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A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

NEW FIELD CHAMPION—O MEGA!



He was supposed to be my last vizsla. Omega—the last letter in the Greek alphabet—the end! Didn't work out that way. Mega!

"Mega" is the operative word: big—huge, etc. It describes his course in the field. I never got to see him find birds at trials. The scout (Rodney Albin) usually saw the bird finding and pointing. I was only able to get him around once at a trial. That resulted in a win in Amateur Walking Puppy worth two points. That turned out to be the only placement I was able to earn with him. Mega!

I had always said, "Vizslas don't need tracking collars." Ha! After being gone for four hours at Rob Tomczak's acreage, I went out and bought a tracking collar. He still disappeared, but now I could find him. I gave up on Puppy/Derby competition. I sent him to Sundance Kennels to learn to come when called, turn when asked, to be steady to wing and shot, and to retrieve to hand. Mega!

I had my ankle fused and O Mega went to Jerry Jordan at Kojac Kennels in Iowa. Jerry finished what Lee Sienkowski had started and Jerry could run him in trials for me. It took a spring season, fall season, and one trial for O Mega to win 3 major gun dog stakes and finish his Field Championship at 3 1/2 years old. Mega!



He's easy-going in the house and kennel. He doesn't bark, doesn't carry on, doesn't jump around—a real gentleman. In the field he never messes with his brace mate, never spends time peeing and pooping during the brace, and always give 110%. He is handsome and very much a male. His pups are good-looking and conform to the vizsla standard in all aspects. He is a competent stud dog who so far has not missed producing pups. What more could anyone want. Mega!

More pictures of FC O Mega can be seen at www.buschvizslas.com.

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VCOI Membership Meeting March 21, 2007 Country Inn & Estates

Attendees (in no particular order) – Agility, Show, Tracking, Obedience, Rally, Pet Show, Specialty, Double Bubble, Hunt Tests and Others as needed. These committees will be a starting place for new members (or old members) to get started in a new venue, to volunteer, ask questions, etc. Cathy Gallagher suggested a committee to make new member welcome calls.

Call to Order –
President Jim Gingrich called the meeting to order at precisely 7:12pm.

President's Report –
President Jim Gingrich reported on the March Field Trial. We had 67 dogs entered, 127

entries and 7 different judges. The club made a profit of approximately \$1510.00. We had a great group of volunteers which included Jodi & Dan Cieslak (line marshals both days), Tom Grekowitz, Greg Hedien, Joe Duffek, Kevin Berta, Mark Johnson, Like Piper, JP Jones, Brian Gingrich, Adam Tatroe and others.

Lessons Learned; Split the secretary's check list into jobs for each member of the FT committee. We should in the future have Marshals. We can afford the horse rental and there is no reason why we do not have them. On average we need 36 hours of bird planting per trial. We need line marshals, four people at ½ day each. We need a Marshal of the Guns. We also need a bird wrangler who will keep the bird bags full for the bird planters. This saves a lot of time. Jim requested that club members see out the FT secretary and ask, "What can I do the help?" We had lots of club members at the trial and many more could have helped. We all want to run our dogs, but without helpers, there is no trial. Mark Spurgeon suggested that we use a map of the grounds to set the course and plant birds so that there is no confusion with the judges.

Committees of the Board; Jim stated that this is something that the VCOI needs to work on and the list of names (with contact information) needs to be published in the newsletter. He then passed around a sign up sheet for those interested. The following committees were suggested: Field Trial,

Agility, Show, Tracking, Obedience, Rally, Pet Show, Specialty, Double Bubble, Hunt Tests and Others as needed. These committees will be a starting place for new members (or old members) to get started in a new venue, to volunteer, ask questions, etc. Cathy Gallagher suggested a committee to make new member welcome calls.

What do you want on the agenda for club meetings? –
Cathy Gallagher suggested a new member welcome. Jodi Cieslak stated that we should confirm the chair and secretary for upcoming events; she also stated that she has a general agenda which she will forward to Jim via email.

Financial Report –
Treasurer Cheryl Lykowski reported that the Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax (Form 990-EZ) for the calendar year 2006 was filed with the IRS February 2, 2007. The 2007 Annual Report for General Not For Profit Corporation was filed with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office on January 21, 2007.

VCOI Event Reports:
January AKC Hunting Test Judges' Seminar: \$ 35.00
2007 Spring Hunting Test: 606.56
2007 Spring Field Trial: 1,510.09

2007 Futurity Results - This year all placements went to Owners/Breeders:
3rd Runner Up: Homerun's Hot Shot - Owner/Breeder: Stephanie Russo
2nd Runner Up: Diamond Lake Kramer - Owner/Breeder: Greg Hedien
1st Runner Up: Piper's Iva Dell - Owner/Breeder: Luke Piper
2007 Futurity Winner: Wegler's Kember Kayla - Owner/Breeder: Greg Wegler
Purses:
2nd Runner up: \$140.00; 1st Runner up: \$210.00; Futurity Winner: \$350.00
All placement winners also received a trophy, with the Futurity Winner receiving the coveted "Vizsla Double Lane" Trophy.

The Club Liability/Accident policy is coming up for renewal May 1, 2007; premium for this coverage is \$600.00. The Club could really benefit from someone with an insurance background to review our policies and determine if the Club is adequately covered.

The Club is Solvent. Jim Gingrich motioned to approve the finances – Mark Spurgeon seconded the motion.

Club Tax Report –
President Jim Gingrich reported that the VCOI had not filed tax reports for the previous four years. Cheryl Lykowski has the taxes completed and filed. Jim wrote a forgiveness letter form 10843 (x4) in hopes of eliminating or reducing the fines for late filings. Jim also stated that he is currently working on the job description for President so that something like this does fall in between the cracks in the future.

Job Descriptions –
President Jim Gingrich stated that job descriptions are very important and should include a system of checks and balances. He is starting to compile the job listing for President. It was stated that the club does have a few job descriptions already completed and they can be found on the club website.

Approval of Minutes –
Cathy Gallagher approved the minutes from the last meeting as written and published in the last bulletin. Cindy LePoudre seconded the motion.

Calendar Report –
Treasurer Cheryl Lykowski reported that on the 2006 calendars the VCOI lost approximately \$370 dollars on the calendar. On the 2007 calendars we are set to lose even more than that. Jim Busch made a motion that contest entrants pay a \$10 fee (per photo) to be in the contest. Cheryl Lykowski seconded the motion. One member was opposed, motion was passed.

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VCOI President's Message – March 2007

As Secretary of the March Field Trial I am pleased to announce we ran 67 dogs, 127 entries and made a nice profit for the club. The success of the trial was due to the volunteers who worked as line marshals, bird planters, gunners, etc. Without these dedicated club members, there would be no trial and no profit.

I would like to thank Dan and Jodi Cieslak, who worked both days, all day, as line marshals. The only time Dan was not a line marshal, he was planting birds. Let's just say that Dan got all the saddle time he wanted on Saturday and spent most of Sunday on the ground. If you want to see Dan and Jodi smile, as them if they got a gun dog around clean. As line marshals they made sure that handlers and dogs got to the line when their brace was called. Without their superior efforts, 127 entries would not have been run.

Club members who did not have a dog in the field trial still came down to help. Tom Grekowitz and Kevin Berta both did extensive duty as bird planters and did not have a dog entered. There were others from the club that helped and we appreciate every one of them. A special thanks to Luke Piper, who lives in Iowa, but helped us out by planting birds for one stake. What a life saver. Greg Hedien spent hours in the saddle planting birds. We owe a lot to our volunteers.

When you break down the amount of hours required by job, the volunteer hours necessary to put on a trial become clear. Judges, 2 per stake for 8 stakes. That is approxi-

mately 72 hours of judging. We clearly owe all our judges a great big thank you. They give up their weekend to make our trial possible. Bird planters and marshals add another 72 hours of volunteer effort. Line marshals add another 18 hours, bird wranglers who keep the bird bags full for the bird planters add more time. It is very obvious as club members; we have to find a way to help at our club trials. There are just too many hours and too many jobs to hope someone else will do the work.

Please, when you attend a trial, find the Secretary and ask them, "What can I do to help?" It will help them make the toughest job of all, Field Trial Secretary, a little bit easier. I know I can count on all of you to pitch in.

I chaired my first meeting as Club President. I would like to thank all of you who took the time and effort to attend. Lots of discussion and several interesting motions made and passed. More in the Secretaries report on the details.

Coming up soon is a June Hunt Test and in July the Double Bubble. Again, big needs for volunteers. Please attend and pitch in. You will appreciate the help when it is your turn to be Hunt Test, Double Bubble or Field Trial Secretary.

Jim



VCOI Membership Meeting Minutes—Continued

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Other Business –

Cindy LePoudre asked that the club consider not voting on issues at the same meeting that they are brought to the table. Jim Busch said that if a motion is passed that is not wanted, it can be brought to the table at the next meeting and rescinded.

Jeff Parise informed the membership that the upcoming Weim Club field trial had been cancelled and that they were having a fun day on the grounds instead.

Secretary Jodi Cieslak reported that she was sent a thank you card from the Hesgards. She read it aloud and asked that it be included in the next newsletter (as was asked in the note).

Double Bubble Report –

Jodi stated that she was getting started on the work for the 2007 Double Bubble and needed lots of volunteers to put on this event. She wants people to volunteer to be in charge of one event within the DB. Mark Spurgeon volunteered to do the wing 'n sting again, Cathy Gallagher volunteered to be his assistant.

Pet Expo Report –

Cathy Gallagher reported that it was a nice weekend. We had about 15 dogs and their owners show up to work vari-

ous shifts. The new location in Schaumburg was nice, but the parking was a bad situation. The show coordinator is taking feedback so please forward it on to Cathy. Any feedback is appreciated!

Newsletter Report –

Cathy Gallagher reported that she and Amy are expanding into a team effort. Please contact them if you are interested. If you have any articles of interest, please pass them on. Cheryl Lykowski asked that they go back to using a lighter weight, cheaper paper so that we go back to the cheaper postage.

Braggs –

Cheryl Lykowski reported that once again Ziggy had some photos published in Gun Dog magazine. Jim Busch reported the O Mega finished his FC title at the VCOI March trial. Cathy Gallagher reported that she ran 12 runs of agility at the IKC show. Her Kola and Kiva each qualified in two legs.

Adjourn –

Mike Dalby motioned at 9:00pm to adjourn the meeting, Mark Spurgeon seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Cieslak
VCOI Secretary

Vizsla Orphan

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It's best to send shots with a plain background in a color that contrasts with the dog(s) in the photo & where the puppy is the main object in the photo. If you have a great photo of your car but the puppy in the corner looks *really* cute, please crop the photo & just send me the puppy part (if sending electronically).

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5/25 & 5/27	5/9	Rally, Obedience, Conformation	AKC	IL Valley KC	Bloomington, IL Onofrio Dog Shows, (405) 427-8181, mail@onofrio.com
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5/26, 5/27 & 5/28	5/12	Agility	AKC	Decatur Ob Club	Bloomington, IL Marilyn Steward, (217) 341-2369
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JULY 15th

Braggs!

JNEK Vizslas headed out east to the Meadowlands Exposition Center in New Jersey for all the Vizsla Specialties. We had 3 days of specialties. Then onto the Garden for the Westminster Dog Show. What a fantastic time!

Feb. 8th Sporting Dog Association
Best in Sweeps: (A Ralph Granddaughter) Kezdet's Warrior Whisper from the 9-12 class
Best in Veterans Sweeps: BIS BISS CH JNEK's King Ralph JH
Regular Classes: Open Dog 4th place (a Ralph Son) Kirsanoff's Tsar Ivan Grozny
Regular Classes: 9-12 puppy Bitch (Ralph Granddaughter) 1st place Kezdet's Warrior Whisper & (Ralph Daughter) 2nd place JNEK'S Joplin
Regular Veteran Class: 1st place: BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH
BOB competition: made the cuts (A Ralph Son) CH JNEK'S Sir Charles Barkley JH & CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH

Feb. 9th The Garden Specialty Association, Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club Specialty
Entries: Sweeps 39; Breed Entries 152
Best In Sweeps: (A Ralph Granddaughter) Kezdet's Warrior Whisper from the 9-12 class
Best In Veterans Sweeps: BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH
Regular Classes: 9-12 puppy Bitch (Ralph Daughter) 1st place JNEK's Joplin & (Ralph Granddaughter) 3rd place Kezdet's Warrior Whisper
Regular Veteran Class: 2nd place BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH

Feb. 10th Vizsla Club of Greater New York Specialty
Entries: Sweeps 42; Breed Entries 155
Best In Sweeps: (A Ralph Granddaughter) Kezdet's Warrior Whisper from the 9-12 class
Best In Veterans Sweeps: BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH
Regular Classes: 9-12 Puppy Bitch (Ralph Daughter) 1st place JNEK's Joplin & (Ralph Granddaughter) 3rd place Kezdet's Warrior Whisper
Reserve Winners Bitch: JNEK'S Joplin
Regular Veteran Class: 1st place BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH
Best Of Breed: 1st Award of Excellence: BIS BISS CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH

Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show --Madison Square Garden New York
Best Of Breed Competition: (Ralph and 3 Sons) CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH, CH JNEK'S Sir Charles Barkley JH, CH Kirsanoff's Lord HB Nelson, CH SkipFire's Mountain Milo CGC
Cut for Breed Competition: Ralph, Nelson, Milo
AWARD OF MERIT: CH SkipFire's Mountain Milo CGC

February was a very busy month for JNEK Vizslas. First all the shows in New Jersey and Westminster. Then the huge Snow Storm that had us in a holding pattern due to I-80 being closed at times. Rolling right into the International Kennel Club cluster of shows.

Blackhawk Kennel Club
Winners Bitch: Best Bred By- Best Of Winners 3 point major win and a NEW CHAMPION, JNEK's Joplin (9months old)
(Sire: CH JNEK'S King Ralph JH ROM: Dam: CH JNEK's It Happened One Night JH)

International Kennel Club of Chicago: Saturday
Winners Dog and Best of Winners 3 point major win: JNEK's Prince Luca (Ralph Grandson)
 Ralph wins the Veteran Class and goes into the breed ring (only entered Sat. and Sun)
BEST OF BREED WINNER: BIS BISS CH JNEK's King Ralph JH ROM
SPORTING GROUP 4: Defeating 496 sporting dogs that day! Showing at one show: Ranks Ralph #5 in All Breed Competition and #6 in Breed competition in the Country
SPORTING GROUP 1 Owner Handler Award

International Kennel Club of Chicago: Sunday
Winners Dog and Best of Winners 3 point major win: JNEK's Prince Luca (Ralph Grandson)
 Ralph wins the Veteran Class and goes into the breed ring
BEST OF BREED WINNER: BIS BISS CH JNEK's King Ralph JH ROM

Park Shore Kennel Club: Monday
Winners Dog and Best of Winners: NEW CHAMPION JNEK's Prince Luca
Reserve Winners Bitch: JNEK's Kiss and Tell
 Many of the other placements went to Ralph granddaughters and grandsons. What a great weekend!

Submitted by: Kathy Engelsman

Jaks, owned by Skip and Laurie Wonnell, won OGD at the Ozark Brittany Club field trial for 2 points. The next day he took third out of 37 dogs in OGD at the Missouri Brittany Club field trial.

Satch, owned by Skip and Laurie Wonnell, won AGD at the Ozark Brittany Club field trial for 1 point.

Jaks' sister **Rose**, owned by Mike Heller, took 2nd out of 16 starters in OLGD at the Nebraska Vizsla Club field trial.

Submitted by: Laurie Wonnell

At the German Shorthair Pointing Club of Illinois on Sunday April 8, 2007 **Sizzlevilles Lightning Lily** has become an AKC JH

Submitted by: Rae Ann Jones

March Field Trial Report

The weather was absolutely perfect. The weekend was Sunny and warm, but not too warm for the dogs so early in the season. We had outstanding judges who gave up significant amount of weekend time to support our field trial. Many thanks go out to each and every one of them.

We ran 67 dogs which totaled 127 entries in two very full days. Without the support of dedicated volunteers, we could not have pulled off that many entries in just two short days. Day one started out with fog, giving me big anxiety over the time delay. With hard work on everyone's part, we still finished on time.

Congratulations to all the placed dogs, their owners and handlers. This was a quality field and those who took home placements were quality dogs.

A special congratulations to Jim and Linda Busch whose dog O Mega finished as a Field Champion by winning both the Amateur and Open Limited Stakes. O

Mega is the eighth Field Champion for Jim and Linda. For those that have endeavored to finish just one, you know the amount of time, energy, money and breeding it takes to finish eight Field Champions. Well done Jim and Linda.

Jodi Cieslak is the Field Trial Secretary for the September trial and I am the Chairman. Please give Jodi a call and volunteer to be a member for the field trial committee. Each committee member will be assigned duties to help split up the work for the September trial. And without your efforts, VCOI trials will not happen.

Thanks for all those who helped with the March trial. You helped us put money in the bank to support all the efforts of the VCOI.

Chart to the right are the placements for the eight stakes:

February Hunt Test Report

The February hunt test was a complete success. We made a profit for the club and battled mother nature most of the weekend.

There was a large turnout of club members and a couple of relatives that helped out. A special "Thank You" goes out to the numbers of people that came out in the elements to donate your time. We had a 1st time judge from our club Greg Justice.

We also had a apprentice judge from the seminar we had in January, Laura Picard. We ran 84 dogs on that weekend.

Thank you.

Submitted by Dennis and Patti Nowak

2007 Training Day—June 9th

The VCOI will be having its training "Fun Day" coming up on June 9th, 2007. This will be held at Ottawa Field Trial Grounds in Eagle, Wisconsin. Mark Spurgeon will head up the dog training seminar followed by training in the field. If you have never had your dog on birds here is your chance to go out with people who have field experience to guide you along.

Then you have the opportunity to be in the AKC Hunt Test that our club will be having on Sunday June 10th 2007 on the same property. If you would like birds for the training day please contact Mark Spurgeon at 815-547-9027. News on the hunt test can be found on the VCOI web site or call the Nowak's at 815-439-0720 or the Le Poudres.

March Field Trial Report

Amateur Gun Dog		
Dog	Owner(s)	Handler
1. Saginaw Diamond Dan	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson
2. Rolling Rock	Mike Dalby	Mike Dalby
3. Strider's Ace	Victor & Columba	Victor Barger
4. Withheld		
Amateur Limited Gun Dog		
1. Desert Storm's Billie	Barry & Lynn	Barry Peterson
2. DC Rimfire Double Jeopardy	Deborah & Robert	Debby Lynn
3. Rolling Rock	Mike Dalby	Mike Dalby
4. Linden's Red Ducati	Sharon Simpson	Sharon Simpson
Open Gun Dog		
1. O Mega	James Busch	Jerry Jordan
2. AFC Oakleaf's Runnin' Down a Dream	Mark & Becky	Mark Smith
3. Grace's Angel Molly RC	Randy Caldwell	Randy Caldwell
4. Rolling Rock	Mike Dalby	Mike Dalby
Open Limited Gun Dog		
1. O Mega	James Busch	Jerry Jordan
2. Home Run's Stunt Pilot	Stephanie Russo	Stephanie Russo
3. DC Rimfire Double Jeopardy	Deborah & Robert	Debby Lynn
4. FC AFC Pointe Blanc's Rusty Miracle	Carrie & Mike Syczilo	Robert Tomczak
Amateur Walking Derby		
1. Piper's Iva Dell	Luke Piper	Luke Piper
2. Home Run's Big Deal	Stephanie Russo	Stephanie Russo
3. Shiloh's Midnight Run	John Peck	John Peck
4. Wegler Garnet's Samantha	Greg Wegler	Greg Wegler
Open Derby		
1. Shiloh's Matrix	Robert Tomczak	Robert Tomczak
2. Diamond Lake Kramer	Greg Hedien	Greg Hedien
3. Kemberly's Rebel Rouser Kye	Greg Wegler	Greg Wegler
4. Wegler Garnet's Samantha	Greg Wegler	Greg Wegler
Amateur Walking Puppy		
1. Wegler Garnet's Samantha	Greg Wegler	Greg Wegler
2. Shiloh's Midnight Run	John Peck	John Peck
3. Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden	Mark & Pam	Mark Spurgeon
4. Burr Oak's Poison Ivy	Jim Gingrich	Brian Gingrich
Open Puppy		
1. Shiloh's Midnight Run	John Peck	John Peck
2. Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden	Mark & Pam	Mark Spurgeon
3. Wegler Garnet's Samantha	Greg Wegler	Greg Wegler
4. Shiloh's Happy Go Lucky	Robert Tomczak	Robert Tomczak