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# FC AFC Burr Oak's Old Number Seven

Burr Oak's Old Number Seven, call name Jack, finished his Open and Amateur Field Championships in 2008. Jack is out of FC AFC Upwind Shiloh Mark of Zorro, owned by Rob Tomczak and Burr Oak's End of the Line, Allie, owned by me. Allie was sired by FC AFC Raany SH, and goes back to FC AFC Bo Knows Birds, also owned by me.

Jack did well in derby stakes and showed real promise as a future gun dog. He ran in limited stakes his first season as a gun dog while we worked on retrieving. I used treats as a method of making Jack excited about the process and now he walks around the house all the time with a toy in his mouth looking for rewards.

We really liked Jack's litter and four of them are still in the family. I kept a female in addition to Jack and my son, Sean and his wife kept two. When they come home we have a real family reunion, both human and dog. All of the dogs are very people oriented and love birds.

Last fall I took a 28 day road trip to the Nationals in Arizona. Five dogs, two horses and I traveled 3900 miles, and attended three field trials. Jack won an amateur major at the Show Me trial on the way to Arizona. He also took third at the German Shorthair trial held just before the nationals.

The Sonoita Nationals were my first since I ran Bo back in the mid 1990s. I was excited to be there and thought the grounds would fit Jack's style of running. We were 5 minutes into the first series of the Open when Jack ran past a dog on point and that ended our Open hopes. Jack and I spent the next three days working on a backing refresher. He backed well when I left home, but somewhere on the trip down to Arizona those skills were forgotten.

In the first series of the Amateur, Jack was braced with Farley, owned by Barry Bassingthwaighte. Farley had won the NAFC the year before so I was pleased to be braced with a top performer. Jack and Farely had very nice runs with perfect bird work and both were called back for the second series. In fact, the judges braced them together again in the second series so I started getting a bit excited. The second series was equally as exciting as the first and Jack demonstrated our backing practice worked. Both dogs had retrieves on course and put down top caliber gun dog courses.

I listened as four place was announced and then third. Jack's name was not called so that was either good or bad. After the first two placements the judges said the next two dogs ran together in the both the first and second series so I knew I had a piece of the stake. They said it was close and Jack was awarded second. I was disappointed and thrilled at the same time. Bo had placed as a puppy in 1992 at nationals and won the Derby Classic in 1993, but I had never placed a gun dog. Jack did a great job against many fine Vizslas and made me a very proud and happy owner/handler.

At this years nationals in Danville, Virginia, Jack made the second series in both stakes but did not place. His kennel mate, Burr Oak's Quarterback, call name Rex, took second in the National Amateur Championship, beating 34 dogs and giving Burr Oak Kennel a National Amateur Championship second place repeat. Jack's placement will always be special to me as my first gun dog placement at a national event. Rex's placement is very special also, but for two different reasons. First, Rex was the second youngest dog at the nationals and the youngest one to make the second series and the youngest to place. Rex was two months shy of his third birthday and in his first season as a gun dog. Second, Rex was trained by my son, Brian, who had recently become a professional dog trainer. My young pro and young dog both had an outstanding showing in Virginia.

Jack is the second dog I have finished as a Field Champion and Amateur Field Champion. He turned five last September which gives us several more opportunities at a national title. As much as we are proud of a national amateur championship second, blue is a whole lot better and a goal we will both be working towards.

~Jim Gingrich



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JNEK Pack'n Heat – makes the cut

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Lake Shore Kennel Club

Winners Dog- Best of Winners- Best of Opposite

Owner: Gina and John Rotkvich

JNEK's Teton Mountain Man



Kankakee Kennel Club

Winners Dog- Best of Winners- Best of Breed

Owner: Aaron and Lucia Whitfield

JNEK's Miracle of The Roses



Kankakee Kennel Club

Winners Bitch- Best of Opposite

Owner: Erik and Kara Bende

Submitted by Kathy Engelsman

**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](http://www.buschvizslas.com) and for information about stud service, call Jim or Linda Busch at 815-335-7673.

To 07/10

# Upcoming Events

VCOI Awards Banquet ~ Holiday Dinner

January 16, 2010

Cocktails at 6:00pm

~ dinner, awards, short club meeting and entertainment to follow.

Gibson's Steakhouse

RSVP Deadline was December 15th,

to find out if you can still join us contact Pam Spurgeon @ 815-547-9027



VCOI Training Days on Feb 20th & 21st 2010.

Held at Desplaines Wildlife area on the West grounds. We Usually start at 8:00 on both days. These are vary casual days. You are welcome to come out and let the dogs run. You don't have to do bird training. If we have a ruff winter just think how good it will be to let that pent up aggression out. However if you do want to train we will have designated shooting fields and non shooting fields. What ever you would like to work on we will be set up to do. From puppies to broke dogs. If interested please call the Nowak's at 815-439-0720 to reserve the number of birds that you would like. When you call to reserve I will let you know the price of birds. We will have extra birds for sale until they are gone.

***If you are running in the Futurity in March you can not participate in the Feb Training Days!***

Dennis Nowak

# Help Needed

**February Training Weekend 20th & 21st @ Desplaines**

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**March Field Trial Date TBD @ Desplaines**

**We need a FT Chairperson & Secretary**

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**Contact Jim Busch, FT Chairperson 815-335-7673**

**or Michele Princer, FT Secretary**

**June Hunt Test/Training Day June 6th & 7th @ Ottawa**

**Contact Mark Spurgeon for the Training Day**

**or Brad & Cindy Lepoudre 847-888-1176 for the Hunt Test**

**President's Message**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in 2010.

~Jeff Parise

## Pets More Susceptible to Side Effects of NSAIDs

It is now widely accepted in human medicine that one of the largest causes of liver failure (and also liver transplant surgery) in the United States is due to the overuse of a particular type of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) named acetaminophen. This stunning research finding was first published in the December 2005 issue of the journal *Hepatology*. Nearly every person in the country has used one type of NSAID or another, whether that be ibuprofen, naproxen, or aspirin. When taken correctly, these drugs have very few side effects.

However, "the use of NSAIDs is one of the most controversial topics in veterinary medicine," says Dr. Stuart Clark-Price, a veterinary anesthesiologist and internal medicine specialist at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana. As many pill-popping humans can attest, these drugs have great anti-inflammatory, anti-fever, and pain relief properties because they inhibit certain enzymes in the body. If these drugs have such great properties, then why is their use so controversial in animals, one may ask?

"Cats and dogs are much more susceptible than people to the adverse effect of NSAIDs," explains Dr. Clark-Price. In short, dogs and cats are not simply smaller versions of people. They lack certain enzymes that we have, and also may process these drugs differently. In short, the use of NSAIDs in dogs and cats comes with a smaller safety margin. Because of this, it is critical that veterinary patients be accurately dosed and routinely monitored for side effects.

Despite of the increased risk, NSAIDs are frequently used in veterinary patients with minimal adverse effects. For example, in a routine spay or castration in a healthy dog or cat over the age of the age of 6 weeks, NSAIDs are a good choice for pain relief. Because there will be mild to moderate inflammation in these instances, which is exactly what these drugs work to prevent, "NSAIDs are probably better for consistent pain control in cases of inflammation than even opioids," notes Dr. Clark-Price.

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Another reason dogs are prescribed NSAIDs is due to chronic arthritis. For example, an older Labrador that has a hard time getting up in the morning due to joint pain may be given a certain NSAID daily. But careful monitoring is critical in these patients. The most common complication is gastro-intestinal tract ulceration. This can be a minor problem, but it can also progress to life threatening perforations.

Other problems that can develop are kidney and liver dysfunction, or blood abnormalities such as the decreased ability to clot. Because liver and kidney disease are potential side effects of NSAIDs, it is important that a dog starting on a course of these drugs have its blood tested frequently to determine if kidney and liver function are starting to decrease. If so, it is imperative that NSAID use be terminated.

Symptoms owners should watch for while their pet is on NSAIDs include:

- Decreased appetite
- Lethargy or other changes in behavior
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Yellowing of the skin, whites of the eye, or gums
- Skin redness or scabs

For more information on the risks of NSAID use in pets please talk to your local veterinarian or visit the American Veterinary Medical Association's Web site on the topic at [http://www.avma.org/products/gov\\_materials/nsaid.asp](http://www.avma.org/products/gov_materials/nsaid.asp).

Please do not give any NSAIDs to your pet without first contacting your veterinarian. For example, one acetaminophen (Tylenol) pill may kill a cat.



# BRAG'S PAGE

Ch. Sienna Pointes See Ya Polarkap

UKC Reserve Best In Show  
Group 1  
Group 2



Currently UKC Ranked Number 3 Vizsla In The Country

Owners: Kathy Harmer - Sue Barnes - Cathy Gallagher



Shawnee's Red Lioness ("SAGE") had an awesome September -- earning qualifying ribbons in her first three JH hunt tests, a 1st place finish and two 2nds in her very first field trial events at the VCOI fall trials, and another ribbon in her fourth hunt test in early October. At less than 13 months she has earned her JH title and 2 points toward a field championship -- with the handicap of a handler/owner (Joe FitzSimmons) who has no experience whatsoever with these events. She was bred by Linda Busch (out of Omega and Aowynn) and trained by Jerry Jordan. Thank you Linda and Jerry.

Joe FitzSimmons

From Amy Wukotich: on 11-1-09 Vicky finished her UKC agility championship (UACH) under judge Cheryl Cieslinski.

From Kathy Toy: Riley, my rescue V, completed her Rally Advanced title on November 8, 2009.

Pam and I would like to congratulate Ruger on winning the 2009 VCA National Amateur Field Championship held in Virginia. His new name is 2xNDGC NAFC DC AFC Crimson's Twenty Gage Ruger SH CGC. He was easy to handle. Was staunch on his birds and hunted the course appropriately. In the First series he had 3 finds. In the second series he had 8 finds 2 were coveys. He also made a nice blind retrieve.



MVSDCH Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden JH won the 1 hour Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship (MVSDCH) held at Ionia Michigan. Rigby ran big and held his lines well. Pam and I are proud of our 3 year old.

~Mark Spurgeon



Zeeva, owned by Linda Busch, earned a 3rd place at the Vizsla Club Of America national dog show Oct. 2009 in her class of 18 other females (Puppy Bitches age 12 to 18 months old).

Tru Will You Marry Me? (Diamond) earned her JH at the GSPCI's Fall Hunt Test on September 12th, 2009.

Diamond is out of Tru Wild Desire JH CGC & BISS DC Snowridge Gunfire Flynn MH CGC

Submitted by Amanda Lounsbury Kosanda



# A Special Boy, A Special Dog

By Christopher Burbach | *WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER*

First the boy rescued the dog. Now the dog rescues the boy. If it weren't for each other, they might not be alive today. The story began on a spring day two years ago. Dominic Wiederin, then 17, was driving his white 1992 Cadillac down a Nebraska highway when he spotted what looked like a black dog wandering woefully beside the road. Dominic stopped the car. The dog's tail lopped at an odd angle. He was gaunt from hunger. Cysts surrounded his eyes. His coat was actually red but was coated with black grime. His underbelly was raw from sleeping rough. He had no tags. No collar.

Dominic pushed open the passenger door.

"Come here, buddy," he called.

The dog jumped in like it was his car. He lay down on the seat next to Dominic, like they already belonged to each other.

Dominic drove toward home. The abandoned dog with nothing but troubles in the world reminded him of a biblical figure: Job, the poster boy for remaining faithful in the face of misery. Dominic named the dog with a variation on the spelling: Jobe.

"Jobe remained loyal," Dominic said. "Jobe's been through tough times. So why not?"

The boy had no idea how steadfast a friend the mangy creature would become. He headed home to talk his parents, Teresa and Mark Wiederin, into letting him keep the dog.

It was not an easy sell.

The family's northwest Omaha home already was bustling with six children, all but one younger than Dominic, and a pint-size canine dictator named Gunther. The little white Maltese-Papillon alpha dog believes he runs the house. He's not afraid to bite bigger dogs to show them who's boss. Dominic was busy, too. He was a junior at Roncalli High School. He played football. He had a construction job.

A bath and a veterinarian's checkup revealed that Jobe is a Hungarian Vizsla, a popular hunting breed. He's about 8 years old. He stands 2 foot tall at his shoulders. He's sleek at 63 pounds.

Malnourished, he weighed 52 pounds when he was rescued.

"This dog had a rough life," veterinarian Dr. W.C. Lofton said. "Whether it was by someone, or by other animals or automobiles — he had a rough start."

Lofton fixed all the problems he could fix. Jobe had a broken tail. Scars marked old injuries on his ribs, back and scrotum. The cysts around his eyes had been growing for a long time. He had tapeworms.

"He's a good boy," Dominic told his parents.

"We don't know where he came from," his mother worried. "We don't really know about him." But she and her husband agreed to give it a try, at least until they found out if someone else would claim Jobe.

No one else did. But he claimed the Wiederins.

"After a couple weeks, we just all fell in love with him," Teresa said.

Jobe is friendly. He doesn't run after squirrels. He's good with the kids. He puts up with Gunther's nips. He rarely barks. He chases sticks and chews them to slivers. He lies quietly while Dominic pulls the slivers from his gums.

Mostly, Jobe sticks to Dominic.

"I call him Velcro," Teresa said.

So what if the new dog wore out one-third of the backyard grass by pacing whenever Dominic is away? And the family can live with Jobe's one truly bad habit: swallowing socks, then throwing them up or defecating them out.

He and Dominic became nearly inseparable. They'd go anywhere, do anything together. They even built a limestone retaining wall together. Dominic loaded the stones on a sled in the front yard, harnessed Jobe to the sled and led him to the backyard. "He's about the best dog I've ever had," Dominic said.

Jobe had a home.

About six months after finding Jobe, Dominic went out to eat barbecue with other Roncalli football players. Later, he swelled up and turned as red as a lobster. It felt like something was stuck in his throat. His parents rushed him to the hospital.

Doctors diagnosed him with severe allergies to food and other substances.

Though a younger brother has food allergies, Dominic had never previously displayed them. That was just the beginning. Over the past year and a half, Dominic has been to the hospital about 100 times with severe allergic reactions.



They threaten his ability to breathe. Often he's unable to speak.

The episodes messed up his senior year at Roncalli. Now 19, Dominic is a senior at Omaha Central High.

Through medical tests and trial and error, Dominic has been diagnosed with allergies to paprika, peanuts, walnuts, tomatoes, rice, corn, agricultural pesticides and cats, among other things.

His sensitivity and the strength of the reactions have grown. Shaking hands with a cat owner can land him in the intensive-care unit.

He and his parents don't know what caused the allergies to surface. They know it's not Jobe.

They take numerous measures to counter the allergies, beginning with controlling his diet. They always have at hand EpiPens, emergency shots of epinephrine that can counter an allergic reaction. The whole family is trained to use them.

Some of the scariest attacks are secondary reactions. They come after Dominic has been released from the hospital after treatment for an attack. As the medicine wears off, his body reacts again. It can happen in the middle of the night, with everyone asleep.

One November night in 2007, Dominic had come home from a hospital stay. He was sleeping on a couch in the home's main level instead of his basement bedroom, to be closer to his parents' room.

In the wee hours came a howling from the living room. It was Jobe.

Teresa and Mark thought someone was breaking into the house. They ran to Dominic. He frantically motioned to his face with both hands. He was swollen and half out of it. They rushed him to the hospital.

"The first time Jobe saved him, we thought, 'OK, that was kind of fluky,'" Teresa said. Then it happened again.

In the middle of the night in November 2008, Jobe roused the entire family with howling. Teresa and Mark ran to find Dominic in respiratory distress.

Then it happened again, just last week.

Dominic had fallen asleep Sunday night in a recliner after returning home from yet another hospital stay. He had unknowingly visited a home that has cats.

About 3 a.m. Monday, Jobe began to bark.

"He was howling and howling," Teresa said. "He came running down the hall like there was a fire. I got up and met him at the (bedroom) door. I said, 'What's wrong, buddy?'"

Jobe turned around and ran barking down the hallway to Dominic, with Teresa on his heels.

This time, Dominic could speak.

"I can't breathe," he told his mother.

They raced him to the hospital again. He was released Wednesday afternoon.

"When he comes home from the hospital and he's so tired and weak from all the medicines, Jobe is right there for him," Teresa said. "Dom can't do a lot of things teenagers do, but he tells me 'I'm not lonely. I've got Jobe.'"

Dominic was still puffy Thursday afternoon as he and his mother told the story in the family's backyard.

"You know how a coyote howls at the moon?" Dominic said. "He howls like that. He'll howl until somebody comes."

"My husband says he's like a Lassie dog," Teresa said.

They suspect Jobe notices changes in Dominic's breathing. Maybe the dog picks up on Dominic's emotional distress.

"He obviously connects so well with Dom that he senses trouble, fear, whatever," Teresa said.

There are working dogs specially trained to smell food allergy threats, such as peanuts, and keep their owners from eating them. They can cost upward of \$10,000.

"Jobe doesn't sniff out the danger," Teresa said. "But he knows when something's wrong and calls for help. We're so blessed to have Jobe just fall into our laps and love our son as much as we do and help protect him. ...

## Red Dog Green Backs Introduction

Starting with the 2009 Awards Banquet/Holiday Dinner we will start giving away Red Dog Green Backs. Red Dog Green Backs will be used as "currency" for the VCOI. You can earn Green Backs throughout the year by participating in VCOI events. Green Backs can be collected for use at the 2011 Awards Banquet/Holiday Dinner. We would ask everyone who comes to the 2011 Banquet to bring a "gift" to be auctioned off. An Auction will be held during the evening using Green Backs to bid on the item(s) of your choice.

### *Sample Red Dog Green Back:*



This will be a great way to encourage participation in the club, promote the Banquet, and have a lot of fun.

### Sample Red Dog Green Backs Guidelines:

#### **50,000**

Participation in any VCOI sponsored event. Showing up to meetings, events, etc.

#### **100,000**

Entering or working at any VCOI sponsored event. Any HT, FT, Specialty entry gets 100,000. Helping with food, gunning, line marshalling, bird planting, etc. gets 100,000.

Double Bubble item donations gets 100,000.

#### **250,000**

Lowest scoring dog at any given VCOI event will receive 250,000.

Coming to the Double Bubble gets 250,000. Working at the Double Bubble gets you an additional 250,000.

Any Bulletin submission gets you 250,000; article, brag, picture, etc..

Placing in any VCOI sponsored event. Any VCOI club member placing in any class at a FT or Specialty sponsored by the VCOI will receive 250,000. A qualifying score at a HT gets you 250,000.

#### **500,000**

Winning any VCOI sponsored event. Any VCOI club member to win in an entered class at a FT, or Specialty sponsored by the VCOI will receive 500,000.

#### **1,000,000**

Any new title earned for a dog will earn you 1,000,000.

Double Bubble/Banquet name tag game.

The chairperson(s) of VCOI events will be given Red Dog Green Backs to give out at their discretion.

The Double Bubble will be a great time to be handing out Green Backs!!

Contact Shelly Kliefoth if you have any questions.

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# Meeting Minutes

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Jimmy's Charhouse  
I-90 and Randall Road  
Elgin, IL  
November 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Call to order:** Jeff Parise called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Linda Busch motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Haines seconded the motion.

**Presidents Report:** Jeff Parise talked about the membership directory saying that it was a little delayed but that it went to the printer this week. Jeff suggested an online version of our membership directory if we eventually had a secure area of our website available to members of the Club and a brief discussion ensued. It was also suggested to add pictures of members (for those who wanted) in the directory for an easy way to remember people's names with a face. It would be helpful to put faces with names. Everyone liked the idea. Shelly Kliefoth suggested having pictures of club officers and directors along with the names in the Newsletter and on the VCOI website. Shelly also passed out a sheet titled "VCOI Bulletin Editor Job Description and Coverage Timeline" which showed position responsibilities and an activity timeline for the Editor.

**Treasures Report:** Linda Busch reported that the Club has a favorable balance for our checking and savings account.

**Website Update:** Jeff Parise said we always need content, pictures, and updates for our VCOI website. He also said that we have 66 people following the VCOI Facebook page within the first six months of it being up. When you are a fan of the VCOI Facebook page, you can add content such as informational notices, photos, videos, etc., to the page. Jeff would be happy to help anyone if they want to contact him directly.

**Holiday Party / Awards Banquet:** Pam Spurgeon said that the deadline for dinner reservations is December 15<sup>th</sup> 2009. Pam said that she might be able to take people after that date but she needs a count of heads before the party. Mary Haines is getting donations for the event. There will be a short 15 to 20 minute membership meeting. Dinner is all you can eat and parking is free valet. There is also a block of rooms across the street at the Embassy Suites Hotel O'Hare in Rosemont. The deadline for the awards is December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 per the new rules.

**February Training Weekend:** HELP WANTED! Patti and Dennis Nowak are looking for some people to help them on the training weekend that will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. This event replaces our February Hunt Test because we now share the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois's April Hunt Test with them. The Training Weekend is also shared with the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois.

**March Field Trial:** The March Field Trial is held at Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. The exact trial dates have not been set yet. Mark Spurgeon said that he would be on the Field Trial Committee. \*\* We do not have volunteers to Chair and Secretary the spring trial. If we do not have anyone volunteer to manage this event we will not have an event. \*\*

**Midwest Vizsla Futurity:** Mark Spurgeon reported that we have 12 litters nominated for 2010 and 15 litters nominated for 2011. Check out the web site at [www.vizslafuturity.com](http://www.vizslafuturity.com). Mark said the Futurity Committee has been talking to Betty Rozanek for past Futurity records. Robert Richter is one of the judges for the Futurity. Mark suggested that the Field Trial Committee talk to Robert Richter to see if he would judge the March Field Trial to keep costs down for both events. Eukanuba is one of the sponsors for the Futurity. Mark will send out more information to the VCOIinc yahoo group three weeks prior to the event.

**Ottawa / Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club:** WANTED: people to run dogs at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2009. **IF NO ONE SHOWS UP ON THESE DATES WE WILL LOSE THESE GROUNDS!** The Ottawa Field Trial Grounds are 5 miles North of Eagle, WI on Highway 67. Jeff Parise asked if we want to keep the December Field Trial dates. Discussion ensued and the consensus was to try to keep the date active for the VCOI for now.

**May Walking Field Trial:** Jim Busch and Michelle Princer previously offered to investigate holding a trial at the Paw Paw ground, and so presented their research. Jim Busch called Tony Ordonez for some directions on how to get to the Paw Paw gated grounds but never found the grounds that the Brittany Club uses for training. Michelle Princer passed out a map of where Paw Paw was located. Michelle said that Paw Paw's population was somewhere over 800 people and that the town only had two hotels. Michelle also reported that the Paw Paw grounds had no clubhouse or running water. At our past September's Membership Meeting, Bill Elliott said that you could camp out on the grounds and that they did have porta-potties. One of the considerations of holding a Field Trial on the Gingrich / Busch Plantation was that people who hunted or trained on the grounds would have an advantage over those who didn't. Michelle then read off a sheet with some of the winners from our past May's Field Trial saying that these people also placed very well in Nationals this year. Jeff Parise suggested an "open house" – type day in advance of the trial to allow others not familiar with the grounds to have time to check them out. Jim Busch welcomed anyone out for such an open house or any other time. Michelle summarized that this is an ideal site for the VCOI since we would have gracious hosts, campsites, plenty of hotels in town, running water, a clubhouse barn, and a vet right down the street. Someone also brought up the question of what would we do for the dogs in the summer heat at Paw Paw with no running water? Linda Busch motioned that we hold a May Walking Field Trial at the Gingrich / Busch Plantation. Mark Spurgeon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jim Busch is volunteered to be Chairman of this event and Michelle Princer volunteered to be Secretary for the May Field Trial. They will gather a trial committee and other volunteers.

**Calendar:** Linda Busch had calendars for people to purchase. Calendars are \$12.00 each and going fast. If anyone would like a calendar, contact Shelly Gabriel. Any still available will be offered at the Annual Meeting.

**June Hunt Test / Training Day:** The Training Day will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 and the Hunt Test will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. Both events are at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, which is 5 miles North of Eagle, WI on Highway 67. Mark Spurgeon volunteered to Chair the Training Day event and he is in need of volunteers to help. Mark said he wants our Vizsla's to have priority over other dog breeds that come to the training day. We also need volunteers to Chair and Secretary the Hunt Test.

**AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar:** Tom Grekowicz mentioned that the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois is sponsoring an AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar for Pointing Breeds on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2010. The seminar is from 9am to 5:30pm at the Bolingbrook Bass Pro Shop in Bolingbrook, IL. Who should attend: Judges who need this seminar to remain current. Anyone wishing to better understand how hunt tests are run, judged, and regulated. Anyone wishing to become a judge must take this seminar to fulfill one of the requirements. The seminar cost is \$25.00 paid in advance which includes all seminar materials. Lunch (BBQ pork or chicken sandwich, fries, coffee, water, and soda) is an additional \$12.00 paid in advance. Contact Joe Delaney at 815-521-1965 (H) or 815-546-4171. Or contact Gene Rose 630-554-7014 (H) or 630-975-9500 (C).

**Nominating Committee and Proposed Slate:** Tom Grekowicz presented the slate of Officers for the Committee. Officers are elected to a one year term and Members of the Board of Directors are elected to a two year term per the VCOI bylaws.

President: Jeff Parise

Vice President: Pam Spurgeon

Treasurer: Linda Busch

Secretary: Tom Grekowicz

Board of Directors: Rodney Albin, Kathy Engelsman

Jeff Parise opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. The election of Officers and Directors will take place at the January Membership Meeting.

**Vizsla Merchandise:** Jeff Parise commenced discussion about merchandise such as shirts emblazoned with Vizsla – related print. Members present expressed interest in purchasing such merchandise if it were available. It was suggested that we have a link to order Vizsla merchandise from the VCOI website. Kathy Harmer said she would make up an ad of different things we could order like hats, t-shirts, hoodies, jackets, etc. She said she needs ideas of what people want.

**Supported Entries / Specialty Show:** Kathy Harmer returned some money to Linda Busch from the Specialty Show we had this past July. Kathy also needed a check from Linda Busch for the application for next years Specialty Show. Kathy mentioned that the application for next years show wasn't given to her until last week when it was originally sent to the Secretary some time at the end of July. Tom Grekowicz responded saying that he gets lots of stuff sent to him from AKC that is informational and requires no action and that he must have misplaced this application. Kathy also reported that the VCOI calendar had the

wrong date for next year's show. Discussion ensued to attempt to clarify the dates and it appears that AKC might have made a mistake. Kathy Harmer will double check the accuracy of the show dates with the hosting club and with AKC. The Show should be on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 and the Sweepstakes judge for the Specialty will be Pat Berger.

**Quote / Question Of The Month:** Jim Busch asked the question: Who was the only Vizsla to go Best in Group 1 from the late seventies? Answer: Harans Tulipan. Kathy Harmer got the correct answer.

**Braggs:** Michelle Princer's Holly Berry received 3 blues and a reserve at West Michigan's Harvest Cluster. Kathy Harmer's Hanna received Reserve best in Show and a Group 1 and Group 2. Hanna's wins were at UKC Shows. Amanda Lounsbury's Tru Will You Marry Me? "Diamond" finished her Jr. Hunter at the German Shorthair Pointer Club of Illinois's September Hunt Test at Des Plaines Wildlife Area. Amanda also mentioned that she got married in Chicago to Tom Kosanda on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2009. Mark and Pam Spurgeon's Ruger won the 2009 VCA National Amateur Field Championship. Mark also bragged for the Club and said that VCOI members handled 3 out of the 4 dogs that placed in the VCA's National Amateur Championship. The dogs handled were: Ruger, Rex, and Greta. Mark and Pam's Rigby, at 3 years old, won the 2009 Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship's 1 hour stake. Greg Hedien's Kramer finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Eastern Iowa Field Trial and finished his Amateur Field Championship. Greg also said that Tony Ordonez's dog finished 1<sup>st</sup> (finishing his Amateur Field Championship) and Bill Elliot's dog finished 4<sup>th</sup> at this Trial. The VCOI took 3 out of the 4 placements at Eastern Iowa's Field Trial.

**Miscellaneous / Other Business:** Linda Busch said she received a card from Tami Babcock thanking the VCOI for a benefit raffle at the Double Bubble dedicated to helping her out after losing her house, 15 dogs and 2 cats to a house fire. Jeff Parise gave a special thank you to Cathy Gallagher for setting up the dinner for the meeting. Jeff also thanked Pam Spurgeon and the Committee for the organization of the upcoming Annual Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**Adjourn:** All Club business being concluded, Greg Hedien motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sue Barnes seconded the motion. Jeff Parise adjourned the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Submitted by: Tom Grekowicz

## Welcome New VCOI Members:

**Jessica Testwuide**  
**2144 N Lincoln Park West #22A**  
**Chicago, IL 60614**

**Jeremy & Joanne Weber**  
**W2736 Fonda Lane**  
**Belleville, WI 53508**

**Charles & Dee Wentzel**  
**716 Crystal Ct. South**  
**Schaumburg, IL 60193**