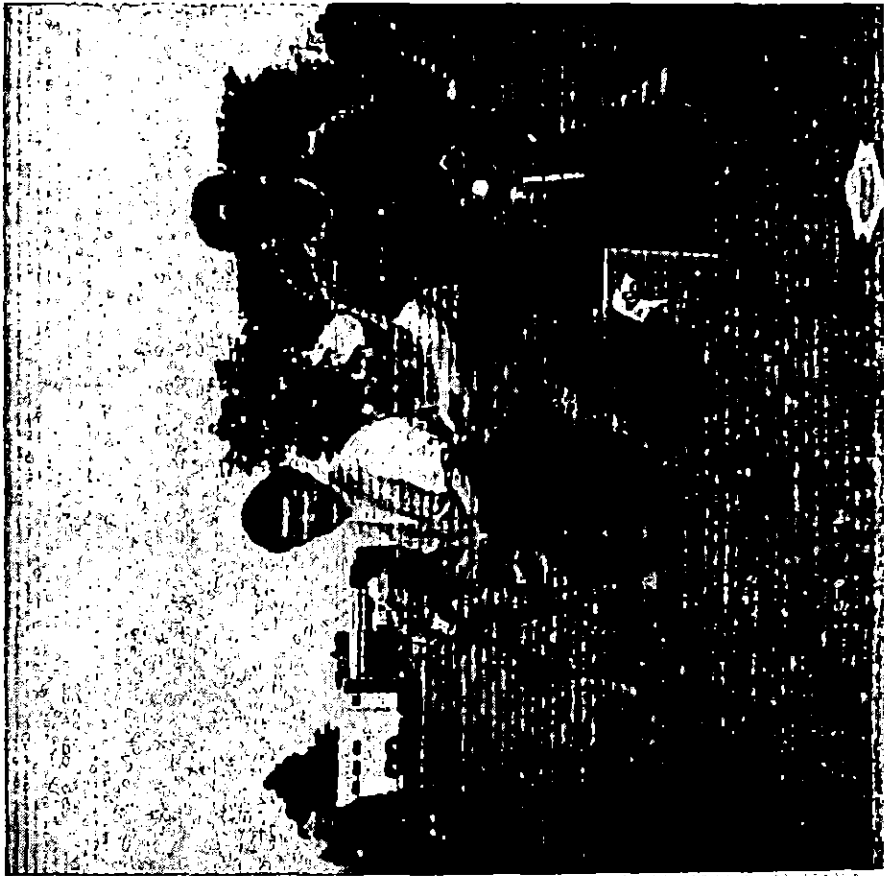


Heard it through the grapevine, FCH Buster Keeton JH finished his AFC, pending AKC confirmation. Shown here with Jim Couris at the VCOI Field Trial. See page 5 for placements.





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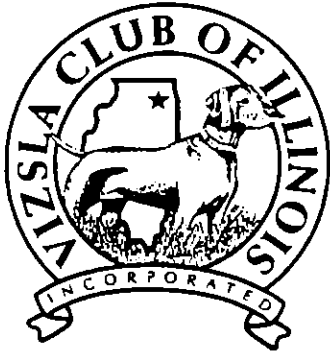
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# THE BULLETIN

*A bimonthly publication for the friends of the VCOI*

## NEW CHAMPION DIAMOND LAKE CAESAR, JH

*by: Greg Hedlen*

"CAESAR" finished his championship June 23rd at Grayslake with his third Major and a Best of Winners. Owner handled all the way, I'm sure glad that's over.

A phone call to Gino Worehle in February of 1991 led me to Don & Leone Dieter out in Lincoln, Nebraska. They had a litter of pups due in March and they gave me the pick of all the male pups.

"Caesar" was one of five males and three females born to CH Barben's Diamonds are Forever JH and their stud dog CH Mystical Pines Kito JH. With five puppies to pick from and not being an experienced puppy picker, I took out my trusty fly rod and pheasant wing and picked out the most aggressive pup. He hasn't settled down yet. The fall of 1991 I met up with the late Mike Ebert and his wife Cheryl. Mike encouraged me to put Caesar into the Junior hunting tests and the puppy field trials the next spring. With Mike's help, Caesar became a Junior Hunter in four straight tests and also placed in the puppy trials. Mike also pushed me into the show ring with Caesar.

Caesar would like to thank all the people who helped him win his championship. Without the help of Cheryl, Gwen, Betsy, Cheryl P., Julie and the encouragement they gave me I don't know if Caesar would have ever finished.

Fun these days for Caesar is chasing the ducks on Diamond Lake, playing with the kids in the neighborhood, or chasing pheasants at the hunting club. This winter after hunting season, he'll be heading up to Sundance Kennels for some hard core training and hopefully will be at next springs field trials. ■



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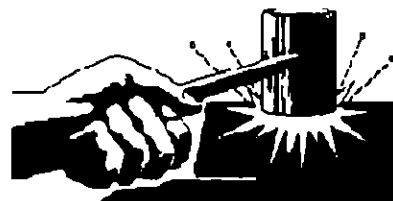
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# Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Minutes 9/15/93**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 with Cheryl Peterson taking notes. Jim thanked the Elliott's for hosting the meeting and introduced Stephany Russo from Lexington KY and Scott Szafran. Gwen Tomlinson arrived at 8:20. Iris gave the treasurers report over the phone. She reported a favorable bank balance.

--Field Trial Committee: Bill Elliott reported that there were 105 dogs in the trial. The Gun Dog stakes were all majors.

--Summer Fun Trial: Jim Busch reported that 92 dogs were run in the major events.

--Hunt Test: Roy Greffin reported that 29 dogs were run, and 26 qualified.

--Winter Field Trial Committee: The Retrieving stakes have been dropped at the walking trial, 5 events will be run.

--Futurity 95: Is going to be as big as 93 or bigger.

--Futurity 94: We have 18 litters nominated, Jim estimates that about 15-18 dogs will run.

--Notice New Field Trial Rules: effective January 1st. Chairmen must check that the judges, are qualified under the new rules to judge.

--NFC 2X NAFC DCH AFC Brook's Willie Whompum was inducted into the VCA Hall Of Fame.

--Awards Banquet Home of Gina and Tony Ordonez January 22nd 1994.

--VCA registry of merit was discussed.

--Nominating committee Jim Busch appointed Jim Gingrich Cheryl Peterson Larry Tomlinson to select the new slate of officers.

--Spring Field Trial Needs a Chairman and Secretary

--February Hunt Test Lois Greffin Chair and Gwen Tomlinson Secretary, Jim will confirm dates.

--November 17th meeting at the home of Debi and Larry Schwartz.

--Cheryl Peterson gave a presentation on conformation.

Linda Elliott, Jim Gingrich motioned to adjourn at 10:00 PM

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was at a Hunting Test the weekend of September 11/12, and a whole variety of things happened - each of which could be the topic of a Bulletin article or two. On one of the days I was braced with a guy in his mid-thirties who had another breed of dog. It was hot that day (80-85 F) and I had soaked Ascur down prior to casting off. Don (fictions name), my bracemate, was walking to the starting line and I introduced myself. I noticed that his dog was dry as a bone. I asked if he intended to cool her off prior to starting. His response was something like, "Do you really think that's necessary?" I suggested that it was and offered some of my water for that purpose. I then asked if he had a jug of water to take along. He did not! I loaned him my extra jug. We watered about 1/2 way around the back course and then again at the tub the host club had provided just before the bird field. As we left the bird field at the end of the test, both dogs were hot, but not over hot. I observed and suggested to Don that he should think about having a jug to carry water. He guessed I was right.

We were in the Senior Test. Don should have had enough experience to realize that he should have had water to go. Evidently NO ONE had even suggested it, and Don had not drawn that conclusion himself. An article in his club's newsletter would have given him the clue, but it was never written. To those of use who know this kind of stuff, it would have been like writing an article about being sure to blink to keep your eyes from drying out. There is a gap!

Another time that weekend, I spoke to Bob (fictious name). Bob had a Vizsla that had done well. Denny Keeton said the dog had all the ingredients to be successful at a field trial. Bob's dog was still under two years old. I suggested to Bob that he enter our trial Sept. 18/19. Bob indicated that he had prior commitments that precluded his entering. Then

he asked what his dog would be expected to do at a field trial. It occurred to me that somehow our club has neglected to pass out enough information for Bob to even decide if he would want to enter a field trial or not. As it turned out, Bob's dog would be too old to enter the Derby at the Eastern Iowa trial. Maybe, just maybe, with a taste Bob would have found field trials to his liking. There is a gap.

Late in the day on Sunday, I observed a guy with about a 10 week old pup (a different breed) on a leash. The pup was down. His ears were hanging low. His tail

was at 6 o'clock. His expression was forlorn. He was HOT AND TIRED. The guy walked the pup through a puddle of water that was in the center of the parking lot and allowed the dog to drink from the puddle. I couldn't stand it any longer and spoke to him. I pointed out how dangerous it was to drink water from parking lot surfaces due to the possible presence of anti-freeze in the water. He indicated that he knew it had a sweet taste, but he did not know that it could kill. I never got around to: a) his pup was over-tired and needed to rest; b) his pup was overheated and needed to be cooled; c) his pup was thirsty and needed fresh water. There is a gap.

A nice touch at the Test was a free eight lb. bag of Pro Plan for each entry. Purina had a representative there also. I have contacted that man and it looks like he will be at our spring trial and Futurity. He will bring a bag of Pro Plan for each of our entrants. ■JVB

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Kathy Harmer received a note from Marcia Folley extending her thanks to our club members for the hospitality at our Specialty Show in July. Marcia mentioned we should be proud of our breeding program as she had never seen so many beautiful Vizslas in one place. "Nice dogs, nice people. I will always remember that about your specialty."

# WE ALMOST LOST OSCAR

Written by Al Walker

This article describes a recent unusual incident that happened to our Vizsla "Oscar", a beloved member of our family.

My wife and I have been Vizsla owners for more than 15 years and lost our first Vizsla a little more than three years ago. We now own a male and a female, Oscar and Katie, approximately three years old. We are not hunters so these dogs serve as very smart and loving companions to my wife and I. Our lives seem to be wrapped around these two animals and our children, who are married and away from home, cannot understand our love for these dogs.

I have gotten into an almost daily routine, when the weather allows, of taking the two dogs for long walks at some of the local forest preserves. The dogs love it and so do I. It was on one of these walks that the incident described below occurred.

On Saturday afternoon, July 24, 1993, my wife was away visiting one of our daughters and the dogs and I were at the Knoch Knolls Forest Preserve in southeast Naperville for our usual walk in the woods. This is a beautiful area and the trails are well kept and mowed. The walk had gone about as usual, with Oscar and Katie getting their normal exercise by romping through the woods.

At about 5:30 PM, we were returning to the car and were perhaps within five or six hundred feet of the parking lot; the dogs were off leash approximately 20 feet in front of me and about six or eight feet to the left of the trail. I heard Oscar give a sharp yelp and I stepped off the trail to see what was happening. Katie was standing over a blood covered possum which was on it's back with the normal grin. (I don't think the possum was hurt.) About six feet away, Oscar was standing with his face covered with blood and blood was gushing from his mouth. I immediately grabbed him attempting to determine the source of the blood so I could stop it. Unable to do so, I then, unsuccessfully, tried to apply pressure to stop or at least reduce the blood flow. It was immediately evident that Oscar was in danger of bleeding to death and that I must get help. I immediately grabbed him and headed for the car with Katie following. I put the dogs in the car and, realizing that our veterinarian would be

closed, headed for the emergency veterinary clinic in Lisle. Fortunately I had been there once before under not so drastic circumstances. Although I traveled at excessive speeds. I was sure that I wouldn't make it in time and Oscar would be dead before I could get help for him.

I was probably at the veterinary emergency room in less than twenty minutes but it seemed like hours. Oscar received immediate treatment for a severed artery as well as a severed vein from less than a one inch cut inside his mouth. The artery and vein were tied off and two stitches were required to close the wound. Throughout the treatment, no pain killer was given; I held Oscar's head and he tolerated the treatment without complaint even though it must have hurt badly. It was as if he knew we were doing what was best for him. The veterinary clinic personnel stated that his acceptance of the treatment the way he did was the best they had seen.

A blood check revealed that he had lost a lot of blood but might be alright without a transfusion. The vet said, he'd like to observe him for a couple of hours and that I should leave him. I guess only a Vizsla owner would understand my reply that I wouldn't leave him, that I'd stay with him. After two hours, the color had returned to Oscar's gums and we were able to leave. During all this time, Katie had remained in the car. When I got home, I realized that I was covered with blood as well as the car. Cleanup of the car is still not as good as I would have liked but that is a minor concern. Oscar slept a lot for the next few days but by about the middle of the week, he was almost his old self again. It was almost another week before he continued his habit of grabbing my hand and arm in his mouth and holding or pulling me. This was probably due to a sore mouth. Even though Oscar is still with us and is the same old Oscar, I don't think I'll ever forget the day we almost lost Oscar.

My advice to all pet owners is to know where the nearest emergency pet treatment center is in case the need should arise. Also, I do not know if our Vizsla club has thought about possible emergency situations at field outings. If not, we should consider it. ■

# VCOI FIELD TRIAL

Field Trial Results for the VCOI Fall Field Trial, September 18-19, Des Plaines Conservation Area.

## OPEN PUPPY

1. Askims True Morgan O/Weis
2. Lindens Diablo Mejor O/Keeton
3. Rebel Rouser Copperhead O/Bergmeyer 4.
4. Foxfires Red Hot GTO O/Gimbut

## AMATEUR GUN DOG

1. Buster Keeton O/Busch
2. JG's Second Edition O/GINGRICH
3. Lakeside Luke Skywalker O/Noren
4. Redwings King Conan O/Greffin

## OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG

1. AND 2. WITHHELD
3. DC AFC Mehagian KRC's Phoenix Fridge O/Johnson
4. Rebel Rouser Cal O/Rozanek

## AMATEUR WALKING DERBY

1. Bo Knows Birds O/Gingrich
2. Morning Sky Captain Hook O/Dutemple
3. Rebel Rouser Copperhead O/Bergmeyer
4. Askims True Morgan O/Weis

## AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG

1. Buster Keeton O/Busch
2. Little Richie Whompum O/Couris
3. AND 4. WITHHELD

## OPEN DERBY

1. Bo Knows Birds O/Gingrich
2. Morning Sky Captain Hook O/Dutemple
3. Lakeside Sunny Girl Selle O/Rozanek
4. Royal Luke of Phoenix Fridge O/Olson

## AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY

1. Rebel Rouser Copperhead O/Bergmeyer
2. Lindens Diablo Mejor O/Keeton
3. Foxfires Red Hot GTO O/Gimbut
4. Winneshiek Princess O/Donham

## OPEN GUN DOG

1. Morning Sky Mista Bone O/Dutemple
2. Just Jake II O/Durko
3. Little Richie Whompum O/Couris
4. Rebel Rouser Cal O/Rozanek



## FIRST IMPRESSION

by Jim Busch

"You only get one chance to make a good first impression." No where is this truer than at castoff at a field trial. In a closely contested event, the first thirty seconds can very well determine whether you place or not. A winning performance begins with a sprint from your side to the nearest cover that might contain birds. Usually this piece of cover is a fair distance away. The judges will instantly fall in love with the dog that executes this move with the greatest enthusiasm. The judges will instantly dislike the dog that leaves his handlers side with intentions of a) playing, b) provoking a confrontation with his bracemate, c) starting a fight, and to a lesser extent d) evacuating bowel and bladder and e) following brace-mate.

It is your duty as a trainer/handler to bring your dog to the starting line prepared mentally and physically for the task ahead. As you stand poised ready to begin, the dog must look to the nearest cover and believe that the cover contains birds. You would never send him if that were not the case. In his mind you are the supreme being that knows all things, especially where the birds are.

It is up to you in practice sessions to instill this belief in your dog's mind. If you dog does not leave your side with a winning move in practice, save your entry money. Buy some birds and practice some more. Never, never permit playing or aggression during a practice

session. It is never too soon to convince your dog that this is not allowed. Young dogs take correction better than we think. As pups they have been bru-

tally disciplined by Mom to stop undesirable behavior. Mom also dispenses love and reward instantaneously when desirable behavior is exhibited. Mom also stops discipline the instant undesirable behavior stops. Take a lesson.

Back to practice starts. Be sure to practice your break-away in a variety of locations. Locations that are as physically different from one another as you can find. An outstanding trainer of GWPs had three littermates at the top of the Puppy/Derby Top Ten. His training secret was - train only for the first five minutes. "Birds are out there if your dog looks hard and fast enough. Once they get into birds, the rest of the time in the stake takes care of itself."

OK. You have worked hard and your dog is prepared. You approach the starting line. The judges say, "anytime you're ready." You hit the whistle and release your dog. Before he can go ten yards here comes the bracemate, cuts him off, and wants to play, wants to fight, or whatever. Sorry, it's your fault. When you step to the line with your dog, when you blow the whistle and release the collar, you are telling your dog that there are birds out there AND that he will be safe. He believes you and if you wish to keep that winning start, you must make it so. Confrontations rarely take place

after the first few minutes. It is your job to see that they never take place.

When you went to the line you should have known all

there was to know about your bracemate's habits. If you don't know the dog from previous trials, perhaps you can watch him as he runs in a prior event. If this is not possible, talk to your friends. See if they know anything about your bracemate. When all else fails, talk to the handler of your bracemate. If he is reluctant to talk to you, smooze him. If that doesn't work, tell him that your dog was rescued from attack school and has a habit of ripping the throat out of bracemates. Tell him that you want to avoid that if possible so you need to know everything possible to keep it from happening. If you can get that out with a straight face, you may get the information and space that you need and want.

This seems like a lot of effort to make sure that one or two minutes goes well. It has importance long past the moment. A young dog that experiences severe confrontation early in his career may come to enjoy them and begin to provoke them. Not good! A young dog may quit attempting a good start and instead leave the starting line in a defensive mode. Not good either. I competed in NSTRA for two years. My dog became the first male Vizsla NSTRA CH. (There are only two.) In two years of competition, I NEVER saw a confrontation between two dogs at the starting line. Why? I believe that this was a direct result of two things. #1 the dogs got to know each other while sitting in the blind while the birds were planted. Any undesirable behavior was corrected instantly as the two men and their dogs sat side by side waiting. #2 mine and his dog



knew that the first bird could conceivably be only seconds off the starting line. Each find was precious. Rarely was there more than one bird difference between 1st place and "also ran." Undesirable starting line behavior is losing behavior. What do you do when you know that you are braced with "The Crocodile?" This dog has been a bad actor his entire career. The owner knows it, everyone knows it. The judges probably know it. This dog as avoided being written up by the skin of his teeth. You are convinced that sooner or later the dog will be suspended, but for the moment what do you do? Don't send your dog to be mugged. Talk to The Croc's handler. Perhaps he has a suggestion. If his suggestion has merit, give it a try, but do not agree to anything that is not in your best interest. Offer to flip a coin to see who will scratch his dog. You will have a 50/50 chance of running. If he won't flip, scratch. Don't let your dog get mugged. You could release your dog first, or you could release your dog later...much later after all possibility of confrontation has ended. If Croc comes calling as you are holding your dog, a swift hard kick under Croc's chin will end the confrontation. NO ONE will see the kick. If someone does, you may get suspended but it is not forever and you will have protected your dog. Consider this, most observers at a trial never see more than the start and finish of each brace. Their knowledge of your dog consists of his behavior at the starting

line, his bird work in the bird field (if there is one), and what kind of winning record he has. This majority of observers buy pups, contract for stud services, and make references to their friends for both. It is in your best interest to leave a great first impression.

This article was written for publication in the AKC Hunting Test Herald. This is the unabridged version. AKC always edits out certain portions of stuff submitted. ■

I have lost a friend. I knew him for many years. He was always glad to see me and I him. His name was Askim.

Chuck Boegel

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# PREPARING FOR THE SHOW RING

by CHERYL EBERT

Once you have purchased an animal, you may become curious about the breed and want to learn more about it. You may attend a dog show where you will see good representatives of the breed. You may decide that your pet looks as good as these, and bring it along for a breeder to evaluate, or you may realize that your pet, no matter how lovable, is not a good enough specimen of its breed for competition.

Only you can answer the question: "What do you wish to achieve in the show ring?" The obvious answer is that you will go to win. No one enters competition to lose. The dog that one judge loves the next judge may hate. That is why a dog may win one day and lose the next. One has to be able to be a good loser, as well as a good winner, in the show ring.

Championship points are determined by the number of dogs present in any given breed on that day. In order to become a champion, a dog must win fifteen points by defeating all other dogs of its sex in its breed at the shows it has entered. The fifteen points must include two shows at which three points or more are awarded, and these must be under different judges.

Three-point-or-better shows are called majors. The least number of points that can be awarded is one and the most is five. Dogs must defeat at least one other dog in their breed in order to win the minimum. The "major" wins of three points or more are determined by the number in competition in each breed.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** When you are in the show ring, you are in competition with others like yourself, novices show for the fun of it, and with handlers who make a living from showing dogs for others. Under these circumstances, it is easy to blame someone else when your dog does not win. The "sour grapes" syndrome is alive and well in

dogdom. Professional handlers practice their craft. They know how to make a dog look good. They know how to accentuate its good points and hide its faults, but a knowledgeable judge knows those tricks, too. A good judge will find the worthy dogs, sometimes despite inept handling. Even if it hurts, go up to the competition that has just beaten you, shake hands and congratulate the winner. If you have placed in the class, but not as highly as you would have liked, take the ribbon, thank the judge and leave. If you were eliminated on the first cut, leave the ring with dignity. Don't storm out and do not badger the judge, or you may find yourself brought up on charges of poor sportsmanship before a disciplinary committee of the club. If you are the winner, don't gloat, don't tell the immediate world that yours is the best dog that ever walked. Just thank the judge politely for the win, accept good wishes from your competitors with modesty and retire to rest your dog and your feet. Always keep your opinions to yourself when you are at ringside. Many people have been caught with foot-in-mouth when their disparaging comments have been overheard by a competitor's friend or spouse whom they did not know was sitting beside them. Voices carry; bad news carries even faster. Keep your remarks positive or silent.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Women should wear skirts and blouses, simple dresses or slacks. Men should always wear jackets and ties, unless it is so hot as to be unbearable. Sneakers, any kind of rubber or crepe-soled flat shoes are acceptable. Slippery soles, high heels or sandals are not only inappropriate, but are dangerous. Clothes should be unobtrusive, but should contrast where possible with the dog. Wear contrasting colors. With your Vizsla, you can wear green to good advantage.

**PROFESSIONAL HANDLERS:** There may come a time when the owner of a show dog considers the possibility of using a professional handler. "Look before you leap"

is the best advice in selecting a handler. Observe those handlers who are familiar with your breed both in the ring and outside. You must decide what you want of this person. There are many questions to be asked. You want what's best for your dog. Cheryl Peterson (VCOI member) is a professional handler. You may want to contact her for further information and for some help in getting your dog's championship.

**TRAINING:** Show training should start from the time the puppy is about ten weeks old and is steady enough on its feet to walk on a lead. It must be emphasized that all early training should be brief and fun for the dog. **Gaiting:** There are basic gaiting patterns--gaiting in a circle is the one routine that every judge uses, no matter how large or small the class, so that the judge may see lateral movement; the "L" shaped gaiting pattern; the triangle pattern, like the "L," allows the judge to see the dog gaiting away, in profile and returning; a straight down and back pattern. **Stacking**--set up a mirror in the room where you will be doing this so you can see what the judge sees when he examines your dog. Set the front feet, and then, still holding the dog by the head, set the back feet with the hocks perpendicular to the ground. How you control the head of the dog will determine how well you can control the whole dog. By moving the head in one direction or another you will change the dog's center of gravity. You can make it move its feet, stretch its neck, and, in effect, mold it into a different appearance by controlling its head.

Bait is the tidbit or treat used to attract a dog's attention in the show ring. Getting and keeping the dog's attention is an important ingredient in showing your dog. Cheryl Peterson was our guest speaker at the September meeting. Cheryl pointed out that a good conformation class will teach you all the basics in preparation for the dog show ring. There are many ring tricks and handling tips to learn. A good conformation instructor will introduce you to these

various "tricks of the trade". If you have a dog with bad feet, do not show indoors. This dog will do much better outside on grass. Some dogs have structural problems, either from the shoulder down or from the wrist down. If your dog is cow-hocked, stack the dog pointing the dog's leg out to the side and then point it down (tricky to do). If your dog is sidewinding, start the dog out with your arm straight out from the shoulder. Bill Elliott's "Atom" was used as a model. Thanks to Atom!

In setting your goals, one thing is vital. The first lesson for any show goer is to realize that no dog is perfect, and that to recognize your dog's faults is a benefit, not a sin.

Much thanks and appreciation to Cheryl Peterson for being the guest speaker and for helping me prepare this article to further your education in the dog show ring.

### PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINING AT ITS BEST

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 17. Lee Sienkowski, Jr., Professional Dog Trainer (hunting and field trials), Sundance Kennels (Bristol, Wisconsin) will be our guest speaker. He will discuss his training methods, speak about "the broke dog" and answer your questions. Please join us for an informative evening at Tony and Gina Ordonez's home at 301 E. Wrightwood Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126. ■CE



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HIS GRANDFATHER

NFC 2xNAFC DCH AFC  
*Brook's Willie Whompum*

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AND AWAITS GRANDMOTHER

2xNFC NAFC DCH AFC  
*Mehagians Peppy Paloma*

TO JOIN HIM SOON!

# VCOI FUN TRIAL

Every once in a while, even when the odds appear to be against you, success can be achieved. As I learned at the Labor Day Fun Trial, anything can be accomplished with the help and support from the people around you who share your same goal of success.

We graciously gave up the East grounds at the Des Plaines Nature Preserve, where we've held previous trials, to the LaSalle Brittany Club for their Fun Trial. Rushing around to put up water-proof signs in order to redirect participants to the west grounds appeared to pay off, because people did arrive at the correct area, and the 1993 Labor Day fun Trial was under way!

Although the day began as a cold and wet one, as many of you field trialers know, the best way to make the rain go away and the sun to shine is to bring my lovely girl friend Karen Bowden along. Of course, through careful deliberation, I made her my Fun Trial Secretary and it turned out to be a beautiful day!

There was not only quantity (with a total of 62 entries), but there was quality. All of the dogs ran like field trial champions. The cover was thick, the wind was scarce, the sun was plentiful, and everyone appeared to have a good time! Dogs came up with solid points, and new people went home with trophies and unforgettable memories.

A very special thank you to Teresa Gimbut - without her presence and generosity towards this club, I would not have pulled this off. She was the judge of the day, and she provided me with her horses, her birds, and her boy Spike for bird planting (and a fine job he did, I might add!) My hat's off to you, Teresa. THANKS!

Other members of the VCOI to thank include Larry Tomlinson, Mark Johnson, Jim Busch, Greg Hediien, and Jim Gingrich for judging. Way to go guys! Thank you to Greg Hediien for his extraordinarily acute eye in judging Wing and String. Thanks also to Jim Busch and Jim Gingrich for the use of their fine steeds. There were also many others who helped Karen and me in many ways, and we thank all of you!

Let's have a very successful season, and let the Midwest know that here at the VCOI club, we breed winners! Bye!

Mike Dalby

## Placements

Wing & String - 9 puppies This even is free to any puppy age 8 weeks to six months. Innate pointing ability is demonstrated using a bird wing on a fishing pole. 1st place: Attila, owner Rosa 2nd place: Blaze, owner Joe 3rd place: Askim Again, owner Busch 4th place: D.D., owner Larry HM: Savage, owner Kevin, Bongo, owner Busch, Wiley, owner Justin.

Field Trial Hunter - 18 entries This classification is for dogs of any age from field trial families. 1st place: LuLu - Tony Lucas 2nd place: Buster - Jim Busch 3rd place: Jake - Dennis Durko 4th place: Cesar - Greg Hediien HM: Rusty - Nick Vlasich

Tyro Young Dog - 9 entries This classification is for puppies under 2 years old with handlers not familiar with field activities. 1st place: Zach - Mark Gatel 2nd place: Morgan - Matt Weis 3rd place: Paige - Herb Grossich 4th place: Savage - Kevin Kowalski HM: Codi - Mark Vitkauskas

Tyro Hunter - 12 entries This classification is for dogs over 2 years old with handlers not familiar with field activities. 1st place: Maggie - Dan Frigo 2nd place: Codi - Mark Vitkauskas 3rd place: Crockett - Cheryl Ebert 4th place: Zach - Marck Gratrel

Field Trial Young Dog - 6 entries This classification is for puppies under 2 years old from field trial families. 1st place: Morgan - Matt Weis 2nd place: Zach - Mark Gatel 3rd place: Bo - Jim Gingrich 4th place: Blaze - Joe Venegoni HM: Savage - Kevin Kowalski, Lissa - Jim Busch

Broke Dog - 8 entries 1st place: Budman - Tony Lucas 2nd place: Buster - Jim Busch 3rd place: Eddie - Jim Gingrich 4th place: Flame - Tony Ordonez

## July 1993 Hunt Test

As the early morning sun began to nibble at tendrils of morning fog that shrouded the ground, the first brace came up to cast off. Their muzzles were sparkling with the jewel-like droplets of dew, from the wet cover the dogs had walked through. That's the way a field trial or hunt test usually begins, but that's not the way the VCOI July Hunt Test began. The July Hunt Test did not start till midday which made possible a laid back event for handlers dogs and judges. The results speak for themselves. 29 dogs started and 26 dogs qualified for a leg toward their Junior Hunt Test title. Successful events happen because of hard working people and there folks were the VCOI July Hunt Test Cadre that made the test a success.

- 1.) Judges Bill Elliott, Mile Dalby, Bruce Buscetto (Ed note: and Roy Greffin.)
- 2.) Bird planters Patti Cygan, Debbi Cygan and Kurt Orby who made sure that every dog had optimum contact with birds.
- 3.) Dog Wagon Driver, Mark Vitkauskas who kept the flow of dogs and handlers moving to the starting line.
- 4.) Linda Busch' lunch served by Gina Ordonez, which stoked the energy furnaces of the judges and the workers.
- 5.) Test Chairman Teresa Gimbut and Hunt Test Secretary Lois Greffin who kept the process from line marshalling to the required paperwork moving along evenly to a successful conclusion.
- 6.) Grounds provided by Linda and Jim Busch to make the event possible.
- 7.) The support of the VCOI membership and friends without which there would not have been a July Hunt Test.

Many Thanks to all of you.

Roy Greffin ■

## FROM THE EDITOR

Well this has certainly been an interesting experience. While trying to read the manual for the software (we are using Express Publisher), working with a computer which kept saying "insufficient memory", running down the street to print pages (we didn't have a printer) and chasing a very young puppy around, we wondered if we'd ever get our act together. For the first issue, our goal was simply to get it done. We will learn as we go along, Gina is a hard act to follow. Please bare with us as we can only get better. DSS

### 10 Ways to Avoid the Problems Associated With Qualifying on the Line

1. Give judging gift of "Ambervision" sunglasses
2. Hold judging during solar eclipse
3. Campaign a registered vizsla/pointer cross without white.
4. Use Nair, standard says nothing about massive areas of bald.
5. Contact a plastic surgeon, or use a pairing knife.
6. Use Lady Clairol semipermanent color #15 and hope for good weather.
7. Run the dog through the Ohio mud before examination.
8. Have a wet t-shirt contest in conjunction with the judging.
9. Let the vizsla wear the t-shirt.
10. Stay home.

GGO ■

It was with sadness that I heard of Amber's death. Tony and Gina had lost Henna, their first Vizsla, earlier this year and now this fall Amber passed on. Old friends are the best friends. DSS ■

The November meeting will be held at the home of Gina and Tony Ordonez on November 17.

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From the North: Take 83 south to North Avenue east (left.) Proceed on North Avenue until York Road north (left.) (A) On York Road pass Lake Street viaduct and continue to (Dodge Dealer on left side) North End east (right). Take North End 5 blocks (2nd stop sign) to Van Auken north (left). Travel one long block to Wrightwood east (right). Last house on left. Vizsla Mail Box. From Rockford: 90 to 290 East (to Chicago), off at York Rd north (right). Follow instructions from (A) above.

Shawn and Rick LaPointe sent in a list of their winnings, some of which are printed below. I know a lot more people are out there competing, let's hear about it. Also, if you are at a show, please take the time to write down at least BOB, BOS, WD and WB.

Highlights for July through September:  
 Ch Russet Leather War Cloud, JH  
 BOB and Group 2 at Granite City KC on July 25  
 BOB and Group 2 at Indian Head KC on Aug 28  
 BOB at St Croix Valley on August 29  
 BOB and Group 4 at Janesville-Beloit on Sept 4  
 BOB and Group 3 at Milwaukee WI on Sept 5  
 BOB and Group 2 at Central Iowa on Sept 11  
 BOB and Group 4 at Des Moines on Sept 13

Shawn also mentioned some dogs that finished titles, pending AKC confirmation:

new Champion - Shawnric's Hammer'n Hank  
 new JH - KV-Electra of Russet Leather  
 new JH - Ch Shawnri's Cruzn Fora Bruzn  
 new JH - Oakridge Top Gun (owners-John and Mary Seyer)

To Ann & Tony Lucas on the induction of Dual CH, AFC, VCA NFC, 2x NAFC Brook's Willie Whompum to the Vizsla Club of America's Hall of Fame

From the Vizsla Club of Illinois home of 19 Dual Champions

The Seyer's dropped Gina a line with some good news. Oakridge Wildfire Viper took a first in a All Age Derby competing against 13 other starters comprised of GSP's, GWP's and Setters. Their other derby dog Gunner took a third in the stake.

Congratulations Norm and Jan Svoboda!  
 JAYMAR'S MEZ LANY OF HILLDALE  
 At 15 months was RWB at VCOI Specialty At 17 months Junior Hunter and Companion Dog (pending AKC confirmation).  
 WAY TO GO "LANY"!  
 From her breeders, Jay and Mary Reeg

PJ Cushing was an active field and show member of Michigan and a member of the VCOI. Her sudden passing was a loss to all who knew her.

"Although I didn't know her long, she treated me like a life long friend. She was full of spunk, a great brace-mate, and I'll never forget her. I'll miss you PJ. Your friend, Teresa Gimbut."



Gina Ordonez (above) proving she actually does know how to ride a horse! Teresa Gimbut and Mike Dalby at the Fun Trial.



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