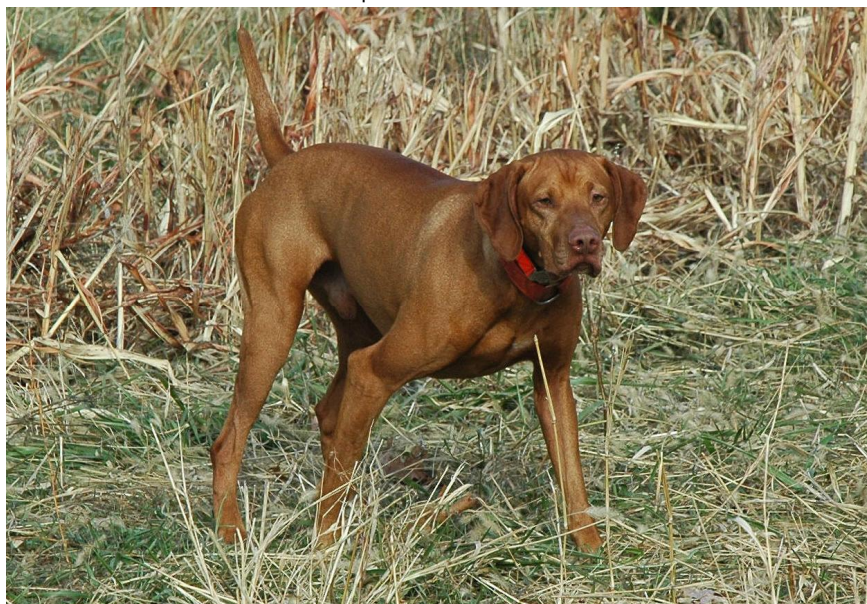




## ***FC Rimfire Double Jeopardy***

OFA Hips: Good VZ-8215G40M-PI



Sire: DC/AFC Keystone Upwind Doubledipity—Dam: CH Keystone's Upwind Indulgence SH

### **OH, THE PLACES YOU'VE BEEN!**

School teachers live in a world that celebrates the unusual which is how I came to be dressed in a sweatshirt proclaiming "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish!" It was March 2 and we were celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday. I knew Annie was close to whelping her litter but was hoping that she'd wait until I got home. At 3:00 I got a phone call from my husband. There was one puppy and another due any minute! I rushed home to see the birth of the last wiggling red beastie. I'd like to take credit for brilliance in puppy picking but alas that's not the case. I kept two puppies because I couldn't decide. Lucy finally went to a wonderful home and Jeb stayed. Jeb showed independence early in life but also a great willingness to please. During his first hunting season at eight months of age, he made an independent move and staunchly pointed a pheasant. Each time we hunted, he demonstrated the innate qualities passed down from his ancestors. Realizing that I had no close training grounds or time, I sent Jeb to Greg Dixon in Wisconsin. With Greg's guidance Jeb developed into a first class gun dog. Jeb competed in

all breed trials and started placing consistently in large stakes. He finished his field championship last spring. Along the way he had wins from the Minnesota Brittany Club (OGD 4 points), German Wirehaired Pointer Club (5 points), German Short-haired Pointer Club of Minnesota (OLGD 3 points), and the Twin Cities Vizsla Club (OLGD 2 points). He also placed second at the Gordon Setter Club of America (OGD 2 points) and German Wirehaired Pointer Club (OGD 2 points). Both stakes were so large that the second place dog also received points. I decided that neither Jeb nor I were getting any younger and showed him briefly last summer. He acquired 8 points, including a major, toward his show championship. In November he received 5 more points and only needs one more major win. Jeb is truly fun to compete with but more importantly he is a joy to live with at home. As one Dr. Suess book puts it: "Oh, the places you'll go! You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!" Jeb keep on going because... "There is fun to be done!" - Debby Fridlund Lynn

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# VCOI Spring Field Trial

March 11-12, 2006



Once again Mother Nature was kind to the VCOI. We were blessed with three days of perfect dog -running weather. It rained Saturday only at night and late Sunday just as we were leaving the grounds. Some had a tough ride home, but everyone arrived safely.

The VCOI has a large group of people who step up every event and make sure everything runs smoothly. The spring trial was no exception. Brad Lepoudre managed the parking lot making sure we had birds and bird planters wherever and whenever needed. Tom Grekowicz was right there with Brad getting the job done. At one point, when horses suddenly were scarce, Tom planted the birds for a Derby Stake "ON FOOT." That is above and beyond the call of duty. New club members Jerry & Kathy Aase line marshaled two straight days. They asked if they could help and I offered them the line marshal job. The line marshals make sure dogs and handlers are there when their brace is ready to go. If the line marshal lets down, the pace of the trial slows down and the trial does not finish on time. Jerry & Kathy stayed the course and kept the trial rolling smoothly. In the process they got to know all the handlers and their dogs. Thanks to these special members and all others who pitched in.

In case you have not seen the placements, they are as follows:

## OPEN DERBY - 26 vizslas ran

1. Piper's Ltd Edition Laveria, O/H Luke Piper
2. Shiloh's Irish Tia Maria, O/Brynne Bock, H/Rob Tomczak
3. Saginaw Diamond Dan, O/H Mark Johnson (also 2006 Futurity winner)
4. Harvard Bound, O/H Bill Elliott

## AMATEUR WALKING DERBY - 20 vizslas ran

1. Burr Oak's Old Number Seven, O/H Jim Gingrich
2. Winneshiek Pepper, O/H Kelley Donham
3. Rolling Rock, O/H Mike Dalby
4. Burr Oaks's Road Runner, O/H Jim Gingrich

## OPEN PUPPY - 13 vizslas ran

1. JK Sunny's Delite, O/H Ken Fales

2. Piper's Iva Dell, O/H Luke Piper
3. Shiloh's Matrix, O/H Rob Tomczak
4. Homerun's Hot Shot, O/H Stephanie Russo

## AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY - 20 vizslas ran

1. Shermanator's Bouncing Boomer, O/H Katie Sherman
2. Piper's Iva Dell, O/H Luke Piper
3. Kallie Allie Gator, O/H Steve Whitney
4. Diamond Lake Kramer, O/H Greg Hedien

## OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG - 8 vizslas ran

1. Homerun's Stunt Pilot, O/H Stephanie Russo
2. Desert Storm's Desirae, O/H Barry Peterson
3. Snowridge Gunfire Flynn, O/Steve Whitney, H/Jerry Jordan
4. Strider's Red Flash, O/H Victor Barger

## OPEN GUN DOG - 17 vizslas started

1. Snow Ridge Struttin Lil Man, O/H Skip Wonnell
2. Homerun's Line Drive, O/H Stephanie Russo
3. Csillag's Day of Infamy, O/H Jeff Parise
4. Withheld

## AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG - 13 vizslas ran

1. Homerun's Stunt Pilot, O/H Stephanie Russo
2. Desert Storm's Billie/ O/H Barry Peterson
3. Rebel Rouser Kemberly, O/H Greg Wegler
4. Winneshiek Dust Storm, O/H Kelley Donham

## AMATEUR GUN DOG - 18 vizslas ran

1. Shiloh Madach's Mishka, O/H Rob Tomczak
2. Csillag's Day of Infamy, O/H Jeff Parise
3. Lightnings Fire, O/H Mike Dalby
4. Withheld

Here is a little bit of trial trivia - There were 80 vizslas entered in the trial. 23 ran one time, 47 ran two times, 8 ran three times, and 2 ran four times. There were 149 total entries and 134 entries actually ran. The trial netted a profit of \$907.00. If everything else was the same but entry fees were still \$40 for gun dog and \$35 for puppy/derby, the trial would have lost about \$225.00.

Respectfully submitted by Field Trial Secretary, Jim Busch

Have you gotten your 2006  
Hunting License yet?

It expired on 03/31/2006. Don't forget a habitat stamp!





The VCA National Gun Dog championship and Puppy Classic. Held outside of Atlanta, GA. last week of February. A dozen braces of puppies ran. Saginaw Diamond Dan (Dan/Danny) ran in the fifth brace on Wednesday morning. He placed second in puppy classic putting down a nice shooting dog race with multiple finds. Danny "got lost" for a bit in the Georgia pines having fun with the Georgia quail during his brace but demonstrated lots of potential to the judges which is what a puppy stake is all about. The VCA national gun dog championship is a walking trial and was hosted by the Vizsla club of Atlanta whose members did an outstanding job of orchestrating a class event.

Next years VCA gun dog championship will be held in Portage, Wisconsin. VCOI amateur handlers should plan to exercise this opportunity to show their dogs in Portage next year. The concept of a walking championship was

intended to have great appeal to amateurs who prefer to handle on foot however the professional trainer community does a great job of supporting this championship and actually represented the bulk of entries at this years Georgia event. The first weekend in March Danny won the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois Continental Breed Winners Classic which is hosted annually by the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois. This is an American Field event (vs. AKC) and is open to German Shorthaired Pointer, Irish Setters, Brittany's, Wirehairs, Vizslas and Weimeraners. Points earned at this trial count double in the field trial clubs of Illinois dog of the year (doty) process. Danny won the derby; his brace mate a GSP owned by Joe Vicari took runner up. Jim Busch of the VCOI also entered dogs in this trial. The event was held at the Jim Edgar panther creek state park near Springfield, IL. "Jim Edgar" is a great newer field trial venue in Illinois. It was a one day trial held on two courses and was judged by a group of Illinois field trailers who own several breeds of dogs. A good time was had by all and the weather gave everyone a break from the snow and cold that had caused this particular trial to be cancelled two weeks prior.

Submitted by Mark Johnson



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- \* Won 5 times with 4 seconds in Puppy/Derby stakes
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**Upwind N Berry's Shotgun "Gauge"**

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- \* Littermate to the 2005 National Field Champion and 2002 National Derby Champion
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# Rally Obedience

By Amy Wukotich

Rally is the newest AKC companion dog event; it became a titling class in January 2005. Rally titles also now count for the VCA ROM program. This is a sport where dog and handler teams follow a course (like a rally road race) and must perform an obedience exercise at each sign. The AKC envisioned Rally to serve as a bridge between the basic "pet" obedience of the Canine Good Citizen program and formal obedience competition. Although, in reality, Rally is a sport that many teams at all levels of competition can enjoy.

Rally is divided into 3 classes: novice, advanced, and excellent; within the classes there is "A" and "B" divisions. In ALL of the Rally classes, any handler who has ever titled any dog in AKC obedience must enter the "B" class. The Rally A classes are for handlers who have never titled a dog in AKC obedience.

The scoring is on a 100 point scale; dogs need at least 70 points to qualify. In order to earn a title, like traditional obedience, a dog must earn 3 "legs" (3 qualifying scores). After completing their RE (Rally Excellent), teams may go on to earn an RAE which is qualifying 10 times in both advanced and excellent at the same trial. The scoring is roughly the same as traditional obedience, except that ½ point errors are not scored. In other words, if your dog sits slightly crooked, something that would be a ½ point error in obedience, you will not receive a deduction. However, if your dog sits *really* crooked/out of heel position so that the judge would take a 1 point deduction in obedience, you would probably also receive a 1 point deduction in rally. Most dogs do quite well in Rally; however, handler errors (performing the incorrect sign, or performing the exercise incorrectly) are common.

In the novice class all exercises are done with the dog on leash. The novice course will have between 10 and 15 stations and no jumps. The advanced class is all off leash and consists of 12 to 17 stations with one jump which could be any of the 3 types of obedience jumps (high jump, bar jump, or broad jump). The excellent class is also off leash and consists of 15 to 20 stations with 2 jumps, and each dog must do an "honor" stay while the next dog is doing the course. The honor in Rally is done on leash with the handler next to the dog. The jump heights in Rally are lower than in traditional obedience or agility: dogs under 15" jump 8", dogs 15" and less than 20" jump 12", and dogs 20" and over jump 16". The lowered jump height makes Rally an ideal starting sport for youngsters not yet ready to jump shoulder height as well as a fun sport for older dogs that you no longer want to jump full height.

Part of the appeal of Rally is that, like agility, you will not know what the course is or which exercises you will have to perform until you arrive at the trial. There are a total of 50 different signs/exercises in Rally. The excellent class may be designed using any of the signs, advanced may use sign #1 through #45, and novice may use sign #1 through sign #31. At the start of each class, there is a time period allotted for handlers to walk the course without their dogs to familiarize themselves with the course and plan their handling strategy.

Another big benefit with Rally is that you are allowed unlimited communication with your dog. You may repeat commands, praise, use multiple hand signals, clap your hands, pat your leg, pretty much do anything other than pull on the leash or touch your dog. At the excellent level, you can no longer clap or pat your leg, but you may continue to talk to your dog and use hand signals. This can really help improve the attitude of dogs who may not like traditional obedience, or who may have become bored with it. Rally is always held in conjunction with a traditional obedience trial and most area clubs are now offering Rally. Upcoming trials are listed in the AKC Gazette or can be found online at [akc.org](http://akc.org) under the "events" tab.



# 2006 Midwest Vizsla Futurity

The 26<sup>th</sup> running of the Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity took place on March 9, 2006, at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area near Joliet, IL. This year's renewal set an MVFF record for both the number of litters nominated and dogs run. Breeders set the stage by nominating twenty litters, and subsequent owners of those litters nominated forty-one hopefuls. Of the 41, thirty-three dogs were named to start at the drawing and thirty-two came to the line for a total cash purse of nearly \$1500. Judges Dennis Sullivan, of Fox Grove, IL, and Douglas Bruns of Waverly, IA, had their work cut out for them that day. With more than half of the dogs entered being consistent placers in Puppy and Derby stakes, the level of this year's competition was intense. Without a doubt, this year's renewal will be remembered as one of the MVFF's best. The first brace cast off at 7:30 AM to 50-degree temperatures, over-cast skies, and a stiff south-west breeze. The bar was set high from the very start, as the first brace yielded the eventual 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up.

The winner, Saginaw Diamond Dan, #1571236, bred by Barry Peterson, was owner handled by Mark Johnson in the 8<sup>th</sup> brace. The mid-day run took place under clear skies, warmer conditions, and little wind. Dan ran an aggressive shooting dog race that demonstrated maturity, stamina, and purpose as he sought out logical objectives in pursuit of his quarry. His casts and hunt were rewarded at 10 and 28 with single quail finds. With each find Danny demonstrated broke shooting dog manners and style to the point of flush. He began his 30 minutes with a smooth yet animated running style and finished with tail popping on his way from the orchard to the far west "big field" tree line. Danny, who is out of Desi's Wilde Child by 2x National Vizsla Association National Champion Kal-Cam's Red Thunder, marks the third generation of Futurity winners, and the sixth winner produced by breeder Barry Peterson.

First Runner-up, Strider's Generator, #1567772, owned by Michel Berner and Robert Tomczak, bred by Wanda Berner, was handled by Robert Tomczak in the 12<sup>th</sup> brace. Paired with the Third Runner-up, Si Cisco, this proved to be the brace of the day. Under the mid-afternoon sun, faced with rising temperatures and poor scenting conditions, Briggs and Cisco put on a bird-

finding clinic. Briggs ran a wide, forward shooting dog course, exhibited excellent ground speed, stamina, and rimmed the utmost edges of the fields. Briggs's powerful wide race was rewarded with a total of four finds; two individual and two divided at 7, 12, 15, and 27. His finds were marked by great intensity and style on point. Briggs, who is out of Strider's TNG by Raany, the 1997 MVFF winner, marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of Futurity Winners, Raany's sixth winning descendant since 2000, and the second winner produced by breeder Wanda Berner.

Second Runner-up, Shiloh Irish Tia Maria, not registered, owned by Brynne and Chad Bock, and bred and handled by Robert Tomczak, ran in the first brace of the day. Tia's blazing ground speed and animation immediately captured the eye of onlookers. With her tail cracking, Tia stayed forward on course eating up cover and hitting objectives at a lightening-quick pace. Her drive and determination was rewarded with three individual finds at 8, 12 and 18. Tia's style was classy on each of her three finds. Tia is out of Shiloh Madach's Mishka by Shiloh Mark of Zorro, and the fourth winner produced by breeder Robert Tomczak.

Third Runner-up, Si Cisco, #1576577, owned by Linda Busch and Jonathan Peck, bred by Robert Tomczak, and handled by Jonathan Peck, ran in the 12<sup>th</sup> brace with 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Briggs. Cisco ran an ever-forward race, hunting hard and utilizing all of the cover available to him. Cisco's workman-like effort was rewarded with multiple finds; one individual, two divided, and a back coming at 7, 12, 17, and 27. Cisco was high-headed and staunch on each of his finds. Cisco is also out of Shiloh Madach's Mishka by Shiloh Mark of Zorro. Notably, Cisco and Tia are littermates, and the product of a repeat breeding that initially yielded the 2004 MVFF First Runner-up, Shiloh Luck O The Irish.

For information about litter nominations, see the VCOI website at: [www.vizslclubofillinois.org/mvff.htm](http://www.vizslclubofillinois.org/mvff.htm) for nomination information, or contact: MVFF Standing Secretary Rodney Albin, 2445 Carter Rd., Moscow Mills, MO 63362 (636) 366-9746 [albinsquailfarm@att.net](mailto:albinsquailfarm@att.net)

- submitted by Michel Berner



**Editors note: The MVFF Is an American Field event. This is a different registry from AKC, hence the reason for different registered names.**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2006

Jimmy's Charhouse

Attendees: Karen Bowden, Jim Busch, Linda Busch, Jodi Cieslak, Mike Dalby, Jeff Engelsman, Kathy Engelsman, Cathy Gallagher, Carol Gingrich, Jim Gingrich, Greg Hedien, Brad LePoudre, Cindy LePoudre, Cheryl Lykowski, Kathy Martino, Jeff Parise, Julia Sobieski, Mark Spurgeon, Lisa Starbuck, Amy Wukotich.

The meeting started after a presentation on Rally Obedience given by Amy Wukotich.

**Call to order**—Cathy Gallagher  
8:00pm

**Approval of Minutes**—Linda Busch motioned to approve, Jim Gingrich seconded the motion.

**Board of Director Report**—Cathy Gallagher gave a quick recap on the board meeting that was held during the March Field Trial.

**Presidents Report**—Cathy Gallagher had the members participate in a carousel exercise.

**Secretary's Report**—Jodi Cieslak had nothing new to report.

**Treasurer Report**—Cheryl Lykowski reported that the club made a \$50 donation in memory of both Cathy Gallagher's mom and Mark Spurgeon's dad to the charity that was specified. Cheryl read aloud a thank you note received from Cathy's dad in acknowledgement of the gift.

Cheryl asked that anyone requesting payment to submit any receipts and/or backup for the club records. She then

stated that, "The Club is Solvent."

**Website Report**—No report

**Bulletin Report**—Jodi Cieslak asked that all articles and submissions be sent by the deadline of the first of the month. She also let everyone know that the newsletter was jam packed again for this month.

**Awards Dinner/Banquet Report**—Cheryl Lykowski stated that it is going to be difficult to come up with new entertainment for this years banquet so if you have any ideas, please let her know.

**IKC Breed Booth Report**—Cathy Gallagher reported that there was no formal contest this year, but we still had a booth down "Vizsla Row" and handed out a lot of information and club brochures.

**February Hunt Test Report**—The club made around \$1000 profit on this event per Patti & Dennis Nowak.

**MVFF Report**—Cheryl Lykowski (on behalf of Rodney Albin) stated that this years event was the largest every run with 32 dogs going to the line. The first place winner was awarded \$422 in cash as the purse for the owner. We had great weather!

**March Field Trial**—Jim Busch reported that there were 20% more entries than last year do to how the judges were worked. Jim also stated the need for the club to have a wrangler with horses available at the trial. The person who came the furthest for the trial was from New York.

**VCOI Calendar**—Lisa Starbuck reported that there is no "real report" but that she is looking for any ideas on

shipping the calendars for this upcoming year.

**June Training Day**—Mark Spurgeon stated that we need volunteers for this even and that anyone is welcome! He would like to pair up the senior trainers to mentor new comers.

**Specialty Show**—Kathy Engelsman asked if the club would support the idea of having Awards of Merit for 10% of our entries.

**Double Bubble Fun Days**—Jim Busch informed the club that he purchased 6 dozen rubber duckies for the creek race.

**Field Trial Clubs of Illinois**—It was stated that the club needs a delegate to go to Springfield and attend the annual meetings in January and in July.

**Miscellaneous**—Greg reminded the club that we have a work day up at the Ottawa grounds on July 23 and we need volunteers to attend. The club is required to do this to keep our dates. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact him

Linda Busch informed that club that due to an accident, Debbie Oakley is in a wheelchair and in need of a service dog. They are training one of the Vizslas she bred and it is costing \$5000. She motioned that the club make a \$500 donation to this cause and Mike Dalby seconded it.

**Adjourn**—Jim Gingrich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 and Greg Hedien seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
- jodi cieslak VCOI Secretary

### **From the Desk of the Editor...**

Once again I am please to have a newsletter packed full of things our club and its members have been doing! If I have forgotten anyone and anything I do apologize.

Don't forget that membership renewals are coming up—if you have any questions about that please contact Linda Busch.

This spring I get to work on a new project—fixing the yard damage from two crazy Vizslas! I am sure many of you are in the same boat. Makes me miss city life even more!

Good Luck and see you soon!  
- jodi & baby e



## VCOI President's Message – April 2006

Happy Spring!

How many of your Vizslas suffer from “fear of melting in the rain”??? “Snow if just fine, but oh no - not raindrops falling on our heads!” But springtime also brings wonderful outside activities, including hunting, jogging, outdoor agility and conformation events and tracking! Kola and Kiva have actually been smiling as they race outside after breakfast to chase the birds from tree to tree!

We have had a great start to 2006!

- Both our Winter Hunt Test and the March Field Trial were very well attended and successful! Our Club Committees modeled excellent teamwork and ran the events with efficiency and effectiveness!
- VCOI breeders are reporting that our new on-line Breeder Listing via our website is producing significantly more inquiries for Vizsla puppies in our area. New prospective owners are very happy to have such complete information on-line and also glad to have the assurance of OFA certification of both the Sire and the Dam, prior to the breeding date.
- At our last General Membership meeting, we had a very informative presentation on Rally Obedience organized and delivered by Amy Wukotich! Thank you so much Amy, for sharing your knowledge, expertise and training tips! Great slides!
- At the meeting, we also gathered a great deal of feedback and thoughtful suggestions from the members on our various strategies for member communications, including the Newsletter, the Website, the on-line VCOI Member Yahoo! Group, and our club calendar. Thank you! I am in the process of compiling the results and will forward them to the Chairs of these activities. I know that many made fun of my “Carousel Brainstorming” Activity, but we received some excellent ideas and suggestions for improvement in just a short time, and think of healthy it was to get up and move around after dinner!
- We also sponsored a booth at the Chicagoland Family Pet Show. Thank you so much to the following volunteers who did a marvelous job of interacting and helping to educate the public on the Vizsla Breed: Jodi Cieslak and Tru; Cheryl, Larry and Lindsay Lykowski and Zayda, Ziggy and Zen; Linda Busch and Barbara Ohata and little Sparkle and Vinnie (and their two brothers); Lisa and Tim Starbuck and Annika and Stoney; Nancy and Nick Golemba and Molly; Julia Sobieski and Anakin; Kathy Engelsman and Kathy Martino and Bria and Ozzie; Joy Sonsalla and Sue Prim and Eddie and Rolls; Cindy and Corey LePoudre and Chase; Amanda Marcus and Aden; Pam Spurgeon and Ruger; Amy Wukotich and Vicki; Amy and Lou Bullinger and Ember and Rae; Irene and Bob Short and his family and Hunter; and, of course, my cute little Brewski and Jolie were also good ambassadors of the Breed!

Welcome Spring!!! And remember, it's all about the dogs!

-Cathy Gallagher



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## SUCCESS IN 2006

This years hunt test was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2006. We ran 73 dogs and once again made a nice profit for the club. This could not have been accomplished without all of the volunteers who gave their time to pitch in and help.

On Saturday, the last brace of Jr. finished very late with the sun almost gone we made it. 37 dogs ran on Saturday and 30 had passing scores. We had 5 Vizslas pass in Junior, Triumph – Mike Dalby, Buck – Rae Ann Jones, Koda – Greg Justice, Chase – Brad LePoudre and Buckshot – Dennis Nowak. In Senior we had Kember – Greg Wegler and in Master we had Dart – Jan Wallace handled by Randy Boggs. Great job to all.

Sunday's weather was great, we had sunshine and perfect conditions for finding birds. We ran 36 dogs and 27 passing scores. We had 12 Juniors pass, Abby – Rae Ann Jones, Gunner – Keith Miller, Bosco – Rae Ann Jones, Justus – Jim Ayres, Koda – Greg Justice, Kramer – Greg Hedien, Triumph – Mike Dalby, Shotzie – Rae Ann Jones, Bo – Hank Sievers, Chase – Brad LePoudre, Buck – Rae Ann Jones and Jake – Ray O'Donnell. We had no Vizslas pass in Senior and in Master we had Stone – Jeff Parise.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers Brad LePoudre, Mike Dalby and Steve our gunners. Our wonderful bird planters Valerie Blaine and Greg Justice and crew! Our ground help Keith and Candace Miller, Karen Bowden, Greg Hedien, Dina Spiro and Jeff Parise, my ribbon writer Kayla O'Donnell and many others. (If I forgot your name it was not intentional!) The Nowak's donated the use of their ATV to set up the course and deliver birds to the bird planters. It was a great job of teamwork. It just goes to show that if we all work together we can be a success! Oh, I can't forget our great judges, Bill Padavano, Mark Spurgeon, Jim Savage and Dennis Nowak.

Respectfully Submitted—Patti Nowak, Hunt Test Secretary

## VCOI June Training Day

Saturday June 10, 2006 at Ottawa Field Trial grounds in Eagle WI

Are you curious, or do you want to introduce your dog to the field? Are you getting ready for a Hunt Test? Then this training day is for you!

8:00 session is mainly for dogs that have bird experience, and have been exposed to gunfire. We will work on your individual problems, including retrieving, bird work and handling.

11:00 demo we will demonstrate the stages of training. We will start with a puppy and finish with two fully broke gun dogs.

1:00 session is mainly for dogs with limited or no experience. There will be no gunfire in this session. We will work with introduction to birds, basic training and handling skills. We will use training techniques seen in the demo.

Cost for quail is \$5.00 each, with a limit of 2 per dog. Lunch will be available at the grounds. No dogs staked out until after 8:00 am please!

Please make reservations with Mark Spurgeon at 815-547-9027 or [crimonskyvizslas@t6b.com](mailto:crimonskyvizslas@t6b.com).

This training day is open to all pointing breeds and will be followed with a Hunt Test on Sunday. We are in need of help with food, gunning, trainers, line marshals, etc.

# VCOI Bragging Rights!

**CH Strider's Play the Field "Bones"** owned by Tina Church finished her Championship on April 9, 2006 at the Kennel Club of Yorkville show under judge Lawrence Stanbridge. Bones finished her title in 8 weekends, receiving three successive "majors" and the needed single point in short order.

**Saginaw Diamond Dan "Dan"** o/h Mark Johnson, has been busy in February and March. Middle of Feb. Springfield, IL winner- FTCl-Derby Continental Breed Winners Classic; End of Feb. Atlanta, GA. Runner up in VCA National Puppy Classic; 10TH of March Joliet, IL. Winner Mid-west Vizsla Field Futurity; Mid March Grove Springs, MO. Runner up NVA Derby Classic, late March Percy, IL. Runner up National German Pointing Dog Championships-Derby Classic.

Congratulations to all the JNEK dogs and their owners for working so hard on their new titles to be! At the Blackhawk Kennel Club Friday Competition **JNEK'S Keep On Dancing** went Reserve Winners Bitch to the major, Best Bred By and a Sporting Group 2 behind the AKC Sporting Breeder of the Year! At the IKC show Saturday, **JNEK Zu-Zu's Petals JH** owners Sarah Mullin & Scott Larson went Reserve Winners Bitch to a major **JNEK'S Royal Legacy** owners/Tammy Sparks went Best Puppy In Breed. On Sunday at IKC, **CH JNEK'S It Was Meant To Be JH** owners Jenny & Jeremy Thill went Best Of Opposite in Breed (14 best of breed dogs entered). This was Tobey's first show back since finishing his Championship last year at this same show!) At the Park Shore Kennel Club on Monday, **JNEK'S Skyla Starry Night JH** owners/Sarah Mullin & Scott Larson went Winners Bitch. **JNEK Zu-Zu's Petals JH** owners Sarah Mullin & Scott Larson went Reserve Winners Bitch. At the Gateway Vizsla Specialty, **JNEK'S Keep On Dancing** owners Engelsman went Best Of Opposite in Sweepstakes At the Belle City Kennel Club **JNEK'S Sir Charles Barkley** owners Engelsman went Winners Dog **JNEK'S Royal Legacy** owners Tammy Sparks went Winners Bitch and Best Of Winners.

**JNEK'S Sir Charles Barkley** at the Weim Club of Illinois All-Breed Field Trial took 4th Place in the AWP with 18 starters and 4th Place in the AWD with 12 starters. This was Barkley's first trial! Handled by owner/breeder Kathy Engelsman.

**Strider's Generator "Briggs"** was awarded the title of Winner of the 2006 National Vizsla Association Derby Classic. Briggs is owned by Michel Berner & Rob Tomczak, was bred by Wanda Berner, handled by Rob Tomczak, and scouted by Jonathan Peck. GO TEAM BRIGGS!

**UAGI Am/Can CH Sunnyside's Rainey Day Blues JH OA AXJ CGC "Rainey"** We've only entered two weekends of agility trials so far in 2006, but each of those weekends has brought home a new title for Rainey. In February at the Blitzten Agility Club of Chicago's trial held in conjunction with the International Kennel Club, Rainey finished her Open Standard title (she also passed her CGC that same weekend). And then in April at the Fox Valley Dog Training Club's trial she finished her Excellent Jumpers title with a 4th place.

**CH Csillag's Day of Infamy SH "Stone"** Placed second in the Amateur Gun Dog stake and third in the Open Gun Dog stake at the VCOI March Field Trial.

**CH Chase Your Dreams at Sienna Pte JH "Chase"** owned by Cindy & Brad LePoudre, out of Sunnyside Dawns' Charisma JH CGC (Cathy Gallagher) and CH Vizion's New Dawn's Blue Sky JH CD CGC (Ginger Tierney) finished his Championship at the Wisconsin Kennel Club show on March 4, 2006. Chase also finished his JH on February 26, 2006 at the VCOI Hunt Test. Way to go Chase!

**CH Russet Leather Storm Winds, SH AOM "Storm"** received the 1st Award Of Merit at the "Rio Salado Vizsla Specialty show" in Arizona on 2/25/06 followed by his Sire "Multiple BISS CH Russet Leather Vasara Sands" going Best Of Breed. I am so pleased that father and son did so well. This was Storm's first time back in the ring in almost a year. Way to go Storm

I'm delighted to announce that my **"Vicky" Priden Joy Twilight Victoria JH CD NA OAJ RE** finished her JH today in the FREEZING cold 5 degree weather! This is a testament to what a wonderful dog she is since her owner is a clueless Dobe person who didn't do too much other than trail along behind her.

**Red Oak Atticus Finch JH "Finn"** won Winners Dog at the IKC cluster for a 3-point major. Finn was bred by Jim and Linda Busch and is owned by Brad W. Voehringer

**Priden Joy Twilight Victoria CD NA OAJ RE "Vicky"** finished her OAJ (open jumpers) title over New Year's weekend at the Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Club agility trial with a 1st place on 12/31/05 & a 2nd place on 1/1/06. She also finished her RE (rally excellent) title on 1/29/06 at the Paw Power Blues trial with a 4th place.

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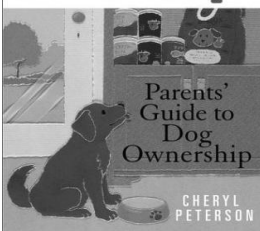
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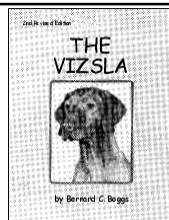
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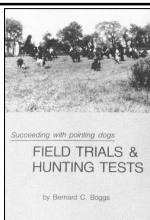


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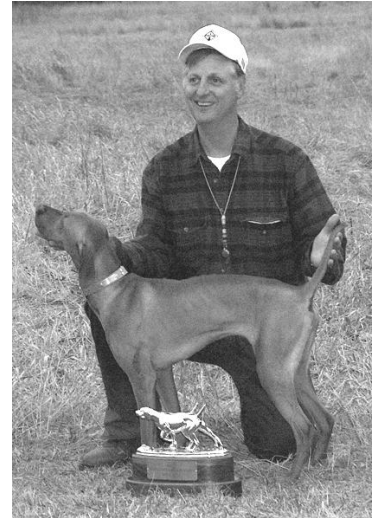
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