

HRBI 4th Quarter News

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ARBA Convention Winners

Congrats to our 2006 ARBA Convention winners. Open Best of Breed was a Sr Buck owned by David Weill of Texas. Best Opposite Sex was a doe owned by Michelle Sauerwein of Wyoming. Youth Best of Breed went to an Intermediate buck owned by Corbin Staley of Indiana. Best Opposite Sex went to a doe owned by Kathryn Sauerwein of Wyoming.

There were 34 Blanc de Hotots entered in Open and 7 entered in Youth. A few were scratched, but we had a fairly large breed showing.

Hope to see our numbers go up next year! 2007 ARBA Convention is October 14-18 Grand Rapids

A big Thank You to David Weill for donating his BOB winning Hotot to the Silent Auction. The buck was won by Richard Vae-rewyck of Pennsylvania with a bid of \$100. I hope he will make an excellent addition to Richard's herd. 100% of the proceeds were donated to the Hotot Rabbit Breeders International Club.

If you have pictures of BOB and BOS winning Hotots,



BOB ARBA YOUTH CONV Grapevine's Jared GW40
Owned by Corbin Staley Bred by Michelle Sauerwein

please feel free to send them in and I will print them here. Please list name of animal and the show location. Send to:

lazyslops@yahoo.com
Or to 51 S Olive Church Rd
Paragon, IN 46166

Special points of interest:

- 2007 ARBA National Convention Grand Rapids, MI Oct 14-18, 2007
- 2008 ARBA National Convention Louisville, KY Oct 26-30, 2008

New Officers

New President, Vice President, Secretary/ Treasurer, and two Directors were instated as of National Convention.

President: Michelle Sauerwein of Cody, WY. Vice

President: Bob Wilkinson of Kennewick, WA. Secretary/ Treasurer: Laurie Staley-Jones of Paragon, IN

Directors: Bob Whitman of Beaumont, TX and Margaret Cummings of Kent, WA.

David Weill (appointed last term by Officers) of Leander, TX and Freddie Hughley of Altadena, CA will retain their positions until next Convention.

Membership Renewals Due

The following Memberships are due for renewal as of November 2006. Please have renewals sent in by February 28, 2007.

Jeffery & Deborah Adair

Shiloh Baareman

Brandy Burton

Shawn & Jackie DeArmond

Catherine Glocal

Jean Gregg

Roni & Jim Noble

Terrence Orr

Nichole Sabetti

Carl & Michelle Sauerwein
& Family

Chris & Lisa Schmidt

Bob Whitman



Renewal Time.....

HRBI Website

The new website for HRBI was launched in mid 2006 by Sheila Spillers. Thank you Sheila for your hard work in setting up the site. The site has been updated since October 2006 by Laurie Staley-Jones.

New pictures and links have been added to the site as well as a printable membership form and national winners.

Coming in early 2007: PayPal option.

Yes, you will be able to pay your membership dues online through PayPal! The club's bank account should be set up in early January and the PayPal account soon to follow.

Pictures or website links can be sent to lazyslops@yahoo.com and will be updated as soon as possible after they are received.

HRBI Club Website: [http://](http://www.geocities.com/blancdehototclub)

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Membership Contest

Sell an Hotot? Please encourage the new owner/s to join our club. Speak with someone interested in the Blanc de Hotot? They may be interested in the club also. The more people we can get involved in the club, the better the chance of the Blanc de Hotots coming off of the endangered list.

The membership contest will run from Jan 1, 2007-Jan 1, 2008. The winner will receive a prize that is yet to be determined. Anyone have a great idea? Please email your suggestions to lazyslops@yahoo.com

In 2005 the Blanc de Hotot was listed

as #2 on the critically endangered ARBA recognized rabbit list. Thanks to the efforts of dedicated breeders, 2006 finds them in the #3 slot.

American Livestock Breeds Conservancy

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy is an organization dedicated to the preservation of rare and heritage livestock breeds. 2006 Rabbits were added to the Conservation Priority List for the first time. Breeds included are: Critical~ American (blue and white), American Chinchilla, Silver Fox Threatened~ Belgian Hare, Blanc de Hotot, Silver Watch~ Bevern, Crème d' Argent, Giant Chinchilla, Lilac, Rhinelander



Check out the Conservation Priority list at www.albc-usa.org

Please consider joining the ALBC. More information is available at the website <http://www.albc-usa.org> or you can contact the ALBC via mail, telephone or fax.
P.O. Box 477
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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Convention Meeting Minutes

HRBI conducted it's annual meeting at the ARBA National Convention in Fort Worth, TX. The meeting was held at the club's boot on Monday October 30, 2006.

In attendance were club members:

Michelle Sauerwein(President)

Laurie Staley-Jones (Secretary/
Treasurer)

Freddie Hughley (Director)

David Weill (Director)

Bob Whitman (Director)

Richard Vaerewyck

Kathryn Sauerwein

Trinity Jones

First issue brought to the club's attention was the matter of Sweepstakes points. Some concerns were voiced about shows possibly missing from the final point count. An email was sent to

Sheila Spillers, waiting for a response.

Members questioned the ability to request a judge for the 2007 ARBA Convention. Judges nominated are: Ray Stacey, George Raisor, Randy Shumaker and Glenn Carr.

T-shirts were decided upon at \$15 each. Purple was the color. Shirts can also be made in other colors upon request.

Brochures needing updated. Michelle Sauerwein currently has those.

Meeting was cut short by Youth show.

Blanc de Hotot Sports

The Blanc de Hotot carries the Broken gene EnEn and also the Dutching gene dudu. With the Hotot carrying both genes there are several types of mismarks or sports that will show up in your breeding programs. There are the typical mismarks, which have the Hotot eyebands, but may have a few stray spots of color elsewhere on

the body (back, ears, and top of tail are common places). You will also get a few "Boxers" or rabbits having only one eyeband. In addition to those, you will on occasion find the "Silver Piebald". The Piebald is a Dutch marked rabbit in which the black portions of the fur "silver" as the rabbit matures.

Is debatable whether or not to use

these animals in the breeding program. Some feel that these throwbacks can be eliminated from the gene pool, while others feel that by doing so you will be losing out on valuable genetic material. If you have insight on this issue, email your opinion in and it will be printed in the next issue. lazyslops@yahoo.com

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New/Renewal Membership

Membership fees:

Single: \$10/year

Youth: \$5/year

Husband & Wife: \$14/year

Family: \$14/year plus \$2 per youth/
year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

URL: _____

New or Renewal: _____

ARBA Number/s: _____

Are you an active breeder of the Blanc

de Hotot? _____

Approximately how many Blanc de
Hotots do you own? (count only those
weaned and older please) _____

Are you a current member of the ALBC?

Referred By: _____

Please mail with a check or money order
payable to: HRBI

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