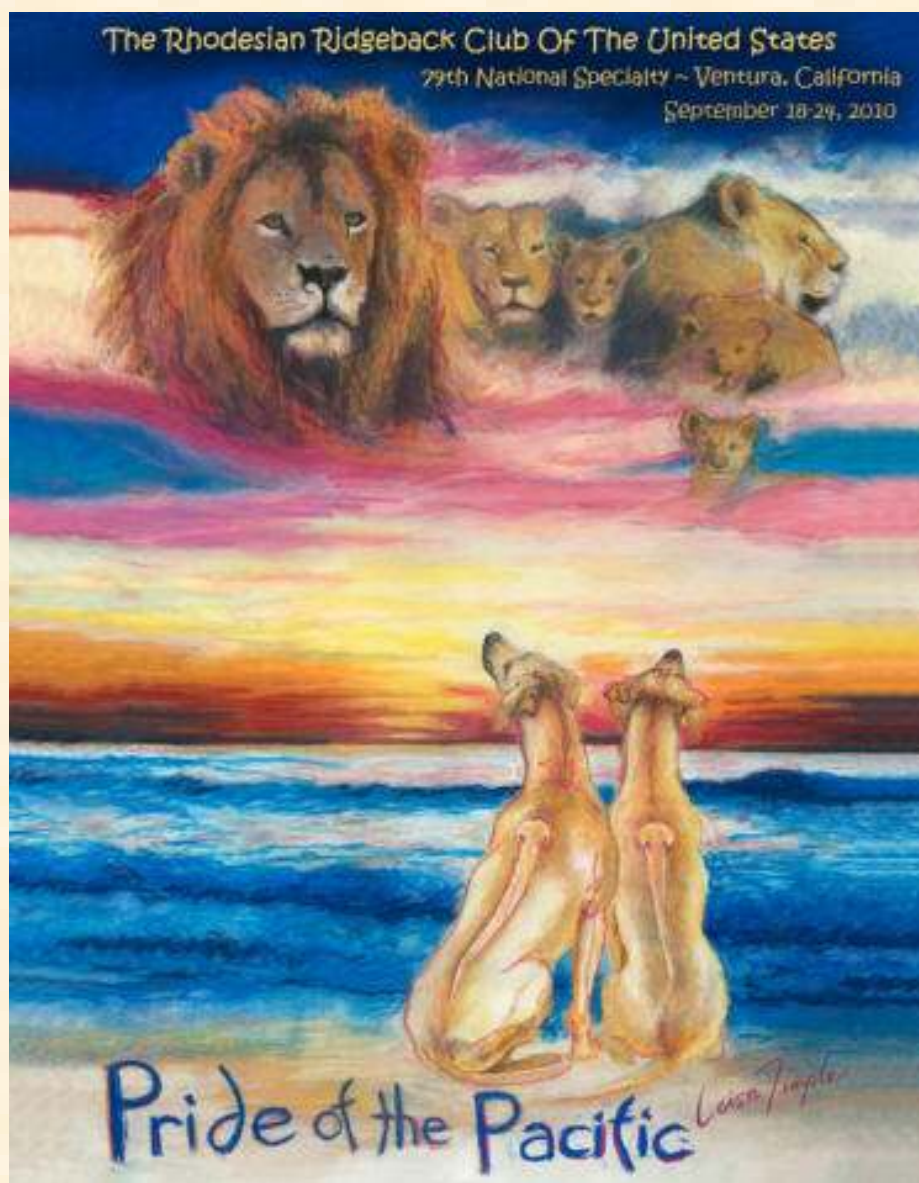


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**Pictorial Results for Sweepstakes including
Judge Kent's comments.**



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Sweepstakes

Comments from Judge Doreen Kent:

In my mind's eye, I have an outline of both a Ridgeback male and a female. I superimpose that vision over each dog as I study them on the stack. After that, of course, comes the evaluation of the essentials in the Ridgeback standard in order to evaluate true Ridgeback type.

I want to see a balance of good front and rear angulation - too much on one end at the expense of the other end is immediately recognizable and most likely will show up when the dog moves.

I like a certain amount of chest fill but not to the point where it shifts too much weight to the front end. I use an imaginary plumb line dropped from the pin bone to the ground - it should drop between the toes of the rear feet. Hocks should be short and perpendicular to the ground. A lot of handlers are falling short in properly setting up their dog's rear. This can be seen in a lot of show photos.

Sometimes there's a dog with spectacular skeletal structure - but in a plain brown wrapper. Where's the fault? Can't find anything serious, but they just don't jump out and grab me. Gotta make sure I don't overlook these silent "types".

Bird of prey yellow eyes unsettle me, but I won't necessarily dismiss a dog with such color if everything else is in synch and I have nothing else to pick from.

The head is the steering wheel of the dog and it most often sets type. If the head doesn't please me, chances are the dog doesn't please me. I noticed in some of the younger dogs a lessening in the length of muzzle - it throws the overall balance of the head way off kilter.

Overly short ridges, noticeable kink in the tail, and flat feet? I'm usually going to walk on by.

COLOR? Of little concern to me so long as I see wheaten. I don't like black introduced into the wheaten spectrum except on the ears, the muzzle, and eyeliner. There is a broad range of color from light wheaten to red wheaten, and all shades are correct. LIVER nose vs. BLACK nose - love 'em both. I get somewhat rankled when people criticize coat or nose color based upon their personal preference. Use that preference when buying or breeding dogs - not when judging them, and don't criticize a judge if they don't stay within a small spectrum of the wheaten color palette that you prefer. WHITE? Eh! Short socks don't bother me.

Movement? Down and back shows ability to single track - front legs single columns of support with no rotation at the wrist. Side go indicates reach and drive and strength of topline.

Size? Whoa! Some of the young males were already over standard. I'm not going to hold an inch or two over standard against an otherwise very nice dog, but an overly large Ridgeback has to have a lot more going for it than a dog within the standard. I don't want to see all Ridgebacks molded from a cookie cutter, but more is not necessarily better.

That pretty much encapsulates how I made my evaluations. Factor into that a willingness to show - not necessarily razzamatazz - but liking/accepting the fact that they're in the ring and willing to give a confident performance. Good handling plays into that, but I won't hold it against the young dogs with novice handlers.

The following is my evaluation of the dogs presented to me and for which I awarded ribbons. I'd say they all fell in lock step with the above, but I have made a few extra comments about each one. One thing one learns when judging - there has to be room for a great deal of forgiveness in our breed. It's not an easy breed to judge.

It's judging, so it's subjective. Spectators formulate opinions, but I'll guarantee those opinions could very well change when standing inside the ring doing the judging.



She's a woman who knows what she wants! (photo credit: Of Course Ridgebacks)

Monday evening, October 20, 2010 - VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

7 - 9 years – dogs

1st - CH. FREEDOM'S FIVE STAR GENERAL BY TIGRIS - I especially liked the overall balance of this dog - nothing overdone. It's as though God/nature put all his parts together in one thought. Strong topline, superb movement, expertly handled.

2nd - DC CAMELOT'S PROMISE TO BAKARI, ROM - Handsome head, good length of neck blending beautifully into well-angulated shoulders.

3rd - DC RIDGE VIEW'S CIRQUE OF THE TOWERS, SC, NA, NAJ, RN - Handsome head, neck and front structure.

4th - DC SULAWESI JAMAICA MISTAKA JUBA LEE MOON, SC, MC, RN - Masculine without being coarse. True to type. Would like to see more return of upper arm.



Veteran Dog 7-9; 1st Place
CH FREEDOM'S FIVE STAR GENERAL BY TIGRIS,
Breeder/Owner: Penny Weston

9 - 11 years - dogs

1st - DC FRELAND'S RUN BEYOND THE LIMIT, CDX, SC, AX, MSJ, RE, VCX - Nicely balanced dog from stem to stern. Strong topline standing and moving. Very impressive.

2nd - CH. FREEDOM'S BLAST O DYNAMITE BY TIGRIS - Holding age very well, good feet, nice mover.

3rd - INT'L CAN CH. AMANDLAS PRIDE OF THE ISLAND, ROM - Nicely conformed, soft expression. Starting to show a bit of age but certainly not to the point of not being able to successfully compete.

4th - BIF DC LIONRIDGE'S REMINGTON, MC, LCM, SC, CGC - A real showman. Nicely presented. A good example of a clear coat with perfect black markings on muzzle and ears.



Veteran Dog 9-11; 1st Place
DC FRELAND'S RUN BEYOND THE LIMIT, CDX, SC, AX,
MXJ, RE, VCX
Breeders: Lee Hedl and Mary-Lynn Jensen
Owners: Jennifer Underwood and T. Baggaley

11 years and older - dogs

1st place - CH. SULAWESI'S LEGAL LIMIT OF ASLAN, SC - He's still got it, and he's willing to lay it all on the line for all who observe. He commands attention. Holding his age beautifully. Top line as strong as it was when he was a young adult.

2nd place - AM CAN CH. HOWLYN'S STORMY KNIGHT - Another very nice example of Ridgeback type. Rear starting to weaken, but overall holding age very well.



Veteran Dog 11+; 1st Place
CH SULAWESI LEGAL LIMIT OF ASLAN, SC
Breeders: Liz & Chris Demery and C. Davies
Owners: Liz & Chris Demery

7 - 9 years - Bitches

1st place - DC ARCHETYPE HURRICANE ISABEL, LCX, MC - Beautifully conformed, exceptionally good mover. Lovely example of Ridgeback female type. (Boy, do I remember that hurricane.)

2nd place - CH. UMTALI'S C'EST LA VIE, SC - Lovely headpiece - soft, dark eyes, substantial body. Good angulation front and rear. Could use a bit more length of leg. Learned later that this dog's dam was BOS in Veteran Sweeps in 2008. Apples don't fall far from the trees.

3rd place - DC KODA'S AY CARAMBA, SC, RN - Like her name, exudes cuteness. Just a really nice, feminine female. Lovely headpiece.

4th place - CH. FIREDANCE'S SAVING GRACE BY WESTWOOD - I'm somewhat of a head freak, and this bitch has just one of the prettiest heads I've seen. Love the symmetry of the white markings against her golden wheaten color. Personality plus.



Veteran Bitch 7-9; 1st Place
DC ARCHETYPE HURRICANE ISABEL, LCX, MC
Breeder: Elizabeth Moore.
Owners: Craig & Sara Robinson, Elizabeth Moore
and David Bueno
Agent: Craig Robinson

9 - 11 years - Bitches

1st place - CH. WINDANA'S EARMARKED ASIA, JC - Nearly 11 years old and lookin' this good! Lovely bitch and despite the top end of the size standard for females, she's nicely holding it all together. She wasn't giving any room to any of the other competitors in her class. Nice show girl - lovely mover.

2nd place - CH. SULAWESI'S CASSIOPEIA - this is a lovely bitch that defies any deviation from the standard.

3rd place - CH. NASHIRA SPRGVLY ABSOLUT MIRACLE, SC - Just an overall nicely balanced female. Nothing overdone. Still moving true. Wonderful temperament.

4th place - DC LEXUS SHE'S GOT GAME BY TIGRIS, MC, RN, CGC, HIC - I could use her topline as a level. Nicely balanced. Feet holding form.



Veteran Bitch 9-11; 1st Place
CH WINDANA'S EARMARKED ASIA, JC
Breeders/Owners: Pat Hess and Dave Hess

11 years and older - Bitches

1st place - CH. ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGERHILL, AX, AXJ - Did you ever see a dog in the ring that just smacks you right across the face begging for the blue and deserving it? Well, this bitch did exactly that to me. She's a knock-out and, in addition, she lets you know that she ain't foolin' around when competing for top prize. I just absolutely loved her from the very first second I saw her.

2nd place - CEDARPOINT'S LADY LOCKSLEY - Very sound movement. Holding age very well.

3rd place - CH. MWEN-YEZI RAZ MTAZ - A pleasure to watch. Class will endure.

4th place - CH. AEGIS RUBY TUESDAY - Just hate it when I have to pick 4th out of 4. But, there really wasn't that much of a deviation between 2nd, 3rd, and 4th as far as quality and presentation.



Veteran Bitch 11+; 1st Place
CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAKE AT TRIGGERHILL,
AX, AXJ
Breeders: J. Belchamber and T. & D. Adams
Owners: E. & J. and J. Scattini and P. Maddaloni

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS

Well, if I have to tell you and you haven't already guessed based on my slathering about this senior citizen female, it's **CH. ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAK** AT TRIGGERHILL, AX, AXJ. It really was a no brainer for me. Kudos to her breeders and her owner/handler. Did I say how much I loved her? :-)



Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
CH ORANGEWOOD DOUBLETAK AT TRIGGERHILL, AX, AXJ
Breeders: J. Belchamber and T. & D. Adams
Owners: E. & J. and J. Scattini and P. Maddaloni

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN VETERAN SWEEPS

CH. SULAWESI LEGAL LIMIT OF ASLAN, SC - the "Hawkeye" has still got it. Outstandingly handsome dog - so true to Ridgeback type. A real touchstone of the breed.



Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes
CH SULAWESI LEGAL LIMIT OF ASLAN, SC
Breeders: Liz & Chris Demery and C. Davies
Owners: Liz & Chris Demery

Congratulations to all of you. What a privilege and great honor it was for me to lay my hands on all these beautiful dogs - all warriors of the show ring; all 4 star generals in the Ridgeback army.

Special thanks to my husband, Bill, for doing a 98% wonderful job acting as my ring steward. I wonder how many Ridgeback people know what a silent champion he is to the breed. Semper Fi - always faithful!

Tuesday, October 21, 2010 - Puppy Sweepstakes

6 - 9 months - dogs

1st place - JUSTICERIDGE DIABLO'S FLYING TIGER - I really liked the outline of this young male - a style that pleases my senses. Handsome head, dark eyes, nice ridge, strong mover. Exuded confidence. Just had his total act together.

2nd place - ARCHETYPE SPECIAL SELECTION - a handsome liver nose male. Very good angulation.

3rd place - JESMYSTERS BRAVE HEART - yet another example of front and rear balance in angulation. Felt the loin was a bit long.

4th place - JAMILLE'S LOVE POTION NUMBER NINE - not dissimilar to my 1st place dog, just not as strong a headpiece especially in the depth of muzzle, or strength in topline.

I was duly impressed with the quality of dogs in this class. I felt bad that I didn't have more ribbons.



6-9 Month Puppy Dog; 1st Place
JUSTICERIDGE DIABLO'S FLYING TIGER
Breeder: Tina Jones
Owners: Nancy Faville, Brett Kitcher, Tina Jones
and Rebecca Boese

9 - 12 months - dogs

Either the handlers are getting smaller or the dogs are getting bigger. Concerned about the great size of a lot of the dogs in this class. Many of them were very nice, just exceeding the top limit of the size standard. Hope they don't get bigger as they grow older.

1st place - JOBILA'S CLASSIC BREW - well put together, smooth moving for a big, young dog. Just 1 day shy of a year old.

2nd place - FIREDANCE'S LIFE OF RILEY - A classic example of a well-balanced dog with smooth movement and breed type, yet well above the upper limit of the height standard.

3rd place - DIABLO'S KONA FORCE OF NATURE - nice young male with good front and rear angulation and good movement. Neck could be longer and topline stronger - the latter most likely to improve with age.

4th place - DIABLO'S KONA FALLEN ANGEL - not dissimilar to my 2nd place dog but not as strong a topline on the stack and movement.



9-12 Month Puppy Dog; 1st Place
JOLIBA'S CLASSIC BREW
Breeders/Owners: Bing & Deborah Drastrup

6 - 9 months - bitches

1st place - DIVINA STRYKES AT LAST - a well-presented liver nose young lady. Alert, showy, incredibly mature in attitude at such a tender age. Needs maturing, but has all the ingredients to become a champion - I am certain.

2nd place - JESMYSTERS TOMBI INDUNA - nice body, feminine, good mover.

3rd place - ORANGEWOOD'S PEPPA PEPPARAZZI AT OLD RANCH - showy, strong mover. A bit more white up the throat than I would like to see.

4th place - BWANA BOMA'S DANCING IN MY DREAMS - beautifully presented, well-conditioned. With some maturing, this young lady will easily obtain her championship.



6-9 Month Puppy Bitch; 1st Place

DIVINA STRYKES AT LAST

Breeder: Catherine Acosta

Owner: Barbara Fischler

9 - 12 months - bitches

A large class of absolutely lovely females - again a case of where there just weren't enough ribbons.

1st place - ZAREBA'S BADDEST BESS - I had no problem finding this lovely young lady for the blue ribbon. I felt she was spot on female Ridgeback type. Gorgeous headpiece. Absolutely lovely.

2nd place - ADVENTURERR'S DARE TO DREAM - a sweet young thing - just too cute to put into words. Sound on the stack and movement with such a mature attitude throughout the entire judging process.

3rd place - DIABLO'S KONA FREE SPIRIT - To put it into one word? Nice! Shave an inch or two off her height, I might have done more for her.

4th place - COUNTY LINE'S BABYFACE ASSASIN - a lovely liver nose, nice angles, good mover. Could use a bit more length of neck.



9-12 Month Puppy Bitch; 1st Place

ZAREBA'S BADDEST BESS

Breeder: Marie Glodowski

Owners: Marie Glodowski and Marcin Glodowski

And my bookend picks for BEST and BOS in PUPPY SWEEPS -



BEST IN PUPPY SWEEPS - ZAREBA'S BADDEST BESS

Breeder: Marie Glodowski

Owners: Marie and Marcin Glodowski



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN PUPPY SWEEPS - JUSTICERIDGE DIABLO'S FLYING TIGER

Breeder: Tina Jones

Owners: Nancy Faville, Brett Kitcher, Tina Jones and Rebecca Boese

Tuesday, October 21, 2010 - Junior Sweepstakes

12 - 15 months - dogs

1st place - CJS RANCH ARCHETYPE KODA - really nice young male, well conditioned, good reach and drive. Great deal of self-assurance for a young dog.

2nd place - MAZEL TOV'S KING OF POP - strong, sound, symmetrical white markings on feet. A really nice young male.

3rd place - TOPOFOTHEROCKS GRANBY BEAR CLAW - handsome head, nice angles, needs a bit more maturing in body, but a really nice, nice dog.

4th place - SYMETRI KYLAN'S BAD AS I WANNA BE - a really nice young male on the lower end of the height standard, and there's absolutely nothing wrong with that. I liked his attitude - really cocky and self assured - lives up to his name. But for a bit more bend to stifle, I may have done more for him.



12-15 Month Junior Dog; 1st Place
CJ'S RANCH ARCHETYPE KODA
Breeders: Jane Bower and Cory Bower
Owners: Jimi Klopson and Elizabeth Moore

15 - 18 months - dogs

1st place - KITO'S MAGIC CARPET RIDE - Smooth, beautifully balanced front and rear, masculine elegance.

2nd place - CH. ROLLING'S ANSEL ADAMS BY SPRINGVALLEY - a very nice, true to standard, young male. Hard to decide between he and my 1st place dog, but feet were the deciding factor.

3rd place - SABERIDGE ARIE KNAZ - well put together, carried size well on stack and movement, perhaps a bit overangulated in rear.

4th place - PUPUKEA RIDGE KEI O' IKAIKA - handsome, much the same as 3rd place dog; however, in this dog I would like to see a bit more bend to stifle.



15-18 Month Junior Dog; 1st Place
KITO'S MAGIC CARPET RIDE
Breeders: Maryanne Draper and Susan Ralston VMD
Owners: Maryanne Draper and Sally Swenson

18 - 22 months - dogs

1st place - COPPER RIDGE ONE LUCKY LION - he just set in nicely with my mind's eye profile. Nothing overdone. Sound of mind and body. Showed beautifully.

2nd place - JUSTICERIDGE LEGACY OF PIERCE ARROW - I thought I saw a ghost of a Ridgeback past. He falls nicely in lockstep with his sire. Nice angles. Good length of neck.

3rd place - CH. SUNKISSED SOUL DESIRE BY JORDAN - definitely captures attention. Exudes strength. Head blends into neck and neck into well laid back shoulders. Chest needs to drop more. A bit tall, but I still liked him.

4th place - COPPER RIDGE ONE GOOD TIME CHARLIE - very smooth. Strong top-line. A nice example of light wheaten with dark eyes and black points. To fault this dog's color would be foolhardy. The only fault I could find is his size.



**18-22 Month Junior Dog; 1st Place
COPPER RIDGE ONE LUCKY LION**

Breeders: Anie Moran, Lin & Bob Hainlen and Aura Lee Savaglio

Owners: David Reicher and Aura Savaglio



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12 - 15 months - bitches

1st place - HUNTER RIDGE REMY MARTIN - anyone who knows me well knows that this would be my taste for female Ridgeback style. Lovely. So true to type.

2nd place - CJ'S RANCH ARCHETYPE TSUNAMI - not dissimilar to my 1st place pick. Hard to decide between the two. Headpiece made the difference.

3rd place - TOTR'S SWT JORJA BROWN GRANBY - another lovely, typey female but would like to see more length to neck.

4th place - KENNEBEC'S SOUL OF ASOMDWEE CGC, HIC - sound, foot in each corner. Strong mover, nice angles, but a bit big for a female.



12-15 Month Junior Bitch; 1st Place
HUNTER'S RIDGE REMY MARTIN
Breeders: D. Engelking, B. Brown and S. Shoemaker
Owners: Christie Buss and Diane Engelking
Agent: *Diane Engelking*

15 - 18 months - bitches

1st place - TIGRIS ALA-KA-ZOOOMI - again, anyone who knows me well knows that this would be my taste for female Ridgeback style. Lovely. So true to type.

2nd place - TIGRIS CERULEAN SPELL OF DESIRE - one doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to see that this lovely bitch was a littermate to the 1st place bitch. Took me a few more seconds than usual to decide between the two of them. Felt the front was not as strong on this bitch as her sister's but, otherwise, a lovely and typey female.

3rd place - ARCHETYPE SURFIN BAJA AT MIDNIGHT - exudes strength, sound, foot in each corner. Felt this bitch could use an inch more length of leg for vertical balance.

4th place - SABERIDGE THE SECRET AT DESERT RIDGE - nice female type. Lovely head. Felt length and return of upper arm could be better.



15-18 Month Junior Bitch; 1st Place
TIGRIS ALA-KA-ZOOOMI
Breeders/Owners; Lisa Ganje-Patterson and Mike Patterson

18 - 22 months - bitches

1st place - COPPERRIDGE ONE FELL SWOOP - when it's hard to fault a dog, it's hard not to give them the blue. I really, really liked this bitch. All the parts fit together. Good feet, good amount of bone for body substance, lovely head, beautiful, effortless movement.

2nd place - KORU'S C'YA LATER, CGC - lovely head, crested neck blending into a lovely front. Perhaps a bit too much slope to the pelvis. A bit overhanded in the ring.

3rd place - TARA-RIDGE HALLEY'S COMET - nice head and front. A bit overangulated in the rear, but hocks held strong and straight.

4th place - KENNEBEC'S HEARTHROB BY IVY LEAGUE - nice balance, nice return of upper arm, good feet, leaning slightly toward a less than feminine head.



**18-22 Month Junior Bitch; 1st Place
COPPERRIDGE ONE FELL SWOOP**
Breeders: Aura Savaglio, Lin and Bob Hainlen
Owners: Stephen Hovanec and Aura Lee Savaglio
Agent: Aura Lee Savaglio



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and for another set of bookends - littermates which I wasn't conscious of when judging them.



BEST IN JUNIOR SWEEPS - COPPERRIDGE ONE FELL SWOOP

Breeders: Aura Savaglio, Lin and Bob Hainlen

Owners: Stephen Hovanec and Aura Lee Savaglio Agent: *Aura Lee Savaglio*



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN JUNIOR SWEEPS - COPPER RIDGE ONE LUCKY LION

Breeders: Anie Moran, Lin & Bob Hainlen and Aura Lee Savaglio

Owners: David Reicher and Aura Lee Savaglio

It was such an honor to judge such a large entry of quality Ridgebacks and many future champions and standard-bearers of our breed. Thanks to all the breeders, owners, and handlers for allowing me to pass judgment on your dogs. It was a privilege. Bill and I enjoyed every minute we spent in Ventura. It was a lovely Specialty and the result of a lot of hard work and dedication by a savvy show committee.