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President's Message

Dear Friends,

This has been an eventful year for many of us, including myself. I recently attended the World Congress where seminars were given that were invaluable to us all as breeders. I'm trying to get approval to print the content of some of them in our newsletter.

There were many countries represented at the World Congress: Africa, Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and Scotland. It was great fun meeting people with the same interest from all over the World.

I've been asked if I had fun judging Sweeps (at the Na-

tional Specialty). I had a great time, especially after I judged a young male's bite, then he through himself onto his back with all fours up, as though saying "I did it, I did it."

I was moving along nicely, giving all the puppies plenty of time, when Joe (my ring steward) told me I was 45 minutes behind! I proceeded to speed things up, caught up on my time, then was told I had 65 more dogs to do....

The Sweepstakes entry was 145, followed by 35 entered in Veterans in Sweeps. I had a 14-year-old bitch that did her very best to put on a good show. We were all very proud of her.

Another event attended by many of us was the BARRC

(Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club) Specialty. They did a great job putting on their 1st Specialty Show; the weather was delightful, and the grounds superb.

The Stanley Fund put on an Emergency Care Seminar by two emergency-hospital veterinarians. It was quite informative, and they've offered to do the same for our Specialty, including an emergency kit that can be purchased.

Right now, I'm looking forward to our Fall Match, and wishing my pups were old enough! I hope to see you all there.

Thanks for all your support,
Myrna Berger



"I said WAIT!!" By Dany Canino

WAIT is a very useful command because it can be introduced to dogs of all ages, including puppies as early as 9 to 10 weeks of age, it can be repeated for emphasis, and it's not a command that's ever used in obedience. Also, because your dog isn't required to hold a particular position, as he is with the "Stay" command, you won't run the risk of confusing him. Here's how to get started with your RR.

First, contain your RR somewhere, and open your front door. Next, fetch your dog and outfit

him with a collar (preferably a choke chain for a mature dog, or a martingale-type collar or soft choke for a puppy), and 6-foot leash. Now, head toward your open front door and when you reach it, tell your dog WAIT! Proceed to step forward through the door, and if your dog advances to go with you, pull back slightly on the leash (if you were to pull up you'd be asking him to sit), and firmly say "I said WAIT." This works almost instantly. Rarely do you have to repeat it

a third time. But if you do, be even more emphatic when you say it.

After the command is given, step over the threshold and immediately turn to face your dog. *Note:* Remember to keep the leash completely slack; you'll confuse your dog if you tighten it. In the beginning, you should wait outside the door for about 30 seconds, after which you have two choices:

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"I said WAIT!!"

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(1) You can return to your dog's side and praise him for a job well done; or (2) you can pick a "cue" word that'll tell your dog when (and only when) he's allowed to cross this threshold. Pick a word that the entire family will use, and use it *every time* your dog is taken through the door.

Note: Consistency is key to your success—everyone must use the same cue-word. I've had clients use the word "green," and I've had clients use the word "okay." The choice is yours, just make sure everyone uses the same word.

You should practice this exercise about three times per day, at varying times, and at any door that could lead your RR into "harm's way" (usually the front door). Be sure to have other adult household members try this, too. Remember, you want your RR to respond to *all* family members. As you experience more reliability from your RR you can then allow the younger members of your family (but not too young, please) to try this.

Note: WAIT! simply means "do not go forward." Your dog isn't required to sit or lie down when this command is given—he simply can't cross the threshold until he hears your "cue," or release, word.

You should intermix calling your dog through the door to you and going back to him to make sure he fully understands what responsibility goes with this command.

Also, practice this command with your dog facing *into* your house from the back yard. This way he'll learn not to charge into the house. You can also use this command at the threshold of a particular room where your dog isn't allowed. However, remember *never* to break your own rule and call him into that room! If you have stairs, you can prevent your dog from knocking someone down them by using this command every time someone goes down the stairs.

After one week of testing this command at your front door, you can extend the time (to one minute at the end of this week) and distance (to approximately 15 feet) from where you told your dog to wait. Then about midweek, step behind a tree or around the side of your house so you're out of sight.

Note: When you first start practicing the out-of-sight WAIT!, only stay about 30 seconds before you reappear to either call him or go back to your dog. You can increase the time as he gets more reliable.

You can also use WAIT! when you take your

dog in the car with you. As you open the car door, tell him to WAIT! (you probably no longer need to give the leash a slight tug), and stand there for a few seconds. Then tell him "OK" (or whatever release word you've chosen) followed by "get in" or "kennel up." (Again, you can use whatever words you like, just be consistent.)

Use the same technique when you reach your destination. Before you open the car door, tell your dog to WAIT! Open the door, and if he tries to jump out, be prepared to forcefully shove him back into the car, saying "I said WAIT!" You should then make him wait for 10 to 20 seconds before giving him your release word.

The uses for this command are endless. Just think how nice it would be to enter your home with an arm full of groceries without worrying that they'll end up all over the floor!

With each new situation where you don't want your dog to advance forward until you release him, you should slowly increase the responsible time and distance. If you're diligent, it really won't be long before you can start to add distractions to test your dog's

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OCRRC Top Twenty, through July 31, 2004

AKC Registered Name	Owner's Name	Total points
1. Ch. Windana Baobab African Jewel	L. Walker/R. Woods	622
2. Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite By Tigris	J. & L. Gutierrez & L. & M. Patterson	289
3. Ch. Masai's Joie De Vivre	J. Rodgers/N. Berry	264
4. Ch. Bayou's Primo Archtyp 4 Pheron	C. Schock/J. Dalphin	197
5. Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai	M. & L. Patterson	150
6. Ch. Wyndrunhr Red Skys Reap Th Wld Wind	N. & D. Brandewie/L. Cannon	113
7. Ch. Oakhurst I Am The Princess	B. & R. Rupert	110
8. Ch. Freedom's Five Star General By Tigris	P. Weston	92
9. Ch. Rivercity's Shock and Awe	T. Abney/J. Troth	88
10. Ch. Lady Roxanne of Rebelridge	C. Cartwright	79
11. Ch. Deer Ridge Blixen of Afrika	C. Wistrom	78
12. Ch. Lexus She's Got Game By Tigris	M. & L. Patterson	78
13. Ch. Of Afrikka Hoku O Pupukea	T. & B. Peach & C. Wistrom	76
14. Ch. Freedom's Faith By Tigris	P. Weston/W & G Woodhall	64
15. Ch. Rivercity's PT Cruiser	T. Abney	64
16. Ch. Orangewood Doubletake at Trigrhill	E. & J. Scattini/P. Maddaloni	61
17. Jubalees Lonestar Over Kei River	K. Williams/D. Binswanger	59
18. Shadoridge N Jubalee Wild E'motion	K. Williams/Rhodes & Helling	48
19. Oakhurst Abayomi Andazi	J. Hakeem/D. Madden/J. Spengel	47
20. Ch. Freedom's Awesome Olivia By Tigris	P. Weston	46

General Meeting Minutes — July 8, 2004

Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 8 P.M.

First order of business: Mike makes a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as published in *The Rambles*, Meredith seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

President's report: Barbara Rupert has resigned as Corresponding Secretary. Sherri West has expressed an interest in the position. She was the CS of her horse club. It's pointed out that according to our By-Laws, Article 5-Section 5.3, the interim Corresponding Secretary should be appointed at the next BOD meeting. Discussion tabled until then.

Discussion about trophies followed.

Vice President's report: Rattlesnake training—they recommended we join one of their existing training sessions in Norco, on Aug 14 or 15.

Discussion regarding programs at general meetings and at matches.

Treasurer's report: Checking acct. is \$2299.66; savings is \$2514.70; CD \$6359.68; for a total of \$11,174.04.

We still don't have all the expenses from the Specialty. We have a bill for our Web-site hosting

company for \$200.17.

There are no new member applications.

Committee reports:

Fall Match — Lee Nudo received AKC approval from Barbara Rupert. Still looking for an obedience judge.

Lure Coursing — Still looking for a date that isn't taken by area conformation shows.

Lisa Patterson found a place in Riverside that could host a combination herding and agility fun day!

Donation committee report — Rebecca Eastmen ran some numbers and a 3, 4, and 5 year analysis to quantify the donating process. She put everything together in an information sheet with 3 separate proposals. Our average donation is about 5% of our Club's total account balances. The options/proposals for donating guidelines would be:

* As a percentage of our cash balance;

* To maintain a protected baseline;

* Based on a treasurer-prepared financial analysis.

Rebecca also recommends a procedural change, which would be to donate within a calendar year. This would mean we'd make donations each November. She also suggests that we take a hiatus for a year on donations, and wait until November of 2005.

Old Business: Mike still looking into a new club trailer; the Stanley fund is still on hold.

New Business: Myrna appoints Jerry Adomian to be our Club Sgt. of Arms.

Lisa Patterson found a place in Riverside that could host a combination herding and agility fun day. It's located near the 213/60 interchange. To rent the facility and sheep would be \$100/hour, and \$5/dog tested. Agility would be \$100/2 hours, and \$50/hour for an intro to agility class session with Jan DeMello, Running Start Dog Training.

Linda Robbins makes a motion to adjourn; the motion is seconded by Joe Berger; meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



General Meeting Minutes — September 9, 2004

Meeting called to order at 8:40 P.M.

The September 9th program was such a success that the video "Dog Steps" will be shown again in the near future. The meeting opened without a voting quorum, therefore, minutes from the last meeting could not be approved.

Presidents Report:

- No new members.
- Myrna Introduced Sherry West as the club's new Corresponding Secretary.
- Discussion on Sherry's immediate assignments included: contact Barbara Rupert to follow up with Match Application submission for 10/23/04 match; notify Myrna and Catherine of the status of judges' contracts for the 2005 Specialty.

Vice President's Report: Meredith Wisniewski not in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Discussion and action items taken to follow upon.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock reported: Checking account—\$359.70; savings account—\$2,515.75; CD—\$6,368.31; Specialty account: \$5,226.03. She suggests that \$4,000 be transferred from the Specialty account to the regular checking account.

Committee Reports:

- **Fall Match:** Lee Nudo not in attendance.
- **Inland Empire Hound Club, Jan. 2005:** Judges Diane Foote for Conformation; Susan Ralston for Sweepstakes.

New Business:

Club needs to send a thank-you letter, to include a lifetime membership, to Barbara Ru-

pert for her years of service to OCRRC.

Requirement for a Board member to notify AKC that Sherry West is OCRRC's new Corresponding Secretary. Myrna Berger agreed to take on this task. A suggestion was made to contact the AKC's 800# hotline to report the change.

Catherine Schock to send a note to Lou Guerrero confirming 2005 Specialty date.

Mike Patterson proposes that OCRRC include a link on our Web site to Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. (RRRI), as well as a link to RRCUS Rescue. To be voted on in a future meeting.

Speaker for next General Meeting. Nov. 11, 2004, will be veterinarian Lorrie Boldrick DVM. She'll join us to discuss the latest vaccination protocols, early spay and neutering, and any other veterinary topic that our mem-

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What's Happening...

What: Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty/ ASFA Lure Field Trial

When: November 6, 2004

Where: Rio Rancho Sports Complex, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Judges: Cindy Conter (AZ); Phil Fullam (TX)

Contact: Melissa Deaver-Rivera, Field Trial Sec., 12209 Yellowstone Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111; (505) 263-1325, or deaverr@franks-supply.com.

Closes: Pre-entries, 5:00 P.M. November. 4; gate entries, 12 noon day of trial.

What: Region 3 Regional Invitational Lure Field Trials (all-breed)

When: November 7, 2004

Where: Rio Rancho Sports Complex, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Judges: Cindy Conter (AZ); Phil Fullam (TX); Robert Place (NM; provisional)

Contact: Elissa Thompson, Field Trial Sec., 12209 Yellowstone Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111; (505) 298-7847, or elissa@nmia.com.

Closes: Pre-entries, November 4; gate entries, 8:00 A.M. day of trial.

What: Show & Go (agility)

When: November 6/7, 2004

Where: Gabrieleno Equestrian Park, 11126 Orcas Ave., Lake View Terrace, CA

Contact: Cara Callaway, (818) 920-0622; fun4dogs@aol.com; or Gina Burroughs, (661) 944-0868, dogsdogsdogs@earthlink.net

Note: Sign-ups 8-9:30 A.M.; runs start @8:30 A.M.

What: SDRRC Eye Certification Clinic

When: November 9, 2004; 3-5:30 p.m.

Where: Dr. McMillan's ofc., 5610 Kearney Mesa Rd., Suite A, San Diego.

Contact: Cindy Cartwright, (760) 751-8950, or gwoozel@valleycenterinternet.com.

Cost: \$25

Note: Dogs 6 weeks old/up can be tested.

What: OCRRRC GENERAL MEETING & DISCUSSION

When: November 11, 2004; dinner

@7:00 P.M., meeting @8:00 P.M.

Where: Coco's 1250 Imperial Hwy., Brea (57 Fwy. & Imperial Hwy.)

Contact: Catherine Schock, (714) 985-9253, or schockers@dslextreme.com.

Guest Speaker: [Dr. Lorrie Boldrick](#) (see "Meet the Speaker" below) will host a round-table discussion on new vaccination protocols, early spay/neuter, and topics of your choosing.

What: Golden Valley KC

When: November 19/20, 2004

Where: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

Judges: Fri., Joe Walton; Sat., Mrs. Glen (Cynthia) Sommers

Contact: Jack Bradshaw, (323) 727-0136; fax (323) 727-2949; e-mail jbradshaw.com

Closes: November 3, 2004

What: Sahuaro KC

When: November 20/21, 2004

Where: Phoenix Municipal Stadium, 5999 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ

Judges: Sat., Dana Cline; Sun., Dorothy MacDonald

Contact: Onofrio Dog Shows, (405) 427-8181; www.onofrio.com.

Closes: November 3, 2004

What: San Joaquin KC

When: November 21/22, 2004

Where: San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton, CA

Judges: Sun., Ms. Betsy Leedy; Mon., Dr. Judith Newton

Contact: Jack Bradshaw (see above)

Closes: November 3, 2004

What: Yuma/Imperial Valley KC

When: November 26-29, 2004

Where: Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd St. (Hwy 80), Yuma, AZ

Judges: Fri., Mr. Joe Tacker; Sat., Mr. Lowell Davis; Sun., Sr. Carlos Navarro; Mon. Isabell Stoffers

Contact: Jack Bradshaw (see above)

Closes: November 10, 2004

What: AKC (agility) Trials

When: November 26-28, 2004

Where: Morgan Arena, Seaside Park, 20 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA

Judges: T. Brown & TBD

Contact: Karen Moureaux, (805) 524-7900; CPAgility@aol.com

Closes: November 12, 2004

What: OCRRRC LURE COURSING

When: December 19/20, 2004 (tentative)

Where: Site to be determined

Contact: Check OCRRRC Web site (ocrrc.org), or contact Deb Driza at (760) 597-9383, or houndrat@aol.com for more current information.

What: Burbank KC

When: December 4/5, 2004

Where: L.A. Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys, CA

Judges: Sat., Dorothy MacDonald; Sun., Raymond Filburn, Jr.

Contact: Jack Bradshaw (see Golden Valley KC at left)

Closes: November 17, 2004

What: Shoreline Dog Fanciers Assoc.

When: December 10-12, 2004

Where: Long Beach Convention Ctr., Exhibit Hall, 300 Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA

Judges: Fri., Lou Guerrero; Sat., Patricia Mowbray-Morgan; Sun., Joy Brewster

Contact: Jack Bradshaw (see above)

Closes: November 24, 2004

What: Inland Empire Hound Club and KC of Palm Springs

When: January 7-9, 2005

Where: Empire Equestrian Park/Polo Field, Ave. 50 and Monroe St., Indio, CA

Judges: Fri., reg. classes—Diane Foote, Sweeps judge unavail.; Sat., Rosemary Martino; Sun., John Remondi/

Contact: Jack Bradshaw

Closes: December 22, 2004

Meet the speaker:

Dr. Lorrie Boldrick graduated from UC David School of Veterinary Medicine in 1968. "I've been in a small animal, small ruminant, and exotic practice ever since. I've seen lots of exciting changes and advances in veterinary medicine, but I'm also aware that some of the 'old ways' are still the best."

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bers have questions on. This will be a “round table” question-and-answer forum, so be sure to attend to get answers to topics of interest to you and your Ridgebacks.

Nominating Committee Chairperson will be Catherine Schock.

A motion is made, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Be sure to come play with us at the next meeting, **Nov. 11!!**



“I said WAIT!”

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reliability. Prearrange with a friend to walk past your open door with their dog. Start by having yours on a 15-foot line. Again, tell him to WAIT! at the door. Go out of his sight, but not so far that you can't get back to him *quickly* if you need to make a correction. Now have your friend walk by. If your dog steps (or runs!) over the threshold without having been released by you, you need to fly to him and practically “throw” him back across the threshold as you roar “*I said WAIT!*” You'll be surprised at how effective this “surprise attack” is at ensuring your dog's reliability.

After you've accomplished this a few different times with different distractions, it won't be long before you can remove the leash to test your RR's reliability to “wait” when and where he's told to—until he's been released.

It's absolutely gratifying to see pups as young as 10 weeks waiting at an open door until they're told it's OK to come through, or until their person returns to them. In a short period of time you can comfortably open your front door as you tell your dog to “WAIT!” while you go to the mailbox or chat with a neighbor. And all the time you'll be comfortable knowing that because you took the time to teach your dog that he can't leave your house without your approval, he'll be safely waiting in your doorway.

One very important thing to remember when teaching this, or any other command: *Always remember to praise your dog for the work he's doing and for his reliability in anything you've taught him. Praise is the only paycheck your dog gets for a job well done, so don't forget to use it a lot.*

Happy training!

You can contact Dany Canino at dogobey@earthlink.net, or (805) 577-OBEY (6239).

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2004

Quorum reached. Meeting called to order at 8:02 P.M. Board Members absent: Linda Robins, Meredith Wisniewski, Barbara Rupert. Changes to previous minutes—the next BOD meeting is June 10th, not May 27th. Deborah Drastrup makes a motion to approve the previous BOD meeting minutes with the above change. The motion is seconded, and carries unanimously.

Vice President's Report: Meredith is not in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara is not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: No change since the last meeting.

Match Report (Lee Nudo): The match is on October 23 at Irvine Regional Park. Elizabeth Moore will be the judge. We still need an obedience judge. We might like to offer temperament testing, which Paula Cimgota can do, if she can judge obedience. We'll offer a microchip clinic with Dr. Lorrie Boldrick. Nancy Amanti will give the handling class.

We'd like to offer a fun run, too. Discussion followed re: temperment testing.

Lure coursing: Need to look for dates for an OCRRC all-breed trial in November, as there's a show on the October dates we'd picked. Debra will check to see if there's an IWHC trial on the weekend of 10/23 and 24.

Old Business:

Specialty—We haven't received the bills from Shoreline yet. Will table the final Specialty report until next meeting. We need a Specialty Show Chair for next year. Discussion followed.

Trailer storage—We need to check for a cheaper storage facility than \$75/mo. Put an ad in *The Rambles* that we need a new storage place. We need to vote on buying a new trailer at the next general meeting.

Stanley Fund—We received a letter regarding the Stanley fund. They're working on having the fund legalized. Discussion followed on waiting until the fund has a tax-exempt status before donating. Tabled until next general meeting.

New Business: RRCUS asked us to support a trophy for the World Congress. Mike makes a motion for OCRRC to send \$35 to RRCUS to do so; Lee seconds; motion carries unanimously.

Mike makes a motion to sell 30 of our “Meet the Breed” brochures to Judy Kuplent for educational purposes at the price of 50 cents each. Debra seconds the motion; motion carries unanimously.

Barbara Rupert needs to order more medallions, per Catherine Schock. Mike makes a motion to order 3 silver and 5 bronze OCRRC medallions, so we can have a three-year supply on hand. Deborah seconds; motion carries unanimously.

Discussion followed re: OCRRC's regional report for *The Ridgeback*, regarding our Specialty.

Debra offers to look into finding a free source of canine related newsletters as a source for *The Rambles*.

Mike makes a motion to adjourn; Lee seconds; motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

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2003 OCRRC Member Survey with 1998 (5 year) Comparison of Results

A total of 28 Households responded to this part of the survey:

1) Indicate the 2003 Membership Status of your household:

78% Voting in state; 22% Associate in state

1998 Comparison: 6% increase in voting response; 7% decrease associate response.

2) Indicate the number of Ridgebacks in your household:

57% 2 to 4 dogs; 25% 5 to 8 dogs; 15% 1 dog; 3% 9+ dogs

1998 Comparison: An 11% increase in the 5 to 8 dogs category; 9% decrease in the single dog category.

3) Indicate the reproductive status of each dog in your household:

39% Female/intact; 28% Male/intact; 20% Female/spayed; 13% Male/neutered

1998 Comparison: A 6% decrease in the Female/intact category; an 8% increase in the Male/neutered category.

4) What is the age of the Ridgebacks in your household?

34% 5 to 8 years old; 33% 1 to 4 years; 20% 9+ years; 13% 4 to 12 months

1998 Comparison: 5 to 8 years replaced the 1 to 4 years category for top percentile; a 10% increase in the 9+ years category.

A total of 27 Households responded to this part of the survey:

5) What OCRRC activities did you attend in 2003?

85% Visited OCRRC Web site

81% Entered/Attended OCRRC Regional Specialty (Long Beach, CA); 81% Read newsletter (hard copy)

70% Entered/Attended OCRRC Fall or Spring Match

48% Entered an All-breed or other RR Lure Coursing Test or Trial; 48% Read newsletter (online); 48% Attended Fall Club BBQ

41% Entered/Attended OCRRC Specialty Lure Coursing Trial

37% Attended 1+ OCRRC meeting

1998 Comparison: Web site visits doubled and replaced reading newsletter for top percentile; a 13% increase in the lure-coursing category; a 10% increase in fall BBQ Attendance; a 4% drop in attendance at OCRRC General Meetings.

A total of 24 Households responded to this part of the survey:

6) What general activities did you participate with your dogs in 2003?

88% Conformation

71% Other: hiking (41%); adopted a puppy (18%); LGRA sprints (18%); herding (12%)

46% Lure Coursing

33% Agility

29% Breeding

21% Obedience

12% CGC

1998 Comparison: A 15% increase in conformation; a 41% increase in "Other"; a 14% decrease in breeding, and a 6% decrease in obedience.

A total of 28 Households responded to this part of the survey:

7) Choose 4 seminars you would attend if OCRRC offered them in the next two years.

71% RR Structure

61% Alternative Medicine

54% Vet-Med

50% Breeding

46% Nutrition

39% Other: 100% geriatric dog care; 45% DNA; 27% nail care & grooming.

39% Good dog manners/responsible dog ownership

18% Suggestions: Advanced handling; performance sports; too difficult to attend meetings.

1998 Comparison: A 22% increase in RR structure; alternative med, a new category, ranked 2nd; 39% chose "Other" and all asked for geriatric dog care; 39% interested in new category of dog manners/ownership; a 7% decrease in breeding, moving it from 1st to 4th ranking.

8) Choose 4 activities or classes you would attend if OCRRC offered them in the next two years?

71% Lure Coursing Fun Runs & Tests

64% Other: 56% Evaluation of show pups; 44% positive training; 33% therapy; 28% herding; 17% microchip/tattoo & animal communicators; 5% Triathlon

61%: Agility

54%: Canine Good Citizen or obedience training

43%: Dog show handling; 43%: Temperament Certification (TT)

39%: Tracking

32%: Mentoring (ring stewards, match chairs, lure operators, agility assistants)

25%: Rattlesnake avoidance training

Note: Respondents chose more than 4 options and thus the ranking of preferences may be skewed.

1998 Comparison: A 52% increase in lure coursing; new categories of "Other" ranking 2nd, with strongest interest in litter evaluation; a 15% increase in agility; a 16% increase in CGC/obedience; all categories increased with strong interest in new categories of TT certification, mentoring and snake breaks.



10/23/04 MATCH REPORT

Entries	\$ 408.00
Conformation/property classes—41 dogs	
Fun run—21 dogs	
<i>Thanks to:</i> Meredith Wisniewski and Deb Drastrup (and others who pitched in)	
Sales Table	\$1,299.00
<i>Thanks to:</i> Linda Robbins	
Raffle Table	\$ 324.00
<i>Thanks to:</i> Rebecca Eastman and Jessica Evans (Jaymie's niece, who sold all our raffle tickets!)	
Luncheon	\$ 300.00
<i>Thanks to:</i> Tony Robbins our Master of the Grill; Sue and Jerry Adomian (and all of you who brought yummy dishes)	
Total Income	\$2,331.00
Expenses	
Costco (food/drinks, etc.)	\$ 109.13
Judge's Gifts	\$ 43.81
Lee Nudo (misc.)	\$ 120.00
Total Expenses	<\$ 272.94>
Grand Total	\$2,058.06

AND THE WINNERS WERE: Best in Match—Freedom's Jag Spirit of Alex by Tigris, owned by Karen Kodosh; Best Opposite Sex—Rivercity's That Girl, owned by Leila Bicos/Troy Abney; Best Puppy—HPK Tropaco Queen on the River, owned by Stacey Nance. (Watch the OCRRC Web site, ocrrc.org, for more information and pictures.)

Special thanks to Troy Abney and John Rodgers for managing the Fun Run; to Art Valdivia for taking pictures and announcing awards; to Catherine Schock and Jaymie Evans (who brought the straw bales in her SUV!) for the decorations; to our ring stewards Jaymie Evans, Lorraine Mendoza, and Sherri West; to Mike and Lisa Patterson for being the first to arrive and the last to leave, for handling set up and take down, and for holding my hand throughout; and most of all, to our members and friends who drove from as far away as Santa Clarita and Solvang to join us. It was a great day of fun in the sun with lots of puppy love.

—Lee Nudo, Match Chair

In the Whelping Box...



? 7/18/04 — Ch. Rivercity's Back in a Flash, JC ("Flash") by Ch. Rivercity's Travlin Man, JC ("Travis"); 8 puppies (2 boys; 6 girls); congrats to Troy Abney, Riverside.

? 9/1/04 — Ch. Rob Norm's Lottie Lenya By Starland ("Lottie") by Ch Westwood The One Who Will Succeed ("Bacari"); 5 puppies (3 boys; 2 girls); congrats to Joe and Myrna Berger, Valley Village.

? 10/20/04 — Am/Int Ch. Deer Ridge Blixen of Afrika ("Blixen") by MBIS/MBISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM ("Gatsby"); 5 puppies (2 boys; 3 girls); congrats to Dr. Christina Wistrom, Perris.

? Due Thanksgiving week — DC Kariba NewGold Dream at Pheron ("Gilda") by Ch Bayous Primo Archtyp 4 Pheron ("Primo"); Gilda's ultrasound showed 7 to 8 pups(!); cross your fingers with Catherine and Jay Schock, Yorba Linda.

? Due Mid-December (hopefully) — Ch. Nomvuyo Playn With Fire ("Ember") By BIS Am/Can/Mex Ch. Deer Ridge Walk the Plank, SC ("Rex"); cross your fingers with H.E. and Sherri West, Temecula.

HAPPY 11th BIRTHDAY to: Ch. Wyndrunhr Shani Skydance, SC, HIC, CGC — "Shani"

On October 9, the birthday girl (second from the right) celebrated her birthday with 3 of her grandkids. Shani is battling cancer, and is recovering from having her leg amputated. She's proudly owned, loved, and pampered by OCRRC's Debra Brandewie-Driza of San Marcos.

We also wish Happy 11th Birthdays (October 29th) to siblings BISS Ch. Masai's African Genesis, JC, ROM, cherished by Rebecca Eastman and John Rodgers, and BISS Ch. Clapton Z Masai, JC, (secretly) cherished by John Rodgers.



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2004

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M.

First item of business is approval of the minutes from the last BOD meeting. Mike makes a motion, seconded by Catherine to approve the BOD minutes as printed. Motion passes unanimously.

President's report: BARRC is looking forward to OCRRC joining them for their first specialty and putting the incident at the OCRRC Specialty behind them. We should encourage any puppy buyers to attend, and should also place information regarding their specialty on our Web site and in *The Rambles*.

Vice President's report: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's report: No corresponding secretary.

Treasurer's report: All donations were made that we voted on at the last meeting. The accounts are as follows: Checking—\$757.82; Savings—\$2,515.22; CD—\$6,363.85; Total—\$9,636.89.

We need more money in the checking account. We still owe \$285 to Shoreline, so we have roughly \$5,500 in the Specialty account. We can deposit some of that into the regular checking account.

We received thank-yous from the National Search Dog Foundation, American Dog Owner's Association, the Canine Health Foundation, and Canine Companions for Independence, for the donations we sent.

Committee reports:

Match report — Lee Nudo is absent. We still need an obedience judge.

Lure coursing — October won't work for us, so we'll look to reschedule lure coursing for December.

Snake avoidance training — Unsure of whether or not it made it into *The Rambles*. It's on August 14

and 15th.

Old Business: Linda Robbins makes a motion that Sherri West be our interim Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Drastrup seconds; motion carries unanimously. Myrna will call her regarding two letters that need to be sent out.

Discussion followed regarding a gift for Barbara Rupert for her dedication to OCRRC. Debra suggests a lifetime membership to the club, as this was the precedent set for Sandy Abney, and/or a plaque. Discussion followed. Motion made by Catherine Schock to present Barbara with a lifetime membership to OCRRC as a thank-you for her years of service to the club. Motion seconded by Debra Driza; motion carries unanimously. Debra mentions that we make sure to thank her for being a founding member of the club.

Myrna says we need to have a program for our next meeting on September 9th. Myrna suggests that maybe Lee could be in charge of the program this time as Meredith will be absent from that meeting. Discussion followed regarding which video to show at the meeting. Mike says he will e-mail the videos he has at home.

Debra asks if we need to vote on the Sgt. of Arms appointed at the last general meeting. Myrna says no; as President, she appointed Jerry Andomian to this position, and there's no need for the Board to vote.

Debra asks Catherine if she has anything to report from the Event Committee hearing that occurred in relation to the incident at our Specialty, as Catherine had said in the past that she would update the Board when the hearing was over. Catherine says that according to the AKC rep, the club has no right to know any details of the Event

Committee report.

New Business: Myrna makes a motion to place an ad in BARRC's catalog according to their premium, showing our club's support for their Specialty, with Sherri West being responsible. Mike seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.

An OCRRC ad was sent to the RRCUS Specialty catalog by Lisa Patterson.

Debra says the Bank of America lure-coursing account is being charged \$12 a month in fees. She can check on another bank to see if the fees would be lower.

Debra reports that the Coursing Advisory Committee is now in action. Any input regarding proposed coursing rule changes can be relayed to her. We can ask for input through *The Rambles*.

Myrna received a letter from Pam Kid, who is now chairman for IEHC. The list of judges we gave her are all ineligible because a one-year moratorium is required between any past judging assignment and the Specialty. Also, Troy is ineligible to judge Sweeps because of club policy. Myrna referred Pam Kid to Catherine as our Show Chair. Pam sent us the following list of eligible judges: David Hiltz and Diane Foote. Mike believes David is judging Western Hound in 2005, so that may make him a less desirable choice. Catherine suggests Linda Stebbons and Theresa Hunt. The order of preference was decided as: (1) David Hiltz; (2) Diane Foote; (3) Linda Stebbons; (4) Theresa Hunt.

Jaymie Evans has agreed to be our next show chair. Myrna volunteers to do morning hospitality. Meredith volunteers to do the lunch again. The judge will be Jay Hyman. Letters to the judges are in the files that Leslie Walker has. We need to find out who the obedience judge is.

Debra Driza makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Meredith. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes—October 14, 2004

Present at meeting: Myrna Berger, Mike Patterson, Lee Nudo, Meredith Wisniewski, Linda Robbins, Jaymie Evans, Deb Drastrup, Sherri West, Catherine Schock.

Presidents report: Nothing reported.

Vice Presidents report: Nothing reported.

Treasurers Report: As of 9/23/04, Checking—\$224.00; Savings—\$2,516.00; CD—\$6,372.48; Specialty account—\$5,226.03.

Catherine motions to transfer \$4,000 to checking from specialty account. Mike Patterson seconds; discussion follows. There are concerns about so much to checking; motion is changed to read \$3,000 to checking and \$1,000.00 to savings. It's voted on and motion carried. CD matured and rolled over on October 4, 2004. Might consider a transfer when comes up again 1/3/05.

Committee Reports

Match—Park has been reserved and all permits are completed. Insurance has been taken care of. We will have a fun run at the match, Catherine will provide the equipment.

Specialty—Applications need to be done. Western Hound wants us to sponsor trophies. We'll pay and Hound Show will provide trophies for BOB, BOS, WB, WD, BISweeps, BOS in sweeps and High in Trial. Catherine will find out cost and will consider a budget of \$125.

Sweeps judge consideration: Lynn Solomon, Tammy Lynch and Concetta Jez are suggested.

Closing date for '05 Specialty will be April 27, 2005. Actual Show date will be Friday, May 13th. Judges will be: Jay Hymann, conformation; Jenny Scattini, Sweeps and Jr Handling; Dorothy McCauley, obedience.

Trophies will be sold by Vicki Marx. There are concerns about pricing. (BOB will be supported by Pattersons.) Previous years' winners will be contacted and given first option to purchase the trophy representing their win.

CGC may be offered again; possibly Thyroid Panel.

No new members.

Nominating committee—Catherine Schock and Joe Berger have sent out the slate, excluding Linda Robbins, Debra Driza, and Meredith Wisniewski; including Jerry Abdomian, John Rodgers, and Jaymie Evans.

Palm Springs and Western Hound shows need a list of trophies. We'll do an African Motif and Lisa Patterson will look into possibilities (\$125 budget).

Trailer—Mike to look into an 18' trailer to purchase.

The July issue of the AKC Gazette reported Michele Bohrer as being suspended with the option of appeal. The September issue said no appeal was

noted, and Michele Bohrer was suspended for one month and fined \$500.

New Business: Policy/procedure regarding initial communication regarding all judges. This communication should be done by mail unless an emergency occurs and then a phone call would be appropriate. Discussion tabled to next BOD meeting.

Mike Patterson motions that OCRRC donate to the Florida relief fund. This donation will be handled through the Association of Kennel clubs. \$250 to be donated; seconded by Lee Nudo. Voted and passed.

Joe Berger thinks the club should do a 20th Specialty Anniversary trophy that would be a Danny Quest 5th edition at approximately \$295. Linda Robbins seconds. Voted on; one nay; motion passes. Joe Berger will handle.

Lee Nudo needs a replacement as liaison for The Ridgeback (RRCUS) magazine. Deb Drastrup will handle as of October 16.

It's been reported that SDRRC wants to be a part of the OCRRC specialty again. No formal request from SDRRC has been made.

Catherine Schock will handle transfer of ownership on the lure-coursing account, if necessary.

Linda Robbins motions to adjourn; Lee Nudo seconds. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

2004 Specialty Financial Report

INCOME	
Beginning Balance Specialty Checking Account	\$ 1,732.11
Return from Garvin Show Services	1,489.56
Trophy Donations	1,730.00
Catalog Ads	1,220.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	1,955.00
Catalog Sales	430.00
Lunch Orders	655.00
Commemorative Pin Orders	35.00
Canine Good Citizen Test	96.00
Sweepstakes Money Not Awarded	3.20
Merchandise	1,507.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,852.87
EXPENSES	
Flyer Postage	\$ 111.00
Flyer Printing	394.37
Raffle Expenses/Drastrup	195.60
Judges' Fees (Stites \$360.80; Margolis \$130)	490.80
Catered Lunch/Coffee	768.54
Morning Hospitality/Berger	64.86
Exhibitor Appreciation Dinner	568.00
Trophies	1,732.00
Specialty Sweeps Payout	366.00
CGC Test/Marx	64.00
Afternoon Break Snack and Logo Cake	106.95
Shoreline Site Deposit	100.00
Shoreline Expenses (ring, ice, tables, chairs, tent, etc.)	285.75
AKC Specialty Show Application	50.00
The Ridgeback Magazine Specialty Ad	75.00
Event Committee Hearing Expense (mailing, copies, CD-ROMs)	145.98
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 5,518.84
NET INCOME FROM SPECIALTY	\$ 5,334.03

Treasurer's Report 7/22/04

BEGINNING BAL. 6/22/04	\$2,299.66
INCOME	
Checking Acct Interest	.16
TOTAL INCOME	\$.16
EXPENSE	
County of Orange/Fall Match Permit	117.00
Canine Companions for Independence	100.00
Nat'l Disaster Search Dog Foundation	100.00
ADOA	125.00
AKC Canine Health Found. RRDAF	300.00
AKC CHF/Dermoid Sinus Study DAF	200.00
Morris Animal Foundation	100.00
RR Rescue of No. Calif.	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,542.00
BALANCE 7/22/04	\$757.82
REGULAR SAVINGS 7/22/04	\$2,515.22
CD SAVINGS 8/23/04	\$6,363.85
TOTAL 8/23/04	\$ 9,636.89

Treasurer's Report 8/23/04

BEGINNING BAL. 7/23/04	\$ 757.82
INCOME	
Checking Acct Interest	.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$.05
EXPENSE	
Pair Networks (Web site host)	200.17
Quilts Group (sales merch.)	198.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$398.17
BALANCE 8/23/04	\$359.70
REGULAR SAVINGS 8/23/04	\$2,515.75
CD SAVINGS 8/23/04	\$6,368.31
TOTAL 8/23/04	\$ 9,243.76



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DON'T FORGET TO...

... attend the General Meeting on Nov. 11, at Coco's in Brea (see "What's Happening...", on page 4 for info). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Lorrie Boldrick of Quillie Acres Veterinary Clinic. Bring your notepad and questions.

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO...

...all the dedicated OCRRC members who drove from all over to make our Fall March a huge success!