

American Iris Society
Committee to Revise the Judges Handbook
Betty Roberts, Chairman
Fall 2016 Board Report

Since the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* was placed on the Iris Encyclopedia, only two suggestions were submitted and both were from Bob Pries.

- [BobPries](#) - 2016-05-31

- On page 120 the abbreviation for Arils is (A) and Arilbreds (AB). Current usage is (AR) for Arils and (AB) for Arilbreds. This should be changed to conform to our recent checklists. -- [BobPries](#) - 2016-06-03

- [BobPries](#) - 2016-06-07

- On page 236: SPECX should read: This is an experimental class noting innovation. The class of Irises that are hybrids, involving two or more Iris species. Interspecies crosses are but one type. The class is the starting point of new classifications. Example: When *I.pumila* was crossed with Tall-bearded it would have been a SPECX until enough of this cross existed and the fertile family developed. When enough of this type of class developed it was given its own name, SDB. -- [BobPries](#) - 2016-06-08

I still like the idea of having an entire rewrite submitted by a section committee.

The Tall Bearded Society, the Aril Society, and the Novelty Iris group presidents have yet to name a committee chairman and/or committees to work on the Judges Handbook revision. I hope to reach out to various people listed as officers in publications of these groups and ask for their assistance.

After the holidays, I plan to begin typing chapters and incorporating suggestions made by various individuals in email discussions about various aspects of the Handbook. I'll then send this to various individuals for proofing. It will be great when the revised document finally gets to the printer.