

ELECTION RESULTS

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33e, C. W. Hampson 16. National council (2): R. Briggs 33e, C. W. Hampson 33e, L. R. F. Hunt 21. National club judges (9): R. Briggs 43e, J. A. Sanderson 42e, J. W. Constable 36e, J. Sidaway 35e, C. W. Hampson 33e, H. Marson 27e, D. B. Rowley 26e, W. B. Hindley 22e, L. R. F. Hunt 21 (by ballot of council), W. King-Wilson 21, E. Hollyhead 20, R. W. Haynes 18, J. C. Hill 11, Y.S.S. (2): R. Briggs 26, J. Sidaway 21, D. B. Rowley 12, W. B. Hindley 11, R. W. Haynes 7, L. R. F. Hunt 6, E. Hollyhead 3, J. C. Hill 1, A.S.S. (2): R. Briggs 21, J. Sidaway 21, D. B. Rowley 14, L. R. F. Hunt 12, R. W. Haynes 10, W. King-Wilson 7, W. B. Hindley 5, J. C. Hill 3, E. Hollyhead 2. Papers returned 48, 1 spoilt, votes received 680.—G. J. Johnson, scrutineer.

NATIONAL CHINCHILLA GIGANTA

THE result of the National Chinchilla Giganta Club's election for 1952 is: vice-presidents (4): H. Poupert 85, G. Vipond 79, A. W. Marsh 57, C. G. Worth 50, R. Dyson 43, Mrs. D. Vipond 43, Mrs. E. G. Dyson 40, H. A. Whillock 31; chairman: J. Wheatley (unopposed); secretary and treasurer (1): A. F. Lange 61, F. W. Cross 46; cup steward and show secretary (1): Mrs. E. J. Lange 61, R. A. Nokes 48; Press representative: R. E. Kent Robinson (unopposed); auditors: T. E. Latham, H. Latham (unopposed), B.R.C. representatives (3): Miss G. Wren 78, J. Whiteley 70, F. W. Cross 47, G. A. Vipond 37, E. J. Hardwick 35, A. F. Lange 29, Mrs. D. Vipond 20, W. Cassford 16. Club judges (25): J. Wheatley 103, Miss G. Wren 100, R. E. Kent-Robinson 89, A. F. Lange 88, C. Wren 87, E. J. Hardwick 85, A. Argyll 85, H. Latham 85, G. A. Vipond 84, H. Poupert 82, H. Jarman 81, F. W. Cross 80, R. Dyson 80, H. D. H. Dowle 78, P. Fulcher 73, A. W. Marsh 70, J. Francis-Cross, 70, Ferguson-Cutler 66, Mrs. D. Vipond 65, R. Stacey 59, C. Bacon 57, W. C. Gigg 57, Mrs. W. Marsh 56, Mrs. E. G. Dyson 54. Club judges (not elected): W. Hall 52, R. Sheppard 48, Mrs. O. U. Cross 43, S. Gilliard 39, J. Parr 37, J. Parsons 37, G. E. Godden 35, S. King 33, P. R. Soper 26. Recognised (15): A. J. Power 101, F. Maynard 90, R. Blake 79, F. G. Woodgate 77, J. Francis Cross 76, H. D. H. Dowle 74, T. Leaver 73, W. Mortlock 73, G. A. V. Andrews 67, T. Whitaker 67, Mrs. I. Bareham 62, E. Ferguson-Cutler 54, F. Fuller 51, Mrs. J. Potter 47, C. Bacon 45, R. Stacey 43, F. H. Smith 42, G. Baker 38, R. Briley 34, C. Goodchild 34, S. Gilliard 32, M. McMillan 30, W. Allen 29, H. M. Appleyard 29, T. E. Blackwood 21, F. Halliday 20, A. Gane 13, T. Heaton 12, C. Fricker 12, Messrs. F. H. Smith, G. Baker, R. Briley and C. Goodchild are elected as Messrs. J. F. Cross, H. Dowle, E. Ferguson-Cutler and C. Bacon are elected as panel judges. 109 ballot papers received.—E. Smith.

HARLEQUIN CLUB

RESULT of ballot for officers for 1952 for the Harlequin Club is: President: Mr. G. W. Gibbs (unopposed), Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Plasket Thomas 12, J. Kenworthy 20e, R. Robinson 14e, Chairman: T. Leaver 13e, J. Kenworthy 5, C. F. Stapley 3, G. A. Titmus 1, Secretary-Treasurer: L. Barlow (unopposed), Auditor: J. Oakett (unopposed), Council: Mrs. M. Barlow 16e, Miss I. Richmond 13e, Mrs. E. M. Smith 10e, K. Hawkins 3, J. Kenworthy 22e, G. N. Stott 9, G. A. Titmus 11e, H. G. Abbot 9, D. J. Hickson 11e, R. Robinson 19e, J. W. Seamer 12e, F. J. Ward 16e, Miss J. Middleton 9, F. A. Bunton 9, G. H. Jones 16e, T. H. C. Seymour 20e, C. F. Stapley 11e, A. Walker 12e, D. Worboys 14e. Judges' Panel A (members): Mrs. G. Plasket Thomas 15e, Mrs. E. M. Smith 10, Mrs. M. Barlow 19e, H. G. Abbot 12, F. A. Bunton 18e, M. B. Fairbairns 15e, G. W. Gibbs 20e, G. H. Jones 17e, J. Kenworthy 22e, R. Robinson 21e, T. H. C. Seymour 20e, W. King-Wilson 13e, T. Leaver 19e, J. Oakett 16e, C. F. Shapley 18e, J. W. Seamer 13, G. N. Stott 14e, G. A. Titmus 12, F. J. Ward 16e, D. Worboys 13e. Judges' Panel B (non-members): Mrs. J. M. Bareham 11e, R. Blake 16e, J. J. Bloomer 2, J. W. Copping 7, H. D. H. Dowle 12e, J. Driscoll 7, J. Eady 15e, F. Fuller 8, W. Mortlock 9, W. MacMillan 3, A. Robinson 12e, H. Round 6, Capt. H. F. Smith 10, F. G. Woodgate 17e, T. Whitaker 14e, A. J. Power 16e.—(Mrs.) R. Parker (scrutineer).

BEVEREN CLUB (MIDLAND SECTION)

THE result of the Beveren Club (Midland Section) election of officers for 1952 are: President, E. Lester (unopposed); hon. life vice-presidents, G. B. Searby, J. W. Rush, L. H. Bradley, W. Wood; hon. secretary and treasurer, R. H. Wilson (unopposed); chairman, L. H. Bradley 14e, H. Chadwick 10, L. Spate 4, Cup steward, D. Maclean (unopposed), Committee, 8 required: J. Spate 21e, J. Barsby 20e, D. R. Woodward 19e, J. Lawrence 17e, D. MacLean 17e, H. Chadwick 16e, F. Bexon 17e, F. C. Piggott 15e (L. H. Bradley 15, elected chairman), Miss C. Jeeps 14, J. C. Johnson 13, F. R. Challenger 11, W. Pidduck 10, F. A. Bradley 3. Total papers received 28, number spoiled nil, number received late nil.—A. V. Harvey.

LONGTAIL SHOWS OF 1951

A Review by Ron. Beard

ANOTHER year has passed, and once again I offer mouse fanciers some facts on which they can ponder, and, with me, perhaps think that it all has been worth while. 1950 was, after all a very successful year from the view point of fanciers and exhibiting. Readers will remember that I suggested that after reaching a total of 12,000 entries we should try for 15,000. However, I suppose that, much as we would all like to read of it as an achievement, we just cannot do so.

1951 was a difficult year for the National Mouse Club and perhaps it had an effect on the number of shows held for comparing a total of 42 shows supported by the N.M.C. in 1950, only 36 were granted support in 1951.

We could, however, feel complacent about the support from members' standpoint, because while only 36 shows were supported, entries totalled 11,936, giving an average of just over 300 per show.

This in actual figures was a step in the right direction, and now that after years of struggling to get stock on a level basis with other fanciers, I feel sure that entries in 1952 will steadily rise with the British Railways having at last considered the pleadings and demands of the mouse fancy. I feel sure all of us will have followed "A. Day" with admiration and not a little envy. For as older members have said time and time again the beginner can beat the old hand if he really tries.

Mr. Day's record during 1951 will I think take some beating: countless firsts, 17 specials, eight cups, six in one show, and the Mendel Gold Cup twice.

Mr. Day has already been mentioned in the Press by Mr. Johnson, but as I am writing about shows and exhibiting I cannot leave him out.

To many other fanciers it has been a

successful year, and I offer congratulations to all. To the not so successful I would say, "Have another go, it may be you this time."

The National Mouse Club owes much to Mr. D. Ward for he has given several dozen specials in kind, which in no small measure have saved the club quite a figure in cash expenses. I feel that if I say "Thanks a lot Dick," it will voice the opinions of most fanciers.

Judging engagements were once more evenly distributed, for more than 30 names can be counted for having at least officiated once.

Thanks to those who have made it possible for us to exhibit, names well-known such as C. B. Peters, C. Simpkins, J. Wormald, R. Moore, P. Scott, Mrs. Marsden and all their helpers, and all the others not mentioned, but who are just as valuable.

Thanks also to those in rather isolated spots who put on a small schedule for us. They deserve a better entry. Encourage such, for it is often a struggle to get recognised. Take Bill Collins for instance. He has had a struggle to put the Cotswold people on the map. It is all hard work and the best reward is those entries.

Some very good entries were seen throughout the year, Bradford 814, Grimsby Spring C.S. 830, Shildon 663, Rotherham 694, Glos. 648 and Calder Valley 500, and so we could go on.

Thanks are due to all the show secretaries. What a grand job they do.

With travelling expenses cut we should, I think reach the 1,000 entry mark this year.

Whether a fancier keeps 50 or 500 mice, or whether he sends two or 20 exhibits it is he on whom the success of all our shows depends. All that I have written is in no small measure due to him and only he can make 1952 the best ever—RON BEARD, cup secretary.

JUVENILE JOTTINGS

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ver class; Pat Kilby, commended in the Smoke Pearl class, first juvenile Rex. For other junior results read the Bradford results.

While I was going round taking notes I was introduced to Mr. Jessie Flint, Cheltenham, who has much to say about juveniles and his juvenile club which his 14-year-old daughter, Barbara, helps to run. Their section presented Cheltenham Girls' School with a rabbit, and this made headlines for the local Press. On April 19th they will be holding an open juvenile pen show, and the prize money will be guaranteed at 3/-, 2/- and 1/- on 6d. entry fee. The prize winners of the first eight classes will be presented with a 10/6 voucher. As I was in a hurry I did not manage to get further details, so why not write to the Junior Show Secretary, Miss Barbara Flint, The Brambles, The Readings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and get a schedule?

One 12-year-old junior, Master Robert Buchold, travelled 260 miles on his own from London in order to see the juvenile part of the show!

Unfortunately not all the juniors present could get to "Bradford night," but the ones who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves. David James, who won the essay competition, and his friend, Tony, came to the show and "Bradford night," and they seemed to like everything very much. The fun was certainly fast and furious! That wonderful evening will stand out in my memory for a long while to come, and it was nice to watch all the workers and "back-room" boys all the year round sit back and enjoy themselves. Thank you, everyone, for a lovely time!

It was in a rather sad mood that I waved goodbye to all my pals: another Bradford was over. But I was itching to get to my typewriter and tell you all about "the greatest show of 'em all" and re-live the weekend again. I do hope that all the boys and girls who went enjoyed themselves. PAT KILBY.

NATIONAL MOUSE CLUB NOTES

By C. H. JOHNSON, hon. secretary, "Highfield," Driffield.

Mouse show Calendar: Feb. 23rd—N.E.M.C. (Shildon), March 1st—Calder Valley.

ALTHOUGH I have plenty to write about, it is felt that I must refer to the Bradford championship show of 1952, which has left behind the customary pleasant memories. I would say that the show in question was one of the best ever; the usual efficient staging and management, the same happy throng of fanciers, the same throbs of delight at successes obtained and the same disappointments at not achieving what was expected. It is not easy to pick up Red Cards at Bradford ch. show. The competition is keen and the stock of the highest standard. We shall remember our successes, forget our disappointments, and next year come back again with renewed hope and ambitions.

I am afraid I saw little of the Show, for my time was taken up collecting subscriptions, and did I receive them? I guess I did. It was a case of getting in the queue. And while on this topic, will those who have not paid their subscriptions for 1952 please do so without delay, and, if they can afford it, don't forget a donation. There is also another thing while it is on my mind. I refer to a stamped-addressed envelope or a stamp, for over a year the postage account is very considerable.

I take this opportunity of thanking FUR AND FEATHER for the facilities afforded, and Messrs. Simpkins, Day and Co., who looked after our section on show day.

The show, as intimated, was the first of 1952 in the cash points competition, and herewith is the position of the first 20: C. and R. Lockwood 33, A. Day 25, C. H. Johnson 17, J. Watts 16, Ashley and Kenyon 13, R. Espley 13, F. Hardman 13, C. Simpkins 13, G. Lumb 12, A. Whitworth 11, S. Rawnsley 10, S. Dobson 9, C. Beckett 8, J. W. Hustler 8, O. Cole 7, R. W. Moore 7, Robinson and Hesketh 6, G. Low 5, E. N. Smith 5, J. K. Palin 4.

Congratulations to Messrs. C. and R. Lockwood on obtaining best in show and collecting so many points. I see that Mr. A. Day is on the warpath again. I also see a new name in the competition, although an old one in terms of mouse years. I refer to Mr. J. W. Hustler.

Rules of the competition are given below for the convenience of members who are not conversant with them:—

- 1 The competition shall be called the Cash Points Competition.
- 2 The competition shall be held under the auspices of the N.M.C. and be open to fully paid-up members only.
- 3 The competition shall take in all open shows held in 1952 which are sponsored by the N.M.C.
- 4 There will be no entrance fee and members of the club will be automatically included in the competition.
- 5 Points shall be awarded as follows: Best in show 10 points, N.M.C. specials 5,

first prize 3, second prize 2, third prize 1.

6 The prize money proper shall be: First prize £5, second prize £3, third prize £2, fourth prize £1; three consolation prizes of 10/-. Total prize money £12 10s. Prize money for juveniles shall be: First prize £1, second prize 10/-. Total prize money £2 10s.

7 At the end of the year, the competitors with the largest aggregate number of points will take the prize money in order of merit.

8 Membership of the N.M.C., insofar as the competition is concerned, shall be taken out not later than June 30th.

9 Points will be allocated on the prize cards issued, irrespective of the number of entries and not on the number of classes.

10 The right is reserved to make any additional rules as may be found necessary.

A suggestion has been put forward to the effect that special prizes should be awarded to the competitors who obtain most points with one variety, and I would be most happy to do so, but for the fact that too much work would be involved. The collection of points in 1951, in spite of every assistance from show secretaries, and Mr. A. Day, was not easy. What it would be like if we had to separate the various varieties and allot points I do not know. It must be remembered that most of the classes nowadays are for mixed varieties, and the varieties leading the class are not always published. Some show reports have, of necessity, to be omitted from FUR AND FEATHER, and even when published, explicit details are not always given. Show secretaries do not always know the winning varieties, and I cannot pretend to write to judges for this information. I agree that Mrs. Blowers awarded points for individual varieties, but at that time we had more individual classes, and furthermore, the competition only applied them to certain shows and not, as my competition, to all shows.

Personally, I contend that the specialist breeder has a good chance of winning a prize, as was proved last year. I made a host of entries, but most of my exhibits came back cardless, whereas the specialist breeder can win first prizes in the open and, if lucky, run right through a host of challenge classes. Let us, as an example, compare my lot with that of Mr. C. Simpkins at Bradford ch. show. Mr. Simpkins exhibited blacks only and picked up 13 points. I exhibited eleven varieties and only picked up 17 points.

I have set out the foregoing to illustrate why I cannot make the competition for individual varieties as well as all varieties, and to prove that the specialist breeder is not at the discount some may think. We will, however, give the competition another run on the lines of last year and, if found wanting, a new scheme can be considered.

MR. GALLAHER WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE JUVENILE BEVERENITES

I was rather disappointed with the special class of Beverens which I judged at Leeds. With the exception of the first five none of the others had matured sufficiently. This suggests careless feeding and indifferent attention. The winner, David Whitcombe, and the second, David Jackson, were in good heart in every way, and Derek Seed with third and Alan Smith with reserve were very close runners up. Master Roscoe got vhc, Graham Popham hc, and Master J. Holland c. The last three were moderately good, but the remainder of the class gave me no pleasure. I was judging this class only on condition, not on the usual Beveren standard, so I am making no comments on the other important items necessary to win in good company, but without itemising any particular entry, there was more than one potential winner on the table. Congratulations to those who got the cards, and better luck next time for the others. — JAMES GALLAHER.

BELGIAN HARE NOTES AND NEWS BY BILL DARWOOD

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another milestone in the records of a great show. It was the usual gathering of the clans, and those who were fortunate to spend the whole two days at the show could see, not only the Fancy at its best, but how the hard work and planning carried out by fanciers who have the ability and heart to see it thoroughly worked.

I was personally a little disappointed at the Belgian-Hare entry. Surely Bradford championship show calls for better support. I was interested to see how Belgians stood the test of a two-day show in winter, and it was again a proof that Hares are becoming healthier for I did not see an unhealthy exhibit on view. We Belgians spend a good time at the pen side and with Mr. Benny Whitehead keeping an ever watchful eye on all exhibits which were compared for further proof on how the old Yorkshireman made his awards. It was pleasing to see how these Yorkshire lads turned up in force.

As a reminder of how time flies I get the news that Otley has fixed Saturday, May 17th, for its annual show with Benny Whitehead to judge Belgians. The Northern Belgian Hare Club will run a suitable schedule with Capt. Earnshaw and the British Belgian Hare Club as guarantors. On this occasion Mr. Harry Ainley will place the cards. Longer than I care to remember have I preached the doctrine that it is at agricultural shows that our greatest strength lies.

IN BRIEF

We regret to announce the death of W. Parkinson, 63, Cower Street, Luton. The late Mr. Parkinson was a genuine lover of live stock, and was particularly well known in English rabbit and cavy circles. Fanciers will join us in sending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Parkinson and her daughter.