

**The next meeting will be held in conjunction with All-Walking Field Trial to be held at the Gingrich/Busch Farms**



**Saturday May 23rd, During dinner ~ 7:00pm 2930 N. Winnebago Rd. Winnebago, IL**

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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc

May 2009

# BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

**VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS**  
www.vizslaclubofillinois.org

## SPRING FIELD TRIAL

AKC EVENT # 2009167608 | VIZSLA'S ONLY

**MAY 23 & 24**

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## All-Walking Field Trial Date & site change

In the meeting minutes from the last club meeting you will read where we voted to change the all-walking trial from December to another date due to weather problems encountered in the past. We are trying a new thing and if it works out, this might be a thing of the future. Some details are below so you can start making plans.

**DATE:** May 23-24, 2009  
**PLACE:** GINGRICH/BUSCH FARM, WINNEBAGO, IL (headquartered at Gingrich Farm)  
**EVENT:** ALL-WALKING FIELD TRIAL  
**STAKES:** OGD (ret), OD, ALGD, OP, AGD, AD, & OLGD in that order.  
**JUDGES:** Mike Booker, Marty Hull, Jeff Parise, Pat Witkiewicz, Paul and Phyllis Katzel.  
**DINNER & CLUB MEETING:** On the grounds Saturday night. Dinner catered by Toni's of Winnebago.  
**FIELD TRIAL CHAIRMAN:** Brian Johnson,  
**FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY:** Michelle Princer, 815-243-9180

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S WEB SITE AT [www.vizslaclubofillinois.org](http://www.vizslaclubofillinois.org) and the VCOI Yahoogroups list. If you aren't a member of the list, you need to go to [www.Yahogroups](http://www.Yahogroups) and join.

**\*\*\*MOST IMPORTANT\*\*\***

*We can have a wrangler come with horses for you to ride and watch the events if we get enough interest. If you wish to reserve a horse for one or two days (\$100 each day), contact Michelle, FT Secretary and let her know. Payment deadline will be one week prior to event, however, a reservation can be made now.*

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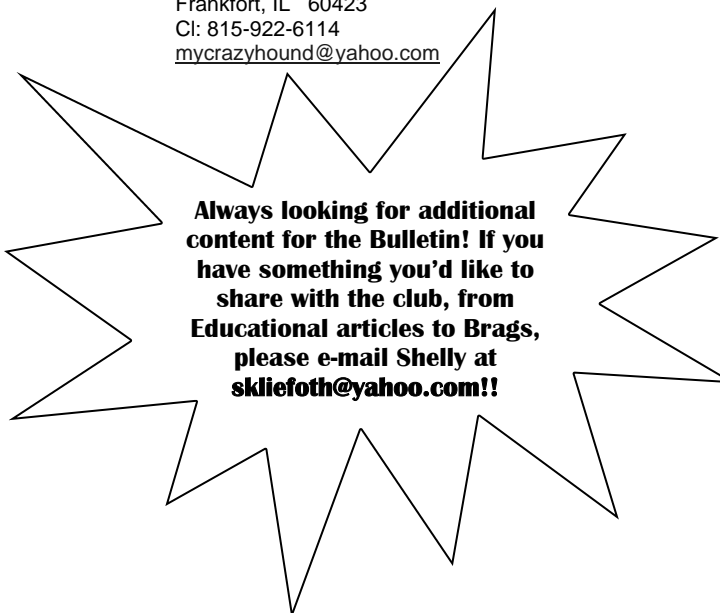
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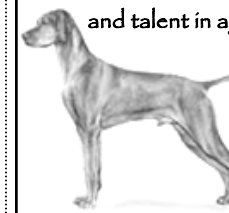


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Interested in letting the members of VCOI  
know about your dogs or services?  
Please contact Shelly at  
skliefoth@yahoo.com to get your ad in the  
next Bulletin!



# VCOI 2010 Calendar Contest

We're looking for the next Calendar Boy/Girl for our 2010 VCOI Calendar Contest!!

**\*\*\*\*VCOI Calendar Contest Entry Rules\*\*\*\***

Each entry must be submitted with a \$10 entry fee.

Checks should be made payable to VCOI.

Voting will take place at the Double Bubble only! You must be present to vote!

The photo receiving the most votes wins a cash prize based on the number of entries!

**Photos meeting the following requirements will be accepted:**

- « The photo must have been taken by a VCOI Member.  
NO PROFESSIONAL OR COPYRIGHTED PHOTOS
- « Vizslas ONLY—No other breeds please!!
- « Humans may be present in the photos—NO FACES!
- « All entries must be made in 8x10 print AND digital format via e-mail or CD
- « Photo submissions must be labeled on the back to include:
  - « Photographer Info—include your phone number and e-mail address
  - « Dog Info—name(s), owner(s), and a caption describing your photo that we may choose to include in the calendar

Entries may be submitted by mail to: **Shelley Gabriel**  
106 Coghill Street  
Joliet, IL 60435

Mailed entries must be received by July 7, 2009

8x10 print & digital copy on CD may be submitted at the Busch Farm Saturday, July 11th

Questions: [shebbykay@hotmail.com](mailto:shebbykay@hotmail.com)



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**NEW VENUE FOR OUR ANNUAL AWARDS/HOLIDAY PARTY!!!!**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 16, 2010.  
THIS IS A PARTY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!  
THERE WILL BE ENTERTAINMENT AND PRIZES!**

**OUR BANQUET IS BEING MOVED TO GIBSONS STEAKHOUSE IN ROSEMONT  
COST WILL BE \$35.00 PER PERSON AND THERE WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY VALET  
PARKING  
OUR PRESIDENT PROMISED ONLY A 20 MINUTE MEETING THEN WE WILL HAVE FUN!!!**

**MORE INFO TO COME, ANY QUESTIONS CALL PAM AT 815-547-9027**

**PAM SPURGEON**

## President's Message

*This spring brings more change for the VCOI. At the March membership meeting we voted to give a try to changing our December walking field trial to late May in hopes of better weather. We voted in our own "stimulus package", agreeing to fund the Midwest Field Futurity and the Summer Specialty Conformation Show with money to help further promote these events to the level they deserve. And, we will give to the efforts of those working legislatively to protect our animal rights by contributing to the American Sporting Dog Alliance.*

*Yet amongst the ongoing change is a constant: VCOI members and their dogs performing at the highest levels in many fields of competition. We recently had dogs bring home ribbons from field trials, agility trials, and conformation shows around the country. This is evidence of our member's dedication to furthering the breed by doing what they love.*

*If there is an activity you have wanted to check out with your dog, our members are probably doing it so just ask! I look forward to seeing you at one of our Club events soon.*

*Jeff Parise*

# ***History of the Double Bubble*** by *Jim Busch*

Shortly after the '08 Double Bubble weekend, Cindy Lepoudre asked how the event got started and where the name came from. This covers more than 35 years of VCOI history so hang on to your seats and hats!

I, Jim Busch, got my first Vizsla in the early 60's. I just wanted a pet and hunting dog. I joined the VCOI shortly after. I knew nothing. At that time, the VCOI held fun trials several times a year. They needed someone to manage a fun trial and I volunteered. I had only attended a few and had only a vague idea of how it should be run. Dick Gengler, who had more experience, and I became the Fun Trial Chairmen. Unhampered by "this is the way it has always been done," mentality, we became creative. The "Dog of the Day" award got its start, the "Certified Hunting Dog" award and plaque were begun. Free lunch for attendees, more fun trials each year got started and were put in place. The fun trials were held in many different locations around Northern Illinois. Dick Gengler dropped out and I became interested in field trials and the fun trial movement slowed down.

I was divorced in 1971, and then I met Linda in 1972. We married in 1973 and moved to Poplar Grove. We had 5 acres but had use of much more behind our house. We began having the VCOI out for a Sunday fun trial in early summer.

The VCOI Specialty Show was held in many different locations in conjunction with several different kennel club dog shows during the '60's and '70's. In the early '80's Kathy Harmer got the VCOI to have the Kishwaukee Valley Kennel Club host our Specialty. Kathy was and still is on the Board of Directors of the KVKC. Linda and I invited many out-of-state Vizsla exhibitors to stay at our Poplar Grove home. Party, party, party!!! Evening pigeon hunting trips to the highway overpasses to catch training pigeons in the purple hearse became the highlight of Friday and Saturday nights. 2:00 a.m. stops at Dunkin Donuts telling the servers we were "the Rockford Pigeon Authority" made for many great memories. The pigeons would be used for training dogs the next day.

Sometime in the '80s the VCOI moved the Fun Trial to the Sunday after the Specialty Show. The "Double Bubble" was born. Why "Double Bubble" for a name? When bubblegum first came out after WWII, anyone could blow a single bubble but few could blow a double bubble. Thus the phrase double bubble meant something really special. Soon a gum company came out with a product to take advantage of the phrase.

Initially, only the Specialty was on Saturday and the Fun Trial was on Sunday. Slowly other activities were added. An AKC Junior only Hunt Test was added on Saturday afternoon. The obstacle course was added to the Fun Trial on Sunday (a lot like agility competition today). The wing & string puppy championship was a staple of the Sunday activities. Dog of the Day was awarded to the dog that closest approached the ideal for the event which it entered. Certified Hunting Dog award was presented to dogs that met the criteria. The AKC Hunt Test program pretty much killed both of these. We also had events such as Powder Puff for the ladies and Junior Handler for the kids. These have fallen by the wayside as other events have taken their place and there is only so much time for everything.

Back then everyone attended the Specialty Show in the morning, stayed for lunch on the grounds, and then Group showing. The show was (and still is) located at the Boone County Fairgrounds and back then was a one day show. On Wednesday of the preceding week, Linda and I would go to the fairgrounds and rope off the primo spot under the biggest shade tree so our club would have the choicest spot for our noontime gathering. Over the years lunch was either prepared by Linda or prepared by a variety of other Vizsla people as a "bring a dish to pass" sort of thing. After lunch and socialization everyone would gather ring-side to cheer on the Vizsla in Group. People came from many surrounding states, and as far as Virginia and New York.

Linda and I moved to Winnebago and other changes happened. Activities were dropped and others were added. More and more people attended. More and more activities were added. The larger and more complex it became, the more difficult it became to organize and run. At some point the dog show became a two-day show and the Hunt Test seminar was added to the afternoon, and steak dinner/club meeting were added to Saturday night at our farm. Then people had to choose between staying for Group or attending and/or helping with the hunt test seminar. Also, now we are 30 miles away from the fairgrounds and not five miles away like we were in Poplar Grove. The calendar photo contest, Canine Good Citizenship test, hot dog eating contest, and rubber ducky race are some of the latest additions to the weekend activities. We also have a few vendors who sell Vizsla-related items. The pigeon races, bird planting contest for kids, and locate and point contest will hopefully always be the mainstay of the fun day. Last year for the first time we had a Search and Rescue demonstration that was pretty incredible.

Now it takes a "village" to put on the Double Bubble. Over the years we have had many chairmen at the helm and many creative ideas. Although the Fun Day/Double Bubble events have been held at the Busch farmette or farm, it has always taken the cooperation and hard work of so many in the club to pull it off. It allows us to have a variety of activities we could not have on state or public grounds. It provides a venue for new Vizsla owners to come out and meet the wonderful Illinois Vizsla community and get a taste of fun things they can do with their dog.

Last year our new club members Michael and Michelle Miklas brought a large tent to provide shade. This year they have promised an even bigger tent. Whoohooooo! It just gets better and better.....

## **2009 VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS TRAINING DAY**

Ottawa field trial grounds (on 67, 5 mi. North of Eagle WI)

**JUNE 6, 2009**

The VCOI would like to invite you, your family and your dog(s) to the 2009 training day on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds.

Experienced club members will be available to work with you and your dog(s) to help in your hunt training process.  
All pointing breeds are welcome.

Breeders, please take advantage of this opportunity to get your puppy buyers started in this fun sport!

Handlers will present demonstrations showing the progression in training a 7-10 week old puppy to a broke dog.

The demonstrations will begin at 11:00 and be followed by a question and answer session.  
Individual training sessions will begin at 8:00am and resume after the lunch break.

### **PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Pre-registration is suggested to reserve your birds, lunch and training time.**

**\$20.00** 1<sup>ST</sup> DOG INCLUDES SEMINAR, TRAINING WITH 2 QUAIL, DOG FEE AND LUNCH  
**\$15.00** ADDITIONAL DOG INCLUDES SEMINAR, TRAINING WITH 2 QUAIL AND DOG FEE  
**\$5.00** ADDITIONAL LUNCH

We are in need of experienced and inexperienced helpers. The jobs are varied and many and include: training (assistant and primary), gunning, line marshalling, bird bagging, etc. Please seriously consider helping your club continue to offer this goodwill event by taking on one of these duties! We can't offer these events without the help of our members.

Our one day hunt test will take place on Sunday. We will accept hunt test premiums on the grounds at 3:00 pm Saturday. Work with your dog on Saturday and then sign up. See VCOI website for more info.

### **NO DOGS STAKED OUT BEFORE 8:00am**

Additional quail for training; if available; for sale at market price.

Thank You,  
Brad Lepoudre  
[lepoudre@comcast.net](mailto:lepoudre@comcast.net)  
(847) 888-1176

# Upcoming Events

## June Hunt Test 2009

We will be holding our June Hunt Test On **Sunday, June 7, 2009** just north of Eagle, WI at the Ottawa Field Grounds. This is a one day test. Our Training Day will be held the day before, giving all interested handlers a chance to get some training in prior to entering the test. Unlike most hunt tests, registration for this event closes on Saturday at 3pm the night before the test. Come out for some training and see how well your dog performs. Get some advice from our experienced handlers and try your luck at the test the next day! We ALWAYS need help! Please call if you're interested in volunteering. We have many positions that require no previous experience! This is a great way to meet other members and help your club! We will put all volunteers to work! Look for the Hunt Test Premium on the website. Consult the AKC website for rules and regulations. Cindy Lepoudre, Hunt Test Secretary

## VCOI SPECIALTY SHOW

### JULY 11, 2009

We need your help for the specialty show . Please send trophy donations ASAP to:

Kathy Harmer, Specialty Chairman  
7541 Edwardsville Road  
Rockford, IL 61102

Donor names will be listed on a special flier at the show.  
Any amount will be appreciated.

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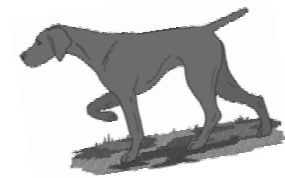
Here is a quick shot of help needed for upcoming club events.  
These events are a great way to get involved and help out the club.  
See the Meeting Minutes for more details.

We are looking for an Education Chairperson  
If interested contact Jeff Parise for details.

May Field Trial: May 23-24  
Gingrich/Busch Plantation  
Contact: Brian Johnson to volunteer.

June Training Day & Hunt Test: June 6 & 7  
Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, Eagle WI  
Contact: Brad & Cindy Lepoudre to volunteer

# NEEDED



## Double Bubble—July 11-12, 2009



Make your plans now to attend the VCOI Double Bubble events this coming summer - two days of Vizsla fun for dogs and families. Below is a list of activities.

This year we will have a map at the Busch Farm showing events, locations, and time of event to help everyone know what is happening when and where.

### Saturday, July 11th:

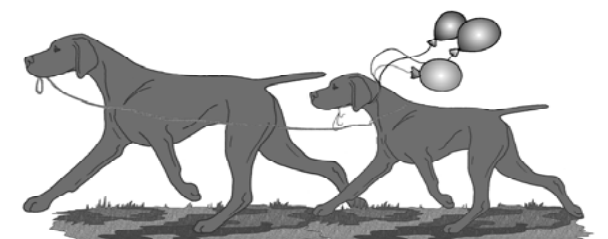
- ... Early a.m. (time to be posted later) Kishwaukee Valley Kennel Club all-breed dog show at the Boone County Fairgrounds is host to our VCOI Show Specialty. Come see top show dogs compete and cheer them on.
- ... Noon at Busch Farm in Winnebago there will be a hunt test seminar for beginners wanting to learn what a hunt test is, how to enter, and what you and your dog need to know and do. Dogs will be able to run and be critiqued by club members so newbies know what they have to work on in order to compete in hunt tests. Demonstrations of different hunt test categories will be given.
- ... 6:00 p.m. Club meeting and free steak dinner for every club member (\$10 to non-members). Members bring a dish to pass and the VCOI provides free steaks for a bountiful feast. The meeting is held once dinner is started.

### Sunday, July 12th:

- ... 9:00 a.m. Events start. Schedule will be posted later on the club's web site and on the club's Yahoo group list as to times and locations and same with map handed out day of event.
- ... Events will include Locate and Point, Pigeon Races, Pigeon Poop contest, Raffle, Rubber Ducky Race, Bird planting contest for kids, CGC testing for dogs, mini show seminar, obstacle course, hot dog eating contest for dogs, doggie cake walk, vendors selling vizsla merchandise, dog photographer on site; possible Search and Rescue demonstration; and the "most popular" photo contest to determine next year's calendar photos.....and Hot Dogs/chips/soda for lunch. There may be more, so pack your dog, your kids, and yourself and come on out for a day of fun in the country.
- ... You do not need to be a member of the VCOI to attend Double Bubble.

Contact Linda Busch, Event Chairman if you have questions.  
815-335-7673 or lbusch@aeroinc.net

DIRECTIONS: The normal route here off I-90 around mile marker 61 has been changed from the west (north) and closed coming up from the suburbs or Chicago—east (south). A map will be published in the next Bulletin that will come out prior to the event, or you can call or e-mail for a map showing fairgrounds for show and Busch Farm location.



# HELP



# VCOI FIELD TRIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 7-8, 2009

Submitted by: Linda Busch

Give the VCOI members a challenge and they will rise to the cause. This weekend was like none we have ever seen. So many field trial/doggie related weekends have gone by and on Monday morning the weather would change for the worst. Many times our club narrowly missed bad weather where we would have had to cancel the field trial. This morning there are blue skies, sun shine, and cool weather. The weekend was not so good. This time the weather God caught up with us. Friday when the Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity ran, the weather was warmer than normal with highs in the 65 to 70 range. Not too many complained since we've just come off the coldest winter fall we've had in a million years (it seems). However, by Saturday the rain came. It wasn't too bad as the judges and handlers managed to forge through the day with scattered showers. Then Sunday arrived and bad weather struck in full force. Mother Nature turned on us. Not only did we have a time change moving the clocks ahead one hour thereby losing an hour of sleep, but the sky was darker than normal with black clouds. We got off to a late start due to darkness. Then it was a rollercoaster ride all day long. We would have breaks of no rain and judges and contenders would leap on horses, race to the line, and try to get a brace done before the next wave hit. Sometimes they made it back to the parking lot still dry and other times they were caught mid-course in a torrential downpour. Many times we had to stop due to lightning and thunder or heavy rain. Unbelievably we managed to get through the day without canceling. We had 133 dogs entered and 122 starters - all Vizslas! None of those that canceled had anything to do with the day or weather. We had to scramble and move things around a bit to get the job done, but by golly WE GOT 'ER DONE!!!!!! Not only that, but we were done by 5:00 p.m. with daylight still in the sky.

If it had not been for our relentless line marshals like Cindy Lepoudre and Michelle Princer (a brand new Vizsla owner at her first field trial), this trial would never have finished on time. Thanks for Jon Peck for obtaining many judges. Thanks also to Jon Peck and Phil Rohs for salting the courses each day. If it had not been with the help of our bird planters who stayed the course and got birds planted every brace, we don't know what we would have done. Our chief bird wrangler was Phil Rohs. Riding in the toughest of times were his posse comprising of Phil, Brad Lepoudre, Jon Peck, Tim May (first field trial), Victor Barger, Chad Morsch, Mike Dalby, Joel Peterson, Greg Hedien, Brian Johnson, Randy Caldwell, George Haines, Mark Spurgeon, Carrie Syczylo, Rob Tomczak, Mark Johnson, and Cindy Pescod. Thank you to our bird-baggers Eric Kliefoth and Rick Forner and all others who helped amongst their other jobs. Many thanks to Jan Wallace for the beautiful trophies and photography skills, to Jeff Engelsman for catering our dinner Saturday night, and Mike Dalby who provided our first-rate gunners. Thanks to Jan Wallace who became Debby's legs after she pulled a muscle and couldn't walk very well. Thanks to Laurie May, Jan Wallace, and Michelle Princer who mopped the floor of

the conservation building at the end of the day. Thanks to Greg Hedien who always works without complaining to do whatever it takes...including shoveling poop and cleaning the blacktop in the parking lot. And special thanks to our counselor Jim Busch who kept us on the straight and narrow and would not let us give up. Without the help of all these people we've mentioned, this trial would not have been the success it was. Several people came out who were not entered in the trial and only came to volunteer. It's a team effort and the VCOI has the best team in the country. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped and we hoped we haven't overlooked anyone. It is certainly not intentional but it's hard to know who all was helping, especially since we needed so much from everyone.

Mike Booker returned to judge for us after absent from the field trial scene for many years. He will be getting back into trialing again soon. His comment was, "Hey, when this sport is for wuzzies, I'm changing to another sport." That was said while standing in the parking lot as black clouds are rolling by and threats of tornadoes are on the radio. Throughout the day personal iPhones would alert us to the next downpour on its way. We can't thank our judges enough for bearing with all the adversity and hanging in there with us to complete this trial. Their names are listed with each stake below.

Thank you to Cindy and Tom Pescod who came all the way from Arizona and Jim Rowell who came from Ohio.

Placements were as follows:

**OPEN PUPPY** - 10 entries, 9 starters

Judges: John Schoonover and Mike Booker

1. Hi-Spirit, O/H Victor Barger
2. Pepper Jack Wolf Creek Ruby, O/Dwain Sparks, H/Randy Caldwell
3. Shiloh's Red White & Blue, O/Ryan Rice, H/Rob Tomczak
4. Russet Lightning Magnum, O/H Tim May

**AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY** - 11 entries, 9 starters

Judges: Mark Johnson and Carrie Syczylo

1. Hi-Spirit, O/H Victor Barger
2. Crimson's Don't Bogart that Joint, O/H Daniel Maurer
3. Shiloh's Red White & Blue, O/Ryan Rice, H/Rob Tomczak
4. Pepper Jack Wolf Creek Ruby, O/Dwain Sparks, H/Randy Caldwell

**OPEN DERBY** - 17 entries, 17 starters

Judges: Barry Peterson and John Potter

1. Burr Oak's Kick Em Up Jake, O/H Jim Gingrich
2. Saginaw CYA Reba, O/H Mark Johnson
3. Dream Weaver Totem, O/H Jan Wallace
4. Smokin' JRD, O/H Rodney Albin

**AMATEUR WALKING DERBY** - 15 entries, 14 starters

Judges: Barry Peterson and Carrie Syczylo

1. Saginaw CYA Reba, O/H Mark Johnson
2. Burr Oak's Kick 'Em Up Jake, O/H Jim Gingrich
3. With All Guns Blazing, O/Doug & Sara Nishimura, H/Rodney Albin
4. Dream Weaver Totem, O/H Jan Wallace

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produced by breeder Robert Hodges, of Colona, IL, to place in the MVF. Her sire, Point Blanc's Rusty Miracle ("Duke"), was the MVF's 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up in 2002 and the sire of last year's winner, Hoosier Daddy. Duke was also the National Vizsla Association's National Amateur Field Champion in 2008. Her grand-sire, Raany, who was also bred by Mr. Hodges, was the MVF winner in 1997. Her other grand-sire, Berry's Borne To Be Wilde, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up in 1997.



**Second Runner-Up, With All Guns Blazing**, owned by Doug Nishimura of Ballwin, MO, was handled by his breeder and MVF Secretary, Rodney Albin, of Moscow Mills, MO, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> brace. Gunner began his brace at a medium range, alternating between hunting the edge and the tall prairie grass in the last third of the first field. Gunner netted two quick finds at 7 and 8 minutes, the latter being a divided find with his brace mate, Zoey. Gunner continued his medium range through the "back 40" but opened up considerably once he entered the "big field." Gunner and Zoey had another divided find along the right edge of the "big field" at 13. Gunner displayed great intensity on point, with a pleasing tail set and high head. Once back on the course, Gunner held the right edge nicely to the corner woods, hooked left along Blodget Road, checked the island and then moved into the orchard, displaying good stamina and appearing to be less affected by the heat than many of the other dogs. Gunner was bogged down shortly after entering the orchard, but improved his application substantially in the second half, moving swiftly through the cover. His hard work was rewarded with a nice find along the north edge of the orchard at 23 minutes. Though initially slowing a bit toward the end of his brace, Gunner continued hunting hard and remained forward, displaying the attractive gait that he inherited from his sire, Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger, who was the MVF's 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up in 2004. Like Mae, Gunner was grand-sired by Raany. Gunner, the youngest dog to place in this year's MVF, is also the first dog produced by breeder Albin to place at the MVF.



**Third Runner-Up, Saginaw CYA Reba**, was owner handled by Mark Johnson in the 7<sup>th</sup> brace. Reba started a bit slower than the three dogs that placed ahead of her, but she continued to build throughout the half hour. Reba's first bird contact was at 9 minutes, shortly after entering the "back 40," but this reporter did not see her on point. Reba made a strong move to the far edge on the back of the course, holding it well until rewarded with a quality find at 14 minutes. Reba was staunch on point, displaying the same eye-catching style exhibited by her half-sister, Mae, in the 4<sup>th</sup> brace. Reba entered the "big field" at the 18 minute mark, hooked right along the south tree line and scored her second find at 20. After the bird was flushed and the gun fired, Reba was given a short drink of water and sent on her way.

She made a strong move back to the south tree line and held the edge all the way to the corner woods, hooked left at Blodget Road, quickly checked the double trees, the island and then moved swiftly to the orchard, completing her best move of the afternoon. Reba scored her third find at 25 minutes with a nice find along the north border of the orchard. Reba hunted the last half of the orchard hard and finished the half hour moving forward along the left tree line. Reba is the fourth dog owned by Mark Johnson, and the seventh dog produced by breeder Barry Peterson, to place in the MVF. Like Mae, Reba was also sired by Duke and grand-sired by Berry's Borne To Be Wilde. This year marks the second year in a row that Duke fathered two of the four dogs to place in the MVF. Her other grand-sire, Lifo Riley, won the MVF in 1995.

Complete synopses of each brace and an event photo gallery can be found at [www.vizslafuturity.com](http://www.vizslafuturity.com). For more information about the Midwest Vizsla Futurity, event rules and litter nominations, please visit the MVF's website at [www.vizslafuturity.com](http://www.vizslafuturity.com) or contact MVF Secretary, Rodney Albin, 2445 Carter Road, Moscow Mills, MO 63362, (636) 366-9746, [rodnevalbin@centurytel.net](mailto:rodnevalbin@centurytel.net).

## ATTENTION PLEASE!

Included in this Bulletin is a Membership Application/Renewal form, be sure to send it back to Michel Berner at the address on the form no later than July 31. OR you can always bring it to the Double Bubble to avoid mailing! Michel needs the renewals on this form so that she can get all of our member information up to date!!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE FOR THE MIDWEST VIZSLA FUTURITY AT [WWW.VIZSLAFUTURITY.COM](http://WWW.VIZSLAFUTURITY.COM)! IT IS FABULOUS!!



## 2009 Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity

Submitted by Jonathan Peck, MVF Scribe

The 29<sup>th</sup> running of the Midwest Vizsla Futurity ("MVF") took place on March 6, 2009, at the Des Plaines Wildlife Conservation Area near Joliet, IL. This year marked the return of Eukanuba as an event sponsor. A sincere thank you must be extended to Eukanuba for their generous contribution, and we look forward to their continued support of this long-standing event.

Breeders nominated a total of thirteen litters for this year's futurity, and subsequent owners of pups from those litters re-nominated twenty-three hopefuls. Of the twenty-three dogs eligible to be run, seventeen were drawn and brought to the line to compete for a total cash and prize purse worth nearly \$2500. The MVF regularly attracts the best and brightest derby dogs our breed has to offer, and this year was no exception. Four of the top five derby dogs in the country were on hand to vie for top honors and the chance to take home the coveted "Double Lane" trophy, one of our breed's most sought after trophies. The MVF lived up to its name, drawing entries from throughout the Midwest – futurity participants hailed from eight different states including Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio and Illinois.

Not only did Judges Julie Condron, of Batavia, IL, and Robert Richter, of Harvard, IL, have a great slate of dogs to watch that day, but also beautiful weather in which to do it. Despite single digit temperatures less than a week earlier, this year's futurity enjoyed arguably the mildest weather in event history. The morning ride around began at 8:30 a.m. and first brace cast off at 9:30 a.m. to 60-degree temps, clear skies and only a slight breeze out of the south-west. The temperature continued to climb throughout the day under the warm sun, peaking in the mid to upper 70's by early afternoon. Though the judges, handlers and gallery members obviously enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather, the dogs did not. Unaccustomed to the warm air after enduring the coldest winter in more than 20 years, a number of dogs struggled as the mercury continued to rise, and even the best competitors slowed late in their brace as a result. Nevertheless, the dogs showed tremendous heart and pressed on, aided by well-timed handlers and jugs of water dutifully carried by their trusty steeds.



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The winner, **Kick Em Up Bullet**, was owner handled by Jarrett Bell of O'Fallon, MO, in the 6<sup>th</sup> brace of the day. His mid-day run took place under clear skies, warm conditions and minimal wind. Bullet cast off with a purpose, quickly disappearing to the front and letting everyone know that he was a force to be

reckoned with that day. After a short absence, Bullet showed up front, was collected and then taken through the cut into the "back 40," where he made a strong move to the far edge. Bullet was found standing along the edge near the "turnaround" at 8 minutes, head and tail high. After a quick relocation, handler Bell produced the bird. Bell then gave Bullet a splash of water and sent him on his way. He thoroughly scoured a section of tall grass that had been holding birds in previous braces and then returned to hunt the edge of the heavy tree line separating the "back 40" from the "big field." Shortly before reaching the cut, Bullet swapped ends and pinned down his second find at 12 minutes. While off flushing, Bell's mount became startled and bolted rearward on the course. Bell's scout/wife, Allison, and several members of the gallery quickly gave chase. Bell, undeterred, collected his dog and continued on foot, declining offers by several remaining gallery members to use their horse. Bullet and Bell entered the "big field" with Bullet fleet afoot and charging to the front. Bullet hugged the tree line to the right, holding the edge well for several hundred yards, and then cut the field to hit the broken tree line in the middle. At 18, Bell's scout returned with his horse. Bell then guided Bullet to the orchard, where he quickly collected his third find at 21 minutes. Once in the orchard, Bullet adjusted his range, adapting to the cover, and methodically attacked the cover in search of his quarry. At 25 minutes, Bullet notched his 4<sup>th</sup> find along the tree line on the north border of the orchard. Slowing a bit due to the heat, Bullet dug deep and caught his second wind upon exiting the orchard. He finished the half hour forward and hunting hard. Bullet ran the widest race of the dogs that placed and was rewarded with the win. Not bad for Bell's first ever MVF. Bullet is also the first MVF winner produced by breeder Steve Zobel of Traer, IA.



**First Runner-Up, Kojac's Maggie's Mae**, owned by Andy Gauge, of Whiting, IA, was handled by professional trainer Jerry Jordan, of Cedar Point, IA, in the 4<sup>th</sup> brace of the morning. Running as the bye dog, all eyes were on Mae. Mae began her brace by hunting the first field hard at a medium range. She notched her first find at 5 minutes near the cut between the first field and the "back 40." Mae had her second find at 10 minutes along the far edge of the "back 40," and then quickly netted her third find two minutes later just before the "turnaround." Mae moved into the "big field" and suffered a non-productive at 16. She later made amends in the orchard, netting finds four and five at the 23 and 25 minute mark respectively. Each of Mae's birds were pointed staunchly and with beautiful style. While Mae's range was less than that of the winner, she ran a mature course. Her pace was consistent, her application intelligent and her effort workman-like. Mae is the third dog



**OPEN GUN DOG** - 16 entries, 14 starters

Judges: Bob Hodges and John Potter

1. Burr Oak's Old Number Seven, O/H Jim Gingrich
2. PR's Gustopher of Rock Point, O/H Tom Pescod
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**AMATEUR GUN DOG WALKING** - 26 entries, 25 starters

Judges: Mike Booker and John Schoonover

1. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger, O/H Mark Spurgeon
2. Grace's Angel Molly, O/H Randy Caldwell
3. Hillbillies Shiloh Holyman - O/Joshua McPherson, H/Rob Tomczak
4. Rolling Rock, O/H Mike Dalby

**AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG** - 21 entries, 20 starters

Judges: Charles Schaefer and Ed Manifold

1. Rolling Rock, O/H Mike Dalby
2. Saginaw Diamond Dan, O/H Mark Johnson
3. PR's Gustopher of Rock Point, O/H Tom Pescod
4. Rimfire Double Jeopardy, O/H Debby Lynn

**OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG** - 17 entries, 14 starters

Judges: Ed Manifold and Charles Schaefer

1. Saginaw Diamond Dan, O/H Mark Johnson
2. Burr Oak's Old Number Seven, O/H Jim Gingrich
3. Rolling Rock, O/H Mike Dalby
4. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger, O/H Mark Spurgeon



Field Trial Photos by Janet Wallace.

# BRAGS



2009 VCA National Champion  
Saginaw Diamond Dan

The National Vizsla Assoc. completed it's week long running of their National Championships and Derby Classic with the largest entry in history. 28 amateurs, 42 derbies and over 30 national champ entries were carefully evaluated by a slate of top caliber judges from the Midwest. Contestants brought dogs from all over. The NVA Championships ran between the MO shooting dog championship and the MO all-age championships so Grovesprings was "Bird Dog City" for three weeks. Saginaw Diamond Dan, "Danny", who is owned and handled by VCOI member Mark Johnson was announced National Champion! As a young dog Danny has enjoyed a great career earning Championship placements and weekend trial wins. Runner up in the Championship event was Onpoints Bravo Haulin, owned by VCOI members Julie Larue & Medda Rauhut of TX. For additional information check out the NVA website.

Satch, owned by Skip and Laurie Wonnell, finished his AFC at the TBVC field trial in February to become CH AFC Snow Ridge Struttin Lil Man SH. Satch is one point from his DC.

Also from the Wonnell's: Abby's (CH Snow Ridge Chief's Spirit Moon JH) puppies with BISS DC AFC Riverbend Deacon's Dandy CD VC ROM HOF are doing well. Harry, Remek's Dark Side of the Moon, is off to a good start on his field career. He has run 9 times in puppy, earning 5 firsts (including one in which he was the only Vizsla), 2 seconds, one fourth and an award of merit. His sister Sally, Remek's Moon River Dream Maker, is starting slower but has a first, 3 seconds, 2 thirds and a fourth out of 7 tries. Their brother Tango, Remek Valley Hunter, Moondance, has 3 wins, 2 seconds, 3 thirds and 2 fourths out of 10 tries in puppy and derby. He also won the hunting dog stake, youngest dog to do it, at the TBVC hunt test.

Mark & Pam Spurgeon's dog Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden, JH placed 2nd in Open Gun Dog at the Rock River Valley German Shorthaired Club Trial on 3/28. Placing 2nd in Open Puppy at the same event was Daniel Maurer's dog Crimson's Don't Bogart That Joint. You'll also find Bogart and Spurgeon's Ruger listed among the placements of the VCOI's March Trial!!! Five point major for Ruger!! Way to go!!

# March 2009 Meeting Minutes

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 – West Dundee Deli, West Dundee, IL.**

**Call to order:** Jeff Parise called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**Attended:** Brad Lepoudre, Cathy Gallagher, Kim Barker, Linda Busch, Michelle Princer, Greg Hedien, Kathy Harmer, Sue Barnes, Pam Spurgeon, Mark Spurgeon, Brian Johnson, Mary Haines, George Haines, Tom Grekowicz, and Jeff Parise.

**Approval of Minutes:** Linda Busch motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Kim Barker seconded. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** Jeff Parise stated that we have 190 VCOI members and 116 of them are on the VCOI yahoo group.

**Vice President's Report:** Cathy Gallagher had nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report:** Tom Grekowicz had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report:** Linda Busch reported that our checking and savings account has a favorable balance. A copy of all checks and deposits are available to those who would like one. Our taxes do not need to be done until the end of May.

**Website Updates:** Mark Spurgeon suggested that other companies sponsor our website for a fee to put an ad on our website. Brad Lepoudre was wondering what we could charge for a link to a sponsors site from the VCOI's website. We will be evaluating potential design enhancements to the website over the next few months.

**Bulletin Report:** Cathy Gallagher reported that there was a postage problem with the March 2009 issue and some people may have had postage due with their bulletin. A postal worker gave a quote of 42 cents per issue when they cost 59 cents per issue. They weighed in at 1.2 ounces an issue. If anyone had to pay postage they need to see Cathy Gallagher. Cathy suggested a committee for the newsletter instead of one person doing all the work.

**Awards Dinner / Banquet:** Pam Spurgeon is organizing the banquet for 2010. It will be at Gibsons Steakhouse in Rosemont, IL. Pam is looking into entertainment for the event. Linda Busch motioned that the VCOI give \$300.00 to spend for the dinner event. Mary Haines seconded. All were in favor. The dinner will be \$35.00 per person (see VCOI website for menu details). Mary Haines and Cindy Lepoudre are on the committee for this event. Linda Busch suggested giving all awards to multiple wining people/dogs at one time. Cathy Gallagher suggested a committee for the awards portion of the party. (Secretary's note: a committee since has been formed). Cathy stated that she would write up an article for the awards dinner.

**February Hunt Test:** Dennis Nowak was absent. Brad Lepoudre reported that the February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> training weekend went smoothly. We ordered 75 birds and used 65 of them on Saturday. Some of the Weimariner club members had birds for sale after we sold out of the remaining birds on Sunday. Special thanks to Dennis Nowak, Brad Lepoudre, Sharon Simpson, Tom Grekowicz and anyone else who's name wasn't mentioned that helped out at this event.

**MVFF Futurity Report:** Mark Spurgeon reported that 17 dogs ran at the event (22 were nominated). The futurity has a new award this year (breeders plaque). A new rule has been added to allow people to enter past the deadline but with added fee. A new website will be up soon for the futurity with the help of Michel Berner. Special thanks to Ekunuba for donating \$700.00 in food

for the futurity winner. They also paid for a ½ page ad in the American Field. The VCOI is giving the futurity \$500.00 to help get more entries in this event. Mark stated that we need breeders to get more involved in getting more people nominating their dog. The futurity committee is Rodney Albin, Mark Spurgeon, Michel Berner, and Jon Peck. They are looking for people to represent the futurity in the east and west. If anyone has any names of people that would be good for this position contact Mark or Rodney.

**March DesPlaines Field Trial:** Linda Busch stated that expenses were high. We had six horses when we only needed four. An expense limit / procedure is needed for our judges hotel. AKC had an increase rate that wasn't known about until an expense sheet was filled out. A full report will be in the newsletter.

**Field Trial Clubs of Illinois:** Mark Johnson was absent so there was no report.

**Ottawa / WAFTC Report:** Greg Hedien reported that the Ottawa workdays are on July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**VCOI Calendar Report:** Shelley Gabriel is taking over calendar operations.

**Chicagoland Family Pet Expo:** Cathy Gallagher reported that Friday's hours have changed. New hours are from 11am to 6pm. Our booth (number 646) is upstairs.

**June / May Training Day:** (Secretary's note: The May training day at Gingrich Farm was canceled due to the Field Trial on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2009. The club meeting will be at the Field Trial on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 at approximately 7:00 pm). June's training day will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Ottawa field trial grounds on 67, 5 mi. North of Eagle, WI. Our one-day hunt test will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 (the day after the June training day).

**(Proposed) Spring Walking Trial:** Jeff Parise talks about if we should change the December walking field trial to a different date. Linda Busch said that the Busch / Gingrich farm have been offered as a place to hold the trial. Mark Spurgeon motioned to move the December walking trial to the Busch / Gingrich farm. Brad Lepoudre seconded the motion. All were in favor. The date is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 pending final approval from the landowners. Event Chair is Brian Johnson and Secretary is Michelle Princer.

**June Hunt Test: Help Wanted:** Brad Lepoudre said that we need someone to fill the position of Event Chair and Secretary for the June hunt test. Cathy Gallagher volunteered to Chair or Secretary if no one volunteers for either position. Discussion was had regarding allowing all breeds to participate in our Training Day in order to promote our Hunt Test the next day.

**Specialty Show / Supported Entry:** Kathy Harmer reported that the specialty committee is Joy Sonsalla, Cathy Gallagher, and Robyn Doescher. Kathy Harmer is Chair. Linda Busch motioned that the VCOI donate the specialty \$500.00 to help with price increases and trophies. Pam Spurgeon seconded. All were in favor. It was asked if the committee would bring food and ideas to help pull more people out to attend this event. Even though the VCOI is donating some money to the specialty, they will still need more donations from people for trophy sponsorships.

**Double Bubble:** Linda Busch reported that the Double Bubble is July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2009. Detailed information will be in the newsletter.

**Quote of the Month:** "A clean dog usually wins the stake" by Harold Wingerter presented by Jim Busch.

**Legislative Updates:** Mark Johnson was absent so there was no report. Jeff Parise talked about some of the bills that came out facing members and dog owners. Some of these bills were posted on the VCOI yahoo group. Linda Busch suggested that a legislative person skim over events and give a summary on which items need action taken against. How would we go about taking action? Maybe phone calls or by e-mail? Jeff Parise motions the VCOI to donate \$300.00 to The American Sporting Dog Alliance and similar organizations. Brad Lepoudre seconds. All were in favor.

**Braggs:** Kathy Harmer's Ch. Sienna Pointe's See Ya Polarkap "Hannah" is ranked in the UKC as the number one Vizsla for the 2008 year and has been invited to the Top Ten Finals Competition for the UKC in Kalamazoo MI in June. Mark Spurgeon reported that "Gunner" With All Guns Blazing took second runner up in the 2009 Futurity (O/ Doug Nishimara, H/B Rodney Albin). Mark also mentioned that "Bogart" Crimson's Don't Bogart that Joint (O/H Dan Maurer) took second in VCOI's Amateur Walking Puppy. Jeff Parise mentioned that Chicago Tribune's "Red Eye" paper (March 9<sup>th</sup> 2009) had an article about Chicago's most popular breeds. According to AKC, the Vizsla ranked number ten.

**Adjourn:** Jeff Parise motioned to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Mark Spurgeon seconded.

Submitted by: Tom Grekowicz



Picture from the March Meeting



Here are Mary Haines with Gracie and Cathy Gallagher with Jenna & puppy Mosby at the Pet Expo.

## CHICAGOLAND FAMILY PET EXPO

A HUGE thank you to the team of VCOI members that supported the Club by volunteering to work at the VCOI Booth at the 2009 Chicagoland Family Pet Expo at Arlington Park, March 20-22! We had a very good time and answered many Vizsla and dog-related questions for hundreds of people that came by our booth over the three-day weekend of the show! It was super well-attended this year! We also met a large number of people that came to say they owned a Vizsla, so it gave us an opportunity to talk about the Club and our events with potential members!

A BIG "Thank you very much" to:

**Linda Busch** and **"Zeeva"** - what a cutie! A woman came back to visit with Zeeva on Sunday!

**Karen Calandra** and her sweet daughter and **"Ruby"** who was not shy this year!!!

**Jeff Collins**, his girlfriend **Tammy** and his handsome son worked two shifts, and pretty **"Miss Morgan"** who loved every minute of it!

**Chris Wolowiec** and **"Casey"** and **"Charlie"** who are about to hit the show ring, so look out!

**Amanda Lounsbury** and **Tommy**, and **"Remy"** and **"Diamond"** - Amy was voted the best member to answer Vizsla questions!!!

**Kathy Harmer** and **Sue Barnes**, and **"Cheers"** who is an excellent ambassador for the breed! **"Hannah"** and **"Parker"** also road along but Hannah was in heat so they hung out in the parking lot!

**Joy Sonsalla** and **"Rolls"** who made all believe that Vizslas were laid back as he relaxed on the doggie camping cot and just took it all in!

**Michelle Princer** and **"Holly"** who had such a good time that they lost track of time and almost missed the Blackhawk game! Holly kissed everybody's ears that came to our booth from 9AM-1PM! Lots of kisses!

**Mary** and **George Haines** and **"Gracie"** - Gracie is quite the socializer, and she also has many cool tricks to show our visitors!!! Thank you to Mary, who also helped tear down and load up my car!!! Big Job!

We also had some Gallagher dogs who helped each day: **Kiira** was the Friday set-up girl, **Jolie** pulled Saturday duty, and **Jenna** and our puppy **Mosby** enjoyed playing with their new friends Holly, Rolls, and Gracie on Sunday!

Thank you! It is the members and their dog that make the success of a Club!!!

-Cathy Gallagher

