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BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

FC SHAWNEE'S RED LIONESS JH

"SAGE"

"I went to Busch's to buy a hunting dog" a familiar story? Mom said – NO! – but fell in love with her irresistibly sweet personality. And then she kept running away and Busch said "Try one of those hunt tests - you'll have fun." He never mentioned the addiction (where is the warning label?). She went to "Junior Hunter" in 4 straight passes at 11 months/old with a handler who never even seen a field or hunt trial before. And then there was a "Puppy" Field Trial. Again, "Busch said" She took her first blue ribbon just before her first birthday.

Then my back went out and Jerry Jordan stepped in for a while until her right foot got sick. So we came home, and the partially-crippled and the partially-trained tried to field trial together. Until Mark Spurgeon very compassionately told me "Joe, you're just not fit to handle a dog like that. She's better than you can give her". He was right: I was shot: Brian was there: and KA-ZOOM! Less than a year later she finished her FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP (at 2 yrs. 7 mos. old) and ended her first full competition season (2011) in the TOP TEN (at #4, right behind Ruger).



She lives in a Chicago house on a typical lot, with a small backyard. There are no horses or kennels or bird fields. We are stunned at her performance and success. So we know SAGE's success is a reflection of everyone reading this page. She is the product of great – brilliant – breeding: not just by Linda and Jim Busch, but also by everyone else who has a dog back in her pedigree. Many, many thoughtful breeders put together the scaffold of her tough little genetic package: Linda & Jim finished the package off perfectly.

Next, she had great talent to put her potential to work. Brian Gingrich has established himself in our hearts as an outstanding trainer who really understands these heroic red dogs – teaches them, coaches them, coaxes them, excites them into a love of running and finding birds. Jerry Jordan started her with a gentle hand and a graceful manner that let her understand the training process is fun. Jerry, we love ya, pal! – it was just the distance & gas.

And, finally, there is the landscape of her life and her sport – a landscape shaped not of stone mountains and forested hills but of terrific people and great heritages – with names like Spurgeon, Englesman, Gingrich, Nowak, LePoudre, Kliefoth, Rodney Albin, Greg Wegler, Mark Johnson, Greg Hedien, Chadwell & Browne, Haines, Booker, Boggs, Michel Berner, Michelle Princer, Jodi Cieslak —planting birds, organizing the trials, monitoring legislation, judging the events in the rain, staying until the last brace is back – countless names we don't remember and people whom we never really met like Tony & Gina Ordonez (Gina: 10 years ago you gave 45 minutes of your time on the phone to a complete stranger when I was thinking about buying our 1st viszla). Each one of you has made this breed smarter, stronger, faster, more loving and more fun.

Fifty years of modern American cultivation of, and love for, these ancient Hungarian dogs has bred into SAGE a love of running and hunting and she surely runs for the love of it. All of you that are this VCOI "VIZSLA NATION" hold the undying gratitude of our family for the genetics, the intense yet congenial competition, the events and the applause that let this little dog stretch out those long, hard runs. The awards this dog carries are awards genuinely earned by the VCOI – for your support, your encouragement, your friendship, and for her, we thank you.

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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 September 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: Albin (5/12), Busch (7/12)

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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.

The 2012 Midwest Vizsla Futurity

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Midwest Vizsla Futurity! This year's event will be held on March 9, 2012, on the West Grounds of the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Joliet, Illinois. Entries for the 2012 Futurity will close at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 8, 2012, 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. Kent Harter of Hampshire, IL, and Mr. Jim West, of Randolph, IA.

For those that are not familiar with the Futurity, it 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.

Year in and year out, the MVF showcases many of the best derby dogs our breed has to offer. Yet again, this year will be no exception. From the seventeen litters nominated for the 2012 Futurity, twenty six dogs have been re-nominated thus far and we anticipate more than twenty of those hopefuls to be drawn and run.

The Winner of the Futurity is awarded the highly coveted "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 litter). The breeder of the winning dog is also given a Breeder Plaque if they nominated the litter.

Even if you don't have a derby nominated to run this March, this is an event worth attending just to watch. Who knows what next great superstar you might see? Plus, you can come for the MVF and stay for the VCOI spring field trial on the weekend.

For those who have a litter that was recently born, or is about to be born, I would encourage you to nominate your litter for the Futurity. For those with young dogs, pups can still be self-nominated and run next year, so don't delay. In the words of the Futurity's founding father, Hank Rozanek, we need to "keep them pups nominated."

Jon Peck

MVF Scribe



For everyone following the adventures of Gracie Haines, Therapy Dog Therapy Dogs International contacted me and said that NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) is looking for a therapy dog for their special needs children. I just spoke with them and Gracie will be attending her first visit with six special needs children on Feb. 7 for one hour in the evening. This will be fun! Submitted by Mary Haines



NOTICE!!!!!!

Get your Calendar Contest Entries ready early this year!! Since we moved The Double Bubble up to Memorial Day weekend, we will need entries by May 27th this year!

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Mark Your Calendars!

2012 Midwest Vizsla Futurity ~ March 9, 2012

DesPlaines Wildlife Area

Contact Mark Spurgeon or Rodney Albin for more information.

VCOI March Field Trial ~ March 10 & 11, 2012

DesPlaines Wildlife Area

Contact Mark Spurgeon or Brian Gingrich for more information.

April Hunt Test ~ April 21 & 22, 2012

Desplaines Wildlife Area, West Grounds

Contact the Nowak's or LePoudre's for more information.

Double Bubble Weekend ~ May 26 & 27, 2012

Busch Farm

Contact Linda Busch or Michelle Princer for more information.

June Walking Field Trial ~ June 9 & 10, 2012

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds

Contact George Haines of Joanne Weber for more information.

Specialty Show ~ July 14, 2012

Boone County Fair Grounds

Contact Kathy Harmer for more information.

April VCOI Hunt Test 2012

The VCOI will be holding a hunt Test on April 21st & 22nd 2012. We will have the test on the West Grounds of Des Plaines Wildlife Area. This will coincide with the Weim Club of Illinois. This will give all entries a chance at 4 passes in a weekend. The weather is usually decent for the test. After the test on Saturday we get together for a dinner in the building. Please go to the VCOI website and download the premium. Get them in early. Being that this is a double test they tend to fill up quickly. We also need some help in running the test. Please if you can donate some time on either day it would be greatly appreciated. Contact the Nowak's 815-690-3282 or Brad LePoudre 847-888-1176.



May 26 & 27, 2012 (Memorial Day weekend)

All the fun takes place at the Gingrich and Busch farms in Winnebago, IL.

This is a good place to learn about some of the things your dog can do in a fun and non-threatening environment with plenty of people to teach and help you.

Bring your vizsla(s), bring your kids, and head out to the farm for a fun filled weekend.

SATURDAY EVENTS

There will be new activities on Saturday this year which will take place at the Gingrich Farm during the day such as Hunt Test basics (what they are, how to enter, the difference in stakes, how to get your dog involved, and how to train. A mock hunt test will follow instructions.

Membership meeting and steak dinner in the evening.

Other activities TBD later.

SUNDAY EVENTS

- * CGC official testing for title (this event open to all breeds)
- *Locate & Point (timed field event)
- *Wing & String for pups
- *Bird Planting contest for kids
- *2013 Calendar Photo Contest
- *Fun games for dogs
- *Powder Puff Derby for ladies only
- *Raffle
- *Rubber Ducky race
- *Dog Show seminar for newbies
- *Obstacle Course
- *"Vizsla Idol" or "Vizslas Got Talent" dog trick contest
- *vizsla items for sale
- *Hot Dog/Chips/Soda lunch and much, much more

Trophies|Prizes awarded for most events.

New things planned too!!!!



Chad Chadwell & Nancy Browne



Greg & Sharon Wegler



Dennis Nowak & Megan Looby



Michelle Princer



Brad Lepoudre, Linda & Jim Busch and Michelle Princer



Greg & Sharon Wegler and Nancy & Chad Chadwell



Victor & Colomba Barger, Craig & Jennifer Donze and Greg Hedien



Shelly & Eric Kliefoth, Rodney Albin and Chuck Morton



John & Mary Carr and Rick & Donna Mitchell



Mark & Pam Spurgeon



Rodney Albin & Denny





Denny & Jim Busch



Denny & George Haines

Jim Gingrich & Denny



Dennis Nowak & Linda Busch



Sue Barnes & Dennis Nowak



New President Dennis Nowak and outgoing Pres Pam Spurgeon





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David & Denni Huges, Chris Siegel & Doug Michau, Sue Barnes & Kathy Harmer



Greg Hedien & Dennis Nowak



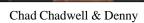
Don Jurivich, Joe & Katherine Fitzsimmons, Jim & Carol Gingrich, Sue Gervais, Jeff & Kathy Engelsman & David Gervais



Denny with Mary Haines



Craig Donze & Denny



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January Meeting Minutes

President Pam Spurgeon called the Meeting to order at 8:30 PM at Gibson's Steakhouse in Rosemont, Illinois on January 14, 2012.

New Board Members were approved and listed as follows:

Dennis Nowak, president (new)

Linda Busch, treasurer

Eric Kliefoth, board member (new)

Jeff Parise, vice president (new)

Michelle Princer, secretary(new)

Chad Chadwell, board member (new)

Brian Johnson, board member Rodney Albin, board member

Awards were given to past officers:

Thank you to Pam Spurgeon as past president a plaque was given.

Thank you to Greg Heiden for his many years as supernumerary for the club

Special Awards:

Tru Miss Gracerecipient of "Certified Therapy Dog and cancer survivor was given a Bowser bed to make her life more comfortable in recognition of the comforts she gives to senior centers and children's programs. Her roommates are George and Mary Haines.

Kathy Harmer and Kathy Engelsman "Golden Girls" award for their outstanding efforts in the specialty show held at the Boone County Fairgrounds in July. Dinner certificates were given to each woman. Jeff Engelsman was also recognized for his tireless efforts in providing dinners to the field trials held at Des Plaines as well as running efficient hunt tests.

Rodney Albin was recognized as the "Knight in Shining Armor" award for his selfless giving of knowledge, AAA card and time. He was presented with a gas card.

It was mentioned that a special awards committee was needed. Please feel free to mention to anyone on the board if you would be interested in helping with this award.

Tongue in Cheek awards...

1st banquet reservation sent in was Brian and Amy Johnson. They received a very large 1st place ribbon. Rick and Donna Mitchell sent in last Reservation. They were presented with a VCOI pooper scooper and poop bags. Longest Travel to the award banquet was Rodney Albin. He was presented with a get out of jail free card and snacks for the road.

The silent auction raffle committee which consisted of Sharon Wegler, Mary Carr, Nancy Browne, Patty Nowak and Michelle Princer was given recognition for their outstanding efforts in presenting an extremely large and full table of fun doggie stuff to win.

A new auction raffle committee was sought and "the Plainfield Group" which consisted of Dennis and Patti Nowak, Mike and Michelle Miklaus, Jerry and Shelly Gabriel volunteered for that job.

It was asked that bulletin information be submitted earlier than the deadlines so that Shelly Kliefoth has time to layout and print the bulletins.

Directory:

It was discussed that there are only 4 lifetime memberships out of a total of 217 members. Only 12 members have been in the VCOI for more than 25 years. We have a great membership and are pretty lucky to have so many volunteers that step up to do the work for the many events that are held annually.

Approval of Minutes:

John Looby moved and Joe Fitzsimmons seconded this motion.

Treasurers Report: Linda Busch stated that she has been hard at work putting the books on Quicken. The balance in the account is to the plus with money still coming in.

Submitted by: Michelle Princer, VCOI Secretary

January Meeting Minutes Continued..

Futurity Report: March 9-10-11, 2012 at Des Plaines Grounds

Mark Spurgeon is Chairperson Brian Gingrich is Secretary

New Meeting Schedule and Event Schedule:

Meeting Schedule

Des Plaines Field Trial Ground on March 10th.

(New Date) Double Bubble on May 26th at Busch Farms.

Specialty Show on July 14th at Boone County Fairgrounds under the tent.

Events

Walking field Trial...June 9th and 10th at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds

George Haines, chairperson Joanne Weber, secretary

Labor Day Hunt Test

Brad Lepoudre stated he is working with other clubs to secure their commitment to that weekend.

September Field Trial as Des Plaines is looking for a secretary and chairperson for this event.

Adjourn at 9:12

Jon Looby moved and Pam Spurgeon seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Princer





1 side salmon

This can be with skin on or off.

Usually a side of salmon is about 2 1/2 pounds.

1 cup soy sauce.

1 teaspoon black pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

3 teaspoons sugar

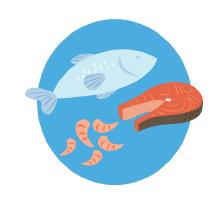
Mix all ingrediants together.

Marinate salmon for 1 hour or overnight in refrigertor.

Prepare smoker using fruitwoods and the lowest temperature. Take salmon out of marinade. Rub into salmon 1-2 teaspoons kosher salt. Place in smoker for about 2-3 hours. If weather is cold let salmon sit in smoker for another hour with door shut. If weather is hot take and place salmon in refrigerator to chill. Garnish with tomatoes, onions, sour cream, hard boiled eggs, green onions and toast points. It is ready to serve.

Special note...it is important to occassionally check salmon while smoking. You want to smoke it longer with a lower temperature. "Cold smoking"

Submitted by Michelle Princer



**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.

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Biosecurity during Horse Events

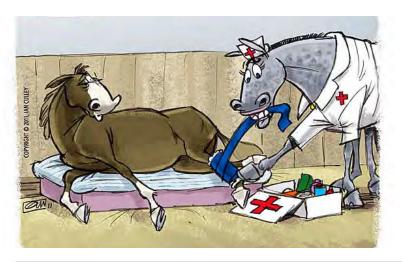
With the outbreak of Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) myeloencephalopathy in May, biosecurity and showing horses have been front page news. Summer months are prime time for large, organized trail rides, horse shows, sales, parades, and other events where horses congregate. One show in Utah from which horses returned to multiple states illustrates very well how rapidly horses travel and can spread disease.

Following are biosecurity measures to implement when horses are congregated at events:

- *Minimize nose-to-nose contact between horses. Do not allow another horse to sniff your horse's nose "to get acquainted".
- *Do not share equipment for use with other people's horses. Alternatively, if any equipment is loaned, keep it away from your horses until it is cleaned with a detergent, rinsed, and properly disinfected.
- *Do not use common water troughs. Bring your own water and feed buckets.
- *Avoid common-use areas such as tack stalls used to groom and tack multiple horses. If these common area must be used, use cross ties instead of tying horses to a post, wall, or other nose-to-nose contact area.
- *Halters, lead shanks, and face grooming towels should be used on one animal only and not shared between animals.
- *Wash your hands or use a 62% ethyl alcohol hand gel before and after handling or riding other people's horses.
- *Early detection of disease is paramount, especially contagious infections disease. Take horses' temperatures twice daily (mourning and night) during the event and for two weeks after return to the stable.
- *Quarantine horses when they return to the barn or training facility after an event.
- *Clean and disinfect horse trailers before they're used by other horses.

These precautions do involve more work, more time, and more awareness. However, it will help reduce the risk of horses being exposed to multiple viral and bacterial diseases while on the road.

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Brags Page

From Kathy Engelsmen: We are pleased to announce our Success at

the AKC Eukanuba National Championships in Orlando,FL

Our Judge was: Dr. Tamas Jakkel from Hungary

BIS MBISS GCH JNEK's King Ralph JH ROM was awarded

Award of Excellence and Best Bred By

Sporting Group Bred By Judge: Mr. Frank Kane

Ralph is awarded Sporting Group 4
Ralph will turn 14 years old in May!





His daughter: GCH JNEK's Empress Gidgette was awarded Best of Opposite! The entry was 63 Vizslas the 2nd largest entry in the 4,000 dog Championship.

Introducing New Champion and New Grand Champion:

GCH JNEK's Landslide aka "Stevie" dob 10-26-2010 - earned her GCH on 12-8-2012

Stevie is out of: GCH Paradox Glorybound Brok x CH JNEK's Joplin JH

Stevie was Best in Sweeps and Winners Bitch at the 2011 VCM Specialty and

Reserve Winners Bitch at the VCM Supported show the day before.



Dear Friends of Gracie - Thank you very much for my very comfortable Bowsers Bed! I was very surprised when Mom and Dad brought it home for me and said it was for me, and not Rooster! I have told him that it is my bed and not his, but sometimes he sneaks into it. Here is a picture of me curled up in the bed - I'm resting before I go to the nursing home to visit some of my favorite senior citizens. I really enjoy being a therapy dog, and hope to be able to do it for many, many years. Thank you again. Wiggles and wet kisses from Gracie.



President's Message

I would like to start out by thanking all of you for allowing me to be your President. I will be asking for your help and input on issues that come up in the club. I feel that we have a great membership of people who share at least one bonding. We all love these dogs. So no matter what you do with your dog as a member of this club your voice will be heard. If you have concerns or suggestions that come up please contact me. Please call before 8:00 pm 815-690-3282.

We are already in March 2012 the weather is breaking; the field trial and hunt test season is underway. The dog shows, agility and Obedience trials keep going like the Energizer Bunny. With that being said I will be seeing you out there wherever these great dogs are performing. Good luck to all of you. Keep those blue ribbons coming.

Dennis Nowak

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American Field Registered Event

Midwest Vizsla Futurity 2011 Winner Burr Oak's Red Neck Cowgirl "Casey"



Does your breeding have what it takes? Nomination forms and rules available at www.vizslafuturity.com

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