

Help Wanted!

Please contact
Cathy Gallagher at
siennapointe@dls.net
**If you have any experience
with desktop publishing or
instructional design.**

Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity Does your breeding have what it takes?

American Field Registered Event
"Let's keep them litters nominated!" - Hank Rozanek

Rodney Albin, Standing Secretary
Nomination forms and rules available at
www.vizslaclubofillinois.org/mvff.htm



2007 MVF Winner
Wegler Kember Kayla
Owned & Bred by: Greg Wegler



The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc

September 2007

BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

UAGII CH Jnek's Royal Legacy JH NA NAJ

Sire: BIS BISS CH Jnek's King Ralph JH ROM

Dam: Ch Jnek's Royal Elegance JH

DOB: 2/26/05

It started out innocently enough... Maybe it was time to fill the void left by our beloved black lab. The kids will be off to college. What about a Vizsla? I grabbed a friend and headed to the IKC show in Chicago. I was fortunate enough to talk to several people about Vizslas that day. They were barely able to contain their enthusiasm for the breed. The more I saw, the more I liked.



I would like to credit all the wonderful instructors at WAG (WI-IL Agility Group) for helping to build the foundation of what I hope will be a long, successful agility career. With only one class per week, Lexi earned both her novice UKC titles on the same day and in only two trial weekends. We then began competing in AKC trials. She completed her Novice Standard title with three perfect qualifying scores, and by the end of our third trial weekend, she had both Novice titles and

There was, however, one dog that I couldn't take my eyes off of (Ralph), and as he carried his BOB ribbon out of the ring, I followed him. Luckily, he led me to Kathy and Jeff Engelsman who later entrusted me with this special girl, and for that (as well as their valuable guidance) I can never thank them enough. Exactly one year later, Ralph's daughter "Lexi" would win best puppy in breed at that very show with none other than ME at the helm!

Lexi hit the show trail along with her two littermates CH Jnek's Sir Charles Barkley JH and CH Jnek's Keep On Dancing. All three finished quickly. Nothing topped watching Kathy guide Lexi to her biggest win as Best of Winners at the Miami Valley Vizsla Club Supported Entry. Christine Engelsman finished Lexi's championship at the Kishwaukee Kennel Club show with a four point major. What a ride!

Jeff and Kathy shared their enthusiasm for the field so we decided to give it a try. Lexi is definitely a bird maniac. She earned her Junior Hunter easily DESPITE her handler (me!) Thank goodness for judges that always knew she was on point before I did! This is definitely an area that we are excited about continuing. Kim Frank, thanks for always being there and loaning me all your stuff!

one Open Standard leg! Like her dad, she loves to carry her ribbons in her mouth and upon entering the house after a trial, parades around until she has shown everyone her ribbon....including the cats!!

It was difficult trying to decide on a picture for this cover. This one was taken by Jenny Thill while we were out with our dogs on a cold winter day looking for pheasant. As we rounded the bend, my young pup caught sight of the rushing stream, something she had never seen before. As she stood on the rock, mesmerized, Jenny snapped the picture. To me it epitomizes what it really is all about. Sure, it's fun to get titles but there really is nothing like going out with good friends and running your dogs!

What was life before Lexi? Her exuberant personality and can do attitude fills the house and has brought so much to our family. Her antics keep us on our toes. So what if she takes up more than her fair share of the bed!

We are excited to see what the future holds for this versatile vizsla. She was BORN ready....she's just waiting on me!

Submitted by Tammy Sparks

The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc
Bulletin Editor
Amy Wukotich
2711 W. Haddon Ave. #3
Chicago, IL 60622



President ~ Began 2007

Jim Gingrich
2930 N. Winnebago Rd.
Winnebago, IL 61088
815.335.3242
jamesgingrich@aeroinc.net

Vice President ~ Began 2006

Dennis Nowak
2820 Brook Ct.
Joliet, IL 60435
815.439.0720
dennisnowak@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer ~ Began 2006

Cheryl Lykowski
516 S. Echo Lane
Palatine, Illinois 60067
847.359.3934
cheryllykowski@comcast.net

Secretary ~ Began 2006

Jodi Cieslak
39W571 S. Hyde Park
Geneva, IL 60134
630.232.4297
jodicieslak@hotmail.com

2006 Board of Directors

Rodney Albin ~ Began 2005
2445 Carter Rd
Moscow Mills, MO 63362
636.366.9746
albinsquailfarm@worldnet.att.net

Mike Dalby ~ Began 2007
0N900 Probst Ct.
Maple Park, IL 60151
630.365.0221
K3DAWGS@aol.com

Jeff Parise ~ Began 2006
1136 W Fullerton #2
Chicago, IL 60614
773.744.1224
jeffpis@sbcglobal.net

Cathy Gallagher ~ Began 2007
1405 Surrey Lane
Algonquin, IL 60102
847.458.5886
siennapointe@dls.net

Michel Berner ~ Began 2006
W342S3976 Moraine Hills Dr
Dousman, WI 53118
262.719.6946
michel@miravizslas.com

Mark Spurgeon ~ Began 2005
5200 Shattuck Rd
Belvidere, IL 61008
815.547.9027
crimonskyvizslas@t6wireless.com

Field Trial Supernumerary

Greg Hedien
W89 Circle Drive
Mundelein, IL 60060
847.566.6655
dlcleo@yahoo.com

Membership Chair & Directory Developer

Linda Busch
2643 Keith Rd.
Winnebago, IL 61088
815.335.7673
lbusch@aeroinc.net

Volunteer / Database Coordinator

Jodi Cieslak
39W571 S. Hyde Park
Geneva, IL 60134
630.232.4297
jodicieslak@hotmail.com

Hunt Test Supernumeraries

Patty & Dennis Nowak
2820 Brook Ct.
Joliet, IL 60435
815.439.0720
dennisnowak@sbcglobal.net

Legislative Committee Chair

Mark Johnson
2985 Keith Road
Winnebago, IL 61088
815.335.2959
johnson2985@areoinc.net

Education Committee Chair

Amy Bowden
14512 S. Birchdale Drive
Homer Glen, IL 60491
708.301.5877
penquita8@yahoo.com

Specialty Standing Chair

Kathy Harmer
7541 Edwardsville Rd
Rockford, IL 61102
815.963.3039
polarkap@aol.com

Webmaster & AKC Education / Program Chair

Michel Berner
W14849 Scotch Pine Road
Fairchild, WI 54741
262.719.6946
michel@miravizslas.com

Bulletin Editors

Cathy Gallagher
1405 Surrey Lane
Algonquin, IL 60102
847.458.5886
siennapointe@dls.net
and
Amy Wukotich
2711 W. Haddon Ave. #3
Chicago, IL 60622
773.330.8347
amyndobes@sbcglobal.net

Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity Secretary

Rodney Albin
2445 Carter Rd
Moscow Mills, MO 63362
636.366.9746
albinsquailfarm@att.net

Opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI or it's Board of Directors. The VCOI endorses the efforts of the VCA and the OFA to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs, and encourages it's members to use only normal breeding stock. Advertising Rates Per Issue: Half Page \$10.00 Quarter Page \$5.00 Business Card \$2.50 Color ads, any size, will require a price quote before printing. Ads are limited to one half page per family per issue. Editor may limit advertising due to space limitations. All ads must be paid in full before printing and contain the full OFA rating of the sire and the dam. Copies of the OFA certificate must be sent with the ad. Deadline for submission to the Bulletin is on the first of each even numbered month. Deadlines are non-negotiable! Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month period. Color covers are available, please ask the editor for a price quote to cover additional printing costs. All brags, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the Editor. All photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI. Exception to the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

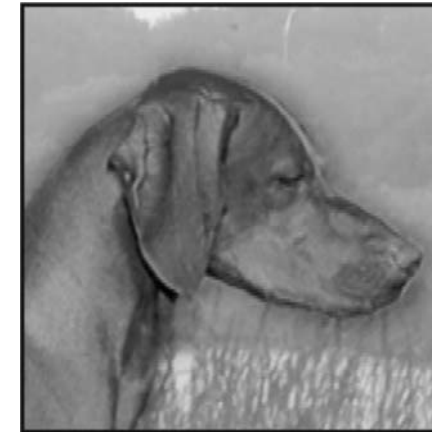
If your dog has completed a prefix title (CH, FC, AFC, CT, MACI, OTCH, etc.) and you would like to reserve a cover, please contact Amy Wukotich at amyndobes@sbcglobal.net

Only one more cover left for 2007-November!

VCOI Website: www.vizslaclubofillinois.org
Subscribe to the VCOI e-mail list: VCOIinc-subscribe@yahoo.com



JNEK VIZSLAS



HOME OF "KING RALPH"

NUMBER ONE TOP PRODUCING SIRE IN THE COUNTRY
CELEBRATING OUR 5TH GENERATION OF AKC DNA VIZSLAS

KATHY AND JEFF ENGELSMAN
630/858-9043
ENGELSMAN@JUNO.COM
GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137

Sienna Pointe Vizslas To 11/07
Breeders of healthy, happy Vizslas with excellent temperaments and talent in agility, conformation, field and obedience!




Cathy & Larry Gallagher
847.458.5886
siennapointe@dls.net
www.siennapointevizslas.net

Heartsong Vizslas To 11/07
TYPE ~ BALANCE ~ MOVEMENT
Home of BISS Ch Prairie Heartsong
Breeding for health, temperament, conformation, & birdiness



Jan Cox
Ph 859.509.6696 ~ Fax 859.269.5843
Jan@heartsongvizslas.com
www.heartsongvizslas.com
Breeding occasionally/puppies to approved homes

Jerry Jordan, Owner
Kojac Kennels



Training Available for all Pointing Breeds
"Problem" Dogs a Specialty

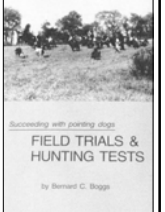
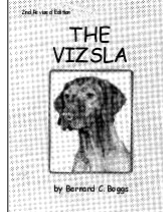
3303 56th St. Trail
Center Point, IA 52213
Phone: 319-443-2604
Cell: 319-270-7616

kojac@fmtcs.com To Sept 08

THE VIZSLA
by Bernard C. Boggs

The Vizsla 2nd Revised Edition
A major revision to the award-winning breed book by Bernard C. Boggs

Succeeding with pointing dogs - FIELD TRIALS AND HUNTING TESTS
A handbook for training and competing with a pointing dog by B. C.



\$32.18 includes shipping and Illinois sales tax
www.vizslabook.com
svizslas@earthlink.net
Sue Boggs 815-335-3510

\$41.83 includes shipping and Illinois sales tax
To January 2008

Interested in letting the members of VCOI know about your dogs or services?

Please contact Amy at amyndobes@sbcglobal.net to get your ad in the next Bulletin!



START YOUR BIRD DOG OUT ON THE RIGHT PAW!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.BABYBIRDDAWGS.COM

11/07

Back to School for Dogs Too!



Is your Vizsla a little stir-crazy with the kids back in school? We offer daycare Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm.

We offer a full range of classes including Puppy, Basic & Intermediate obedience, Agility, Rally, Competition obedience, Tracking & more!

Our skilled staff is also able to offer help with behavior problems such as separation anxiety, resource guarding or aggression issues.

Upcoming Events:

CPE Agility Trial 10/20 & 10/21
Agility Puppy/Novice Foundation Seminar with Dana Pike
APDT Rally Trial 11/17 & 11/18

4233 United Parkway, Schiller Park, IL 60176 847.671.6844 ~
www.foryourcanine.com

VCOI Membership Meeting July 14, 2007-Busch Farm

Attendees (in no particular order): Dennis Nowak – Vice President, Patti Nowak, Jeff Parise – Board Member, Liz Barshack, Rodney Albin – Board Member, Mark Spurgeon – Board Member, Kim Barker, Laurie Wonnell, Michel Berner – Board Member, Luke Piper, Greg Wegler, Jonathan Peck, Jim Busch, Lorin DiG-vonni, Sharon Wegler, Heidi Sherlock, John Girard, Pam Spurgeon, G Michael Dalby – Board Member, Karen Dalby, Shelly Gabriel, Jerry Gabriel, Andy Weyer, Sue Weyer, Kathy Harmer, Robert R Bieniek, Randy Caldwell, Mark Johnson, Rhonda Johnson, Katie Zwart, Jon Leid, Rose Leid, Dawn Heintz, George Haines, Mary Haines, Dan Cieslak, Jodi Cieslak – Secretary, Jim Gingrich – President

Call To Order –

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Gingrich at 7:32pm

Approval Of Minutes –

It was voted to approve the minutes from the may membership meeting as published in the last bulletin (copies were available at this meeting as well). Michel Berner motioned to approve, Jim Busch seconded the motion.

Board Of Directors Report –

Nothing to report – The BOD has not had a meeting since our last membership meeting.

Breeder Referral –

President Jim Gingrich stated that the online Breeder Referral listing is a benefit for the members. You have to volunteer at a club event in order to be included. Some ways of volunteer include bird planting, gunning,

line marshalling, etc. You must be an active member of the club to be included.

VCOI Committees –

President Jim Gingrich started this discussion. Do we make decisions based on committees or at membership meetings? In order to have committees we need more volunteer involvement and more effort to volunteer. We should think about using the internet more to set up discussions. We can also make use of conference calling.

Secretary's Report –

Secretary Jodi Cieslak reported that she received the confirmation paperwork from AKC saying that our fall hunt test has been filed.

Treasurer's Report –

Linda Busch reported on behalf of Treasurer Cheryl Lykowski that the club is solvent. *****

Website Report –

Webmaster Michel Berner reported that the club website www.vizslaclubofillinois.org is in need of updates. Please email her the information to be added/changed with the exact location.

DNA Requirements –

Michel Berner reported that you must have an AKC DNA number in order to participate at any event at the VCA Nationals. It takes several weeks to get the results so plan accordingly. The DNA kits can be obtained from AKC.

Bulletin Report –

Co-Editor Cathy Gallagher apologized for the lateness of the newsletter. Every should have

their newsletters this week (if not already received)

2008 Nominating Committee –

It was reported that we need to set up a new nominating committee. Pam Spurgeon offered to be the Chairperson, Jodi Cieslak and Rodney Albin volunteered to be on the committee.

February Hunt Test –

It was reported that the 2008 February Hunt Test will take place on the 8th weekend of the year.

MVFF Report –

Rodney Albin reported that we have 18 litters nominated for 2008 and 6 litters nominated for 2009. Jon Peck is going to be the event reporter.

March Field Trial –

Jodi Cieslak volunteered to be the event Chairperson and Katie Zwart volunteered to be the event Secretary.

Family Pet Show –

Cathy Gallagher reported that the Pet Show is returning to Arlington Park for 2008. The dates are March 14 – 16 and we have a corner booth #707. Please contact Cathy if you are interested in volunteering at this event.

WAFTC –

Greg Heden reported that we have a work day coming up on July 22 and he would like to have six people volunteer their time. If we do not complete enough work hours, the VCOI loses our event dates at Ottawa. Mike Dalby, Karen Dalby and Victor Barger volunteered to work.

Continued on page 4

VCOI Membership Meeting July 14, 2007-Busch Farm continued

VCOI Calendar & Photo Contest –

Cindy LePoudre reported that she has 29 entries for the contest. Each photo costs \$10 to enter into the contest. Each membership is allowed 5 votes. We are now charging an entry fee to compensate for the loss of money on the calendar sales. The club needs to think about taking pre-orders to help prevent the money loss in the future.

Cathy Gallagher motioned for a committee to be formed to research calendar trends. Patti Nowak seconded the motion. The following members volunteered to be on the committee; Cathy Gallagher, Patti Nowak, Mark Johnson, Karen Dalby, Shelly Gabriel.

June Training Day –

Mark Spurgeon reported that we had lots of participation with a lot of different breeds represented. It was a hot day, but all had a good time. Thanks to all who volunteered!

June Hunt Test –

Cindy LePoudre reported that we ran a large amount of dogs and quite a few passed. She volunteered to be the event Secretary for 2008 and Patti Nowak volunteered to be the Chairperson.

Specialty Show –

Kathy Harmer reported that everyone had a good time. The prizes this year were different embroidered tote bags. ReAnn Jones asked if she would think about having plaques again for awards.

Double Bubble –

Jodi Cieslak reported that things are on track for tomorrow. She stated that volunteers are needed for clean up on Sunday. She also announced that she would like to step down from chairing this event as she would like to be a participant. Katie Zwart volunteered to co-chair this event next year with Jodi.

September Field Trial –

Jodi Cieslak reported that she needs volunteers and judges for this event. If you are interested, please contact her.

December Field Trial –

Jon Peck volunteered to be the event Chairperson and Kim Barker volunteered to be the event Secretary.

FTCI –

Mark Johnson reported that the Dog of the Year banquet already has 90 pre-orders. At this banquet Jim & Linda Busch will be recognized. He also reported that House Bill #29 regarding Pyramid State Park land swap is now dead. Director Mary Jo Tremble will be announced as Sportsman of the Year.

This organization is very important to our club. Their only revenue is the monies received through hunt tests and field trials. We need to volunteer our time.

Other Business –

Jim Busch motioned that the club purchase a Mr. Microphone so that speakers can be heard at events such as this. Jim Gingrich seconded the motion.

Dennis Nowak reported that the National Fish & Wildlife Day at Silver Springs is the same weekend as our fall field trial. If you are not going to the field trial, this event would be a great place to bring your dog.

Dennis & Patti Nowak asked if the club would send the bulletin to the horse wrangler that we use for all of our events.

Mark Johnson motioned that there be two treasurer reports, one for our regular finances and one for the MVFF finances. Michel Berner seconded.

Braggs –

Sharon Shae bragged that Archiee took a 5pt major at the Minnesota Specialty and won the Open class and took Reserve at our Specialty.

Mike Dalby bragged that Rock finished his FC and MH titles and won a National title all before the age of three.

Kathy Harmer bragged that her girl won a 4pt major at our Specialty.

It was bragged that Onpoint's Slick Traveler is the #3 vizsla in Canada.

Adjourn –

The meeting was called to adjourn at 8:42pm by Mark Johnson, seconded by Dawn Heitz.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Cieslak
VCOI Secretary

Field Trial Clubs of Illinois Awards Banquet Continued

ous service to the F.T.C.I. and to the sport of Field Trialing in the State of Illinois. Among those offering speeches of this award were Terry Trzcinski, immediate past president of F.T.C.I who described Mary Jo's "passion" for the protection of the sport of field trialing in her work with legislation and activities such as representing F.T.C.I as a Director of the Illinois Federation of Outdoor Resources and delegate to Conservation Congress and its Executive Committee and more recently the Conservation Forum as well as serving on committees to develop and protect field trials at Pyramid State Park. Maurine Richter described Mary Jo as one who is always driving the roads at trials to make sure dogs were safe from traffic and finding those dogs if they did get lost. Terry Musser, IDNR Field Trial Coordinator told of his association, work, and friendship with Mary Jo since he began his duties with IDNR and attended his first field trial in that capacity. He emphasized her ability to work with legislators as well as other environmental groups as a positive factor for Illinois field trials.

Two couples received the F.T.C.I. Senior Service Award for their long dedication and hard work for the sport of field trialing. Terry Trzcinski presented the first of the two awards to Larry and Louise Edwards. The Edwards have field trialed since 1951 and for the past half century have been actively involved in the leadership and running of Illinois bird dog events. Larry was one of the founding fathers of the FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF ILLINOIS having served as president and director for many years. Since its inception Larry had missed only two meetings of the FTCI and is a perennial pillar of club history and past activities. Larry's vision and early leadership set a solid foundation for field trialing in the state of Illinois and affords us all the opportunity to enjoy our sport today. Their dedication and continued participation in the sport serve as a wonderful example for all who assume leadership in their local clubs and state organizations to keep our sport alive and thriving.

F.T.C.I. President Mark Johnson presented Jim and Linda Bush with the second of the Senior Service awards. Jim & Linda have likewise been involved with bird dogs for over half a century. Both have served as officers and directors of local and national Vizsla clubs and have been very active campaigning the breed for years as well as setting the standard for a quality breeding program that has generated dozens of field trial champions. As owners of a beautiful farm in Winnebago, Illinois

Jim and Linda have provided a venue for young aspiring field trailers and older folks alike to develop their dogs. For the past 15 summers they have hosted a two day event that gives dozens of youngsters (with their parents) the chance to work their dogs in the field and become exposed to "field trialing" in a positive and memorable way. The Busch farm is a crp/wetland paradise and stands as a testimony to their commitment to conservation management and development of wildlife habitat. Jim has been an associate member of the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois for over 20 years and has also served as a director of the county soil and water board as well as an officer of the Winnebago county Pheasants Forever chapter. At 70 years of age, Jim continues to serve as chairman for weekend trials, judge a few stakes and campaign dogs having finished yet another field champion this past spring.



A major emphasis of the F.T.C. I. is the promotion of the sport of field trialing to the youth of Illinois. Purina provided duffle bags, shirts, and other goodies for all the young people who had participated in F.T.C.I. events. The top Junior Handler award went to Zak Wagoner with 132 points and Runner-Up to Miss Lindsey Wagoner with 82 points. Others receiving points in the competition were Nick Dunn, Justin Ludolph, Tom Derrig, Jr., Matt Lynn, Lydia Homann, John Sheehan, Carrigan McMahon, Johah Sheehan, Jacob Sheehan, Bridget Wagoner, Talur Homann, Aaron Olsen, and Beth Day Wright. If you have a junior interested in participating in our youth competition, please contact an F.T.C.I. director or officer and we would be happy to get them information to help them get started.

Submitted by Mary Jo Trimble and Mark Johnson

Upcoming Events Sept-Oct 2007

Date	Close	Event	Club	City, ST	Contact
10/6 & 10/7	10/3	Hunt Test	GSP Club of WI	Eagle, WI	Mr. Donald Olszewski, Event Secretary, S71W14690 Hidden Creek Ct, Muskego, WI 53150-3625, (262) 679-8032, dolszewski1@wi.rr.com
10/6 & 10/7	9/20	Agility	Peoria Ob Club	Pottstown, IL	Donna Willett, (309) 266-7812, dwrn-wild@verizon.net
10/6 & 10/7	9/19	Agility	Golden Retriever Club	Manhattan, IL	Beth Elliott, (847) 741-7229, trinitycol-lies@comcast.net
10/7	9/19	Rally, Obedience	Stone City	Morris, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., (260) 925-0525, rjds@royjonesdogshows.com
10/13 & 10/14	10/10	Hunt Test	Weim Club of Northern IL	Joliet, IL	Laurie Sales, Event Secretary, 2519 Riverside Dr, Two Rivers, WI 54241-1153, (920) 553-8516, venture@lakefield.net
10/13 & 10/14	9/24	Agility	Rand Park	Melrose Park, IL	Beth Elliott, (847) 741-7229, trinitycol-lies@comcast.net
10/13 & 10/14	9/26	Rally, Obedience	South Side All Breed Club	New Lenox, IL	Fleurette Workman, (773) 646-5498, fjwlow1@aol.com
10/20 & 10/21	10/3	Rally, Obedience	Quad Cities Obedience Club	Moline, IL	Ron Dierkx, (309) 522-5185, pappy@theinter.com
10/20 & 10/21	10/3	Agility	Car-Dun-Al	Belvidere, IL	Beth Elliott, (847) 741-7229, trinitycol-lies@comcast.net
10/27 & 10/28	10/10	Rally, Obedience	Golden Retriever Club	Melrose Park, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., (260) 925-0525, rjds@royjonesdogshows.com
10/27 & 10/28	10/10	Agility	Great Lake Belgian Terv Club	Manhattan, IL	David Behrens, (815) 469-5525, mxterv@aol.com
11/3 & 11/4	10/17	Rally, Obedience	Glenbard	Wheaton, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., (260) 925-0525, rjds@royjonesdogshows.com
11/10	N/A	Agility FUN MATCH	Central WI Vizsla Club	Spring Grove, IL	Joy Sonsalla, reddogs3@acronet.net
11/10	10/24	Rally, Obedience	Car-Dun-Al	St. Charles, IL	Jean Munger, (847) 683-7204, chmxkees@foxvalley.net
11/11	10/24	Rally, Obedience	Fox Valley	St. Charles, IL	Taffy Wille, (630) 365-0423, taffywille@mchsi.com
11/17 & 11/18	24-Oct	Agility--NOVICE ONLY	WAG	Spring Grove, IL	Shelly Weeks, (262) 275-0088, poodle-nut@hotmail.com

Field Trial Clubs of Illinois Awards Banquet

The Field Trial Clubs of Illinois held its annual Dog of the Year Awards Banquet on July 28, 2007, in Jacksonville, IL. A large crowd of field trial enthusiasts met to honor the various dogs and their owners as well as recipients of the F.T.C.I. Honor Roll Award, Senior Service Award, Sportsman's Award, and Junior Handler Award winners and participants. The Award Ceremony was preceded by a banquet and followed by an auction conducted by the hard working Jeff Wagoner. F.T.C.I. extends its heartfelt thanks to Nestle-Purina for its support and help with the banquet and the promotion of field trials in Illinois. We welcomed Gail Inman of Purina who works with our organization and for her help in presenting the awards to the Junior Handlers. We also welcomed the family of the late Max Eldred who were in attendance to receive his dog of the year award. We envisioned things to come in watching his very young grandson who put smiles on all our faces and helped us look to the future.

The Sportsmen of the Year award was presented to Peg and Jim Fornear for their dedication to the sport of field trialing and

their outpouring of generosity to the field trial community. In presenting the award to the Fornears, Mary Jo Trimble described the work the Fornear's had done on developing 3400 Acres in Southern Illinois as the Outland Ranch Field Trial Grounds. The Fornears have welcomed many major trials to their facilities. Outland presently is home to four qualifying stakes for the National Championship as well as other notable stakes and National Championships. Their facilities are second to none and their hospitality makes everyone who attends events at Outland want to return. This type of hospitality enhances the field trial family atmosphere and promotes the sport of field trialing. To quote a recent article in the American Field, "Jim and his wife Peg always have a smile on their face and love in their hearts as they share with everyone who comes to their home grounds." This is the mark of a true Sportsman and woman.

Mary Jo Trimble, Brittany enthusiast and Executive Secretary of the American Brittany Club, was recipient of the Honor Roll Award which is given to individuals in recognition of meritori-

Double Bubble 2007 Report

What a great weekend! I kept hearing this over and over – music to my ears. J

The weather gods cooperated and gave us two days of perfect weather and it was enjoyed by all.

I want to say a quick thanks to those who helped with setup; Jim Gingrich, Greg Wegler (thanks for the power washer!), Jim & Linda Busch, Jon Peck – I hope I have not forgotten anyone!

On Saturday we ran the mock hunt test fondly known as "The Lake Inferior Tyro Classic". Big thanks to our judges Mark Spurgeon & Jon Peck and our substitute judges of Brad LePoudre and Dan Cieslak. We can't forget to thank their trusty mounts "Hunter" and "Buck". We were able to run 26 dogs which ranged in age from 3.5 months to several years old.

Saturday evening was our annual membership meeting outdoor style! The steaks were fantastic and having everyone bring a dish worked out quite well. The wide variety of dishes were fun to sample. After our meeting we asked everyone to stay an extra few minutes to load the chairs and tables back into the barn. Doing this saved us a lot of time on Sunday. Thanks to all!

On Sunday we held our fun games and demonstrations.

Rubber Ducky Race

Jim Busch spent many hours on his tractor dredging the creek for this annual favorite and trust me, the excitement during the race was well worth all of his effort. He coordinating the betting and had 20 entries at \$5 each which gave our winner a \$70 purse. Who was the winner you are wondering? Good old number 10 which I happened to bet on! Must have been my lucky day!

Bird Planting Contest

Our quail expert Rodney Albin showed our participants how to properly put their birds to sleep. Our kids did such a great job that they longest slept for 75 minutes! In order to wake these long sleepers up, we ended up using a starter pistol. I believe that it took three or four bangs before our winner woke up. The placements are as follows:

- Junior Division –
1. Brant Spurgeon – 75 minutes
 2. Noal V. – 74 minutes
 3. Emily – 70 minutes
- Tristan Justice – 68 minutes

Senior Division

1. Megan Wegler
 2. Jackie
 3. Katie
- Haily Teal

Pigeon Race

There were only four pigeons in the coop for this year's race – Not to worry; betting was at an all time high! The birds were marked and named by the kids so we were betting on "Hailey", "Dana", "Lightening" and "Bubba". Jim & Linda's neighbor graciously let us borrow a fantastic wagon for the ride to the release line. The birds were set free and "Lightening" was the first one to touch the bird barn. The bets paid out \$4 to each winner.

Wing 'n String Puppy Pointing Contest

We were blessed with a stellar group of puppies to show off their instinct! Mark Spurgeon handled this event and helped to showcase the talented puppies. This event is always a crowd favorite and this year did not disappoint. We had 17 puppies strut their stuff and in the end we had to have a "Wing Off" in order to place the four best pups. The placements are as follows:

1. "Roxie" – owned by The Hesgaard's
 2. "Penny" – owned by Greg Wegler
 3. "Gracie" – owned by George & Mary Haines
- "Sadie" – owned by Karen & Jeff McElroy

Fastest Hotdog Eater

This was a new addition to the Double Bubble roster – thanks to Pam Spurgeon for suggesting it and running it! This contest was not how many hot dogs your vizsla ate, but how fast they ate a few slices spaced out on paper plates. This event was a crowd pleaser and was loads of fun to watch – we will definitely have it again next year. The placements are as follows:

1. "Holly" – Brant Spurgeon 8:82 sec
2. "Abby" – Amy Johnson 9:65 sec
3. "Bentley" – Christa Ferris 12:50 sec
4. "Ruby" – Liz Barshack 13:29 sec

Locate & Point

Once again this annual race was handled expertly by Rick Mitchell and his crew of helpers. We had a great entry of dogs – one of Rick's crew was so impressed by what he saw that he may be converted to our beautiful and talented breed! The winners are as follows:

Tyro Hunter

1. Jerry Gabriel & "Crystal" – 02:13:00 sec
- Randy Caldwell & "Pepper" – 02:30:00 sec

Continued on page 6

Double Bubble 2007 Report continued

Tyro Young Dog

1. Jake LaPre & "Pink" – 00:40:16 sec
 2. Tim May & "Cheyenne" – 00:41:56 sec
 3. Jason Roe & "Charlie" – 04:05:00 sec
- Mike Lentini & "Ruger" – 01:12:00 sec

Field Trial Hunter

1. Joel Peterson & "Lili" – 00:41:82 sec
 2. Steve Whitney & "Cali" – 00:51:13 sec
- Gene Wolf & "Sonny" – 00:59:22 sec

Field Trial Young Dog

1. Katie Zwart & "Jessie" – 00:41:82 sec
 2. Greg Hedien & "Katie" – 01:42:00 sec
- Greg Wegler & "Kayla" – 02:11:00 sec

Raffle Drawing

This year we had some excellent raffle prizes! Donations were made by Dog.com, Lupine Collar, Dr. Foster & Smith, Jodi & Dan Cieslak, Pam & Mark Spurgeon, Cathy Gallagher and Lisa Starbuck. Thank you for buying tickets and supporting our raffle. Thank you to those who donated.

Tear down this year went amazingly fast since we already had the tables and chairs packed away. Thanks to all who helped; Brad & Cindy LePoudre, Jon Peck, Randy Boggs, Dan Cieslak, Jim & Linda Busch.

My apologies to anyone who I did not list – I really appreciate all of the help and hard work that it takes to put on this event. See you next year!

Submitted by Jodi Cieslak

Brags!

Congratulations to Archie! Owned by Linda Busch

- Kishwaukee K.C., VCOI Specialty, July 14th Open Dog – 1st place & Reserve Winners.
- Kishwaukee K.C., July 15th Open Dog – 2nd place
- Waukesha K.C., July 28th, Open Dog – 1st place & Best of Winners
- Waukesha K.C., July 29th, Open Dog – 1st place & Winners Dog
- Burlington K.C., July 31st, Open Dog – 1st place & Winners Dog

Note from our Specialty Judge

07/17/07

Dear Members,
I want to thank you for the wonderful Borders gift certificate, what a surprise!

I will enjoy the books I will choose when I use it.

It was an honor to judge your Specialty, thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Beth G. Speich

Puppy Photos WINNER!



Thank you to everyone who sent in photos & voted! Our members' favorite puppy picture was the adorable #17. This little guy's name is Reggie & he is owned by John O'Brien.

For Sept., our theme is what our red dogs do best, Hunting! Check out these wonderful

pics on the next page & submit your votes to amyndobes@sbcglobal.net by October 15th.

For the November Bulletin, let's see some pics of the Vivacious Veterans & Stunning Seniors. Please send me pics of Vizslas who are/were at least 7 years of age or older when the picture was taken.

Photo submission deadline is October 15th. Email to amyndobes@sbcglobal.net, please put VCOI VETERAN PHOTO in the subject line. Jpg format preferred, the higher quality, the better.

Pointing Photos



Point #1



Point #2



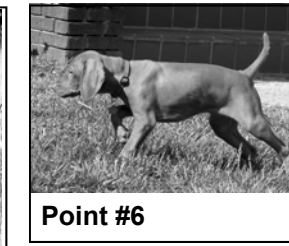
Point #3



Point #4



Point #5



Point #6



Point #7



Point #8

Vizsla Orphan: Sugar

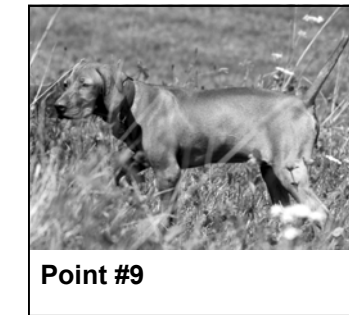
Sugar needs a home.... is she perfect for you?



Sugar is an 11 month old spayed female vizsla, AKC registered, who is just as sweet as they come. She loves to be cuddled and to have her tummy rubbed. Sugar is currently in foster care at my home

and is great with toddlers and cats. She shows some bird instinct so she may be able to be a hunting companion.

Sugar is available now - if you are interested please contact Jodi Cieslak at 630.232.4297 or truvizslas@gmail.com



Point #9

National Fishing & Hunting Days: Sept. 22 & 23

And speaking of pointing dogs . . . The VCOI will be having a pointing dog demonstration at the National Fishing & Hunting Days at Silver Springs Wildlife Area in Yorkville Illinois. This will take place on Sept 22nd and 23rd 2007. There is usually about 20 to 25 thousand people that come to this event. This is a great place for breeders and anyone that would like to socialize your dog. There is a lot to do for the whole family. If you would like to come out contact the Nowak's for more info. 815-439-0720. The event is all free.

Vizsla Orphan: Gracie



Poor Gracie is a 10 year old Vizsla at Friends Forever Humane Society in Freeport, IL.. If you are looking for a sweet, settled companion, please consider this sweet old gal. For more info on her, please contact Julie Sjullie at appanage@sbcglobal.net.