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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc

March 2009

BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

Nobody Finishes Another One (Sir Rustis Ferrous Oxide)

Rusty (aka Sir Rustis Ferrous Oxide) had only one Derby win and a Junior Hunter title at two years old when I sent him home for the summer. I wasn't sure if he would be ready for the fall trial season. After all, he would be running with the BIG dogs! Well, as this breeding has proven, this dog can run with any breed! He came out of the block running big and with a purpose. In one year, three trial seasons, this exceptional animal was able to win three 4 point majors, one being an amateur retrieving stake, finishing his AGDC (Amateur Gun Dog Champion) in the Spring of 2008. The following Fall, in a trial hosted by the Irish Setter Club, he won two 1st place placements and finished his FC (Field Champion) title. The following weekend at the Iowa Vizsla Club trial he won two more Gun Dog stakes and before the fall was over Rusty passed three Master Hunter tests.

In 2009, we look towards finishing his Master Hunter title and look forward to the Nationals! Thank you, Jim and Pam Bouwman, for letting me train and campaign this wonderful dog!



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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 SEPT 2009. As soon as your dog completes the title, please let me know if you would like a cover.

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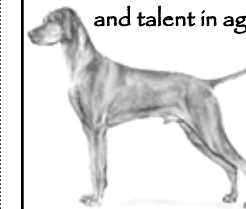
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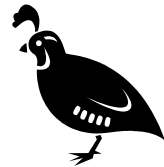
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**Interested in letting the
members of VCOI know about
your dogs or services?
Please contact Shelly at
skliefoth@yahoo.com to get
your ad in the next Bulletin!**

Help Needed:

Here is a quick shot of help needed for upcoming club events. These events are a great way to get involved and help out the club. See the Meeting Minutes for more details.

Futurity: March 6th
Des Plaines Wildlife Area
Contact: Mark Spurgeon or Rodney Albin to volunteer.



March Field Trial: March 7-8
Des Plaines Wildlife Area
Contact: Linda Busch to volunteer.

Chicagoland Family Pet Show:
March 20-22
Arlington Park Race Track
Contact: Cathy Gallagher to volunteer.



April Hunt Test: April 18-19
Des Plaines Wildlife Area
Contact: Dennis or Patty Nowak to volunteer.



VIZSLA FINISHING SCHOOL

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the years with their trust in allowing me to handle their dogs to their bench championships, in my endeavor of working towards my judging license and then supporting me at the shows in which I judged. I was honored to have such wonderful Vizslas brought to me. Although I could have given more than one first place or Best of Breed win out (but AKC gets a little touchy and frowns upon such behavior) my decisions were never easy, yet you, as exhibitors and friends accepted my decision. Thank you. With your help and the help of others throughout the country, I was able to finish my provisional assignments for the Vizsla and Weimaraner in less than nine weeks of which many of the assignments were specialties.

I stepped into the ring in 1972 and in 1985 I started showing Vizslas up until I began to judge in 2005. I finished dozens of dogs for clients helping to make VCOI one of the top clubs in the country with the number of Dual Champions in the breed. Although I enjoy judging, it's neither easy nor inexpensive. I have missed planes, slept in airports, been held hostage by TSA and guarded on airplanes. What I missed most is the actual competition, so in February, I made the decision to resign my judging license to return as a competitor in the ring and to handle the next generation of the Vizsla. So I guess what I'm saying is, I'M BACK. If you have a Vizsla or know of a Vizsla that would like to attend school and follow in the paw prints of many famous Vizslas that have graduated before them, please let me know. My cell is 815/353-0302. References available.

Again, thank you for your trust and continued support in the past and for your trust to come.

Cheryl Peterson
Finishing School

03/09

President's Message

Ahhh change. That's all we have heard about in the media for two years. And so now it is 2009 and we have more change including your newly elected VCOI Officers and Board of Directors.

I am honored that the members have placed their trust in this group of people, people we have known for some time and know are dedicated to our breed. All have great experience in the breed and have diverse areas of expertise in the activities they participate in with our versatile vizslas.

In the coming year, we hope to build on the great successes of our Club. We will expand the committee system to leverage the experience of our members to help the Club function. We will work to refine our communication both internally among our members as well as externally in the world of pure bred dogs. We will take a position on the legislative issues we face and work towards supporting our position. We will act as an information source for the vizsla-inquisitive public as we continue to engage our membership and educate in the wide variety of activities available to participants with our versatile breed.

I challenge you to come out to see what you might be missing. If it is your first conformation show, ask the experienced members what just happened. If you have never been to a field trial before, volunteer to plant birds so that you are right there in the middle of the action in the field. If you have no idea what goes on at an obedience, agility, or rally trial, come see how that crazy puppy on your sofa can eventually behave like a skilled athlete in competition.

The VCOI like any club of this type is a body made up of the members. When we all remember that every one of us is a volunteer, we all can pitch in to do our part with our full calendar of events to make every one of our activities a success. When we all remember the reason we do what we do is the love of our vizslas, it all becomes worth the effort. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Jeff Parise

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi, I'm the new co-editor of this Bulletin. I thought I'd take a little space here to tell you a little about me and my plans for the future of the Bulletin. My husband, Eric, and I have been members of the VCOI only about a year but what a year it's been!! We met Jim & Linda Busch in Aug of 2007 when we started looking for a Vizsla. Having recently lost our last dog (a Cavalier) we were looking for *just* a nice pet, maybe to do some hunting with Eric. *I know you've all heard this story before!* We picked up our beautiful Shandy girl about a month later and this past July added spunky Mead to our family. Both of these amazing girls came from the Busch's. We also have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Elvis, who thinks he is a Vizsla. We have attended many different club events from a Training Day at the Gingrich's to several Hunt tests to the Double Bubble (my favorite). Each VCOI event we attend we meet more and more wonderful people and have made some very good friends. We are now "hooked" and already have a JH on Shandy and I have entered our first Field Trial with both girls in March. I'm just hoping to keep up with these very talented dogs!

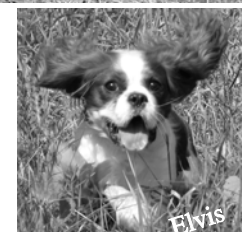
We are constantly amazed at how special "Vizsla people" are and how wonderful this club is. So, when I read that the Bulletin needed a new Co-editor I jumped at the chance to give back to the club. I'm really looking forward to this challenge. I'm open to suggestions you may have to make the Bulletin a continued success. I'll be looking for articles from club members and will be starting a Picture Page for all of us that don't make the calendar but still have amazing pictures to share. Thanks to Amy Wukotich, the previous Editor who did a wonderful job and Cathy Gallagher for her continued hard work in getting the Bulletin in the mail.
Shelly Kliefoth



Lakeview's Shandy Bass



Lakeview's Honey Wine



Elvis

Awards Banquet 2009

By: Cheryl Peterson

As usual, everyone seemed to enjoy the food, spirits and especially the camaraderie of people with common interests. From what I heard, talk at the various tables included that of field and training to the discussion of agility competitions and conformation shows. That really shouldn't surprise us as those areas are what we excel in as a club as proven by our dog's achievement over the year. From dogs placing and winning in the field on the national level to those qualifying for the Eukanuba invitations in show and agility those who strive for those levels next year, congratulations goes out to everyone and their canine athletes.

The following dogs received awards this year for their accomplishments and in training their human companion:

JNEK'S Roy Legacy: AX, AXJ, MX and MXJ, owned by Tamara and Michael Sparks and Kathy Engelsman.
Chase Your Dreams at Sienna PTE, SH, owned by Brad and Cindy LePoudre.
Archiee, CH, JH, owned by Linda Busch.
Shiloh's Orient Express, JH, owned by James Busch.
Legolass, JH, owned by James Busch.
Bling-Bling, JH, owned by James Busch.
Bettee, JH, owned by James Busch.
Aowynn, JH, owned by Linda Busch.
Priden Joy Twilight Victoria, ARCH, RLIX, FO, UAG-22, CLR-R, CL3-F, CL3-S, UCD, CL4-H, owned by Amy Wukotich.
JNEK'S Keep On Dancing, JH, owned by Christine, Jeff and Kathy Engelsman.
JNEK Run'n Down a Dream, CH, owned by Christine, Jeff and Kathy Engelsman.
JNEK's Sweet Inspiration, CH, owned by Kathy, Jeff and Christine Engelsman.
JNEK's How Sweet It Is, CH, Eukanuba Invitation, owned by Kathy, Jeff and Christine Engelsman.
JNEK's Up in Smoke, CH, owned by Kathy, Christine and Jeff Engelsman.
JNEK's Joplin, JH, Eukanuba Invitation, owned by Christine, Kathy and Jeff Engelsman.
JNEK's Tuck Everlasting, CH, Eukanuba Invitation, owned by Kathy, Jeff & Christine Engelsman.
JNEK's Little Deuce Coupe, CH, owned by Jodi Kast and Kathy Engelsman.
JNEK's Empress Gidgette, CH, owned by Susan Gerraiss and Kathy Engelsman.
Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden, JH, owned by Mark and Pam Spurgeon.
Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger, NGDC, SH, CGC, owned by Mark & Pam Spurgeon.
Tru Miss Grace, JH, CGC, owned by George and Mary Haines.
Rebel Rouser Kemberly, AFC (MVF Winner 03, FC 05), owned by Greg Wegler.
Sir Winston of Sienna Pointe, CH, owned by Cathy Gallagher.
Sienna Pointe's Jolie Lady, CH, owned by Cathy Gallagher.
Sir Rally of Sienna Pointe, JH, owned by Cathy Gallagher.
Havoc's Kola Nut, NJP, owned by Cathy Gallagher.
Vizion's Kiva, NAJ, owned by Cathy Gallagher.



New President~Jeff Parise, out-going President~Jim Gingrich, Banquet coordinator~Carol Gingrich, Robyn Doescher, & new Vice-President~Cathy Gallagher. **Many thanks to Jim & Carol for all their hard work over the years!!**

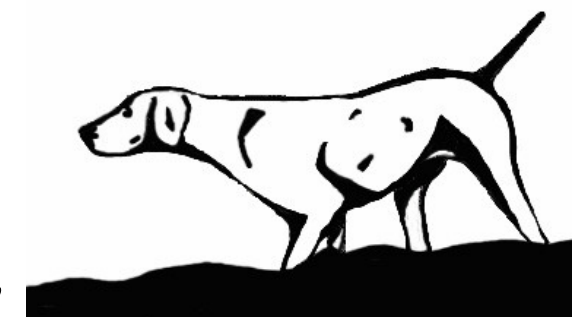


Jeff Parise acknowledging the many years of service as Hunt Test Supernumeraries by Dennis & Patty Nowak. **A BIG Thank you to both of them!!**
Awards Banquet Pictures by Linda Busch

March 7-8, 2009

VCOI SPRING
FIELD
TRIAL

Des Plaines Conservation
Area, Joliet, IL.



Start making your plans now to enter the field trial at Joliet in the spring. I will start accepting entries on January 1st. All the information about the stakes and judges is on the AKC web site. Go to www.akc.org and click on events/event search. Then do a search for field trial, next three months, in Illinois. Once you find the trial, click on the name of the club (Vizsla Club of Illinois). Premiums (hard copy) will be in the mail soon.

The one thing the AKC web site DOES NOT tell you is ***we will be giving a Garmin Astro (for dogs) to the highest placing dog in the Amateur Gun Dog Walking stake.*** This is HUGE!!!! This is an item that retails for \$600. Thanks to John Carr and his connections we are able to give this item at the field trial.

Field Trial Chairman is Debby Fridlund-Lynn (Hm: 317-357-2022)
Field Trial Secretary is Linda Busch (Hm: 815-335-7673)

If you would like to volunteer to work at the field trial, please contact Linda Busch (815-335-7673 or LBusch@aeroinc.net). Volunteering is a good way to learn about field trials, meet vizsla people, and have a fun time. We will need marshals, bird planters, clean-up crew, etc.

The Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity is on Friday, March 6th. If you have not entered your young dog for that event yet, contact Rodney Albin or Mark Spurgeon in the club to do so right away.

We hope to see many new people out for these events.

Field Trial Secretary,

Linda Busch

Upcoming Events

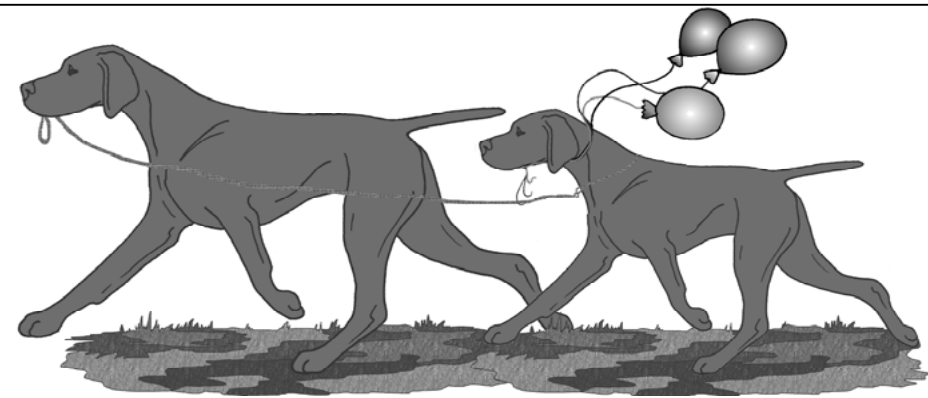


April Hunt Test

On April 18th & 19th the VCOI will be having their hunt test. The hunt test will be held at Des Plaines Wildlife Area (West Grounds). This event will be with the Northern Illinois Weimaraner Club. This will allow the chance to get *4 qualifying scores in one weekend*. We will be the first two clubs in Illinois to do this. With doing this we will be limiting the entries to 18 braces. It would be nice if we could get some extra help for this event. I'm sure that AKC will have a Representative at the test. If you are at all interested in giving a hand for this event it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Dennis & Patti Nowak at 815-439-0720 if available.



**Family Pet Show
at Arlington Racecourse,
March 20, 21, 22, 2009.
Booth workers, wanted
(2-legged & 4-legged).
Hang out for a few hours
and talk Vizslas with the
public. Please contact
Cathy Gallagher for
more info 847-458-5886
or sienapointe@dls.net.**



Save the date: July 11-12, 2009

Double Bubble 2009

This year we will have a map with locations and times of events. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, please contact Linda Busch at e-mail address Lbusch@aeroinc.net.

If you are interested in having the search & rescue demo again, please let me know.

What is Futurity?

During a recent visit with the Busch's I asked this question. Jim was more than happy to explain and give me past articles he has written on the subject. Here is a summary of that information updated with the current information from the VCOI website.

A Futurity is a field competition for young dogs. For Vizslas it takes place in the spring of each year (1st Friday in March) just before the VCOI field trial. The Futurity has a great deal of prestige associated with it. Vizslas that enter are the cream of the young field Vizslas. The Vizsla that wins takes home a giant trophy, a substantial cash purse, and a lot of great press. For most, winning the Futurity is a once in a lifetime, never to be forgotten event.

The Futurity was conceived, launched, and run by Hank & Betty Rozanek in 1983. Starting in 1993 the Midwest Vizsla Futurity (MVF) has been managed by the Vizsla Club of Illinois and held at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area near Joliet, Illinois.

The entry process for the Futurity begins when the breeder of a litter fills out the "Litter Nomination Form" and submits a check to the Futurity Secretary, Rodney Albin. This must be done within 90 days of the birth of the litter.

Pups from nominated litters must be renominated prior to its first birthday for an additional fee. A pup may be renominated within 90 days of its first birthday for an additional late fee. This is the last nomination required to keep the pup eligible.

This is what I thought was key: *If you have a puppy from an un-nominated litter you can still nominate your pup.* You will need to fill out the Self-Nomination Form (found on the VCOI website) and send a check to the MVF Secretary within 9 months of the puppy's birth date.

Only dogs registered with either the AKC (American Kennel Club) or FDSB (Field Dog Stud Book) are eligible.

Entry forms will be sent to all eligible Vizslas (those that have paid the fees and filled out the forms) in early February—usually about the time our field trial premiums are mailed. There is an additional entry fee.

When your Futurity puppy will compete depends on its birth date:

Pups born 2-1-06 to 1-31-07 will run this year.

Pups born 2-1-07 to 1-31-08 will run in 2010.

The course will be a 30-minute single course with no bird field. Birds will be released on the course. Horseback handling is permitted. Dogs may be called back for any reason at the discretion of the judges. Dogs will be run in braces as drawn. If a brace mate is not present to run, the other dog will run alone. Bitches in season will be run last.

The MVF will be judged using derby requirements: all placed dogs must point staunchly. All placements must be awarded.

Judging emphasis is to be placed on dogs that show a keen desire to hunt, are bold and independent, have a fast yet attractive style of running, and demonstrate intelligence in seeking objectives. Dogs should point staunchly and may be called back for a point.

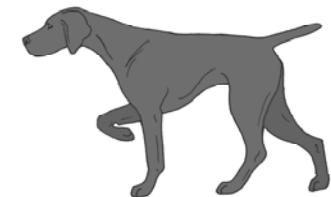
The MVF was established for the purpose of encouraging the owners of Vizslas to breed for the highest field standards. A substantial cash prize awarded to both the owners and the breeders of the winning dogs is intended as an incentive for practicing these high breeding standards.

You may have noticed that I did not include any pricing in this article. That is because there is a committee being formed for the purpose of updating the rules and prices. Watch for the updated pricing in future Bulletins.

For current information go to the VCOI website:

<http://www.vizslaclubofillinois.org/mvff.html>

For questions contact: Rodney Albin, MVF Secretary or Mark Spurgeon, MVF Chairman.



January 2009 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Tom Grekowicz

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Jim Gingrich at 8:07 pm. Jim announced the slate of officers for 2009. Jeff Parise: President, Cathy Gallagher: Vice President, Linda Busch: Treasurer, and Tom Grekowicz: Secretary. The 2009 board of directors are... Rodney Albin, Kim Barker, Kathy Harmer, Greg Hedien, Brad LePoudre, and Dennis Nowak. Jim Gingrich motions to accept new board members. Greg Wegler seconded. All say "I". Jim Gingrich turns the meeting over to our new president Jeff Parise. Jeff gives a thank you to Jim and Carol Gingrich and all our club's volunteers. A recognition of leadership plaque is given to Jim Gingrich. Jim Gingrich gives a thank you to Dan and Jodi Cieslak for all Jodi's secretary work. Jeff gives an introduction about himself and has all attendees tell a little about themselves and their dogs.

Approval of Minutes: Cathy Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting and Jim Gingrich seconded. Motion passed.

Directors Report: None

President's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Money comes in and money goes out. A copy of all checks and deposits from last year is available to those who want it. Our checking and savings account has a favorable balance. Linda reported that she had a mix up with the Chase credit card but the problem was fixed. A thank you letter was sent to the VCOI from the VCA National Awards solicitation chairman, Patt Ekendal. The thank you letter was for the VCOI's donation to the VCA Field Trial Trophy Fund that was an ad in Arizona's National catalog in honor of the two Illinois National Gun Dog Champions, Ruger and Rock.

Website Updates: None. John Carr stated that the web site needed some fixes and some updates. Cathy Gallagher suggests that John Carr be the person to go to help out with web site updates. Linda Busch gives Michel Berner web site recognition on Michel's past web site work. Jim Gingrich suggests a job description of each position be posted on the VCOI web site under a "Records" section. Cathy Gallagher suggested that the secretary should be the one doing the record keeping.

Bulletin / Newsletter Report: Cathy Gallagher reported that the new co-editor is Shelly Kliefoth (e-mail: skliefoth@yahoo.com). The club thanks Amy Wukotich for all her work. Join your VCOIinc e-mail list. It's a great way to stay informed with your VCOI members. You can get club event details, ask about training tips, or post a brag. Go to www.yahoo.com and click on "groups" on the left hand column. Search: VCOIinc and then click on "join this group" You can receive the VCOIinc list in two ways, "individual emails" or "daily digest". You cannot send attachments to your posts, but you can send attachments to the "shared files" section of the VCOIinc yahoo group.

Awards Dinner /Banquet: Help Wanted! The club is looking for a new person to take over organizing this event. Carol Gingrich says this is an easy job. The Fisherman's Inn is extremely easy to work with. The club thanks Carol Gingrich for all her work. *Note—we did get a volunteer for next year's Banquet! Thanks for all the offers!

IKC Breed Booth Report: Cathy Gallagher stated that the dates are in the calendar. February 19th - 22nd 2009 at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. The club will have no official booth.

Chicagoland Family Pet Show: Help Wanted! Cathy Gallagher stated that we need volunteers. The show is March 20th - 22nd 2009 at Arlington Park Racecourse, Arlington Heights, IL.

Chicagoland Sports Show Report: The club no longer does this show because the group with whom we shared space with no longer attends this show. It was also a very costly event that did not give much of a noticeable return. The show is in February.

February Hunt Test: Dennis Nowak reported that we do not have a hunt test on February 21st and 22nd 2009 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. It has been changed to a training weekend so we do not lose these dates. Dennis Nowak will be helping out on Saturday and Sharon Simpson volunteered to help out on Sunday. Brad LePoudre is going to order 50 birds for the training weekend. Secretary's note: anyone entered in the futurity (dog or handler) can run in a field trial or hunt test but cannot train on the grounds three weeks prior to the event.

Meeting Minutes continued..

Futurity: Help Wanted! We need volunteers to help out at this event. Mark Spurgeon reported that entries are down (22 entries were sent out) for the March 6th 2009 futurity at Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. Mark asks "breeders, why are you not nominating your dogs?" We need more of our breeders to get involved. Mark Spurgeon is chairman and Rodney Albin is secretary. Judges are Julie Condron and Robert Richter. Secretary's note: anyone entered in the futurity (dog or handler) can run in a field trial or hunt test but cannot train on the grounds three weeks prior to the event.

March Field Trial: Help Wanted! Linda Busch said we need line marshals and bird planters for the field trial on March 7th and 8th 2009 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Wilmington, IL. So far we have 50 entries. The winner of the Amateur Gun Dog walking stake gets a Garmin Astro courtesy of John Carr. This is a non-retrieving stake.

Ottawa / WAFTC Report: Greg Hedien said that the WAFTC meeting is January 21st 2009. Ottawa's workdays are July 11th and July 19th 2009.

Calendar Report: Cindy LePoudre reported that all of the 150 calendars sold out. There were 62 calendar orders (32 from club members). Calendars were sent to 12 states... AL, CA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, NY, OH, OR, and WI. Shelley Gabriel will be taking over calendar operations next year.

April Hunt Test: Help Wanted! Denis Nowak reported that helpers do not need to stay the whole day. We need gunners for Saturday afternoon and Sunday starting with masters. The hunt test is April 18th and 19th 2009 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. The hunt test would have been held in February but has been moved to April in association with the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois. This is the first time we are doing this. It will be possible to obtain four passes in one weekend. Two passes with each club. Dennis also reported that after January 1st 2009 judges need to take a test or have gone to a seminar every five years to stay as a qualified judge.

Specialty Show: Kathy Harmer was absent so there was no report. The Specialty Show is the same weekend as the Double Bubble in July of 2009. Kathy Harmer is looking for volunteers to sponsor the various trophies for the winners of

placements at the show. AKC needs to know the names of individuals sponsoring trophies by the middle of February, so please contact Kathy by February 7th. You will not need to provide the money at this time. (Secretary's note: information was taken from the VCOI yahoo group).

Double Bubble: Linda Busch had nothing to report. The event is scheduled for July 11th and 12th 2009.

June Training Day: Mark Spurgeon reported that the June 6th 2009 training day at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds might change to a walking field trial. Watch the VCOI list and web site for any further information.

December Field Trial Report: We had 64 entries with 60 starters. The trial ran smooth with a profit of approximately \$300. We spent a lot of money on food. The Judges were happy that they didn't have to wait for people.

Brags: Jim Busch's FC O Mega handled by Sheila Stahr on a spaghetti string lead, took Best of Breed and Best of Winners at Central Iowa's Kennel Club in Des Moines Iowa. Mike Dalby's Rusty got three 4-point majors to finish his field championship (AFC in spring and FC in the fall). Dennis Nowak reported that Tony and Gina Ordenez's Rubin finished his show championship. Patti Nowak reported that Romeo completed his Master Hunter. Jim Gingrich's Jack took 2nd in the National Amateur Field Championship. Jim also said that Mark Spurgeon's Ruger made it to the second series in both the Open Championship and the Amateur.

Miscellaneous / Other Business: Sharon Simpson reported that the VCA medallions are available for pickup at the nationals for all members whose dogs earned AKC titles or VCA versatility certificates. The awards year includes all titles published in the American Kennel Club Awards from October 2007 through September 2008.

Adjourn: Cathy Gallagher motioned to adjourn at 9:45pm. Brad LePoudre seconded.



Here is Tom, our new Secretary, "multi-tasking" during the Awards Banquet.