

Ridgeback Rambles

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Spring Match is just around the corner, scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Match chair Linda Robbins is hard at work putting together an entertaining dog day in the park. Make plans to attend; we always have a great time. It takes a lot of work by your fellow club members to put on such an event – extra hands and bodies are always appreciated!

OCRRC's 17th Annual "Summer Safari" Specialty on June 21 is rapidly approaching. As always, lots of enthusiastic helpers are needed to make this specialty a spectacular success – no experience necessary! If you can donate some time on the day of the show, please contact show chair Catherine Schock and she will put you to work.

Speaking of Catherine Schock, due to her duties as both club treasurer and specialty show chairperson, she no longer has time to publish The Rambles. Debra Driza and Linda

Cannon have graciously agreed to step in as interim editors for the next couple of issues. In the meantime, we are seeking a person who is interested in becoming a long-term newsletter editor. Responsibilities include organizing and laying out information in Microsoft Publisher or other publishing program, and printing and mailing the newsletter. If anyone has the time and expertise to spare, please contact me for more detailed information.

For more information about the match and the specialty, check out www.ocrrc.org. Hope to see you and your 4-leggers at our upcoming events!

Best Regards,

Mike Patterson

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General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be March 13, 2003. The location is Coco's Restaurant in Brea; 1250 Imperial Hwy at the 57 fwy. The meeting will start at 8 PM with dinner starting at 7 PM.

A video from the Carmen Battaglia seminar 'Breeding Better Dogs' will be presented.

Hope to see you there!

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - February 13, 2003

Meeting called to order at Marie Calendar's in Anaheim at 8:08 pm.

1st order of business:

To approve previous BOD minutes as published in Rambles.

Myrna Berger would like to amend the minutes to have her name stated as the person who mentioned an obedience trophy needs to be given to the high scoring obedience Ridgeback at the Beverly Hills supported show following the OCRRC specialty.

Leslie Walker makes a motion to approve the minutes with the abovementioned amendment. Catherine Schock seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

We still need an editor for the Rambles. Debra Driza volunteers to take on the Rambles for the next few issues. An advertisement for an editor placed in the next issue of the Rambles would be a good idea.

Catherine Schock states that information regarding those who request email notification of the Rambles needs to be sent to the new editor and to our Webmaster.

Vice President's Report: Leslie Walker

One idea for a general meeting would be to have an AKC representative come to talk about general conformation rules and regulations.

Discussion followed, and concern was raised as to whether or not there would be enough turnouts to sustain this idea. Barbara Rupert suggested perhaps it would be better to have a club member discuss show rules and regulations at a match, or have someone else, such as a judge or professional handler, talk at one of our meetings. In that case, it might be nice to have this occur at our September function.

The next general meeting will be at Coco's in Brea on March 13.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Barbara Rupert

-An \$80 check was sent to us by Inland Empire for our supported entry, and was given to our treasurer.

-A letter was received which stated that the OCRRC Specialty was approved. Barbara has been receiving contradictory correspondence from the AKC regarding this matter, but it should be squared away now.

-Garvin Dog Show Services from Oregon is our new Specialty Superintendent.

-We received a letter from Barbara Schwartz of the AKC. It stated that changes to a judging panel must have full approval by the AKC. Sometimes the internet information is not accurate, so the club must speak personally with the judges.

-Barbara Rupert reminded us that individuals may not take it upon themselves to speak with judges regarding becoming

our specialty judge on the club's behalf.

-We received another letter from the AKC regarding changes in obedience regulations, which will be placed on file.

-We received another letter from Barbara Schwartz of the AKC concerning Ch.11, Sect. 4 rules stating that show entries must contain certain things.

-Another letter from Barbara Schwartz concerned Ch. 11, Sect. 4 rules, which state that a dog that is lame in any class may not compete. Observers are able to protest this if it occurs.

-Another letter concerned new regulations regarding agility and tracking judges.

-Another letter concerned revisions of Ch. 1, Sect. 5 of the tracking regulations.

-We received a letter from Pet Medical Center of the Southern California Community, letting us know that a new facility was opened in San Bernardino.

Barbara states that the application to the National Club for Regional Specialty bronze medallions needs to be revamped. Our club's application should be squared away.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock

As of January 23rd, our account is as follows:

Checking: \$5139.95

Savings: \$ 126.26

CD: \$9269.70

We've received \$1085 in dues to date. Sharon Pierce donated \$50 to rescue with her dues.

Meredith received a note from Christie Beetz, last year's specialty lure coursing judge that said our club had already paid her. She returned a check for \$195.

Committee Reports:

Spring Match:

To be held Saturday, April 12th, which is the same weekend as the Sacramento shows. Discussion followed as to naming potential judges. The possible candidates decided upon were as follows:

1. Kathy Belieu
2. Patrick Garcia

Myrna mentioned Laura Thomas as being interested in acting as obedience judge.

Specialty:

Catherine reports things are going well, and all of her committees have been arranged. She wants to get the premium off to Garvin by tomorrow. Trophies are in the works and deposits have already been made.

Lure Coursing:

Debra reports that the lure coursing trial scheduled for April 19th has been cancelled, secondary to organization problems with our co-host, California Coursing Association. The application was already made to AKC, but the AKC has been contacted to inform them we will not be holding the event. We will try to schedule a coursing trial for the fall.

Leslie Walker was given the okay to hire an out-of-state judge for the specialty lure coursing trial.

Old Business:

The job descriptions for the board positions have been completed and are with Mike Patterson and Linda Robbins.

Leslie had a few amendments to make to the Bylaws. The responsibilities of receiving membership applications and maintaining the roster should be switched from the recording secretary to the treasurer. The bylaws are now to be sent to the AKC to ask for permission to publish them.

Myrna asked about the status of Kimberly Leanos and the rescue dogs. Meredith has talked to her, and gets the impression that many dogs have been placed into homes the past few months.

New Business:

We need to make a congratulations ad for the RRCUS catalogue, which is due by March 1st.

Leslie Walker asked about the possibility of paying the Webmaster, and it was decided we would not do this.

Catherine makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myrna seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

General Meeting Minutes - January 9th, 2003

Meeting called to order at Coco's in Brea at 9:15 pm, following a presentation by the president of Noah's Quest and co-founders of Noah's Legacy, Laura and Andrew Madox.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

No member of our club can approach judges on their own to judge our club's specialty. We have a good procedure in place and will follow that.

Vice President: Catherine Schock

Nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Rupert

Not in attendance—Mike Patterson presents the info on her behalf.

-We urgently need to send our membership roster to the AKC. Barbara Rupert does not have a roster. Catherine Schock volunteers to send the roster she has to Barbara.

-We received a letter from the AKC, which states that the show-giving club must educate their judges on judging procedures. Leslie Walker and Joe Berger point out that this should be done by the show secretary.

-We sent a letter to the AKC, saying that OCRRC would support the Beverly Hills show with RR sweepstakes and prizes for the regular classes, including 5 trophies and 1 medallion.

-A letter confirms that the nominated slate of board members will be our new officers. The new slate is as follows: Vice President: Leslie Walker, President: Mike Patterson, Treasurer: Catherine Schock, Recording Secretary: Debra Driza, Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Rupert, and the Board of Directors are: Lisa Patterson, Myrna Berger, Meredith Wisniewski, and Debbie Drastrup.

Treasurer's Report: Meredith Wisniewski

Not in attendance

Discussion followed on how to get to the lure coursing account. Leslie Walker suggests that Debra Driza and the new treasurer be the new signers on the account. She suggests we send a check to Sandy Abney to get her to close out the current account. Catherine volunteers to send the check.

Mike Patterson reminds us that we need to add Catherine as the specialty signer on the account. Our club has 30 days to transfer Catherine onto all the accounts as the new treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Lure Coursing Committee:

After talking with the California Coursing Association, Leslie Walker proposes we go along with their suggestion and switch from an all-breed trial to a Ridgeback only trial, followed by unlimited AKC tests, on April 19th. Sunday will still be an all-breed trial, held by CCA. Debra Driza expresses concerns about the poor attendance of Ridgebacks in previous trials, and also about having enough test dogs to make this financially viable.

Debra Driza volunteers to talk to CCA about getting a premium onto our website.

Mike Patterson suggest asking BARRC to put it on their website as well.

The site for the April trial will be Los Alamitos.

Specialty 2003:

Catherine is working on trophies.

Challenge trophies need to be engraved. Discussion followed regarding engraving the trophy plates.

Lure coursing will most likely be held the Friday before the specialty. Debra Driza will look into using Irvine Lake as the site.

Catherine, Lisa, and Mike are getting together on Sunday to talk about the Specialty in more detail.

Nancy will be in charge of the dinner, and we will try to use the same caterers as last year.

Myrna volunteered to head the morning hospitality committee.

Cindy Cartwright volunteered to help with the specialty.

Catherine will approach Debbie Drastrup regarding heading the raffle.

Myrna suggest having entertainment along with the Saturday night dinner.

Spring Match:

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We need a date. Nationals is April 26th and on, lure coursing is April 19-20th, and the Hound Show is May 10th. Debra Driza suggests April 12th as a possible day. Linda Robbins is interested in chairing the match. Discussion followed on which day, and April 12th was chosen. Discussion followed on potential judges. Pat Garcia, Pam Lambie, and Laurie K. were all suggested.

Bylaws:

We need to come up with the final draft and submit it to the membership for a vote. Table it for tonight.

Website: Sara

Results are up for the fall match. New events are posted through June 2003. Discussion ensued about a sample of classified ads for the website that Sara sent around for us to view.

Leslie asked if it is possible for old specialty results to be pulled out of the newsletters and put somewhere else on the website (on the homepage)? Sara says she needs someone to send her the pdf file and then she could do it.

New Business:

Donations—our club needs to donate money. Table it until next general meeting when the treasurer is in attendance. A congratulations advertisement needs to be made and submitted to the RRCUS Specialty catalogue for our club. Lisa Patterson volunteered to make the ad.

Discussion followed regarding Palm Springs as a potential site for our club's specialty.

Lisa Patterson makes a motion to adjourn. Catherine Schock seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

OCRRC Top Ten Through November 30, 2002

1	CH Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai, NA	M & L Patterson	448
2	CH Orangewood Doubletake at Triggerhill	Scattini/Maddaloni	315
3	CH Rajataru's Becca of High Profile	D. Hayck	230
4	CH Rivercity's This Bud's for You	P.Nicholas	172
5	CH Deer Ridge Blixen of Afrikka	C. Wistrom	158
6	CH Afrikka's Kumbayah	B. & D. Drastrup	152
7	CH Timbercreek Hope of Firedance	M & J Sorosky	147
8	CH Maisai's Joie De Vivre	J. Rodgers / N. Berry	134
9	CH Rdsand Archtyp Speed of Light	Moore/Kodl	117
10	CH Firedance's Fafner	M Sorosky/S&J Bittner	113

Congratulations!

ORANGE COAST RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics is presented as a guide for members of the OCRRC, whose foremost aims should be the welfare and improvement of the Breed. Members should do everything in their power to protect and advance the interests of the Breed and its Standard. They consider the Breed and the following principles when engaged in any activities involving the breeding, selling and exhibiting of Rhodesian Ridgebacks and refrain from any activities which would be detrimental to the best interests of the Breed and the Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. When in doubt about any of the following points, an ethical owner consults authorities, such as veterinarians, humane societies, experienced breeders and the Club.

HEALTH

1. All dogs shall be kept in a clean, healthy and safe environment.
2. Dogs will be provided with all socialization, vaccinations, worming and anti-parasite treatments necessary to provide maximum mental and physical well being.
3. An ethical owner does not allow his Ridgebacks to roam unsupervised.
4. When a Ridgeback must be euthanized the procedure should be humanely performed.

BREEDING

1. An ethical breeder only breeds purebred, AKC registered Rhodesian Ridgebacks. Members residing in countries other than the United States should follow the registration policies of their respective countries.
2. Only dogs screened and certified clear of hip and elbow dysplasia shall be bred. Breeders are encouraged to screen for all appropriate hereditary disorders.
3. When contemplating a breeding, the ethical owner directs his efforts toward breeding Rhodesian Ridgebacks of exceptional quality and considers the probability of responsibly placing the offspring. He sincerely believes his breeding stock represents the Standard and is sound mentally and physically.
4. An ethical breeder studies and weighs the faults and attributes of a stud and bitch and researches those considered genetic (inheritable). He does not intentionally breed dogs with defects that are likely to cause impairment of the health of the dogs or offspring or be a gross disregard of the Standard.
5. The ethical breeder considers the health and growth of his bitches and refrains from breeding them too early or too late in their age, or too often. An average is considered no more than 2 out of 3 heat seasons, and never at the time of the first season, unless this occurs after 18 months. After a bitch is 5 years old, her owner seeks the opinion of a veterinarian regarding her health for breeding. For any deviation, he consults with competent authorities.
6. Stud dog owners shall adhere to these guidelines and ensure that the litter owner is aware of, and agrees to abide by, this Code of Ethics. Both Breeder and Stud dog owner shall be responsible for the progeny of their dogs.

SALES

1. An ethical breeder must be particularly concerned with the proper placement of both pet and show potential puppies. Breeders shall urge purchasers to spay or neuter any dog that is not considered of breedable quality and make use of limited registrations where appropriate. The ethical breeder informs buyers of the Dermoid Sinus and how to detect it (he can refer to Major Hawley's description in the book *The Rhodesian Ridgeback*). If puppies with serious defects or faults (dermoid sinus, ridgelessness) are sold rather than culled, the breeder must take the responsibility to see that the dog is neutered. Dermoid surgery should be performed prior to placing the pup in a new home.
2. An ethical breeder will not dispose of dogs or puppies by giving them to the local animal shelter, pound, humane society or any organization of that type. He does not wholesale litters or sell any dogs to such places as pet dealers, catalogs, or other sources of commercial distribution; nor does he supply puppies for raffles, giveaway prizes or similar projects. He does not display puppies in public places for the sole purpose of immediate sales.
3. An ethical breeder does not raise Ridgebacks merely as a money making scheme; nor does he engage in the over breeding of dogs for profit, with no regard for quality and health.
4. Registration papers stating the sire and dam and date of birth shall accompany puppies as they go to new homes. In addition breeders shall furnish their buyers with written details on feeding, dates of inoculations, worming and general care of the dog.
5. Responsibility of the ethical breeder does not stop with the sale. If a puppy buyer can no longer provide a home for their dog the breeder shall assist in the placement of the dog or take the dog back if such need should arise.

REGISTRATION AND RECORDS

1. All members shall keep complete and accurate records of individual dogs, breedings, litters, pedigrees and puppy sales as required by the AKC, and abide by the AKC rules and regulations.

EXHIBITION

1. Members shall abide by the rules and regulations of the AKC (or the rules of the Club under which the event is held), and exhibit in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
2. A member does not engage in false or misleading statements about a judge, an exhibitor, fellow member, another dog, or misrepresent his own dogs.
3. Alleged misconduct should be objectively and calmly presented to the proper representative of OCRRC or the AKC when appropriate,
4. Hotels and show grounds shall be treated with respect and left in a clean condition.
5. Consideration of other guests in the hotel is imperative and dogs creating a disturbance are to be attended to immediately.
6. Each member should feel obligated to protect the interests of the Breed by conducting himself in a manner reflecting credit upon himself, his breed, and the Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club.

Revised 12/99

Financials...



Starting Balance	11/21/02 \$	2,035.37
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	\$	0.34
Match Income	\$	607.71
Sales Table Match	\$	377.00
Winners Circle Refund	\$	20.00
Merchandise	\$	43.00
Long Beach Supported Show	\$	338.00
Match Income	\$	1,700.00
Total Income	\$	3,086.05
<u>Expenses</u>		
Catherine Schock Rambles	\$	124.57
Meredith Wisniewski - Renewal Reimb	\$	47.83
Esco - Medals	\$	156.85
Total Expense	\$	329.25
Ending Balance	12/20/02 \$	4,792.17

Where's the Bunny????

It was great seeing all the RRs out at the Feb 15-16th lure coursing trials at Irvine Lake. There were majors both days, and some fantastic runs by both new and experienced hounds! w Hope to see everyone at Irvine Lake for more w bunny chasing March 29-30th. (Face surfing stunts provided by Linese and Debra at no extra charge).

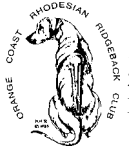
Tally-Ho!

Saturday: (3 pt major)

Open 1. Sabre 2. Dutch 3. Vito
Special 1. Sunni
BOB Sunni

Sunday: (4 pt. major)

Open: 1. Dutch 2. Vito 3. Zane
Special: 1. Sunni
BOB (by forfeit) Sunni



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Membership Renewal Notice

According to OCRRC Bylaws, all 2003 membership dues were to be sent by February 1st.

NO membership renewals will be accepted after April 15th without a completed membership application.

Second notice reminders will be sent during the month of March. If you receive one that you believe to be in error, please contact:

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Wanted:

Editor for the Ridgeback Rambles

Do you:

Like to play on the computer?
Have access to Microsoft Publisher?
Have an email account?



Then you could be our next Rambles editor !
We're looking for one good human to step up and take charge of our club's little canine chronicle.

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