



OPNZRBA NEWSLETTER

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Ontario Provincial New Zealand Rabbit Breeders Association

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello New Zealand Fanciers. Time is fast approaching for our annual New Zealand Show at the new location in the Niagara peninsula (details elsewhere in the newsletter). The date is November 22 and as always I hope to see a good turnout from both sides of the border. Our judge is Bob Shaftoe and as always he will give the rabbits a good look-over. I'm sure the competition will be fierce as the coats on our rabbits should be finished at this time of the year. This show has traditionally been the New Zealand show of the year and I trust this will be the case for all the colours of New Zealands.

Any comments or suggestions for the advancement of the New Zealand breed always welcome. A short meeting will follow the show and award presentations. Have a great fall and see you at the show. Bill Gardhouse.

UPCOMING SHOWS

- * OCRC conference
Rockton, Nov 8
- * Royal Winter Fair
Toronto, Nov 16
- * OPNZRBA Show
Allanburg, Nov 22

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Hello New Zealand breeders. I hope the summer has gone well for all of you and that your fall juniors have you grinning from ear to ear. I have been in touch with a few of you this summer, and it sounds like everyone is gearing up for the fall shows and are excited to get those good New Zealands on the show table.

There has been a lot of discussion ... and maybe a little complaining... about the amount of rain we've had this summer, but on the plus side, the temperatures have been a lot more rabbit friendly than normal. Sure there were a few stretches of heat, but they didn't last long. I didn't lose a single animal to the heat this year.

One of our members, Kat Luna, has kindly volunteered to build and maintain our club website: opnzbba.ca. I encourage everyone to take a look. Kat has done a great job. She doesn't have a lot of material for it yet, but that will change won't it? The site is there to promote our breed and our club. It is a strong step forward in getting OPNZRBA into peoples minds again. If you have rabbit pictures, articles or anything else that you would like to contribute, send it to Kat at www.downtherabbithole.ca.

At one time, our club hosted the New Zealand national show, that is quite an accomplishment. I really believe that in spite of the current trend in the rabbit business of people going to the smaller strictly fanciers breeds, that OPNZRBA could have its best days ahead. If we as breeders, pulled together in an effort to actively promote our breed, I am convinced that the attributes and appeal of this breed will prove sufficient.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the show November 22nd.

Laurence Leriger

OPNZRBA Annual Specialty show

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS YEAR
WE WILL BE HAVING A SATIN SHOW
IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR NEW ZEALAND SHOW.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2008

AT

THE ALLANBURG COMMUNITY HALL
ALLANBURG, ONTARIO
BIG HALL, LOTS OF PARKING
EASY TO FIND

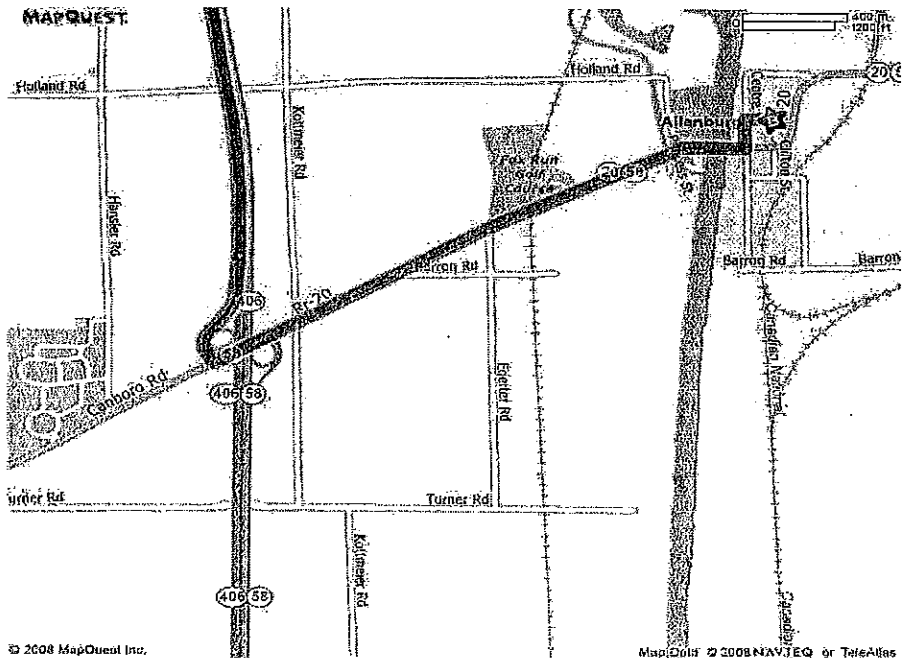
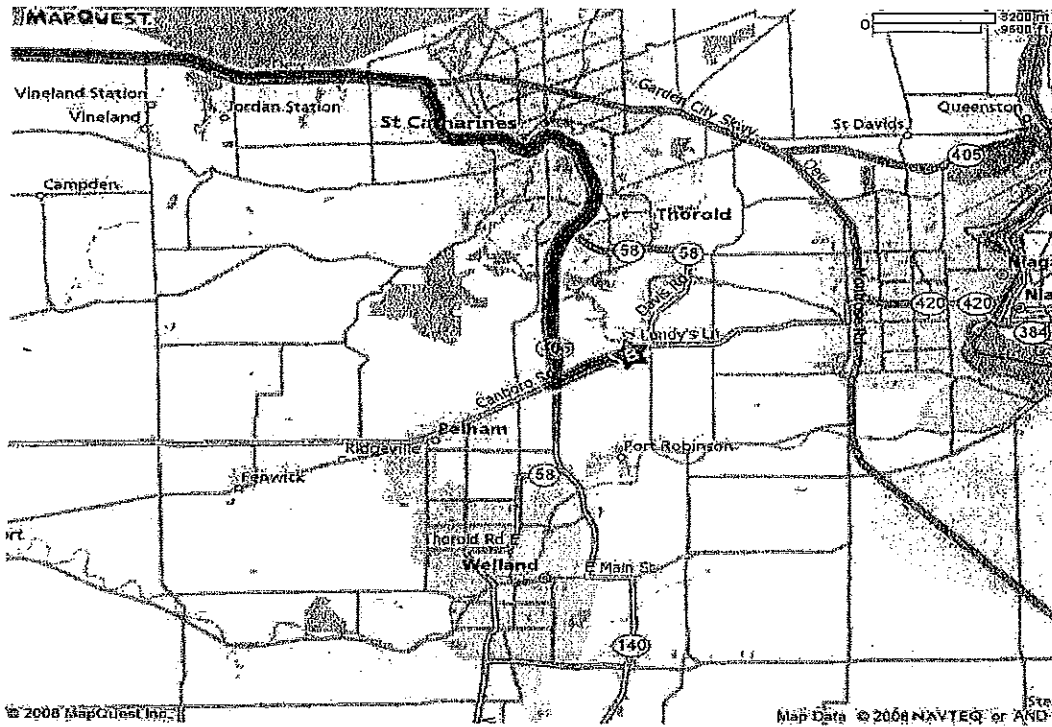
JUDGING STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.

A.R.B.A. JUDGE:
BOB SHAFTOE

SHOW SUPERINTENDANT
HARVEY CARVER

SHOW SECRETARY
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DAY OF SHOW ENTRY
ENTRY FEE
\$3.00/RABBIT



DIRECTIONS TO ALLANBURG HALL FROM Q.E.W:

406 SOUTH TO HWY 20 EAST NIAGARA FALLS

CROSS ALLANBURG BRIDGE (OVER CANAL)

TAKE FIRST LEFT (CENTER STREET)

HALL IS ABOUT 1/2 KM DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

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