



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi

I want to thank everyone who voted for me. I also want to thank Rude Brown, Debi Thorpe, Patti Keim and Linda Clark for their hard work in the past and their continued support as I learn the workings of the club. I want to thank Barbara Downing for her work on the website. It is one of the best small club websites out there. Finally, I want to congratulate Mark and Lynda. D2 could not ask for two more qualified and dedicated people to be in these positions.

Please notice that I have added two new representatives, Pat Hazen and Connie Blaine. Pat will be representing New York and Connie will be helping Peggy Luers in Maryland. I am planning on adding more representatives to cover NJ, PA, and DE. If anybody wants the job let me know. Our representatives are there to help the membership and to facilitate the flow of information. They are a valuable resource – please, talk to them. Make sure they know your concerns and send them your show winnings so they can be posted in the newsletter.

Our newsletter has undergone a great deal of change. There have been several sections added and a new editor appointed. I strongly urge everyone to contribute to the newsletter. The only way we can be a strong, united club is to COMMUNICATE and the most obvious way is through the newsletter. Please send Kim anything you have that might be of interest.

To help promote our youth members, I am searching for a youth representative. This position would carry the burden of communicating the concerns/interests of the D2 youth to the entire membership. This position would be the only youth allowed a vote in club business. Please, if you are interested, or know a youth member who might be, let me know. I would prefer a youth for this position, but, if no youth volunteers, I would consider an open member.

Take care,

George

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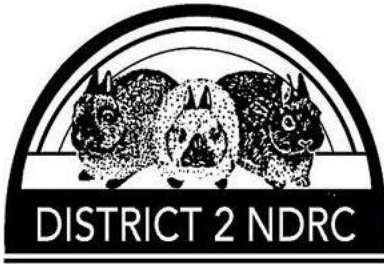
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There will be a D2 NDRC meeting at the Central PA show, 04 June 2006. An announcement will be made.



Vice President's Report

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. For those of you that do not know me, I live in Houtzdale, Pa. My wife Teresa and I have 3 sons, Jock, Brandon and Bryan. We have been raising and showing Netherland Dwarfs for 20 years now.

The new officers have some big shoes to fill. I would personally like to thank Rude, Patti, Debi and Linda for all their years of service with D2.

We just got back from the PaSRBA show. What a turnout. The Color Me Dwarf Club specialty show had 184 rabbits shown. Congratulations to all the winners, I am sure they will be listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The D2 fall show in Westminster, MD is well in progress. I had the opportunity to see the awards last weekend, they are very nice, hand painted Christmas Ornaments made by Dawn Largent.

Well that's it for now; hope everyone has a lot of juniors for Nationals in Lancaster. See you then.

Mark

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ATTENTION D2 YOUTH

If you will be attending ANDRC Nationals in Lancaster, please bring a sealed bag of wrapped candy to the youth party on Friday evening. All remaining candy will be distributed throughout the showroom on Saturday.



Secretary's Report

Hello District 2,

First, I would like to take a moment to thank Patti, Rude & Linda for all the years of hard work & dedication to the District 2 club. They have done an outstanding job.

I have been asked to introduce & tell you a little about myself. I am a rabbit show mom & 4H leader. I actively support the youth as much as possible. I live in rural Tioga County, PA on a 140 acre farm with my husband Dale and our 3 children, Jessica - 19, D. J. - 11 & Ben - 7. We raise Netherland Dwarfs, Holland Lops, Lion heads & New Zealands. Our middle child DJ was the one that got us involved in rabbits & ARBA shows. We now enjoy this hobby as a family. I look forward to working with everyone in district 2 & serving as your secretary & treasurer. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

There is not much to report at this time, I have received all the well organized club paperwork from Patti. Thank you Patti! I will be looking over the club records to get acquainted & starting to prepare for our District 2 show to be held in Westminster, MD at the Carroll County Show in November. I have mailed the clubs renewal application for both ANDRC Affiliation & ARBA Charter.

It is that time of the year to send in your membership renewal dues & keep your membership current. Thanks to those of you that have already done so & Welcome to the many new members. For those of you that have not yet sent them in, please mail them ASAP so that you don't miss out on the next newsletter. Mail them to me: Lynda Swan, 1326 State Road, Middlebury Center, Pa. 16935

I hope to see many of you at the 2006 ANDRC Nationals to be held in Lancaster, PA. April 21-23. Good luck to everyone, and most of all HAVE FUN!

Respectfully,

Lynda Swan

Editor's Report

Hi All-

First, thanks needs to go to Linda Clark for her years of service as newsletter editor. I hope to be able to bring you an interesting and informative publication, but I could never replace all the time and work she has put forth. Again, thanks and best wishes, Linda.

Thanks also to Dawn Plokhooy, for formatting the first draft of this edition and for the pictures of the 2005 D2 NDRC show in Westminster, MD. She also had some great ideas to add this publication. We hope you enjoy them.

We will be printing four editions a year. The schedule is as follows:

Deadline - 2/15/06 Mailing Date - 3/10/06

Deadline - 5/15/06 Mailing Date - 6/10/06

Deadline - 8/15/06 Mailing Date - 9/10/06

Deadline - 11/15/06 Mailing Date - 12/10/06

We will be looking for area representatives and for officers to send in reports by the deadlines.

Please e-mail us at windrushrabbits@earthlink.net with any suggestions, ideas, or items of interest you would like to see in this newsletter. I welcome all the help I can get.

Kim

Webmaster's Report

The District 2 website is alive and well! The URL is <http://www.geocities.com/district2ndrc>. I've been maintaining the website mostly to put our show catalogs out there and to update the names of officers and members. Please send me your email addresses and website locations if you have either and I will update the membership list with the information. There is also room for photos of winning rabbits on our Showbunny Spotlight page. I can always roll off older pictures from years past to make more room. The website is free, so space is limited, but for our clubs use it has been adequate. Feel free to email me your photos.

It really is amazing how important the web has become over the years. There are two types of sites; those maintained on "their" web server and those maintained on your own home computer. Most websites for the average user are maintained out on the web using the host provider tools. Our District 2 website is like that. I use Geocities tool called Page Builder to maintain the site. I also maintain the New York Rabbit & Cavy breeder's site at <http://www.nyrca.com>. This site is far more complex and requires me to download the files to my local computer and maintain the webpage using my own tool (I chose Dreamweaver.) This way is not for beginners. But there are a lot of ways to have a website for beginners to advanced users, so don't be afraid to give it a try. If you want to shop around, I recommend using "100 Best Free Web Space Providers" at <http://100best-free-web-space.com/>. They have done all the evaluation for you. I recently paid for a site of my own with SimpleHost.com. It was only \$7 a month to register my website name and they give me unlimited space on their web server. It is maintained with their tools also, so will be easier for me to build from scratch. Now the e bigger problem is just finding time to get something out thereJ) I hope everyone has fun surfing the web in pursuit of those Netherland Dwarf related sites, too! Good Luck

Barbara Downing - District 2 Webmaster

Breeder's Spotlight

Hi, my name is Peter Bachmann and I'm 15 years old and live in Fallston, Maryland. I have only had Netherland Dwarfs for several months, but I have already become very fascinated and attached to the breed. My younger brother Stephen and I took on the project when he decided he wanted to raise rabbits, and I decided to get him some dwarfs instead of Hollands like I raise. I knew a little bit about the breed, but would have to say my knowledge grew immensely after traveling to Joe Powers' new beautiful rabbitry set-up in Red Lion, PA. He sat me down and showed me numerous examples of quality stock, mostly of import descent, and pointed out the faults and the good points in each rabbit as well as allowing me to buy a trio of awesome dwarfs from him, a black otter pair, and a black doe. They all are still in the stage of developing nicely and filling out to be very nice show animals and later breeding animals. I also would have to thank Garrett Justice of Virginia and John Plokhoooy of Pennsylvania for their help many times so far throughout our Netherland Dwarf career. As well as raising dwarfs, I also maintain a 50 rabbit herd of Holland Lops, and a 40 cavy herd of American and Teddy Cavies. I compete on my high school's winter and spring track teams, and Stephen wrestles, plays baseball, lacrosse, basketball, and soccer. For the most part I am enjoying every little bit of showing and raising the dwarfs and look forward to a long time in the hobby, I'd love to meet anybody, so if you see me be sure to stop by and say hello!

President's Biography

I suppose I should tell everyone a little about their new president. I live in Keyser, WV, a little town in the middle of absolutely nowhere and 20 miles south and west of Cumberland, MD. In the real world, I work at the local branch of West Virginia University as Head Gardener to help finance the rabbits. My hobbies are rabbits, obviously, and gardening. Life is really that exciting around here. I have a good memory for faces but do have trouble remembering my own name, much less anybody else's. I do remember better if you get me in a conversation, which is not a hard thing to do.

My wife, Kim and our nine year old daughter, Diana, and I raise and show Netherland Dwarfs and Jersey Woolies. Diana, who got us hooked on rabbits, will not travel to the shows but loves the blacks and chocolates and picks her own breeding and show stock. I love the chinchilla color and have ever since I had pet Flemish Giants many years ago. Kim likes the chestnuts and does those in the woolies, too. We are still new to the rabbit world and have only been showing since 2002. We named our rabbitry "Windrush" because we live on the side of a hill where the wind is constantly doing just that.

Representative Pat Hazen's Biography

Now on to the boring stuff, I was told I have to do a bio on myself. For those of you who don't know me and that may be quite a few, here it is. I am the show Mom, my daughter Molly shows in youth. We live in Breesport, NY near the Elmira/Corning area. I work full time for a busy Oral Surgery practice and take care of rabbits after my husband gets his dinner. We have been raising rabbits for about 1 ½ years. We started off with Holland Lops and Netherland Dwarfs, last spring we added Jersey Woolies, our barn has about 75 holes. We travel to most NY shows and quite a few PA shows. I will be asking for help from anyone attending a show I am unable to attend. If you can report the shows dwarf winnings to me, I'll make sure they get to the newsletter. I can be reached via e-mail at stmpbkrph@yahoo.com. Until next time, thanks for listening.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Pat Hazen

D2NDRC Representative, NY

After a long break in the 2005-2006 show season, the District 2 youth started out the spring season with a BIG bang! The 2006 PaSRBA Annual Convention was held the first weekend in February at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center in Lebanon, PA.

Congratulations to Brandon Love who won Best 4-class at the Saturday PaSRBA Youth show and went on to win BIS with his Black Otter Sr Doe under judge Cathy Patrick. Brandon's Black Otter Sr Doe also won BOB at the Color Me Dwarf Youth specialty show under judge Eric Stewart on Saturday. What a day! Way to go Brandon.

DJ Swan was the BOB winner at the PaSRBA Dwarf Youth show on Sunday with his Black Otter Sr Doe as well. Great job DJ, Congratulations!

Looks like this may be a good year for those Black Otter Sr Does!

Not to be outdone by their son Brandon, Mark and Teresa Love's Black Otter Jr Buck took the Color Me Dwarf Open specialty shows BOB and Best Jr.

We're extremely proud of our hard working dedicated youth breeders, keep up the great work! Thanks to all the open breeders for their help with mentoring our youth, it is really paying off.

Next issue, I hope to see more representative reports here. If there are no shows in your area, just write in about the weather, litters in your area, anything at all. Remember, I live in WV, so I have to have people in the real world tell me what's going on. I also want pictures of everybody because you know I can't remember names. George



Clockwise from top left:
BOV, BOG, BOSV

The hand painted ornaments by Dawn Largent for specials at the annual D2 NDRC show to be held at Westminster, MD. Nov. 2006.

Dawn has donated 5 group ornaments for a sponsor's raffle. For every \$2.00 in special donations, you get one entry for the raffle.

Drawing will be during the Annual D2 show.

The following is a letter sent from former president Rude Brown. Rude is going to send the D2 Perpetual Trophy to the ARBA History Museum

D2 Perpetual Trophy

To the best of my recollection, back in the mid-eighties, District 2 decided to award a special trophy to the BIS winner. The trophy could only be awarded to a District 2 member. The trophy would be perpetual - The year and name of the winner is engraved on the trophy, and the winner gets to keep the trophy until the next annual show. The winner is expected to bring the trophy to the next annual show to be given to the next winner. Once the trophy was won 3 times by a member, they would get to keep the trophy and a new trophy would be purchased by the club and the process would begin again. Back in 1997, Ralph DeVito made this third win. However, he gave the trophy back to the club. At that point, the trophy should have been retired. For some reason, it was presented again at the next annual show and was given to the winning member. I guess, years go by and we often forget why we were doing certain things.

When I became President of the Club, I brought this issue up in a newsletter for the members to think about. The issue was discussed at the Annual Show in 2004. It was decided that the club would purchase a new trophy - my thought was to send the one won by Ralph to ARBA for display. I don't remember if we actually took a show of hands vote on this - there was no disagreement. Unfortunately, I became ill the January after the 2004 show, and was not able to follow through with the plan. Linda looked for a trophy locally, but could only find "bowling" type. Now that I think about it, I don't believe Ellie Bonde purchased the trophy - I think she purchased the Rude Browne Chestnut Challenge Cup - which is also a perpetual award for D2 members only. I guess it would be up to the club now if they would like to replace the trophy - years ago the club had many members so the chance of someone winning 3 times was slim. Today with fewer members, you might wind up replacing the trophy much more often. You can certainly bring up replacing it with the club again.

Winners are as follows:

1986	Lee Engle	1996	Peggy Luers
1987	Joyce Knisely	1997	Ralph DeVito
1988	Ralph DeVito	1998	Bill Gibson
1989	Rude Browne	1999	R.M. Gavin, Sr.
1990	Burdette Family	2000	Debi Thorpe
1991	Ralph DeVito	2001	J. Alan McGarry
1992	Dan & Dina Knott	2002	Debi Thorpe
1993	Chris & Wil Erb	2003	S & L Zimmerman
1994	Donna Strengari	2004	Linda Elsbree **
1995	Ellie Bonde	2005	Danielle Barse **

These two **are not engraved on the trophy. I am unable to send you a photo, but it has a two-tiered flat base, topped with a six sided column (all wood) with a plaque for engraving. Atop of the base is a loving cup and on top of that is a rabbit (long eared - since that is all they had back in those days!!!)

Take care, Rude

D2 WINNERS

COLOR ME DWARF SPECIALTY Saturday 4 Feb. 2006

PASRBA CONVENTION Sunday 5 Feb. 2006

OPEN Judge Erik Bengston

BOB	Mark & Teresa Love	Otter Jr. Buck
BOSB	Everett Hopper	Chestnut Jr. Doe
BEST JR	Mark & Teresa Love	Otter Jr. Buck
BOSG SELF	Carl Richetelle	Black Sr. Doe
BOG AGOUTI	Everett Hopper	Chestnut Jr. Doe
BOSG AGOUTI	Everett Hopper	Chestnut Sr. Buck
BOG TAN	Mark & Teresa Love	Otter Jr. Buck
BOG AOV	Ed & Connie Blaine	Steel Sr. Buck

YOUTH Judge Rusty Westoff

BOB	DJ Swan	Otter Sr. Doe
BOG SELF	DJ Swan	BEW Sr. Buck
BOG TAN	DJ Swan	Otter Sr. Doe
BOG AOV	DJ Swan	Himi Sr Buck
BOSG AOV	DJ Swan	Himi Sr. Doe

YOUTH Judge Eric Stewart

BOB	Brandon Love	Otter Sr. Doe
BEST JR	Brandon Love	Otter Jr. Buck
BOSG SELF	DJ Swan	Blue Sr. Doe
BOG SHADED	Morgan Downing	Siamese Sable Sr. Doe
BOSG SHADED	Morgan Downing	Siamese Sable Sr. Buck
BOG TAN	Brandon Love	Otter Sr. Doe
BOSG TAN	DJ Swan	
BOG AOV	DJ Swan	Himi Sr. Doe
BOSG AOV	DJ Swan	Himi Sr. Buck



Love's Ultra Mag
CMDRC OPEN
BOB

Love's Killer Babe
CMDRC YOUTH
BOB

**PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2006.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DUES TO THE CLUB SECRETARY ASAP**

John Plokhooy is no longer collecting for specials for the annual D2 show. I need volunteers to help collect. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP. There are quite a few varieties and groups that are not sponsored. George