VCOI March

Membership Meeting



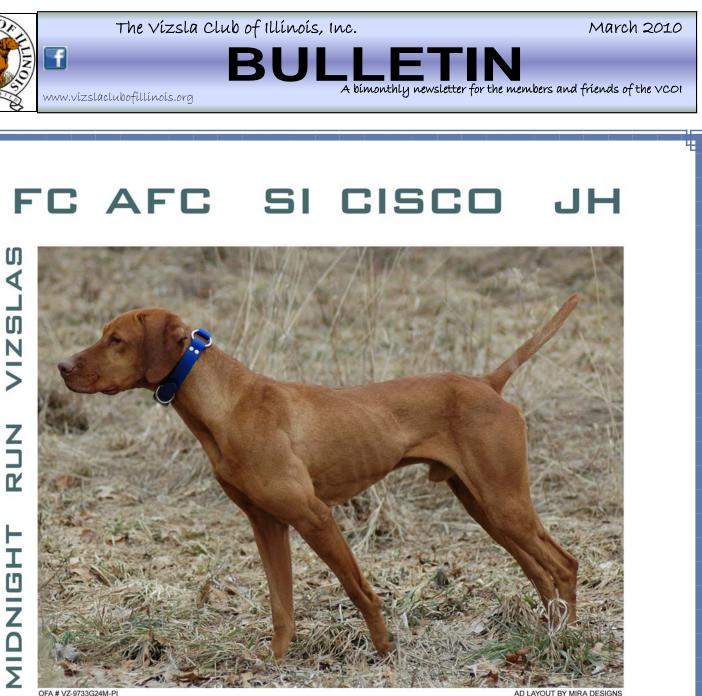
Will be held March 6, 2010 In conjunction with the **VCOI Spring Field Trial DesPlaines**, Il At approximately 4:30

(following the completion of running of the dogs and prior to the Trial Dinner) *****If you plan to stay for dinner on the** grounds following the meeting, make sure to notify Mark Spurgeon by Friday 3/5 so that we have an accurate count to order food.



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Si Cisco Run. Si Cisco Win. Finish, Cisco, Finish!

On May 23, 2009, Cisco finished his Amateur Field Championship by winning a 3-point AGD retrieving major, and then finished his Field Championship the following day by winning a 4-point OGD major. In the twelve months leading up to completion of his FC and AFC, Cisco won six gun dog majors, including two 4-point Open majors and one 4-point Amateur major, at both walking and horeseback trials. Cisco has never won a stake with fewer than 14 dogs entered, and five of his six majors were against all-breed competition. Cisco has exceeded even my highest expectations and I am very proud of what he's accomplished. Thanks to everyone who has helped us along the way.

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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 January 2011. 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.

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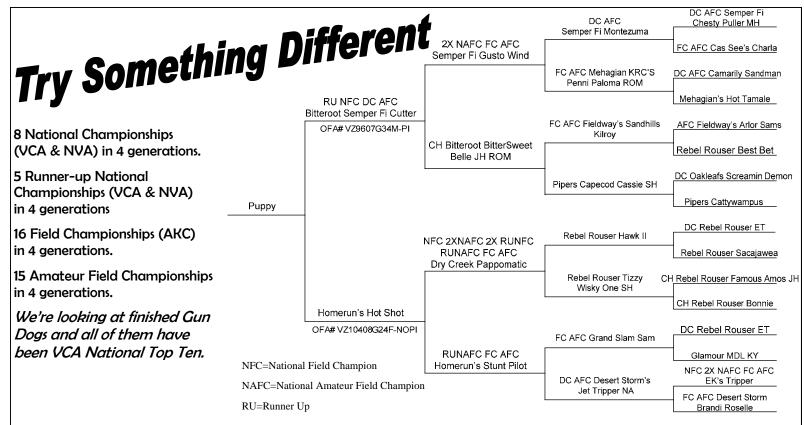
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(VCA & NVA) in 4 generations.

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From Kim Barker: Miakoda's Outlaw on the Run "Jesse" went Winners Dog ALL three days at the Christmas Cluster (Gold Coast Kennel Club and Skokie Valley Kennel Club) for a total of 9 points (2 majors - 4 point and 3 points).



From Michel Berner: Mira's Peacemaker was awarded his first point towards his Championship at the Gateway Sporting Dog Assn. show December 4, 2009 by judge Peter Bauer. Colt is owned by Michel Berner, bred by Colisha Schallock, and handled by Sheila Stahr

Another from Michel Berner: Weyer Tokaji Aszu JH "Ozzie" won the 4-point major at the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club show in St. Paul, MN on 1/10/2010 under judge Helen Lee James. Ozzie is out Michel Berner's girl Strider's Three Little Birds by Jim Busch's male FC O Mega and has been amateur owner/trained/ handled to all show wins by Andy Weyer (Ozzie co-owned with George Weyer)

Zeeva (Kacela X Ch. Archiee, JH) earned a 3 point major win as Best of Winners at the Oshkosh K.C. show Jan. 24th and another 3 point major win as Best of Winners at the Chain O Lakes K.C. show on Jan 30th. Zeeva is owned by Linda Busch and handled by Chris Hajek.







AT STUD: CH. ARCHIEE, JH

Archiee will start his field trial career this fall and we expect good things from him considering our Hall of Fame dog DC/AFC Askim, MH, NSTRACh is on both sides of his pedigree. Archiee is OFA Excellent and produces beautiful dark rust puppies. Those who have been in the conformation ring already are doing extremely well. For more information about some of his pups, visit our web site at www.buschvizslas.com and for information about stud service, call Jim or Linda Busch at 815-335-7673. To 09/10









July 17-18, 2010 at the Busch Farm ***Please note the date change!! Contact Linda Busch for more information.

Thank you all for making the Annual Award's Dinner a great evening. Please check the schedule of Upcoming Events to see what is coming up next. Looking forward to warmer weather, and to seeing you at one or our events soon. Jeff Parise

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Midwest Viszla Futurity March 5, 2010 at DesPlaines Wildlife Area in Joliet, IL www.vizslafuturity.com for more information or Contact Rodney Albin, MVF Secretary March Membership Meeting March 6th, 2010 @ DesPlaines Wildlife Area following completion of Field Trial runs. Please let Mark Spurgeon know by Friday 3/5 if you will be there for dinner. Spring Field Trial March 6-7, 2010 at DesPlaines Wildlife Area in Joliet, IL Contact Rodney Albin or Mark Spurgeon for more information. **April Hunt Test** April 17-18, 2010 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Joliet, IL Contact Brad or Cindy LePoudre for more information. May Walking Field Trial May 22-23, 2010 at the Gingrich-Busch Plantation Contact Michele Princer or Jim Busch for more information. June Training Day June 5th, 2010 at Ottawa Field Trial Grounds Contact Mark Spurgeon for more information. June Hunt Test June 6th, 2010 at Ottawa Field Trial Grounds Contact Brad & Cindy LePoudre for more information. Vizsla Specialty Show July 17th, 2010 at the Kishwaukee Valley Kennel Club all-breed Dog Show Contact Kathy Harmer for more information. **Double Bubble**

President's Message



Article submitted by Education Chairperson; Amanda Lounsbury Kosanda

Canine Lymphoma

Approximately 5 percent of all human cancers in the United States are diagnosed as lymphoma according to the National Cancer Institute. Unfortunately, it is much more common in our canine companions. Nearly 20 percent of all reported malignant tumors in dogs are lymphoma. The disease, which starts in the lymphocytes (white blood cells) of the immune system, can go on to invade the lymph nodes as well as almost any other part of the body.

Dr. Laura Garrett is a veterinary oncologist at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana. She says, "lymphoma usually affects middle-aged to older dogs. But it is also one of the few cancers that commonly affects young dogs as well."

In contrast to the feline forms of lymphoma, there is no known cause of the cancer in dogs. However, some breeds seem to be predisposed, such as: golden retrievers, Scottish terriers, mastiffs, and rottweilers. The disease also presents differently in dogs. While cats with lymphoma are typically very ill by the time they see a veterinarian, dogs with lymphoma usually do not feel sick when they are diagnosed.

"Dog owners usually complain of lumps under the jaw," explains Dr. Garrett, or a veterinarian may notice them on a routine physical exam. The "lumps" that can be felt are enlarged lymph nodes. As lymphoma spreads, it has the ability to affect lymph nodes all over the body, as well as other organs. This type of lymphoma, called "multicentric," reflects the fact that it is found in multiple places. It is the most common form of the disease in dogs.

Because lymphoma is a cancer that tends to be very widespread throughout an animal's body, there is only one real choice of therapy that has the potential to make the cancer go into remission: chemotherapy.

"Lymphoma is not a surgical disease," notes Dr. Garrett. The only way oncologists can attempt to slow down its progression is to try and poison the fastest growing cells in the dog's body (usually the tumor cells) with chemotherapy.

Thankfully, dogs with the multicentric form of lymphoma have a good to excellent chance of responding well to treatment. That said, there are other forms of the disease, such as the gastro-intestinal variety, that do not respond very well to therapy, so it is important to know what kind of lymphoma you are dealing with.

In general, dogs with the multicentric form of lymphoma will live approximately one year after being diagnosed if they have completed chemotherapy. If owners choose not to treat, dogs can expect to live around four to six weeks after being diagnosed.

It is important to note that each patient with lymphoma is different, and the median survival time is simply that--an average that can be used to help inform owners. Depending on certain prognostic factors, patients may be more likely to do better or worse. For example, a dog that is not feeling well at the time of lymphoma diagnosis is a very strong negative prognostic indicator. Meaning, the animal is much worse off than a dog that feels well at the time of diagnosis.

For information regarding lymphoma, contact your local veterinarian. A list of board certified veterinary oncologists in your state can be found by visiting Veterinary Cancer Society Web site:http://www.vetcancersociety.org/.

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Midwest Viszla Futurity

The 30th running of the Midwest Vizsla Futurity is being held on March 5, 2010, on the West Grounds of the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Joliet, Illinois. Entries for this year's Futurity close at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 4, 2010, and the drawing will be held immediately after closing in the clubhouse. Entries may be made in person up until closing time at the grounds, or mailed beforehand to the MVF Secretary, Rodney Albin, 2445 Carter Road, Moscow Mills, MO 63362. The fee for entry in this year's Futurity is \$75.00. Our judges will be Mr. Robert Richter (Harvard, IL) and Mr. Howard Burbach (Pleasant Hill, MO).

The Futurity is a 30 minute derby stake run under the American Field, but with its own rules, the most notable being that all placing dogs must have a staunchly pointed bird. Only nominated dogs may participate, and bitches in season may be run. Go to http://www.vizslafuturity.com for additional information about the MVF Rules and Regulations, litter nominations and pup re-nominations, and for reports and photos from previous years.

The MVF showcases many of the best derby dogs our breed has to offer, year in and year out. Winner of the futurity is awarded the highly covetted "Double Lane Dog" trophy, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Runner Ups all receive "Single Lane Dog" trophies. A cash purse is also divided among the winners, with a portion of the purse going to the breeder of the winning dogs (provided that they nominated the litters). The monies awarded are often substantial.

Even if you don't have a derby nominated to run, this is an event worth coming to watch. Who knows what next great superstar you might see? Plus, you can come for the MVF and stay for the weekend field trial. Although a stand alone event, the MVF is hosted by the Vizsla Club of Illinois and run in conjunction with the VCOI's two-day spring field trial, which is one of, if not the largest Vizsla-only field trial in the country. Entries open for the weekend trial on Febuary 1, 2010. Get your entries in soon, since this trial often fills up quickly. Info and a premium for the VCOI Spring FT can be found at http://www.vizslaclubofillinois.org/springfieldtrial.htm.

For those who have a litter that was recently born, or is about to be born, get that litter nominated for the 2012 running. For those with young dogs, pups can still be self-nominated and run next year, so don't delay.



NOTE: DATE NOT CORRECT IN VCOI 2010 CALENDAR. **CORRECT DATES ARE**



The Double Bubble will have new events, better registration, better information and more fun for everyone-including those little new pups!

Mark your calendar now so you do not forget!

If you would like to be on the committee or help in any way for the next Double Bubble, please contact Linda Busch at LBusch@aeroinc.net



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Awards

At the awards dinner I was asked to summarize the awards program. It is too detailed to do on the cuff, so I'll give it a try here. First, I would like to thank Kathy Harmer and Sue Barns for helping secure the awards this year and for picking up a bar that was incorrectly printed.

Once upon a time, VCOI celebrated awards by giving picture frames to those members whose dog earned a championship title. Dogs receiving non-championship titles had their names read. In thinking about it, I felt that a person doing the work to earn a junior hunter title, for instance, worked as hard as others earning higher degree titles especially as a novice handler. When you think about it, those handlers just starting competition with their dogs not only had to learn about the events but had to learn to train their dogs, and that's a lot of work. I wanted to find some way to encourage them to keep working with their dogs and applaud their accomplishments with the rest of the membership. To earn a title is no small feat no matter what level you are at. As president of the club at the time, I brought up the idea to the membership of presenting plaques containing multiple bars to honor title earners. Since it can be a very costly program, a plaque is awarded to a dog that earns its championship (any venue - AKC, UKC, but a registry agency) and all other award-winning dogs receive an engraved bar with their title to be put on the plaque once they earned it. However, some people don't like to wait for the plaque (or don't want to lose the bars) so they have an option to purchase the plaque, but that's a more detailed discussion for later.

VCOI Club members honored several members who have earned titles this year. We had field champions, amateur field champions, agility champion, champions, top producers, top conformation dogs, obedience, hunting and agility titles galore. Those hardworking dogs were:



Sienna Pointe's See Ya Polarkap, earned her UKC CD and UKC Top Ten Conformation owned by Kathy Harmer and Sue Barns.

Nordic's Hot Digity Dawg, earned his OAP, owned by Cheryl Peterson.

Si Cisco, earned his FC and AFC, owned by Linda and Jim Busch. Diamondlake Kramer, earned his AFC, owned by Greg Hedien.

Hunter XXI, earned his JH, owned by the Miklas family.

JNEK'S Royal Legacy, earned her RA, MACH and NF, owned by Tammy Sparks.

Havoc's Royal Hellion, earned her NFP, owned by Tim Dyer.

Snow Ridge Struttin Lil Man, earned his SH, AFC, FC, DC, owned by Skip and Laurie Wonnell.

Renaissance Loroka's What Spending Limit, earned his JH AND **Renaissance Loroka's Royal Gift,** earned his JH, *both* owned by Lormis family.

Triple OH Magnum, earned his JH and SH, AND Smokin JRD, earned a JH, both owned by Rodney Albin.

JNEK's Super Charged, earned her CH and earned a Eukanuba Invitation, JNEK'S Lady Godiva, earned her CH and earned a Eukanuba Invitation, JNEK'S King Ralph, was Top Producing Sire of 2008, JNEK'S Royal Elegance, earned her ROM and was Top Producing Dam of 2008, JNEK'S Sweet Charity, earned her ROM, AND JNEK'S Little Miss Swing Kat, earned her ROM, ALL owned by Jeff and Kathy Engelsman.

Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger. earned his NAFC and is the 2xNGDC AND Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden, was the Midwest Viszla Shooting Dog Champion, both owned by Pam and Mark Spurgeon.

Some or our Award Recipients:



Awards presenter Cheryl Peterson gets an Award from Jeff Parise

Greg Hedier





Mark Spurgeon



Kathy Engelsman

Linda Busch

2010 Annual Awards & Holiday Dinner

Our Annual Awards and Holiday Party was held on January 16, 2010 at Gibson's Steakhouse Restaurant in Rosemont. Our menu was all you can eat London Broil, Baby Back Ribs, Chicken with a twice baked potato and green beans. Dessert was brownie sundaes with coffee, tea and pop included. It is believed that this was the largest turn out for this event since we started having it. We had 69 members in attendance and lots of people came from out of state. The party committee planned lots of new stuff and it was well received. We had centerpieces of dog stuff that were beautiful and we raffled them off to one winner at each table (they were donated by Jodi and Dan Cieslak and put together by Jodi Cieslak and Cindy LePoudre). We had a raffle of 31 dog items that were donated by lots of very generous vendors (thank you Mary Haines for getting all of our donations). We had a wonderful band called "No Strangers Here" featuring our own Mary Carr, who entertained us at the end of the evening. They were wonderful!

Thank you to all who helped make this event a success:

Mary Haines, Jodi Cieslak, Cindy LePoudre, Cheryl Peterson, Michel Berner, Jeff Parise, Patty Nowak, Mary Carr, Cathy Gallagher, George Haines and Mark Spurgeon. If I forgot anyone, I am sorry, but thank you!!!

We'd like to thank some of our prize sponsors:







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Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Jeff Parise called the meeting to order at 8:27 pm. Officers and Board Members Election: Jeff Parise announced the slate of 2010 Officers and Board Members as follows... Vice President: Pam Spurgeon President: Jeff Parise Treasurer: Linda Busch Secretary: Tom Grekowicz Board of Directors: Rodney Albin, Kim Barker, Kathy Engelsman, Kathy Harmer, Greg Hedien, and Brad LePoudre. Jeff asked if all were in favor to say "Yea". All said "Yea" with no Nays.

Treasurers Report: Linda Busch reported that the club has a favorable balance for our checking and savings account. Linda also said that Field Trials make the most money for our Club and Hunt Tests come second. The Calendar also made a profit this year. Things that usually cost the club money are the Futurity, Double Bubble, Specialty, Pet Show, and dues for different clubs. VCOI Chukar Shoot: Dennis Nowak mentioned that the VCOI will hold a Chukar Shoot on February 21st 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. Entry fee is \$50.00. First place wins \$100.00. Second place \$75.00 and third place \$50.00. The event starts at 8:00 am and is limited to 10 dogs. No dog or handler can compete in the VCOI Chukar Shoot if entered in the 2010 Futurity. February Training Weekend: HELP WANTED! Patti and Dennis Nowak are looking for some people to help them with the training weekend that is February 20th and 21st 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. This Training Weekend is also shared with the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois.

Midwest Vizsla Futurity: Mark Spurgeon reported that the Futurity is on March 5th 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. This year's Futurity has 13 to 14 litters nominated with 19 litters nominated for 2011. March Field Trial: Mark Spurgeon said that the Field Trial is on March 6th and 7th 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. All of the judges for this Field Trial have been approved. April Hunt Test: Brad LePoudre reported that the Hunt Test is on April 17th and 18th 2010 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area (west grounds) in Wilmington, IL. This Hunt Test is shared with the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois. May Walking Field Trial: Jim Busch informed everyone that the Walking Field Trial will be on May 22nd and 23rd 2010 at the Gingrich / Busch Plantation in Winnebago, IL. Secretary's note: Judges we have so far... Paul Katzel, Phyllis Katzel, and Debby Lynn. Supported Entries / Specialty Show: The Specialty Show will be on July 17th 2010 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL. The Specialty Show is in conjunction with the Kishwaukee Kennel Club. Kathy Harmer mentioned that we need trophy donations. The Judge is Pat Berger. Secretary's note: The Specialty Show dates in the VCOI calendar are incorrect. Adjourn: All club business being concluded, Brad LePoudre motioned to adjourn the meeting. Greg Hedien seconded the motion. Jeff Parise adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

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Gibsons Steakhouse, Rosemont, IL Jan. 16th, 2010 Submitted by: Tom Grekowicz



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