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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Magnolia State RBA Double
Open/Double Youth Show, Collins,
Mississippi, Marge Drake, Show
Secretary, showingrabbits@yahoo.com

Judges: Josh Humphries, Rusty
Westhoff, Lance Gendron, and Tanner
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MARCH 3, 2012

LRBA Annual State Show, LSU Mini
Farm, Baton Rouge, La.,
Ariana St. Pierre, Show Secretary
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Judges: Cheryl Blackman, Allen
Mesick, Julie Ueno

MARCH 17, 2012

AARC Iowa Rabbit Festival, Iowa, La
Ronnie Duhon, Show Secretary

APRIL 14, 2012

Southern Show, Single Open/Single
Youth + Meat Pens, Baker, Louisiana

Shana Nielsen, Show Secretary

MAY 25, 2012

Memorial Day Show, Single
Open/Single Youth

Shana Nielsen, Open Show Secretary

Ariana St. Pierre, Youth Show Secretary

MAY 26, 2012

Memorial Day Show, Double
Open/Double Youth plus Specialties in
Mini Rex, Dutch and Holland Lop,

Shana Nielsen, Open Show Secretary

Ariana St. Pierre, Youth Show Secretary

JUNE 30, 2012

Annual LRBA State Meeting and Show,
Single Open/Single Youth Show, Camp
Beauregard, Pineville, La.,

Monna Berryhill, Show Secretary

Judges: Carrol Hooks, Mary Jo Terry,
Michael Franke

OCTOBER 6, 2012

SLRBA Show, Opelousas, La.,
Sheila Spillers, Show Secretary

OCTOBER 13, 2012

CLRBA Show, Alexandria, La.,
Monna Berryhill, Show Secretary

Judges: Adam McCabe, Lance
Gendron, Frank Farrow, Cheryl
Blackman, Robert Sorrels, and Don
Mersiovsky

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From the Desk of the President:

It's hard to believe that this show season is more than half over. Time passes too quickly these days. The LRBA seems to be growing very quickly and the shows seem to have large numbers exhibited, especially those Holland Lops. Just where did they all come from?

Speaking of the growing numbers, it takes a lot of volunteers to make these shows work. From the superintendents, secretaries, writers, concession workers, raffle table workers, setup crews, web spinners, state officers, newspaper editor and sweepstakes chairman, it takes dedicated individuals to give their time unselfishly to make things run smoothly. To those of you who volunteer, I commend you for your services. To those of you who show up just to show, I challenge you to jump in and help out, even if in just minor role. All help at the shows is appreciated and it would take some of the burden off the people that continually give their time. Personally, I was raised with the belief that you needed to give back to anything that you draw from in life.

In closing, I wish you success in the rabbit hobby, and please consider volunteering if you can.

Kevin LeBlanc

LRBA President

FROM THE SECRETARY:

Hello to everyone! Our show year is in full swing and I hope everyone has nest boxes full of little winners. Please take a moment to check the expiring members

list as well as the new member list. While we are all very busy at shows, but take a few minutes to talk to a "new face" in the crowd. Taking time to talk with our newer members and help them along encourages them to stay interested in our wonderful hobby.

Spring time is coming up and we will all be preparing for those national shows and breeding for convention. I wish all those going the absolute best of luck! With my children deciding to change breeds, I don't think that we will make it to any national shows this year. We'll keep our fingers crossed for convention though.

A reminder for clubs that are hosting shows, the LRBA sanction request should be received prior to the show. Show reports with the BOB/BOS list are due within 30 days of the show date as well as sweepstakes reports. Delays in these reports create a backlog of paperwork to be gone through and of course delays in accurately posting sweepstakes. I am now processing all these reports and am doing my best to keep things moving swiftly for updates. Your help in keeping things moving is greatly appreciated.

The state show is rapidly approaching and I want to remind everyone that this is a sweepstakes qualifying show for open and youth exhibitors. If you cannot attend, try to sending your rabbits with a friend who is attending. You must exhibit a rabbit in each breed that you intend to retain your sweepstakes points in. The sweeps patches and pins from last year should be in and ready to distribute at the state show. I do apologize for the lengthy wait time in receiving these awards. Thanks to everyone who has helped out this year so far!

Ariana St. Pierre

New Members since November 2011

Jason Babin
Brent and Goldie Breaux
Kylie and Skylar Hough (Y)
Chasey Matherne (Y)
Jamie St. Germain
Katy Williams (Y)
Breanna Dunaway
Anthony Amorello (Y)
Mary, Todd and Tommy (Y) Perez
Laura Hogan
Terri, Dennis, and Houston (Y) Wilson
Savannah Cowan (Y)

Expiring Members

Jessica Mast 10/11
Taylor Family (TX) 11/11
George/Dickerson 12/11
Greg Knox 1/12
Ken & Monna Berryhill 2/12
Shecky & Tammy Carriere 2/12
Tracey & Tyrone Freeman 2/12
Michael Ellerbe 3/12
Madeline Martin 3/12
Paul Grezaffi 3/12
Ashlee Hawkes 3/12
James Long 3/12
Melody Loupe 3/12
Richards Family 3/12
Trosper family 3/12
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From the Barn of the Youth Advisor

It has been a great season so far with so many youth participating in the events at the shows, I am so proud of you. I want to thank the parents for their hard work as well and the support they give to their children in their rabbit hobby.

I have not been able to make some of the shows due to health issues. I will be at the state show and want to remind the youth about their (parts of a rabbit) test. The study guide was handed out at the youth show and it has been posted on the LRBA Youth Facebook page. I wanted to remind the youth to read the LRBA Youth Facebook page (with your parent's permission) as I post quite a bit of good educational material to help them with their hobby.

Keep up the good work and great sportsmanship. See you in March.

Carrie Laboyteaux
LRBA Youth Adviser 2011-12
225-235-3764

NEWS FROM AARC:

I hope everyone had a nice holiday. I know I was glad to get back to work, to my normal schedule! Days off can be tiring! LOL This weather isn't helping the bunnies any with it going hot/cold/hot/cold. I have fur flying everywhere! Hopefully it will settle down by the time we get to State!

I wanted to remind everyone of our show in Iowa, Louisiana on March 17, 2012. It will be a Single Open/Single Youth show. We do this due to show room size and to give everyone a chance to hit the Iowa Rabbit Festival! If you have never attended the Iowa Rabbit Festival, you are missing out!

We have a booth there where we sell our bunnies and hand out literature on rabbits and rabbit care. The festival has all kinds of food (rabbit included), music, crafts, and rides. It is a lot of fun! Hopefully you will be able to swing by after the show, or make a weekend of it!

We will be posting our flyer on the LRBA website and the breeds we are sanctioning. If you have a breed you would like to add to these, just let me know and we'll get them sanctioned! Ronnie Duhon will be the Show Secretary and will be taking entries by email, snail mail and phone. The flyer will have the details.

As I mentioned earlier we sell rabbits at our festival booth. If you have rabbits you would like to sell, contact me for the details (225-921-8014 or calmart01@aol.com). You would be surprised how many bunnies find a home during the festival weekend!

Looking forward to see everyone at the shows! Have a great rabbit season!

Shirley Rome, AARC Secty.



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NEWS FROM THE SLNDRC:

There is a new specialty club in town! The South Louisiana Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club (SLNDRC) would like to welcome its new members and thank them for their support. One of our main objectives will be to promote the Netherland Dwarf through specialty shows throughout the Louisiana area.

As we bring new breeders into the hobby, we will continue to enjoy the popularity of "The Gem of the Fancy". We would like to invite anyone interested in raising and showing Netherland Dwarfs to become part of this new club. The club received its charter in December of 2011 and plans on hosting its' first specialty show at the LRBA State Show being held in Baton Rouge on March 3, 2012. Our goal is to make showing dwarfs a fun, exciting and rewarding experience for our youth and to increase the number of exhibitors and quality dwarfs across the state while providing more opportunities for exhibitors to participate in ARBA sanctioned shows during the year. SLDNRC currently has 14 members since forming in December. We would love to increase those numbers in the coming year.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit the SLNDRC website at <http://slndrc.weebly.com/> where you can find an application. Or feel free to contact one of the club officers (President- Ronnie Duhon, Vice President- Lisa Wainwright, and Secretary- Dana Duhon) and they will be happy to assist you. Club t-shirts have not yet been ordered so if you would like to order a t-shirt, please contact an officer as soon as possible. Consider joining in the fun and friendship we share as dwarf breeders. We would be glad to help in any way we can. See you at the show.

NEWS FROM BTRC

Bonne Terre Rabbit Club would like to thank everyone who participated and helped out at our show in January. It was our first triple show and thanks to everyone, it was a great success. We hope the show was enjoyable for everyone and hope to see you all again next January for our show.


Thanks,

Bonne Terre Rabbit Club

NEWS FROM SLRBA

As the show season is moving along rather smoothly, we cannot become complacent with the quality of rabbits we are producing. Let's strive to show the rest of the U.S the quality of rabbits that Louisiana Breeders can bring to the table. Individual breed nationals are just around the corner and it's our time to shine above the rest. Making time and preparations to attend can be very stressful. If we all work together to travel smartly we can have a safe and wonderful trip to and from our destination. Preparing with several others on travel, hotels, and supplies can reduce the stress factor and make for a happier time at Nationals. With the several local shows coming up in our area, please make time to support these clubs in their journey on putting on the show for us. Without the exhibitors support, local shows would not be able to happen. Upon exiting, the SLRBA would like to say the best of luck to the TTRC and SLNDRC. The road ahead will be bumpy but in the end ya'll shall prevail. Best of Luck to all for the rest of the show season.

Doug Girard
SLRBA



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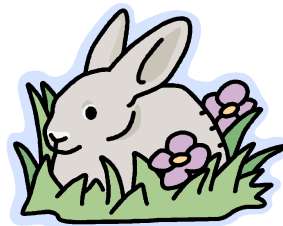
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