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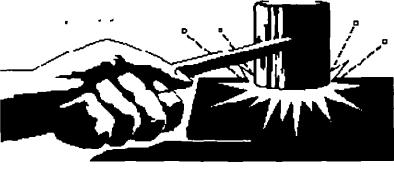
Dam
Ch Polar Kaps Country Creek Carvon

If you show dogs a little or alot and have experienced the fun and pride of showing a Veteran Dog or Bitch at a Specialty or Nationals you'll know what I mean when I say there's nothing like it. Shifter made me very proud again by showing like a true Champion and finished with a third place in the Veteran Dog Class at the Nationals in Maryland. The competition was very tough with ten beautiful males. Shifter is semi-retired now but when he does go in the ring he always gives 110 percent.

Owner and Breeder Kathy Harmer



From the **President**



1994 DECEMBER **ALL-WALKING** TRIAL.

loves the VCOI. We ran an entry packed, action packed, 73 dog trial in blue bird spring-like 40-50° weather on December 3rd and 4th. The giant mance Sunday to win the Open Puppy. Bonnie Field Futurity that is shaping up for March 10, 1995 is influencing the number of trial entries available in a big big way. This all-walking trial featured a 21 dog Derby stake. Except for some Dodge City's Doc Adams) who needed one scratches and last minute injuries, we could have first place point to finish as a Field Champion. easily had 10 more derbies running. We would not Evidently Doc looked great in the 1st Gun have had the time for them, but.... As it finally Dog event, but with 30 seconds to go, a pheasshaped up, we had 14 dog majors in both Amateur ant jumped up in the pumpkin patch and Doc Gun Dogs. This is important because a point to- chased. Happily, in spite of a herd of deer, in ward the Amateur Field Championship is also the Open Limited Gun Dog, Doc put down awarded to the dog that comes in second. Our another great performance and won that needed Puppy stake, which usually has about 8 entries, had a robust 14 entries. I think we ran MORE ebrate with a touch of champagne provided by derbies and puppies than were run at the VCA Nationals. TOP TEN point-wise our ALL VIZSLA ALL-WALKING trial placement was as valuable with women handlers. This is one sport where to young Vizslas seeking a listing on the VCA Puppy/Derby Top Ten as a placement at the Nationals. Our winter all-walking trial is definitely the place to be in December!

The great weather also brought out a crowd of observers and visitors. Dick Gengler, a VCOI stalwart from yesteryear, showed up. I have not seen Dick for more than 20 years. Dick showed me the ropes 30 years ago and introduced me to Vizsla competition. Hopefully, Dick is going to get a pup this spring and will once again be in the fields with a Vizsla.

The placements are listed below, but here are Max exhibited some tendency to play with his

some colorful facts surrounding some of them. Bonnie Bergmeyer trucked all the way from Lincoln, Nebraska to run her pup in its last possible Puppy stake. Tanner did not have a 1st and therefore the field championship points available were precious. Bonnie ran Tanner in the Derby on Saturday as a warmup for the Puppy on Sunday. Sadly, Tanner scratched her OW wee! Did we ever get LUCKY!!! God eye during the Derby. Things did not look good. Somehow, the pup reached down into the well and brought up a 1st place perforhad driven from Lincoln to Des Moines alone, and then traveled from there to here with Chris and Carol Conner and "Doc" (AFC point. Everyone helped Chris and Carol celthe Conners. Congratulations and thanks!

A full 25% of the placements went to dogs the men and women and young and old can compete equally. The sport tends to favor those with experience, but first timers frequently place. Wanda Berner, running in ber first trial with Max (Maximum Strider) a 9 month-old puppy, took third in both Puppy and Derby. Wanda got her feet wet in a few Hunting Tests early this fall and earned a few JH passes. Max and Wanda hunt. This is important. Wanda trains and this is key. Regularly Max gets field time, bird exposure, and experience. At the first few Hunting Tests,

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bracemate. Wanda took control, did not permit that sort of behavior, and most importantly trained hard to give Max something more important to do than play, i.e., FIND BIRDS. Wanda's hard work paid off and Max was rewarded with two precious pieces of silk at his first trial.

The Open Derby was won by another hard trainer, Mark Gatrel



and Zach (Zachery Eliah Tucker). This was the last eligible trial for Zach as a Derby. Zach was born in January and thus ran in the Futurity as a 13 month-old. He placed in that Futurity. Many, many times during the course of this fine young Vizsla's first two years, Mark would call with the words, "Jim, I just don't know.

1. Desert Storm Brandi Roselle - O/B & L Peterson, H/Barry Peterson

- 2. Ascur's Amber Girl, SH O/H Jim Busch
- 3. Ch. My Friend Flicka O/H Dan Montambo
- 4. Lakeside Annie Get Yer Gun, SH O/H George Noren

Oh boy! Christmas Party at Tony and Gina's on January 21st. See the write-up elsewhere in this newsletter. That will also be our annual meeting. It is a great time to see everyone. The Christmas party is our best attended meeting. The new officers are installed, the old officers retire amid applause and thanks, and a new action packed Vizsla year begins.

Mark your calendar now so you don't fill up the important dates.

February 25th - Hunting Test

February 26th - Fun Trial and Hunting Dog Championship

There will be another mailing on this weekend. If you do not get a premium for the Hunting Test in January, call me. We are rearranging our mailing lists and you may have inadvertently been omitted.

March 10th - Futurity

Entries for the Futurity will go out with the trial premium sometime in January also. The trial will be structured somewhat



different than in the past. Open Gun Dog will be on Friday, and there will be NO Amateur Walking Derby. We had to make these changes because of the large number of Derby dogs that will be running this spring. We anticipate 30+ entries in the Futurity and as many or more in the Derby stake at the trial. Our Gun Dogs will be 4 or 5 point majors and the two puppy stakes will also be large. Read the premium carefully. The closing date is about 11 days before the trial. The running order will be printed and mailed to each competitor immediately after the drawing. You should get it in plenty of time. The Futurity closing is different than the trial closing. The Futurity closes at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9th. The Futurity drawing will be held immediately in the building at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area where the Futurity and trial will run. Everyone is welcome to the Futurity drawing. Everyone there will assist. Futurity running orders will be available the next morning.

Bang! our March meeting is on the 15th of March again at the Silver Stallion restaurant in Des Plaines (the town). It is on Lee Street just south of Algonquin Road. There will be more on this meeting in the next bulletin, but block out the time. We will have a presentation on the new uses of the Joliet Arsenal grounds. This March meeting will also be a good opportunity to de-brief right after the field trial and to critique the trial. After our spring trial, the club enters its longest period without a club activity (1/2 March, April, May, June, and 1/2 July) except for the May meeting. Members are not inactive though. Field Trials, Dog Shows, and Hunting Tests occupy our time.

Oh, yes. We have agreed to man the booth at the Outdoor Show for one day. We did that last year and it was good PR for our breed. This is in late January or early February. In late March we have a booth at the Pet Show at Arlington Park. This is a 3-day shot and a much different crowd and format than the Outdoor Show. It also is a good showcase for Vizslas. Volunteers may contact Gina Ordonez for the Outdoor Show or Gwen Tomlinson for the Pet Show.

Thanks for your help

Jim Busch

ANNOUNCING VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS FUN DAY WEEKEND FEB 25 & 26 AT DESPLAINES WILDLIFE AREA. FUN BEGINS AT 9:00 **HUNT TEST TO BE HELD FEB 25** FUN DAY TO BE HELD FEB 26 MANY FUN EVENTS INCLUDING wing and string, locate and point, hunt test clinic, tyro young dog, tyro hunter & more. ALSO TO BE HELD FEB 26: DESPLAINES FOX VALLEY GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP. JUDGES, BIRD PLANTERS, AND ANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! PLEASE CALL: ROB ABOUCHAR (708) 215:2153 or GREG HEDIEN (708) 566:6655 TO VOLUNTEER

1994 Vizsla Club of America National & National Amateur Championships Article by Gary Jagoda

Before dawn on Saturday morning I was loading dogs and picking up horses. Off to compete in the 1994 Vizsla Club of America National and National Amateur Field Championships to be held in Clear Springs, Maryland. By 9am I met Barry Peterson at a rest area on the Ohio Turnpike where we had breakfast and proceeded to caravan to the trial grounds.

As we drove into and through Pennsylvania I couldn't help but be struck by the beauty of the mountains. Nature had painted a continuous mural of bright autumn colors. When we stopped to get fuel it was the topic of discussion. The beauty of the mountains and the anticipation of seeing some of the best dogs of the breedcompete. Dogs that you hear about but don't get to see because they're from other parts of the country. Even nature in full autumn splendor can't hold a candle to the beauty of a good bird dog doing what it was bred to do.

We arrived at the site late Saturday afternoon. A full day before the Championships would begin. This was by plan as it gave us plenty of time to set up for the night and the week to come. Time to relax and get ourselves and our dogs situated.

I knew that there would be a field trial going on over the weekend and even though I wasn't entered, it offered an opportunity to see and get a feel for the grounds. I had been there before a few years back and knew the grounds would be tight, but the cover was also high and thick. Watching dog performance would be difficult at best. There were signs that the committee had done some mowing work, but it made me appreciate even more the efforts made clearing fields the previous year when Indian Creek in Fayetteville, Ohio was the site. I wished for more open ground where you can truly see a dog work. Grounds that bring a dog out and challenge him to move forward and reach to the next objective. I knew that these grounds, in the condition they were, could not provide such avenue. However, they were the same for everyone and good dogs will make the best of whatever situation they are faced with and do well.

When the trial started on Monday that was the way things went. Perhaps worse, the grounds were complicated by courses that introduced turns and detracted from rather than added to the forward progress of the dogs. From a breeder's and competitor's perspective it was disappointing that one could not truly get to see the individual dogs perform. Catching glimpses of dogs as you ride in the gallery makes it difficult, if not impossible, to judge the nuances of each performance. Unfortunately, it took something away from the experience of being there. In spite ofthat, the truly good dogs managed to prevail.

There were 35 dogs entered in the National Championship and 34 started, 16 of them with AKC field championship titles. In the national amateur there were 36 entries with 32 starters, with 15 title holders. To get a placement from this group of dogs was an accomplishment. The efforts of the winning dogs, their handlers, trainers and owners truly need to be recognized and appreciated.

When all was said and done the placements were as follows:

National Championship

Winner—FC/AFC Fieldway's Jack Daniels
Owner/Handler — Carol Vitato
2nd Place — FCX/AFC Piper's Sippican Gold Rush
Owner/Handler — Lucille Jardin
3rd Place — FC/AFC/NFC/NAFC EK's Tripper
Owners — Bruce Lantrip & Al Lucas
Handler — Al Lucas
4th Place Fieldway's Nitro Flash

Owners — Joe Manning and John Frayne Hander — John Frayne

National Amateur Championship

Owner/Handler — Lucille Jardin
2nd Place — DC/AFC Riverbend's Deacon Dandy CD
Owner/Handler — Kitty Pullen
3rd Place — FC/AFC/NFC Fieldway's Jack Daniels
Owner/Hander — Carol Vitato
4th Place — CH Masha's Sinfuly Wild Cheri
Owners — Josephine Datis & Cindy Hibler
Handler — Cindy Hibler
HM — FC/AFC/NFC/NAFC EK's Tripper
Owners — Bruce Lantrip & Al Lucas
Handler — A Lucas

In the Open Puppy and the Open Derby stake's Keystone Give em Hell Harry came out victorious. For this young dog to win both events was quite an accomplishment. The owner, Iva Fisher and handler, Dave Pomfret deserve sincere congratulations on a job well done.

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The performances of the dogs and the efforts of their owners, trainers and handlers is only a part of the story. The part that nothing should detract from. It's the part that I came to see and enjoy. Judging was excellent and the placements well received. The efforts of the workers and those that were responsible for the event needs to be also recognized. There were several and I will not attempt to mention them all for fear of missing one. Let it just be said that they were all appreciated.

Unfortunately, the story does not end here. Something else went on at these events that needs to be recognized and discussed. The enforcement of the qualification that dogs "entered must be free of disqualifying faults as stated in the Vizsla standard recognized..." It became a distraction. The politics and procedures of enforcement of the rule became the topic of discussion on the grounds. The performances of the competitors was clouded and much of the opportunity for enjoyment of the dogs such as they are was lost.

On the very first morning, even before the breakaway of the first brace, word got out that a dog was rejected by the qualifying judge. The problem was that the owner disagreed with the interpretation of the standard. His other dog a Dual Champion with a conformation Sporting Group placement. He pointed out similarities with respect to the amount of white on the dog disqualified and his Dual Champion. He also noted that he had no way of knowing that this would happen. There is no way of pre qualifying in this regard. The end result was that he was angered pulled his entry from the National and National Amateur Championships as well and returned home without competing. The spectators were denied the opportunity of seeing his dogs.

Another dog, who had been qualified, and competed in the National Championship came under the renewed scrutiny of various members of the field trail committee after it had already been allowed to run. The credit of the qualifying judge, he held fast to his decision that the dog met the qualification. Unfortunately, some individual(s) was (were) still dissatisfied. Angry discussions continued and, from my viewpoint, the competitor was badgered. The badgering continued into and throughout the second day. Accusations of altering the dog were made but the accuser remained unnamed. The dog performed well and went on to receive a placement, however, the competitor was so angered by the continuous badgering he displayed his disgust by throwing his award in the trash.

End result, this competitor pulled his entry from the National amateur Championship and again the spectators were denied the opportunity of seeing dogs perform. Further, in this instance, charges were brought, the competitor was found innocent with respect to

altering the dog (a charge finally put fort on the third day by another competitor) but guilty of misconduct with respect to the act of throwing the award in the trash.

Needless to say it is my belief that the problems created by the rule that dogs competing in the National and National Amateur Championship's conform to the AKC breed standard are greater than any benefit gained. This is especially true since there is no means of pre qualification and the standard itself is subject to interpretation. I know that the vast majority of the Vizsla Club of America voted in favor of this rule. However, I believe that they need to rethink the end results.

When the rule was first put to vote, the argument was made that since the National Events were a showcase for the breed only the best specimen's should be represented.

If this is true for this performance event, then why did the Board of Directors vote down the enforcement of the breed standard for dogs competing in the Obedience Trail at the National Events this year? To be honest, questions of crossbreeding were also being put forth by a small but vocal group. If this is the problem, why not start a DNA registry for sires and dams? The technology is there, however, the verification of parentage should be the sole purpose. It should not be used to advance the agenda of any individual or group.

The purpose of the Vizsla Club of America is to advance the breed. The National Events provide an opportunity for competitors and breeders to come to a single location and see for themselves the results of the efforts of others and how they compare. It offers the chance to evaluate your own breeding and training program and to look beyond your own backyard in order to improve what your doing. I honestly can't agree that the qualification of meeting the breed standard works toward this goal. Especially when given the fact that the standard is subject to interpretation.

The breeders and fanciers should not be underestimated, they should be allowed to evaluate all dogs, interpret the breed standard for themselves, and make their own decisions with respect to how a dog does or does not fit into their programs or match their ideal.

When you're forced to spend as much or more time in a discussion of the rules and the politics of their enforcement as you are about the dogs and their performances something is wrong. The primary purpose is to have fun. there is nothing I enjoy more than watching bird dogs. Discussions of performance evaluation should dominate anything written about a article. visions of the winners as they made their winning bids and thoughts about individual performances and great achievements should be the mark left by a Championship.

Somehow the mountains weren't quite as pretty on the ride back home.

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our Annual Awards and Holiday Party is January 21, 1995 at 6:00 pm! Once again the Ordonez' have opened their doors (see backcover for directions) to the masses for our Annual Gala. Gina needs an RSVP by Sunday, January 15 because she needs to know how many bodies will be coming so she can secure enough chairs. There will be a short business meeting, and the rest of the evening is fun and food.

FOOD!

Besides bringing yourself and your significant other, everyone brings a dish to share. Whatever you bring, be sure to also bring the proper serving utensils. If you bring a fruit salad, have a large spoon, etc. The club will provide turkey and ham, along with drinks.

PRESENTS!

We have a white elephant exchange each year. For those who are unfamiliar with this, the idea is to find something around the house you don't want, maybe something that didn't sell at your last garage sale or the gift from Aunt Edna. Take this precious gift and wrap it as though it cost a million bucks! The smaller and better wrapped gifts are more appealing. There is a limit to the size of the gift, it must fit in the back seat of a Yugo. Last, you are only allowed to bring one gift per person, and you MUST take home all the gifts you "win."

NEW COLUMN ASK THE TRAINER

The editors of The Bulletin have come up with a new column to appear in each issue, called Ask The Trainer.

Lee Sienkowski, Jr. of Sundance Kennels has agreed to answer questions about training your dog(s) in the field.

Lee is a professional trainer and has a lot of experience with pointing breeds.

Send your questions to Lee Sienkowski, Jr. c/o Sundance Kennels, 13310 75th Street, Bristol, WI 53104. Lee will answer your questions through the Bulletin.

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