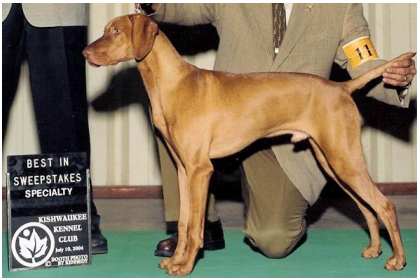




# BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

## Ch. Red Oak Atticus Finch JH



FC AFC Raany SH x Shiloh's Firecracker Jane JH

Owned by Brad W. Voehringer

Bred by Jim & Linda Busch



**Finding Finn** — Kismet? I don't know, but there must have been some cosmic forces in place the day I drove up to Busch Farms (with friend John Benoit) to select my pick puppy. As John and I examined the pups in the litter I was to choose from, my eye kept wandering to another box that housed Jane's (Shiloh's Firecracker Jane JH) whelping younger litter. In particular, puppy #5 caught my eye. John noticed me looking at this other litter and asked Linda Busch if we could consider this litter as well. I had not told John that I really liked #5; however, at the end of his examinations, he too picked out #5 as the pup for me. And so, as it goes, the rest is history. #5 became Red Oak Atticus Finch. I knew it was the right decision the instant I saw this pup and I have never doubted it since.

**The Name** — I am often asked about how Finn got his name; people ask if I am an attorney or an English teacher. Not quite. We live on Oak Street, vizslas are red and my favorite novel is "To Kill a Mockingbird". I wanted his call name to be "Atticus" but my wife and daughter pushed for "Finn" and who am I to argue with the two women in my life?

**Conformation** — Having owned two champion show dogs before, I was eager to have a vizsla that I could show. Finn and I began conformation classes when he was three months old, and at six months, he made his debut at the Amboy/Dekalb cluster. After a torrential downpour rendered the outdoor rings unusable, we were redirected to some of the out buildings. However, the floors were very slick and the judge, Beth Speich, made us move our dogs in a 6' x 6' square so we would not slip. Not a very good start, but Finn went reserve and Judge Speich told me that Finn was "a very nice puppy". Later that same weekend, Finn earned his first two points going Best of Winners under Judge Donald Jones. The next weekend was the VCOI Specialty Show and again Finn found success, going "Best



Puppy in Sweepstakes". Other highlights in Finn's show career included a major win at the prestigious International Kennel Club Cluster and winning a large open dog class at the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club Specialty Show. He wrapped up his show career with a major at the Elgin Kennel Club Show under Judge Richard Byrd.

**Hunting** — I am not a hunter, but knew Finn was meant to be out in the field doing what vizslas do best... hunting. So I received a crash course from Jim Busch, and Finn and I began training for his "JH". It did not take much on my part, I always tell people that it was 90% Finn and 10% me. After entering four hunt tests, Finn earned his junior hunter title. The biggest highlight was when Finn earned the highest qualifying score at the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club of America Hunt Test.

**Family Friend** — More than anything else, I wanted a well-behaved house pet and a first-rate family companion. Not only does Finn have impeccable manners around the house, he is a loving and patient companion to me, my wife, my three young kids and our rather mischievous kitten, Lizzie.

I believe Finn is everything a vizsla should be. He is a beautiful dog, a great hunter and, most importantly, he is a first-rate family companion with a wonderful temperament. It is for these reasons that we have decided to breed Finn. We are offering Ch. Red Oak Atticus Finch JH (OFA VZ-9983F32M-PI) at stud to approved bitches.

Much thanks to Jim and Linda Busch, John and Kris Benoit, Cheryl Lykowski, Chris Hajek, Michel Berner and Cathy Gallagher for their advice, encouragement and support.

- Brad W. Voehringer

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**Bulletin Covers**

Nov 2006  
~Open

Jan 2007  
~Open

March 2007  
~ Open

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## **VCOI General Membership Meeting 09/20/06**

### **Members Present (in no particular order)—**

Cindy LePoudre, Kathy Harmes, Sue Barnes, Cathy Gallagher, Karen & Anthony Calandra, Jim & Linda Busch, Dennis & Patti Nowak, Jodi, Dan & Ethan Cieslak, Pam Spurgeon, Jeff Parise, Jim & Carol Gingrich, Tom & Tracy Grekowitz, Lisa Starbuck, Sharon Simpson, Jeff & Kathy Engelsman

**Visitors Present**—Stacy Pyrek, Beth Taylor (guest speaker)

**Call to Order**—Cathy Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:55pm, Lisa Starbuck called for the motion and Cindy LePoudre seconded it.

**Approval of the Minutes**—Tom Grekowitz motioned to approve the minutes from the last general membership meeting as published in the bulletin. Jim Gingrich seconded it.

**President's Report**—Cathy Gallagher asked the membership what they thought about doing a buffet at Jimmy's for the next meeting—all agreed to it. Cathy went on to introduce the guest speaker for the evening and thanked Cindy LePoudre for her lovely desert table. Cathy also announced that Cindy LePoudre would be our new Education Chair. Cindy LePoudre said that she is looking for ideas on future guest speakers. Cathy stated that volunteers are still needed in the club for various positions including some leadership roles. She then went over the new Breeder Listing requirement which involves volunteering.

**Secretary's Report**—Jodi Cieslak reported that there was nothing to report. She did pass around some pamphlets and flyers that were sent to her from the VCA. These are available for bulk purchase through the VCA website.

**Treasure Report**—Cheryl Lykowski was not present but sent me the following via email: To All Hunt Test and Field Trial Secretaries and Other Event Chairs: Please do not pay/reimburse yourself for event related expenses with the cash receipts you received from the

event. I realize that this seems the easy (and expedient) way to handle your expenses, but it makes it more difficult for me to categorize and list expenses for the event. It is also more difficult to keep a record of incoming vs. outgoing cash if a lot of expenses are being paid with cash receipts. Anyone who has submitted an expense reimbursement to me can testify that I am extremely prompt in getting a reimbursement check to them! THANK YOU! Our Labor Day Hunt Test was very successful especially for a one day event. We grossed a profit. Thank you to Jeff & Kathy Engelsman for a job well done!  
The Club is still Solvent!

**2007 Awards Banquet Report (via email from Cheryl Lykowski)** - The Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at The Fisherman's Inn in Elburn, IL. Cash Bar starts at 6pm, Dinner is served at 7pm. The banquet room reservation has been made. (Details and the reservation for are located elsewhere in the newsletter and are posted on the club website)

**Membership Chair Report**—Linda Busch reported that the Directory is at the printers now with about 140 members listed. About 20 more have paid since. We still have about 60-80 members who have not paid their dues. Linda Busch motioned to waive the 2007 membership fee for the Hesgard family. Pam Spurgeon seconded and Lisa Starbuck third.

**Ottawa Work Day Report**—Jodi Cieslak reported that she spoke to Greg Hedin and that no one showed up for our work day at the Ottawa grounds in Eagle, WI. Luckily Greg has spent time up there planting apple trees so the club is good. In the future if we do not cover our work day we will lose our dates on those grounds. We really need someone to coordinate this every year. Any volunteers?

**Labor Day Hunt Test**—Kathy Engelsman reported that they ran two courses and about 40 dogs. 1 MH passed, 0 SH passed and 16 JH passed. They also sold a bunch of raffle tickets for the Hesgard Gun Raffle.

**Fall Field Trial Report**—It was reported that they will be taking food orders for lunch since the concession guys will not be available.

**National Wildlife Days**—Dennis Nowak reported that the club shared a booth with the GSP club and put on a nice demo.

**Double Bubble 2007**—Jodi Cieslak stated that she will be the chairperson again.

**Calendar Report (all winning photos were on display at the meeting)** - Lisa Starbuck reported that she needs the dates for the calendar and the digital photo files sent ASAP. She apologized for the lateness of the winners being announced.

**Chicago Pet Show**—Cathy Gallagher reported that the show has been moved to the convention center in Schaumburg. The dates will be 03/16 to 03/18

**Awards Banquet**—Cathy Gallagher reported for Cheryl Lykowski that the location of our banquet is the Fisherman's Inn in Elburn and will run \$25/person. We are still in need of entertainment ideas.

**December Field Trial**—It was reported that Victor Barger is the chair.

**Misc/Other News** —Dennis Nowak reported that he already has one judge for the February Hunt Test. He also stated that the club will be hosting a judges seminar in January at the Gander Mountain in Joliet on 30 & 55. Pam Spurgeon announced the slate of officers (listed elsewhere in this bulletin)

**Braggs**—Kathy Engelsman reported that Barkley too Best of Breed all three days and a Group 1 in Michigan. Mike Dalby Finished his dog Rock as a Master Hunter in 2 years and 4 months. Sharon Simpson's dog Duc took his first Gun Dog placement—a 4th in Open Gun God. Brad Voehringer finished his dog Finn in the ring.

**Meeting Adjourned**—Lisa Starbuck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, Dennis Nowak seconded.

- Respectfully Submitted  
Jodi Cieslak, VCOI Secretary

### **Editor's Notes:**

As you may have heard, I have decided to resign from my position as newsletter editor. I have enjoyed this job for the past year, but I just do not have the time to handle it anymore. If you are interested in taking over as editor please let me know.

Fall is truly my favorite season. It starts a new field trail season, a new round of hunt tests, a new hunting season... many things to do with our beloved Vizslas. To me there is nothing prettier than watching a good bird dog strut their stuff out in the field.

Happy Hunting!  
- jodi

The nominating committee has presented its slate of officers for the 2007 election. This was presented at the September meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate someone for one of these positions, can do so, from the floor, at the November membership meeting.

President: Cathy Gallagher  
Vice President: Dennis Nowak  
Treasurer: Cheryl Lykowski  
Secretary: Jodi Cieslak

Board of Directors term ending 2008:

Mark Spurgeon  
Michel Berner  
Jeff Parise

Board of Directors new nominations for term ending 2009:

Rodney Albin  
Mike Dalby  
Jim Gingrich



Thanks to all of our members who have agreed to be nominated to a position. We would not have a club without our members being active in board positions.

## Labor Day Hunt Test

The Labor Day Hunt Test was a huge success! This one day Hunt Test brought the club a profit of \$816.50 minus some club expenses. The Brian Hesgard shot gun raffle brought in \$195.00 for the Hesgard family. The Hunt Test committee of Val Blaine, Jenny and Jeremy Thill, Kim and Doug Frank and Tammy Sparks and myself had entries of 40 dogs. Gunners were: Dennis Nowak, Jeremy Thill and Ryan Pheifer. Changing the way we typically run tests by not limiting to day light hours, we were able to run all the dogs that entered turning away no one. Mike Dalby and Jeff Parise filled in as our extra judges. Our main judges in the saddle were Chuck Dosenbach and Tom McFall they gave the contestants plenty of time and knowledge while judging. We had many positive comments regarding how well we ran this test, they also enjoyed running



their dogs under our judges and also noticed the amount of birds at our test. Many said they will be back next year! A big thank you to our committee, some came from far away to help with this test. Jenny and Jeremy Thill came down from Kewaskum, WI and Ryan Pheifer came all the way down from Green Bay, WI. a special thanks to Debbie Taylor who has helped us at this test for at least 3 years now and I hope I haven't missed anyone else. It is the workers who give up their weekend to make this test a success and I thank all of you for your dedication. Looking forward to next year!

JUNIOR DOGS:	23 ran	Qualified 16
SENIOR DOGS:	5 ran	Qualified 0
MASTER DOGS:	12 ran	Qualified 1

- Kathy Engelsman, Hunt Test Secretary

# 2007 VCOI Calendar Winners

We are pleased to announce the following winners for the 2007 VCOI Calendar. We had a wonderful selection of photos to vote on. Congratulations to all.

Cover photo - Valerie Blaine - Badge of Courage JH

January feature - Dennis & Patti Nowak - Juliet / January mini - Jennifer Isbell - Johnny and June Carter-Cash

February feature - Sharon Rohlfing - puppies / February mini - Debbie Rosma - Gunnar & Huntley

March feature - Michel Berner - Shoalin / March mini - Marty Hull - "Road Trip" with Ben and Cooper

April feature - Skip Wonnell - Satch / April mini - Anna Roberts - Truman, "Never too young for Agility"

May feature - Cathy Gallagher - Yellow girl pointing / May mini - Danielle Fitzsimmons - "Big City Bird Dog"

June feature - Jodi Cieslak - Tru and Desi / June mini - Lisa Starbuck - Annika on teeter

July feature - Jennifer Isbell - Johnny and June Carter-Cash / July mini - Gene Wolf - Cody

August feature - Marty Hull - "Cooper Froggin" / August - mini - Lisa Starbuck - Annika

Sept feature - Jodi Cieslak - VCOI Field Trial Sept 2005 / Sept mini - Debbie Rosema - Gunnar

October feature - Kathy Harmer - Cheers / October mini - Anna Roberts - Rusty "Where did the cat go?"

November feature - Barb Kleczka - Gordie & Stewart / November mini - Laurie Wonnell - Jaks & Satch

December feature - Shelley Gabriel - Crystal / December mini - Mark & Pam Spurgeon - puppies

The end (back cover) - Michel Berner - Jeremiah, Cass & Maggie

We are waiting on the digital versions of the winning submissions. After receiving them, the winning photos will be posted on the website, and the work will begin on creating the version to go to the printer. The goal is to have the calendars available by mid-fall - possibly at some club events.

A big thanks goes out to everyone who is helping - I am grateful. I hope I remembered everyone!!!

Michel Berner, Valerie Blaine, Linda Busch, Jodi Cieslak, Cathy Gallagher, Greg Hedien, Cindy LePoudre, Dennis Nowak, Barbara Ohata, Anna Roberts, Julia Sobieski, Tim Starbuck

- Lisa Starbuck and the calendar team

## Shotgun Raffle



The VCOI is having a Shotgun Raffle to benefit Brian Hesgard and his family. Brian was involved in a bad accident that has left him confined to a wheelchair. The gun is a Stoeger Condor Over Under 20 gauge. The gun will be available at all club events.

The drawing will take place at the Christmas party on January 20th, 2007. If unable to get tickets contact the Nowaks and we will make arrangements for you. The Heskard have been members of the VCOI for along time and are great people so please show your support in this wonderful cause.

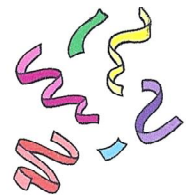
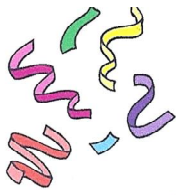
- Dennis Nowak

On Sept 9th the VCOI were invited to the Gander Mountain in Joliet. They had a goose and duck calling contest and the manager wanted to have other options for the customers. We had a booth in the front of the store with the GSPCI. Both of the clubs shared in doing pointing demonstrations. The response was very good and are invited back for next year.

I would like to thank Greg Justice Jerry Gabriel, Patti Nowak and the GSPCI for a great day of fun for the us and most importantly the dogs.

- Dennis Nowak





**2007 VCOI HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**& AWARDS BANQUET**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007**

**New Location!:**

*The Fisherman's Inn*

*Route 47 and Main Street*

*Elburn, IL 60119 630-365-9697*

*We will enjoy a sumptuous Buffet Dinner in "The Cove" Private Dining Room which will include: Hand Carved Roast Beef and Hand Carved Roast Pork with stuffing, Broiled Whitefish, Grilled Chicken Breast with Orange Sauce, Wild Rice Blend, Au gratin Potatoes, California & Italian Blend Vegetables, Tossed Garden Greens Salad, with a finale of Chocolate Mousse for Desert.*

*Evening's Festivities Commence @6:00pm; Dinner Served @7:00pm*

*Cash Bar Available*

*For Directions from your location go to [www.fishermens-inn.com](http://www.fishermens-inn.com)*

*Questions? Call Cheryl Lykowski at 847-359-3934 or go to VCOI website*

*[www.vizslaclubofillinois.org](http://www.vizslaclubofillinois.org) - Events/Awards Banquet*

**RESERVATION FORM**

*Guest's Name:*

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*Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 per person)*

*Please make your checks payable to VCOI and  
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***By TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2007 TO:***

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# Fall Field Trail Results

## Open Gundog (Ret)

1st - CH Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger JH (NOW A DC!)  
2nd - AFC Oakleaf's Runnin Down A Dream JH  
3rd - Berry's Bad Boy  
4th - CH Red Oak's Totem of SnowRidge JH OAJ OA

## Am Limited Gundog

1st- CH SnowRidge Gunfire Flynn  
2nd-NAFC FC AFC Desert Storm's Desirae  
3rd-DC Rimfire's Double Jeopardy  
4th - withheld

## Am Walk Puppy

1st - Gretta II  
2nd- Kemberly's Rebel Rouser Kye  
3rd-Wizard's Aalizsa  
4th- Sir Rust's Ferrous Oxide

## Open Derby

1st- Saginaw Diamond Dan  
2nd-Billy Ruben  
3rd Diamond Lake Katie  
4th Archiee

## Amateur Gundog

1st- Rolling Rock MH (Rock got the VCOI MPYV award!)  
2nd - withheld  
3rd - withheld  
4th - withheld

## Open Limited Gun Dog

1st- DC Rimfire's Double Jeopardy  
2nd- Saginaw Diamond Dan  
3rd - Berry's Bad Boy  
4th- FC Rebel Rouser Kember

## Open Puppy

1st- Wegler's Kember Kayla  
2nd- Kemberly's Rebel Rouser Kye  
3rd -Sir Rust's Ferrous Oxide  
4th -Gretta II

## Am Walking Derby

1st - Saginaw Diamond Dan  
2nd- Archiee  
3rd- Diamond Lake Katie  
4th Thunderstorm's Sunny Days

## Northern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days

The GSPCI , Vizsla Club of Illinois and N.S.T.R.A. teamed up on September 23 & 24, 2006 to represent the pointing dogs at the Northern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days held at Silver Springs Fish & Wildlife Area in Yorkville, Il. The odor of wet dog filled the air on Saturday as the weather was less than favorable. Although it rained all day long many people ventured out to the dog venue area where they were entertained with pointing dog demonstrations and educated about pointing dog breeds and training techniques. On Sunday we were blessed with a beautiful fall day. The sun was shining and the odor of wet dog disappeared. Again, we were visited by hundreds of people interested in what we do with our dogs. Thanks to all the members from the GSPCI, VCOI and NSTRA for donating their time to put on such a great event. Special thanks to Gary Current for organizing the dog venue area.

- Chris Gombosi, GSPCI Vice President



# HOW DID SHE COME UP WITH THAT??????

Did you ever wonder how the cover of the VCOI Directory gets picked? Well, it's simple. I just do it. I took over the directory in 1995 (I think) based on the previous samples of the directory. We actually had two years with 1996 on the cover, but I think one should have been 1995 as there is no directory with 1995 on it. Not sure how that happened.

It has always been the prerogative of the membership chairman to pick the cover dog. Normally the dog chosen is someone who has earned a significant title recently. I like to spread "the wealth" around a bit and give as many different members a chance to be on the cover as possible, but it also should be a dog that has contributed significantly to the betterment of the breed through titles, accomplishments, etc. Greffin's Ha' Penny is the only dog to have been on twice to my knowledge (lucky girl), and I can't remember exactly why that happened. I think I may have forgotten she had been on previously. I am open to suggestions from the members as I'm not always aware of whose dogs are doing what sometimes. Below is a list going back to 1991 of the cover dogs. Some of these dogs have gone on to earn more titles since then.

2005-2006 Ch. JNEK'S Teacher's Pet, JH-VCD2-TDX, UD (owner Mel & Nancy Lloyd)  
2004-2005 FC/AFC Strider's TNG, JH CGC (owner Wanda Berner)  
Can. Ch, DC Onpoint's Tuff Stuff, TD, TT, 2X NVA Ch. (owners John & Debbie Reid)  
2003-2004 Master Agility Ch. Gabrielle Winfield, CGC (owners Pam & Mike Schiazzano)  
2002-2003 The Ordonez Dynasty featured four dogs (owners Gina & Tony Ordonez)  
2000-2001 BIS 5 X BISS Ch. JNEK's King Ralph (owners Jeff & Kathy Englesman)  
1999-2000 Ch. Air Hogan (owners Diane & Randy Engel)  
1998-1999 FC/AFC Buster Brown Zak (owners Paul & Jill Howard)  
1997 DC/AFC Greffin's Ha' Penny, MH (owners Roy & Lois Greffin)  
1996 DC/AFC Mehagian's Phoenix Fridge (owners Mark & Rhonda Johnson)  
1996 Ch. Polar Kap's Country Creek Carvon (owner Kathy Harmer)  
1994 NFC/DC/AFC Corky (owners David & Deb Lee)  
1993 DC/AFC Askim, MH, NSTRA Ch. (owners Jim & Linda Busch)  
1992 AFC/FC Willie's Cactus Flower (owners Tony & Ann Lucas)  
1991 DC/AFC Greffin's Ha' Penny, MH (owners Roy & Lois Greffin)

This year's cover dog is Ch. Zigfrid's Got 'Em Seeing Red, TD, JH. Owner is Cheryl Lykowski. Cheryl has also offered to pay the additional money for a color cover. The only other people to do this have been Mike and Pam Schiazzano. The offer stands for anyone whose dog is the cover, and the cost varies depending on how many issues we need to print that year. If you are interested, you can contact me and I can give you a ballpark figure. If you know of a worthy dog that has been overlooked by me, please let me know and I will consider it for next year's issue - provided I'm still the membership chairman and not run out of town on a rail for some reason!!!

Having this job has its drawbacks too. I have not put FC/AFC Raany, MH or FC/AFC Buster Keeton on the cover, although both were very worthy dogs, for fear of being seen as using my position as membership chairman to "feather my own nest." Plus, it's good to have dogs with a variety of titles or at least coming from areas of competition other than conformation and field.

The dues are renewed by almost everyone in mid-July. Sometimes new members get a bonus of more than a year based on exactly when they joined. The timeliness of the directory is based on how busy I am. It is my sincere hope for the future to get the directory in the hands of all members by the end of August and not late September or early October as sometimes happens.

- Linda Busch

## **Judges Seminar for hunt tests**

**The VCOI will be having a judges seminar on January 7th 2007. The seminar will take place at Gander mountain store in Joliet at 3301 Essington road. The cost of the seminar will be 30.00 which will include a lunch. The seminar will last about 8 hours and will start at 10:00 am. They have a lodge room in the back of the store where we will have the seminar. Going to this seminar will give you the opportunity to judge hunt tests. This will be put on by an AKC representative which can also make you understand a hunt test. To RSVP please call Dennis Nowak at 815-439-0720.**



## VCOI President's Message October 2006

Happy Fall! – Cooler temperatures and great Fall Vizsla events!!!

Our Club has already been quite busy leading Fall events! We had a very successful Labor Day Hunt Test, our Fall Field Trial, our National Hunting and Wildlife Days, and an informative Education Seminar focus on food and nutrition for dogs! Thank you to all of the chairs and volunteers for making these activities so well received and attended by our members and other friends.

Be sure to watch for information on our website and in this newsletter for our 2007 Calendars which will be available in November. There are 26 winners this year!

Our next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at Jimmy's Charhouse in Elgin, Illinois, beginning with dinner at 6PM. Our meeting will begin at about 7:15PM. All members are welcome to attend!

There is an announcement about our January 20, 2007 Awards Banquet in this Bulletin, too. It will be held in Elburn, Illinois at the Fisherman's Inn this year. Be sure to get your achievements and awards data to Cheryl Peterson by December 1, 2006, so you will receive your new plaques or award bars for existing plaques.

Have a great Fall, and remember, it's all about the dogs!

-Cathy Gallagher

## 2006 VCOI Fall Field Trial

At our fall field trial it was good to see new members and old. We had the perfect weekend for the VCOI trial. In the past we have had hot weekends and wet weekends, but most are not cool. The temperature was great for running dogs.

This year we hired a horse wrangler. It has been a long time since we have had a wrangler. Several handlers rented horses and things seemed to run smoothly with no horse issues.

Our entries were light this year with many of the regulars committed for the weekend or at other trials. With the light entries the trial was much more laid back than most we have had. I was a little under the weather by Saturday night but I hear it was quite a party. From what I was told Saturday night's dinner was great. Greg Heiden brought champagne and had a toast for Cleo for finishing her FC and AFC.

The food vendor was serving

food at another event so we ordered out Subway for lunch. Thanks to Mark Johnson and other members we had a table set up by his trailer that had all the coffee juice and breakfast snacks anyone could want.

The dogs ran well with the cooler weather. Very few had no bird work at all. I saw several dogs making the transition into gundog. It should be interesting with the caliber of new dogs moving up. I only watched a few juvenile braces but,

what I saw looked great. We should have some more nice dogs coming up.

I would like to congratulate Mike Dalby who won the Most Potential Young Vizsla Award with Rock. I would like to thank the many people that have helped with this trial. Without the judges, bird planters, gunners, line marshals, and anyone else I missed this trial would not be possible.

See you at the next trial  
Mark Spurgeon





# VCOI Bragging Rights!

**Shiloh N Mira's Magdalene JH** picked up her Open Puppy points by being awarded first place by judges Becky Voss and Doreen Minnick at the Lake Superior Pointing Dog Club field trial at Solon Springs on September 16, 2006 in a field of 2 Pointers, 3 GSP, and 5 Vizslas. Maggie is owned by Michel Berner & Robert Tomczak and was handled in the field trial by Robert.

**Shiloh's Promise Land "Moses"** placed 3rd in the NVA Derby Classic October 4, 2006 at Ionia, Michigan. Moses is co-owned by Robert Tomczak and Michel Berner

The GSPCM club was good to the red dogs on September 23-24, 2006 **Shiloh N Mira's Magdalene JH "Maggie"** and **Shiloh's Promise Land "Moses"** took 2nd and 3rd place in the Open Puppy; **Shiloh's Matrix "Neo"** took 1st place and **Strider's Forecaster JH "Cass"** took 3rd place in the Open Derby; **Fankell's Shiloh Taz** took 3rd place in the Amateur Gun Dog. Maggie, Cass, and Moses are owned by Michel Berner and Robert Tomczak, Neo is owned by Robert Tomczak, and Taz was bred by Robert Tomczak.

**DC Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger JH "Ruger"** finished his Field Championship, making him a Dual Champion, at the VCOI September Field Trial, by winning the Open Gun Dog retrieving stake on Saturday. We are very proud of the dog he has become. We would like to thank all that have helped us along the way.

**Heartsong Closing Argument, "Nina"**, was Best of Winners for a 3 point major under judge Constance Barton at the Blue Grass Cluster over Labor Day weekend in Lexington, KY. She was also Winner's Bitch two other days, under judge Lester Mapes and judge Houston Clark at the same cluster. She is by Ch Bayview's Tradewind x BISS Ch Prairie Heartsong and bred and owned by Jan Cox.



## 2006 VCOI AWARDS



*Are you the proud owner of a VCOI Vizsla that achieved an AKC, UKC or CKC Title in 2006? Are you a new club member and/or have a dog that earned titles from previous years?* Then proudly display your Vizsla's accomplishments and order a VCOI Award Plaque or Title Bar. The Award Plaque is engraved with your dog's name on top and is available in 2 sizes - one holds 6 Title Bars and the other holds 8 Title Bars. Or, if you already have an Award Plaque for your talented, accomplished Vizsla, order a Title Bar engraved with the title earned by your Vizsla. Complete Instructions and the Order Form can be found on the VCOI Website under Forms/VCOI Membership/VCOI Awards Plaques. Your Dog's Name will be announced and the Award Plaque/Title Bar presented to you at the 2007 Awards Banquet on January 20, 2007.

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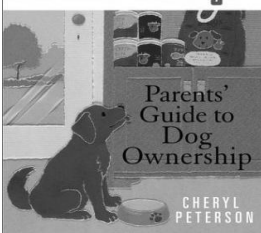
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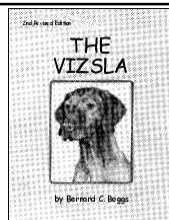
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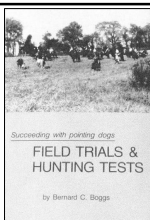


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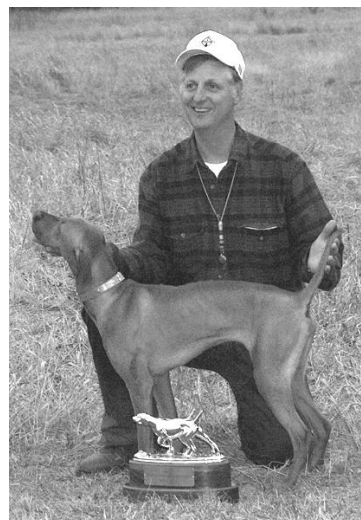
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