

GEOFF IZZARD MEMORIAL SHOW, TENDRING

9 July 2011

Judge: Mel Goulder

Thanks for letting me judge this show. I really enjoyed it and there were some stunning rats. The two top rats were excellent and it was a hard call but the topaz was dead level on the day. Thank you to my scribe and stewards who made it easier for me. Tendring is a great show to go to and a firm favourite of mine.

NEW VARIETIES: 1 (04) Rivendell. BE cream. Head OK. Nice eye, attractive colour although starting to border on golden. Excellent condition, nice rat. 2 (03) Elkwood? Quicksilver. Badly marked Berkshire, attractive colour, lovely shade. Very nice coloured eyes. Good ears for a dumbo, nice size. 3 (01) John Day. Powder blue. Attractive colour, bite mark on back. Tail OK. Ear could be better, size OK. Poor head and eye. Nice colour but needs work on type. 4 (02) Sheila Sowter Spotted Downunder. Colour extends past the ears, needs more spotting, lightweight when picked up, good eye, nice ears.

Self section

CHAMPAGNE/BUFF AD: 1 Withheld. 2 (301) Bex Harvard. Champagne buck, lovely head, ear and eye, lovely size but the colour is way too dark.

CHAMPAGNE/BUFF KIT: 1 Sorry withheld. 2 (401) Rivendell. Champagne, lovely ear and eye, excellent condition. Colour way too dark. **BRITISH**

BLUE AD: 1 (501) Elkwood. Nice colour but very silvered – but not enough for silvered class. Lovely condition, OK head, nice eye, good ear. Starting to rust over the rump.

BLACK KIT: 1 (802) Tenebrae. Nice head, ear and eye, white hand, silvering up the sides. Wins on type. 2 (801) Tenebrae. Nice head, ear and eye, moulting from kitten coat. Silvering coming up the sides will be silvered when finished moult.

CHOC/MINK KIT: 1 (1001) Topthorne. Chocolate. Lovely eye, OK head and ear. Excellent condition. A bit silvered but a lovely colour. Nice to see a proper chocolate. Will be a really nice rat.

IVORY AD: 1 (1102) Tenebrae. Nice head, ear and eye, nice colour, good size. A little sneezy, a little stressed out today. 2 (1101) Tenebrae. Excellent eye and ear, nice head. Lovely condition. Very stressed and stained.

IVORY KIT: 1 (1204) Tenebrae. Nice head and eye, OK tail, good condition, nice rat. 2 (1201) Tenebrae. Nice head, ear and eye, excellent condition. Little bit of staining on back. 3 (1202) Tenebrae. Nice head, ear and eye, nice colour, nice condition, much like the last rat. 4 (1203) Tenebrae. B. Head could be broader for a buck. Coat a little bit long, nice ear and eye.

SELF ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 (1102). 2 (501). 3 (301).

SELF KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 (1001). 2 (1204). 3 (1201). 4 (802)

Marked section

HOODED AD: 1 (1701) Bex Harvard. Excellent type, stunning eye. Hard to see markings in this colour. Nice hood but saddle doesn't go right down back, is also broken. Wins on type and condition today. 2 (1702) Halcyon. Nice head, ear and eye. Good saddle, good tail, sore on neck. Only reason got 2nd today.

STRIPED ROAN/ ROAN AD: 1 (2902) Tenebrae. Nice colour, lovely condition, fair head, fair eye, OK ears. Good size but snipey head. **MARKED**

ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 (1701). 2 (2902). 3 (1702).

Russian section

RUSSIAN BLUE AGOUTI AD: 1 (3502) Halcyon. Lovely head and eye . OK ear, excellent condition. Nice ticking good under. 2 (3501) Rivendell. OK head, nice eye, lovely ears, colour correct. Excellent condition, nice ticking, good under.

RUSSIAN BLUE AGOUTI KIT: 1 (3601) Rivendell. Lovely head, ear and eye, correct colour, nice ticking, superb condition. Nice rat all round.

Shaded section

SIAMESE AD: 1 (4102) Halcyon. Black eyed Siamese. Nice body colour, lovely eye, ears a little bit low set. Nice shading over rump, very nice well defined points. 2 (4101) Bex Harvard. Siamese. Fair head, nice eye, nice body colour.

Very nice shading but a little patchy, excellent eye colour, good size.

SIAMESE KIT: 1 (4202) Bex Harvard. Narrow head, fair eye, ears too wide set. Nice shading coming through, nice body colour. 2 (4201) Bex Harvard. Narrow head and poor eye, ears too wide set. Nice points coming through, excellent condition.

SHADED ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 (4102). 2 (4101).

SHADED KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1. (4202). 2 (4201).

SHADED ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 (4102). 2 (4101). 3 (4202) 4 (4201).

AOV section

TOPAZ AD: 1 (4702) Halcyon. Lovely head, ear and eye, lovely rich colour . Good tail, lovely belly, Excellent rat all round! 2 (4701) Halcyon. Excellent head, ear and eye. Lovely colour. Excellent condition, good under, excellent all round but prefer 4702.

SILVER FAWN

AD: 1 (4902) Tenebrae. Lovely head, ear and eye, nice bright colour, superb tail. Very well turned out, excellent condition, nice example of silver fawn. Demarcation could be better. 2 (4901) Comis? Lovely stud buck, lovely head, ear and eye, ears could be bigger? Lovely colour coat a bit past its best, a little woolly. Superb tail. Lovely rat all round.

SILVER FAWN KIT: 1 (5001) Comis. Lovely head, ear and eye. Nice ticking for kitten. Excellent condition. Lovely bright colour, really good demarcation. 2 (5002) Comis. Nice little buck, colour coming through, bit moulted today.

Lovely ticking and condition. Nice big ears and eyes, demarcation not as clear as the first. Nice kitten all round. 3 (5003) Rivendell. Fair head, ear and eye, OK demarcation, colour to come, excellent condition.

SILVER AD:

1 (5104) Elkwood. D. Lovely silvering , nice colour, excellent head, ear and eye, good feet, good undercoat, best seen in a long time. 2 (5103) Elkwood. Lovely colour, good silvering, nice condition for buck. Ears wide set, fair eye, nice broad head but a little bit short. Good attempt at silver blue. 3 (5101) Kate Ford. Lovely big buck, OK head, fair eye, good ear. Nice silvering, OK colour, coat a little past its best. 4 (5102) Tenebrae. Very stressed and a bit nippy. OK silvering, lovely condition, nice head, ear and eye.

AGOUTI AD: 1 (5301) Rivendell. Superb eye, good head, lovely big ears. Great colour, good ticking, good condition, good under, nice racy doe. 2 (5303) Halcyon. Excellent head, ear and eye. Good under, lovely colour and ticking.

White whiskers. 4 (5302) Tanya McComiskie. Lovely head , ear and eye, excellent condition, a little bit dark over the back and face.

CINNAMON AD: 1 (5502) Kate Ford. Excellent head, ear and eye. Big doe, lovely condition, even ticking, excellent tail, good all round. Prefer type on this rat to other in class. 2 (5501) Kate Ford. Lovely head, ear and eye, fair head, excellent tail, lovely colour, good ticking, good all round.

CINNAMON KIT: 1 (5601) Comis. Nice head, ear and eye, bit moult but lovely bright colour coming through. Good under, good tail, excellent condition. 2 (5602) Comis. Good head and eye. Lovely big ears. Very moult, silvering coming through, excellent condition. Colour not as bright as other rat in class.

AOV ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 (4702). 2 (5301). 3 (5104). 4 (5502).

AOV KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 (5001). 2 (5002). 3 (5003). 4 (5601).

AOV ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 (4702). 2 (5301). 3 (5001). 4 (5104).

BRITISH BLUE AGOUTI AD: 1 (5701) Elkwood. Superb colour, excellent head, ear and eye. Beautiful condition, lovely example of variety.

PEARL/CIN PEARL AD: 1 (6101) Kate Ford. Nice head, ear and eye, colour a little sooty. Muzzle sooty, not very happy today, very dirty tail.

PLATINUM AGOUTI AD: 1 (6301) Elkwood. Nice colour, good colour eyes but could be bigger, nice size, nice condition, good belly, strong tail, nice rat.

Rex section

MARKED REX AD: 1 (6701) Halcyon. Hooded buck. Lovely buck, excellent head and saddle, lovely colour black, good rexing, could do with a bit more over the shoulder, good tail, good head, ear and eye. Lovely stud buck, spot under.

Dumbo section

SELF DUMBO AD: 1 (7502) Bex Harvard. Black self dumbo. Nice solid colour, starting to rust though, good head, ear and eye. 2 (7501) John Day. Bit of a nondescript colour, ears tubular, poor head

RUSSIAN DUMBO AD: 1 (7901) John Day. Nice colour but going rusty on rump. Tail squared and thin for size of rat. Good head. Fair eye, tubular ears.

RUSSIAN DUMBO KIT: 1 (8001) Elkwood. Nice head, ear and eye, lovely condition. Ears a bit tubular, nice rat.

SHADED DUMBO AD: 1 (8101) John Day. Nice shading on rump. Nice body colour. Good points on nose, fair head, very small eyes, quite nice ears, white socks on legs! Wins on type only. 2 (8104) Bex Harvard. Fair eye, poor head, too narrow. Tubular ears, lovely condition, OK points. 3 (8103) Bex Harvard. Fair head good eye, very rusty and patchy. Very tubular ears.

SHADED DUMBO KIT: 1 (8201) Elkwood. Good eye, head too narrow, nice markings for himmy, superb condition, tail a bit square, nice rat.

AOV DUMBO KIT: 1 (8401) Comis. Silver fawn. Colour to come, good silvering. OK demarcation, good ears, eye and fair head. 2 (8402) Comis. Good head and eye, good ear. Very stressed, porphy eyes.

DUMBO KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 (8401). 2 (8201). 3 (8001).

DUMBO ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 (7901). 2 (7502). 3 (8101).

DUMBO ALL AGES CHALLENGE: 1 (8401). 2 (8201). 3 (8001). 4 (7901).

GUIDE STANDARD AD: 1 (8701) Halcyon. Lovely head, ear and eye, lovely body colour, excellent condition, pale front feet. Kink at bottom of tail, small.

ADULT CHALLENGE: 1 (4702). 2 (5301). 3 (6701). 4 (3502).

KITTEN CHALLENGE: 1 (3601). 2 (5001). 3 (1001). 4 (8401).

SUPREME CHALLENGE: 1 (4702). 2 (5301). 3 (6701). 4 (3601).

JUVENILE: 1 (1001). 2 (7901). 3 (7501). 4 (8101).

STUD BUCK: 1 (4901). 2 (6701). 3 (5101). 4 (6301).

NOVICE: 1 (5502). 2 (7901). 3 (5101). 4 (7502).