

# HOTOT RABBIT BREEDERS INT'L

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## ***ARBA CONVENTION 2016***

The Fibber Cup Invitational was held in sunny San Diego, CA. Temperatures were mild and spirits were high. There was row after row of amazing rabbits totaling 12,702 at last year's convention.

Blanc de Hotots had a great showing and were judged in both Youth and Open by Scott Wiebensohn. Speaking of youth, two youth brought home the BOB in Youth and Open Hotot shows this year. The wins follow suit from last year's success, as well. Seeing new generations growing in the Hotot breed is a great accomplishment for the longevity of the breed.

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## ***From Our President***

Hello from Wisconsin!

We haven't had a newsletter for quite a while so time to catch up on the news.

Congrats to all the winners at ARBA Convention in San Diego! We had 28 shown in open and 11 in youth. Ella Konency took BOB in open and Roy and Barb Semb took BOS. Bella Stouffer took both BOB and BOS in youth. I'm sure the class results will be included elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you to Stacey Konency for volunteering to be our new newsletter editor! Please get articles to her in a timely manner to make her job easier. We need to get this club back on track for getting information out to the membership.

One piece of great news from convention is that with the booth we were able to have a raffle. Thanks to everyone who donated items and baskets to the raffle. From the proceeds from the raffle, shirt sales and memberships, we had enough money to pay for our booth for the 2017 convention in Indianapolis next year and had approximately \$40 left. By paying before convention was over we received a 10% discount saving the club some money. Please remember to plan some time in the booth next year if you are going to be in Indy. My husband Tom spent most of convention sitting in the booth selling raffle tickets because no one else was there. If no one is selling tickets, we don't have money coming in. *Cont'd on Page 4*

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## ARBA CONVENTION 2016 . . .

YOUTH HOTOT 11 Shown by 3 Exhibitor(s)

**BOB: Bella Stouffer, #BB40**  
**BOS: Bella Stouffer, #P1641**



**Bella Stouffer from Auburn, WA**

OPEN HOTOT 27 Shown by 10 Exhibitor(s)

**BOB: Ella Konency, #K3MAC**  
**BOS: Roy/Barb Semb, # BR110**



**Ella Konency from Vancouver, WA**

HOTOT 11 SHOWN BY 3 EXHIBITOR(S)									
BOB: BELLA STOUFFER, EAR#BB40									
BOS: BELLA STOUFFER, EAR#P1641									
11 BY 3 EXH(S), JUDGED BY SCOTT WIEBENSOHN									
1 SENIOR BUCK BY 1 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	BB33	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 SENIOR DOE BY 2 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	BB32	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 INTERMEDIATE DOE BY 1 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	P1643	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 JUNIOR BUCK BY 2 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	P1641	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	SARAH GALKOWSKI	511159	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	SARAH GALKOWSKI	TC5163	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 JUNIOR DOE BY 2 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	BB40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	BELLA STOUFFER	BB46	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	SARAH GALKOWSKI	TC5162	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	SARAH GALKOWSKI	TC5161	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HOTOT 27 SHOWN BY 10 EXHIBITOR(S)									
BOB: ELLA KONENCY, EAR#K3MAC									
BOS: ROY/BARB SEMB/SEMB, EAR#BR110									
27 BY 10 EXH(S), JUDGED BY SCOTT WIEBENSOHN									
8 SENIOR BUCK BY 6 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	ISAAH VEALE	H455S1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	CHRISMELISSA CARLSON/CARLSON	BILLY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	ELLA KONENCY	SH3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	BELLA STOUFFER	P1538	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 SENIOR DOE BY 2 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	ROY/BARB SEMB/SEMB	BR110	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	BELLA STOUFFER	P1531	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 INTERMEDIATE BUCK BY 3 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	ELLA KONENCY	K3MAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPEN RABBIT RESULTS									
2 INTERMEDIATE DOE BY 2 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	P1644	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	KELSEY/NAOMI TRENT/TRENT	SH3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 JUNIOR BUCK BY 3 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	BB43	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	ROBERT/CHERYL WILKINSON/WILKINSON	S1164	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 JUNIOR DOE BY 3 EXH(S)		BOV	BOSV	BOG	BOSG	BOB	BOB	RIS	BIS
1	BELLA STOUFFER	BB42	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	CHRISMELISSA CARLSON/CARLSON	BANDIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	BELLA STOUFFER	BB44	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	CHRISMELISSA CARLSON/CARLSON	SMOKEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	JJ VEALE	H562KH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## *VP Fall Report by JJ Story Veale*

Greetings from the mountains of Arizona! Our days are getting shorter and nights are getting cooler – it can't come soon enough for us! We have had a successful summer of breeding our Hotot and have been able to travel to a few shows. Our personal most exciting news of the summer is the ability to submit show legs to ARBA for three different Blanc de Hotot Grand Champions! That's been a long time coming!

We were so honored to be among fellow Hotot breeders at the Fibber Invitational in San Diego. The National Convention was exciting and well run! It was so encouraging to talk with the many breeders who are willing to work to improve the Blanc de Hotot. Taking advantage of the larger shows with transport options is imperative for those of us who raise rare rabbit breeds – Convention is one of the best opportunities for new rabbits!

Many current breeders do their best to promote the Blanc de Hotot and encourage expansion. Our Youth winner of BOB and BOS, Bella Stouffer, got her start into Blanc de Hotot when a pair was given away in a contest. How many of us would be able to offer the same program? Let's think creatively to promote our breed!

As you are being contacted by prospective buyers, please do your best to be kind, communicative, and honest about rabbits' strengths and faults. Let's work together to promote unity and goodwill as we establish our lines and breed toward the Standard of Perfection!



***2016 Hotot Nationals***  
***April 30, 2016***  
***Columbus, OH***

***National Open Winners:***

**BOB: Alexis Lichvarcik**  
**BOS: Melissa Carlson**

***National Specialty:***

**BOB: Laurie Staley**  
**BOS: Melissa Carlson**



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## *President Report cont'd . . .*

Tom comes to convention to raffle so please people give him some breaks to do his thing too. We are all busy at convention but please set aside an hour or two to help out. It's a great place to rest your buns when you are all walked out. As anyone at convention this year knows if they had to go to the open and youth barns.

While at convention, we had our annual club meeting. It was a small group (8 members attended) but it was some good discussions. It was cool because we were able to livestream it on Facebook so anyone who was on from the Blanc de Hotot group could ask questions during our meeting and several did. We have a standards committee formed and talked about some changes that should be made. If you have something you would like to see changed or clarified in our standard, please email it to Bob Wilkinson for review by the standards committee. We have a few years to work on changes but it goes quickly when the items must be reviewed, voted on by club members, sent to ARBA and maybe sent back to us with revisions.

A reminder that Spring Nationals is coming up in Reno, Nevada in May. There should be information in the newsletter for those who are planning to attend. I will not be going this year. I would have to fly out and it's too expensive to fly out with only a couple of rabbits.

Time to get some more does bred. With the somewhat mild winter in Wisconsin,

hopefully the does will be receptive now. Haven't even tried to breed anything for over a month because life got in the way but now it's time to get focused and get back out there.

*Melissa Carlson*

**2017 BLANC DE HOTOT  
NATIONALS  
AND  
WEST COAST CLASSIC 2017  
MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>  
RENO, NEVADA  
Reno-Sparks Convention Center**

**Six Breed Nationals, Dozens of Specialty Shows, Triple All-Breed Open and Youth shows, Cavy shows, and a judging lineup of ARBA's most recognized faces. It's not just a show, it's an event!**

All-Breed Entry Deadlines and Fees  
Postmark: April 24, 2017 (mailed entries)  
E-mail: April 26, 2017 (midnight)  
Single Show: \$5 per animal  
Two Shows: \$11 per animal  
Three Show: \$13 per animal

**Hotot National Entry Info . . .  
Pending**

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## *District 2 Director Mardi Storm*

Hi everyone from the West Coast. The numbers of Hotot are growing out here and we're excited for Blanc de Hotot Nationals to be coming to West Coast Classic in Reno, NV in May!! It promises to be an exciting show!! So I encourage you to make the trek or please send your rabbits to the show. I've helped get a few new people started this year, and I heard the population in Humboldt County has swelled to 50 amongst all the 4-Hers, so they have plenty of competition to show against! I'm so glad to hear the youth are taking an interest in preserving this rare breed! It's no accident that the breeder I helped get started was a 4-H leader, what a great way to have an outlet for rare breed rabbits. Meanwhile, a new person in Central California just got started, and we have our other members going strong in CA, AZ & UT. Hurray! If you are looking for stock on the West Coast things just got easier.

On another note, I am having to unexpectedly move, and have to sell most of my farm, including my Hotot. Over 5 years I've helped a lot of people get started in this breed, countless hours of answering questions, getting rabbits to people, club meetings, etc. as well as being a point person for where people could find a breeder near them, as Director. I've proudly raised French imports and German lines making a sturdy, friendly, rabbit with excellent mothering skills and markings. I am deeply saddened that I've had to sell my stock and have just a few left that I didn't want to part with but it looks like I must. I have not landed with a new place to live for me or my rabbits yet. After I find my new home I may want some of my stock back, meanwhile looking to re-home them. Contact me if you are looking to add more of these gorgeous animals to your rabbitry.

I hope to see you all in Reno!  
Bunny on! Mardi

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## *Youth Works*

How did I get started breeding and raising the Blanc de Hotot?

By Bella Stouffer, age 11

Three years ago there was an essay contest for District One youth put on by Autumn Dennistoun and Barbara Blankenship. The winner was to receive a pair of Blanc de Hotots. I had admired them from the first time I saw them at the Washington State Rabbit Breeders Convention in Ellensburg, Washington when I was in first grade. They were too big for me to handle at that age. When the essay contest came up three years ago I borrowed my friend's 11 pound rabbit and worked with it for a few weeks. Once my mom and I were both comfortable that I could handle a rabbit that size I entered the essay contest and I won a beautiful pair to get me started with the breed. I bought a few more and started working closely with Barbara Blankenship and local judges learning all that I could.

The more research I did the more passionate I became about doing all I can to breed to the standard, promote this breed, and work towards getting them off of the rare breed list. I have a lot of work ahead of me but I'm diligently working at eliminating unwanted characteristics from my herd, taking detailed notes on my breedings and the outcomes of each breeding. I cull hard and show my best stock. I've been successful at getting many other youth throughout the United States interested in the breed and have provided the best stock I can for them to start. I was even able to award and deliver rabbits to two new youth breeders at the Washington State Convention this past June. They were

donated by Barbara Blankenship. I've taken winning stock with me to the last two National Conventions and shown in both youth and open.

I plan to continue working hard with this breed. I thoroughly enjoy working with so many knowledgeable judges and other great breeders and love learning all that I can from them to apply to my breeding program. I'm excited for all of the possibilities and look forward to the future of this breed.

## *District 5 Director Babs Galkowski*

Hello

It has been a very mild winter this year and it seems spring is coming early! We have been trying to get our Blancs bred and already thinking about ARBA Nationals. We are excited that it will be close this year! Otherwise there isn't really anything news worthy going on!

Hope everyone has full nest boxes!

Babs



*Photo by Samantha Sessamen*