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A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

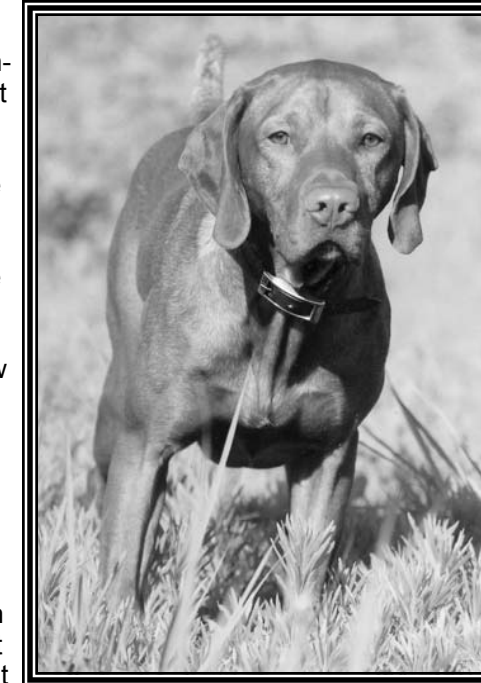
## DC AFC Remek's Red Storm Rising

We hadn't planned on keeping a puppy out of Abby's first litter. Number 4 had other plans. He came out kicking and screaming, unlike his brothers and sisters who came into the world quietly. That should have been a sign. He was assigned the purple collar, another sign (his mother was a hellion and she came home in a purple collar). We had a Beverly Hillbillies theme so he became Earl because my father-in-law and brother-in-law are both Earls and are ornery. Another sign.

Jaks was more active than the others even before their eyes opened. Within 12 hours of birth he went for a swim when he decided to crawl out of the tub we had the puppies in and landed in the water bucket next to it. He was the first to run, the first to bark, the first to drive me crazy. I used to describe him as needing a job. Again, another sign.

Looking back I realize that Jaks was speaking to me from the beginning, I was just too dense to listen. I keep saying we only kept him because I didn't have a competition home for him but I think deep down I wanted to keep him. I chose his sire partly because I wanted to gain some attitude. Oh brother did I get it. You know there is something when every time someone came to visit the puppies they pointed him out, usually because of his antics. It's tough to stand out in a litter of 11 but he managed to do it all the time. One person even commented that he was going to be trouble for someone. Figures that someone would be me! All of my litter updates seemed to center around him.

We brought Jaks along slowly in the field. At first I thought he was going to be a bust, he just didn't seem to catch on to the fact that he could actually LOOK for the bird vs. stumbling across it. However, all it took was letting him watch us plant a bird once and he did a 180 and never looked back. He ran twice before he turned one, neither time was anything to remember. He started getting it together in his second season and was always in the ribbons unless he went birdless in Derby. In the spring of 2006 he earned all his derby points and we kept running him since we were taking another dog to trials. As long as he didn't catch birds we figured we were okay. The experience was invaluable in that he learned to handle all types of grounds and conditions.



As a bonus he was #4 on the Puppy/ Derby Top Ten at one point.

We broke Jaks over the summer of 2006. He made his gun dog debut at the September 2006 VCOI field trial. It lasted about 5 minutes. His next time down wasn't much better, he blew 2 situations that he had handled quite well at home. So, we pulled him from the next trial and figured we had work to do. However, the Show Me trial needed one dog to make AGD a major. We entered Jaks figuring we would have to undo a lot of damage. To our surprise, he handled 3 birds cleanly and won a 3-point amateur major. Not bad for a first gun dog placement. After a few amusing seconds, Jaks did well, even getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 37 at a Brittany all-breed trial. By the end of his second season as a gun dog Jaks finished his AFC. The

next weekend he earned his last major in the ring to finish the CH. After a summer off, during which he won an AOM out of the field trial dog at the Show Me Vizsla Club specialty, he resumed his gun dog season where it began, at the VCOI fall field trial. It was here that he redeemed himself for his previous run, winning OGD for a 3-point retrieving major to finish his DC almost a year to the day from making his gun dog debut! Two months after he turned 3 Jaks became DC AFC Remek's Red Storm Rising. What a ride this dog has been.

However, no matter how many titles he has earned, what makes him a true champion is his temperament. Jaks is just a total sweetheart, not to mention a complete clown around the house.

Submitted by Laurie Wonnell



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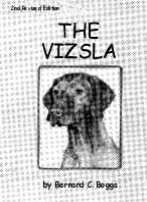



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President Jim Gingrich called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Approval of Minutes – The membership was unable to approve the minutes as they were not published as of the meeting date.

President's Report – President Jim Gingrich had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Jodi Cieslak reported that she received paperwork from the AKC stating that the December field trial needs VCA approval. Jim Gingrich volunteered to call Al Lucas and get it resolved.

Treasurer's Report – See Cheryl's email.

Bulletin Report – Cathy Gallagher stated that the club newsletter should be out a week from Friday (should be at the printer on Friday). Updated mailing labels are ready to go. Editor Amy Wukotich apologizes for the lateness.

Jim Gingrich asked what can we do to get this newsletter done in a timely fashion? Editor Amy Wukotich wants to find a replacement – any suggestion? Should we go to

an online only version? The bulletin needs to go out in a timely manner to arrive before the scheduled meetings. Jim feels that we should bid the job out to an outside company. Cathy offered to get bids - Linda Busch stated that we should ask the club members first. Cathy also offered to be the go-between club members and an outside publishing company should we decide to use one in the future.

Awards Banquet – Carol Gingrich stated that Cheryl Lykowski sent her a list of what to do when. The banquet is reserved for Saturday January 19, 2007 at the Fisherman's Inn. She will send the invite to be published in the newsletter and on the website. Buffet dinner and white elephant gift exchange like we did last year. Karen offered to help Carol.

Jim asked to get all of our meeting dates and banquet on the internet. We need someone to take this job on. Mike Dalby offered to handle this; he will call Michel Berner and give her the meeting dates to be updated and published on the club website.

Ottawa Work Day Report – Greg

Hedien reported that he, Mike Dalby and his wife and Victor Barger took care of trees, cut trees down and did general maintenance work.

February Hunt Test Report – Patti & Dennis Nowak stated that they will secretary and chair this event. We ran 82 dogs this past February and made a good profit for the club.

Labor Day Hunt Test Report – Dennis Nowak reported that there are no water bins on the east grounds. Jim Busch made a motion to buy an appropriate water bin, Jim Gingrich seconded the motion.

Nominating Committee Report – Jodi Cieslak reported that the Officers agreed to stay on another year and the two board members up for election have also decided to serve another term.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 8:36pm. Greg Hedien made the motion and Dennis Nowak seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jodi Cieslak  
 VCOI Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

I apologize to everyone for the mistakes in the directory. I did not have the time to proofread and need someone else to do it for me anyway as I cannot proof my own typing. Some of you got a correction sheet with some of the changes, and unfortunately a few of the directories did not get this little addition. Therefore, please note the following changes/additions and put them in your 2007-2008 Membership Directory.

Gabriel, Jerry & Shelley – phone correction 815-736-8299

Jagniatkowski, Witold & Danuta – phone correction 773-589-0793

Klecicka, Darec & Barbara – zip code correction 60502

Nowak, Dennis & Patty – zip code correction 60435

Thill, Jeremy & Jennifer – add P. O. Box 532

Voehringer, Brad & Allison – add phone 847-343-1301 (Brad)

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Thank you and if anyone notices anything else that needs to be corrected, please let me know.

## VCOI President's Message — Nov. 2007

Anyone who has filled out an application for the Breeders Directory understands there is a requirement to volunteer eight hours during the year to continue on the Directory. The Board reviewed the application and made several changes to improve the clarity of the requirement. In addition, a list of over 171 opportunities to volunteer follows directly after the application.

The Board also decided to have every breeder's renewal come due on the same date. That makes it easier to administer and also allows us to make another change. No one breeder should have the opportunity to be listed first on the list continuously. What will happen beginning this month is that all breeders qualified for the list will have their names written on a piece of paper, the paper folded in half and placed in a container. With at least 3 Board members present, the names will be drawn from the container and placed on the Breeder List in the order drawn. The process will be repeated each year thereafter.

The VCOI yahoo group is a very useful tool for members to share information and ideas. As you know there is no advertising and whining. The yahoo group was also never intended to be used for negative criticism of any of the VCOI members. There was a particularly negative and ignorant posting to the VCOI yahoo group this past week. Apparently facts and knowledge are irrelevant to at least one of our members.

To prevent any member from using the VCOI sponsored yahoo group to air negative opinions all emails will be reviewed by a Board member before posting. Almost all of you will notice no change to the VCOI yahoo group, but you will be spared the insult of reading ignorant and negative postings in

the future.

I have been doing a lot of thinking about our club meetings. Attendance has been low for the past few meetings and that says our members are choosing not to attend. It could be because of the meeting time, location or content. We have an agenda for each meeting but quite frankly it is primarily routine reviews that could be done via email.

An idea discussed today with another club member was to just hold two club meetings a year, the holiday party and the double bubble. I have not discussed this with the Board, so this is just a couple of members thinking about change. We could perhaps add training days in place of club meetings. They could cover all activities sponsored by the AKC. I was lucky when I got started in field trials. My friend Jim Busch took me under his wing just like he has so many of us and helped us get started. He is still helping lots of people get started in the field, but I think there is much the rest of the club can do also and not just in the field.

I would encourage all of you to submit your ideas via the VCOI yahoo group on what if any changes you would like to see in the time, location and content of our club meetings. How often should they be held? Suggest an alternative location. What other gathering of the club members would find more useful than the current venue? The results will be compiled and discussed by the Board.

I have spent several hours in phone conversation with your Board over past two weeks. We are very lucky to have the bright and engaged group we have guiding this organization.

Jim

## Award Bars & Plaques

If your dog has earned a Championship or other performance title in 2007, please don't forget to fill out the form & get to Cheryl Peterson no later than **December 1st.**

Titles earned in AKC & other registries (UKC, etc.) are all eligible. Titles include: conformation, field, obedience, tracking, hunting, agility, etc. In order to get a bar, you must fill out the form which can be found on the VCOI website at:  
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Also include a copy of your title certificate. Titles earned after 12/1 will be awarded the next year.

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## VCOI Fall Field Trial Results

Congratulations to all placements. I'm glad to hear Mark Spurgeon made it home carrying that enormous load of trophies. Skip and Laurie are just a tad proud that Jaks finished his DC this weekend.

We had a few new handlers win placements - Eugene Wolf with Sonny in a retrieving Gun Dog stake and Phil Rohs in a puppy stake. Phil also got his gun dog around clean. I believe this was Rusty's first Gun Dog stake, and he placed in it.

Steve Whitney ran Gus (Berry's Bad Boy) to the Most Outstanding Young Vizsla award sponsored over the last 10 years by Mark Johnson. It is awarded by the judges to a dog less than 5 years of age in the Amateur Gun Dog stake that exhibits the most potential.

Thanks also to the judges, many of whom donated their time. Stan Noble pledged his expenses towards the Linda Keaton Raffle.

I will be sponsoring a new award next year: Most Painful Dismount. A bronzed pillow will be awarded to a rider whose unauthorized dismount exhibits a complete lack of grace, dignity and a total element of surprise. A plaque bearing the phrase uttered during the dismount (or immediately thereafter) will be attached.



Without further ado:

Open Gun Dog (Judges Mark Spurgeon and Stan Noble) 17 dogs started [retrieving]  
1. Remek's Red Storm Rising (S Wonnell)  
2. Thunderstorm's Sunny Days (E Wolf)  
3. Withheld  
4. Withheld

Amateur Gun Dog (Judges Stan Noble and Skip Wonnell) 19 dogs started  
1. Berry's Bad Boy (S Whitney)  
2. Sir Rustis Ferrous Oxide (M Dalby)

3. Saginaw Diamond Dan (M Johnson)  
4. Csillag's Day of Infamy (J Parise)

Open Derby (Judges Mark Johnson and Kelley Donham) 14 dogs  
1. Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden (M Spurgeon)  
2. Wegler Garnet's Samatha (G Wegler)  
3. Durite's Hoosier Daddy (C Syczlo)  
4. Burr Oak's Poison Ivy (J Gingrich)

Open Puppy (Judges Rodney Albin and Kelley Donham) 8 dogs  
1. Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden (M Spurgeon)  
2. Crimson Sky's Arya (M Smith)  
3. Rivr Runs Through It (M Dalby)  
4. Silent Bell (P Rohs)

Open Lmt'd Gun Dog (Jon Peck and Tony Lucas) 13 dogs  
1. Saginaw Diamond Dan (M Johnson)  
2. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger (M Spurgeon)  
3. Rolling Rock (M Dalby)  
4. Strider's Ace (V Barger)

Amateur Lmt'd Gun Dog (Jon Peck and Skip Wonnell) 10 dogs [retrieving]  
1. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger (M Spurgeon)  
2. Rolling Rock (M Dalby)  
3. Strider's Ace (V Barger)  
4. Winneshiek Dust Storm (K Donham)

Amateur Walking Derby (Ed Pogson and Mark Johnson) 8 dogs  
1. Wegler Garnet's Samantha (G Wegler)  
2. Rivr Runs Through It (M Dalby)  
3. Burr Oak's Poison Ivy (J Gingrich)  
4. Rockit Dog (J Parise)

Amateur Walking Puppy (Jeff Parise and Rodney Albin) 11 dogs  
1. Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden (M Spurgeon)  
2. Tommy's Dixie Chick (S Whitney)  
3. Rivr Runs Through It (M Dalby)  
4. Wegler Penny Lane (G Wegler)

Submitted by Dan Cieslak



## Upcoming Events Nov.-Dec. 2007

Date	Close	Event	Club	City, ST	Contact
11/24 & 11/25	11/7	Conformation, Obedience	Lakeshore Kennel Club	Crete, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., (260) 925-0525, rjds@royjonesdogshows.com
12/1 & 12/2	11/27	VCOI Winter Field Trial	VCOI	Eagle, WI	Kimberly Barker, 929 E. Bissell Dr., Palatine, IL 60074, 847-359-4190
12/1 & 12/2	11/14	Conformation	Kankakee River Valley	Kankakee, IL	Mr. Foy Trent, (573) 687-2291
12/13 & 12/14	11/28	Conformation, Obedience	Starved Rock Kennel Club	Wheaton, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc., (260) 925-0525, rjds@royjonesdogshows.com
12/14	11/28	Rally	Northwest Obedience Club	Cary, IL	Anne Copeland, (847) 358-0497, anes4@aol.com
12/15	11/28	Obedience	Northwest Obedience Club	Cary, IL	Anne Copeland, (847) 358-0497, anes4@aol.com
12/15	11/28	Conformation, Rally	Skokie Valley Kennel Club	Rosemont, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., (405) 427-8181, mail@onofrio.com
12/16	11/28	Conformation, Obedience	Skokie Valley Kennel Club	Rosemont, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., (405) 427-8181, mail@onofrio.com
12/29 & 12/30	12/12	Agility	Illiana Collie Fanciers	McCook, IL	Beth Elliott, (847) 741-7229, trinitycol-lies@comcast.net
12/31 & 1/1/08	12/12	Agility	Great Lake Belgian Terv Club	McCook, IL	Beth Elliott, (847) 741-7229, trinitycol-lies@comcast.net

### VCOI Field Trial—Dec. 1 & 2

The December FT Premium has been uploaded to the VCOI website here:  
<http://www.vizslacubfillinois.org/winterfieldtrial.htm>

If you have not been to a field trial before, Ottawa is a great place to come watch. Because of the terrain, a large portion of the course can be seen from the parking lot.

I believe they need bird planters yet. You can contact Kim Barker [valpo1281@aol.com](mailto:valpo1281@aol.com) (Secretary) or Jon Peck [jpeck@midnightrunvizslas.com](mailto:jpeck@midnightrunvizslas.com) (Chair) to see where specifically they need help.

### AKC Pointing Breed HT Judge's Seminar

Sandy Hoesel/Sandstorm Kennels is sponsoring an AKC Pointing Breed Hunt Test Judge's Seminar on Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 8am - 5pm at Cabela's in Richfield, Wisconsin.

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## Braggs!

### Congratulations to DC AFC Remek's Red Storm Rising!

Jaks, owned and bred by Skip and Laurie Wonnell, won the 17-dog OGD stake at the VCOI fall field trial to earn a 3-point retrieving major. This win finished Jaks' FC and he is now DC AFC Remek's Red Storm Rising. Not bad for a dog that turned 3 in July. His sister Rose, owned by Mike Heller and Kathleen Moench, is in the latest Open Top Ten in the field.  
 Submitted by Laurie Wonnell

### Congratulations to CH Sienna Pointe's See Ya PolarKap!

Congratulations to Kathy Harmer and Sue Barnes for completing the CH show title on Miss Hannah "Sienna Pointe's See Ya PolarKap" out of Sunny-side Dawn's Kaleidoscope "Kalei" (owned and bred by Cathy Gallagher) and New Dawn's Blue Sky "Sky" (owned by Ginger and John Tierney)! Hannah finished her title with an even 15 points on Sunday, September 30th at the Freeport show going Best of Winners and Best of Opposite (to her cousin "Cooper" owned by Mike Walsh) over several very nice girl champs and many nice class Vizslas!!! Hannah is a very special girl with lots of attitude and sweetness, too! Kathy also achieved a four point major at our Specialty in July and Best of Winners! On to obedience, right Sue??? Sue would like to continue what Hannah learned in puppy class and achieve her CD! I personally believe that she has loads of agility talent, spending most of her time as a puppy on just her two back legs!  
 Submitted by Cathy Gallagher

### Congratulations to CH JNEK's Life of Riley JH NA NAJ!

Riley earned his NA and NAJ at the agility trials in Manitowoc and Crystal Lake in September.  
 Submitted by Jenny Thill

### Congratulations to DC AFC Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger JH!

Just wanted to announce that Ruger finished his amateur field championship on October 13th at the Hawkeye Field Trial with a major win. (pending AKC approval).  
 Submitted by Pam & Mark Spurgeon

### Congratulations to UCD UAG2 Priden Joy Twilight Victoria CD RE JH OA OAJ NAC CL3-R CL3-H!

Vicky finished her UKC AG2 agility title on November 3rd at the Windy City Agility Club trial.  
 Submitted by Amy Wukotich

### Congratulations to Smooth Rebel's Autumn Jewel NA NAJ NF RN!

Ruby is ranked #7 Nationally for Novice Agility. Ruby also finished her RN (Rally Novice) on Oct. 28th with a 4th place under judge Robert Self.  
 Submitted by Liz Barshak

### Congratulations to JNEK Vizslas!

#### JNEK Vizslas ~ always Breeder-Owner Handled CH JNEK's Sir Charles Barkley JH

Champagne Kennel Club : Sporting Group One  
 Woodstock Kennel Club: Sporting Group Two  
 Black Hawk Kennel Club: Sporting Group Three  
 Danville KC : Best Of Breed  
 Greater Lafayette KC : Best Of Breed  
 Sheboygan KC: Best of Breed  
 Stone City KC: Best of Breed  
**JNEK's Little Duece Coupe "Cooper" (Bred By Class) Owners Jodi and Mike Kast**  
 Woodstock KC Winners Dog~ Best of Winners ~ Best Puppy

Sporting Puppy Group One  
 Elgin Kennel Club Winners Dog  
 Cudahy Kennel Club Winners Dog  
**JNEK's Empress Gidgette "Gidgette (Bred By Class) Owners Susan and Dave Gervais**

Cudahy Kennel Club: Winners Bitch ~ Best of Winners~ Best Of Breed  
 Sheboygan Kennel Club: Winners Bitch~ Best of Winners~ Best Bred By ~  
 Sporting Bred By Group One

#### JNEK's Up In Smoke "Winston" (6-9 Puppy Class)

Elgin Kennel Club: Winners Dog  
 Freeport Kennel Club from the 6-9 puppy class: Winners Dog~ Best Puppy~Earns his first major over a huge entry of Open Dogs from the puppy classes!!

Sporting Puppy Group 3~  
 Stone City: Winners Dog  
**JNEK's Sweet Inspiration "Paige" (6-9 Puppy Class) Her first show!!**

Stone City Kennel Club: Winners Bitch ~ Best of Winners ~ Best of Opposite

#### MACH Hilldale's If I Had a Million

Congratulations to Barb and Ralph Scalise with their amazing "PENNY" in receiving her MACH !!!!  
 Sire: BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH ROM  
 Dam: CH Hilldale Classic Ivy Jaymar  
 Submitted by Kathy Engelsman

## 2007 Labor Day Hunt Test

The September sun rose early over the treeline at the Des Plaines Fish & Wildlife Area as the 2007 VCOI Labor Day Hunt test began. It was another steamy day on the prairie, yet 31 dogs and their two-legged companions enjoyed a full day of activities. There were many new people and new dogs participating in the Labor Day Hunt Test this year, and we welcome them all. This year's hunt test comprised seven dogs at the Masters level, of which three received qualifying scores. There were eight Seniors, but unfortunately no qualifiers in this group. Sixteen enthusiastic Juniors ran, with twelve qualifying.

Committee chairs Kathy and Jeff Engelsman coordinated bird planting, line marshalling, scoring, and countless details to make the day a success. Judges Greg DuBois and Ted Selnes braved the heat throughout the day, and we extend a big

thanks to them for their efforts (and endurance!). Special thanks to gunners Jeremy Thill and Mike Dalby for bringing down the birds for Masters and Seniors. Jenny Thill, Tammy Sparks, and Valerie Blaine shared record keeping duties. The Franks provided the use of their ATV which was worth its weight in gold throughout the day. Thanks to Kim Frank for being Line Marshal extraordinaire, and to Doug Frank for delivering water to the thirsty folks (and dogs) on the course. Extra kitchen help was provided by Cameron and Tory Frank, whose motto was "service with a smile."

After another successful, albeit warm, Labor Day Hunt Test, we now look to a great hunting season with our awesome dogs!

Submitted by Valerie Blaine

## 2007 Fishing & Hunting Days



The National Fishing & Hunting Days held on Sept 22nd & 23rd 2007 was a success. The crowds were large and very interested in our breed. We had two pointing

demos each day that we shared with the GSPCI. We had puppies, JR's, Sr's and broke dogs in our demos. We handed out our VCOI brochures to a lot of people. This event has 20,000 plus people

that come past our booth over the two days.



This is a great place for breeders, people who would like their dog socialized, and club members to get together and chat about what we hold dear to our hearts

(Vizslas). The event is the same weekend every year. I would like to thank the following people for the time they gave to help make the event a success. Brad LePoudre, Keith Miller, Gerry, Shelly and Jimmy Gabriel, Ray and Ray O'Donnell Jr. These folks brought their dogs and helped myself and Patti put on a great event.

Submitted by Dennis Nowak



## Illinois Vizsla Rescue Needs Your Help!

We are very overwhelmed right now and I really need some help!

We have dogs waiting to come in and no one to foster them. Fostering is a very rewarding experience.

If you are able to help, please call Jodi Cieslak at 630.232.4297.



## 2008 VCOI Holiday Party & Awards Banquet Saturday, January 19, 2008



Location:

The Fisherman's Inn  
Route 47 and Main Street  
Elburn, IL 60119 630-365-9697

We will enjoy a sumptuous Buffet Dinner in "The Cove" Private Dining Room which will include: Carved Roast Beef, Roast Turkey/Stuffing, Broiled Whitefish, Fried Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Au gratin Potatoes, Cal. And Itl. Blend Veg., Tossed Greens/Dressing, Pickled Herring, Cottage Cheese, Peaches, Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, Popovers/Honey Butter, and Cheesecake for Dessert.

Evening's Festivities Commence at 6:00pm; Dinner Served at 7:00pm  
Cash Bar Available

For Directions from your location go to [www.fishermens-inn.com](http://www.fishermens-inn.com)

Questions? Call Carol Gingrich at 815-335-3242 or go to the VCOI website at [www.vizslaclubofillinois.org](http://www.vizslaclubofillinois.org) - Events/Awards Banquet

### Reservation Form

Guest's Name:

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per person)

Please make your check payable to VCOI and

MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND PAYMENT

By WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2008 TO:

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