa, Satin. For the skein and garment competition the top placements went to Jaque Dumas and Charlotte Schweikart. The Broken variety of Satin angora passed its first presentation by Joan Hastings to the ARBA standards committee. More convention results can be found at nationalangorarabbitbreeders.com. Congratulations everybody and thanks for all your hard work.

The NARBC national show will be held on April 5 in at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. It will be in conjunction with an all-breed show on Saturday as well as another all-breed show and a specialty show on Sunday. The theme is "Making Memories in Missouri" so be sure to get your rabbits ready to go and make some memories. You can get more information from the above website or from Margaret Bartold at 573-384-5866.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

by Laurie Staley-Jones

Congrats to this years winners at the ARBA National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. OPEN: BOB Shawn & Jackie DeArmond, MI BOB Laurie Staley-Jones, IN - YOUTH: BOB Shiloh Baareman, MI BOS Kathryn Sauerwein, WY

Sweepstakes Finals Top 5 :

- | OPEN | YOUTH |
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| 1. Robert Wilkinson, WA | 1. Richard Vaerewyck, PA |
| 2. Abrina Blackburn, WA | 2. Corbin Staley, IN |
| 3. Cheryl Wilkinson, WA | 3. Kathryn Sauerwein, WY |
| 4. Laurie Staley-Jones, IN | |
| 5. Michelle Sauerwein, WY | |

I am working on plans for a National Hotot Specialty Show in 2009. They way it looks now, the show will most likely be held the first weekend of May at the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Assoc. in Columbus, OH.

A warm welcome to our returning youth member Shiloh Baareman of MI and to our newest youth member Justin Merkel also of MI. Justin bought his first Hotot at the ARBA Convention and the next day it went on to win BOS in Open. Looks like we got you a good start Justin!

Wishing everyone has a safe and happy holidays!