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A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

BISS GCH, CH. JUST SPIKE, JH

Dam: Ch. Storms Path of Destruction (Addison) and Sire: Ch. Vizion's Blue Buoy, CDX, TD



Every once in a while you are lucky enough to get an exceptional dog. Spike is one of those right up there with more notably Raany and Askim. I wasn't in the market for a new dog, but Teresa Gimbut was pressuring me to take a pup from her daughter's litter that had Askim, our Hall of Fame dog, as the grandfather on one side of the pedigree. Julie Sjullie's dog "Blue" is the sire via frozen semen and Erin Gimbut Meyer's "Addison" who had won BOB at Westminster in 2009 is the mom. I reluctantly agreed when Teresa called all excited about how well he pointed as a pup and his splendid conformation, but I wasn't too happy about getting a pup to housebreak in winter. I named him "Spike" for Erin's brother Steve who we called Spike as a young kid since he was mischievous, trouble seemed to easily find him, and he just looked liked he ought to be called Spike. He has since grown into a great-looking, exceptional young man (ex-Marine).

Since I didn't want him to be Spike VI, I had to tweak it a little and we ended up with "Just Spike." Little did I know the joyous ride he would soon take us on. Spike had early show success in the 6 to 9 month class by getting 10 show points (one was a 5 point major). He was Best in

Puppy Sweepstakes at the VCOI Specialty Show at 9 months, July 2011 on Saturday. Then Sunday he was Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes losing to JNEK's female "Stevie." The two of them would later take turns winning when both were entered. That same Sunday he surprised everyone by going from winning the 6 to 9 month class to winning Best of Breed and also Sporting Group 2 under judge Sam Houston McDonald. It must have been karma since I had briefly attended Sam Houston University in Huntsville, Texas back in the mid 1960's..... I had been at the Specialty show Saturday, but was relegated to Double Bubble events on the farm Sunday. However, Sunday Jim was on hand to watch Spike win the Vizsla competition and after the call came in that Spike would be in the Sporting Group, I rushed from Double Bubble events to the show site to watch him earn a 2nd in the Sporting Group. I can't explain the joy and rush. We were primarily "field" people and while the show ring was not foreign, group placements certainly were.

Spike easily finished his conformation title by age 10 months and Grand Champion title by age 13 months. He received four passes at the April hunt tests in one weekend and thus became a Junior Hunter also. He is a joy to be around. He and Buffy (the Poodle mix rescue dog) chase each other non-stop. He loves to fetch. He's sweet and laid-back. I couldn't wish for a nicer dog. He has it all.

Special thanks to Teresa Gimbut, Erin Gimbut Meyers, and Julie Sjullie. Also special thanks to Chris Jones his show handler, and to Kathy Engelsman for show tips, help and encouragement along the way.

(Spike will be available at stud after Oct. 27, 2012)

CONGRATULATIONS to my husband Jim on finishing his females Ch. Southern Trails Una Roja, JH and pending AKC approval Ch. Lorrin, JH

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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 Shelly Kliefoth at skliefoth@yahoo.com

Next available cover is November 2012. Obviously we have many very talented members!! As soon as your dog completes the title, please let me know if you would like a cover.

**Please let us know if your dog receives a National title as we would like to feature your accomplishments in the Bulletin. Upcoming covers reserved for: Wonnell (9/12)

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All photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI. Exception to the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

president's Message

Well we are half way through 2012. As a Board we met on Saturday May 26th. We discussed a few topics. The club now has a laptop computer, printer and is in the process of purchasing the program that holds all the dogs information for field trials and hunt tests. This will make it much easier for the secretaries that are running the events. The computer was donated by Eric and Shelly Kliefoth and the printer was donated by Brian and Amy Johnson. Thank you for the donations. We will soon have the VCOI Bulletins dating back to 1970 on the website. They are in the process of being put on a disc to be downloaded to the website. At club functions we will be giving away (2) \$25.00 gas cards to VCOI attendees. We will have the drawings 4 times a year, Double Bubble, Specialty show in July, Awards banquet and the March Field Trial.

The last topic was gathering information on the VCOI putting on A National Gun Dog Walking Championship for 2014. It was voiced by a few members that we as a club should have this event to help give back. As a club, the VCOI has won the NGDC the past 6 years running. We will have more information regarding this coming in the future.

We as a club are fiscally solvent moving forward in 2012. The field events have been smaller this year. Both the field trials and the hunt tests have had fewer entries. However the donations to the raffles that we as a club have are going strong. Thanks to all who have helped out with our raffles.

Did you know?



Home-made Wound Remedy

At the VCOI Field Trial in Ottawa Rooster Haines ripped his pads during his run. Rodney Albin was there and sent Mary out to get the ingredients for a wound treatment.

8 oz. 91% rubbing alcohol

8 oz. Povidone Iodine (this type of iodine will not sting)

3 tsp. boric acid

Mix well and place in a spray bottle and apply to the wound three or four times daily.

Mary says the results were amazing, Rooster was even able to attend a dog show the following weekend!

**We want your recipes!! If you have a great recipe to share please submit to Shelly at skliefoth@yahoo.com for inclusion in future Bulletins.



For everyone following the adventures of Gracie Haines, Therapy Dog Submitted by Mary Haines

Where's Gracie? At the Library. Here she is at the McHenry Public Library during the "Reading With Dogs" program. The kids really love reading to her!



Mark Your Calendars!

VCOI Specialty Show ~ July 13-15, 2012

Boone County Fair Grounds

Contact Kathy Engelsman for more information.

July Club Meeting ~ July 14th 2012

At the Specialty Show VCOI Tent

Bring a dish to pass, more information coming soon.

Ottawa Cleanup Days ~ July 14th & 22nd

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds

Contact Bill or Missie Stapleton for more information.

September Hunt Test ~ Sept 1-3

DesPlaines Wildlife Area

Contact Kathy Engelsman for more information.

September Club Meeting ~ Sept 19, 6:30 pm

Cabelas, Hoffman Estates, IL

Catered by Michelle Princer

September Field Trial ~ September 22 & 23

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds

Contact Rob Struthers or Missie Stapleton for more information.

2013 Awards Banquet and Holiday Dinner ~ January 12, 2013

Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL

Contact Mary Haines for more information.



The 2012 walking field trial was held June 9th and 10th at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds in Eagle, WI. It was an unusually hot weekend with highs in the upper eighties and lower nineties throughout the trial. Water troughs were placed throughout the course in an effort to keep the dogs safe in the heat. Bird conditions were less then ideal with the high temperatures and low wind on course, however, the dogs still had impressive bird contact.

Judges were Tom Jagielski, Julie Nelson, and Julie and Kent Harter. There were 62 starters for six stakes. Because of willing judges, participants, and extended daylight hours, we were able to get through four stakes, OLGD, AWP, AWD, and OGD on Saturday. The remaining stakes, OD and AGD were run on Sunday. All the stakes had enough starters to allow points for the winners. The AGD ended up being a 3 point retrieving major.

There were a few new faces present, which is always good to see, and it seemed like the trial ran smoothly. This is thanks in large part to the judges and many willing volunteers who helped out during the weekend. A special thanks to Tritronics, Gun Dog Supply, and Nutrisource for donating prizes. Tritronics donated an e-collar, Gun Dog Supply donated four \$25 gift certificates, and Nutrisource donated coupons for dog food. All of the dog/handler teams that placed during the trial were put in a hat at the conclusion of the weekend and names were drawn for the prizes.

The weekend would not have been possible without the committee members, Mary Haines, Craig Donze, Michelle Princer, Mark Spurgeon, and Jeremy Weber. Special thanks to Mary Haines who did an excellent job keeping us all nourished throughout the weekend. There was plenty of water and lemonade, as well as delicious lunches both days and a great grilled pork chop judges' dinner Saturday night.

Thanks to everyone who made this another successful VCOI trial. We look forward to seeing everyone at the walking trial next year.



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OLGD—9 starters	AWD—10 start-	ers

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1st Tank—Travis Brustkem		1st—Rogue		2nd Tiki—		
	Chad Chadwell	2nd Rogue-	-Shelly Kliefoth		2nd Gunner—Nate Schmidt	
3rd Ruger—Mark Spurgeon		3rd Rugged—Michelle Princer		3rd Cash—Tim May		
4th Pele—Chad Chadwell		4th Storm—Melissa Stapleton		4th Tank—Travis Brustkem		
OGD—8 starters		OD—8 start	ers	AGD—16 star	AGD—16 starters	
	1st Withheld		1st Gunner—	-Nate Schmidt	1st Izzy—Marl	Spurgeon

2nd Withheld2nd Rye—Laura Miller2nd Tiki—Chad Chadwell3rd Tiki—Chad Chadwell3rd Rugged—Michelle Princer3rd Ace—Victor Barger4th Izzy—Mark Spurgeon4th Storm—Bill Stapleton4th Rayne—Bill Stapleton

2013 CALENDAR



Front Cover goes to:

Cheyenne, sprinting through the snow

Owner: Susan Burgo



2nd: Budapest in a tree

Owners: Dale Wishop & Barb Carstens

3rd: Mead (Eric & Shelly Kliefoth) & Jack (Jim & Carol Gingrich), pointing & backing

Photographer: Brian Gingrich





4th: Rooster enjoys a stroll along
Lake Michigan

5th: Rooster & Gracie Perform surgery on an injured bear.

Owners (both): George & Mary Haines





6th: **Hannah, enjoying the wind**in her ears

Owners: Kathy Harmer, Sue Barnes
& Cathy Gallagher

CONTEST WINNERS



7th: Sauge, peeking in the birdhouse

Owners: Rick & Connie
Forner

8th: Holly Barre, stepping across the snow

Owner: Michelle Princer





9: Morgan & Maya ready for another day of classes

Owners: Shelley, Jerry & Jimmy Sabriel

10: Rogue is ready for some football

Owners: Eric & Shelly Kliefoth & Jaden





11: Cheyenne holding on

Owner: Susan Burgo

12. Budapest & Lucy resting peacefully on a lap

Owners: Dale Wishop & Barb Carstens





13: Dylan enjoying a drink on the patio

Owner: Gerry Halterman

14: Maya embracing her favorite toy

Owners: Shelley, Jerry & Jimmy Sabriel





Calendar contest winners:

Sue Burgo Dale Wishop Brian Gingrich Mary Haines Mary Haines Kathy Harmer Rick Forner Michelle Princer Shelley Gabriel Shelly & Eric Kliefoth Dale Wishop Sue Burgo Jerry Halterman Shelley Gabriel



Locate and Point:

Tyro Young Dog

Heidi Thomalla "Addison" 1.10 minutes Steve Bauling "Zoe" 1.17 minutes Steve Bauling "Zoe" 1.25 minutes Alex Haberbush "Ash" 1.48 minutes

Tyro Hunter

Alex Haberbush "Buzz" 2.54 minutes

Field Trial Young Dog

Chad Chadwell "Mia" 1.37 minutes Michelle Princer "Rugged" 2.58 minutes

Field Trial Hunter

Joel Peterson "Pink" .40 and Lindsay Peterson "Dorothy" .40 (2nd time) minutes

Wing and String:

6 weeks to 4 months

Zena (10 weeks), owner Kirk Strawn family Dolce (10 weeks), owner Matt Saxon and Monika Gibson (3.5 months), owner Mike Cardenas Tasker (3.5 months), owner Stacy Cardenas Rock-L (8 weeks) owner Mike Dalby

4 months to 6 months

Cooper (5 months), owner Jeff and Andrea Stahl Addison (5 months), owner Heidi Thomalla and Chris

Bird Planting Contest:

Seniors:

Ray O'Donnell Nick Scruggs Jaden Johnson

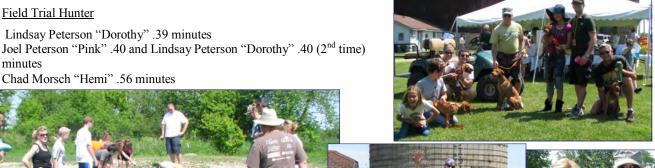
Juniors:

Michael Barger Julia Barger Sydney Strawn MacKenzie Forner Vasili Apostolopoulos



Pigeon Plop Winners: Sydney Strawn - \$17 and Bob Mayhew - \$18

Rubber Ducky Race winner: Olivia Busch - \$ 105







Raffle Winners:

Michelle Princer – pheasant feather/flower wreath

Amy Johnson – raised wooden dog food dish

Kirk Strawn – vizsla gazing ball

Chad Morsch – vizsla zipper rock

Rick Mitchell – hanging plant with vizsla farmer statue

Mary Haines – leash holder with pheasant leash and collar

Chad Chadwell – puppy travel bag

Gwen Tomlinson – vizsla artwork

Andrea Stahl - vizsla embroidered blue bath towel set

Pam Spurgeon – kids basket

Pam Spurgeon - redneck wine basket

Nancy Booker - metal solar dog

Mary Haines – vizsla change purse

Shelly Kliefoth – kids game basket

Colomba Barger - summer reading basket

Dale Wishop – Summer reading

Scrogg - Kangaroo leather show lead

Mark Johnson – Bowser bed

Kathy Harmer – Toni's Gift Certif & Wine

Mary Haines – dog food and lighted poop bag holder/bags

Sharon Wegler – large metal serving dish with pasta and wine

Colomba Barger – healing salts basket

Mary Haines – vet donated basket with heart guard and dental items

Shelly Kliefoth – 6 pack quail

Colomba Barger – dog dish and dog food

Mary Haines – dog treats and jar

Shelley Gabriel - vizsla embroidered kitchen towel set

Coloring Contest:

Julia Barger Hailey Spurgeon McKenna O'Brien Michael Barger

We wish to thank those who donated items and financially contributed to the raffle:

George Haines, Sharon Grieves (Shelly Kliefoth's mom), Michelle Princer, Linda Busch, Lynn Valukas, Mara Fizdale, Raeann Jones





After moving to Iowa City in 1976, Bob became an avid pheasant hunter as Iowa was the #1 state for pheasant hunting. After deciding he needed a hunting dog, he purchased one from Kelley Donham, DVM. Bob immediately fell in love with the breed and Jim Busch introduced field trials to him since his DC/AFC "Bing Bang" was the sire to Bob's pup. Bob says he walked along beside Jim and his horse at a field trial, but it wasn't long before handlers and dogs were out of sight and Bob was exhausted by the time he walked back in. After getting hooked on field trials, a few years later he, Karen and the kids sold their new house, moved to the country and added horses and more dogs to continue his love of vizslas and field trials.

In 1983 Bob purchased another Donham pup. Bob had made his pick, but Kelley assured him of the one he should have, so he took "Scooter" home. Eddie's Little Brown Scooter won the first gun dog stake he entered which was a 3 point major at the VCOI trial. He earned his Field Championship by winning 3 or 4 gun dog stakes at the spring 1986

VCOI field trial. Unfortunately he died 3 months later from cancer. While ribbons and trophies are gone, the memories are still vivid. Bob has held every field trial job possible and Karen has played the role of midwife for many vizsla litters including the one that produced a pup they named Raany. Bob and Karen moved 14 times in 43 years due to his job requirements with Sears. During one of those moves and needing a place to house a few dogs until they found homes, Raany and his brother lived with Jim and Linda Busch and the rest is history as they say where Raany was concerned.

Today Bob and Karen live in Geneseo, IL., with their 3 vizslas, love to watch their grandkids play sports and enjoy their school activities. They continue to breed an occasional litter and their goal is to breed pups that are loving and calm in the house but keeping the natural hunting instincts.

The 2012 Midwest Vizsla Futurity marks the 30th anniversary of this prestigious event. The Futurity was started in 1981 by Hank Rozanek. From its earliest days it has drawn the top Vizslas from the Midwest and around the country. Look at the past winners and competitors. It shows many of the top dogs in our history. If you have a field dog you will most likely see your bloodline represented. Re-

member "Keep them pups nominated"

2012 brought a large entry to the line. We had 17 Litters nominated by their breeders with 32 dogs re-nominated. We also had 3 dogs nominated individually by their owners. In the end 22 Vizslas with bright futures broke away from the West parking lot at the DesPlaines Conservation Area Joliet Illinois.

This year as in the past we were fortunate to have 2 National caliber judges judge our event. Our returning Judge was Kent Harter with Kent

Merriman filling the new spot. We would like to Thank Kent and Kent for their time spent in the saddle watching our dogs. We would also like to thank our sponsor Purina for supplying dogfood for the winners and Jackets we had embroidered for our judges

Friday morning March 9th was a perfect day for running dogs. The temperatures remained cool and fairly steady to give consistent conditions to all competitors. The grounds from the cast off and through the back field were good and gave enough cover and objectives. Once re-entering the front field was another matter. The brush had been cut and fields burned. The Illinois DNR was controlling the invasive plants making the orchard almost bare. One edge of the orchard was still in good condition and didn't detract from the dogs. We ended in the north field to give room for some of the big running dogs.

The 2012 winners received a large purse and the coveted Double Lane Trophy. The runners up received the traditional single lane trophy. Again this year the winner came from a breeder nominated litter and the Breeder plaque was given out. The placements are as follows.

Winner

Vanguards Make-Her-Mark "Abby"

Owner: Mark Sullivan

Breeder: Matt & Ruth Rogers

Handler: Brian Gingrich Scout: James Gingrich



2nd Runner Up

Cali's Wiki Wiki Mai Tai at Sunset "Mia"

Owner: Charles Chadwell & Nancy

Breeder: Brian & Stephanie Fidler

Handler: Charles Chadwell

Scout: Brian Fidler



3rd Runner Up

1st Runner Up

Owner: Jim Gingrich

Scout: James Gingrich

Burr Oak's Durite Brody "Brody"

Owner: Jim Gingrich

Breeder: Carrie and Mike Syczylo

Handler: Brian Gingrich

Burr Oak's Durite Tess "Tess"

Handler: Brian Gingrich

Breeder: Carrie and Mike. Syczylo

Scout: James Gingrich















From Mary Haines: This past Sunday, June 17th, I showed Rooster at the Little Fort Kennel Club of Waukegan dog show at the Lake County Fairgrounds and he took Winners Dog. I am so excited! I want to thank everyone for their help and words of encouragement as both Rooster and I travel on the path to a Championship title.

From Laurie Wonnell: Jaks, owned by Skip and Laurie Wonnell, won the Show Me Vizsla Club specialty in May, making him 2xBISS DC AFC Remek's Red Storm Rising. He also went breed the next day.

From Shelly Kliefoth: Our puppy Saint Rogue Red "Rogue" had a great weekend at the VCOI June Walking Trial. He placed second in the Amateur Walking Derby and the same day won the Amateur Walking Puppy stake for his first 2 points. We are very proud of him!

From Michelle Berner: "Twister" (Mira's Not In KS N E More) had a great end of June 2012! She went Winners Bitch in Cambridge, MN under judge Pat Trotter on June 22, then went up to Canada to earn Best of Breed then on to a GROUP 4 under judge Cec Ringstrom on June 24. Twister was handled by Clint/Christy Heiman

Recommended Movie

At this year's Waterfront Film Festival in Saugatuck, MI several club members got to see the documentary "Wild Horse Wild Ride". We were all left amazed! This movie follows several everyday people who decide to train a wild mustang for the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition. You will fall in love with each person and horse introduced. One review I found on their website puts it into words much better then I can... "Thrilling, heartbreaking, and full of joy, Wild Horse, Wild Ride, is that rare gem that reaches out to anyone with a soul and leaves an indelible impression." You can visit their website at http://wildhorsewildride.com.



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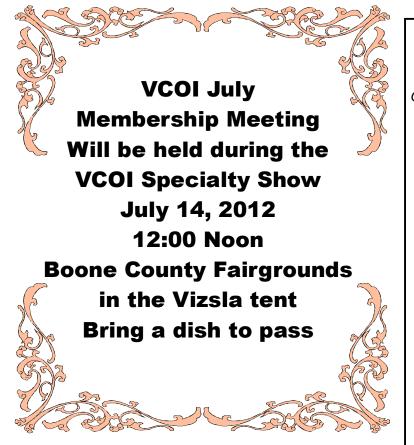
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Midwest Vizsla Futurity 2012 Winner Vanguards Make-Her-Mark "Abby"

Owner: Mark Sullivan Breeder: Matt & Ruth Rodgers Handler: Brian Gingrich



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