

International Gloster Breeders Association 2014

British All Gloster Championship Show.

18th & 19th October 2014

The thirtieth show in this series of IGBA club shows was held in Nuneaton. Belgian, Italian and Dutch fanciers entered teams at this event and were rewarded with notable specials. This major show in the Gloster calendar attracted most of the leading UK fanciers and many outstanding examples of the breed were on display. But, it was the strong teams from Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands that had many admirers and as the day unfolded this admiration was not displaced. With the Stafford (Burton & Reay) and Antwerp (R & I Wright) winners on the benches the main awards were keenly contested.

The judges Rik Spillebeen, Mike Palmer, Trevor Goddard, Keith Baker and Bill Kingcombe – had before them an entry of 1105 Gloster Fancy Canaries.

Show Team Manager Steve Webb and Show Manager Dave Rands with their respective teams ensured that the proceedings progressed smoothly over the two days. The IGBA stand was kept busy during the show taking memberships and selling club merchandise.

Junior Section

The junior section was keenly contested with Michael Lootes and Nathan Marples competing for the top spot. From an entry of 12 the judges selected Nathan Marples buff consort as the leading exhibit; with Michael Looted taking best opposite head with buff corona.

Novice Section

In the **novice corona** section the following competed for the major corona awards.

S. Brown, flighted vari. buff corona hen.

I. Gooderham, unflighted vari. buff corona hen.

I. Gooderham, flighted TPD buff corona hen.

J.Cressey, unflighted TPD buff corona hen.

C. Perry, yellow corona.

J.Cressey, white corona.

J.Cressey, cinnamon corona.

For the first time at this show no novice Grizzles were exhibited.

The leading novice corona was duly awarded to J. Cressey's unflighted TPD hen. The flighted award being taken by the vari. buff hen exhibited by S.Brown.

The novice consorts had some good examples on display and the following competed for the major specials.

I. Gooderham, flighted vari. buff consort cock.

C. Perry, unflighted vari. buff consort hen.

J. Cressey, flighted TPD buff consort hen.

J. Cressey, unflighted TPD buff consort hen.

R & C Lootes, yellow consort.

I. Gooderham, white consort.

S. Brown, cinnamon consort.

The leading novice consort was awarded to J. Cressey with his flighted TPD hen which also took the flighted award. The unflighted novice consort was also awarded to J. Cressey with his TPD hen.

The best novice consort was annexed by John Cressey's flighted TPD hen. This hen went on to take the best novice award with his unflighted corona taking the best novice opposite head award.

Champion Section.

In a large and very competitive champion section many potential best in show Glosters graced the benches. Once again the Belgium fanciers Marnix D'Mont and Ludo Learners had a good day; with G. Trovato and B. Munneke making their long trips also worthwhile.

The specials for the leading **champion coronas** were contested by the following.

Burton & Reay, flighted vari. buff corona hen.

R & I Wright, unflighted buff corona hen.

G. Trovato, flighted TPD buff corona hen.

Marnix D'Hont, unflighted TPD buff corona hen.

S. Webb, unflighted lightly vari. buff corona hen.

D & L Hobart, yellow corona.

P. Richmond, white corona.

R & I Wright, cinnamon corona.

Cottrell & Rands, grizzle corona.

All these coronas had headed strong classes before taking centre stage to contest the best Gloster champion corona awards.

Each had their admirers before the unflighted TPD buff corona hen exhibited by Marnix D'Hont came to the fore; taking the best champion corona specials and those for best unflighted and best TPD buff.

Best flighted corona was awarded to G. Trovato with his TPD hen taking the champion flighted specials.

The champion consorts had some wonderful examples of the breed on display with the following contesting the specials.

The champion consort specials were contested by the following:-

M. Kelham, flighted vari. buff consort hen.

Ludo Lenaers, unflighted buff consort hen.

Thompson & Burnett, flighted TPD buff consort hen.

R. Dunn, unflighted TPD buff consort cock.

R & I Wright, cinnamon yellow consort.

B. Munneke, white consort.

K. Stokes, cinnamon consort

After much debate the judges selected the unflighted buff consort hen exhibited by L. Lenaers as the leading consort.

The best flighted consort went to last year's winners Thompson & Burnett with their consort hen taking the flighted champion consort specials.

Best of colour specials.

D & L Hobart- best yellow.

R & I Wright- best cinnamon.

B. Munneke- best white.

Cottrell & Rands- best grizzle.

Best in show awards.

After a lengthy deliberation the five judges selected the unflighted TPD corona hen exhibited by Marnix D'Hont as best Gloster, best champion, best unflighted. This achievement followed Marnix's best opposite head award in 2013.

Best opposite head was the flighted TPD consort hen exhibited by John Cressey. The second time in four years that John has annexed this leading award.

The awards were presented by President Malcolm Miles and Vice Chairman Keith Baker thanked everyone for their outstanding contribution during the show.

As always this show throws up surprises and the achievements of our European friends will make the long journey home, sweet. The IGBA show is still the must win event for the leading Gloster fanciers at home and abroad.

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