

Ridgeback Rambles

Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

President's Message

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Can't attend a Thursday general meeting? You asked for it, you got it! Barbara & Ron Dickson have graciously agreed to host a Saturday evening general meeting and barbeque potluck at their home in Yorba Linda on Saturday, September 13. OCRRC will provide the main course – if you plan to attend, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. With so many great cooks in the club, dinner is guaranteed to be delicious! The focus of the evening will be an informative discussion about dog shows and dog show etiquette inside and outside the ring by noted AKC judge Ms. Dany Canino followed by a question and answer session. Look for more details inside this newsletter. I look forward to seeing some new faces in attendance mixed in with 'the regulars'!

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of show chair Catherine Schock, lure coursing chair Debra Driza and the show committee, OCRRC's 17th Annual Regional Specialty Show and Lure Coursing Test/Trial lived up to its theme "A Summer Safari." Our club members outdid themselves in their desire to put on a great event, from morning and evening hospitality, to the beautiful safari-themed trophies and decorations, the bountiful sales table and the gorgeous raffle table laden with magnificent prizes. And, of course, some of the finest Ridgebacks in the country! Look for full details in the specialty wrap up elsewhere in the Rambles and view pictures of the winners at www.ocrrc.org.

After much deliberation, the BOD recently voted to hold our 18th Annual Regional Specialty at the beautiful Oaks/Blenheim Equestrian center in San Juan Capistrano on May 8th, 2004, followed by the Western Hound Show and the Shoreline all-breed show on May 9th and 10th, respectively. After a short break to enjoy the summer, specialty planning will resume all over again in the fall.

Hope to see you and your hounds at an upcoming event!

Best regards,
Mike Patterson

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General Membership Meeting

Fall General Meeting, BBQ & Seminar with DANY CANINO. Be sure to mark your calendars for September 27, 2003. See details on page 7.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JULY 13, 2003

Meeting called to order at 8:12 pm at Marie Callendar's in Yorba Linda.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine the date and location of OCRRC's 2004 & 2005 Specialties.

Two Options:

1. To join Great Western Hound & Long Beach Kennel Club at Cal State Long Beach for June 18th – 20th.
 2. Join The Western Hound Classic and Shoreline Kennel Club at the Oaks in San Juan Capistrano on May 7th – 9th.
- Myrna Berger motions that we join The Great Western Hound Show and Shoreline for the May 7th – 9th show at The Oaks for 2004. Debbie Drastrup seconds. One abstention, all else in favor and the motion carries.

Judges -

Jenny Scattini would like to postpone her Sweeps assignment to 2005.

Therefore, the person with the next highest number of votes will be contacted.

Catherine Schock motions that we adjourn, Meredith Wisniewski seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MAY 8, 2003

General Meeting, Thursday, 8 May 2003 @ Coco's in Brea

Meeting called to order at 8:20PM by President Mike Patterson. No quorum present, so unable to approve last meeting's minutes. Recording Sec. not present, minutes taken by Rebecca Eastman.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

Congratulations to Linda Robbins on a really successful and fun Spring Match. We are still looking for an Editor for the 'Ridgeback Rambles.' Somebody needs to step up to the plate and take on the challenge of editing and publishing our very important newsletter.

Vice President's Report: Leslie Walker

The Carmen Battaglia article, "Selecting Sires," will be published in our next newsletter. I am looking at having an educational presentation at our September General meeting, maybe in conjunction with a Bar-B-Que/party.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Rupert

Nothing to report at this time

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock

Checking: \$5,628.43 , Regular Savings: \$126.41, CD Savings: \$6,294.17

We have received thank you letters for our donations from:

AKC Canine Health Foundation - RRDAF, American Dog Owners Association - Educational Fund
One check received at the Spring Match included a trophy donation, so the Match income is slightly lower.

Committee Reports:

Specialty: Catherine Schock

I hope everyone has received their Specialty Premium. Trophies have not all been sponsored, there are \$385 worth still available. We will be incurring new expenses this year for ring equipment rental. Pop-up tents will be allowed this year, but NO mats or expens.

Specialty Raffle: Debra Drastrap

Would the club have any merchandise donations for the raffle? Yes. Lisa Patterson will coordinate with Debra.

Specialty Lure Coursing: Leslie Walker

We have received 9 entries for tests & trial, as well as 10 lunch reservations.

Web Site: Catherine Schock

Sara has updated our website. It looks great. The conformation and lure coursing premiums are there in .pdf We will have a link to the superintendent's site (Garvin.)

Old Business: none

New Business:

Discussion about inviting a second person to adjudicate the Property classes at our Fall Match. (in favor)

Catherine Schock pointed out that there was an error in labeling the OCRRC 2002 Year End Top list in the last newsletter. It was labeled as `OCRRC Top Ten Thru 30 Mar 2003.' We will re-list it in the next newsletter. The copy posted on our website is correct.

The AKC Eukanuba Classic will be in Long Beach this December. There will be `Meet The Breed'-type booths. RRCUS wants to work in conjunction with OCRRC to create the booth that will win the `Best Breed Booth' contest! We will need two groups of volunteers: Set-Up and Education. Contact Mike Patterson to be involved in this venture.

John Rogers suggested that OCRRC allow Professional Handlers to exhibit in our Veteran Sweeps, in the future.

No General Meeting this July.

Next Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 12 @ Marie Callendar's in Anahiem. Lisa Patterson moves to adjourn, Leslie Walker seconds. Meeting adjourned at _____.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Eastman

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>		<u>EXPENSE</u>	
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u> 4/23/03	\$ 5,628.43	Club Contributions	750.00
		Sportsmen's Insurance Premium	406.00
		Sales Table Merchandise	1580.35
<u>INCOME</u>		County of Orange –	
Membership Dues	80.00	Park Permit for Match	168.00
Spring Match Income	1,523.00	Specialty Account –	
Checking Acct Interest	.82	Trophy Donation from Bobbie Gould	30.00
Trophy Donations –		Specialty Account –	
erroneously deposited	849.00	Trophy Donations	849.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	\$ 2,452.82	<u>TOTAL EXPENSE</u>	\$ 3,783.35
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<u>BALANCE</u> 5/21/03		\$ 4,297.90	
<u>REGULAR SAVINGS</u> 5/21/03		\$ 126.46	
<u>CD SAVINGS</u> 5/21/03		<u>6,299.37</u>	
<u>TOTAL</u> 5/21/03		\$10,723.73	



BOB

CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO SC HM82088103 3/14/99

CH Starland's Mello Gold X CH Rivercity Troubles Double

Breeder: Troy Abney / Owner: Troy Abney and Leila Bicos / Handled by Leila Bicos (Jr. Handler)

BOS

BIS CH OAKHURST WGASA MORGAN RUN HM75676301 3/28/1998

Ch Kimani's Walk On The Wild Side ROM X Ch Oakhurst Levi

Breeder: B. Rupert / Michael & Mary Warfield / Owner: R.E. & B. Rupert and Michele Bohrer / Handled by M. Bohrer

AOM

CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI NA NAJ HM78369203 7/17/1998

CH Ridgelea's Shakar Viken X CH Masai's African Genesis JC

Breeder: John Rodgers & Rebecca Eastman / Owner: Mike Patterson & Lisa Ganje-Patterson / Handled by Mike Patterson

AOM

CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVLIN MAN HM86767101 11/28/1999

CH Pheron's Connor Mestizo X CH Starland's Amanda Snugglewith JC

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Troy L Abney

AOM

CH CHOCTAW RIDGE HATEYA HM91976801 8/25/2000

CH Rajataru Dbtlake Sir Rufus X Rajataru Kumari of Choctaw Ridge

Breeder: Brian & Vicky Swink / Owner: James & Marilee Nudo / Handled by Lee Nudo

Best Veteran Dog

CH STARLAND'S MELLO GOLD SC HM55364506 11/24/1994

CH Kimani's The Standard Image X CH Starland's Sally Forth

Breeder/Owner: Troy Abney and Jacque Rex

Best Veteran Bitch

CH OAKHURST XENA HM62955904 3/38/1996

CH Oakhurst Kukosa Dreyfus X CH Oakhurst Amani Shakete

Breeder: Jennifer Hakeem and Barbara Rupert / Owner: Mike & Mary Warfield and Barbara Rupert / Handled by J. Hakeem



OCRRG Top Ten Through April 30, 2003

CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI NA	M & L PATTERSON	259
CH FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R	M & J SOROSKY	186
CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	164
PRIMETIME'S ELECTRIC LADY	J BELCHAMBER	136
CH OURIDGENAL RED'S BADGE OF COURAGE	L ROBBINS / D ROBBINS	96
CH DOUBLETAKES STARLET OF ZANZIBAR	P MADDALONI / S GOZDIFF	93
CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGERHILL	E & J SCANTINI / P MADDALONI	92
CH FREEDOMS BLAST O DYNAMITE BY TIGRIS	J & L GUTIERREZ	50
CH OAKHURST WGASA MORGAN RUN	B & R RUPERT / M BOHRER	50
CH CHOCTAW RIDGE HATEYA	J & M NUDO	47

OCRRG Top Ten Through May 31, 2003

CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI NA	M & L PATTERSON	388
CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	340
CH FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R	M & J SOROSKY	224
CH OAKHURST WGASA MORGAN RUN	B & R RUPERT/M BOHRER	173
CH PRIMETIME'S ELECTRIC LADY	J BELCHAMBER	147
CH OURIDGENAL RED'S BADGE OF COURAGE	L ROBBINS/D ROBBINS	96
CH DOUBLETAKES STARLET OF ZANZIBAR	P MADDALONI/S GOZDIFF	93
CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGRHILL	E & J SCANTINI/P MADDALONI	92
CH MAISAI'S JOIE DE VIVRE	J RODGERS/N BERRY	77
CH CHOCTAW RIDGE HATEYA	J & M NUDO	74

OCRRC 2003 SWEEPSTAKE

PUPPY Sweepstakes

- 1st 6-9 dog - Tropaco Sanglovaseofhpk
- 1st 9-12 dog - Echoridge Unbridled by Tigris
- 1st 12-18 dog - Masai's Simon Slow Paw

- 1st 6-9 bitch - Rivercity's That Girl
- 1st 9-12 bitch - Abayomi Dakotas Lady Outlaw
- 1st 12-18 bitch - Primetime Tropaco River Goddess JC

VETERAN Sweeps

- 1st 7-9 dog - Ch Starland's Mello Gold SC
- 1st 9-11 dog - Ch Clapton Z Masai JC
- No 11+ entry
- 1st 7-9 bitch - Ch Archetype Grace SC
- 1st 9-11 bitch - Ch Hatzden Tsunami Warning HIC
- No 11+ entry

Best Brace - Brace 1: Of Afrikka's Ruli Urimba & Of Afrikka's Roed Umbra

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES FOR 6/12/03

Meeting begins at 8:30 pm First item of business approval of the minutes. Lis a Patterson makes the motion to approve the minutes and Myrna seconds the motion. Motion carries.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

Thank you for your commitment to our club and our breed. It's evident this time of year because of the Specialty. I hope we can come together more often.

Vice President's Report: Leslie Walker

We have a venue for our September bash—Barbara Dickson's house. A possible date might be September 13th. Dany Canino could possibly be our guest speaker on the ins and outs of dog shows. Mike will ask her after judging on Sunday at the Beverly Hills show. A possible time would be around 4:00 pm.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Rupert

Nothing to Report

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock

Checking account:	\$4297.90
Savings account:	\$ 126.46
CD:	\$6299.37

We made over \$1500 at the last match. There was a park fee of \$168.00. Discussion followed about Yorba Linda Regional Park as a new match venue at \$100.

Acknowledgements were received for our donations.

Committee Reports:

Lure Coursing:

Frank Yeh will be our lure operator. Dixie Hirsch and Mary Cutherell are the judges. Discussion followed about when the tests would be run. As per the premium, tests will be run after the trial is completed. As of now, we have 14 Open, 5 Field Champions, 2 Veterans, and 14 Tests entered.

Specialty Report:

151 dogs are entered. Discussion followed on mailing lists in connection with our show superintendent for the Beverly Hills show, since our entry fell quite a bit from the Saturday Specialty to the Sunday show.

Catherine received a complaint for approving the expenditure of the grand raffle prize of a wicker-look kennel for \$268. Discussion followed.

Plans for decoration at the Specialty include 2 banana trees and 2 flowering potted plants and 2 live arrangements for the judges tables. The cost will be \$190.

Meredith makes a motion that we rent the plants for decoration at the Specialty as stated above. Debbie Drastrup seconds the motion, and the motion carries.

Catherine asked about the OCRRC logo cake that is tradition at the Specialty. Mike recommends using a donation jar again at the dinner, to help pay for the cake.

Website Committee:

Leslie reports that she received a comment that the lure coursing link was hard to find because it was included with the Specialty.

2004 Specialty: (Mike)

Brought up options for next year's Specialty, including joining the Western Hound Show, going back-to-back with the San Diego Club immediately preceding the Cabrillo show weekend, joining the back-to-back Beverly Hills Club shows at LA Valley College, and joining the Long Beach show. Discussion followed.

Election of new members:

The board doesn't elect new members but read them and then they will be voted on at the next general meeting. Associates can be approved.

We have 2 people wanted to join as associate member: Marilyn Nirvath in Irvine, and Penny Weston in Utah.

Old Business:

There will be a meet the breeds booth at the AKC Eukanuba Classic. RRCUS has signed up—we could do that as the regional club. Bonnie Loudon will come out and help with the booth.

We will wait until sometime after the Specialty to put out the next Rambles.

The poster Rebecca Eastman put together was presented, and discussion followed. Meredith motions that we go forward with selling the commemorative poster. Lisa seconds the motion. Discussion follows regarding setting a price for the poster. Leslie makes a motion to amend the motion on the floor to include a price of \$30 and the motion carries.

We need a new editor for the Rambles.

There's a seminar at the Ventura show on show chairing, for any interested in chairing the 2004 Specialty.

Debbie Drastrup brings up possibly selling Ridgeback artwork, note cards, etc. for the club in the future.

Leslie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Catherine seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Check out the clubs website for updates, information and great pictures.

www.OCRRC.ORG

REGIONAL SPECIALTY REPORT

OCRRC'S 17th Independent Specialty Show - "A Summer Safari" was a resounding success despite the rough beginnings the show committee encountered. Our worries about the change of date and venue were allayed when Show Superintendent Jane Garvin reported that 151 Ridgebacks were entered with a total of 223 entries! Thanks to KCBH Show Chair Don Ingamells we had a lovely location for our rings and the exhibitors were able to get comfortable and camp out for the weekend of showing.

This year's activities started on Friday with a Lure Coursing Trial and Test held at Irvine Lake in Silverado. Field Trial Chairperson Debra Driza and her committee consisting of Leslie Walker, Linda Cannon, Nancy Brandewie, Deborah Adams and Frank Yeh put on an efficiently run trial that was enjoyed by all in attendance. A special bonus was the lunch offered by Nancy Brandewie and Linda Cannon.

Conformation judging commenced bright and early the next morning. But no dog show can begin without the National Anthem and what a special rendition it was! Leila Bicos – Jr. Showman extraordinaire – performed her acappella version of the Star Spangled Banner to the delight of all in attendance. Mary Lynne Elliott initiated a day of superlative judging with the Veterans and Puppy Sweepstakes classes. Ms. Elliott had a respectable entry in both age groups and thoroughly enjoyed the assignment. At 10:30 Valerie Hamilton-Preston stepped into the ring to begin her full day of regular class judging. Mrs. Hamilton-Preston maintained her cheery demeanor throughout the day giving the exhibitors clear, precise direction in the ring. Both judges benefited from the expertise of Ring Stewards Ron & Jackie Wassenaar who kept things flowing smoothly during yet another specialty.

Obedience judging went on simultaneously in an adjacent ring with Mrs. Shirley Indelicato adjudicating the exhibits ranging from Novice to Utility. Thank you to Obedience Show Chairperson Dotty Ambrose and her efficient ring stewards for a job well done. You will find complete judging results published elsewhere in this Rambles.

To make this Specialty really special our official show photographer was club member Theresa Lyons the talented and vivacious editor/publisher of The Ridgeback Register. Theresa had a great photo session at the end of judging for posed "win" pictures and she took several candid photos throughout the day. She was even able to have proofs of her photos available for viewing the next day at the KCBH show. Talk about great delivery!

Our show catalog this year turned out especially nice due to the efforts of Lisa Patterson, Theresa Lyons and new Show Superintendent Garvin Show Services. This truly was a winning combination of talents!

The Swingin' Safari Raffle was totally awesome thanks to Raffle Chair Debbie Drastrup and her assistant Rebecca Eastman. The Grand Raffle prize, theme baskets designed by Debbie and the wonderful product donations enticed many attendees to try their luck and several went away with great stuff! Rebecca Eastman should also be commended for her undaunted work on the OCRRC Commemorative Poster that was such a hit with several of those present. The profits from the sale of these posters will be donated by OCRRC to the Canine Health Foundation.

OCRRC club merchandise went like hotcakes thanks to Linda Robbins and her ability to know what's going to sell and to Mindy Smith and Nick McCracken for being great sales people. Linda also demonstrated superior salesmanship by finding a sponsor for every trophy again this year! Thank you Linda and thanks to all who supported the club with a trophy donation.

The exhibitor's nourishment needs were looked after throughout the day by Myrna Berger and Lanise McCracken providing a sumptuous morning hospitality spread, Sara and Steve Glasser disbursing box lunches and Nancy Brandewie, Linda Cannon and Debra Driza dishing up a great BBQ meal at the end of the day while Joe Berger proffered his tasty and satisfying margarita's. Many cases of bottled water were donated by members and friends including Karen Brown, Rebecca Eastman, Marco Solorio, Ron Bourguignon, Juan & Lisa Gutierrez, Sara Glasser, John Rodgers, Reza & Lynne Scott so that no exhibitor would go thirsty. Thanks to all that contributed. (I hope I didn't forget anyone.)

Regional Specialties always require hours and hours of preparation in order to be successful, Lisa and Mike Patterson can attest to that. Acting as Assistant Show Chairs this year their experience and guidance was invaluable to me in the planning stages, during and after the show. Dick Rupert's help with logistical grounds issues the day before and during the event was a great relief. Thanks to Barbara Rupert for helping set up the trophy table, to Joe Berger for preparing and passing out the exhibitor date pins and to Kathy Main for her unexpected contribution that will help to defray specialty expenses again this year. The team effort by club members helping with set up and take down included: Mike & Lisa Patterson, Jay Schock, Juan & Lisa Gutierrez, Loraine Mendoza and her golf cart, John Rodgers, Linda Robbins, Lee Nudo, Mike & Suzanne Miller and Vickie Marx. Your hard work and support are greatly appreciated.

Specialties would not exist without exhibitors and spectators and OCRRC is truly blessed to have such loyal supporters. I'm pleased that our Club's team spirit enabled us to offer another truly special Orange Coast Regional. Please plan to join us next year. Plans are already underway for a very exciting 18th.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Schock – Specialty Show Chair

FALL GENERAL MEETING, BBQ & SEMINAR W/ DANY CANINO

Saturday, Sept 27, at 4:00PM.

at
Ron & Barbara Dickson's
(5337 Los Altos Lane, Yorba Linda)

Join us for our Fall BBQ and Meeting, along with a special Seminar courtesy of AKC Judge Dany Canino! Hear "The Ins and Outs of Dog Showing" and avail yourself of Ms Canino's years of experience during the question & answer time.

OCRRC will provide meat for barbequing, cold soda and water.
You bring a side dish and a folding chair.

Contact Leslie Walker <baobab@uugw.hifn.com> (760-599-0286) to RSVP with the number in your party and what side dish you will be bringing.

Directions:
From Hwy 91, exit Lakeview - north, turn right on Buena Vista Ave turn left on Grandview Ave, turn left on Mountain View Ave, turn left on Los Altos Lane, address is #5337, on the right.

Hope to see you there!



Rambles Editor Needed !

Looking for a member that is handy with the computer, has publisher and would be willing to take charge of the club's canine chronicle.

Please we need a volunteer for the job.

OCRRC Specialty Lure Coursing

A big thanks to all who came out and participated on Friday in OCRRC's coursing test and trial. We had a great turnout! After a little bit of a rough start, the trial seemed to flow pretty smoothly (well, except for those huge trucks that kept trying to come on the field. Who invited them, anyway?) We got to witness the entire spectrum of RR runs, from the beautiful follow of the first time trial-ers to the...er...more creative coursing of the seasoned hounds. Thanks to our field secretary, Leslie Walker, our judges and lure operator, and also to our dedicated volunteers, without which there would be no trial. Also, a special thanks to Nancy Brandewie for donating the morning hospitality and to Linda Cannon for putting together the great lunch. Hope to see everyone next year!

Results

Open: (14)

1. Spencer
2. Dutch
3. Seger
4. Elsa
5. Sheba

Specials: (6)

1. Sienna
2. Mojo
3. Libby
4. Shumba
5. Sunni

Veterans: (4)

1. Kesia
2. Romeo
3. Raleigh
4. Neima

2003 OCRRC Specialty Lure Coursing Income,
Net \$447.

Total Income: \$674,

Expenses: AKC Fees: \$152, Judges/Lure Operator Gifts: \$75

And **BOB** went to.....**SPENCER!** Huge congrats on that awesome run!

Submitted by,
Debra Driza, Chair