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Deadline for any proposed changes to the CBL's and next newsletter is:

January 8th, 2015

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Calendar of Events

For complete details on the shows please contact the show secretary for a catalog!

January 8th, 2015 – Deadline for Proposed changes to the CBL's and submissions for the newsletter. Please submit any proposals to Collette Waters at <u>collettewaters@gmail.com</u> or mail to 1970 Highway 477, Natchitoches, La 71457

January 24, 2015 - South Mississippi RBA Double Open /Double Youth, Poplarville, Mississippi – Show Secretary – Marge Drake For info contact Tracey Freeman 985-732-5060 tntscountrycritters@hotmail.com

January 31, 2015 – Bonne Terre RA

Double Open/Double Youth, Alexandria, La
– Show Secretary – Julie Young 318-8802503 juliey1981123@yahoo.com

February 14, 2015 - Magnolia State RBA

Double Open/ Double Youth, Collins, Mississippi – Show Secretary – Marge Drake For more information contact Roger Carr 601-736-2735 rogercarr1@yahoo.com

February 21, 2015 - Corners of the South

RC - Triple Open/Double Youth. Holland Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Mini Rex, Britannia Petite and Jersey Wooly (LJWB) Specialties Shreveport LA – Show Secretaries - Beth Roark <u>roarkbeth@yahoo.com</u> 318-564-0476

March 6, 2016 - Tiny Town RC

Single Open/Youth – DeRidder, LA Show Secretary: Cheryl Moyers 337-463-6891 DANDCMOYERS@HUGHES.NET

March 7, 2015 - LRBA Annual State

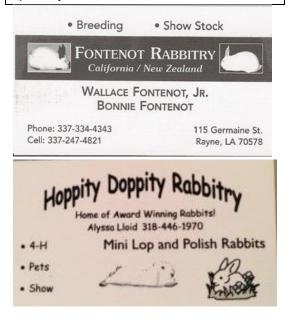
Meeting & Show – DeRidder, Louisiana – Show Secretary – Sheila Spillers 318-251-2442 - <u>bsfarms@bayou.com</u>

ALL Specialty club sanction are being done via donation only. Please contact the show secretary if you wish to donate a sanction.

May 22-23, 2015 – LRBA Annual Cajun

Classic Memorial Weekend Show - Triple Open/Youth - Alexandria, LA - Show Secretary: Ariana St. Pierre 985-677-1298 aarabbitry@gmail.com

Contact Ariana if you would like to donate specialty sanctions!



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:



Summer is behind us and Fall is upon Us. With that said, the LRBA is fresh and new. Our Eboard has made decisions on many controversial and hot issues, putting these things behind us. Now just like the seasons we begin again. I am fulfilling my promises to the LRBA and brought everything before your Eboard for voting. And I will continue to keep the membership informed on our financial situation. By the time this newsletter comes out we will have had two local club shows and the ARBA Convention behind us. Good luck to all and be safe.

The LRBA now has a Newsletter Committee, consisting of Celeste Orgeron, Julie Young, Sheila Spillers, and Myself. Hopefully this will bring us a more comprehensive and informed newsletter while keeping the newsletter compact and concise.

Again good luck and safe trips to all. Hope to see you all soon.

Carl LaBiche

From the Vice President:



Karen Guillory, LRBA Vice President

FROM THE SECRETARY:



Collette Waters, LRBA Secretary

No Articles submitted.

FROM THE TREASURER:



Monna R. Berryhill

<u>Please find the treasurer's</u> quarterly report in this issue!

Sweeps Update...



I apologize for the long delay in getting sweeps updated in a timely fashion. Over the summer when I posted the draft, it came to my attention that I was missing several reports and that some of the information I had received was incorrect. I have now received most of what is needed and anticipate getting the rest of it shortly. It may be updated on the website before this newsletter if published, but if not it should be forthcoming very soon. Thank you for your patience in this matter as I know how anxious all of you must be for an updated sweeps report. It was not my intention for it to take so long.

As the roster is subject to frequent changes and exhibitors often show new breeds during the year, please let me know if your points do not appear as they should. Children in household under parents with different last names are sometimes overlooked because they are harder to spot on the roster. Please let me know if this should occur.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wainwright - Sweepstakes Chair

From the Youth President:



No article submitted.

Austin Roark

From the Youth Vice President:



Hey, Ya'll! I'm sure as you all are reading this you have a barn full of molting rabbits just in time for Convention! Convention will have already passed when this comes out, so I hope all of you had a great time doing what we all love!

As I'm sure we are all aware of CLRBA and SLRBA have put on two TERRIFIC shows this past October. I have heard nothing but positive things from everyone that went to these shows. Sadly, I was not able to attend the Opelousas show, but I was able to make it to the Alexandria show. It was a very smooth, well-run show and everyone left at a reasonable time!

The LRBA Youth show is coming up very quickly!!After such a success with our Youth Show last year I expect nothing less this year. With all the opportunities to learn and see what it's like to run a show I encourage everyone to come out and join us! I recommend if you know any new people who may be interested in showing rabbits that they come as well. This show is a great show to learn and watch since it is so relaxed and easy going without much of the hustle bustle.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming shows! Good luck!

Chase Domingue, Youth Vice-President.

From the Youth Treasurer:



No article submitted.

Bradley Babin

From the Youth Secretary:



No article submitted.

Sam Neal

From the Youth Advisory Chairperson:



I am so excited to have 2 youth teams compete at Convention this year in Fort Worth. I am so very proud of our youth to step up and do this. It is lots of long hours of studying and days of competitions. Not an easy task to say in the least. The youth that are showing rabbits at convention need to

be applauded just as well. Many long hours of feeding and taking care of their animals. Please remember to encourage our youth, they are the future of our club. I would like to take this time to thank all of the parents that support our youth and the hobby.

Please remember the Youth Scholarship Show on November 22, 2014 in Alexandria, LA. The flyer for this show is on the LRBA website under calendars. This is a very fun show, run by the youth, for the youth, all proceeds goes to the scholarship fund. There will be all kinds of contest, the Royalty winners will be announced. We would appreciate any and all help with this show.

Once again good luck to everyone!

Thanks
Beth Roark
Youth Advisor

Dwarf News from the Co*Op....

The fall show season has started and the fun has begun. The SLRBC hosted a double show along with a Dwarf specialty in Opelousas, La. For those who missed it, you missed a great event with great weather, just what we needed to kick off the show season. Congratulations to Terry Herman for 3 BOB/ 2BOS, a Double BIS and a BOBO and to Carol Petitjean on her BOS with her beautiful Squirrel doe in Show B. Congratulations to Morgan Wainwright for 2 BOB and Stone and Henry Manning for 1 BOB and 3 BOS breed.

SLNDRC recently hosted a Dwarf Specialty at the CLRBA Fall Show in Alexandria, La on October 10, 2014 under Judge Scott Rodriguez. Although turnout was small being a Friday night show, those in attendance enjoyed hearing opinions and comments from such a well-respected judge. We would like to thank CLRBA for allowing us to host this specialty show and also all of you who attended, exhibited and supported the show. Congratulations to Terry Herman for a 3 BOB/ 2BOS/RIS, Carol Petitjean for a BOS and to Morgan Wainwright for 2 BOB/RIS and Stone and

Henry Manning for a BOB/BOS/RIS. We would also like to welcome the new dwarf exhibitors who entered all of the recent shows. We wish all of you the best of luck to all of you with your new breed.

In closing, there seems to be a lot of focus on the issue of ethics throughout ARBA recently, you may not be aware, but after 100 years of existence, ARBA recently passed for all Judges and Registrars, a "Standard of Ethics." I for one don't think there is an ethics issue as much as a moral issue. To help you better understand what I mean I had Chase do research for me.

- Ethics refers to the series of rules provided to an individual by an external source, be it professional, hobbies or religion.
- Morals refer to an individual's own principles regarding right and wrong.

In today's world of Social Media it is so easy to say things in writing on places such as Facebook that can't be taken back. Please be mindful of things that are said and maybe just stop and ask yourself before you do.........Would I want this said about me? You may just find the answer to be no.

To those of you who recently traveled to the ARBA convention in Fort Worth, we hope that you had safe travels, that you enjoyed the fellowship of fellow breeders and mentors during your stay and that you were pleased with your bunnies results.

Sincerely, Magnolia Place Farm Carrot Top Rabbitry

We are very sorry about the lateness of this issue! With holidays and convention it took a little while to complete the necessary reports for this issue. Please note due to the state meeting to be held in March, the next issue deadline along with proposal deadline is now January 8th!!!!

<u>Congratulations to our Awards</u> Nominees:

LRBA Award Nominations:

Hall of Fame

Frank Farrow –AARC; Carl LaBiche –BTRA; Ken & Monna Berryhill –CLRBA; Yvonne Hebert –TTRC

Breeder of the Year

Karen Guillory –CLRBA, LJWRB; Megan Moyers –TTRC, BTRA; Lynn Langley – SLNDRC, SLRBA; R & D Duhon/Ryan Hebert –AARC

Rookie of the Year

Heike Cooley –BTRA; Vikkie Lafollette – LJWRB; Terry Wilson –TTRC; Terry Herman –SLNDRC; Jerry Castille –AARC

Youth Breeder of the Year

Jade Morrison –LJWRB; Dakota St. Pierre – CLRBA; Bradley Babin –BTRA; Aleah Lukaszeski –AARC; Morgan Wainwright – SLNDRC; Stone & Henry Manning – SLNDRC; Chase Domingue –SLRBA; Martha Moyers –TTRC.

Youth Rookie of the Year

Michaela Castille –AARC; Samuel Neal -CLRBA; Jacob Austin BTRA; Sophia Modares –TTRC; Chase Herman -SLNDRC

<u>Hall of Fame Nominee:</u> Carl LaBiche

I am very honored to have been nominated to the LRBA Hall of Fame. I've been raising and showing rabbits since the mid 80's. During that time my family opened a processing house for rabbits, which brought to rise the Iowa Rabbit Festival. I was co-founder and the first President of the Festival. Because of health, which caused my oldest brother's life, the processing house had to close. But the festival lives on today. It wasn't long after this that the job I had and the hours it demanded from me along with a young family caused me to get out of rabbits, this went against fiber of my being, and I made a promise that I would someday enjoy my passion of raising and

showing rabbits. In 2006 my desire to return to the rabbit world was full filled with the raising of my main barn and the first trio of Californians were brought in. All of this was done with the help and encouragement of my brother Teddy. Ted had raised and sold meat and rabbits for years also, although never fully enjoying the same passion of showing that I have. He was my inspiration and guiding force for many years. He would show up at local shows and even ventured to Tenn. with me last Sept. for a show. I say all this because my whole family loved rabbits and every aspect of them. But sadly in Feb. of this year God called my brother home, I was devastated at his sudden lost. But everywhere I look around my rabbitries I still see him. For he was always there, whether it was construction, culling, breeding, cleaning, are showing.

The rabbit world has done great things for me. The most important being my sweet wife Jessica. We met at a rabbit show and as things would go. Our enthusiasm for the hobby drew us closer and closer together and May of this year we were married.

I've met and made many wonderful and endearing friends over the years and my love of rabbits is only preceded by my love of the LRBA. I look at it this way. The LRBA has been here for me and everyone else since I showed my first rabbit at the Cal Cam fair in 85 till present day. I stepped up to plate in June of this year, when the loss of over half her funds put her in jeopardy, and ran for LRBA President. Through diligence and staying the course we are once again putting funds back into the LRBA banking account. There have been many issues to deal with since my election and many of them very disconcerting. Making me rethink my decision to be President, but it always come back to this, I was willing to step up and try to make a positive difference. And my love of the LRBA and it members, and our having a place to enjoy our hobby, tell me I made the right decision. I'm especially convinced of that decision when I see our youth enjoying all the benefits the LRBA has to offer them. Without our youth the LRBA and the hobby itself would die. I will say this

without trying to brag, I've not only given my time to the youth, but my funds and rabbits. Nothing is too much to give to our youth. In my opinion.

In closing I would like to say that no matter what happens at the elections in March. I will continue to love and cherish the LRBA and her members. I wish you all full nest boxes and showroom champions.

Carl LaBiche

<u>Hall of Fame Nominees:</u> <u>Ken & Monna Berryhill</u>

We are extremely honored to have been named as a candidate for the LRBA Hall of Fame. We started raising Rex rabbits back in 1983 and won Best Castor at our very first show. We were bitten by the bunny show bug. In 1984, we took 5 rabbits to the ARBA Convention in Orlando, Florida. Our lowest placement was 10th place and we won BOV Castor. At this convention, I won the pair of Dwarf Rex that were raffled off by the ARBA R & D Committee. More on this later. We expanded into Opal, Lynx and Broken Castor Rex and were exceedingly successful on the show tables. In 1987 at the ARBA convention in Portland, Oregon, we won Best Opposite of Breed with a Castor Buck. The following year in Madison, Wisconsin, that same buck went Best Senior Castor Buck and his son won Best of Variety Castor.

As stated earlier, much to my husband's dismay, I won the pair of Dwarf Rex raffled off at the 1984 Convention by the R & D Committee. I brought them home and bred the little ugly 2# buck (Zorro) to a 6 1/2# Rex doe (Cotton). The first litter of Mini Rex was born in December. They were uniform in type, size and every other aspect except for color. A remote dream began forming I the back of my mind and the first time I verbalized it, I was made fun of. There was 1 Opal doe (Dopey) which I kept for breeding, a Black doe (Happy) and a Blue doe (Bashful) I sent to Linda Thompson and Gloria Middleton in Sarasota, Florida because I didn't raise those colors. I continued that breeding and

ultimately produced Opal, Lynx, Broken Castor and Castor Mini Rex, using my Standard Rex. In 1985, I took several of them to the Houston Convention for display only and generated not only a great deal of interest, but a great deal of outright animosity and ridicule. I suspect some of them even wished we had a flat tire before we got home. I came home from Houston and generated the first Newsletter on my IBM Selectric typewriter on my kitchen table. After a few of these, Linda Thompson offered to design a logo and take over the Newsletter duties. The rest of her story is history.

My first presentation was 2 generations of Castors at the 1986 ARBA convention in Columbus, Ohio. The Rex membership had already voted 2 to 1 against affiliating with my new breed, which was fine with me. I had made many enemies in the process of producing my little Rex. After less than 10 minutes of examination and discussion, my Mini Rex were accepted! Little did I know that a rule had been in place within ARBA for vears that no other rabbit with Rex fur would be considered for presentation. The ARBA powers that be met that same afternoon, November 2, and declared that rule null and void. Oren asked me if I wanted to join forces with the Rex club and I emphatically told him no because they had already voted 2 out of 3 against me. So we became an entity on our own.

At the second presentation of Mini Rex in 1987 in Portland, Oregon, there were 147 Mini Rex in many, many different colors. Presentation of these new varieties was permitted by the then ARBA President Doc Reed, who had become an enthusiastic supporter of this new breed. They literally turned the rabbit world on its ear. That year, I presented Castors, Opals, Lynx, and Brokens which were accepted. I don't remember how many other varieties were accepted, but among them were Californian (now called Himilayan), Red, Chinchilla, Otter and the list just goes on and escapes my ancient brain.

In 1988, we all made the trip back to the ARBA Convention in Madison, Wisconsin and very quickly were accepted as a newly recognized breed. There were tears, shouts, whistles, hugs and more tears all over the showroom! We had done it! The rest is history. Mini Rex are now the most popular breed in America and possibly even the world. They are all over the globe. Talk about fulfilling a vision! Our joy knows no bounds! Money cannot buy the thousands of friends we have made because of this sweet-tempered little rabbit. Friendships we will cherish until we draw our last breath.

Ken & Monna Berryhill

<u>Hall of Fame Nominee:</u> Frank Farrow

For those that don't know me, my name is Frank Farrow. First just let me say that it is a privilege to be nominated for LRBA's Hall of Fame award.

My wife Theresa and I were married in December of 1963 and the following spring I bought her three Easter rabbits, and have been raising rabbits ever since. Through the years I have raised many different breeds. I started raising Californians around 1970 and still raise them today. I became an ARBA Judge in 1976. I am a retired brick mason and spend my days raising rabbits and chickens, judging rabbit shows (many of them are fair shows), and building and selling cages. I also like to do woodworking projects like grooming tables and tattoo boxes.

My wife and I have a daughter, two grandsons, a granddaughter in – law, and two great grandchildren. There is never a dull moment around our house.

Adult Rookie of the Year Nominee: Terri Pugh Wilson

Hello,

Let me introduce myself, my name is Terri Pugh Wilson, co-owner of Wilson Rabbit Ranch near Jonesville, La. I was born and raised in rural Central Louisiana. Growing up on my family's remote farm, I developed a love for the outdoors and animals. Being five miles from the closest neighbors and having a private water well, the farm instilled hard work and devotion.

In my late teens I began my education that started a long rewarding career in nursing, specializing in the field of dialysis. I have tried to use my gift of compassion, care and humor to treat and up lift my patient's lives.

I am the backbone of my family raising two children Savannah Lea, 20 and Houston Reed, 14. I also have a wonderful, supportive husband Dennis.

I am known for my strong will and determination, a good example of this would be my victory over advanced Breast cancer at the age of 34, at the time my children were young and I was obtaining a graduate degree in nursing. Happily, I have been 100% cancer free for 10 years. Since then I am involved with Relay for Life organization every year giving back to those affected by Cancer.

Dennis and I founded the Wilson Rabbit Ranch fulfilling a lifetime dream, fueled by our passion for our rabbits and the love of our hobby. We have entirely too many breeds to maintain but I haven't been able to part with any as of yet! I not only work full time at dialysis but I also work as a surgery nurse at Catahoula Vet Clinic in order to support our animals and showing expenses.

I absolutely love working with and encouraging our youth to have interest in showing, and learning their breeds. My most thrilling experience in showing is to watch a child's face as a judge gives good remarks, or picks their animal that they have cared for, raised and bred. I truly love showing and competing and I strive to improve our blood lines, and our rabbits. Reed and I are thrilled to be going to National Convention, and Reed to compete with the youth team.

I am thrilled to actually be recognized and nominated for Rookie Breeder of the Year.

Many thanks to all the LRBA and TTRC for the nomination. I hope to see ya'll at the next show!

<u>Youth Breeder of the Year Nominee:</u> <u>Chase Domingue</u>

Hello! I would first like to thank you for nominating me for the prestigious award of Youth Breeder of the Year! It would be an honor to accept this award.

First, a little about me. My name is Chase Domingue and I live in Mandeville, Louisiana.

I am 16 years old (will have turned 17 by the time the newsletter is sent). At present I serve as Youth Vice-President for LRBA and District 6 Representative for NMRRC. I am also involved with 4-H and this year I am the Community Resource Development Chairperson. This hobby has opened so many doors in my life and I can't thank enough all the people who have supported me through the past few years.

Currently I raise Mini Rex, Tans, and Netherlands. I primarily focus on Tri-Color Mini Rex, which is a huge challenge! They are an extremely unworked on variety who need dedicated breeders to help develop them into a variety people will stop overlooking. As of now I have won 3) BOV's, 3) BOB's, 1) 2nd RIS, and a BIS with my homegrown Blue/Fawn Tri Doe, Second To None. She is my nicest Tri to date, but I have several young Tri's I expect to do well on the tables as they mature. In Tans I have gotten 2) BOV's, 2) BOB's, and 1) BIS with a homegrown Jr doe, Peridot. She won these at the Alexandria, LA show on 10-11-14. It was my first time showing a Tan so I am excited for the future of my small Tan herd. Back on March 28-29, my mother and I traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to compete at the National Mini Rex Rabbit Show. I got BOV, BOB/BIS with a Black Sr Doe, Casablanca's Riddle and she also went on to win BOB/BIS in the two TMRRC shows on Sunday. Winning a BIS with a Tri Mini Rex and winning a National BOB are definitely two of the biggest highlights of my

life. After putting all the hard work into these animals it feels incredible to see such results! Again, thank you for nominating me! Have a wonderful day!

Chase Domingue

Youth Breeder of the Year Nominee: Stone & Henry Manning

We are Stone and Henry Manning and we show Netherland Dwarf rabbits. Stone is nine years old, in the fourth grade, and has been showing Netherlands for 4 years while Henry is 6 years old, in the first grade, and joined the team last year. The thing they like most about showing rabbits is the fun they have at shows and spending time with their "show buddies" they have met. They also enjoy the early morning barn time feeding the herd before school. Henry's favorite rabbit is Cowboy, a senior chestnut herd buck and Stone's current favorite is a junior himi buck named Davy. They are thankful for all of the experienced breeders that have helped them along the way and look forward to seeing everyone at the next show!

<u>Youth Rookie of the Year Nominee:</u> <u>Jacob Austin</u>

Hello my name is Jacob Austin and I was nominated for Youth Rookie Breeder of the Year by Bonne Terre Rabbit Club. It is with great honor that Bonne Terre Rabbit Club picked me as there nomination this year. First I am going to start off by telling you about myself. I am 16 years old and attend Pitkin High School. I am an honor student as well I am involved in 4-H, FFA, and boys basketball manager. I have been raising rabbits for a little over 6 years now .My very first rabbit I owed was a Holland Lop that mom bought from the sale barn as my 4-H project. From that point on I was ready to learn more as I enjoyed showing so much that year. After that I told mom we have to start going to the BIG shows now I love rabbits. So from there my journey began. I have raised many different breeds of rabbits.

Finally I settled down after many trails and error with French Lops and Mini Lops. This past year I decided that I really wanted to try a side project with Tans. I have won many BOB, BOS, BOBO, a RIS and a BIS throughout the 4 years of showing at Arba shows. I love when I get the chance to get behind the tables and write for judges. This has given me many opportunity's to learn things about different breeds. I also love when I am able to educate others about rabbits and helping others get started in a breed. Lastly I would like to close that none of what I have been able to do from winning. learning, buying, or breeding would be possible without my mom and fellow breeders.

Thanks Jacob Austin

<u>Youth Rookie of the Year Nominee:</u> <u>Sofia Modares</u>

Hi my name is Sofia Modares and I hope to be your new LRBA youth Rookie of the year. I'm 10 years old, in the 5th grade and I've been showing rabbit for 1 year. Now it's one of my favorite hobbies.

I have 1 rabbit and soon 2. I show Polish rabbits and she is a Senior Doe. I've won first in showmanship 3 ties and many other awards. I hope to soon help kids with rabbits just like Mrs. Tammy, Alyssa and Mr. Richard helped me. Thank you again and I hope to do this for many more years.

LRBA RAFFLES!!!

We are pleased to announce the benefit raffles for LRBA have been a great success!

The LSU raffle had a net profit of \$1,661.21! The raffle at convention turned in \$542.00!

A big thank you to Vikkie Lafollette who did a wonderful job with the LSU raffle. Thanks to everyone at convention who manned the booth and made sure everything ran smoothly. Bet Loe did a wonderful job decorating the booth!

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Congratulations to our winners!!



Jersey Wooley – Best of Breed Heike Cooley – Judge: Josh Humphries



New Zealand – Best of the Best Opposites Jude Coupel - Show B Youth in Alexandria



Mini Lop – Best In Show Reed Wilson – Specialty in Alexandria,



Polish – Best Opposite Abigail Cormier - Polish speciality in Alexandria

~~~CONVENTION NEWS~~~



Chase Domingue along with being part of our Youth Team, also won Best of Breed Tan in Youth!



Destiny Bearden entered the poetry contest and earned class winner as well as education division champion with it. She also had intermediate class winner in craft all other crafts category, winning that with a crocheted security baby blanket. Destiny got blue ribbons for single color photo, single black/white photo and craft stuffed toys. She also won the intermediate achievement contest for District 6.



Our Youth Team did a wonderful job representing LRBA! Chase Domingue, Dakota Manning, Bradley Babin, Sam Neal, Reed Wilson, Morgan Wainwright, Dakota St. Pierre & Austin Roark.



Janie Domingue & Terri Wilson running the raffle table at Lrba booth!



Miss Monna Berryhill & Reed Wilson



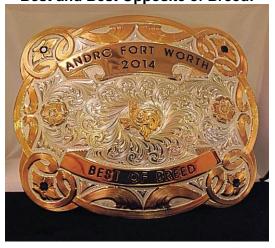
Bet Loe did a wonderful job with the LRBA Booth!



Jessica Sims placed Best of Breed & Best Opposite of Breed with her cavies



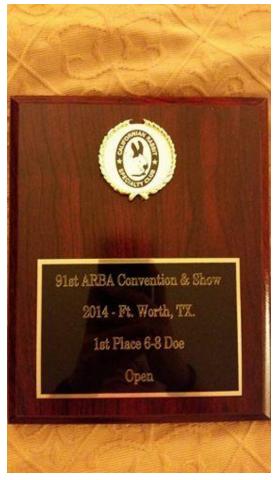
Martha Moyers Belgian Hare
Best Sr Buck John Luke,
Best Sr Doe Riley,
Best Jr Buck Rocket, &
Best Jr Doe Orphan Annie
Best and Best Opposite of Breed!



Terry Herman won Best Of Breed Netherland Dwarf – Open and also received the honor of Group II winner!







Carl LaBiche had the 1rst place 6/8 Doe & 2nd Place Senior Doe in Californian Open!



Jessica LaBiche had the 3rd place broken junior buck out of 77!



Lynn & Yvonne Hebert won Best Gray Fur in Open Dutch!!!

Bet Loe and Austin Roark won Best Opposite of Breed Tan in Open!

LRBA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Checking Account 6/22/14 – 11/26/14

6/22/14 – 11/26/14				
6/19/14 Beginning Balance				6,214.71
Income:	Net LSU Raffle Profit State Meeting Entry Fees	1,661.21 809.00		
	Convention Raffle Sales	542.00		
	Membership Dues	452.00		
	State Meeting Raffle Sales	363.00		
	Check for 6/20 Judges' Meal	236.14		
	Undesignated Income	153.00		
	Sanction Fees	14.60		
	Add Back Ck #577 (Lost) 1 Year Ad for Newsletter	21.00 16.00		
		10.00		
	Add Back Ck #605 (Lost) Corners Of The South Charter Fee			
	Total Income for The Period	<u>10.00</u>		4,330.15
	Total income for the Fellou			4,330.13
Expenses:	Transfer from Checking to Savings A	Account	300.00	
Ck #643 to Collette Waters for 2015, 2016 Sanctions Returned Check Debit - Judges' Meal June 20		280.00		
		236.14		
		236.14		
	Ck #642 to Sheila Spillers for Secret	tarial Duties	219.37	
	Debit - Lagu Inn (Judges' lodging)		78.96	
	Ck #645 to Tommy Kemp for Haulin	-	74.80	
Ck #646 to Barbara Gesswein to renew show program		59.00		
	Total Postage Expense for period		43.96	
Debit – Office Depot for Printing Calculator & Paper		36.95		
Debit - LA Secretary of State Officer Update		30.00		
	New Checks		29.70	
	Debit - LA Sec of State - Articles of I	•	20.00	
Ck #644 to ARBA for November Youth Show Sanction		20.00		
Ck #641 to Stineman Awards for Extra Postage		_	15.63	
Debit - Office Supplies from Quill.com		12.51		
Returned Check Charge		12.00		
Set-Up Fee for New Checks		<u>8.00</u>		
Total Expenses for the Period			<u>1,713.16</u>	
LSU Raffle Exper				
Wal-Mart 245.41				
Crowne Plaza 218.52 Printing Tickets 62.95				
Printing Tickets 62.95 Postage 16.46				
Misc. Supplies 5.45				
wisc. Supp	548.79			
Note: All SI Da	office Expanses were paid out of the inc	ome therefore no	cost to the c	lub

Note: All LSU Raffle Expenses were paid out of the income, therefore, no cost to the club. *Ck #646 not cleared (Add to total on right to balance with Bank total)

12/3/14 Ending Balance <u>8.831.70</u>

Bank: 8,898.70



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LOUISIANA RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE #
E-MAIL
YOUTH \$8.00 () INDIVIDUAL \$12.00 () COMBO \$20.00 ()
YOUTH 3YRS \$20.00 () INDIVIDUAL 3YRS \$30.00() COMBO 3YRS \$50.00 ()
FAMILY (\$16.00 + \$2.00 PER YOUTH) () 3YR (\$45 + \$5 PER YOUTH) ()
AGE & NAME OF YOUTH MEMBERS
RABBITRY NAME (ADDTL \$1.00 PER YR)
NEWSLETTER MAILING PREFERENCE E-MAIL () REGULAR MAIL ()
CURRENT BREEDS
LOCAL LOUISIANA CLUB
(MUST FILL IN IF OUT-OF-STATE MEMBER COMPETING FOR SWEEPSTAKES POINTS)
REFERRED BY

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