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DUES

Effective January 1, 1961, VIZSLA CLUB dues will be on a yearly basis. Memberships expiring in January and February will be billed this month, and successive months one month in advance.

The Club is going to need funds to continue with the A. K. C. program and to improve the services now available to the membership.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY.

There is no rule to prevent you paying in advance.

ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is customary to hold the Annual Meeting in Chicago at the time of the International Dog Show, usually late in March or early April. February VIZSLA NEWS will carry more about this.

Election of Directors and Officers is confirmed at this time. Officers-elect take over their respective chairs at the conclusion of the "old business" session.

The Nominating Committee is appointed in February and the list of nominees is announced in THE VIZSLA NEWS, with a brief commentary on each nominee. Ballots, with addressed envelope, are mailed early in March for return by the day preceeding the Annual Meeting.

If you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors and/or as an Officer, please write the Secretary at once. If you wish to nominate someone, please write at once that the name may be included on the list. A brief biographical sketch will be helpful to introduce each nominee to the membership.

Seven Board members to serve two year terms and four Officers are to be elected in 1961: president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer.

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THE INTERNATIONAL DOG SHOW

Now that the hopes of so many members are realized and Vizslas may be shown for A K C championship points, the International Dog Show, Chicago, presents an opportunity to show in the "big time". This, our first year in AKC, members are encouraged to enter in competition with other breeds in the Sporting Group, especially the International.

This two day event attracts entries from all over the country, Canada and foreign lands; owners and handlers hoping for a Best of Breed, with luck a Group win, and, thrill of a lifetime, a Best IN Show. Here the famous, the near-famous and tomorrow's star canines converge for the weekend show...over 2500 last year.

In addition to the conformation classes there are Obedience trials, pointing exhibitions on a man-made hunting terrain on live birds, land retrieves and water retrieves from a specially constructed water tank.

Exhibitions of trained dogs entertain the spectators during breaks between classes and groups.

Newspaper reporters, magazine writers, TV and radio commentators give national coverage for this annual classic. Thousands of spectators crowd the aisles and grandstands-the interested and the curious; people of many races.

It is a memorable experience you will enjoy.

Among those present at the Annual National Vizsla Trial were:

Mr & Mrs J A Burnside	New Whiteland, Ind.
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Mr & Mrs Wm Zima	Dayton, Ohio
Dr & Mrs Eldon Caffery	Jonesboro, Ark.

See last month's VIZSLA NEWS for the list of vizslas attending the trial.

TRIAL NOTES

Several local spectators variously approached this reporter to offer complimentary remarks about how well the Vizslas ran and worked birds or handled. This is good publicity for the breed.

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Some of us remonstrated with George Solberg (Chicago) about running his untrained puppy RIP in so many stakes. George said he drove down to have some fun and it would be good experience for his pup. RIP justified his optimism by winning the 6-12 Puppy Stake, fading in the 12-18 month Puppy Stake but coming back strong to place third in the Derby Stake. Rip is 8 months old. Her experience limited to a few days hunting this fall.

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Russ Walden, I think it was, busy taking orders for Vizsla pins. The pins, by the way, are obtainable in bronze, silver and gold from Pres. R W Hawkinson -see page 2 for address. Very handsome pins. Oder direct if you want one.

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The Cumberland County Sportsman's Club committee going all out to assure Vizsla Club members and guests a good time --seeing to it that everyone had enough to eat. Wonderful hospitality.

LETTERS

December 10, 1960

Dear Mr. Hunt;

We enjoyed the trial and hope to attend the next one with our dogs. Your committee did a fine job in staging the trial and deserves member's thanks.

I have a lot to learn about field trials but your trial was much different from trials in our part of the country. Someone said Pointer rules were followed and the judges were pointer and setter trial judges but you advertised the National as a gun dog trial. This we cant understand.

You wrote me that an all age gun dog was supposed to be steady to flush and shot and to retrieve on command. That the dog was required to be steady while the handler flushed the bird and that a gunner would kill the bird and the dog then would retrieve on command, much as a hunter does in the field.

How can a hunter block his dog then go in and flush native birds, shoot and send for retrieve all at the same time? We saw some handlers steady taeir dogs in the bird field by blocking like a football tackle before going in to flush. Here that would not be permitted by the judges.

We talked about this driving home and agreed to suggest that rules for future trials be published well before the trial to give everyone a chance to work his dog under those rules. And, we suggest that gun dog men be selected as judges for we have gun dogs and dont want pointers.....

We dont mean to be critical and find fault with the way the trial was run but we do think Vizslas should be run as gun dogs.

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Sincerely,
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December 1

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I received a reply to my letter you published in The Vizsla News from a man in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and his name was ----. He was going to S. Carolina and maybe S. America. He wrote the letter and would like for me to come after the dog.

The morning I got the letter I was so enthused I could hardly sit still and went over to the barn where my dad was and he said it was OK if it was OK with his boss. (And it was.ed.)

.....She is registered in FDSB and AKC. She was born 3/15/60 female. But boy she's tops. The first night we had her I got ready for bed and got in and brother she hopped right in with me. It wasnt that I minded but she took up most of the bed.

..... I dont know how to thank you enough for publishing my letter and making it possible for me to get another dog. I want to thank you again before I close so Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Elaine
Butler

(See November NEWS for Elaine's letter. A "happy ending".)

" MANY A TRUE WORD....."

Xvxn Though my typewriter is an old model, it works quite well except for one thing. I've wished many times that it worked perfectly. True, there are forty-six keys that function well enough, and just one key not working, but it does make a difference!

Sometimes it seems to me that the National Vizsla Club is somewhat like my typewriter -- not all the keys people are working properly.

You may say to yourself, "Well, I am only one person. I won't make or break a program". But it does make a difference because a program, to be effective, needs the active participation of every member.

So, the next time you think you are only one person and that your efforts (and membership dues) are not needed, remember my typewriter and say to yourself, "I'm a key person in our organization and I am needed very much".

Send your ten dollars and put your "X" on our membership list.
Contributed by Jane Graff - Seward, Nebraska

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December 5, 1960

Dear Joan and Charles:

Just a note to say how much we enjoyed meeting you folks and all the many other people at the National.....

Perhaps you could use copy enclosed... it will drive you nuts to type (it did, ed.) but you can improve and add too... it might jog loose a few people who are on the fence about memberships.

We arrived home from the trial on Monday in a swirling snow storm, colder than ..cold, and wind like only Nebraska can blow it. It turned nice over the weekend and got in some more good hunting--this morning, working the dogs, found family of 25-30 pheasants on top of the hill and another 12-15 down by the creek. That is a lot of native birds for just our little 50 acres....

SINCERELY

Jane Graff.

Treasurer Sylvia Chatfield writes that husband Morris got a buck in November and several limits of pheasants during the season. Also that they are sorry to miss the National this time.

Wayne F Egan, Dallas, writes that they enjoyed their trip to Greenup... found visit most enlightening. Everyone was very friendly and helpful... looking forward to the next trials.

Mrs. Jos. Malicek, Chicago, "I never saw a Vizsla until we bought my pup and they are very beautiful and intelligent... She is 7½ months old.. will be a very good hunter as she is pretty good now...."

➤ Dorothea Kline, Topeka, Ka., We had a very enjoyable time at Greenup and particularly enjoyed meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.... Thanks again for the fine job you are doing for the Club...

Mrs. Helyn Wah, Indio, Calif. Many thanks for The Vizsla News. We certainly enjoyed it...

(Mrs) Peggy Fuller, Honolulu, I intend to write you ..soon about the first Vizsla litter in Hawaii... You frightened me by printing my last letter! (Only personal letters are sacred, Peggy)

MAKE A PAL OF YOUR GUNDOG

by Colin Fish

Many "doggy" people say that you cannot have a real good gun-dog and make a pal of it. What utter nonsense! It is now over 57 years that I have handled (officially) and owned a gun and, ever since that time, I have had my own gun dog and it has lived in the house as one of the family. It is true that I either bred or acquired them as young pups and, as I had rough shooting on the doorstep, they had a good start in life.

The only bad dog I had turned out to have a hard mouth and he was given away as a pet.

The advantage of having a pup living in the house is that it is under constant control and discipline; soon learns from the inflection of one's voice that when you say "no" you mean "NO". It is strange how a dog learns to interpret one's moods or what one really intends to do.

I never have believed in using the whip in training - not "breaking", please - a dog.

As a pup he learned to retrieve at command the dummy thrown in the room. This invariably was made from a rabbit skin. Then the dummy was hidden in the room and he was told to "hie", "seek" and made a fuss over when he succeeded. A further stage was reached in hiding the dummy in some other part of the house. He soon came to look upon this exercise as great fun; also he learned to use his nose and not to do so until told. Another stage was reached by trailing a dead partridge over the lawn and hiding it in a shrub.

I was careful never to fire a gun when the pup was close to hand but got him gradually used to the report. It is not worth the risk of making a pup gunshy - a gunshy dog is useless.

Training followed the normal course. Some dogs learn sooner than others but the first objectives are to achieve confidence, obedience and understanding.

It is, of course, a great advantage to have shooting grounds on the doorstep, or close to home, but owners who do not have these facilities still can teach a young dog a great deal before it is sent to the trainer. Do tell the trainer what methods you have adopted and what words of command you have used.

A Vizsla makes an ideal companion as well as a gun dog. He is readily house-trained, good tempered with other dogs and does not mind being pulled about by children. He readily takes to the shooting game but his excellence naturally depends on the quality of his training. Don't be afraid to make a pal of him. Every week together will strengthen confidence and obedience. He readily will react to your mood.

I have owned both sexes and there was nothing to choose between them in their work. If you compel me to make an admission, then I must say I prefer a "she" as a real companion in the field and in the house.

(Colin Fish, outdoors feature and story writer,
long was considered one of England's crack shots.)

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EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER -- HELP YOUR CLUB.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - Nov. 21, 1960

Balance on hand Jan.1, 1960		\$ 814.84
INCOME: 1/1/60 to 11/21/60		
Membership dues	\$ 1180.00	
AKC registration fees	898.15	
Vizsla News adv	4.50	
Vizsla News subscriptions	4.50	
Misc	16.00	

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		\$ 2917.99
DISBURSEMENTS: 1/1/60 to 11/21/60		
postage	137.50	
stationery	27.17	
telephone	14.08	
Vizsla News -printing	382.72	
AKC expense	1062.45	
typing- addressing News/AKC	178.74	
dues:Natl Gr Ptg Dog Assn	25.00	
misc	89.38	
IBM corp. (typewriter)	200.00	
Secty: petty cash fund	65.04	

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CASH ON HAND as of 11/21/60		\$ 735.91

Accounts payable:

IBM corp. bal on typewriter \$ 196.55

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FACTS AND FIGURES

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It is evident that the Vizsla Club lost money in 1960. Without the \$ 814.64 balance carried over from 1959, our deficit as of Dec.31, 1960 would have been (about) \$ 205.21, plus the accounts payable of \$ 196.55.

Due to the generosity of President R W Hawkinson, Paul Sabo, Eugene Maquett, etc., the National Fall Trial broke even.

All the detail involved in obtaining the 500 Foundation book applications for A.K.C.-an unusual expense item- amounted to over \$ 400.00. The \$ 2.00 application fee went to A.K.C.- none of it accrued to the Club.

We can anticipate increasing expenses as the result of AKC recognition. Two Sanction Matches, six months apart, and a Sanction Field Trial before the Club can sponsor a Specialty Show. Ribbons, trophies, publicity, judges, miscellaneous expenses will have to be underwritten by the Club. And, as owners begin showing, correspondence and other services will increase.

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The present VIZSLA NEWS costs an average of fifteen cents (15¢) based on 500 copies with an average of one halftone per issue. Most members want and expect a monthly edition. And they are predominately in favor of the present form (offset printing) but they would like more informative articles, more regional news, more pictures. To achieve this would increase our printing costs \$ 250.00 to \$ 300.00 per year - 12 pages instead of eight.

Three hundred paid up members would permit us to scrape along. Four hundred would give us a cushion for unexpected expenses and five hundred members would mean funds to help regional clubs.

Obviously, we need 500 members. We can reach this goal this year if every member will make it his "bounden duty" to get a member or revive a delinquent member.

Breeders, too, should recommend membership in the Club to clients. The new owner of a Vizsla puppy is a natural prospect.

The Secretary will be happy to send you all the application blanks you need. Just ask. Or write your own application-it will serve the purpose.

Let's all get a new member -this month.

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FOR SALE

HUNGARIAN VIZSLA PUPPIES

FOUR MALES. 3 months old. Very nice, strong puppies. Vaccinated for distemper-leptospirosis-hepatitis. Wormed. REGISTERED PARENTS. Dam: ANNY. Sire: TIMKO 3 generation pedigree. for details

Dr. Bela C Laszlo

1555 Copley Road Akron, Ohio

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Paul Sabo plans on two months in Canada this fall. Has purchased another quarter horse to use on the prairies. Also has plans under way for a new truck converted into a dog wagon.. with extra trimmings. Says he will accept a few more Vizslas for training on this trip...accepting reservations now. He lost all his inquiries at the National so interested members better write again- 408 W Ells St., Champaign, Illinois.

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A long talk with Margaret Lowthian -long distance- San Diego. (Ridgebacks-Vizslas and now horses.) Margaret has been under the weather for several months but snapping back now. Expects to be showing Vizslas now that points count.

Joe and Maggie Deiss -S. St Paul-back from their trip to W. Germany. Nice to travel but OH! home looks good.

Morris Chatfield (Treas. Sylvia's husband) bagged a buck and took his full limit of pheasants this fall.

Elizabeth Mihalyi (Woodside, Calif.), the artist, proving she could ride a "bike" fell off, broke her right wrist.

Nice, informative letter, with pix, from Dr. Kemenes-Kettner, Calgary.

Szabad Magyarasag (New York) Hungarian Newspaper, asks for article about the National Pointing Dog of Hungary (Vizslas).

Southern Outdoors (Atlanta, Ga.) doing an article by Pete Czura in February issue. Write if your newsstand does not carry.

Thanks from THE HUNTS for all your nice Christmas cards.