

## DOUBLE BUBBLE DESCRIPTION

For those new to Vizslas and those who have never attended a “Double Bubble” before, following is a description of what to expect.

Double Bubble is named that because at one time the weekend was divided into two days of vizsla fun with one day being the specialty show and the next day being a variety of events for dogs and people. However, over time the specialty show expanded and therefore it was difficult for many people to attend both events. Thus the event was moved to a different weekend. There are still two days of events.

Saturday at Double Bubble is typically a nice training day for people who would like to learn about doing field trials and/or hunt tests. There will be “seasoned” competitors who will give a talk and maybe a demonstration of what is expected, how to enter, and answer questions. There may also be other seminars or training events. You will have to check the yearly schedule to see what is on the agenda. Saturday evening there is a **FREE** steak dinner for those who members of the Vizsla Club of Illinois. For anyone else attending, they will need to pay \$10 per person. The ladies of the club and anyone else who attends and would like to participate bring a dish to pass and the club provides free steaks. It makes for a huge banquet. Sometimes the dinner is held at the Busch Farm in Winnebago, and other times it is held at the Event Center for Toni’s of Winnebago, which is a restaurant in Winnebago owned by a club member. Again, you will need to check the event flier to see where it will be and the time.

Sunday events usually start with the Locate & Point at 9:00 a.m. This is where a bird is put in the field and a dog is timed on how fast it finds the bird. There is a fee for the bird and you can enter many times. There will be an obstacle course set up similar to an agility course which people can practice with their dog throughout the day and then eventually there will be a timed run for anyone who wishes to participate for a trophy. Wing & String is an event for puppies up to six months of age. Pups, one at a time, will be in a small ring with someone who has a pheasant wing on a fishing pole string and the pups are judged on how fast and how well they point the wing. This is also divided into two age groups and trophies are given to the winners and ribbons to the other three placing pups.

During the day the photo contest for next year’s calendar takes place on the Busch porch. Members are allowed four votes each and they vote on the photos that have been submitted by club members. There is a fee of \$10 for each photo submitted. Highest vote getter gets back 10% of the earnings and gets on the cover of the next year’s calendar. The other 12 highest vote getters get a full page photo in the calendar, and if room permits, all others will have a small photo in the calendar.

There will be a pigeon and/or quail bird planting contest for children. Kids are divided into two age groups and taught how to put a bird to sleep. Those with the longest sleeping birds win a trophy and other placements will be given.

A Doggie Cake Walk will take place during the day. This is simply walking around in a circle with dog paws on the ground and as the music stops everyone must find a paw to stand on. Anyone not on a paw is eliminated. As each round continues, a paw is removed so there is always one less paw than person with dog. Prizes will be given to contestants.

There will be a Pigeon Plop board with squares and people can purchase a square. Wherever the pigeon plops is the winner and that winner splits the pot with the club.

During the day people will be passing out Red Dog Green Backs which are “funny money” to use later in the day for a different raffle. Red Dog Green Backs can be earned by donating a raffle item for the raffle (contact event coordinators ahead of time), buy raffle tickets for the other raffle, bring a slightly used but nice basket to be used at next year’s awards dinner for their raffle items, every event you enter you get Red Dog Green Backs, if you win or place in an event you get RDGBs, if you help/work at Double Bubble, and other methods will be used to passing out funny money during the day. At some time in the afternoon there will be an auction of items which can be purchased using the Red Dog Green Backs. This is a ton of fun. Watch people bid millions of dollars on items.

Later in the day there will be a Rubber Ducky Race. Participants purchase a yellow rubber duck at the table under the tent. Approximately 3 pm a race will be held down the stream. The winning duck will receive 50% of the money taken in.

Hot dogs, chips, and soda will be sold very inexpensively during the lunch time.

If you have questions, you can call any of the three event coordinators or the club president:

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A map showing how to get to Busch Farm in Winnebago, Illinois (10 miles west of downtown Rockford) will be on this web site.