

2014 USRC National Sieger Show and IPO Championship

On October 2-5, 2014 Old Dominion Rottweiler Klub hosted the USRC 2014 National Sieger Show and National IPO Championship at beautiful Frying Pan Park located in Herndon, Virginia. ADRK Koermeister, Helmut Weiler, presided over the National Sieger Show while ADRK Judge, Heinrich Woempner, officiated the National IPO Championship. The Judge's supporting helpers for the National Championship were: Scott Carlson, SchH III Front Half, Waine Singleton, SchH III Back Half; and Daniel Kemp, SchH I & II.

Draw night began on October 2, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel in Reston Virginia, a beautiful and spacious hotel who willingly accommodated our guests and dogs. The Sheraton Hotel was the scene for early registration and information for both the trial and show event. The moment of meet and greet allowed the participants to meet their fellow colleagues in the sport and share from this year's experience at other events. Dog lovers enjoy exchanging stories about the year's events in the dog-sport.

The IPO National Championship began on October 3 with ADRK Judge, Heinrich Woempner; who officiated 11 dogs participating in Phase A (tracking) at Manassas Battlefield in Manassas Virginia. The battlefield is a picturesque 5,000 acre site containing plush grass and rolling hills. If you are a nature enthusiast or a history buff, this is an ideal place to tour. There was plenty of room for tracking. However, the tracking dogs did not look favorably upon some of the competitors as 6 of the 11 dogs did not pass. The day of tracking was not all bleak. There was a bright and shining light as Kathleen Sanderson's IPO I dog, Bakko van Thuredrecht, achieved a perfect score of 100. Congratulations! Well done. Dan Williams with his IPO II Nite Raiders Nomad received a high IPO II score of 80, while Zenopia Boyle with her IPO III dog, King dar von Evman received the high IPO III score of 94.

Day two started with light rain in the early morning and a gentle cool breeze that eventually gave way to a beautiful day with the temperature in the 70's. The sun came through the clouds to shine upon all competitors and spectators who came to support their friends, family, and colleagues in the dog sport. Once the German and American national anthem was played, Judge Heinrich Woempner gave the signal to begin the B portion of the trial, obedience. Kathleen Sanderson with her IPO I dog, Bakko van Thuredrecht managed to obtain the high IPO I score of 86. On this day, Sandra Johnson, who did not fare well the previous day with her dog Oakies von den Dreiberger in tracking, managed to find her focus in obedience to obtain the high score 90 in the IPO II class. Sandra's determination exemplified good sportsmanship and confidence in Oakies von den Dreiberger. Well done Sandra in not allowing one bad day to define commitment and devotion to both the sport and dog.

Finally, the IPO III dogs began their performance. This group proved to be quite competitive for these dogs are well trained and experienced in the IPO III routine. However, we all know that dogs do have a mind of their own and handlers can become quite nervy in competition. Nevertheless, the tension was not enough to deter David Martin whose dog, Kingston Martin

vom Bullenfield, scored a 92. Looking for redemption was Erik Freitag, who in the previous day in tracking did not fare well. With a new day ahead, Erik arrived focused with his dog, Cimbo vom haus Rosenberger to receive a high IPO III score of 93. Congratulations to both David and Erik, along with their dogs in receiving high scores in obedience.

While the IPO competitors were completing the obedience routine, the lower half of the field was preparing for the National Sieger event. There was much anticipation as to who would have a very promising puppy, V rated dog, or who would win the National Sieger/Siegerin Class. Owners were eager to see where their puppies and dogs placed among their peers. The tension was evident as each handler took their respective walks or moment of meditation seeking to relax. Handlers were repeatedly grooming their dogs, attempting to make sure that their dog was ready for the show ring.



ADRK Kormeister, Helmut Weiler

Once the IPO B portion of the event was over for the day, the competitors, whose nerves had subsided, were now more relaxed and focused on food. The competitors could now breathe, relax and eat some of the delicious food that the ODRK members had prepared for all participants and guests at the lower end of the field, next to the show ring. The smell of barbecued hamburgers, hotdogs, turkey burgers, was a tempting enticement to many guests and participants who could smell what was cooking and see from afar the smoke signal for food. Once they approached the food area, they were not disappointed. They were greeted with smiles, laughter, and a willingness to serve by all who managed the food concession. They were excited to find not only barbecue food but very good warm chili, cole slaw, and an assortment of refreshments.

Once presiding ADRK Koermeister, Helmut Weiler, was ready, the 2014 USRC National Sieger/Siegerin event began. The afternoon began with 31 entries into the Puppy Class. How to

distinguish the beauty of these puppies could only be left to the honorable ADRK Koermeister, Helmut Weiler. The honor of the best 4-6 Month Male Puppy went to Vipir von der Rod, "Very Promising", whose breeder is Alex Rodriguez and owner is Deborah Brown. The 6-9 Month Male Puppy class went to Aston von der Brown, "Very Promising", whose breeder is Hal Brown and the owner, Shawn Sharpe. In the 9-12 Month Male Puppy class "Very Promising" went to Black Onyx You Bet Im Somethin of Quarterwoods whose breeder is Brian Beard and owner, Stephanie Lubbers & Brian Beard. Congratulations to the winners and the entire male puppy class.

The Sieger/Siegerin show moved forward with the female puppies. The 4-6 Month Female Puppy class went to Duchess vom Carrabba Haus, "Very Promising", breeder and owner Brandon Carrabba. This was then followed by the 6-9 Month Female Puppy class winner, Bella vom Calvario, "Very Promising", breeder: Jose & Cecilia Velazco and owner: Jose Velazco. The 9 - 12 Month Female Puppy class had no participant.

On this day the Sieger/Siegerin show was occasionally spiced up with several raffle give aways. Who knew that many dog lovers would love the opportunity to win dog items, such as collars, leashes, balls, e-collars, Afghan carpets, and a well-built crate? You would think that these experienced dog lovers would already have everything in their possession. This did not stop anyone from a chance at winning. It was exciting to see everyone stop to check their raffle ticket/s. However, I do recall one person seeming to win a whole lot of time. I guess this is what they mean by stating "you have to be in it to win it." I guess there is a lesson in this matter. If you want to win, you must participate. Congratulations to the raffle winners.

Then came the Youth classes. The Youth group ranges from 12-24 months. Here are the results of the following: Male Youth group. The winner of 12-18 Month Male Youth honor went to Beckham von Herrschaft V1 whose breeder and owner are Aaron & Stephanie Tabor. In the 18-24 Month Male Youth category we have V1 Gryphon vom Bullenfeld, whose breeder is Aleksandar Petrovic and the owner: Suzette Matthews. Attention was then drawn to the 12 - 18 Month Female Youth with V1 Brita von Herrschaft whose breeder and owner are Aaron & Stephanie Tabor. The 18 - 24 Month Female Youth went to V1 Sangria von Herrschaft, breeder and owner Aaron & Stephanie Tabor.

The final event of the day was the battle for Best Male/Female Puppies and Youth Sieger/Siegerin. The Best Male Puppy went to the winner of the male 4-6 month class, Vipir von der Rod, bred by Alex Rodriguez and owned by a very happy Deborah Brown. The Best Female Puppy went the winner of the female 4-6 month class, Duchess vom Carraba Haus, owned and bred by Brandon Carraba. The USRC National Youth Sieger title went to the winner of the male 18-24 month class, Gryphon vom Bullenfeld, owned by a jubilant Suzette Matthews. The USRC National Youth Siegerin title went to the winner of the female 12-18month class, Brita vom Herrschaft, owned and bred by Aaron and Stephanie Tabor.

With the second day ending many of the competitors, friends and family joined ODRK members at the Sheraton Hotel for the Judges dinner. The ambiance was intimate and the setting beautiful. The food, music, and conversation were stimulating. Everyone was relaxing and re-energizing

their body and mind for the final day. While several stayed out late enjoying the companionship of another, others opted to retreat early to their rooms.

On the final day, October 5 the USRC National IPO Champion and National Sieger/Siegerin would be determined. The day began with a very brisk morning that included frost on the ground. This was an unexpected change in temperature, but not enough to deter the true enthusiast. With Judge Heinrich Woempner still presiding the final phase C (protection) was to begin. We all knew that the protection portion of the trial would truly warm up the day. The IPO I dog/handler teams began with Alyssa Larson whose trial had not gone as well as expected to this point. However, her dog, Torch von den Dreiberger, heated up the event with a scorching 92. Wow! But things would even get more heated as this was followed by Kathleen Sanderson with her dog Bakko van Thuredrecht scoring a 94. Congratulations to both competitors in bringing the heat to the IPO I USRC Nationals. We knew then that this day could only get better. This was followed up in the IPO II class by Dan Williams' Nite Raiders Nomad scoring a 92. We all love to see good protection routines. The IPO I & II competitors did bring the drive to heat up a brisk Sunday morning.

Just when you thought things were warming up, the IPO III dogs came forth with their own source of heat. It was truly amazing to watch each dog continue to impress the spectators. Lori Shinton with her dog, Ammo vom Krieghammer Meute, scored an amazing 98. However, just when you thought things could not get any hotter, Erik Freitag with his dog, Cimbo vom haus Rosenberger, scored a perfect 100. Congratulations for the high score!!



Daniel Kemp, Dan Williams & Hi IPO2 Nite Raiders Nomad, Scott Carlson, Sue Boyle & 2nd place IPO3 King dar von Evman, ADRK Judge Heinrich Woempner, Dave Martin & National IPO3 Champion Kingston Martin vom Bullenfeld, Kathleen Sanderson & Hi IPO1 Bakko van Thuredrecht, and Waine Singleton

With the conclusion of the IPO III protection completed the honorable judge Heinrich Woempner tallied all the scores from all three phases, tracking, obedience, and protection. When the scores were tallied by the judge, the 2014 USRC National IPO Champion was David Martin and his dog, Kingston Martin vom Bullenfeld. Congratulations to all the participants who impressed us all with their devotion to training and love for the dog-sport. For complete results of all the winners in their respective class please read the insert below.

The National Championship was David Martin with his dog Kingston Martin vom Bullenfeld

High IPO II Dan Williams, Nite Raiders Nomad

High IPO I Kathleen Sanderson, Bakko van Thuredrecht

High Handler Owner Trained Kathleen Sanderson, Bakko van Thuredrecht

High Protection David Martin, Kingston Martin vom Bullenfeld

High Tracking Kathleen Sanderson, Bakko van Thuredrecht

High Obedience David Martin, Kingston Martin vom Bullenfeld

High in Trial Kathleen Sanderson, Bakko van Thuredrecht

High Scoring Female None

With the IPO trial officially over, attention shifted towards the Breed Suitability Test. The day was also encouraging in that all the dogs entered demonstrated the correct Rottweiler standard in overall appearance, body proportions, and temperament. ADRK Koermeister, Helmut Weiler presided over the evaluation of the six dogs shown for the Breed Suitability Tests while Daniel Kemp provided the protection portion of the BST. All six dogs passed the Breed Suitability Test: Kingston Martin vom Bullenfeld, breeder Vladimir Petrovic and owner David Martin; Nacht Schattens Chaos, breeder Jennecks and owner: Douglas & Jan Harris; Oakies von den Dreiberger "Floyd", breeder: Erika Butler and owner: Sandra Johnson; Lucie von der Rod, breeder and owner Alex Rodriguez; Jinn vom Hause Neubrand, breeder: Alfons & Oliver Neubrand and Alex Rodriguez; Torch von den Dreiberger, breeder: Erika Butler and owners: Alyssa Larson & Erika Butler. Congratulations to all breeders and owners who consciously and willingly kept the importance of the Rottweiler standards in their breeding program.

The day came to a conclusion with Koermeister, Helmut Weiler proceeding in evaluating the adult male and female class. The Open Males winner was Arnold von Brukroft V1, breeder

Bruno Amendola and owner: Vincent Carrabba. Working Male, Enoch vom Carrabba Haus, breeder, Vince Carraba and owner Mike Lewis. Champion Male V1 Etto 'Big Warrior', breeder: Besovic Mladen Owner: Stephanie & Aaron Tabor. Sieger Class V1 Tito Earl Antonius, breeder: Slavica & Ljuba Latinovic, Owner: Stephanie & Aaron Tabor.

Open Females winner Lucie von der Rod, breeder and owner Alex Rodriguez. Working Females Jinn vom Hause Neubrand, Breeder: Alfons & Oliver Neubrand; Owner: Alex Rodriguez. Champion Female, von Roxmar's Run for the Roses V Flatlicks, Breeder: Melissa Fucci-Baker & Patrica W Edwards, Owner: Lisa Fucci-Baker & Patrica W Edwards. Siegrin Class V1 Tabea vom Wilden Westen, Breeder: Edgar Hellmann Owner: Brandon Bright. Female Veteran, V1 Naomi von der Holzhaussiedlung, Breeder: Daniel Kemp and Owner: Jorge Nieves.



National Sieger, Enoch vom Carraba Haus, and owner, Mike Lewis along with National Siegerin, Lucie von der Rod, and owner, Alex Rodriguez

Congratulations to all participants. For a complete viewing of the **2014 USRC National Sieger Show** winners in each group see the insert below.

2014 USRC National Sieger Show

Sieger: Enoch vom Carrabba Haus

Siegerin: Lucie von der Rod

Select Male: Arnold von Brukroft

Select Female: von Roxmar's Run for the Roses V Flatlicks

Youth Sieger: Gryphon vom Bullenfeld

Youth Siegerin: Brita von Herrshaft

Best Male Puppy: Vipir von der Rod

Best Female Puppy: Duchess vom Carrabba Haus

The USRC 2014 National Sieger Show and National IPO Championship, hosted by Old Dominion Rottweiler Klub, finally came to its conclusion. There were many who expressed contentment for the opportunity to compete and show their dogs. Many compliments were given for ODRK's hospitality and willingness to serve with a vow to return to another ODRK & URSC event. Yes, there were a few that left without trophies, but others vowed next time they are walking away with some hardware. Win or lose, the atmosphere was exciting, energizing, and enthusiastic.

I would like to take the time to thank several individuals who made the USRC 2014 National Sieger Show and National IPO Championship possible, Chuck Wilson, President of the USRC, and his committee, especially Art Starbird, USRC SE Regional Director, who facilitated all the necessary documents to secure the events approval. Also, ODRK who willingly took the lead in hosting an arduous event, particularly John Dickinson, President of ODRK, and his committee, Hugh Wilson, Kimberly Futch, Justin and Jenna who were present for most of the preparations. Thank you also goes to all the ODRK members, family and friends who sacrificed time, money, and sleepless nights to make this a very fruitful event.