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MEETING MINUTES

President Randy Boggs called the November 13, 1989 meeting to order at 8:30pm.

Jim Busch pointed out that the minutes from the last meeting are misleading regarding our Certified Hunting Dog Award. Certified Hunting Dog Awards will be made from the Hunting Dog Stakes at our Summer Fun Trial. Sue Boggs motioned, seconded by Lois Greffin, to accept the minutes as amended.

Treasurer Iris Pechota reported a favorable bank balance.

President Randy Boggs made copies of our Articles of Incorporation plus the revisions. He then called for the report of the nominating committee, whose members are Kathy Harmer, Bill Elliott, Randy Boggs and Gwen Tomlinson.

Nominating Committee Report: Their nominated slate of officers for 1990 are:

President: Mark Johnson
Vice-Pres: Kathy Harmer
Secretary: Gwen Tomlinson
Treasurer: Iris Pechota
Board Members: Jim Busch
 Bill Lyman
 Geno Woehrle

The President then called for nominations from the floor, none were made and Tony Lucas motioned, seconded by Lois Greffin to close the nominations. New Officers will be installed at the next club meeting.

Fall Field Trial Report: Geno Woehrle thanked everyone who helped make our trial a success. We had 96 entries and made a nice profit. Thanks to Bill Elliott for preparing dinner, Kathy Harmer for getting ribbons and trophies, and a special thanks to our judges.

Spring Field Trial Report: Randy Boggs will serve as Chairman, Joel Lundin as Secretary. Committee Meeting to be held in December.

Spring Hunting Test: Roy Greffin reported on our next Hunting Test which will be Saturday, February 24, 1990 at DesPlaines Wildlife Area. We have 8 approved judges, two courses, and unlimited entries. The entry fee will be \$25 for all test levels. Our annual Spring Fun Trial

will be held the following day, Sunday, 2/25/90.

It was reported that the Vizsla Club of America has approved two walking amateur stakes for Puppy and Derby. AKC will begin allowing these stakes sometime in the near future. AKC also has made provisions for "observer" judges at Hunting Tests which will help in training new Hunting Test Judges.

VCOI Holiday Party: Our post-Christmas party will be Saturday, Jan. 13, 1990 at 7:00pm at the home of Cheryl & Geno Woehrle. Bring a dish to pass and a small white elephant gift. BYOB. The club will furnish meat (ham and turkey). Dress will be casual. It was mentioned that due to the season, it might be smart to bring a "blizzard bag". Gina Ordonez motioned, seconded by Lois Greffin, to have our January meeting immediately before the party at 6:30pm on January 13th. Motioned passed.

Debbie Sauriol bragged that she has a new puppy bitch at her house: Kedvez Vadasz Indian Summer. Jim Busch said that he has two male field-trained Vizslas for sale.

Gina Ordonez motioned, seconded by Ann Lucas, to adjourn at 9:55pm.



READ ALL ABOUT IT

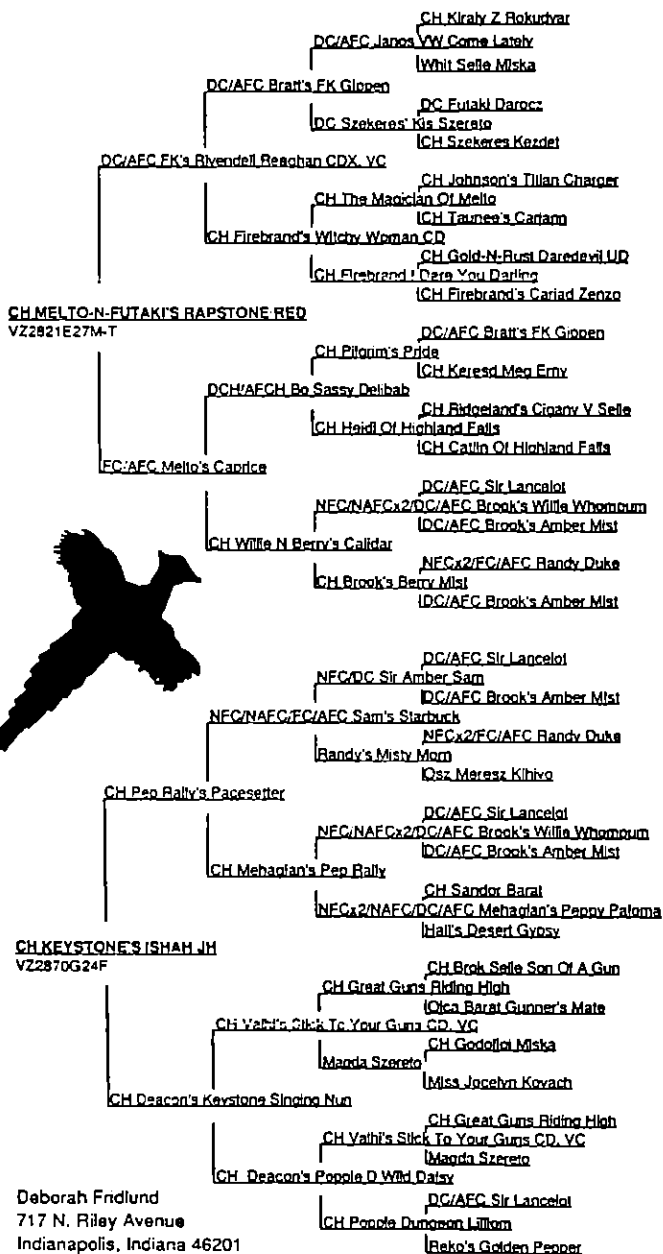
For those of you who are always on the look-out for new things to read about Vizslas, dogs and field trialing, there are two new publications worth checking into.

"Vizsla Now" is a monthly publication put out by Jerry Fisler of California in a "newsletter" format with information regarding Vizsla activities across the country. \$30 for a one-year subscription. Contact Jerry at P.O. Box 911, Lindsay, Ca. 93247.

A new and comprehensive book on field trials and hunting tests is Succeeding with pointing dogs - FIELD TRIALS AND HUNTING TESTS, written by Bernard C. Boggs. Almost 600 pages - available from Dogs Unlimited at 1-800-338-3647 for \$39.95 plus shipping.

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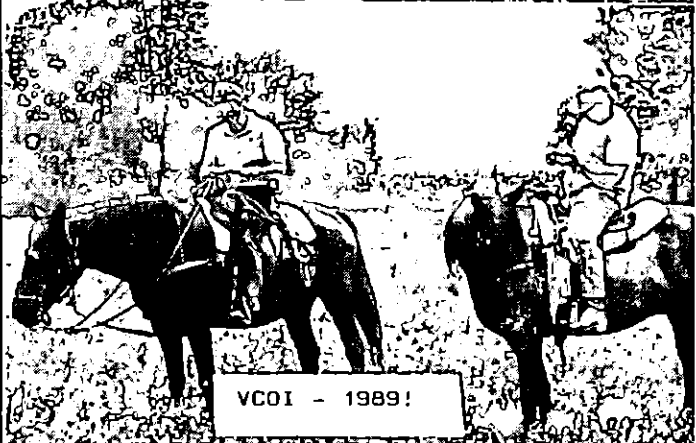
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FIELD TRIALER'S PERSPECTIVE

by Randy Boggs

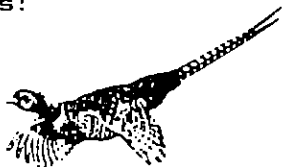
The Vizsla Club of America Nationals are coming to Nebraska this fall. A field trial champion contender needs consistency, intensity and an errorless performance for not one but two half-hour heats.

Consistency in ground race and bird-work are essential. A realistic contender routinely demonstrates a solid ground race with hunting intensity and few, if any, "flat spots". He likes to "dig in" rather than "lope along" in seeking objectives. His hunting desire is never in question. A realistic contender will demonstrate these ground race traits for at least six weeks prior to the championship stakes.

Bird-work consistency includes stop-to-flush, pointing intensity, no steps during the flush, a minimal move-to-mark (if necessary), and an acceptable retrieve, all with zero commands issued (except, perhaps, fetch). A realistic contender will demonstrate over 90% success for these bird-work characteristics for at least three weeks prior to a championship stake.

The Vizsla Club of Illinois has nine potential contenders for a National Championship, based on selected performances in the past season. Unfortunately, none of these dogs would have been realistic National Champion contenders this past fall, based on the consistency aspect (please, no disrespect intended).

We need to start molding our dogs into championship contenders NOW. Let's resolve to measure each Gun Dog performance from our dogs against a championship standard; to allow our dogs only five minutes to rectify a mediocre ground race; to instantly correct our dogs for errors; and to eliminate commands that detract from our dogs' performances. Let's sacrifice Gun Dog placements, if necessary, to shape our dogs into National Champions. Let's set strategies, conditioning plans, and milestones for our dogs to obtain the championship performance goals. And finally, let's show the professional handlers that they DON'T have a monopoly on National Champions!



VCOI POST-HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

You're Invited!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1990

7:00PM (meeting at 6:30pm)

at the home of Cheryl and Geno Woehrle

23W737 Maple, Roselle, Il.

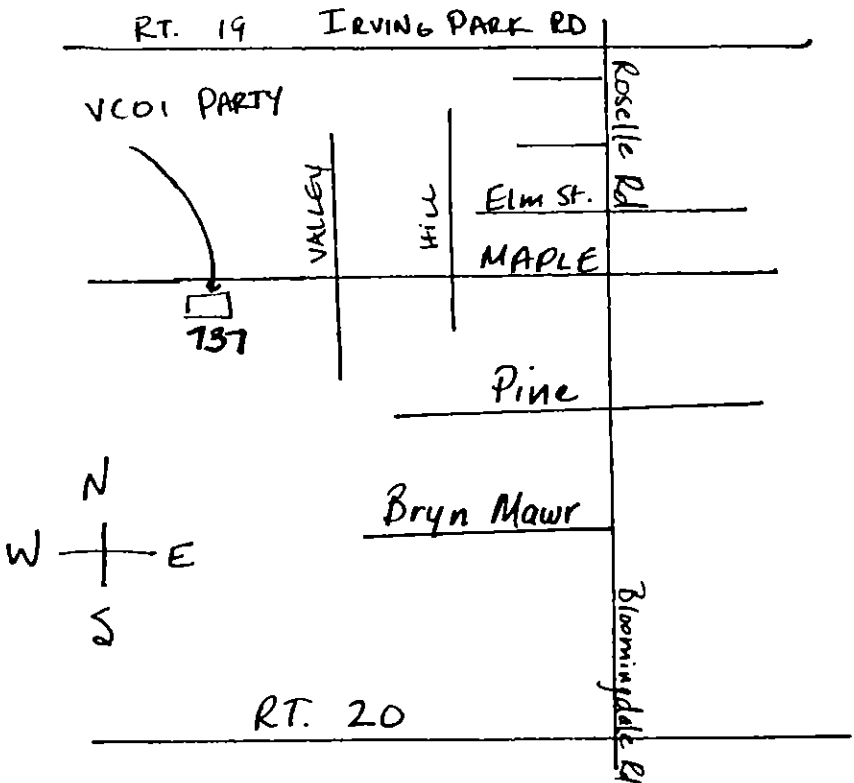
Ham and turkey will be provided by the club. Please bring:

*A dish to pass

*Your choice of beverage

*A "white elephant" gift

(something you have but have been looking for an excuse to get rid of....small is better - must be small enough to get in a car trunk !?!!)



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!!!!

1989 proved to be another great year for the Vizsla Club of Illinois - take a look back at the year in the photos which highlight the fun and friendship we enjoy thanks to our Vizslas. We've got a lot to look forward to as we enter 1990, too. Field trials, our specialty show, hunting tests, parties, fun trials - come out and join us at one or all of them!

We're starting the year off right with a holiday party and a short meeting on Saturday, 1/13/90. (If you think meetings are deadly dull affairs, you've never been to a VCOI meeting! We have our share of laughs while tending to club business...) The focus of the evening, though, will be food and fun. I'm racking my brain trying to come up with a perfect "white elephant gift" - this will be the first party we've gone to where we did the "W. E." exchange, but I've heard that in past years it's been hilarious. Surely we've got something appropriately tacky around this house that would be perfect for someone in our club....I'd better start searching the basement and barn!!

I hope that the information on puppy formula may be of use to someone - as we have never raised a litter of puppies (let alone bottle-fed one!), I can't really vouch for this formula myself. It comes to us via the Twin Cities newsletter apparently from a breeder of Miniature Pinschers.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank our Vizsla friends and family for their support and concern during Moose's recuperation from eye surgery. He's doing great and is still the life of the party - even more so now that he gets to wear a wild and crazy lamp shade on his head! (a.k.a. an elizabethan collar.) We hope to have him back in shape for the spring trial season.

Here's hoping that you and yours have a healthy and prosperous new year!

Hagar the Horrible

Dik Browne



What Is a Vizsla . . .

Many people have the notion that a Vizsla is a "dog"! A Vizsla is not a dog — at least HE doesn't think he is a dog — and who should know better than he? He couldn't be a dog! I have come to this conclusion after careful study and set forth the following reasons for my beliefs:

First and foremost, he is a hunting companion. Before a Vizsla came into his life, my husband would take gun in hand on opening day of bird season and go off half-heartedly, hoping he would scare up a pheasant or two. Now, with one of his companions along, he eagerly looks forward to hunting — knowing that he will have the full enjoyment of watching his Vizsla work and knowing, too, that there will be the limit in his pouch. Seeing his Vizsla quarter a field is his joy! This joy reaches its climax when they come on point — steady and true.

In the home, a Vizsla is again a companion of the home — a guardian of the home — a friend that I can talk to when I am alone — a buddy and a pal who is quite willing to put up with my female ways, take long walks in the country with me, or play and romp in the snow like a young colt.

He is a gentle nursemaid and playmate to all children. His is an intelligent pupil — willing and quick to learn. True, he is sometimes like a spoiled brat. When scolded becomes a coy coquettish — knowing that by looking at me with his sad eyes and touching me with his paw, my heart will melt and all will be well again.

He is a born showman! In the show ring, when he hears applause he just knows it is for him — so he holds his head a little higher and struts along a little more proudly.

He is a regal gentleman who enjoys riding beside me in the car — looking at the world quite disdainfully as though he is saying to all, "Here I am . . . look me over!"

He is a bundle of energized gold — willing and ready to take on any task with unflinching spirit and enthusiasm. He is an official greeter to all comers — but he must be assured by his master that he is greeting a friend.

He is a detective — never allowing a scent or sound to go unnoticed. He must investigate the source and satisfy his curiosity.

He is a comfort seeker — would rather sleep on the bed than on the floor. He thinks couches were made for him — after all, we use them . . . why can't he?

He is a prankster who will take one of our possessions and hide it — knowing full well that he will be asked to seek — then given praise when he retrieves it from where he has had it secreted.

He is a clown — a court jester — ad-libbing with tricks for attention.

He is headstrong, but docile! Cautious, but daring!

He is the wind when he runs — a symphony of movement. A free soul, loving the world he lives in.

He is joy to know. A happiness to possess. A fulfillment of our desires. He is the owner of our home and us.

Now, I ask you, how can a Vizsla be a dog when he is all of these things? Only "unknowing" folks would call him "a dog." He is a Vizsla . . . and that sets him apart from all others. If he must be catalogued in the canine world, then we all must admit -- HE IS A KING.

(By Pat Carter in the
March issue of "The Vizsla News.")

This article comes from the Hawkeye Club Newsletter and is apparently reprinted from the Muscatine, Iowa Journal, April 1, 1964, originally appearing in the Vizsla News and written by Pat Carter. Vizsla character hasn't changed much in 25 years, has it?

Muscatine, Ia., Journal, Wednesday, April 1, 1964.

Orphan Puppy

On September 28th we had to have a C-Section on one of bitches. This is the first time in over 20 year of breeding Min Pins that any of our bitches has failed to whelp naturally. Three of the four puppies were dead and the bitch did not survive the surgery. It was heartbreaking to lose a young champion daughter of Captain, our Multi Best in Show dog and we were determined that the remaining bitch puppy would survive. This was our first attempt to raise an orphan. We have supplemented puppies in the past but have never had to raise a puppy whose mother died at birth. Our vet recommended that we not use one of the prepared puppy formulas such as Esbilac. Instead he had us mix our own formula and I will never again use anything else. This pup never tasted her mother's milk but grew and thrived as well as any naturally fed puppy that we have ever had. The formula is easy to make and contains ingredients that are readily available.

Mix together with egg beater or in blender:

- 7 ounces milk
- 1 ounce light cream
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons light Karo syrup

- That's all there is to it. The formula keeps as well as milk in the refrigerator. One batch was enough for about the first week for the one puppy. By the end of the third week she was finishing off a batch in about 3 days. We used a regular puppy nursing bottle and warmed the formula (in the bottle) in the microwave. It took about 10 - 15 seconds to warm it. I kept her box and heating pad next to my bed for the first few nights so that I would wake if she started crying. The first night she was fed every 2 hours. The second night she only woke me once. From the third night on she slept thru the night without being fed. Try this formula the next time you need to bottle feed a puppy. We think you'll be pleased. Incidentally, since she received no immunity from the mother's colostrum, we kept her completely isolated from the other dogs. At 3 weeks of age we gave her a half dose shot of modified live DILL/Parvo vaccine followed by a full dose at 5 weeks. Oh yes -- the puppy's name? Only one Orphan Annie, of course.

Pitter Patter

ETHOXYQUIN
(A Preservative)

About three years ago, many pet food manufacturers began to increase the fat content of dog and cat food. Increasing the fat content of pet food shortens the shelf life of both wet and dry pet foods, so the manufacturers began to look for an effective, inexpensive preservative to increase the shelf life of those foods for up to two years. Some vitamins (C & E) could have been added as an antioxidant to preserve the fat content, but they are relatively expensive and do not enjoy a notably long shelf life. Many of the manufacturers began to add ETHOXYQUIN to both dry and wet pet foods to do the job. However, the addition of ETHOXYQUIN to both dry and wet pet foods has caused some concern among pet owners.

ETHOXYQUIN, an inexpensive, artificial preservative, is a synthetic chemical formulated in 1955 by Monsanto as a rubber stabilizer. Ethoxyquin has been approved for use as both a herbicide and insecticide. (It kills both weeds and insects). It has also been approved for use in animal feeds, especially in feeds for short-lived animals (chicken, cattle, etc.) which are intended for human consumption. Subsequently it was approved for use in pet foods. It has not been approved for general use in human foods although it is currently used in cayenne, paprika, and shortening (without being listed on any labels when added to these human foods).

Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary states that ETHOXYQUIN is "toxic by ingestion." Its toxicity rating is 3. According to Hawley's, the preservative is a skin irritant and may produce reversible liver changes. 150 parts per million is a proportion that is apparently considered reasonable when it is used as an additive.

The FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), in 1982 concluded that the oral acute toxicity data, although insufficiently detailed, indicated that ETHOXYQUIN is slightly toxic to animals. According to James Corbin of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, the most sensitive species to develop ETHOXYQUIN-induced pathological changes is dogs.

Unfortunately, the amount of ETHOXYQUIN actually present in pet food apparently increases when one adds up all the products that go into pet food. Chickens and cattle, etc. absorb any ETHOXYQUIN in THEIR feed, storing any excess in their livers. When the pet food manufacturers use chicken and meat by-products, any excess ETHOXYQUIN in those by-products, added to the ETHOXYQUIN which may have been added to the grains or fats, etc. before they come to the dog food company, combined with the ETHOXYQUIN added to the pet food by the pet food manufacturers may add up to more than the "safe" 150 parts per million. (*NOTE: if ETHOXYQUIN is in the ingredients before coming to the dog food company, it does not have to be listed in the contents on the side of the bag or can.) When one adds all these combinations up, the result is that any dog who is sensitive to toxic additives may find its immune system under attack when its kidneys and liver can no longer detoxify efficiently. Some dogs have been known to bleed from the nose and gums, some develop mange, and some breeders have been plagued with breeding problems (reduced sperm counts, missed or delayed seasons, deformed puppies).

Now for the good news! Those breeders who found their dogs developing health problems after ETHOXYQUIN was added to their normal dog foods and who subsequently switched to dog foods that do NOT contain ETHOXYQUIN discovered that the conditions cleared up within 3 days to six weeks! (Remember Hawley's said the condition was a reversible liver change!)

We dog owner do not have the laboratory facilities to fully conduct unbiased studies of the result of adding ETHOXYQUIN to pet foods. However, changing to dog foods which do NOT contain ETHOXYQUIN has seemed to reverse the problems noted when feeding dogs pet foods containing the preservative. Thus, it may be wise to AVOID using ANY kind of dog food (canned, dry, dog treats, or whatever) that lists ETHOXYQUIN on the label.

ED NOTE: Lately there has been a controversy in "dog circles" regarding Ethoxyquin in dog food. Thanks to Gwen Tomlinson for passing this article along. The major premium dog food brands I have checked labels on all seem to be using it. If anyone knows more on this subject, I'd be interested to hear about it.

Upcoming Events

SHOWS

2/12-2/13/90 - Westminster KC, New York, NY (benched) Watch for Westminster highlights on cable TV these days!

2/24/90 - Waukesha KC, Waukesha, Wi. Crowe, supt.

2/25/90 - Burlington KC, Waukesha, Wi. Crowe

*3/4/90 - Cudahy KC, West Allis, Wi. Crowe

3/17/90 - Evansville KC, Louisville, Ky. Onofrio

*3/18/90 - Louisville KC, Louisville, Ky. Onofrio

*3/19/90 - Bloomington, In. KC, Louisville, Ky. Onofrio

*3/20/90 - KC of Columbus, In., Louisville, Ky. Onofrio

3/30/90 - Kettle Moraine KC, Chicago, Il. Crowe

*3/31/90 - Blackhawk KC, Chicago, Il. BENCHED Crowe

*4/1/90 - International KC, Chicago, BENCHED Crowe

4/8/90 - Sandemac KC, Decatur, Il. Onofrio

*4/14/90 - Steel City KC, Hammond, In. Sleeper

*4/15/90 - Lake Shore KC, Hammond, In. Sleeper

*obedience trial in conjunction with show

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

3/11/90 - Rand Park DTC, Arlington Heights, Il.

3/17/90 - Greater Louisville TC, Louisville, Ky.

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

3/18/90 - Fox Valley DTC, St. Charles, Il.

3/25/90 - Rand Park DTC, Barrington Hills, Il.

4/8/90 - Westside DTC, Barrington Hills, Il.

HUNTING TESTS

2/17/90 - LaSalle Brittany Club, Joliet, Il.

2/18/90 - LaSalle Brittany Club, Joliet, Il.

2/24/90 - **VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS**, Joliet, Il.

3/17 & 3/18/90 - Grtr. Milwaukee Brittany Club, Kansaville, Wi.

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

FIELD TRIALS

3/10-3/11/90 - VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS, DesPlaines Wildlife Area, Joliet

SEMINARS & CLASSES

2/17-2/18/90 - Obedience Seminar with Sue Mayborne, Collar & Leash Training Center, Half Day, Ill. Info: Pat Schulz 708-826-9288

Agility Classes - Instructor Nancy Nevin - info 708-867-4115

HUNTING TEST AND FUN TRIAL WEEKEND

2/24-2/25/90 - DesPlaines Wildlife Area West Grounds

Don't let the February dates scare you off! Last year this weekend turned out to be a great one for being outdoors. If you're thinking of getting your dog into field work - this is the perfect opportunity to find out all about it! If you just want to come and watch - that's great, too! And we can always use some extra helpers for bird planting, etc. Even if you've never done it, planting birds is easy, and a good way to get a first-hand look at the action.

So, layer on the clothes, pack up the dogs, and head out to DesPlaines to join us!

SPRING FIELD TRIAL

3/10-3/11/90 - DesPlaines Wildlife Area West Grounds

Two weeks later we'll be back at DesPlaines for our Spring trial. The same pitch for helpers applies here, too! We've got an action-packed weekend - the tentative line-up includes three retrieving Gun Dog stakes and an All-Age stake in addition to Puppy, Derby and Open Gun Dog. Chef Bill Elliott will once again thrill us with his culinary delights (i.e. judges' dinner on Saturday night).

