

VCOI May
 Membership Meeting
 Will be held May 22nd
 at the Gingrich Farm
 during the
 May Walking Field Trial.
 Meeting will start
 about 5:30PM following
 completion of the
 judging for Saturday.

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Owned by: Paul Primeaux
Bred & Handled by: Matt Rogers
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A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

2X NGDC NAFC DC AFC
CRIMSON'S TWENTY
GAUGE RUGER
SH CGC



It has been quite a year! After winning the VCA National Gun dog Championship (NGDC) in the spring of 2009 Ruger went on to win the 2009 VCA National Amateur Field Championship (NAFC) held at the Stockton Plantation in Danville Virginia. Ruger adapted to the cover and smaller fields. He hunted at a range the cover would allow, and made big moves where he could. This was a big change from the big casts he could make at the Gun Dog Championship in Portage, or the desert of Arizona with country he could open up in. One of the memorable moments was when he held the long edge in the big cornfield, he was then found standing at a briar patch. After several minutes chasing birds in the briars, and about a quart of my blood I was able to flush a bird from the covey. He had several other covey finds as well as singles, with flawless bird work. He was given a long, tough blind retrieve. A chucker was shot and dropped in heavy cover. I sent him and the bird was delivered easily to hand (*all the teasing worked. This year I did listen and didn't collar the dog after the shot*). He finished the hour strong and moving away. I want to thank the Judges, my scouts Jim (1st series), and Grace Ann (2nd series) for their help, and my wife Pam for her support.

Pam and I would like to congratulate Ruger's grand-pup for winning the 2010 Midwest Vizsla Futurity, and his pups and grand-pups that have earned and are working on their show and field Championships.

FC MVSDCH CRIMSON'S LORD RIGBY OF LINDEN

Rigby won the Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship (MVSDCH) Held Sept 2009 at Ionia MI. The Championship drew 31 entries and is a 1 hour stake held under American Field rules. At three years old this was his first championship. He had a mature shooting dog course with 1 find and a back. He ran a strong forward course and pulled for the front every chance he had. Rigby handled easily only requiring a little control. Rigby was 2nd RU for the Midwest Vizsla Futurity 2008, and at 9 months old placed 3rd at the VCA National Puppy 2007. Rigby is currently working on his FC, AFC titles.



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Bulletin Covers!

If your dog has completed a prefix title (CH, FC, AFC, CT, MACH, OTCH, etc.) and you would like to reserve a cover, please contact Shelly Kliefoth at skliefoth@yahoo.com
Next available cover is January 2011. Obviously we have many very talented members!! As soon as your dog completes the title, please let me know if you would like a cover.

Opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI or it's Board of Directors.
The VCOI endorses the efforts of the VCA and the OFA to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs, and encourages it's members to use only normal breeding stock.
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Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month period. Color covers are available for a \$50 fee. All brags, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the Editor.
All photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI.
Exception to the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.



From Michel Berner: "Colt" Mira's Peacemaker was awarded Best of Winners and BEST OF BREED for the 3-point major at the Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames, Inc. show in Des Moines, IA on February 20, 2010 under judge Ms Janice Provenzano. Owner: Michel Berner Breeder: Colisha Schalock Handler: Sheila Stahr



From Nancy Browne:

Wiki Wiki Tiki-man (Tiki) JH—placed second in Amateur Walking Derby @ Weimaraner Club of Greater Louisville FT in Petersburg IN, Thurs and Fri March 11 and 12. Owner/Handler Chad Chadwell

Wiki Wiki Tiki-man (Tiki) JH—placed Third in Open Walking Derby AND Pele's Wiki Wiki Hawaiian Punch—placed second in both Open Walking Puppy and Open Walking Derby @ Kentuckiana Pointing Breeds Association FT in Petersburg IN, Sat and Sun March 13 and 14. Owner/Handler Chad Chadwell

From Kim Barker (owner/breeder): Jesse, (CH Miakoda' Outlaw on the Run) finished his AKC Show Championship at the Indianapolis Cluster in Friday Feb 12, 2010 from the 12 - 18 month class. Jesse is out of Jane's (Remek's Daughter of the Moon JH) first litter with Zack (NAFC DC AFC Wildwoods Back with Zack MH). Now Jesse can spend time at his true passion.....finding birds! :->

Jesse, (CH Miakoda's Outlaw on the Run) went Best of Breed both days (March 13 & 14, 2010) at Logansport KC.

From Jan Cox: BISS CH Prairie Heartsong won Best Veteran in Sweepstakes at the Gateway Vizsla Club specialty March 5, 2010. She also won the veteran bitch class under specialty judge Joe Gregory. Her daughter Nina, CH Heartsong Closing Argument, won an Award of Merit at the same specialty.

From Linda Busch: ZEEVA (Kacela X Ch. Archie, JH) earned her third 3 point major win by going Winner/Best of Opposite Sex at the Central Indiana K. C. show on Feb. 13th. ZEEVA also won Winner's Reserve two of the four days at Louisville dog shows in March where vizsla entries were in the 30s. Owner Linda Busch.

CARMEN-GIA (Ellington Reign X Ch. Archie, JH) earned her Junior Hunter title in four straight tries with high scores and then all 10's on her fourth day. Owner Linda Busch.

From Jim Gingrich: Rex won a AGD retrieving major at the GSP of South Georgia the weekend before the NGDC. Brie won the OP at the VCOI trial.

From Rae Ann Jones: 2010 has been very good for Sizzleville. First Dawn Heintz finished Sizzlevilles Tornatious Lilady JH as a show Champion in January. Then moving right along to March she finished Sizzlevilles Freedoms Choice JH as a show Champion also. March was a very hot month and here comes Sizzlevilles Bosco who also earned his show Championship and his JH.

THIS IS YOUR ONLY NOTICE

BREEDER DIRECTORY FORM IS DUE JUNE 1ST.
FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS ~ CLICK ON "BREEDER DIRECTORY"
ON CLUB'S WEB SITE WWW.VIZSLACLUBOFILLINOIS.ORG

VCA 50th Anniversary Celebration ~ Sept. 28-31 2010

Come join us in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin at the OLYMPIA RESORT for the national club's **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA.**



Many of our long-time club members will be honored guests in the 50th celebration on Thursday, Sept. 30th. Meet and greet our honorees, AKC dignitaries, past Presidents of the VCA, and enjoy a display showcasing Vizsla treasures of the past 50 years. A program that epitomizes our theme of "Past Reflections—Future Visions" is certain to capture your heart. **All Star Review**—Following the anniversary celebration, join us for the All Star Review, the event that celebrates our Vizslas that are accomplished in the field and the show ring. Cheer on your favorite, and one of a kind anniversary auction items.

Schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 28th—Welcome party with vendors. Hands-on seminar by Mark Smith "Introducing your dog to birds."

Wednesday, Sept. 29th—Memory Walk

Thursday, Sept. 30th—50th Anniversary Celebration, Junior's Parade, Breed Judging

Friday, September 31st—Awards Banquet

Overflow hotel options (Olympia Resort has waiting list):

LaQuinta Inn in Delafield—8 miles from the Olympia Resort

262-646-8500 (\$80-98. 4 pets—no pet fee)

Best Western Waukesha Grand—14 miles from Olympia Resort

262-524-9300 (\$70—2 pets per room, \$20 non-refundable pet fee for entire stay)

More details on the site: http://vcaweb.org/events_nf.htm

Many of our own Vizsla Club of Illinois long-time club members will be honored guests. More news to follow in coming months, but make your reservations now. The entire Olympia Resort is already booked solid.



It's that time of year again... **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!**

Due by July 31, 2010

Please see the included Application for details.



AT STUD: CH. ARCHIEE, JH

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

To 09/10

Education Page

Here are some things to consider as we represent our breed and sport:

Each member should:

Consider the welfare of the Vizsla breed when engaged in any activities involving Vizslas, and refrain from any activities which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the breed and the VCOI.

Practice responsible ownership and display good sportsmanship in all activities involving Vizslas.

Not make false or misleading statements about the dogs or character of any member who meets the standards of the AKC's Code of Sportsmanship.

Respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.

Commit ourselves to the values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.

We should welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.

Always consider as paramount the welfare of our dogs.

Any kind of abuse to a dog or person will not be tolerated at a VCOI event.

Each member should be aware at all times that the VCOI exists to protect the breed.

Each member shall at all times display good sportsmanship and conduct. Whether at home, traveling, at shows or motels they will treat all present, including competitors, judges, officials and spectators with respect and courtesy.

Each member must accept the responsibility to protect the interests of our breed by conducting himself in a manner designed to reflect credit on himself, the Vizsla breed, and the Vizsla Club of Illinois.

Submitted by Pam Spurgeon

Spring can be Dangerous to Dogs!

Spring is the time of the year humans start sprucing up the yard and flower beds. One of the more common mulches used is cocoa mulch. Cocoa mulch can be lethal to dogs if too much is eaten. Cocoa mulch contains a chemical known as Theo bromine which is the same thing that makes chocolate poisonous for dogs. It has an attractive smell and taste for dogs. Eaten in small amounts it may cause gastrointestinal distress. Eaten in larger quantities it can cause tachycardia, muscle tremors, seizures, and even death. Other signs are vomiting, diarrhea, lack of appetite, depression, and hyper-excitability. Other potential exposures include pesticides and mycotoxin-producing mold.

If you notice your dog eating cocoa mulch, induce vomiting. If it is much later and symptoms are present, you must get to a vet immediately.

Another deadly ingested item is mushrooms. Some of those growing in your yard may be toxic and fatal. Some can become ill by just licking a poisonous mushroom. Some are even allergic to edible, normally safe mushrooms. Symptoms can range from mild vomiting and diarrhea to severe digestive problems to complete liver failure. Be cautious of parasol-shaped mushrooms and all small brown mushrooms. New mushrooms can appear overnight. If you see mushrooms in your yard or where you walk your dog, dig them up. Smashing or kicking them spreads the spores and even more will grow.

Toads are another danger as they can secrete a substance that can irritate a dog's eyes or tongue. Catching and chewing a toad can cause excessive salivation and sometimes disorientation. If your dog catches a toad, flush his mouth with water and point the dog's head downward so he does not swallow. Some toads are deadly, however. Drooling, head shaking, pawing at the mouth, crying, and attempting to vomit are some symptoms that a dog has had contact with a toad. Symptoms of toad poisoning in dogs can include heavy drooling, head-shaking, vomiting, diarrhea, bright red gums, weakness, loss of coordination, fever, irregular heartbeat, difficulty breathing, tightly clamped jaws, convulsions, and even death.

If you need to induce vomiting in a dog, you can use Syrup of ipecac (1 teaspoonful per 10 lbs of weight, or Hydrogen Peroxide 3% - 1 tablespoon every 10 minutes and repeat 3 times.

If you are not sure what to do, call your veterinarian immediately or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435.

Submitted by Linda Busch

Mark Your May Walking Field Trial ~ May 22 & 23

Dear Fellow Vizsla Aficionados:

Start making plans for the weekend of May 22-23rd to attend the 2nd annual walking field trial being held on the immaculate grounds of Jim Gingrich and Jim Busch. For those of you that are interested in what a field trial is all about this is an excellent opportunity to learn. Because this is an all walking trial you do not need a horse.....just a vizsla and a leash. The Gingrich-Busch Plantation is an easy 1 1/2 hour drive from Chicago. We will be serving a plantation style dinner on the grounds on May 22 in conjunction with a club meeting. For those of you that just want to volunteer, earn a few "vizsla reddog greenbacks," and enjoy a day outside....we will gladly train you in the fine art of "bird planting," "line marshalling," and "scooping poop." Volunteering is a great way to get to know your fellow club members, learn about this event and get some outdoor exercise. For further information or to get a premium to enter please call your Field Trial Chairman, Jim Busch (815)335-7673 or Field Trial Secretary, Michelle Princer (815)243-9180.

May Membership Meeting ~ May 22

Gingrich Farm ~ held in conjunction with the May Walking Trial. Meeting to start about 5:30PM.

2010 Vizsla Club of Illinois Training Day ~ June 5

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

Would you like to do some summer field training? Is your dog ready for that hunt test or field trial? Why not come to the VCOI training day and find out?

The VCOI would like to invite you, your family and your dog(s) out to the 2010 training day on June 5th. Trainers will be available to work with you and your dog(s). Open to all Vizslas. Breeders contact your puppy buyers. There will be a training demonstration showing the progression in training from a 7-10 week old puppy to a broke dog. The training demonstration will start around 11:00 with questions and answers after. The individual training sessions will begin at 8:00am and again after lunch.

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre registration in suggested to reserve your birds, lunch and training time

\$20.00 1ST DOG INCLUDES SEMINAR, TRAINING WITH 2 QUAIL, GROUNDS FEE AND LUNCH

\$15.00 ADDITIONAL DOGS INCLUDES SEMINAR, TRAINING WITH 2 QUAIL AND GROUNDS FEE

\$5.00 ADDITIONAL LUNCH

\$5.00 ADDITIONAL BIRDS

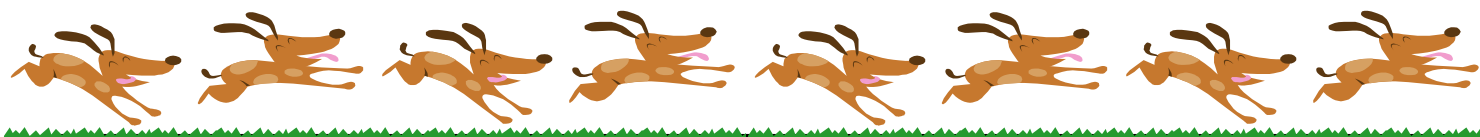
CONTACT MARK SPURGEON 815-547-9027 or csvizslas@yahoo.com

We are in need of experienced and inexperienced helpers. Some of the jobs we need help with are training (assistant and primary), gunning, line marshaling, bagging birds, food, etc. If you want to help we will find you a job. Please call Mark Spurgeon.

There is a VCOI hunt test on Sunday that will close on the grounds at 3:00 pm Saturday. Train your dog and then sign up. See VCOI website for more info.

PLEASE NO DOGS STAKED OUT BEFORE 8:00

Additional quail for training if available will be market price



Membership Meeting Minutes ~ March 6th, 2010

Where: Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Wilmington, IL in conjunction with the March Field Trial

Call to order: Jeff Parise called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.

Presidents Report: Jeff Parise invited some of the "new" people to stand up and introduce themselves to the group. Each stood up to tell a little about themselves and their dogs. All welcomed this group to the world of Field Trialing. Some of these people were... John and Rashelle Marshall "Magaus", Nate Schmidt "Zoey", Dan Vandyke "Copper", and Phil Steteman.

Treasures Report: Linda Busch reported that the club has a favorable balance for our checking and savings account. This does not include the expenses from this weekend's Field Trial.

Field Trial Club of Illinois: Mark Johnson reported that the FTCL is raising money for two barns to be built. One barn will be at Pyramid State Recreation Area in Pinckneyville, IL and the second barn at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area in Chandler-ville, IL. Mark also reported that one of the four candidates elected to be recognized for the 2010 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame was Mary Jo Trimble from the FTCL. The election will be on March 17th 2010. Mark mentioned that all breeders need to pay attention to many of the laws that are trying to get passed (tether law, spay neuter, tail crop and dock, etc.). Field Trial Club of Illinois meetings are in January and July. Stay informed with the communications coming via the VCOI yahoo email group.

Newsletter: Shelly Kliefloth said to keep sending in information and pictures. You can email the information to her.

Supported Entries / Specialty Show: This summer is a three-day show. Linda Busch mentioned that she is taking donations for a few more open trophy slots. The Specialty Show will be on July 17th 2010 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL. The Specialty Show dates in the VCOI calendar are incorrect.

December Walking Field Trial: Jeff Parise asked if anyone knows of any open grounds or dates to replace the December Walking Field Trial. Greg Heden said there is a possibility of some open dates at Des Plaines Wildlife Area. A general discussion was had concerning the location of the May Walking Trial (previously the Winter Walking Trial in December) and the consensus was to keep the date and location as currently in use.

May Walking Field Trial: Jim Busch reported that the May Walking Field Trial will be on May 22nd and 23rd 2010 at the Gingrich / Busch Plantation in Winnebago, IL. There is no limit to entries. Entries will close on May 14th 2010. People who are not familiar with the grounds can talk to Jim Busch or Jim Gingrich to train on foot before the trial.

March Field Trial: Jeff Parise asked if anyone present is interested in running the March Field Trial for 2011. We are still looking for a Trial Chairman, Secretary, and Committee for our 2011 March Trial.

Brags: Chad and Nancy Chadwell's Wiki Wiki Tiki-man "Tiki" JH placed second in the Amateur Walking Derby at the Show Me Vizsla Club's Field Trail in Lee's Summit Missouri. Jody Beckley's CH Jb's Asker Bout Birds "Kinze" took first place in the Open Derby and Amateur Walking Derby at the same Field Trial. Mike Dalby took fourth place at the 2010 VCA National Gun Dog Championship with Gretta II "Gretta". Jim Gingrich's Burr Oak's Quarterback "Rex" won a sixteen-dog Amateur Gun Dog retrieving stake at a GSP Field Trial in Southern Georgia. Also, Burr Oak's Old Number Seven "Jack" won the 2010 VCA National Gun Dog Championship. Mark Johnson's Saginaw Redneck Cowboy "Tex" (who was trained by Brian Gingrich) won the 2010 VCA National Puppy Classic. *Secretary's note:* I found out by phone from Mark that Saginaw Redneck Cowboy "Tex" also won the 2010 NVA National Derby Classic.

Adjourned: Jeff Parise motioned to adjourn the meeting. Many people present seconded the motion. Jeff Parise adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

Submitted by: Tom Grekowicz



February Training Days ~ Feb. 20 & 21

Well the training days were a great success for the VCOI. Both days we had a great turnout. We sold 150 birds. There were a lot of new faces and some old faces. There were hunt test people and some field trial people.. Jeremy Weber, Rob & Beth Struthers, Joe Cronin and John Looby drove down to work their young dogs. Then we had a group of guys that always come down to train Brad Lepoudre, Tom Grekowicz, Brian Johnson, Mike Miklas, Greg Justice, Jerry & Shelly Gabriel, John & Rashelle Marshall, Tony Ordenez, Greg Heden and Bill Elliott. Rick Richter, who was one of the 201 Futurity judges, came down with Bill Elliot. Then we had 2 blasts from the past which is great to see. Polly Poulos and Paul & Jill Howard came down to run their dogs. It was 2 long days in the field and from my and wife Pattie's eyes, everyone left having a great time. I'm sure on Sunday when they got home owners and the dogs were fighting for room on the couch.

Dennis Nowak

VCOI spring field trial ~ March 6 & 7, 2010

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many involved with the spring trial at Des Plaines. My Secretary Rodney Albin, My committee members Pam Spurgeon, Mary and George Haines, Greg Wegler, Tom Greckowitz, and Brad Lepoudre as Captain of the guns. Greg managed the bird planters while Tom managed the line marshals. Having the comitee help in managing the trial is what makes our trials run so smoothly. I can't even begin to remember all the people who helped plant birds, or who helped line marshal. Every time I asked who was doing this or that it was already handled. I would like to thank the many who cleaned up their areas well, and a big thanks to Jon peck and Michele Princer for spending over an hour cleaning up the lot for those that did not.

Thanks to Pam, Mary and Amanda for cleaning the clubhouse. Also thanks to the members and non members who helped in many ways, even if it was just in support of the trial by entering.

Clean up is one area we as a club need to work on. If each person would spend 15 minutes before they pull out at the end of a weekend, clean up common areas and under their trailers after they move, it would make the end of trial chores easier.

We had several new and non members come to check out a trial, or help with no dogs to run. They were made to feel welcome, and hopefully will become active in the VCOI.

The trial was full and ran smoothly other than a few conflicts. The weather was perfect on Saturday with sunny skies and mild temperatures. Sunday the weather changed and we got a little wet.

Thanks for all your help,

Mark Spurgeon

VCOI spring field trial ~ Placements

Amateur Walking Puppy

H D Burbach M J Mikoff JR (9 Starters)
1st: Saginaw Redneck Cowboy, M Johnson (2 pts)
2nd: Ck Rugers Red Label Ann, R Chenoweth/D Chenoweth
3rd: Bravo Haulin's Stage Winner, J Gingrich
4th: Kick Em Up Kim, J Bell

Open Puppy

V Grimslid B Geddeis (11 Starters)
1st: Bravo Haulin's Stage Winner, J Gingrich (2 pts)
2nd: Kick Em Up Kimber, J Bell/S Zobel
3rd: Saginaw Redneck Cowboy, M Johnson
4th: Ck Rugers Red Label Ann, R Chenoweth/D Chenoweth

Amateur Walking Derby

H D Burbach R Burris (14 Starters)
1st: Kick Em Up Kimber, J Bell/S Zobel (3 pts)
2nd: Vanguard's Quantum Matrix JH, M Rogers/R Rogers (1 pts)
3rd: Lakeview's Honey Wine, E Kliefoth/S Kliefoth
4th: Wiki Wiki Tiki-Man (Tiki) JH, C Chadwell/N Browne

Open Derby

V Grimslid R Burris (15 Starters)
1st: Midnight Run Won'T Get Fooled Again, J Peck (3 pts)
2nd: Saginaw Redneck Cowboy, M Johnson
3rd: Vanguard's Quantum Matrix JH, M Rogers/R Rogers
4th: Vanguard's Neon Genesis JH, M Rogers/R Rogers

Amateur Gun Dog Non-Ret

H D Burbach M J Mikoff JR (19 Starters)
1st: Durite's Hoosier Daddy, M Syczylo/C Syczylo (4 pts)
2nd: FC AFC Rampaige JH, P Rohs (2 pts)
3rd: Burr Oak's Quarterback, J Gingrich
4th: Kick Em Up Bullet JH, J Bell

Open Gun Dog Ret

V Grimslid B Geddeis (13 Starters)
1st: FC Gracies' Angel Molly Rc SH, R Caldwell (3 pts)
2nd: Burr Oak's Quarterback, J Gingrich
3rd: Kemberly's Rebel Rouser Kye, G Wegler
4th: Harvard Bound, W Elliott

Amateur Limited Gun Dog Ret

H D Burbach R Burris (20 Starters)
1st: FC AFC Rampaige JH, P Rohs (4 pts)
2nd: FC AFC Saginaw Diamond Dan, M Johnson (2 pts)
3rd: NFC FC Berry's Taking Chances, C Syczylo/M Syczylo
4th: FC Diesel II, W Elliott

Open Limited Gun Dog Non-Ret

V Grimslid R Burris (14 Starters)
1st: NAFC DC NGDC AFC Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger SH, M Spurgeon/P Spurgeon (3 pts)
2nd: NGDC FC AFC Rolling Rock MH, M Dalby
3rd: Kick Em Up Bullet JH, J Bell
4th: Kick Em Up Tikka JH, J Bell

Calendars!

June Hunt Test ~ June 6

Ottawa field trial grounds

Contact Brad LePoudre for more information. 847.888.1176 or lepoudre@comcast.net
Looking for people to run the June 6th Hunt test.
Also looking for people that are interested in learning how to run a hunt test.

Double Bubble ~ July 17 & 18

Double Bubble Weekend

JULY 17TH & 18TH, 2010

Saturday, July 17th



A.M.: All-Breed dog show, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL

Noon: Hunt Test Seminar, Busch Farm, Winnebago, IL

P.M.: Free steak dinner for VCOI members and Membership Meeting, Busch Farm, Winnebago, IL



Sunday, July 18th

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All activities at Busch Farm, Winnebago, IL

Variety of activities for dogs, kids, and adults.

Early May see VCOI Club web site and the July Bulletin for detailed information.

Mark your calendar now so you do not forget!

If you would like to be on the committee or help in any way for the next

Double Bubble, please contact Linda Busch at LBusch@aeroinc.net



September Hunt Test ~ Sept. 6 (Labor Day)

Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Joliet, IL.

Contact Jeff & Kathy Englesman for more information.

September Field Trial ~ Sept. 18 & 19

Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Joliet, IL.

Looking for a FT Chairperson & Secretary

2010 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party ~ Jan. 15, 2011

Gibson's Steakhouse, Rosemont, IL.

Contact Pam Spurgeon for more details.

National Titles & Placements for VCOI Members

Burr Oak's Old Number Seven wins 2010 NGDC

This year's NGDC was held at the Stockton Plantation, just outside of Newington, Georgia. Thirty seven dogs were entered in the championship including the winners of the last three National Gun Dog Championships and many from the VCA Amateur and Open Top Ten Lists.



Jack finished his FC and AFC in 2008, placing 2nd in the NAFC in Sonata, Arizona in November 2008. Jack made the second series in both the NFC and NAFC last fall in Danville, Virginia but did not place. Perhaps he had Georgia on his mind.

There are only 3 National Championship titles awarded each year by the AKC for VCA events. To capture one in a lifetime is a great joy. So many great dogs come close but never quite have all the needed elements line up when they run. Jack had a great day in Georgia, running in the ninth brace on the second day of the trial. One thing both Brian and I came away with from this event was the different between a 30 minute stake and a 60

minute stake. Many dogs looked great at 30, but faded badly over the second 30 minutes. A second observation was that bird work is very important and if you want to win, it had better be flawless, Jack's was. Jack's win was a high point in my 27 years of field trialing. I have come close before, but not until this year and Jack's winning performance was a national title awarded to a Burr Oak Vizsla.

No one achieves a national title by themselves, it is such a difficult journey that without the support of fellow competitors and club members you would never last. Jim Busch helped me start the journey and picked me up more times than I can count. He also knew how to challenge my competitive spirit when things got tough. Many others helped along the way pointing out with great vigor my handling and training short comings. Yes, they helped me also, but not without a big dose of pain.

I have had three great wins in my Vizsla career, beginning in 1985 when Princess Molly won the Midwest Futurity. She was my first Vizsla as you can probably tell by her name. The second win was in 1993 when Bo Knows Birds captured the Derby Classic at the Nationals in Ohio. Bo placed over 70 times in his 6 year career which was cut short by the requirements of my day job. Bo came close but not until many years later did Jack finish the deal. To say I am satisfied would not be true, but to say I will always appreciate the win in Georgia would be right on. Every time I fill out an entry for NGDC FC AFC Burr Oak's Old Number Seven I will enjoy the experience all over again.

Thank you to all my friends and fellow field trialers who helped me stay the course over these many years.

Jim Gingrich

Saginaw Redneck Cowboy

SAGINAW REDNECK COWBOY aka "TEX" arrived in Illinois early this fall as a seven week old pup via Delta airlines. His breeder, Ray Cooper, shipped Tex and his sister Casey in the same crate early Sunday morning before the Texas temperatures got too high to air freight small animals. From the moment he arrived in Winnebago Tex has had lots of exposure to birds, hunting, and the field trial game and he is showing plenty of potential in puppy-derby stakes.

In December and again in February TEX made trips to Georgia to get away from the snow and cold and gain some early on exposure to east coast field trial venues. At eight months he won the Vizsla Club of America Ripp Barat Memorial National Puppy Classic and carded several wins/placements in Georgia all-breed field trials. In mid March Tex traveled to Grovespring, Missouri and won the National Vizsla Association 2010 National Derby Classic in a field of 33 entries from around the country.



We are proud to have Tex running under the SAGINAW banner and want to thank Ray Cooper for his great breeding program and to Brian Gingrich for diligently working with Tex on his bird work and application. Tex will be campaigned sparingly for the balance of this spring and will spend the summer on the prairies of North Dakota with Ray Dohse.

Mark Johnson owner/handler

Greta II JH

Greta received a Forth Place ribbon at the 2010 National Gun Dog Trial! Congratulations to Tom & Jennette Stephen (owners) & Mike Dalby (trainer & handler)! Another amazing accomplishment by VCOI members!

