

Ridgeback Rambles

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2002 may very well be the year of the Rhodesian Ridgeback! With huge wins for the Ridgebacks at the Inland Empire Hound Club, (Group One in both Sweepstakes and regular Conformation), and a tremendous Group One at Westminster Kennel Club, I would say they are off to a great start. It makes me wonder what's in store for our four legged friends through the remainder of 2002.

I would like to thank Catherine Schock for her many years as the "Rambles" editor and master publicist. The "Rambles" has come a long way with Catherine at the wheel, so now it's time for David Hayek to take over. David you have some big shoes to fill, Good Luck!

The Spring Match is just around the corner, scheduled for Saturday, April 20



at Irvine Regional Park. Match chair Barbara Dickson is hard at work planning 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 these events – extra hands and bodies are always appreciated!

Finally, OCRRC's 16th

Annual Specialty "...of Old Friends and New Beginnings..." on June 27 is rapidly approaching. The new show site is located in San Juan Capistrano, at The Oaks/Blenheim Exhibition, LLC. This is a beautiful show site with lots to offer our exhibitors and spectators alike. For more information about the Specialty, check out our club website at www.OCRRC.org. Watch for the Specialty flyer and Premium list in the mail soon. We need your help, plain and simple, to make this specialty the best yet. Please contact me or co-chair Lisa Patterson if you have time or expertise to volunteer.

Hope to see you and your 4-leggers at our upcoming events

Best Regards,
Mike Patterson



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Next General Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.*
- *Presentation by Dr. Christina Wistrom regarding Breed Temperament and Testing at next General Meeting*
- *Spring Match Scheduled for April 20, 2002 at Irvine Regional Park*
- *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*

DR. CHRISTINA WISTROM TO DISCUSS BREED TEMPERAMENT AND TESTING AT NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Dr. Christina A Wistrom will provide a presentation of the current status of Rhodesian Ridgeback mental temperament testing programs that are currently underway within the Swedish RR club. Dr Wistrom spent this past

summer as a participant and observer at some of these Swedish Mental Testing events of RR's and will share her experience as well as videos of the events.

This meeting will be on Thursday, March 14,

2002. What follows is a summary of Dr. Wistrom's presentation.

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One of the more important tasks for a dog parent club, of any breed, is to make (cont. at *Breed Temperament and Testing*, p. 9)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Ridgeback Rambles is pleased to announce the incoming Board of Directors. There are some new faces, and the Ridgeback Rambles wishes the best of success to the new Board. The Board of Directors and their contact information is listed below.

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RIDGEBACK RAMBLES EDITOR PASSES THE TORCH

Catherine Schock, long time Editor & Publisher of the Ridgeback Rambles, has passed those duties to David T. Hayek.

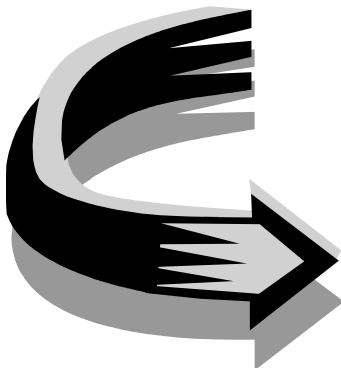
On behalf of the Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, the Ridgeback Rambles and the membership, we thank you Catherine for a job well done. We'll do our best to ensure the Rambles continues to be the outstanding newsletter you've worked to make it.



DUES NOTICE

According to OCRRC Bylaws, all 2002 Membership dues were to be sent in by February 1st.

No membership renewals will be accepted after April 15th without a completed membership application. **Second notice reminders** will be sent out during the month of March. If you receive one that you believe to be in error, please contact Meredith Wisniewski (949) 722-7155



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2002—CoCo's Restaurant, Orange, CA

Meeting called at 8:14 PM at CoCo's Restaurant in Orange.

Barbara Rupert motions and David Hayek seconds to approve General Meeting Minutes as published. Motion carries and the Minutes are approved.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

Thank you all for coming, we have a lot of new things for 2002; including a new show site. We will also try to fit in another Agility Fun Day.

Vice President's Report: Catherine Schock

The website is coming along and many members have responded favorably to receiving the newsletter via e-mail. Catherine is looking for someone to take over the newsletter. David Hayek has volunteered.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Rupert

Just received approval from the AKC for our 2002 Specialty judges and venue. The new obedience judge will be Ken Miller; Sweepstakes is Diane Jacobsen and Kent Delaney for Conformation.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Dickson

Checking: \$2794.89

Savings: \$125.61

CD: \$9110.65

Committee Reports:

Fall Match: Debra DeTolsei was unable to attend. Our thoughts are with her and her mother.

Specialty 2002- the venue and judges have been approved. Dick and David are still trying to figure out a way to fit lure coursing on the grounds. Looking to be able to finish Lure Coursing before dark.

Committee Members:

Obedience Chair: perhaps Dottie Ambrose would be interested

Exhibitors' Dinner: Nancy Brandewie

Lunch: Meredith Wisniewski

Lure Coursing Chair: Troy Abney

Lure Coursing Secretary:

Catalog/Sales: Catherine Schock

Trophies:

Parking:

Raffle: Brian and Vicki Swink

Accommodations: Nancy Brandewie

Nancy has done a lot of legwork. There are 30 rooms being held for OCRRC at the Best Western for \$89 per night plus a \$25 non-refundable pet fee. The B&B has 20 rooms available for \$100 per night. We are still working out the "group" details. The cost of RV parking is to be determined yet.

Old Business:

Barbara Rupert casts her vote to approve the slate as proposed. Mike Patterson President, Catherine Shock Vice-President, Meredith Wisniewski Treasurer, Debra DeTolsei Recording Secretary, Barbara Rupert Corresponding Secretary, Myrna Berger, Lisa Patterson, Leslie Walker and Nancy Brandewie Board Members.

Agility Fun Day- we had such a great time in 2000, we are still looking for open dates for this year.

The Club received a nice "Thank you" from the AKC Canine Health Foundation for our donation in honor of Dr. B Main. Cathy Main will receive a card.

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OCRRC Top Ten Through September 30,

1	CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGRHILL	E & J SCANTINI/ P MADDALONI	500
2	DC KIMANI'S HIGH PROFILE SC FCH CGC	D HAYEK	459
3	CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI	M & L PATTERSON	342
4	CH FIREDANCES HIS AMAZING GRACE	M & J SOROSKY	183
5	CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN	T ABNEY	175
6	CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	165
7	CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO	S & T ABNEY	153
8	CH RIVERCITY'S THIS BUD'S FOR YOU	P NICHOLAS	130
9	DC KARIBA NEWGOLD DREAM AT PHERON SC	C & J SCHOCK	105
10	OAKHURST HIGH SIERRA	M&M WARFIELD/B RUPERT	92

OCRRC Top Ten Through October 31, 2001

1	DC KIMANI'S HIGH PROFILE SC FCH CGC	D HAYEK	524
2	CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGRHILL	E & J SCANTINI/ P MADDALONI	500
3	CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI	M & L PATTERSON	372
4	CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	187
5	CH FIREDANCES HIS AMAZING GRACE	M & J SOROSKY	183
6	CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN	T ABNEY	175
7	CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO	S & T ABNEY	153
8	FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R	M & J SOROSKY	140
9	CH RIVERCITY'S THIS BUD'S FOR YOU	P NICHOLAS	139
10	OAKHURST HIGH SIERRA	M&M WARFIELD/B RUPERT	108

OCRRC Top Ten Through November 30, 2001

1	DC KIMANI'S HIGH PROFILE SC FCH CGC	D HAYEK	684
2	CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI	M & L PATTERSON	535
3	CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKES AT TRIGGRHILL	E & J SCANTINI/ P MADDALONI	526
4	CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	242
5	CH FIREDANCES HIS AMAZING GRACE	M & J SOROSKY	183
6	CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN	T ABNEY	175
7	FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R	M & J SOROSKY	158
8	CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO	S & T ABNEY	153
9	CH RIVERCITY'S THIS BUD'S FOR YOU	P NICHOLAS	149
10	OAKHURST HIGH SIERRA	M&m WARFIELD/B RUPERT	108

OCRRC Top Ten - 2001 Final Standings

1	DC KIMANI'S HIGH PROFILE SC FCH CGC	D HAYEK	763
2	CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI	M & L PATTERSON	612
3	CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKES AT TRIGGRHILL	E & J SCANTINI/ P MADDALONI	591
4	CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKA	C WISTROM	242
5	CH FIREDANCES HIS AMAZING GRACE	M & J SOROSKY	183
6	CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN	T ABNEY	175
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Conformation Events

All Breed Events (March 22 through April 28)

3/22	Scottsdale DFA, Inc. Scottsdale, AZ	4/6	Yosemite KC Merced, CA
3/23	Scottsdale DFA, Inc. Scottsdale, AZ	4/7	Yosemite KC Merced, CA
3/24	Tucson KC Tucson, AZ	4/13	Sacramento KC Sacramento, CA
3/25	Tucson KC Tucson, AZ	4/14	Sacramento KC Sacramento, CA
3/29	Sequoia KC Bakersfield, CA	4/20	Chief Solano KC, Vallejo, CA
3/30	Kern County KC Bakersfield, CA	4/21	Chief Solano KC, Vallejo, CA
3/31	Kern County KC Bakersfield, CA	4/27	Lake Matthews KC Chino, CA
		4/28	Lake Matthews KC Chino, CA

Specialty Events

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

Lure Coursing

AKC

3/16	Desert Fun Bunch Sighthound Club Gilbert, AZ (Test & Trial) (http://www.geocities.com/dfbaz/)
3/17	Desert Fun Bunch Sighthound Club Gilbert, AZ (Test & Trial) (http://www.geocities.com/dfbaz/)
3/30	California Coursing Assn Los Alamitos, CA (Test & Trial) (http://www.sunstag.org/IWHC/pages/short_pl.html)
3/31	California Coursing Assn Los Alamitos, CA (Test & Trial) (http://www.sunstag.org/IWHC/pages/short_pl.html)

ASFA

3/23	Monterey Bay Coursing Assn Hollister, CA (Trial)
3/24	Pharaoh Hound Fanciers Of N CA Hollister, CA (Trial)
3/30	California Coursing Assn Los Alamitos, CA (Certification) (http://www.sunstag.org/IWHC/pages/short_pl.html)
3/31	California Coursing Assn Los Alamitos, CA (Certification) (http://www.sunstag.org/IWHC/pages/short_pl.html)

Don't forget: Your courser must be ASFA certified to compete in the Lure Coursing at the National Specialty

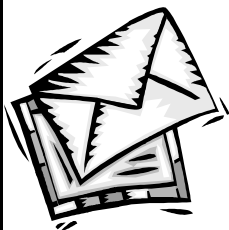
OCRRC Spring Match

April 20, 2002 Irvine Regional Park

OCRRC General Meeting

March 14, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the CoCo's Family Restaurant, 2585 N Tustin St., Orange, CA

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.

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.

BREED TEMPERAMENT AND TESTING (continued from Page 1)

sure the breed is advancing and developing in a positive direction. In this sense we do not only look at conformation but we also need to consider our dogs' health status and temperament. Most of today's breeders use canine individuals with good mentality and temperament in breeding programs. The temperament of both the stud dog and the brood bitch are equally important for a prospective breeding, especially when it comes down to comparing prospective pedigrees and show results. But the question remains: What really constitutes a good temperament in a dog?

The Swedish Civil Service Organization for Service Dogs has, since the 1950's, temperament tested many working and herding breeds. In the late 1990's, using specially developed temperament tests, the results were compiled into breed specific mental maps. The Swedish Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (SRRS), a parent club and active partner of the Swedish Kennel Club has started to test the RR breeding stock in the country. Today 2001, some 300 + individuals have been tested so far on a voluntary basis and a mental map is slowly being developed describing the behaviors of the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed.



Dr. Christina A. Wistrom, Of Afrikka Kennels, is a club member of the OCRRC, RRCUS and the Swedish Rhodesian Ridgeback Club,. Dr. Wistrom spent the summer of 2001 as a participant and observer at some Swedish Mental Testing Events of RR's. Dr Wistrom has agreed to give the general OCRRC membership a presentation of the current status of RR mental temperament testing programs that are currently underway within the Swedish RR club. The presentation will include actual video segments of RR's from different testing situations. Dr Wistrom will also discuss and include puppy temperament testing, puppy testing protocols as well as testing protocols for young RR 12 months and above.

The Ridgeback Rambles encourages all members to attend the general meeting and participate in Dr. Wistrom's presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

An abbreviated Treasurer's Report this month during the transition from our outgoing Treasurer Barb Dickson to our new Treasurer Meredith Wisniewski.

Statement as of February 20, 2002

Checking: \$2608.66

Savings: \$125.71

CD: \$9139.59

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (cont. from page 4)

New Business:

Donations for 2002

Dick Rupert motions and Brian Swink seconds that we donate \$50 to the Morris Animal Foundation, motion carries.

Leslie Walker motions and Meredith Wisniewski seconds that we renew our membership to the American Dog Owners Association for \$35, motion carries.

Leslie Walker motions and Rebecca Eastman seconds that we renew our membership for \$100 in the California Federation of Dog Clubs, motion carries.

Myrna Berger motions that we donate \$200 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Rhodesian Ridgeback Donor Advised Fund, Lisa Patterson seconds and the motion carries.

The Club has decided not to have links to other sites and vendors at this time.

Brian Swink has donated one year of web hosting to the Club. Our current contract expires in July. We will take Brian up on his offer at that time.

2003 and 2004 Specialty Judge choices will be mailed out to the membership in the next few weeks.

Spring Match 2002-

Barbara Dickson and Brian Swink are tentative Co-Chairs.

John Rodgers motions and Meredith Wisniewski seconds that we adjourn, motion carries and the meeting is adjourned. Time of adjournment was not noted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes for February 7, 2002

Meeting called to order @ 8:12pm at Mimi's restaurant in Yorba Linda.

Lisa Patterson makes a motion and Nancy Brandewie 2nds that the minutes be approved as published.

President's Report: Mike Patterson
Food for Thought: It has been proposed that the 2004 World Congress be held in So Cal in conjunction with the OCRRC Specialty.

Both general meetings and board meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, one month the general meeting, the next month the board meeting...

The next General Meeting will be March 14th at Coco's on Tustin Ave in Orange. Christina Wistrom will be discussing temperament testing.

We will ask for two nominations each from BARRC and the San Diego Club for both conformation and sweeps.

Vice President's Report: Catherine Schock (not in attendance)
Encourages everyone to get reports to David Hayek, our new newsletter editor.



Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Rupert

We need to submit our suggestions for Judges before February 20, if we plan to support the 2003 Inland Empire Hound Club show.

We proposed for Sweeps: Bonnie Norris, Elizabeth Moore, Lou Guerrero, Plais Avern, Danny Canino.
We proposed for Conformation: Theo Kjelstrom, Gary Newton, Valerie Hamilton-Preston, Keke Kahn.

Treasurer's Report: Meredith Wisniewski (not in attendance)
Meredith has taken over the books.

Membership applications now go to Debra de Tolsei, Recording Secretary.

Fall Match Report presented by Debra de Tolsei.

Spring Match Date: April 20, 2002 @ Irvine Regional Park

Our 2002 Specialty will be dedicated to Beach Mayne's memory

Lisa Patterson makes a motion, and Nancy Brandewie seconds that we adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.



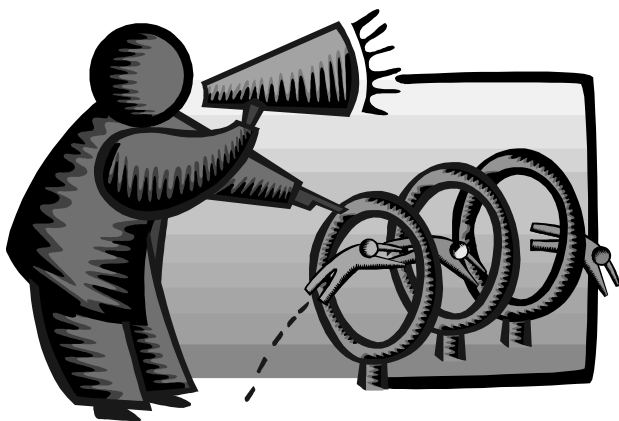
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- ◇ See you at the OCRRC General Meeting on March 14, 2002 at 7:30 (We recommend you arrive at 7:00 p.m. to order dinner)
- ◇ Don't forget to have your lure courser ASFA certified before the National Specialty