

**International Gloster Breeders Association 2015
British All Gloster Championship Show.**

17th & 18th October 2015

The thirty first show in this series of IGBA club shows was the Dave Cottrell Memorial Show held in memory of Dave who was a past Chairman and Show Manager of the IGBA. Dave's sons Gareth and Davey, along with Gareth's son Rhys were on hand to present the Dave Cottrell Trophy for Best Gloster.

Belgian, Italian and Dutch fanciers entered teams at this event and were rewarded with notable specials. This major show, held in Nuneaton, 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.

The judges Margaret Moore, Marnix D'hont, Steve Gash, Neil Burton and Paul Reay – had before them an entry of 1137 Gloster Fancy Canaries. With 200 plus entries from Europe making the champion section up to 997, 131 novices and nine junior; this show was truly international.

Show Team Manager Steve Webb, Show Secretary Sue Roome and the show admin team namely, Gail Gash and Craig Biddle ensured that the proceedings progressed smoothly over the two days. The IGBA stand manned by Roger Wilton was kept busy during the show, taking memberships and selling club merchandise. Two volunteers, Lynn Hobart and Gail Gash were presented with bouquets for their hard work during the show.

Junior Section. The junior section was disappointing this year with only Nathan Marples entering a team of nine. He duly won with a flighted Buff corona cock.

Novice Section

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

J, Cressey, flighted vari. buff corona cock.

S, Brown, unflighted vari. buff corona hen.

C & J Briddle, flighted TPD buff corona cock.

A Lelliott, unflighted TPD buff corona hen.

J Cressey, yellow corona.

J.Cressey, white corona.

A. Lelliott, cinnamon corona.

J. Cressey, grizzle corona.

The leading novice corona was duly awarded to J. Cressey's flighted buff corona cock; with the same exhibitor taking the unflighted award with a white corona hen.

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

C. Campton, flighted vari. buff consort cock.

C. Campton, unflighted vari. buff consort hen.

S. Brown, flighted TPD buff consort hen.

S. Brown, unflighted TPD buff consort hen.

A. Lelliott, yellow consort.

C & J Briddle, white consort.

S. Brown, cinnamon consort.

The leading novice consort was awarded to S. Brown with an unflighted TPD hen and he also took the best flighted award with another TPD hen.

The best novice in show was awarded to John Cressey's flighted buff corona cock.

Champion Section.

In a large and very competitive champion section many potential best in show Glosters graced the benches. Once again the European fanciers Ludo Lenaers, J.P. Davignon, B. Munneke, G. Trovato, and R. Van Eljk made their long trips worthwhile.

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

J.P. Davignon, flighted vari. buff corona hen.

L. Lenaers, unflighted buff corona hen.

R & I Wright, flighted TPD buff corona hen.

R & I Wright, unflighted TPD buff corona hen.

R.W. Dunn, unflighted lightly vari. buff corona cock.

J.P. Davignon, yellow corona.

K. Baker, white corona.

B. Munneke, cinnamon corona.

R. Bakker, 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 buff corona hen exhibited by L. Lenaers came to the fore; taking the best champion corona specials and those for best unflighted and best variegated buff.

Best flighted corona was awarded to R & I Wright with their TPD hen.

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:-

S & S Guy, flighted vari. buff consort hen.

Ludo Lenaers, unflighted buff consort hen.

R. Van Eljk, flighted TPD buff consort hen.

R. Dunn, unflighted TPD buff consort hen.

G. Trovato, yellow consort.

B. Munneke, white consort.

Goddard & Kingcombe, cinnamon consort

After much debate the judges selected the flighted TPD consort hen exhibited by R. Van Eljk as the leading champion consort.

The best unflighted consort went to r. W. Dunn with his TPD consort hen taking the unflighted champion consort specials.

Best of colour specials.

G. Trovato- best yellow.

B. Munneke- best cinnamon.

B. Munneke- best white.

John Cressey- best grizzle.

Best in show awards.

After a lengthy deliberation the five judges selected the unflighted buff corona hen exhibited by Ludo Lenaers as best Gloster, best champion, best unflighted. This achievement followed Ludo's best opposite head award in 2014.

Best opposite head was the novice unflighted TPD consort hen exhibited S. Brown.

The award for best Gloster and the Dave Cottrell Trophy was presented to Ludo Lenaers by Dave's sons and grandson, Gareth, Davey and young Rhys Cottrell. Gareth as spokes person thanked the whole club for being my dad's friends, Glosters were always his first love. We have loads of happy memories of birds show's as a kid and him bringing home trophies and rosettes. Caused a few rows over the years but it really was something he unconditionally loved! My brother remembered going to Belgium with him too and again great memories. Thank you for the opportunity to be included in this special event. We hope that with his trophy he will continue to be involved for many a year to come.

Dave Rands as most will know was in partnership with Dave Cottrell for some time and kindly donated and presented a new trophy for the best white exhibit to B Munneke. Dave Rands explained that Dave Cottrell had a particular liking for white Glosters and the new trophy would preserve that memory.

Upon receipt of the trophy Bert Munneke spoke about how honoured he was to win this award, him being a good close friend of Dave Cottrell with many good memories. Bert said it was a privilege to be able to exhibit at the show and the trophy would take pride of place in his home.

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.

Norman Wallace

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