

DONCASTER BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB OPEN SHOW – 14 OCTOBER 2023

SHOW REPORT

The DBFCC Show, held on Saturday, 14th October 2023 at Bawtry New Hall, was a resounding success, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our hardworking committee members, exhibitors, and volunteers.

Unfortunately, one of our dedicated members, John Balme, couldn't join us this year due to health reasons, but we send him our heartfelt best wishes for a swift recovery.



Our committee set an ambitious goal this year: to fill the hall with 500 entries. Despite our best efforts and a couple of members withdrawing, we achieved 473 entries, with 440 entries checked in on the day.



The quality of the birds on display, assessed by our three expert judges (Ian Wishart, Tim Ward, and Keith Wadkin), was exceptional. Some exquisite birds though, didn't make it to the top table. We extend our gratitude to the judges for their outstanding work, ensuring that the top table showcased truly remarkable birds.

Our team of stewards, led by show manager Colin Egner, ensured that the judging process ran smoothly. They efficiently completed the judging and presented the results with an hour to spare, enabling us to type up results, print award sheets, and compile the specials list to be distributed when the doors opened at 13:00 hrs. This prevented a situation of our guests having to wait outside, due to delays. This year, we continued the successful practice of using wristbands for entry, eliminating the need to wait in line, fumble for change, or deal with queue rage. Each person entering the Hall received a Welcome Pack, containing a complete set of results, a specials list, a catalogue and a much-appreciated packet of polo mints and a pen.



Mark Symonds' long journey was rewarded with the title of "Best Border in Show" for his exceptional lightly variegated cinnamon buff hen. Mark also scooped up awards for "Best Champion," "Best Champion Unflighted," and "Best Champion Cinnamon." Daz Ashton claimed "2nd Best Champion" and "Best Champion Flighted." Ronnie Sillitoe, though absent from the show, saw his show partner,

John Rance, secure "3rd Best" and "Best Opposite Sex."

Jim Noonan, one of last year's judges, had an impressive day, winning "4th Best," "6th Best," "Best Variegated," and "Best 3 Parts Dark" with some truly high-quality birds. Our Show Manager, Colin Egner, was delighted to find his name on the "5th Best" sticker, alongside "Best Champion Clear." Paul & Billy Heathcote earned the 7th place on the top table with a superb buff hen of remarkable type and quality that would impress any enthusiast. Others making appearances on the Specials list included Cliff and Anita Britain with "Best Champion Cinnamon" and the partnership of McGougan & Mason with "Best Champion White" one of their quality team of whites



It was particularly heartening to welcome novice exhibitors who participated for the first time. R. Stephenson received the "Best Novice" award, continuing his success from the Stafford Show. Ricky also took home awards for "Best Unflighted Novice," "2nd Best Novice," "5th Best Novice," "7th Best Novice," "Best Clear Novice," "Best Variegated Novice," and "Best Novice Opposite Sex." J. South claimed "3rd Best Novice" and "Best Novice Green," while G. Chambers received "4th Best Novice." P. Selby secured "6th Best Novice" and "Best Novice Flighted," in addition to awards for "Best

Novice 3 Parts Dark," "Best Novice Cinnamon," and "Best Novice White."

The unexpectedly high turnout of visitors on the day resulted in two rounds of results reprints, and our outdoor branding letting people know the show was ongoing attracted local visitors curious about our event – exactly the response we hoped for.



Our sincere thanks go out to our catering team, led by Karon and assisted by Mandy & Winnie, for providing outstanding refreshments throughout the day.

We now have to build on this again for next year, there are number of areas that were very good making the show welcoming for our visitors, but I know we can do better by reviewing our admin processes.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2024 and once again enjoy the sincere welcome and hospitality. New initiatives will ensure that the day will be an event for everyone.

Note the Date

“Saturday 12th October 2024”

