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Presidents Message For 2008

Happy New Years Members! I certainly hope your holidays were the merriest and that 2008 brings you success in all that you endeavor, as well as fun and good times with your Ridgebacks. After many years serving the board as Treasurer, I'll now be taking over for Mike Patterson as President. Thanks to Mike for enduring another year in this office and doing a fine job of keeping our meetings moving along smoothly. Welcome to the new Officers and Board of Directors. A few folks have moved into new offices and we have added Jennifer Gysler as a director. Thanks to the departing Board Member Lisa Patterson for your work in 2007, I know we can count on you to continue to keep the burners fired for our events planned for 2008.

Speaking of which is our 22nd Regional Specialty on Friday April 11, 2008. Show Chair Cory Bowers is pulling a great team together to make this another not-to-be-missed event. If you can donate some time the day of the event or on one of the show committees, please contact Cory and he will assign a "special" position to you. This year our event will be held at Oak Canyon Park in Silverado, Orange County. Conformation Judge is Eric Liebes, Sweepstakes Judge is Nicole Rupert-Deutschman, and Obedience Judge is Selma Ashley. The host hotel is the La Quinta in Santa Ana (same as last year). Look for the information flyer in your mailboxes at the end of February.

With approval from AKC of our revised by-laws, we will implement our quarterly meeting schedule this year. We hope to have another funday in conjunction with a general meeting like the well attended gathering at Cory and Jane Bowers' this past Summer.

Other General Meetings will be held with specific business intent. BOD meetings will be in February, May, September, and December. The actual meeting dates will be published in Rambles.

Ah yes, the Rambles.....after many years of editing our newsletter, Lee Nudo has passed the baton to Lisa Adams. Thanks Lee for an excellent job and for all your informative articles. You established a format that the readers among our members recognize as a source of all things Ridgeback. Lisa plans to publish the newsletter on a quarterly schedule and will announce the meeting dates and locations along with other great Ridgeback related information.

OCRRC is planning some fun performance events for 2008. Lure Coursing at the Lompoc venue in July and perhaps another trial in the Fall; working toward holding our first Agility trial, and adding Rally Obedience to our matches. We have some very enthusiastic members who are putting these plans in motion and more news about our progress will be published in the Rambles.

I've rambled on enough so I'll close and hope to see you and your Ridgebacks at an upcoming event.



Club Announcements

OCRRRC Goes Green!!

The Quarterly Rambles publication will now be sent electronically to save the trees, save the editor, and save the club costs. If you REQUIRE snail mail contact Joe Berger.

General Meeting Dates:

January 10th @ CoCo's Restaurant, 1250 Imperial Hwy in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

March 13th @ CoCo's Restaurant in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Aug/Sept Fun-day. Date and location TBD

November 13th @ CoCo's Restaurant in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Board Meeting Dates:

February 14th @ CoCo's Restaurant. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

May 8th @ CoCo's Restaurant in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Sept 11th @ CoCo's Restaurant.. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Dec 11th @ CoCo's Restaurant in Brea. Mtg. Starts at 8:00 pm.

Pre-mtg. social dinner is 7:00-8:00 pm.

Special Events

SDRRC Agility Trial will be held on March 22nd & 23rd at Rohr Park in Chula Vista. Contact Lynda Tjarks for entries (www.jumpfunagility.net) or the trial chairperson, Kate Zimmer, at (858) 793-005; or by email at (kgordon3@roadrunner.com).

OCRRRC Regional Specialty is Friday April 11th, 2008 at Oak Canyon Park, 5305 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado CA 92676. To volunteer for day of event support contact show chair Cory Bowers. The Club is currently taking donations for trophies. Please contact Sherri West.

Fall and Spring Match dates are TBD and will be announced in a Future Rambles edition.



Cookie Goes To.....

There are many special people within the OCRRRC Organization that go beyond their daily routine to do nice things for the RR breed AND the ones that love the breed. We'd like to salute the efforts of these people with their own round of applause. So for all of you - this space is your space.....

- This Summer, California was unfortunate enough to suffer from catastrophic fires. Some of our Ridgeback owner's homes were impacted by the evacuation requirements.

Our first dog cookies go to Deb Adams and Jean Spengel who donated time, energy, and their homes to other members and Ridgebacks in need.



Please send your member accolades to rambles.news@gmail.com

In The Whelping Box...

Dec 3rd—Ch. Pupukea Ridge Makamae O Spring Valley, SC ("Maggie") x Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai NA,NAJ,SC,NAP,NJP ("Kobe") is proud to announce a litter of four (2 females 2 males). See inserted photo. *Congratulations to Cory & Jane Bowers*

Dec 20th—Ch. Pherons Luxor Luther ("Luther") x Rajataru Lakota ("Teeka") is proud to announce a litter of eight (6 females 2 males). See inserted photo. *Congratulations to Jay & Catherine Schock*

Nov 28th—DC Pupukea Ridge Kekoa Koneli, SC ("Conner") x Ch. Stardust's Cracklin Rosie, SC ("Rosie") is proud to announce a litter of five (3 females 2 males). *Congratulations to J&S Adomian and R&T Witte.*

July 5th—Van d Piers Simply Dazzling ("Raleigh") x Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai NA,NAJ,SC,NAP,NJP ("Kobe") is proud to announce a litter of two (1 female 1 male). *Congratulations to Sharon & Jack Pierce.*



OCRRC Top Ten in 2007 (unofficial results)

Conformation

Ch Pupukearidge Ikaika O Sprngvly	B&T Peach/P Lambie/Mc Kinnon	1802
Ch Freedoms Five Star General By Tigris	P Weston	804
Ch Juba Lee What You Talkin Bout Willis	K Williams/D&J White	361
Ch Of Afrikka Sprngvly Joliba of Kamari, JC	C Wistrom/B&D Drastrup	261
Ch Of Afrikka Spring Valle Dorian Gray	C Wistrom	169
Ch Pupukea Ridge Makamae O Spring Valley, SC	C&J Bowers	165
Ch Orangewoods Doubletake At Triggerhill, AX	E&J Scattini/P Maddaloni	158
Freedoms St Patrick's Sensation	P Weston	151
Blue Nile Dogon Sirius, JC	S Todd	138
Ch Freedoms Blast O Dynamite By Tigris	J&L Gutierrez/L&M Patterson	102

Lure Coursing

FC Manzanita Just One Look, MC, LCX	Lyn Valdivia	151
DC Pupukea Ridge Kekoa Koneli, SC	C Bowers / T Peach	146
FC Scarlet's Wild Child, SC, CD, RN	J&K Gysler	79
Ch Pupukea Ridge Makamae O Spring Valley, SC	C&J Bowers	78

Agility

MBIF DC Pheron's Sanyati of Kariba, CD,LCX,MC,MX,MXJ,RE,HIC,TT,CGC	M Miller	127
Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,RN,HIC,CGC,NAP,NJP,OA,OAJ	L Adams	74
Ch Manzanita One Handsome Devil, SC,RN,OA,AXJ	L Post	37
FC Scarlet's Wild Child, SC, CD, RN	J&K Gysler	4

Obedience

Ch Manzanita One Handsome Devil, SC,RN,OA,AXJ	L Post	191.5/191.5
Ch Echoridge Unbridled By Tigris, SC,CDX,CGC	L Mendoza	586/189
FC Scarlet's Wild Child, SC, CD, RN	J&K Gysler	550/183.5
Van d Piers Meet Me at the Garden, SC, CD, RN	S&J Pierce	549/183

Rally

Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,RN,HIC,CGC,NAP,NJP,OA,OAJ	L Adams	273/91
Van d Piers Give'Em Hellharry, SC, CD, RA	J&K Gysler	TBD
FC Scarlet's Wild Child, SC, CD, RN	J&K Gysler	TBD
Van d Piers Meet Me at the Garden, SC, CD, RN	S&J Pierce	TBD
Ch RiverCity's Everyone's Bwana	Abney/Bicos/McGee	84/84

A Round of Applause, Please!

Here's a look at what some of our members have accomplished recently.

12/08/07 @ the Valley Hills Obedience Club trial, **Van d Piers Give'Em Hellhary** ("Paladin") earned his Rally Advanced title, proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

12/30/07 @ the High Desert Agility Club trial, **Van d Piers Give'Em Hellhary** ("Paladin") earned his first Novice Preferred JWW leg with a 3rd place, proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

10/22/07 @ the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore, **FC Scarlet's Wild Child** ("Daisy Mayhem") earned her CD title, proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

12/08/07 @ the Valley Hills Obedience Club trial, **FC Scarlet's Wild Child** ("Daisy Mayhem") earned her first Novice JWW leg with a 1st place, proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.



2007 # 16 RRCUS Lure Courser. **FC Scarlet's Wild Child** ("Daisy Mayhem"), proudly owned by Kevin & Jennifer Gysler.

11/29/07 @ the Los Encinos Kennel Club show, **Van Piers Meet Me at the Garden** ("Madison") earned her CD title with a 1st place from Novice B, proudly owned by Jack & Sharon Pierce.

01/20/08 @ the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Ass'n show, **Van Piers Meet Me at the Garden** ("Madison") placed Winners Bitch & Best of Winners for her first points, proudly owned by Jack & Sharon Pierce.

11/24/07 @ Orange Empire Dog Club trial, **Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,SC,RN,NAP, NJP,OA,OAJ,HIC,CGC** ("Kai") earned his first Excellent Standard leg with a 1st place, proudly owned by Lisa Adams.

01/20/08 @ the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Ass'n

show, **Van Piers Simply to the Maxx** ("Maxx") placed Winners Dog for his first points, proudly owned by Jack & Sharon Pierce.

January Ventura Cluster, **BOS each day, Ch Echoridge Time And Again By Tigris, CGC** ("Fannie"). Fannie finished her championship 11/18/07 under Judge Arlene Davis in Tucson with a 5 pt major, proudly owned Lorilee Torrey

New CDX Title for **Ch Echoridge Unbridled By Tigris, SC,CDX,CGC** ("Clarence") with two first place and one second place from the Open class, proudly owned Lorraine Mendoza

12/31/07 @ High Desert Agility Club trial, **Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,SC,RN,NAP, NJP,OA,OAJ,HIC,CGC** ("Kai") earned his first Excellent JWW leg with a 2nd place, proudly owned by Lisa Adams.

01/01/08 @ High Desert Agility Club trial, **Int'l/Na/Am DC RiverCity's Nalu Kai, VC,SC,RN,NAP, NJP,OA,OAJ,HIC,CGC** ("Kai") earned his second Excellent Standard leg with a 2nd place, proudly owned by Lisa Adams.

2007 # 3 RRCUS Lure Courser. **FC Manzanita Just One Look, MC,LCX** ("Shakoon"), proudly owned by Lyn Valdivia.

2007 # 5 RRCUS Lure Courser. **DC Pupukea Ridge Kekoa Koneli, SC** ("Conner"), proudly owned by C. Bowers & T. Peach

2007 # 17 RRCUS Lure Courser. **Ch Pupukea Ridge Makamae O Spring Valley, SC** ("Maggie"), proudly owned by C & J Bowers

Give your RR the recognition he/she deserves—send news of your latest accomplishments to the editor at rambles.news@gmail.com.

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A Poem

Here in this house.....

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there.'

I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.

I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.

I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.

I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.

My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house.....

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.

I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.

I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.

My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house.....

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.

I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves.

I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.

I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.

I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.

If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house.....

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch....knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.

If I am ill, I will be doctored.

If scared, I will be calmed.

If sad, I will be cheered.

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and known to be of value.

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.

My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.

I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

Here in this house.....

I will belong.

I will be home.

(Author Unknown)

