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'Highly technical but super friendly atmosphere'

NORTH OF ITALY GLOSTER CLUB

ESTABLISHED in 2015, the North of Italy Gloster Club (NoIGC), led by the committed guidance of Fabrizio Ioppolo, has been actively promoting and enhancing the Gloster fancy in the region. Under Fabrizio's leadership, the NoIGC undertook a mission to protect and maintain the Gloster fancy according to the standards outlined by the GFCC-UK. This effort led to positive changes in Italy, such as the implementation of structured classes, the adoption of a professional approach, and the establishment of regulations in alignment with international standards.

The January 2024 show marked a significant milestone, with 308 top-quality exhibits showcased, reflecting the enthusiasm and dedication of the Gloster club

members in the northern region.

A notable aspect of the NoIGC is the active involvement of experienced exhibitors, contributing to a very technical but friendly atmosphere within the club. During the judging process, the judge, Mario Zahra, allowed questions from any individual to ensure a positive and educational experience for everyone involved. Despite the extended duration of the judging, the excellent environment, coupled with high-level discussions among experts, judges, and novices eager to learn, made the time seemingly fly by.

In the novice section, notable exhibits embodying the ideal characteristics of the Gloster canary were encountered by the judge. Mario said that some novice classes displayed a quality

that easily rivalled the champion section.

The recent show honours highlighted exceptional achievements, with Fabrizio Ioppolo earning the esteemed title of best Gloster in show. His show team excelled across multiple categories, securing numerous awards such as best opposite head in show, best corona hen, best consort hen, best consort cock, best flighted bird, best cinnamon, and best grizzle.

Other notable winners included a good team of birds presented by Andrea Sghedoni who won best yellow in show, best novice, best novice consort, best novice consort hen, best novice grizzle, best novice cinnamon, and best novice yellow.

Another outstanding exhibit was presented by Marcello Selva which won best novice blue and went on to win best blue in show.



A deserving champion: the unflighted self green corona cock exhibited by Fabrizio Ioppolo, a pure example of balance between type and quality

Gavino Simula won best champion blue and Fulvio Sabbioni won best champion yellow. Ferricio Gamba won best novice consort cock and best novice corona cock, while best novice corona and best novice corona hen were taken by Marco Piccinotti.

Following the awards ceremony, Mario Zahra made an attempt to address the

audience in Italian, sharing insights into the challenges faced by the Gloster fancy globally. He discussed the potential crisis within the fancy, emphasising the importance of adhering strictly to the official standards outlined by GFCC-UK.

In conclusion, the recent Gloster show hosted by the NoIGC was reported by



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Mario Zahra as a resounding success, showcasing the unwavering dedication and passion of professional Gloster enthusiasts in the region. The achievements of the winners and the valuable insights shared during the event underscore the continuous efforts to preserve and elevate the Gloster fancy standards.

In concluding the event, Mario conveyed a closing message, stating, "May the accomplishments of the winners inspire a distinct and purposeful path for the Gloster Fancy community, reaching beyond the North of Italy to the global stage."

Hat trick for Tom!

IRISH FANCY CANARY SOCIETY (CORK BRANCH)

THE Irish Fancy Canary Society (Cork Branch) held its annual show on October 21, 2023 in honour of the late Noel Perryman who passed away in early 2023. The show was held at Fr Murphy's Community Centre, Middleton, Co. Cork.

There was an entry of 276 birds staged and the show was well supported with a lot of visitors. The main results was best in show and best champion being awarded to the club's show secretary Tom O'Regan for his well-staged unflighted (UF) yellow cock. It was Tom's second time winning this prestigious event.

Novice exhibitor Victor Sullivan won second best in show and best novice with a self blue hen. The show was judged by Kieran Bridgeman (champion) and Garvan McGee (novice).

Full show results

Best Irish fancy in show, best champion Irish fancy, best champion UF, best champion clear or

ticked yellow UF, best champion marked or variegated yellow UF, best champion marked or variegated buff UF, best champion self or foul green yellow UF, best champion blue & white UF, T. O'Regan.

Second best Irish fancy in show, best novice in show, best novice UF, best clear novice or ticked yellow UF, best novice clear or ticked buff UF, best novice marked or variegated yellow UF, best novice marked or variegated buff UF, best novice self or foul green yellow UF, best novice self or foul green buff UF, best novice clear or ticked white UF, best novice fawn & white UF, best novice self blue UF, V. Sullivan.

Best champion flighted, best champion cock flighted, best champion opposite sex UF, best champion clear or ticked buff UF, best champion three-parts-dark (TPD) yellow UF, best champion clear or ticked white UF, best champion fawn & white



Awards display at the Fr Murphy's Community Centre, Middleton

UF, best champion self fawn UF, J. Barron.

Best champion opposite sex flighted, best champion hen flighted, best champion self or foul green buff UF, J. Dowling; second best champion cock flighted, D. Tutty; second best champion hen flighted, G. Duggan; best novice opposite sex UF, B. & B. Drake.



Best in show clear yellow cock



Best novice Victor Sullivan (right) being presented the best novice trophy by club chairman John Dowling



Tom O'Regan (left) is presented the best-in-show Noel Perryman Memorial Trophy by David Perryman