

Ridgeback Rambles

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"...Of Old Friends and New Beginnings..." is the theme of OCRRC's 16th Annual Regional Specialty, and it couldn't be more appropriate as we honor old friends, both two legged and four legged, at our new show site, The Oaks/Blenheim Equestrian Center in the lovely town of San Juan Capistrano. First and foremost, this specialty is fondly dedicated to the memory of OCRRC founding member Dr. Beach Main of Raintree fame. And our cherished old four-leggers will be honored in a special opening ceremony, the Parade of Veterans. Other plans for the day include puppy sweepstakes, conformation classes, obedience, agility and lure coursing. Circle June 27 on your calendar and plan to attend the show - there is definitely something to entertain

everyone who loves Ridgebacks!

Raffle chairs Brian and Vicky Swink have collected some outstanding prizes for the 'Great Stuff' specialty raffle, including the grand prize of a Ridgeback motif gourd hand painted by artist and Ridgeback fancier Shirley Wait from Washington. In order to make this raffle truly great, though, we welcome additional raffle donations. Look for more details in the recently mailed specialty flyer. And, as always, we need lots of enthusiastic helpers to make this specialty a spectacular success - no experience necessary! If you can donate some time on the day of the show, please contact Lisa or me and we will put you to work.

A beautiful venue and mild, sunny weather made a perfect backdrop for



OCRRC's well-attended spring match on April 20.

Thanks to match chair Barbara Dickson and her able committee of hard-working volunteers, the entire day ran flawlessly. As usual, everyone who attended had a great time! Check out the match report in this issue of The Rambles for more details and look for pictures of the winners on the club's website, www.ocrrc.org.

Please plan to attend the upcoming general meeting on Thursday, May 9 at Salem Lutheran Church

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ORANGE COAST SPRING MATCH RESULTS AND REPORT

Spring arrived and OCRRC enjoyed another beautiful Match day in Irvine Park. We had a great turn out, the faithful workers, Club members with their RR's and lots of visitors. Again, Joe Berger started the day off by

sharing his skill and knowledge with all that participated in the handling class.

First call to judging was obedience with Ms. Tawn Sinclair and an entry of 3 in pre-novice. Mr. Hank

Nave had an entry of 25 dogs. With Best in Match going to **Rivercity's Oh What's One More**. Best of Opposite to Best in Match and Best Puppy was **Primetimes Good to Go**. The Property classes were a hit again with a



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Next General Meeting scheduled for May 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church*
- *Part 2 of Dr. Christina Wistrom regarding Breed Temperament continues at General Meeting*
- *RRCUS National Specialty in Lansing, MI May 27-31, 2002*
- *OCCRC Regional Specialty Show will be held at The Oaks Equestrian Center on June 27, 2002 followed by the Western Hound Association Show and two All Breed shows*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors and their contact information is listed below.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

BOD Meeting Minutes—April 11, 2002

In Attendance:	Mike Patterson	Catherine Schock
	Meredith Wisniewski	Debra de Tolsei
	Myrna Berger	Leslie Walker
	Lisa Patterson	Nancy Brandewie
	Linda Cannon	

Meeting called to order at 8:30 pm @ Mimi's Café in Yorba Linda.

Lisa moves and Nancy seconds that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carries.

The next general meeting will be the second Thursday of May (May 9th) @ Salem Lutheran Church. Dr. Christina Wistrom will be presenting the second installment of her lecture. There will be a pizza dinner—the cost will be published in the newsletter.

President's Report (Mike Patterson) : Theresa Lyons sent a thank you note for the hospitable treatment she received at the 2001 OCRRC Specialty. She said that OCRRC is a real class act!!! ☺

Corresponding Secretary's Report (presented by Mike Patterson): For the World Congress 2004, Mike and Lisa Patterson are responsible for finding accommodations.

Aztec RR Fanciers (ARRF) will be holding a fun match Sunday April 14th in Carlsbad.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2002—CoCo's Restaurant, Orange, CA

Called to order at 9:17 pm.

Minutes approved as published. Motioned by Catherine Schock and seconded by Victoria Lindsay.

Presidents' report: Thank you to David Hayek for a great Rambles. Thanks also to Sara Glasser for keeping the OCRRC Website updated and looking great. We received a thank you letter from Dana Steadly for the flowers sent by OCRRC after her accident.

Vice Presidents report: Catherine suggests that there will no longer be advertising on the back page of the rambles. None in the future. Catherine will try to arrange for Christina Wistrom for OCRRC Specialty to talk about the temperament testing seminar.

Corresponding Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking	\$2,667.66
Savings	\$ 125.71
CD	\$9,139.59

Committee Reports:

Spring Match: No lure coursing will be available, tattoo clinic will be \$16.00 per dog, \$38.00 for new registration and \$3.00 existing accounts. Top 10 dogs will receive certificates. Lisa Patterson to create. BBQ with elk meat and regular burgers. Handling class to be given by Joe Berger. Possible measurement of dogs. Debra Driz will let Barbara know. Linda Robbins will handle raffle, Mike Patterson for set up, Meredith will help with day of entries and Catherine Schock will be ring steward.



2002 Specialty report: Premium list almost complete. Will try and obtain gourd for raffle prize. Lure coursing looks like it has been arranged for the specialty on the same day as BOB.

By Laws Committee: No report.

2004 World Congress might be held in Southern California in conjunction with the specialty. There are concerns over housing that many people. To be discussed further.

New Members: Lanice McCracken-voting, Kathy Main-Associate, Linda and Audra Tee-Assoc.

Agility fun day: Working on a date to be held at Riverside Lynmark.

Mike suggests that we sell the old generator and get a new more efficient one. He will research and bring 3 bids to the BOD meeting.

Linda Robbins motions for meeting to be adjourned and Barbara Dickson seconds.

Meeting adjourned.

DCRRC Top Ten Through January 31, 2002

1	CH OAKHURST MOUNTAIN MAVERICK	M SUESS/ B RUPERT	110
2	OF AFRIKKA'S KUMBAYAH	B & D DRASTRUP	84
3	CH KIMANI'S HIGH PROFILE	D HAYEK	45
4	CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	36
5	CH FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R	M & J SOROSKY	34
6	CH RAJATARU'S BECCA OF HIGH PROFILE JC	D HAYEK	28
7	OURIDGENAL RED'S HOT NORKOTAH	CORD & ROBBINS	25
8	OURIDGENAL RED'S BADGE OF COURAGE	L ROBBINS/D ROBBINS	14
9	CH RIVERCITY'S MISS CONDUCT	T ABNEY/C ASHFORD	14
10	CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGRHILL	E & J SCANTINI/P MADDALONI	8

Quiz: Firsts in the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed

The Rhodesian Ridgeback breed has come a long way since its recognition by the American Kennel Club in 1955. Since that time, there have been a number of interesting "firsts" of which newer Ridgeback enthusiasts might not be aware. See if you know the answer to the following "firsts" (answers on page 6):

1. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to earn an AKC bench championship?
2. Who was the first American Bred Rhodesian Ridgeback to earn an AKC bench championship?
3. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to win a RRCUS National Specialty?
4. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to earn a group placement at an AKC show?
5. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to earn an all-breed Best in Show at an AKC show?
6. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to earn an all-breed Best in Show in Canada?
7. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to be #1 in the United States?
8. Who was the first Rhodesian Ridgeback Triple bench Champion?

Bonus Question: What were the names of the three original Rhodesian Ridgebacks selected by Maj. Tom Hawley and imported to the United States by Bill & Sada O'Brien of Redhouse Kennels (pictured on page 5)?

THE ARRIVAL

The Three Original Ridgebacks Land in Boston in 1950



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Conformation Events

All Breed Events (May 18 through June 30)

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|---|---|
| 5/18 - Cabrillo KC - Rancho Santa Fe, CA | 6/8 - Flagstaff KC, Flagstaff, AZ |
| 5/19 - Del Sur KC - Rancho Santa Fe, CA | 6/9 - Flagstaff KC, Flagstaff, AZ |
| 5/24 - San Gabriel Valley KC - Pomona, CA | 6/15 - Bahia Sur KC, Chula Vista, CA |
| 5/25 - Los Encinos KC, Pomona, CA | 6/16 - Bahia Sur KC, Chula Vista, CA |
| 5/26 - Antelope Valley KC, Pomona, CA | 6/23 - KC of Beverly Hills, Long Beach, CA |
| 5/27 - San Fernando KC, Pomona, CA | 6/28 - Western Hound Association, San Juan Capistrano, CA |
| 6/1 - KC of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA | 6/29 - Shoreline KC, San Juan Capistrano, CA |
| 6/2 - KC of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA | 6/30 - Long Beach KC, San Juan Capistrano, CA |

Specialty Events

- 5/26-31 RRCUS National Specialty Lansing, MI
 6/27 OCRRC Regional Specialty The Oaks Equestrian Center, San Jaun Capistrano, CA

OCRRC General Meeting

May 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Salem Lutheran Church (directions on page 8).

“Firsts” Solutions (from page 4)

1. Ch. Swahili Jeff Davis, 2. Ch. Little John of Swahili, 3. Ch. Lamarde Perro Jara, 4. Ch. Lamarde Perro Rose of Mission (Group 2nd), 5. Ch. Bimbo Ponjola of Kaybar, 6. Ch. Dianne’s Tamba, 7. Massa’s Ingula, 8. Am. Mex. Can. Ch. Swahili Simba of Columbia.

Bonus Question: Tchaika of Redhouse (a liver nose bitch), Caesar of Redhouse (black nose dog) and Zua of Redhouse (black nose bitch).

RIDGEBACK RAMBLES ON THE WEB



Are you tired of waiting for snail mail to deliver the Ridgeback Rambles to you? Well, you don’t have to wait any longer! That’s because you can now receive the Ridgeback Rambles directly from the OCRRC Website. That’s right, you’ll be able to read, save and print the newsletter right from your very own computer.

The Ridgeback Rambles will be placed at the Club’s website (www.ocrc.org) in .pdf format, *i.e.* in a file you can read using the Adobe Acrobat Reader (a free download program). If you want to print it out, you can. We’ll send you an e-mail notice as soon as the newsletter is available on the web site.

Receiving the Ridgeback Rambles offers the following benefits to both you and OCRRC:

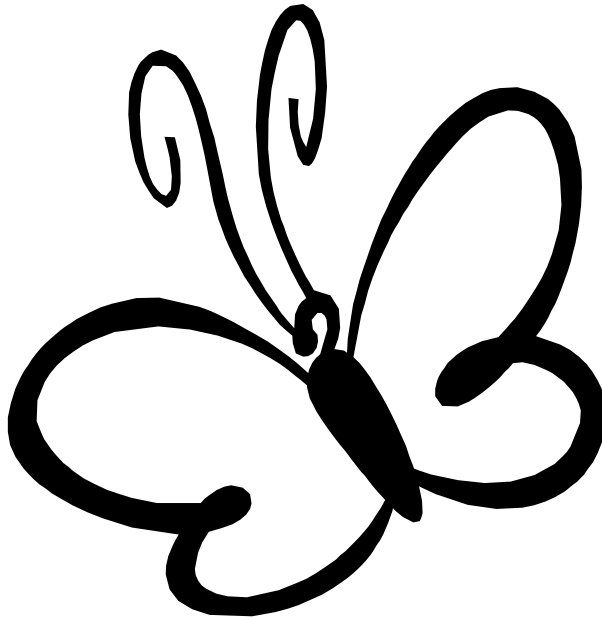
- No more waiting for the U.S. Post Office to deliver the newsletter;
- The Ridgeback Rambles can be saved right on your computer — no messy papers lying about and you can print out any part, any time;
- Since you’ll already be at the OCRRC Website, you won’t forget to check out the latest photos, messages and reminders available there; and
- Receiving your newsletter from the Web saves OCRRC \$.34 in postage and substantial sums in publication costs.

Contact the Ridgeback Rambles at hpkridgebacks@earthlink.net and put “Rambles on the Web” in your subject line if you would like to start receiving your Ridgeback Rambles via the world wide web.

OCRRC SPRING MATCH RESULTS (continued from Page 1)

total of 47 entries. Best Male Head; **Freedoms Blast O Dynamite By Tigris**, Best Female Head; **Rob Norm's Lotte Lenya**, Best Ridge; **OMalley Sam of Pheron**, Best Movement; **Rajataru Io**, Best Trick; **CH Tigris Nothing But Net from Masai NA NAJ CGC**.

Special Recognition was given to the **OCRRC Top 10**. They each received a handsome certificate designed by Lisa Patterson.



Following our delicious Bar-B-Q lunch we tattooed 9 dogs and held our raffle. Leslie Militzak won the \$50.00 grand prize, which she graciously donated back to the Club.

Heartfelt thanks to all who attended, supported us monetarily and all who worked so hard to achieve another successful Match.

KUDOS to; Brian & Vicky Swink, Jay & Catherine Schock, Meredith Wisniewski, Lee Nudo, Debra de Tolsei, Dotty Ambrose, Susan Adomian, Jaymie Evans, Juan & Lisa Gutierrez, Linda Robbins, who wore 2 hats (raffle sales and Club merchandise sales), Joe Berger and Ron Dickson manned the Bar-B-Q's. **A BIG THANK YOU** to Mike and Lisa Patterson for hauling the Club trailer, they are always first to arrive on site and the last to leave. Congratulations to all!

INCOME	Entries	\$248.00
	Raffle	238.00
	Lunch	<u>159.00</u>
		\$645.00
EXPENSE	Flyer	\$ 50.40
	Postage 34.00	
	Judge's Gifts	6.47
	Trophies 24.00	
	Tattoo	12.00
	Park Permit	56.00
	Judges Entry	<u>8.00</u>
		\$190.87
PROFIT		\$454.13

CLUB MERCHANDISE DAY OF MATCH SALES **\$709.00**

Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Dickson, Match Chairman

Board Meeting Minutes (continued from page 2)

The results of the Judges Ballot for 2003/2004:

Conformation:

1. Hamilton-Preston, Valerie (13)
2. Stiles, Bety (13)
3. Wallace, Sam (9)

Sweepstakes

1. Elliott, Mary Lynn (15)
2. Scattini, Jennifer (13)
3. Lambie, Pam (6)

Obedience

1. Cunningham, Curtis (11)
2. Indelicato, Shireley (10)
3. Andrus, Larry (6)

It was proposed that we have a Rescue Liaison to the National Rescue through whom all OCRRC Rescue calls would be filtered. Meredith Wisniewski volunteered. A snippet will be published in the Rambles with Kim's e-mail address and Meredith's phone number as Rescue Liaison. The Rescue Page of the OCRRC website will be updated with information re: RRCUS Rescue and contact information for Kim and Meredith.

Treasurer's Report (Meredith Wisniewski):

Checking:	\$3157.09
Savings:	\$125.76
CD	\$9152.16

President's Message (continued from page 1)

as Dr. Christina Wistrom completes the second half of her informative discussion on the Swedish Ridgeback Club mental testing events. For those of you who may have missed part one, I encourage you to attend...the videotaped reactions of the Ridgebacks as they face each new challenge is fascinating!

Hope to see you all at the specialty!

Best regards,
Mike Patterson



... and get me to the church on time!

The next General Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2002 at Salem Lutheran Church located in Orange.

Pizza will be ordered and delivered. If you'd like to partake, please remember to bring money to contribute.

Directions to Salem Lutheran Church:

From the 55 Freeway, exit east on Katella, (Katella changes into Santiago Canyon), continue east to Orange Park, turn right, go one short block to Frank Lane, turn right; continue through the church parking lot and turn right at the last drive. Park next to the portable classroom.

OCRRC CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

By David T. Hayek

Each year, the club donates money to various organizations dedicated to improving the condition of dogs and other animals. One such organization is the American Kennel Club's Canine Health Foundation. Recently, our club received a newsletter from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. It included an article on one project currently underway—the study of canine hypothyroidism and development of an early detection procedure. What follows are some interesting facts and issues raised in that article.

- ◆ The thyroid is a butterfly shaped gland, located near the larynx in a dog's neck, which secretes hormones to regulate the rate of metabolism and growth;
- ◆ Hypothyroidism is the most common endocrine disease in dogs;
- ◆ The condition of hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland is not producing enough thyroxine (In *hyper*thyroidism, the thyroid gland produces too much);
- ◆ The most common clinical signs of hypothyroidism include weight gain, sluggishness, skin and hair coat problems (including hair loss), weakness, cold intolerance and infertility; and
- ◆ Hypothyroidism rarely demonstrates clinical signs before 3 to 5 years of age.

So, let's say you have your dog tested and a positive result occurs. What does this mean? First, the study indicates that a single positive TgAA result should not result in removal of a dog from a breeder's breeding program. When such a single positive occurs, 5% of such dogs were negative within one year. Even when two positive results are obtained, 6% of those dogs are negative within a year. The study discussed was only a one-year study, so it is unknown if an additional percentage of dogs with one or two positive results would have had a negative result at some time longer than one year.

Causes of false positives are uncertain, but bacterial or viral disease, which increase the amount of immune globulins, increase the amount of non-specific reactions in the assay. Additionally, other factors at the time of estrus and pregnancy may promote false positives.

On the other hand, what if your dog is tested and receives a negative result? It should be tested again. Young dogs may become positive at a later age. The report concludes that annual testing between ages 1 and 6 would be ideal. Up until age 5 the TgAA test is the most important indicator of the disease. Dogs with a negative result at age 6 or older are less likely to becoming positive as they age.





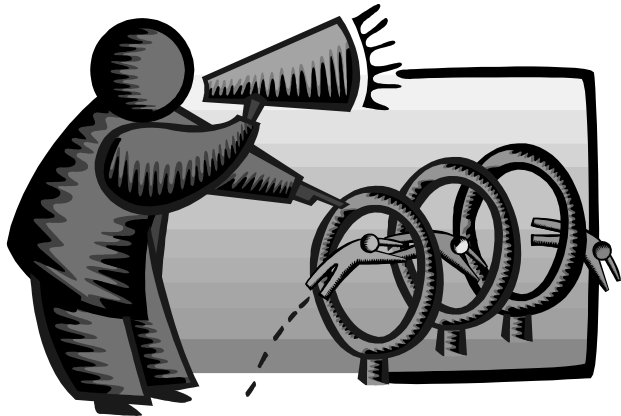
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- ◇ See you at the OCRRC General Meeting on May 9, 2002 at 7:00 at Salem Lutheran Church

