



Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeder's Association

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Editor's Comments

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I realize this is not one of the usual publication months, but I figured it was important to get this out to all the members as there are a few things coming up this month that you should know about.

Welcome to SARBA's 67th year as an association! Our new executive is already busy trying to get things organized for the coming year and as usual, the first order of business is to thank the outgoing executive for all their hard work in 2009. Thanks to

Marlene, Valdine, Chris, Sylvia, Ruth, Leona, and Shannon. Without your hard work, this club could not function.

We have some new and some old faces in this executive. Hopefully the mix of old and new will allow for continuity as well as fresh ideas.

There have been a few changes to the website which will hopefully make it better. I've added individual pages for each member that you can edit yourselves (or send me stuff and I'll add it when I

can). Feel free to add photos, links to other places, or anything else that you would like to share with other members. Currently ONLY other members can access these pages. One of the perks to membership is access to these members' only pages. They include some of the official Club documents – including the constitution, which is in need of renovation. If you are interested, I encourage you to have a look at it.

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~~~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~~~

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday,
January 23, 2010,
at 1:30 PM
Ruth Blazenko's
Home

Other Meeting Dates (tentative)

- Sun. March 28 at Chestermere Rec Centre at 2 p.m.
- Sun. June 6 at Chestermere Rec Centre at 2 p.m.
- Sat. August 21 at Millarville Fair Show
- Sat. Sept. 18 Chestermere Rec Centre at 2:00 p.m.
- Sat. Nov 6 at Chestermere Rec Centre at 2:30 p.m.-AGM

SHOWS:

E.A.R.S. Rabbit Show ([The Edmonton Area Rabbit Society](#)) Feb 13th & 14th

SARBA Spring Show
Specialty Shows Friday April 30, starting at 6:00 p.m.
Triple Open Show Saturday May 1 starting at 8:30 a.m.



It's Membership Renewal Time!

SARBA memberships run from January thru December which means that almost everyone's dues are due now ☺ . If you paid for a three-year membership, you are probably paid up for this year. If you are not sure whether your membership is due, check the membership list on the website (sarba.ca, click on the "members only" link and you will get to the

page that has the current membership list). If you get your newsletter by mail, check the mailing label – if it says "Paid until: 2009" then your renewal is due.

Valdine, our new President, thought it might be interesting to include the **year you first joined** as part of our membership information, and I think that's a great idea! We will start keeping track in the membership list, but since we haven't been tracking that information, could you include it in your next renewal (or just drop me an email:

secretary@sarba.ca)?

It would really help the Club if people who are

able to receive the newsletter by email would make sure I have their ***current*** email addresses, so remember to put that in your renewal too.

Access to the "members only" sections of the website will continue for all 2009 members until the end of February, at which time the new (2010) user name and password will be set and the old (2009) ones will stop working. All paid members will get an email telling them the new access codes.

Please note that this will be your last newsletter if you let your membership lapse, so please remember to renew.

E.A.R.S. Show

February 13 & 14 2010

Location:

Judges: **Briony Barnes & ARBA Executive Director Eric Stewart**

Deadlines:

- Specialty Sanction Applications: January 14

Saturday will be a Double Open Show

Sunday will include a sanctioned Youth Show and fun classes. As in previous years for \$40, Exhibitors can sponsor Specialty Sanctions. With few shows in the area,

and having judges available, this is the perfect opportunity to earn extra legs/points on Sunday. You will also receive a business card ad in the brochure that is sent out to exhibitors, so you get some advertising for your rabbitry or other business. (Deadline is January 14)

Exhibitors are welcome to contact the Show Secretary Lisa sklisa@hotmail.com to arrange to Sanction with your Specialty Club.

2010 9th Annual
POULTRY, PIGEON & WATERFOWL SHOW

at the **Wetaskiwin Drill Hall**

FEB. 13 & 14, 2010
 SATURDAY: 10am - 5 pm
 SUNDAY: 10am - 3 pm

BUY & SELL SECTION ALL BREEDS

HOSTING: (EARS)
 Edmonton & Area Rabbit Society
 All Breed Rabbit Show
 CARPC - Classic Homer Show
 Open Junior Show
 NACBS - Exotic Birds Show and Sale

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Admission: \$3.00
Children Under 12: \$1.50
Family: \$7.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
 Mardell Thomson 780-352-0554 OR Guido Pfaffner 403-783-8300



Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeders Association Membership Application and Dues (2010)

1 year:	ADULT: \$18.00	YOUTH: \$12.00	FAMILY: \$25.00
3 years:	ADULT: \$48.00	YOUTH: \$30.00	FAMILY: \$60.00

MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ONE (1) YEAR, RENEWABLE IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR. NEW MEMBERS JOINING AFTER JULY MAY PAY HALF THE YEARLY DUES.

I hereby make application to and agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeders Association. I understand that said membership includes a quarterly copy of the club newsletter and all privileges and benefits of the Association.

Please check one in each column:

<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult
		<input type="checkbox"/> Family

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birth date (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ A.R.B.A. Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

Web site address: _____

Rabbitry Name: _____

Breeds raised: _____

Recommended by: _____

Please make your cheque or money order payable to the

Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeders Association (S.A.R.B.A.)

and send it with your application to:

**SARBA, Katrin Becker
MINK HOLLOW FARM**

**S.A.R.B.A
2010 Executive**

President:

Valdine Short

- Club Historian

Vice-President:

Marlene Bruneau

Secretary:

Katrin Becker, 

- Webmaster
- Newsletter Editor (temporary)

Treasurer:

Ruth Blazenko,

Directors:

- **Chris Berry**
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- **Tony Berry**
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- **Steve Stoyko**

Show Secretary: *vacant*
(volunteers, please contact one of the executive members)

Silent Auctions: *vacant*
(volunteers, please contact one of the executive members)

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.sarba.ca

Editor's Comments, *continued*

There is space at the bottom of the page for people to add your comments. Because everyone uses the same login, your comments can be "anonymous" or you can identify yourself.

We now also have a [FaceBook Group](#). It is a public group, open to all FB users. What would we like this to be? It could be the place where we

communicate with other members or a way to try and encourage more people to join. Tell us what you think!

Come to think of it, we'd like to hear more from the membership generally. Often, a Club is maintained by the dedicated efforts of just a few of the members. This is a small club, and we've had a few people say they

would like to become more involved. Have an article you'd like to share? Send it to me (remember to credit the source). Have some news? Some secret recipe for bunny treats? A cool idea for keeping mice away, or for watering in the winter? Let's hear it!

With your help we can make this a lively an informative year!

~Katrin



SARBA Newsletter Editorial Policy

The SARBA Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeder's Association dedicated to the advancement of the domestic rabbit and the domestic rabbit breeder. SARBA reserves the right to refuse to accept for publication any advertising or articles which it deems are not in the best interest of members. Lengthy articles may be edited.

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