



The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.

Winter 2020

BULLETIN



A quarterly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

VCOI Fall Field Trial, September 24 - 26, 2020

The VCOI kicked off the fall field trial season with a three-day trial at JEPC. We were blessed with clear weather, and the dogs pushed through the summer-like weather and thick fall course. It was a great opportunity for friends to gather after the long hiatus, and see the many improvements made at JEPC since last year—a brand new clubhouse and quail pen, expanded stakeout area, plus additional rock leading into the stables! It was also a blessing to have multigenerational field trial families in attendance! The legendary Joe Vicari, his son Frank and grandson Mike were present, and they had the opportunity to capture this blue-ribbon moment for posterity:



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If you are interested in serving as part of the leadership for this club, please contact a Director.

President's Message

By Bill Elliott

Due to the way things were last year we had to move our Awards' Banquet from January 9, 2021 to March 6, 2021, and that is still pending.

We are still moving forward with our Field Trials that are scheduled for this year.

I am not sure of the Specialty Show being at Boone County Fairgrounds in July, but we will keep you posted.

In reference to the 2020 Nominating Committee, there were no nominations from Nominating Committee other than replacing Steve Scruggs due to his desire to step down. Cathy Gallagher has accepted this position.

The next VCOI Meeting will be held on January 27, 2021, and this will be a Zoom meeting.

Let us make 2021 a great year and rise to the challenges!

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Mark Your Calendars

- January 2021 Awards Banquet, rescheduled to March, see below
- February 20 – 21, 2021 Field Trial, pending weather
- March 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., VCOI Annual Awards Banquet

Eagles Club, 325 Raymond Street, Gilberts, Illinois

Please bring a dessert or side to pass. The main course will be provided by the Club

- April 17 – April 18, 2021 Hunt Test
- July 2021 Specialty Show, pending
- July 2021 Double Bubble, pending
- The first Membership Meeting of 2021 is scheduled for January 27, and this will be a Zoom meeting.

If you have any events to announce please contact Connie Forner at 815-770-0584.

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Also present were Paul and Jill Howard, with daughters Natalie and Jenna and grandson Thomas:



A highlight of the weekend came in the very last stake with the crowning of a new field champion - Victor Barger's "Sparkling Jem" (Tiki x Mia)!!! Victor emptied his pistol on Jem's winning run and completed a flawless retrieve to cap a stylish performance on course for the blue ribbon. Congratulations Barger family!!



The VCOI would like to thank the judges who took time from their busy schedules to support this event: Frank and Mike Vicari, Paul Howard, Larry Bradley, Rodney Albin, Mark Johnson, Bill Elliot, and Chad Chadwell. Many thanks also to Samantha Dunn and Chad Chadwell for "volunteering" to Secretary and Chair the event. Here were the placements—Congratulations to all the placing dogs, owners and handlers:

OLGD

1st	Louie	Louie	Bill Elliott
2nd	Cali's Wiki Mai Tai at Sunset	Mia	Chad Chadwell
3rd	BGK's White Lightening	Smudge	Jarrett Bell
4th	Southwind Locked N Loaded NK's Kimber	Kimber	Sherwin Van Kooten

ALGD

1st	Louie	Louie	Bill Elliott
2nd	BGK's Ck Citori Superlight Feather	Citori	Jarrett Bell
3rd	VK's Twenty Gauge XR	Deuce	Sherwin Van Kooten
4th	Sage Rey Reiche	Sage	Brandon Reiche

OGD

1st	PJ Wildfires Little Bo	Bo	M/F Vicari
2nd	Wildfires Royal Flush	Ace	M/F Vicari
3rd	Pele's Wiki Aloha Spirit	Shaka	Chad Chadwell
4th	Beaver's Rude Memphis Slim	Slim	Jay Wade

AGD (Ret)

1st	Sparkling Jem	Jem	Victor Barger
2nd	Pele's Wiki Aloha Spirit	Shaka	Chad Chadwell
3rd	Sage Rey Reiche	Sage	Brandon Reiche
4th	Southwind's Bully for Green Fire	Hatch	Elsa Gallagher

OD

1st	CK Guy's Jake	Jake	Ron Chenoweth
2nd	Freya's Red Raven	Frey	Russ McKay
3rd	Vezeto's Sunrise Over Quail Run	Suni	Rodney Albin
4th	"Withheld"		

AWD

1st	PJ Wildfire's Blue Jade	Jade	Frank Vicari
2nd	Vezeto's Sunrise Over Quail Run	Suni	Rodney Albin
3rd	Freya's Red Raven	Frey	Russ McKay
4th	"Withheld"		

SPECIALTY SHOW IN OCTOBER 2020

ROCK RIVER CLASSIC

The 2020 VCOI Specialty Show is in the books! What a roller coaster this has been.

The specialty show got moved from the July dates at the Boone County Fairgrounds due to COVID-19. I was able to secure new dates on September 17 and 18 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Jefferson, Wisconsin. The Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club was our host, and they did a fantastic job of following protocol set forth by the Wisconsin Public Health Department. The rings were spaced out beautifully. Folks wore masks happily and socially distanced properly. We were just excited to be able to be at a dog show! It was indeed a wonderful two days of seeing old and new friends.

Our artist this year was Tara Glenny. She is a final year student at the Florence Academy of Fine Art in Florence, Italy. Tara did a pastel piece of last year's Best of Breed Winners. The eyes were the beauty of this piece. Best of Breed winners took home a beautiful canvas wrap of the original. The first-place winners in each class took home magnets and notecards. Our show chair was Michelle Princer.

Linda Busch set up our calendar contest this year and we had right around 30 entries. The photos were fun, and everyone had a good time trying to pick their favorites. Rae Anne Jones was the crowd favorite and will be showcased on the cover of our calendars for 2021. The calendars should be ready for purchase very soon.

Our sweeps judge on Saturday was Joy Sonsalla of Burlington, Wisconsin. We had a last-minute judge change on Sunday and Kristi Johnson of Chicago was gracious enough to offer her judging services. Many thanks for the excellent job by both vizsla ladies. Our ring stewards were Peter Severin, Kristi Johnson, and Michelle Princer.

The judge on Saturday was Debra Thornton of Georgia. She is a pumik breeder which just happens to originate in Hungary, and she was a judge at Westminster last year. Our judge on Sunday was Janie Bousek of Greenville, Wisconsin. Ms. Bousek is a wire fox terrier enthusiast. Each judge gave a good eye to each dog entered and did a great careful job of choosing the Best of Breed winners. Congratulations to everyone attending and here are the winners of both days.

Winners Saturday:

Best of Breed:

SOLARIS RISKY BUSINESS Owners: Anna Adams, Beth Kirven, Paul Adams

Best of Winners:

AUTUMN ACRES RIDING WITH THE TOP DOWN Owners: Weston and Tamara Brown

Best of Opposite Sex:

JNEK CHANTILLY LACE Owners: Michelle Selby, Kathy Engelsman, Christine Schaberg, Mark Selby

Select Dog:

KIZMAR GJ MCLAIN'S FOREVER LOVED Owners: Sandy Kimmerle, Kathy Rust, Taylor Schwartz

Select Bitch and NOHS:

SUZU & SHANNON'S GLDNS RUST RNR'S A TU SALUD Owners: Kathryn Markey, Jack Markey, Kimberly Markey, Ryan Markey

Winners Sunday:

Best of Breed:

GROUSEPOINT RIMFIRE BENCHCREST Owners: Deborah Lynn, Corinne Miklos

Best of Winners:

PRIDON JOY THE PHARRAOH Owners: Joy Sonsalla, Wm Quandt

Best of Opposite Sex and NOHS:

SUZU & SHANNON'S GLDNS RUST RNR'S A TU SALUD Owners: Kathryn Markey, Jack Markey, Kimberly Markey, Ryan Markey

Select Dog:

DP's I TRIPLE DOG DARE YA Owners: Stevie Marie Duffek, Randy Norberg

Select Bitch:

REMARK'S GOT A LOT OF LIVIN' TO DO Owner: Rebecca S Smith

I look forward to next year's hopefully non masked event back on our extremely hot regular days in July at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Princer

Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.

2020 Nominating Committee

December 7, 2020

The nominating committee consisting of Cheryl Peterson, Chair, Cindy Lepoudre, Chris Wolowiec, and Bill Elliott have nominated the following members as Officers or Directors for 2021:

Officers:

President: Bill Elliott

Vice President: Samantha Dunn

Secretary: Susan Gervais

Treasurer: Dennis Nowak

Directors:

Michelle Princer

Rodney Albin

Brad Lepoudre

Cathy Gallagher

Rick Forner

Ed McHale

Cathy Gallagher accepted the nomination and will be replacing Steve Scruggs on the Board.

Discussion was held. There were no other nominations from the nominating committee. Due to the events of the year due to Covid-19 and in order to meet the bylaws as closely as possible, the slate of the nominating committee was to be distributed by Ed McHale to the entire membership. The nominating committee's selection was distributed to the entire membership via Constant Contact the week of December 7, 2020. The membership was given to December 21, 6 p.m. to respond to the committee's proposal and to give additional nominations to the chair of the committee. There were no additional nominations received by the chair at the close of the nominations and the slate provided will stand.

The final slate will be provided to the member the week of December 28, 2020 via Constant Contact and voted on, if possible, on January 9, 2021 at the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Peterson, Chair

VCOI General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

(Zoom Call)

Number of attendees: 14

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: The bank balance is \$12,081.83 which includes all Field Trial money, Hunt Test money and money transferred from PayPal. Dues to the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois for 2021, club insurance, Board of Directors' insurance, and Traveler's Insurance policy were paid. At this time there are no outstanding bills to be paid.

Secretary Report: We received an event closure notice from AKC for the October Hunt Tests, and the meeting notes from the last meeting were published in the newsletter.

Hunt Test: Brad Lapoudre reported that the October Hunt Test was successful, that a couple of judges were hurt at the event and 34 dogs per day participated.

Field Trial: Samantha Dunn reported that the Field Trial held from September 18 – 20 was successful and had 63 entries. The profit from the event was approximately \$450.

At the Dropped Puppy Stake no puppies were entered.

Nancy Brown will be doing a write up of the event for the Bulletin. Bill Elliott reported that the next Field Trial will be held from February 20 – 21, 2021, pending weather.

Brad Lapoudre is the Chairman and Russ McKay is the Secretary. We have three judges already signed up for the event, just one more judge is needed.

Specialty Show: Michelle Princer was unable to access Zoom to join the meeting, so we had no report on the Specialty Show. Bill Elliott will check with Michelle Princer to see if she will be going forward organizing the Specialty in 2021.

Discussion Items:

Golf Cart versus Horses: A discussion was held on using horses for Hunt Tests versus using a cart for Hunt Tests because two of our judges were hurt on horseback at our last Hunt Test. Dennis Nowak has been looking into golf cars and has spoken to Dave Wolf who quoted a price of \$400. for the weekend which includes insurance. There is a new golf cart establishment in Coal City that has not opened yet, but once open we will inquire on their process. United Rental will charge \$280. for the weekend, \$37.

per day for insurance and \$280. for delivery and pickup of the cart. Total price is \$620. We have booked Dave Wolf's services for the April Hunt Test. We will have to approve the use of carts with Jeff, the Superintendent at Des Plaines Wildlife, to see if this is permissible. The use of horses for the weekend costs us \$700. The horses we have been using are getting older and more unsafe to ride.

Nominating Committee: In light of the situation with COVID-19 it was suggested by Bill Elliott and Cheryl Peterson that we hold over the existing Board and Officers for the following year. After much discussion it was decided that we go forward with the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee (Dennis Nowak, Cheryl Peterson, Bill Elliott Cindy Lapoudre and Chris Wolowiec) will convene and bring forth candidates for the Board and Officer positions to be voted on at the banquet in January, if allowed, or possibly by other means if necessary. Brad Lapoudre suggested that Steve Scruggs wanted to get off the Board. Bill Elliott will reach out to Steve Scruggs and verify. Information for the proposed Board and Officers will be sent out via Constant Contact by December 15, 2020.

Awards' Banquet: A discussion was held on whether we should go forward with the Awards Banquet to be held January 9, 2021 at the Eagles Lodge in Gilberts, Illinois. We anticipate that we will have the banquet depending on whether the State of Illinois allows it. Rick Forner spoke with Michelle Princer who volunteered her event center banquet facilities if things do not work out with Eagle Lodge. Mary Haines feels we should postpone the Awards Banquet to the summer when it would be safer to possibly hold it outside. Cheryl Peterson suggested that we have it in conjunction with the summer Specialty.

Susan Gervais brought up a concern that it is in our bylaws that at the January meeting we vote on the Board and Officer positions.

Award Plaques: In anticipation that we would not go forward with the banquet we have not advertised ordering plaques and bars. Going forward Mary Haines will not be organizing the award trophies. George Haines will still be making the awards if we choose. Cheryl Peterson has volunteered to organize the awards for 2022. Regardless of whether we will have a banquet or not we still plan on going forward and issuing awards. The deadline for awards will be extended until December 15, 2020.

March Field Trial: Samantha Dunn brought up that we still need a Chairperson and Secretary for the March Field Trial. Bill Elliott said he is working on that.

Spring Hunt Test: Brad Lapoudre has volunteered to chair the April 17 – April 18, 2021 Hunt Test. Brad Lapoudre noted that this will be his last Hunt Test to chair, that we need to have someone else take over in the future.

Futurity: Rodney Albin said there were six litters nominated and only two puppies. Two puppies have been re-nominated. It looks like we will have eight dogs running in the Futurity by all estimates.

Volunteers: Samantha Dunn brought up a discussion about a need for a shadowing program to train people to setup up to volunteer for Hunt Tests, Field Trials etc.

Double Bubble: Ed McHale said he would chair the Double Bubble. Cathy Gallagher suggested a possible virtual Double Bubble.

Membership Survey: Cathy Gallagher suggested we send out a Membership Survey to find out what our club members would like us to focus on and then have seminars focusing on those areas of interest. Samantha Dunn made a motion to survey the membership and Cheryl Peterson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. Samantha Dunn, Cathy Gallagher and Ed McHale will work on a survey to present to our members.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Cathy Gallagher and seconded by Ed McHale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Gervais

Taking Care of Business

Bulletin Covers!

If your dog has completed a prefix title (CH, FC, AFC, CT, MACH, OTCH, etc.) and you would like to reserve a cover, please contact Connie Forner.

Please let us know if your dog receives a National title as we would like to feature your accomplishments in the Bulletin.

Opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI or the Board of Directors. The VCOI endorses the efforts of the VCA and the OFA to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs and encourages its members to use only normal breeding stock.

Photos!

All original printed photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI. An exception to this is the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

Membership!

An important component of our club is to grow and maintain a healthy and up-to-date membership.

If you are a current member and need to renew your membership, you can go online at <http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/pay-membership-dues/>. Check your membership expiration date located in the Membership Directory under your address.

If you are applying for a new membership, please complete the Membership Application located online at <http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/membership-application/>.

If mailing in your application and check, direct to:

Ed McHale
VCOI Membership Chairman
2080 Tracey Lane
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NOTE: All applicants must be endorsed by two unrelated members in good standing and not of the same household. This endorsement should be signified by obtaining the signatures of these members on the sponsorship lines on the applications.

If you know someone who would be interested in becoming a member of VCOI, please refer them to our VCOI website: www.vizslaclubofillinois.org.

Subscriptions!

To subscribe to the VCOI e-mail list: <http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/>

Brags and Wags!

VCOI wants to hear from you! We highly encourage everyone to submit any articles, photos, brags, etc.

If your dog has an outstanding achievement, please submit the information and photos to Connie Forner at connie_forner@yahoo.com. (Please submit all articles in Word format)

Welcome New Members!

Dan Frigo
Douglas, MI

Raquel Barkan and Darien Milleville
Decatur, IL

Bulletin Schedule

(Highly impacted by COVID-19 at this time due to a reduction in events)

Winter (January/February/March)

Bulletin to be out first week of February

Last day to submit articles/photos is January 15, 2021

Spring (April/May/June)

Bulletin to be out first week of May

Last day to submit articles/photos is April 15, 2021

Summer (July/August/September)

Bulletin to be out first week of August

Last day to submit articles/photos is July 15, 2021

Fall (October/November/December)

Bulletin to be out first week in November

Last day to submit articles/photos is October 15, 2021