

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the VCOI Fall Field Trial



**Saturday September 19th,
During dinner ~ 5:00pm
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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc

September 2009

BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

FC Gracie's Angel Molly RC SH CGC



Molly came into our life March 2004. I just wanted a dog to hunt with and maybe get involved in a few hunt tests. After finishing her senior hunter title we started looking at the field trial game. Not because I knew what I was doing but because I had so many judges tell me that she was in the "wrong game." With a lot of help Molly ran in her first field trial in the spring of 2006 at 2 1/2 years of age. Having trained Molly myself and with no experience we entered the Amateur Gun Dog stake in the German Shorthair Pointer Club of Eastern Iowa trial. With a borrowed horse and on a wing and a prayer we left the starting line. We never finished the run but I knew this little girl was at home. Our second try came the fall of 2006 at the Vizsla Club of Eastern Iowa trial. At 10:02 a.m. that Saturday morning on October 7th Molly disappeared into thin air. After 18 long days of searching and many, many miles of walking we were reunited with our little girl. With a lot of soul searching we began again the spring of 2007 and have not looked back. Since that day Molly has placed at least once in every trial we have entered for a total of 20 placements and earning her AKC Field Champion within 23 months of her being lost. She is only 1 retrieving point away from her Amateur Field Champion.

A big thank you to Jerry Jordan for being a friend, mentor, wrangler, and guide. Also thanks to Jim Busch, Barbara Ohata, and the many friends we have made along the way. And oh yes, to all who have worked their tail ends off scouting-Thanks!

Randy Caldwell



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We have 1 XL and 6 LG hot pink t-shirts available for \$12.00 each. Send request to Linda Busch, at lbusch@aeroinc.net. Shirts can be mailed for \$2 or picked up at future event.



We are still looking for an Education Chairperson. Please contact Jeff Parise for details.

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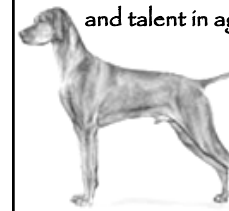
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AT STUD: CH. ARCHIEE, JH

Archiee will start his field trial career this fall and we expect good things from him considering our Hall of Fame dog DC/AFC Askim, MH, NSTRACH is on both sides of his pedigree. Archiee is OFA Excellent and produces beautiful dark rust puppies. Those who have been in the conformation ring already are doing extremely well. For more information about some of his pups, visit our web site at www.buschvizslas.com and for information about stud service, call Jim or Linda Busch at 815-335-7673.



Brag's Page

From Liz Barshack:

"Ruby" - MACH Smooth Rebel's Autumn Jewel RA OF achieved her MACH (Master Agility Champion) title on June 26, 2009 at the Forest City Dog Training Club Agility Trial in Loves Park getting that last (#20) Double Q! She also won BOTH of her classes that day.

My dog Ruby, and "Lexi" - CH MACH JNEK's Royal Legacy RA JH owned by Tamara Sparks, Mike Sparks and Kathy Engelsman have also qualified for the AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational held in December in Long Grove, CA. Ruby finished in the top spot and Lexi came in at the number four position. Only the Top Five Vizslas in the country are invited to this event.



From Kathy Toy: My rescued Vizsla, Riley, received her Rally Novice title on 6-14-09. We have had her since she was 9 months old. She is now 3 1/2 .

From Kathy Engelsman:

JNEK Vizslas Invited to AKC Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach California.
AKC Eukanuba Agility Invitational - Ralph's 2nd daughter to be Invited
 Congratulations to Tammy and "Lexi" CH MACH JNEK's Royal Legacy RA JH
AKC Eukanuba Invitational Dog Show
 CH JNEK's Lady Godiva
 CH JNEK's Tuck Everlasting
 CH JNEK's Super Charged

All Invitees are out of

BIS BISS CH JNEK's King Ralph JH ROM and
 CH JNEK's Royal Elegance JH ROM
 How exciting to have dogs competing at this level in Agility and Show!
 Also- "Ralph" has 3 kids in the Top 20 in Agility
 And a Grand Son #3 Vizslas Defeated #6 All-Breed Defeated
 CH Kezdet's Grand Mark Gedeon JH
 Congratulations to All and Good Luck in December!

From Jim & Linda Busch:

We're very proud of ZEEVA'S first adventure into the show ring at the VCOI Sweepstakes and Specialty show considering she won Best Puppy in Sweepstakes. Zeeva had just started her conformation classes the Monday prior to the show and showed like a champ with Sheila Stahr handling. She is out of Ch. Archie, JH.



Zeeva handled by Sheila Stahr at the VCOI Specialty.

Kathy Harmer and Hannah at the VCOI Specialty.



From Kathy Harmer:
Ch. Sienna Pointe's See Ya Polarkap
Back to Back
Specialty Best of Opposite wins CWVC and VCOI

Double Bubble Placements Cont.

Rally Obedience - Beginners

1. Adriana Urbanczyk - Rikee
2. owner ? - Sage
3. Barb Rypstra - Layla
4. Lisa Patterson - Zoe

Rally Obedience - Advanced

1. Stevie Duffek - Star

Wing & String—Junior (up to 4 months)

1. Richelle Marshall - Magnum (14 weeks)
2. Jeff Engelsman - Pistol (4 months)
3. Zach Simpson - Otis (14 weeks)
4. Janice Hemauer - Gemma (14 weeks)
4. Joy Sonsalla - Ricki (3+ months)



Wing & String-Senior (4-6 months)

1. Charles Chadwell - Pele (5 months)
2. Steve Elliot - Max (5.5 months)
3. Gordy Spriggs - Bella (6 months)
4. Teresa Rizzo - Boca (4.5 months)



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More Bubble Winners

Rubber Duckie Race

Winner - Alex Larson \$50.00 - Duckie #2

Raffle Winners

Watercolor Vizsla picture #1- Michelle Princer

Watercolor Vizsla picture #2 - John Looby

Watercolor Vizsla picture #3 - Debby Lynn

Dog Bed - Brypita

Sports Equipment - Mark Johnson

Collapsible Fabric Dog Crate - Sue Weyer

Microwave - Donnell Fitzsimmons

Pheasant Leash/Collar & Treats - Michelle Princer

Wine & Goodie Gift Basket - Bonnie Peterson

Dog Planters - Mary Haines

Large Zipper/Sand Vizsla Artwork Stone - Jodi Cieslak

Smaller Zipper/Sand Vizsla Artwork Stone - Dennis & Patti Nowak

Vizsla Windspinner - Michelle Princer

Vizsla T-shirt - Dana Bourquin

June 2009 Hunt Test and Training Day

We had a very nice turnout for the training day that was held on June 6, 2009. 29 dogs ran on Saturday. We had dogs of all ages and various breeds participate. Mike Dalby, Victor Barger and Brad Lepoudre worked with the senior and master dogs. Randy Boggs worked with the junior dogs. While he worked each dog individually, Randy talked to the group as a whole and addressed concerns so that everyone could learn. The participants seemed to enjoy this format. Thanks to Lee Fanslow for manning the lunchtime grill! Thank you also to Joel Peterson who helped keep the event running smoothly filling many volunteer roles.

40 dogs ran in the Hunt Test on Sunday, June 7, 2009. There were 6 Master braces(2 qualifying scores), 6 Senior braces(4 qualifying scores) and 9 Junior braces(8 qualifying scores). We ran one course so it was a long day. Kent Harter and Ed Brock were our judges and were on their horses for about 12 hours! Thanks to Mary "Lunch Lady" Haines, Shelly & Eric Kliefoth, Robyn & Jim Doescher, Cathy Gallagher, Mike Dalby, Greg Hedien and Tim May for all of your help on Sunday. We made a combined profit for the two day event of \$485. Cindy Lepoudre, Hunt test secretary



VCOI SPECIALTY SHOW RESULTS
 July 11, 2009 - Boone County Fairgrounds
 Belvidere, Illinois

VIZSLA SWEEPSTAKES

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes: Zeeva, DOB: 10-25-08, owner/Linda Busch, Breeders Michelle Adams and Chad Adams.

By CH Archie, JH & Kacela. Agent: Sheila Stahr

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: CH Daybreak's Elso Feny, CD, RE, AX, AXJ, OAP, OJP, DOB: 6-11-00, owner Steven & Sue Prim, Breeders Steven & Susan Prim.

By CH Mad's Nyircsaszari Csatar & CH Nyircsaszari Feny of Daybreak MX, MXJ, CD, AXP, OJP, RN.

VIZSLAS REGULAR CLASSES

Winner's Dog: From the Open Dogs Class - Hilldale Ceejay Dream Runner, DOB: 10-12-07, owner/Rhonda & Bruce Schlesinger, Breeders Janet Svoboda & Lee Kouski.

By CH Prairie's Cobalt Blue, VCD1, JH, AXJ & CH Hilldale's Countess Ibolya, JH

Winners Reserve: From the Bred By Exhibitor Class - ReMark's Inherit The Wind, DOB: 5-12-07, owner/Mark & Rebecca Smith, Breeders Rebecca & Mark Smith. By CH Oakleaf's Dandy Dalton SH & CH ReMark's RU Gonna Go My Way, JH.

Winner's Bitch: From the Open Bitches Class - Redwillow's High On Life, DOB: 8-19-06, owner/Sue & Greg Render, Breeders Sue & Laura Render. By CH Jakra's Vivid Cosmos, JH & CH Redwillow's Party Girl, JH.

Winner's Reserve: From the Open Bitches Class - Remark's Oakleaf Fine N'Dandy, DOB: 5-12-07, owners/Janet Velt & Mr. Brian Schumacher, Breeders Andrew Mielke & Rebecca Smith & Mark Smith. By CH Oakleaf's Dandy Dalton, SH & CH Remark's RU Gonna Go My Way, JH.

Vizsla Veterans 7 years & Older Dogs: CH Boshar's Chase the Clouds, CD, JH. DOB: 8-3-98. owners/Sharon Schroader & Sherry Klein, Breeders Sarah Barr & Sharon Schroader.

By CH Russet Leather Red Cloud II, JH & CH Boshar's Budapest Belle, JH. Agent: Sheila Stahr

BEST OF BREED: CH BOSCHAR'S CHASE THE CLOUDS, CD, JH (given)

BEST OF WINNERS: HILLDALE CEEJAY DREAM RUNNER (given)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: CH SIENNA POINTES SEE YA POLARKAP, DOB: 5-13-06, owners/Kathy Harmer, Sue Barnes, & Cathy Gallagher. Breeders Cathy Gallagher & Sharon Misiak. By CH New Dawn's Blue Sky & CH Sunnyside Dawn's Kaleidoscope.

AWARD OF MERIT: CH AC COOPER OF SUNNSIDE, JH. DOB:7-12-03, owner/Michael Walsh. Breeders Sharon Misiak, Carl Misiak, & Michael Walsh. By CH Sunnyside's Tailor Made & CH Vizion's Storm On Sunnyside.

President's Message

Last month the VCOI's Double Bubble again was a great success by any measure. We had a record number of people attending, a productive Club meeting, and dozens of fun events—for both dogs and people. We also held our Summer Specialty which produced many ribbons for Club members' dogs and then we celebrated with a picnic on the show grounds.

I had the pleasure of judging the Double Bubble Powder Puff Derby with Greg Hedien. We witnessed some excellent dog handling and some wacky outfits on the handlers as well as the dogs. So many junior handlers did an outstanding job with their dogs, I am sure we will see them in the field often in the future. Other handlers were just plain hilarious especially when they actually encountered a bird in the field! For now I am confident that pink will not be replacing blaze orange.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Double Bubble and the Specialty Show. Be sure to get details inside this edition on all of our upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you at the Hunt Test, Field Trial, and Club meeting this fall.

JP.....

Membership Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2009 – Double Bubble / Busch Farm, Winnebago, IL.

Call to order: Jeff Parise called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Attendance was not taken.

Approval of Minutes: Cathy Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Mark Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

Double Bubble Thank You: Jeff Parise thanked everyone for attending the Double Bubble and thanked Linda Busch for chairing the event. Linda Busch thanked everyone who helped with this event. Thanks went to Eric and Shelly Kliefoth, George and Mary Haines, Greg Hedien, Mike Miklas, Joel Peterson, Tim May, Jim Busch, Linda Busch's Mom and Dad, Debbie Lynn, Michelle Princer, Brad and Cindy LePoudre, Cathy Gallagher, Shelley Gabriel, and Sharon (Shelly Kliefoth's mother). Linda said if she missed thanking anyone, a big thank you for your help. The ladies Powder Puff Derby is being revived after about a 30 year absence. All ladies are encouraged to enter. All participants will wear a hot pink T-shirt and cowboy hat. The lady handlers will be judged on their handling abilities, not on the performance of the dogs. In the past, some judges have been "bribed" for this event. This event is meant for fun.

President's Report: Jeff Parise stated the breeder referral directory has been updated and is on the VCOI website. Jeff encouraged everyone to read it over.

Secretary's Report: Tom Grekowicz was absent and Mary Haines will take the minutes on his behalf. Tom did not provide anything to report.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Busch reported that she has a registry report for 2009 for anyone who wants to view it. She reported that we have a favorable balance for both the checking and savings accounts. A report from Michelle Princer and Brian Johnson showed that we made a profit from the May 2009 field trial. This was a large profit for this event because there were no ground fees. It was held at the Gingrich Farm where Jim and Carol Gingrich donated their property for this event. All of the judges for this trial donated their time and expenses.

Website Update: Jeff mentioned that several ideas have been submitted on ways to change and update the website. This matter will be reviewed further in the year.

Bulletin Report: Jeff mentioned what a wonderful job Shelly Kliefoth has done with the bulletins and asked for a round of applause for her hard work. Shelly thanked everyone for submitting their brags, articles, and photos and asked everyone to keep submitting them for future bulletins.

Awards Dinner / Banquet: Pam Spurgeon reported the annual awards banquet will be held on January 16, 2010 at Gibson's Steakhouse in Rosemont, IL. The cost will be \$35 per person. Pam is looking into entertainment for the event and is open to any suggestions from club members.

MVFF Futurity Report: Rodney Albin reported that seven litters have been nominated for the 2010 Futurity. Mark Spurgeon reported changes to the rules for nominating litters. They can be viewed at the new Futurity website: www.vizslafuturity.com. Mark briefly explained what the Futurity was by stating it is basically the breeder's cup. It's open to dogs that are under two years of age. You



have to nominate a litter or nominate your dog individually. The coveted Futurity double-lane trophy is probably the most expensive trophy given in the Vizsla community. The winners get a cash payout, dog food, bragging rights, etc. Please refer to the website for all details.

Field Trial Clubs of Illinois (FTCI): Mark Johnson reported that FTICI is not a breed specific club and 43 bird dog clubs in Illinois are members. Their agenda was to encourage field activities with bird dogs in Illinois, and it has evolved into an organization that is very political. It represents dog club interests relative to legislation. They have a summer meeting where they recognize the top dogs in the state according to breed guidelines, and the top dogs are recognized by placements received in prior years. They also recognize special people for individual recognitions. Jim and Linda Busch were recognized for their contribution on a statewide activity level.

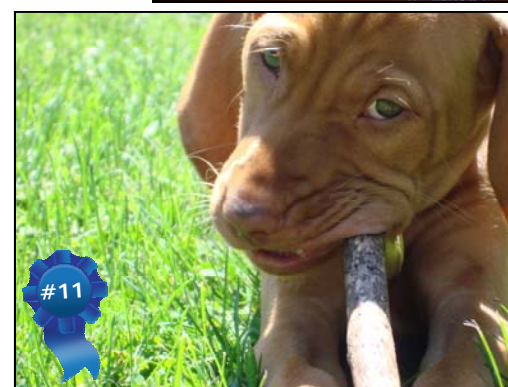
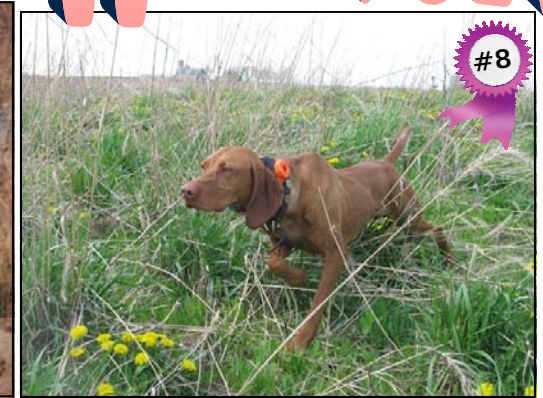
Ottawa / WAFTC Report: Greg Hedien reported that the next Ottawa workday is Sunday, July 19, 2009 starting at 9:00 a.m. Greg asked for volunteers to help clear out brush, trim bushes and trees, etc. Tim and Lori May volunteered to help, but more help is still needed.

VCOI Calendar Report: Shelley Gabriel reported that this was her first year handling the VCOI calendar and all photos submitted so far were great. She currently has 30 entries and hopes to receive more before the voting begins tomorrow.

June Training Day / Hunt Test Report: Brad LePoudre reported that the June 6, 2009 Training Day had a very nice turnout and 29 dogs ran. Thank you to Mike Dalby and Victor Barger who worked with the senior and master dogs. A big thanks went to Randy Boggs who worked with the junior dogs. While Randy worked each dog individually, he talked to the group and addressed concerns so that everyone could learn. Also thanks to Joel Peterson and Lee Fanslow for their help. Brad reported that the June 7, 2009 Hunt Test ran 40 dogs and made a profit. Next year they would like to have people make reservations if they intend to eat at the grounds because it is too hard to estimate how many people to feed without having too much food left over. Thanks to Mary Haines, Shelly and Eric Kliefoth, Robyn and Jim Doescher, Cathy Gallagher, Mike Dalby, Greg Hedien and Tim May for all their help. Thanks to all of the helpers and sorry if I missed naming anyone. Jeff Parise thanked both Brad and Cindy LePoudre for all their hard work to organize and handle this event.

Specialty Show Report: Cathy Gallagher reported that 43 dogs were entered in the regular show, nine puppies in the sweeps, and nine dogs in the veteran sweeps. They would like to see more entries for next year's event. Veteran dogs can be entered even if they have been spayed or neutered. 29 dogs are entered in

Contest Winners



- 7. Thunder**
Owners:
Dennis & Patti Nowak
- 8. Milo**
Owner:
Ronald Teal
- 9. Christmas Puppies**
Photographer:
Ronald Teal
- 10. Kember**
Owners:
Greg & Sharon Wegler
- 11. Morgan**
Owners:
Jerry & Shelley Gabriel
- 12. Mead**
Lakeview's Honey Wine
Owners:
Eric & Shelly Kliefoth
Breeder: Linda Busch
- 13. Heresss Cooper**
Owners:
John & Gina Rotkvich
Breeders:
Jeff & Kathy Engelsman
- 14. Maya & Morgan**
Owners:
Jerry & Shelley Gabriel

2010 Calendar

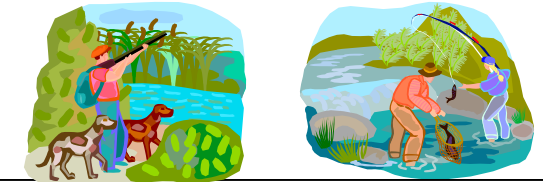


1. River
Rivr Run Threw It
Owners: Mike & Karen Dalby
2. Hannah
Owner: Kathy Harmer
3. Zero Claus
Crimson's Zero 2 60 in 5 Sec
Owners: Tom & Tracy
Grekowicz
- 4 13 Pups at the dish
Photographer: Linda Busch
5. Denver
Owner: Robyn Doescher
6. Gracie
Owners: George & Mary Haines

Upcoming Events

VCOI Fall Field Trial
September 19th & 20th
Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Joliet, IL

National Fishing and Hunting Days



The VCOI will have a booth at the National Fishing & Hunting Days on Sept 26th & 27th, 2009. This event will be held at Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville, Illinois. We will be having 3-4 pointing dog demos each day. We will share the demos with the GSPCI. There are about 20-25 thousand people at this event. This is a great place to socialize a dog and humans. So far we have donations from Zoom dog vitamin supplements and working on Eukanuba. The whole event is free and so are the birds. We will start with young dogs on wing and string and work our way up to broke master dogs. Anyone interested please call the Nowak's at 815-439-0720.

Submitted by: Dennis Nowak



VCOI Awards Banquet ~ Holiday Dinner

January 16, 2010 -

Gibson's Steakhouse, Rosemont, IL.

This year's banquet promises to be a very enjoyable evening. We will have great food, live entertainment and President, Jeff Parise promises just a short meeting. Contact Pam Spurgeon for details @ 815-547-9027.

Mark Your Calendars!

- 2010 VCOI Field Events:**
- 2/20/10 and 2/21/10 - Hunt Test at Joliet (west grounds)
 - 3/5/10 - Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity (west grounds)
 - 3/6/10 and 3/7/10 - Field Trial at Joliet (west grounds)
 - 9/6/10 - Hunt Test at Joliet (East Grounds)
 - 9/18/10 and 9/19/10 - Field Trial at Joliet (west grounds)



Pictures from the July 2009 Membership Meeting from Shelly Kliefoth & Jeff Parise.



tomorrow's event, which begins at 8:30 a.m. A complete list of all winners will be published in the next bulletin. Jeff Parise mentioned that a nice luncheon prepared by Michelle Princer was served after the Vizsla show at the fairgrounds.

Fall Hunt Test Report: Jeff Engelsman reported that the Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2009 hunt test has been approved and the premium is on the VCOI website. Please see Jeff if you can volunteer to help out at this event.

Membership Renewal: Jeff Parise announced that it is membership renewal time. He has blank forms with him and can be filled out and turned in this weekend.

Fall Field Trial Report: Mike Dalby reported that they have seven out of the eight judges needed for this event. Dates are September 19 and 20, 2009. Mike is the chairman and Kim Barker is the secretary. Chad Marsh is looking for volunteers to be bird planters and pickers. Victor Barger is looking for volunteers to be line and field marshals. There will also be some walking stakes at this event.

Brags: Kathy Harmer's CH Siennapointe's See Ya Polarkap "Hannah" finished 4th out of 470 entries at the Top Ten Finals Competition for the UKC. Jeff Engelsman mentioned that CH MACH JNEK's Royal Legacy RA JH "Lexi", owned by Tammy Sparks, received her MACH title and Lexi is Tammy's first agility dog. Mike Dalby mentioned that Greta II received a 3-point major at the Illinois Walking Trial.

Adjourned: Mark Johnson motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Many members seconded.

Submitted by: Mary A. Haines (edited by: Tom Grekowicz)



Double

Double Bubble weekend started off at 8:30 a.m., July 11th at the Kishwaukee Kennel Club's All-Breed dog show at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere with a Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes event followed by the regular conformation classes. The Specialty chairperson should have a list of placements elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In the afternoon at Busch Farm there was a mock hunt test/seminar referred to as Lake Superior Hunt Test Classic. Following is the report from Brad Lepoudre who was Event Chair: "We started the mock hunt test Saturday morning with an intro on how to use the AKC web page to locate events and filling out a premium. It was well attended with over 20 new eager JH hunters. The presentation also included information about the equipment needed for the event and tips on how to prepare and run in their first hunt test. The discussion lasted about 30 minutes and the participants asked a lot of good questions.

The mock hunt test followed the class which had 30 + dogs and lasted until the dinner hour. I'd like to thank Joel Peterson and Tim May who judged the event, Kathy Engelsman who line marshaled, and the various kids that were very happy to drive Jim's cart and plant birds. Overall it was a great success. Everyone got a chance to walk in the gallery to see dogs at all levels and have fun."

The steak dinner/club meeting started approximately 6:00 p.m. with steaks provided by the club and an assortment of delicious side dishes and desserts provided by club members. This year may have been the largest meeting to date with approximately 80 + people in attendance - some members and some not. Club meeting minutes are elsewhere in the Bulletin. Thanks to Michel Princer for obtaining steaks from her restaurant purveyor, cutting, and marinating steaks for the best we've ever had.



Registration Tent

Sunday was probably the largest crowd for events to date. (placements listed following report) The larger tent provided by Mike and Michelle Miklas was the center of activity where people could sign up for events, obtain information, buy lunch, and raffle tickets. Locate and Point started promptly at 9 a.m. by Event Chairperson Rick Mitchell

and his crew and finished at 2:30 p.m. running close to 80 entries. Obstacle course practice began also at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m. and 12 noon Kim Barker held mini Rally Obedience classes and gave people a chance to participate for the prized trophies. The Cake Walk for doggies began at 10:30 hosted by Cindy Lepoudre and following is her report: "We had approximately 12 participants for the Cake Walk. Mats numbered 1 thru 10 were placed on the ground in a circle. The players and their dogs took a place around



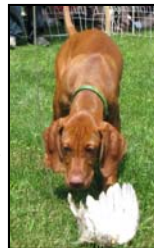
Rally Training

the circle and the music began. As the music played, the handlers walked their dogs around the circle on the numbers. When the music stopped, the players stood on the number closest to them. We had several children spectators who were happy to pull a card (Ace -10) to select the winner and distribute a dog treat prize. We had some puppies who were not very interested in walking on a leash ☹ but managed to get around the circle eventually. Everyone was a good sport.



Jim & "Penny"

Wing & String for puppies started at 11:00 a.m. with Wingmaster Jim Busch. Over 17 pups entered, but pointed wing was hard to get this year as most puppies had not been exposed to the wing and wanted to chase the wing. Practice, practice, practice!!!!



"Otis" on point

During the day Shelley Gabriel took votes from club members for the photo contest. We had a total of 56 pictures entered. Mike and Karen Dalby's pictures got the highest number of votes to earn them 10% of the photo contest entry money for a total of \$56.00 paid to them. Nice! Photo winners are elsewhere in the Bulletin.



Bird Planting

Rodney Albin, event chair for the Bird Planting contest, reported the JR and SR kids did an excellent job learning how to put birds to sleep this year as it took over two hours before the last bird would wake up. And, this was only after Rodney

emptied his blank gun three times trying to make enough noise to wake up the birds. Where else can you see so many kids sitting quietly and not moving.....Both winners for JR and SR groups received a trophy with pigeon on top.

Mary Haines, event chair for the Hot Dog eating contest, reports she had all the placements but has lost them along with her Honorable Mention for the dog who would not eat the hot dogs but found two quail in the area. There were 14 adult Vizslas entered and the winner was Flash, owned by Victor and Colomba Barger with a time of 1:07. Many first-time DB attendees thought it was a hot dog eating contest for humans until it was explained it is a fun event for owners, but the Vizslas get the hot dogs!

Michelle Princer, event chair for the obstacle course was busy on the Powder Puff Derby course, so Linda Busch took over timing dogs for the prized trophy. Rikki who has some agility experience and owned by our club's webmaster, won with a 44.38 seconds course. However, following within tenths of a second behind her was 13 week old puppy Gemma owned by the Hemauer family. Gemma came in with 44.91 seconds and no agility experience!!!!

The Rubber Duckie Race, Pigeon Race, and Pigeon Plop events were very successful and profitable for the winners.



Rubber Duck Race

Alex Larson from Roscoe, IL who came along with his friends Jack and Brock Engel, was the big money winner of the day. Not only did his pigeon win for a chunk of the earnings there, but his duck also won the race for a huge prize of \$50.

"As event chair (Linda Busch), the Powder Puff Derby was the biggest surprise of the day. Scheduled later in the day since I didn't think we would have that many entries, imagine the surprise when we had 16 entries and could have had more had we started earlier. Females in hot pink t-shirts and hot pink cowboy hats, and some with matching doggie outfits, had a "field day" running their dogs. We'll be better prepared next year!!!! Plus, we will have more categories for winners. Special thanks to Cindy Lepoudre who took over 'wrangling' the handlers in my absence, and to the bird planters who were led (and taught) by Jaden Johnson and our judges Jeff Parise and Greg Hedien."



Powder Puff Girls with Judges Jeff & Greg

Thanks to all those who took ownership of the event they ran as it certainly made my life easier: Kim Barker for Rally Obedience; Rodney Albin for Bird Planting Contest; Mary Haines for Hot Dog Eating Contest; Cindy Lepoudre for Cake Walk and Powder Puff Derby; Rick and Donna Mitchell and their crew for Locate and Point; Jim Busch for Wing & String; Michelle Princer for steaks; Shelley Gabriel for Photo contest; Brad Lepoudre for Hunt Test seminar; judges Jeff Parise and Greg Hedien for PPD; Shelly Kliefoth "official photographer," Kathy Harmer - vendor; and thanks to all who donated raffle items, specially Sharon Grieves for her handmade Vizsla stones which were a big hit. A special thanks to George and Mary Haines, Shelly and Eric Kliefoth, and Greg Hedien who helped set-up Friday and those who stayed later on Sunday to help tear-down like Joe Duffek and Mike and Michelle Miklas and others. I apologize if I left someone out as it certainly is not intentional.

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Bubble 2009

Double Bubble Placements

Locate & Point - 79 total entries

Tyro Young Dog - dogs under 2 years/inexperienced handler

1. John Looby - Belle .37 seconds
2. Zack Simpson - Magnum .42 seconds
3. Scott Torbik - Tory .48 seconds
4. Lorie/John Connel - Bo .59 seconds

Tyro Hunter - dogs over 2 years/inexperienced handler

1. Carl Charvat - Zoe .45 seconds
2. Tom Cwiok - Copper .46 seconds
3. Karli Parkhill - Ruby .46 seconds
4. Heather Swink - Hugo 1.04 seconds

Honorable Mention:

Jaden Johnson - Shandy 1.10 seconds

Field Trial Young Dog - dogs under 2 years/experienced handler

1. Chris Quaid - Carly 1.00 minutes
2. Dennis Nowak - Buckshot 1.04 minutes
3. Dennis Nowak - Crystal 1.06 minutes
4. Rodney Albin - JR 1.08 minutes

Field Trial Hunter - dogs over 2 years/experienced handler

1. Jake Lapre - Lili .24 seconds
2. Jake Lapre - Lili .33 seconds
3. John Parkhill - Ruby .37 seconds
4. Paul Hoogervorst - Riley .42 seconds

Honorable Mention:

- George Lakas - Joe .43 seconds
Valerie Blaine - Badge .57 seconds
Ron Teal - Cabela .58 seconds

Bird Planting Senior Division

1. Alex Larson 3. Katie Blanchett
2. Haley Teal 4. Christopher Hemauer

Bird Planting Junior Division

1. Adam Fichtner 3. Ethan Cieslak
2. Nick Hugelen

Hot Dog Eating Contest - for dogs - 14 entries

Winner - Flash (owner Victor & Colomba Barger) time: 1.07 mins

Cake Walk - variety of winners and prizes given.

Powder Puff Derby - ladies only - 16 entries

1. Valerie Blaine - Badge 3. Hanna Simpson—Otis
2. Lori May - Cheyenne 4. Stevie Duffek—Star

Most Entertaining - Michelle Miklas!!!!

(I'm sure there's a good story here)

Obstacle Course - dogs of all ages

1. Adriana Urbanczyk - Rikee (age ?) 44.38 seconds
2. Janice Hemauer - Gemma (13 weeks) 44.91 seconds
3. Chad Chadwell - Pele (5 months) 53.92 seconds
4. Chad Chadwell - Tiki (13 months) 109.64 seconds

Honorable Mention:

- Hanna Simpson - Otis (4 months) 136.40 seconds
Brock Engel - Noomin (5 1/2 yrs) 248.34 seconds

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