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beck at the show collecting ideas for further power game articles. DH

Mr D Hemingway's classes

DUTCH B/B 9: 1 Carpendale 69B01772 2 Creasley 3 Lunn S or B/C 9: 1 Brian and Stones 69B10546 2 Townend 3 Carpendale ENGLISH B/B 7: 1 Evans 69D01926 2 Smith 3 Rollinson AOC 5 mth 2: 1 Archer 69D02284 SILVER 2: 1 Marriott 69D07784 2 Plowright TAN 9: 1 Mrs Watson 69B01950 2 3 Craven POLISH WHITE 2: 1 Winn 69A00629 2 Mrs Watkins AOC 1: 1 Mrs Plowright 69A00601 AOV FANCY 2: 1 Mettam and Son 69G00066 2 Farmer Members 14: 1 Mrs Watson 2 Mettam 2 Brian 3 Marriott Breeders 14: 1 Mrs Watson 2 Brian and Stones 3 Mettam and Son Chall 18: Repeat type and colour 20: 1 Mrs Watson 2 Dearne Fox Stud 3 Craven. D HEMINGWAY

Mr E Smith's classes

The Doncaster area is gaining in strength in the Fancy and this one-star YSS was further evidence of the support which is being given to the fine work of Mr Marriott and Mr Evans.

The fur duplicate classes brought out some very useful exhibits with the award for best normal fur going to a Californian shown by Mr Firth. This was beaten for best in show by an outstanding chocolate Tan shown by Mrs Watson.

CALIFORNIAN 14 wk 7: 1 S Firth 69L01172 2 Whitehead 3 M Firth 5 mth 6: 1 M Firth 69L 01062 2 3 S Firth SIBERIAN 1: 1 Marriott 69D 07780 CHINCHILLA 5: 1 2 3 Evans 69D08854 FOX BLACK 2: 1 2 Dearne Fox Stud 69D02924 AOC 3: 1 2 Rushton 69D06721 3 Hopkinson SABLE 1: 1 Barker 69D04042 NZ WHITE 1: 1 Barker 69H01648 REX 3: 1 2 Mrs Watkins 69E 07058 3 Winn AOV Fur 2: 1 Bentinck Stud 69E 04480 2 Salmon Members 14: 1 M Firth 2 Dearne Fox Stud 3 Mrs Watkins Breeders 15: 1 2 Repeat 3 S Firth Chall 16: 1 Dearne Fox Stud 2 S Firth 3 Rushton AV Buck 13: 1 Dearne Fox Stud 2 Brian and Stones 3 Mettam and Son Doe 11: 1 Mrs Watson 2 Marriott 3 Barker Grand chall 20: 1 Mrs Watson 2 Dearne Fox Stud 3 Brian and Stones. E SMITH

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★ ★ SCOTTISH DUTCH AND ENGLISH YSS

The Scottish Dutch and English Rabbit Club's young stock show was held at Townhill, Dunfermline, on July 5. It is always a pleasure to me to judge a show in Scotland for nowhere can one find a warmer welcome or a more dedicated band of fanciers. The major events in Scotland are few and far between and the supporters travel long distances to attend these shows.

The venue for, and the organisation of the show were good and left nothing to be desired and my stewards were a happy and hard-working lot to whom I offer my thanks. Unfortunately, the entries could have been better but I am told that the 121 which I had in my classes was twenty-one up on last year. I would however, appeal to fanciers everywhere to give support to the Scottish show and so help maintain the rabbit fancy in Scotland.

DUTCH BLACK 12: 1 CC Forrest 69B01270 baby, good head, well cut saddle and under, slightly rough on stops 2 Manson, good head, well cut saddle and under but again falls slightly on stops 3 Stronach, nice head, well cut saddle and under, could be better on stops r Allen STEEL, PALE or BROWN GREY 7: 1 CC Hunter, 69B01601 just catches on left smaller otherwise nice head, well cut saddle, slightly out under, fair stops 2 Forrest, similar sort of rabbit to first, little to choose between 3 Connel, fair head and saddle, somewhat out under, rough stops r Christie Breeders 14: 1 Manson 2 Stronach 3 Hunter r Connel Chall 17: 1 Forrest 2 Manson 3 Stronach r Hunter ENGLISH BLACK 5: 1 CC Archer 69D02286 good head, slightly weak place in saddle but just goes through, well balanced body work 2 3 Allardice (whom I'm told is still going strong), shade white up ears spoils an otherwise good head, good saddle, open right haunch spoils balance of body work 3 again those white hairs up ears, fair saddle, well balanced body work but small in spot and not the coat of the second r Lethbridge GREY 1: 1 CC Lethbridge 69D 00829 good head and saddle, body work rather full TORT 2: 1 CC Gatenby 69D06084 fair head, good saddle, nice body work apart from being rather open on both haunches (pen 72 empty) AOC 2: 1 Stronach 69D06345 blue, a poor exhibit and I guess the entry was made to help the club Breeders 8: 1 Archer 2 Gatenby 3 Allardice r Lethbridge Chall 7: 1 Gatenby 2 Allardice 3 r Lethbridge DUTCH OR ENGLISH Members 13: 1 Manson, Dutch 2 Stronach, Dutch 3 Gatenby, English r Hunter, Dutch Buck 10: 1 Manson 2 Stronach 3 Gatenby r Allan Doe 7: 1 Connel 2 Hunter 3 Allardice r Christie Grand chall 14: 1 Manson 2 Stronach 3 Gatenby r Hunter. A SANDERSON

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THE EXHIBITION MOUSE

Tony Jones's young Champagne Tan best in show at Dagenham

July 12 was a lovely day for Dagenham Town Show. There was a good turn out of mice and fanciers. An entry of 319 was quite good considering another show was held on the same day. This show has everything for the family and as we always say these shows are the shop window of the mouse Fancy. There were a couple of new members who attended their first show. After judging was over they came to the refreshment tent for our usual committee meeting. I hope they enjoyed themselves.

It was very nice to be judging alongside dad. This was his first show after having a couple of operations and he looked really fit and in great spirits.

Thanks to all who sent mice. Only one box did not arrive. I'm very sorry for this exhibitor but we did wait until 1 pm before judging.

Many thanks to all my stewards who included, Miss Lesley Ash, Tim Heath, Tony Cooke, Jim Robb, Rob Catchpole and Bill Coster.

CHAM TANS: Not many in the two classes but real quality. Nice top colour and good tan. Just a little tan on feet. The best I've seen for some while. All from one exhibitor who should do well with these Tony.

BLUE TAN: Again much better quality than of late. The tan on the first three was much better, but watch the feet. Don't forget that the feet on tans should be 'tan inside and the same as top colour outside.' Not a mixture of the two all over.

BLACK TAN: Not quite as good today. The top colour and tan were good but the feet are a mixture of tan and black. Also watch those tan hairs on the flanks. They are looking more like Foxes than Tans.

CHOC TAN: Probably the most underrated mouse in the Tan section. The top colour and tan were very good. They just fail on tail and tail set. Size is another fault. This is the only thing that stopped the adult chocolate Tan winning best Tan.

SILVER or DOVE TAN: None here today. This is a shame because these two varieties are two of the most attractive in the Tan section.

AOC TAN: Just one, a Silver Grey and Tan. This is the first one I have seen for a good many years. Although I did not place this mouse very high in its class it is worth a mention. The tan was coming through but I'm sure this can be made as strong as a black and Tan. The problem I can see with this variety is to get the top colour even. To the owner, well done, I wish him luck. I wouldn't mind some of these myself.

DUTCH: Nine good Dutch here today. What an assortment of colours—black, cinnamon, agouti, choc, argente, dove and blue agouti. Only small faults in all these. A flyer must come out of these soon. Just one thing to say about these and that is the colour is not as good as it could be. Size and type are better. There were a couple of nice stud bucks here.

BROKEN: Plenty of size and type here, but the spots are getting a bit big and heavy. I feel its better to go for less spots and better markings. Apart from the first in this class the rest had heavy markings on the rump. There's also some brindling of the spots.

EVEN: Just one again here today and another good attempt. If somebody really concentrates on this variety it could do well.

HIMALAYAN: Again just one on show today. As I said in my last report they are losing ground. Type and size were not very good and the markings are not solid enough. Body colour still not white enough. TH.

Mr T Holland's classes

TAN CHAM/SILVER/DOVE Ad 2: 1 2 Jones, cham doe, good tan, nice top colour, falls a little on tan round tail root 2 another cham doe, little darker top but good tan, falls tan round ears and on feet 8 wk 2: 1 2 Jones, lovely mouse, well shown, lovely top colour and good tan, well up to age, best tan and best in show 2 cham doe, too dark on top and tan feet, good tan Blue 9: A good class same remarks as second, just a little down in open competition, keep them coming and don't forget the other open shows could do with some entries, nice young buck, good tan, top and feet, pity not entered in the tan chall 2 3 Heath, buck, good size and type, good tan, falls feet and top colour a little dark 3 another big buck, same as second, top too dark r Robb, good feet but dark top and thin on tan AOC Ad 9: 1 Coster, chocolate buck, good top colour, tan and feet, falls type and size also thin tail 2 Jones, black buck, will make a good stud buck, good top tan and type, falls on tan feet and a lot of tan hairs on flanks 3 Termant, black buck, same remarks as second, just a little down

on tan r Heath, nice mouse, just a little down on tan to winners and tan hairs on flanks 8 wk 4: 1 Jones, black doe, good top and feet, tan not quite through, large throat spot 2 Coster, chocolate buck, nice all round mouse, ran winner close, falls fails and tail set 3 r Heath, black buck, falls tan hairs on flanks r Little, chocolate buck, tan not through, could make up better in a couple of weeks Chall ad 15: 1 Coster, 1st Choc 2 3 Jones, 1st cham 3 2nd black r Termant, 3rd black 8 wk 9: 1 2 3 Jones, 1st cham 2nd cham, 1st black r Coster, 2nd choc DUTCH AA 9: 1 Cooke, nice Argente buck, good all round mouse, just a little heavy on head, good stud buck 2 3 Jukes, young blue agouti buck, nice head, falls undercut and colour 3 cinnamon doe, nice head, falls saddle and colour r Horne, cinnamon buck, good stud buck, heavy on head AOV MARKED AA: 1 2 3 Cooke, five spot chocolate Broken doe, needs three more spots but will make a lovely breeding doe 2 eight spot black Even doe, falls size of spots, don't forget the size of spots be they large or small, should all be the same size—not half small and half big 3 eight spot black broken buck, nice stud buck but again spots not uniform in size, heavy on rump r Jukes, seven spot chocolate Broken, heavy on rump, spots brindled Marked chall AA 18: 1 3 Cooke, 1st Dutch 2 Jukes, 2nd Dutch 3 1st Broken r 3rd Dutch AV London members 24: 1 2 Jones, cham tan 8 wk, best in show 2 Self cham 3 Cooke, Dutch r Coster, choc tan Grand chall ad 38: 1 3 Jones, Argente 2 r Cooke, Dutch 3 cham tan r Fox 8 wk 25: 1 2 3 r Jones, cham tan 2 cham 3 silver r PE White, well done Tony FANCY RAT 8: An assortment of colours here today. For a show like this these rats make the public sit up and look. 1 2 r Jukes (Mr Jukes is one of our keenest London members and it is nice to see him winning with his mice and rats. He said this was his first win with rats. I wish him many more) 1 Argente, lovely and even, the best I have judged 2 Argente, just a slight moult on head 3 Rodgers, cham hooded, nice rat, best saddle of all the hoodeds, hood not carried out under r huge silver grey buck, just a little thin on shoulders. TONY HOLLAND

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Specials at Portsmouth

Entries will close for Southsea show on Wednesday, August 6. Both the NMC and London and Southern Counties MC are giving specials. My wife and I are giving £1 special for best in show, 10s for BOA and 5s for each of the four best in each section. TONY COOKE

The NMC secretary writes . . .

Forthcoming shows:

- August 9—Halifax.
- August 9—Portsmouth.
- August 13—Bingley.
- September 1—West Midland.
- September 6—Guildford.
- September 13—NMC Annual (Airedale).

SUMMER CUP SHOW

This year's summer cup show at Liverpool on July 19 was a moderate success. Straight class entries were small but the duplicate classes filled well. I believe the total entry was over the 500 mark.

Why didn't this show receive better support? The showground at Wavertree is magnificent and well worth a visit as it provides so many attractions.

At the show I was interviewed by a Daily Mirror reporter and several photographs were taken of various mice. I understand the Daily Mirror will commence a series of colour supplements in September and the mouse Fancy will be featured in one of them.

NEW FANCIERS

I have been thinking recently on how to obtain new fanciers. Looking down the list of members in the year book one cannot help but realise that this is the only place one ever sees some of these names mentioned. Yet the fact that they have joined the NMC is proof that they are keen on mice. Some of them are, I know, handicapped by a lack of fellow fanciers in their areas. Instead of being discouraged by this I advise them to make a bold effort to spark off a flame of interest in someone else and thereby gain not only a friend but also a member for the Fancy. Who knows, by this means one may start a wave of enthusiasm sufficient to found a new local mouse club.

It would be a big help, when trying to

Among the Selves with Harry Smith at Pudsey Pudsey

Don Taylor and Maurice Bleazard had everything organised on my arrival at Pudsey on July 12 and I got away to a prompt start. It was a lovely day and I really enjoyed every moment.

Many thanks to my stewards: Mr and Mrs Hallett who stuck with me to the end in spite of all the other attractions at this show. HS

Mr H Smith's classes

PE WHITE Ad 2: 1 2 Fearnley, 1 buck, better colour 2 doe, thin on face 8 wk 4: 1 Hartley, nice little doe, good type and colour, a little thin under 2 3 r Beckett, nice type, beaten colour, BE WHITE AA 9: 1 3 Beckett, nice type, beaten colour, BE WHITE AA 9: 1 3 Beckett, lovely little BE, nice colour, good under 3 beaten colour 2 r Miss Pearce, thin under BLACK Ad 6: 1 3 Gill, doe, good colour, spoilt by tan hairs on flanks 2 Foster, big buck, good colour, tan vent 3 doe, again tan hairs r Todd 8 wk 7: 1 Gill, doe, good colour and under 2 Byworth Stud, beaten finish 3 r Foster, very wild, almost impossible to handle CHAM/FAWN Ad 8: 1 3 Hallett, champagne, leader a lovely big doe, good colour and type, moult on face 3 not so good under 2 Oxley Stud, buck, good colour, not finish of leader r Harlow, big buck, nice colour, loses condition 8 wk 14: A good class but some well up to age 1 Hallett, champagne, another good one from this stud, nice colour and type but seemed to lose condition later 2 Chynoweth, champagne, good colour and type, very close 3 Shield, fawn, good colour, beaten under r Harlow, cham, beaten finish SELF AOC Ad 10: 1 2 Miss Pearce, blue doe, level top and under, lovely condition, perhaps a trifle dark 2 red doe, good attempt, light under 3 Fearnley, silver, good colour, moult mark r Bleazard, nice red, beaten type 8 wk 12: 1 Hallett, new colour for this stud, blue, a little beauty, good colour, level top and under and in smashing condition, best self 2 Fearnley, silver, another good one, spoilt by moult mark 3 Miss Pearce, beaten type r Beckett, not yet through, should make good adult SELF Chall ad: 1 Hallett's cham 2 Miss Pearce, blue 3 Oxley Stud, cham r Fearnley, white 8 wk: 1 2 Hartley, blue and PE White 3 Beckett, BE White r Sill, black AV Stud buck 1 3 1 Fearnley, Chin 2 Smith, Argente 3 Cooke, blue Fox r Clifton, black Tan Pairs 11: 1 2 Beckett, BE Whites 2 PE Whites 3 r Miss Pearce, blue r BE Whites Cup class: Kitchen Broken Doe ad 15: 1 Hallett, cham 2 Hartley, Agouti 3 r Miss Pearce, Cinnamon r blue. HARRY SMITH

creates interest for others, if you can tell them a bit about your own success on the show bench. The sight of a few prize cards, particularly if there are some red ones among them, can work wonders. Some members appear to be afraid to have a go. 'What chance have I against so-and-so' they say. You will never win if you keep your stock at home. How can you know the real value of your stock unless you send it out. You may have a potential champion eating its head off.

Remember this, it is the mouse that counts on the show bench and not the exhibitor. Another point to remember is that the most successful of our exhibitors have their lean times when little or no success comes their way. The point to note is that they don't let these adverse results put them off. Their policy is show, show, show.

Come on then, don't be fright! Send your stock to the shows.

HALIFAX AND BINGLEY SHOWS

As both of these shows are near together again, Don Taylor and myself will take care of rail stock from Halifax, change the label and feed ready for Bingley from where they will be returned. Exhibits should be sent one way only to Halifax and the money for the return journey forwarded to Donald Taylor or myself. STUART SMITH (Secretary), 26 Grassmere Road, Bradford 2, Yorkshire.

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