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With the enclosed membership dues, I agree to abide by the Vizsla Club of Illinois Constitution and By-laws.

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:05pm by President Roy Greffin. Gwen Tomlinson read the minutes from the last meeting. Tony Lucas motioned, Rose Crago seconded, that the minutes be accepted as read. Passed by a voice vote. Treasurer Iris Pechota gave the Treasurer's report consisting of many expenses. Iris expressed concern over the costs of birds for the trials and the balance in the treasury. Discussion followed.

Kathy Harmer reported on the Specialty Show. We show at 10:05AM in Ring 8. There are more than 40 entries. Linda Busch will bring the table, Kathy will bring the flowers. Members are staking out the picnic area. Everyone is asked to bring two dishes to pass if they can. Jim and Linda Busch brought us up to date on the Fun Trial and party. Everything is all set. Gwen Tomlinson suggested that due to the treasury balance we not have a free fun trial. Tony Lucas motioned that we cut down on the number of birds ordered. Lois Greffin seconded. Randy Boggs will contact Guy Carnegie regarding the birds. Ken Crago motioned that we charge \$5 at the Fun Trial. seconded by Bill Elliot.

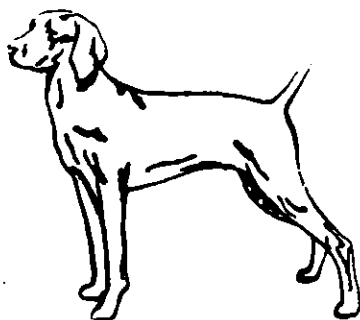
Jim Busch mentioned that Judges for the fall trial are Lynn and Bill Hadlock, Ed Cooney and Hugo Kosmel. Stakes are restricted to Vizslas only. Geno Woehrle said that everything is looking good for the Nationals. Volunteers are needed for line and gallery marshals, as three are needed for each brace. Rose Crago also mentioned that volunteers are needed to staff the hospitality room.

Roy Greffin read a survey from the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois soliciting opinions regarding the proposed increase in fees for wildlife area usage. Discussion followed. Randy Boggs motioned, seconded by Tony Ordonez, that we would like it to stay at \$35. Passed by a voice vote. Iris Pechota relayed a message from Chris Gaulke that their dog Major is the proud father of a litter of 4 males and 3 females.

Gwen Tomlinson suggested we discuss raising membership dues. Discussion followed. The general opinion was that \$10 for a single membership and \$15 for family membership would be more in line with other clubs, and would help

to cover the cost of the newsletter. The majority wanted to table this until the next meeting and vote on it at that time. Jack and Renee Izard volunteered refreshments for the next meeting.

Lois Greffin motioned, Sharon Schroader seconded, for adjournment. Motion carried at 10:30PM.



FALL FUN TRIAL CHANGES!!!

The date for the Fall Fun trial has been changed to **Monday, September 7th** (Labor Day), on the EAST GROUNDS at Des Plaines Wildlife Area (Wilmington exit of I-55, south of Joliet. Go East 1 1/2 miles to road with Boat House Rd. sign, turn south to parking area with white building and metal horse barn).

Got a young dog you want to get started on birds? Or an older dog you want to tune up for the fall Field Trial/Hunting Season? Or just need something to do on Labor Day? Whatever the reason, come on down! The Fun Trial is a relaxed affair whose purpose is to TRAIN DOGS!

Due to the current treasury balance, it was voted at the last meeting to eliminate the free entry for Club members. That doesn't mean you're still not getting a bargain! Entry fees are reasonable (\$5) and there's plenty of bird work for your dog, along with the tons of FREE advice available to any and all just for the asking...So pack a picnic lunch and load up the dogs and family and join us for a day of FUN at Des Plaines!

VCOI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Roy Greffin called the Board Meeting to order at 8:07PM. He read a letter from Ken Crago announcing his resignation as a VCOI Director (due to a commitment as an AKC representative), effective 8/10/87. Tony Lucas motioned, Tony Ordonez seconded, that we appoint Rose Crago to replace Ken as a Board Member. Passed unanimously.

Randy Boggs brought up a question on the policy of advertising in the newsletter. Based on present costs, Editor Sue Boggs recommended that we continue free 1/4 page puppy ads for members, other charges would be: Full page w/ one photo - \$15; 1/2 page w/ one photo - \$12; Full page, no photo - \$10; 1/2 page, no photo - \$5; 1/4 page, no photo - \$3. Tony Ordonez motioned, seconded by Ken Crago that the Board adopt the recommendations of the Bulletin Editor. Passed unanimously.

Ken Crago suggests that we have an Events Chairperson to coordinate dates for club events. Board will consider this further. Tony Lucas motioned, Randy Boggs seconded, that we adjourn. Passed unanimously, adjourned at 9:00PM.

923 Tim Tam Circle
Naperville, IL 60540
July 2, 1987

Leroy Greffin
President
The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.
26525 W. Hickory Alley
Ingleside, Illinois 60041

Dear Roy:

Every now and then an unexpected and exciting opportunity that is difficult to ignore presents itself. Recently one of these opportunities came my way and I've decided to take it. In August I'll be joining the executive field staff of The American Kennel Club in the Performance Events Division.

AKC employment in this capacity requires that I can no longer retain my directorship in the Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc., although I will continue to maintain my membership. Also, I will have to give up the various committee positions I now hold for the 1987 VCA Nationals later this fall. All of these resignations are effective August 10, 1987.

Working with you and all of the other members of the VCOI has been very rewarding to me. I wish only the best for our club and its activities in the future. You can be assured that I will support Vizslas and the Vizsla Club of Illinois any way that I can within the constraints of my new responsibilities with AKC.

I would appreciate your taking action to notify all appropriate VCOI officers and directors as well as our membership of my decision.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Crago
Director

1987 NATIONAL EVENTS!

Wrapping up our three-part series on the Nationals, this article focuses on the National Championship Gun Dog stakes which will be held at DesPlaines Wildlife Area as part of the week-long National Events (Oct. 18-24).

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE is open to Vizslas six months of age or older who have placed in an Open or Amateur All-Age Stake in an AKC licensed Trial, or who have placed first, second or third in an Open Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog, Open Limited Gun Dog, or Amateur Limited Gun Dog stake in which at least 13 dogs started in an AKC licensed Field Trial.

THE NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE is open to Vizslas six months of age or older who have placed first, second, third or fourth in an Amateur All-Age, Amateur Limited All-Age, Amateur Gun Dog, or Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in an AKC licensed Field Trial.

The performance standard for the Gun Dog stakes is outlined in the AKC Rules and Procedures book as "...A Gun Dog must give a finished performance and must be under its handler's control at all times. It must handle kindly, with a minimum of noise and hacking by the handler. A Gun Dog must show a keen desire to hunt, must have a bold and attractive style of running, and must demonstrate not only intelligence in quartering and in seeking objectives but also the ability to find game. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a range suitable for a handler on foot, and should show or check in front of its handler frequently. It must cover adequate ground but never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a practical hunting dog. The dog must locate game, must point staunchly, and must be steady to wing and shot. Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, and style and intensity on point, are essential. At least 30 minutes shall be allowed for each heat...

A dog encountering its brace mate on point must honor. Failure of a dog to honor when it sees its brace mate on point must be heavily penalized, and the intentional avoidance by a dog or handler of a backing situation

must also be heavily penalized. A dog that steals its brace mate's point must be ordered up by the judges... In a Non-Retrieving Stake,...a blank cartridge must be fired by the handler over any dog on point after the game has been flushed...A reasonable move of a dog to mark a bird flushed after a point is acceptable, but this shall not excuse a break or a delayed chase...

Retrieving is required in all Retrieving Stakes and counts as an important part of a dog's performance. After the shot, the handler shall not command or signal the dog to retrieve until the dog's steadiness to wing and shot has been positively demonstrated. The dog must retrieve promptly and tenderly to hand."

So there you have it, the Nationals at a glance! Pick an event or two (or all!) and join us for the fun and excitement!

Show Wins

BLACKHAWK KC, 7/4/87

BOB - Polar Kap's Four on the Floor, o/Kathy Harmer

STARVED ROCK KC, 7/5/87

WD/BOW/BOB - Polar Kap's Four on the Floor

WB/BOS - Polar Kap's Rosy Vizion, o/G. Tomlinson/K. Harmer

GOLD COAST KC, 7/11/87

WD/BOW/BOB - Polar Kap's Four on the Floor

WB/BOS - Polar Kap's Rosy Vizion

PARK SHORE KC, 7/12/87

WB/BOW/BOB - Shatzie Yeager, o/Bill Minaghan

CUDAHY KC, 8/8/87

WD/BOW/BOB - Polar Kap's Four on the Floor - FINISHED CH!

WB/BOS - Amber Sadie Nicholi, o/Karen Goerlinger

RACINE KC, 8/9/87

WD/BOW - Berry's Mason Dixon Lover, o/Gary Jagoda

WB/BOS - Amber Sadie Nicholi

BOB - Polar Kap's Four on the Floor

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CONGRATULATIONS! to new champion, Ch. Polar Kap's Four on the Floor who finished his Championship at the Cudahy Kennel Club Show in Racine.

SPECIALTY WEEKEND SPECTACULAR

What a great weekend for a Specialty! Although the temperatures were less-than-ideal (90° plus), the breeze was comforting and there was welcome shade when things got a little too hot.

With an entry of 40 dogs, Judge Judy Doniere had her work cut out for her. It turned out to be an "almost-all home-grown" feeling in the winner's circle after all was said and done, as the Best of Breed, Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners, and Winner's Dog were all VCOI entries, bred in the Winnebago-Boone County area!

The Open Classes provided some excitement for Kathy Harmer of Rockford as a brother-sister duo from her bitch B.C. took the Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch ribbons, both from the Bred-By class and handled by Kathy. Polar Kap's Four on the Floor, o/Kathy Harmer, was declared the Winner's Dog, for a five point major, while Polar Kap's Rosy Vizion, o/Gwen Tomlinson and Kathy Harmer, also took a five point major as the Winner's Bitch. Rosy was handled by Gwen in the Best of Breed competition and went on to take the Best of Winner's award.

After a strong showing in the Field Dog class, which was won by two-time VCOI Specialty winner Ch. Solo, it was on to the Best of Breed decision. Judge Doniere had a good look at each dog, while the arm-chair judges in the audience made their comparisons and picked their favorites. After due deliberation, the decision was final. Named as Best of Breed was Ch. Haans Meyer Thistledown, o/Greg & Pam Davis of Rockford, who was handled by his breeder Carri Paulson of Caledonia. Best of Opposite Sex went to Ch. Rosewood's Firecracker, CD, owned by Gary & Paulette Nelson of Wayzata, Mn., bred by Suzanne Bielmierre.

After all the excitement, it was TIME TO EAT! The picnic lunch which followed was super as usual, and the shade was a blessing to the more sunburn-prone among us. Since our Specialty is an annual affair that normally goes off without a hitch, it's easy to forget just how much work goes into the planning of such an event. MANY thanks are due to Kathy Harmer who handles the myriad details that go into the show, to Linda Busch for the picnic arrangements, and to the many other VCOI volunteers who make it all come together!

A delightful and relaxing cap to the evening was the "after party" at the Busch's in celebration of Chuck & Hattie Boegel's 25th wedding anniversary and Hattie's birthday. Good food and good company made it a pleasant way to wind down the day, with plenty of time to re-hash the day's events. The less sedentary among us snuck in one last bit of training for their dogs in preparation for the Fun Trial to follow on Sunday morning. THANKS to Chuck and Hattie for such an enjoyable evening, and to co-hosts-in absentia Jim & Linda Busch who were whooping it up somewhere at a wedding.

FUN TRIAL REPORT from Jim Busch

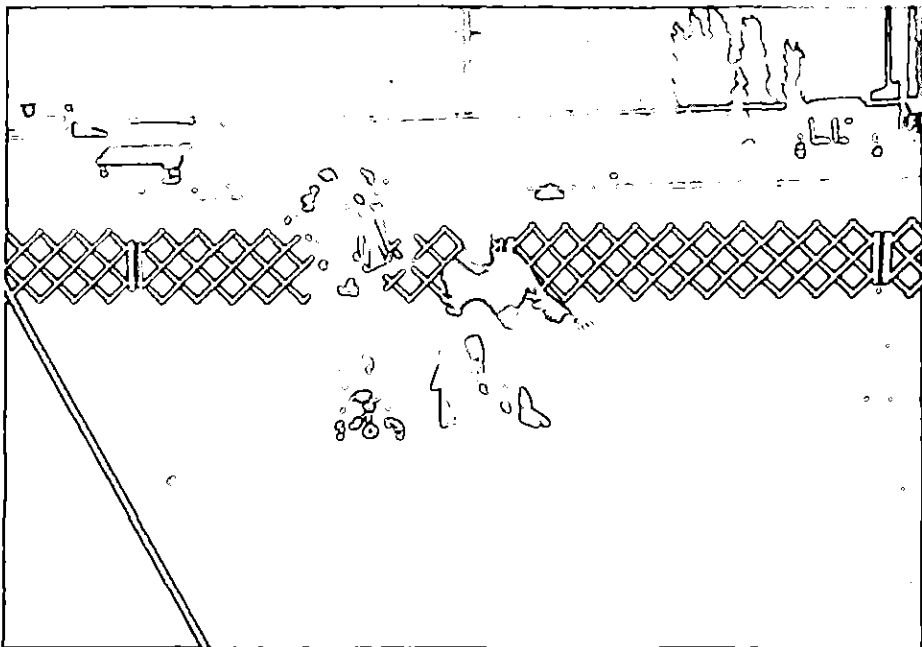
In spite of a shortage of sleep and a slight hangover, we did make the fun trial. We delayed the usual 8:30am start for about an hour to allow for many missing regulars time to arrive. We started with the second event to give them more time even though there were many newcomers on deck early. Time was not what was needed! The day was hot. In spite of the heat, the dogs looked great. Judge after judge commented on how high the quality of the performances were.

"Dog of the Day" went to Dimitris Richie Whompum, owned and handled by the Jim Couris family. Richie ran in four of the field events and the Obstacle course. He was handled by each of the four Couris family members and placed every time. This is only the latest of many fun trials at which Richie's performances have garnered ribbons and trophies for the Couris'. He is and has been a consistently fine competitor each time he has entered. He is truly a worthy "Dog of the Day"!

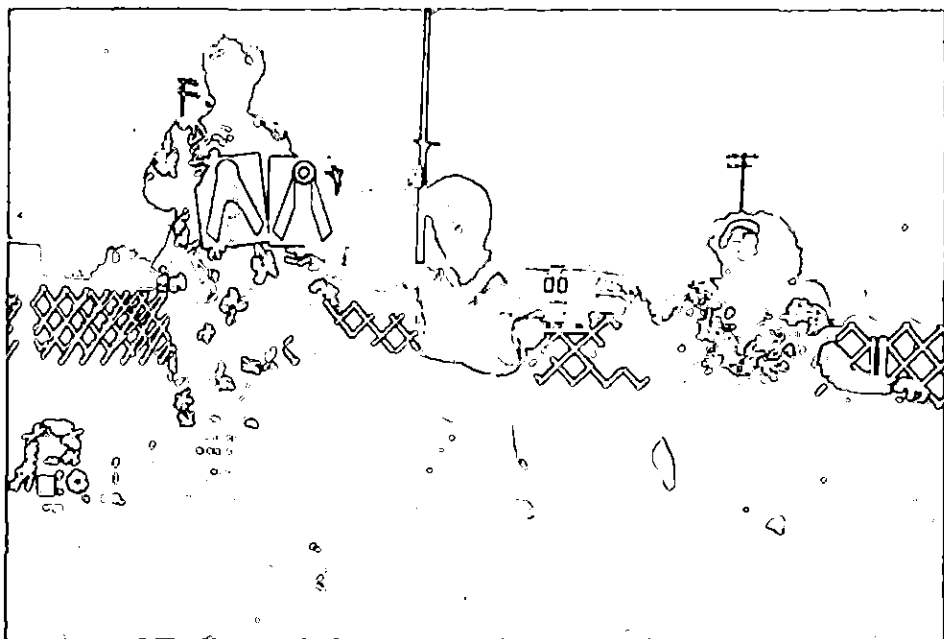
Seven fine Vizslas earned their Certified Hunting Dog awards. To earn that certificate, the dog must hunt the course, respond to the handler's commands, find a bird, point staunchly, and retrieve a shot bird when presented with the opportunity. Gina Ordonez's puppy Chance earned his CHD in his first attempt at the tender age of four months old. I believe that Chance is the youngest dog to have earned his Certified Hunting Dog award.

The Obstacle Course replaced the Trick Contest. Deb Fridlund and Sharon Schroader, both of whom arrived several days early to help set up for the weekend, developed and laid out the eight obstacles that the dogs would negotiate. The obstacles in order were: 1) The Tunnel of Love 2) Jacob's Ladder 3) Bridge Over Troubled Lawn 4) Lover's Leap 5) Jump for Joy 6) Walking on Eggs 7) The Waterfall 8) The Throne. Each dog got 10 points for successfully completing each obstacle. Ten bonus points were earned if the obstacle was completed on the first attempt. Paula Abbott won with Ch. Nicole's Diamond Repete and a perfect score of 160. In addition, she did it in 31 seconds, which is very fast. Randy Boggs and Moose came in fourth. Randy even threw in a "swan dive" on top of Moose between the "Bridge" and "Leap". We were all amazed that Moose even continued with Randy after being crushed from behind. How are the knees, Randy?

We finished up about 5:30pm. It was late, but judge Mike Florian, original owner of the legendary Willie's Bushwak Barney McGee, sat tall in the saddle 'til the end. Mike and family - yes, wife and kiddies Shawn and Evan, were surprise guests. Guests, however get no free ride at our fun trials. Mike, along with Art Ciolkowski graciously judged most of the stakes, Andie Ciolkowski came with Art and served as our "bookie" for the pigeon races.



**Ch. Rosewood's Firecracker, CD - Best of Opposite Sex
and High Scoring Vizsla in Obedience**



**Polar Kap's Four on the Floor - Winner's Dog,
Polar Kap's Rosy Vizion - Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners**

Jim Couris Family & "Dog of the Day",
Dimitris Richie Whompum



Dave Lee and Ch. Solo negotiate the Obstacle Course, while Sharon Schroeder looks on



Wing & String Winners

Thankfully, many people helped. The heat tended to sap our strength fairly quickly, so many helpers made the day go smoothly. There were many new faces and many joined the VCOI. If you were here, you had a ball. If you weren't, you missed a great Vizsla day.

Again, a special thanks to Sharon Schroeder and Debby Fridlund. Year after year, they have come early mainly with hopes of getting in some training time for their dogs. However, time seems to get away and there is always a ton of last minute jobs to be done to get ready for the gala weekend. They have always pitched in no matter how tough the job, and if it weren't for these two caring ladies, it's safe to say that the weekend's activities would not go as efficiently and the grounds would not be as groomed. Thanks, ladies!

FUN TRIAL PLACEMENTS:

Tyro Hunter (9) entries

1. Morning Sky Penny Lane, O/J & T Beamer, H/J. Duteuple
2. Dimitris Richie Whompum, O/H Jim Couris
3. Ch. Polar Kaps Ki von Kalypso, O/H Kathy Harmer
4. Ch. Morning Sky Busch, O/H Jerry Duteuple

Field Trial Young Dog (4) entries

1. Up-N-Atom, O/W. Elliott & J. Busch, H/W. Elliott
2. Polar Kaps Rosy Vision, O/G. Tomlinson & K. Harmer, H/G. Tomlinson
3. Amber Askin for a Chance, O/H T. Ordonez
4. Jessica, O/H Jerry Mulsoff

Tyro Young Dog (2) entries

1. Polar Kaps Rosy Vision, O/G. Tomlinson & K. Harmer, H/G. Tomlinson
2. Jessica, O/H Jerry Mulsoff

Field Trial Hunter (18) entries

1. Paradox Brimstone Bill, O/H Randy Boggs
2. Morning Sky Penny Lane, O/H & T Beamer, H/J. Duteuple
3. DC/AFC Popple Dungeon What A Dickens, C.D., V.C., O/H Debbie Fridlund
4. Polar Kaps Boeshar's Gung Ho, O/T. Ordonez & K. Harmer, H/T. Ordonez
- H.M. Dimitris Richie Whompum, O/H Jim Couris
- H.M. Boeshar's Copperfield Bart, O/H Sharon Schroeder

Broke Dog

1. Greffin's Ba' Peany, O/H Roy Greffin
2. DC/AFC Popple Dungeon What A Dickens, C.D., V.C., O/H Debbie Fridlund
3. DC Askin, NSTRA CH., O/H Jim Busch
4. Polar Kaps Boeshar's Gung Ho, O/K. Harmer & T. Ordonez, H/T. Ordonez
- H.M. Ch. Rad's Smokey Joe, O/H Tony Dewar

Powder Puff (12) entries

1. Debbie Lee w/Ch. Solo, NSTRA CH.
2. Elaine Couris w/Dimitris Richie Whompum
3. Martha Lipscomb w/Boeshar's Diamond Lil
4. Cheryl Petersen w/Ch. Rad's Smokey Joe

Junior Handler (5) entries

1. Scott Elliott w/Up-N-Atom
2. George Couris w/Dimitris Richie Whompum
3. Rob Mulsoff w/Jessica
4. Dave Mulsoff w/Sir Wynsalot
- F.M. Brent Carlson w/DC Askin NSTRA CH.

Obstacle Course (16) entries

1. Paula Abbott w/Ch. Nicole's Diamond Rapete 160/31 sec.
2. George Couris w/Dimitris Richie Whompum 150/29 sec.
3. Laine Dieter w/Mystical Pines Kito 150/33 sec.
4. Randy Boggs w/Paradox Brimstone Bill 150/38 sec.

Wing & String

1. Ginger, O/Tony Dewar
2. Puppy, O/Al Cini
3. Junior, O/J. Busch & B. Elliott
4. Zoya, O/H. Ebert
- H.M. Corky, O/Devid Lee
- H.M. Jessica, O/Jerry Mulsoff

Bird Planting Contest

1. Scott Elliott
2. Meghan Smith
3. Brandon Smith
4. Rob Dewar

Certified Hunting Dog Awards

- Ch. Kalypso Kopy Kap Kodi, O/Gwen Tomlinson
Amber Askin for a Chance, O/Tony Ordonez
Ch. Morning Sky Busch, O/Jerry Duteuple
Boeshar's Diamond Lil, O/H & T Lipscomb
Morning Sky Penny Lane, O/J & T Beamer
Ch. Rad's Smokey Joe, O/Tony Dewar
Paradox Brimstone Bill, O/Randy Boggs

DOG OF THE DAY - Dimitris Richie Whompum, O/Jim Couris



VIZSLAS

Judge—Mrs Judy Doniere

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS, INC. WILL CONSIDER THE VIZSLA CLASSES AT THE SHOW AS SPECIALTY SHOW.

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PLACES

Best of Breed
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed
Best of Show

ROSETTE

Given by the Executive Board, Inc.

FOR FIRST IN EACH CLASS

ROSETTE

Given by the Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.

Prizes are awarded by the following:

- Joe Pichler
Leroy & Leo Duffin
George Porto
Tom & Ann Lucas
Dave & Cecelia Lee
B. B. Thompson
Queen & Terry Lindeman, Mount Vernon

- Best of Breed: 15 inch Warden Trophy in Shape of Wreath with Wreath Club of Illinois Logo
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed: 15 inch Warden Trophy in Shape of Wreath with Wreath Club of Illinois Logo
Best of Show: 10 inch Warden Trophy in Shape of Wreath with Wreath Club of Illinois Logo

VIZSLAS, Puppy Dogs

- WIZSLA BUNNY BUSHNICKI, 5628618, 9/20/86, Breeder: Suzanne D. A. & Robert J. Taylor
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VIZSLAS, Veteran Dogs

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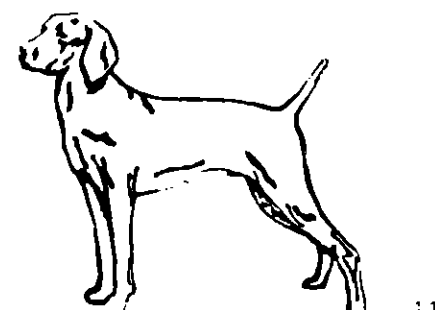
VIZSLAS, Field Dogs

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VIZSLAS, Best of Breed Competition

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2 - PERAR RAPS MVP, M272276, 9/20/86, Breeder: Kathy L. Lauer & John D. Lauer

Best of Breed 16, Best of Womans 12, Best of Opposite Sex 37



VIZSLAS AND NATIONAL SHOOT-TO-RETRIEVE STAKES

by Jim Busch

The NSTRA holds field trials for all breeds of registered pointing dogs from coast to coast. The Field Dog Stud Book/American Field is the record keeping and sanctioning organization that governs the sport. If you are a hunter, you'll love NSTRA competition.

The NSTRA started in Indiana as the Indiana Shoot-to-Retrieve Association. A bunch of hunters got together to test who had the best hunting dog. The movement has since spread across the nation and became the National Shoot-to-Retrieve Association. The rules have changed and have been defined more closely, but the emphasis has remained the same. FIND BIRDS! If the birds are handled in an acceptable fashion, the dog with the most finds wins. "More action per acre" is the subtitle of the NSTRA brochure, and that is an accurate description.

It costs \$10 to join. You get a belt buckle, a decal, a rule book, and a bi-monthly newsletter. The fall schedule just arrived. The sport is so popular that it behooves you to enter every trial you want to attend the day your schedule arrives. One event is run each day. Thirty two dogs maximum are allowed to run. First 32 entries get in. In some regions of the country, there are more dogs that want to run than there is room for in the trials. Enter early! That was the toughest lesson we had to learn while trying out the sport.

NSTRA awards a championship certificate to dogs that accumulate 18 points. Nine of them must be 1st place points. If there are 12-17 dogs entered, 1st gets one point; 18-25 dogs entered, 1st gets two points and 2nd gets one point; 26-32 dogs entered, 1st gets three points, 2nd gets two points, and 3rd gets one point.

Approximately 20 Vizslas have placed in NSTRA competition. Four of them have earned their Championship. Killion's Brown Sugar (bitch) was the first Vizsla Champion. She did it in 1980. Amber Sunshine (bitch) won the Texas Regional elimination in 1985 and earned her Championship. Askim (dog) was the first male Vizsla to earn a NSTRA Championship. He did it in 1987. Two weeks later, Ch. Solo became the second Vizsla male to earn the NSTRA Championship. It took Sugar six seasons to go from her first placement to her Championship. Back in '78-'80, there were not as many trials as there are now. It took Amber & Askim four seasons of competition to go from first placement to championship. Ch. Solo made the same trip in three seasons. Sugar and Amber did not compete in AKC trials, while Askim was an AKC Dual Champion when he began NSTRA and Solo entered NSTRA right out of AKC Derby.



In order to score well on your birds in NSTRA trials, the dog must point staunchly, remain still while the handler/gunner flushes, and then when the bird is shot, tenderly retrieve the bird to within 3 feet of the handler (to hand is best). Backing is scored once during each brace. The dog must back without caution or command. Once stopped, he is collared by the handler. Extra credit is not given for steady-to-wing-and-shot. You may elect to handle your dog and have a friend flush and gun. You can get your steady-to-wing-and-shot practice in, and if you find enough birds, win.

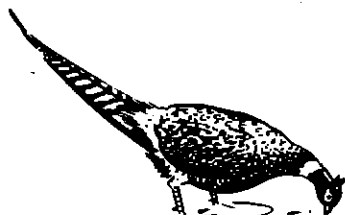
The trials take place in a 25 to 60 acre field. Six birds, usually quail, are released for the first brace and five birds for each brace thereafter. You walk, the judges are mounted. Your score - a numerical total is posted after you run. You can check to see how you did in relation to everyone else.

I won one trial with three finds, and have seen guys fail to place with five finds. Usually, four to five finds will get you in the placements.

It helps to be a bit philosophical in NSTRA competition. Usually 32 dogs compete. If you watch, you will admit that they are the best hunting dogs you have ever seen in your whole life. We have seen 11 month old pups place and 12 year old veterans win. Three placements get awarded. That means that approximately one out of each eleven dogs gets a placement. Your dog's share therefore is one placement every 5 1/2 weekends (11 entries). Once every 16 weekends, you can get a first place if you are taking your share. It should take three years of competing 16 weekends a year to finish your dog. If you are taking your share. Those Vizslas that really tried have beaten that schedule. Vizslas can and do well in this sport.

If you have a blinker, if you have a sloppy retriever, if you have a non-hunting runner, stay home! If you are a hunter with an insatiable bird-finder that retrieves to hand (or close) get your feet wet! You don't need a horse. Entry fees are reasonable (\$25-\$30). Trial grounds are close.

To join the NSTRA, send your Name, Address, Phone Number, and \$10 to NSTRA, 110 W. Main Street, Plainfield, In. 46168



Upcoming Events

SHOWS (*denotes Obedience Trial in conjunction with show)

*Saturday, 9/5/87, Elkhorn KC, Wilmot, Wi., closes 8/19/87,
Sleeper

*Sunday, 9/6/87, Kenosha KC, Wilmot, Wi., closes 8/19/87,
Sleeper

Monday, 9/7/87, Illinois Capital KC, New Berlin, Il.,
closes 8/19/87, Onofrio

*Saturday, 9/12/87, Logansport KC, Logansport, In.,
closes 8/26/87, Sleeper

*Sunday 9/13/87, Greater LaFayette KC, Logansport, In.,
closes 8/26/87, Sleeper

Friday, 9/25/87, Kokomo KC, Indianapolis, In.,
closes 9/9/87, Sleeper

*Saturday, 9/26/87, Greater Freeport KC, Freeport, Il.,
closes 9/9/87, Sleeper

*Saturday, 9/25/87, Hoosier KC, Indianapolis, In.,
closes 9/9/87, Sleeper

Sunday, 9/27/87. Rock River Valley KC, Pecatonica, Il.,
closes 9/9/87. Sleeper

*Sunday, 9/27/87, Terre Haute KC, Terre Haute, In.,
closes 9/9/87, Sleeper

*Saturday, 10/3/87, Stone City KC, Morris, Il.,
closes 9/16/87, Sleeper

*Sunday, 10/4/87, Janesville-Beloit KC, Beloit, Wi.,
closes 9/16/87 Sleeper

*Sunday, 10/11/87, International KC of Chicago, BENCHED,
Chicago, Il., closes 9/23/87 Crowe

*Saturday, 10/24/87, VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, New Lenox, Il.,
closes 10/3/87, Thomas Gaulke, Show Secy., 8674 W. Oakwood
Franklin, Wi., 53132

Sunday 10/25/87, Illinois Valley KC of Peoria, Peoria, Il.,
closes 10/7/87, Onofrio

*Sunday, 11/15/87, Danville KC, Danville, Il.,
closes 10/28/87, Sleeper

*Saturday, 11/21/87, Steel City KC, Hammond, In.,
closes 11/4/87, Sleeper

*Sunday, 11/22/87, Lake Shore KC, Hammond, In.,
closes 11/4/87, Sleeper

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

- Saturday, 10/10/87, Southside All Breed DTC, Chicago, Il.,
closes 9/23/87, Crowe
- Saturday 10/10/87, Capitol Canine Training Club of Spring-
field, Springfield, Il., closes 9/23/87
- Sunday, 10/11/87, Peoria Obedience TC, Peoria, Il.,
closes 9/16/87
- Saturday 10/24/87, Westside DTC, Wheaton, Il., closes 10/7
- Sunday 10/25/87, Forest City DTC, Rockford, Il.,
closes 10/7/87
- Sunday, 11/1/87, Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club,
Wheaton, Il., Closes 10/14/87
- Saturday, 11/7/87, Car-dun-al Obedience DTC, St. Charles,
Il., closes 10/21/87
- Sunday, 11/8/87, Fox Valley DTC, St. Charles, Il.,
closes 10/21/87
- Sunday, 11/29/87, Western Waukesha County TC, Jefferson,
Wi., closes 11/10/87

TRACKING TESTS

- Sunday, 9/20/87, Rand Park DTC, Barrington Hills, Il.,
TD, closes 9/5/87
- Sunday, 10/4/87, Westside DTC, Barrington Hills, Il.,
TD/TDX, closes 9/15/87
- Sunday, 10/18/87, Pecatonica Tracking Club, Rockford, Il.,
TD, closes 9/30/87
- Sunday 10/25/87, Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club,
Barrington Hills, Il., TD, closes 10/3/87

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT - only

- Sunday. 9/27/87, NW Obedience Club, Barrington Hills, Il.,
closes 9/16/87
- Sunday 11/22/87, Pecatonica Tracking Club, Rockford, Il.,
closes 11/4/87

FIELD TRIALS

- September 12-13, 1987, Vizsla Club of Greater Cleveland, Killdeer Plains, Secy. Donna Manchen, 10211 Mulberry, Chardon, Ohio 44024
- September 12-13, 1987 Nebraska VC, Yankee Hill Trial Area, Secy. Betty Rozanek, Rt. 2, Box 51A, Schuyler, Ne. 68661
- September 19-20, 1987, VC of Illinois, DesPlaines Wildlife Area, Secy. Jim Busch, 303 Edson Rd., Poplar Grove, Il.
- September 26-27, 1987, VC of Michigan, Ionia Rec. Area, Secy. Gary Jagoda 392 Fields Rd., Dansville, Mi. 48819
- October 3-4, 1987, Vizsla Club of Eastern Iowa, ??
- October 10-11, 1987, Hawkeye VC, Red Rock Dog Trial Area, Secy., Jerry Dutemple, 523 Gear St., Prole, Ia. 50229
- October 10-11, 1987, Miami Valley VC, Indian Creek, Secy., Clif Boggs, 51 Cherry Dr., Springfield, Oh. 45506
- October 20-23, 1987, Vizsla Club of America, DesPlaines, Secy., Lois Greffin, 26525 W. Hickory Alley, Ingleside, Il.

SEMINARS

- October 17-18, 1987. Illinois Dog Club and Breeders Assoc. Speaker Job Michael Evans - Topics will include bonding, behavior problems, breeding, puppy socialization and more. Fairview Home Owners' Bldg., 39th St. & Glendenning Rd., Downer's Grove, Il. Info: Joan Gutowski 312-323-7998.
- September 26-27, 1987. "Breeding Better Dogs" featuring Dr. Carmen Battaglia. Discussions cover many areas of breeding including genetics, litter evaluation, and brood bitch management. Hyatt Lincolnwood Hotel, 4500 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood, Il. Info: Mary Jans 312-864-4845.

HUNTING TESTS

- September 6, 1987, LaSalle Brittany Club, DesPlaines Wildlife Area East Grounds, Junior, Senior, and Master Hunting Tests, starts 8AM. Secretary Teresa Richmond, 340 West 2nd, Sandwich, Il. 60548, phone 815-786-9587. Closes 9/1/87.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

It's great to see all these new members...welcome to all!
Alfio Cini (family), N. 3746 Pine Mt. Rd., Iron Mountain, Mi.
Jerry & LeLoie Dutemple, 523 Gear St., Prole, Ia.
Michael & Cheryl Ebert, 634 Exchange, Calumet City, Il.
Bev Goldberg, 5252 Felland Rd., Madison, Wi.
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Lykowski, 825 E. Grant, DesPlaines, Il.
Jerry & Molly Musloff, 1336 Kenton Rd., Deerfield, Il.
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Nielson, 1716 Baker, Streator, Il.
Gregg & Kathryn Plouff, 1836 W. Chase, Chicago, Il.
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith, 812 Randall, Downers Grove, Il.

IF YOU HAVE SOLD A PUPPY LATELY, PLEASE SEND ME THE NAME & ADDRESS OF THE NEW PROUD VIZSLA OWNER AND I'LL GLADLY SEND THEM A COPY OF THE BULLETIN.

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DON'T FORGET! Our next club meeting will be September 16th^A at the home of Cheryl & Geno Woehrle (23W737 Maple St., Roselle, Il. ph. 312-529-0978) at 8PM. Due to the recent flooding, the meeting will be B.Y.O.L.C. (bring your own lawn chairs!)

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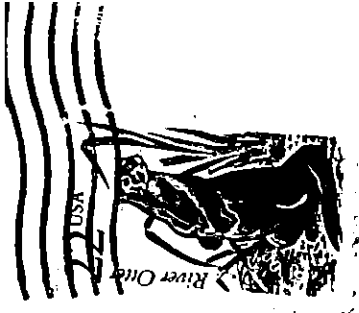
STILL LOOKING FOR A HOME

"Andy" is a male Vizsla looking for someone to love...as mentioned in our last newsletter, Andy is up for adoption at the West Suburban Animal Shelter. He is a good-natured dog who likes kids. He has had all of his shots and has been neutered. If you know of someone who would be interested in Andy, have them contact the Animal Shelter at 312-960-9601 (Downer's Grove).

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THANKS! to the contributors to this issue: Gwen Tomlinson, Jim Busch, and fun trial photographer, Gina Ordenez. ANYONE who has items of interest, please send them in! Depending on space available, I'll try to work them in!

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TO:

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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

