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RIPP BARAT WINS AMATEUR AND SHOOTING DOG STAKES

CLUB'S FIRST AKC SANCTIONED TRIAL

Betty Kenly's hard going, mannerly RIPP BARAT stole the show at the 8th Annual National Field Trial with his superb bird handling, drive and responsiveness. Spectators

Mrs. Betty Kenly, Ripp Barat and Trophies

and handlers were in accord with the judges decisions placing Ripp first in the Amateur Vizsle Gun Dog and the Open Vizsla Shooting

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NATIONAL VIZSLA TRIALS

By V. V. VanDIVORT

The Vizsla Club of America, parent organization of a growing number of clubs throughout the country dedicated to the latest of the Continental breeds to achieve some popularity here, selected New Sharon, Iowa, as headquarters for its eighth annual National Field Trials. More properly, headquarters and trial grounds were situated on Bird Layne Farms near the town of New Sharon which lies a bit north of Oskaloosa in the rolling hill country of southeastern Iowa. And very pretty country it is, with a pleasant surprise of interesting scenery for those who were expecting to see nothing but midwestern flatlands.

Bird Layne Farms is a licensed shooting preserve of some 1100 acres operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lloyd. Their unfailing hospitality added greatly to the over all success of the trial. In addition Ed served most capably as field marshal. The courses used were for the most part excellent in offering what was needed to show the wares of the dogs entered. While the puppy and derby stakes were one-course affairs a different course was used for each and in the amateur gun dog and open shooting dog stakes multiple courses were used. Mr. Lloyd showed a great deal of know-how in guiding the proceedings as efficiently as he did.

He also supplied the birds, pheasant, quail and chukar partridge, used in all stakes both in the bird field and liberally sprinkled about the courses and, of some importance, he saw to it that those wishing to ride, including the judges, were properly mounted.

This National Club draws its officers and supporters from an area that is truly national in scope with the number of states represented here attesting to this. Arizona, Pennsylvania,

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Dog Stakes

Owner Betty Kenly, handling for the first time in a field trial, piloted Ripp to his first place in the Amateur Stake, earning the first leg on the Vizsla Club Travelling Trophy and the first place trophy. Paul Sabo, who so successfully trained Ripp, handled in the Open Stake with his customary skill to place first.

DEREKAS REX SELLE, owned and handled by Wilmer Kline, Topeka, Kansas, demonstrated the Vizsla's keen nose by numerous finds, ran with all age style and handled well to win first place in the Derby Stake.

President I. S. Osborn's STARFIRE won the first leg on the W. A. Olson Perpetual Trophy and the first place Puppy Stake trophy by her tremendous drive and instinct to reach out for birdy objectives. She found four birds in the bird field in rapid order. Fred Schultz, Rosemont, Minn., trained and handled Starfire.

Handlers and spectators alike praised Judges Wm. Maynard, Eldon, Iowa, and V. V. VanDivort, Toledo, Ohio, for their experienced skills in placing the right dogs in merited order.

Everyone appreciated the hospitality of the Ed Lloyds who did so much to make the Annual Field Trial a success and unanimously agreed that Bird Layne Farms was the ideal location for future Vizsla trials.

This, the first American Kennel Club Sanctioned Trial, while disappointing in number of entries, was rated the most successful of all Vizsla Field Trials by the high standards of bird work, reaching out for objectives and all around field ability. In every Stake, all the entries ran well, turning in passable to good performances.

The vocal critics of the breed who consistently have unfairly compared the Vizsla with field trial type pointers and setters were forced to admit that the Vizsla, started early and properly trained, can and will show drive with wide range.

Starfire and Fred Schultz, Trainer-Handler

Alabama, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Tennessee and Ohio had representatives attending the trial. Dr. I. S. Osborn as president guides the destinies of the National with Fred Giles and J. W. Lansdowne as Vice-Pres's, Charles Hunt, Secretary and Sylvia Chatfield, Treasurer. These persons along with the field trial committee consisting of Tom Pratt, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Pratt, R. W. Hawkinson, M. M. Chatfield, Joe Bentley, Dr. Phillip Peterson, Wilmer

Derekas Rex Selle and Wilmer Kline

Kline, M. D. Graff and Paul Sabo deserve a great deal of praise for putting forth the effort to do the job as it should be done. All things fitted together and worked smoothly with all hands cooperating happily to bring this event the success it deserves.

Special accolades should be tendered Ed Lloyd, Tom Pratt, Roy Hawkinson, Dr. Osborn, Paul Sabo and Charley Hunt for the long-time planning that was in evidence throughout this trial. It was highly regrettable that Mr. Hunt could not be present as this breed has no more tireless supporter than he but the press of business forced him to send the distaff side of the Hunt family with three of her charges to run.

For those readers who have not had an opportunity to become conversant with the Vizsla, they have their origin in Hungary and were bred as a utility dog for use in all types of hunting for all species of game. They average a bit smaller than the Shorthair or Weimaraner with their field work being somewhat similar to that of the Shorthair. They are an apartment size dog particularly well suited to the amateur trainer and handler. Their aggressiveness is evident in their work at hunting from the start of the brace with none of the chouldering and bumping so many times regrettably noticeable in Shorthairs and Ymars. They are attractive in color but at times needing a good eye to keep them properly identified when running because of their general similarity, and seem to have the urge to do the job for the handler when in the field. All in all, they seem to have much

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GOOD READING

The American Saddle Horse Story

JOE MILLER, who heads the fabulous Miller Harness Company, sent me Louis Taylor's "The Horse America Made." Besides doing a superb "selling" job on the American Saddle Horse, Taylor gives sound advice, practical advice, on stabling, keeping, training the Saddle Horse for show or pleasure. One chapter is devoted to training—from foaling to finishing a five gaited show prospect. Easy, interesting reading; especially for the saddle horse fancier.

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Gun Dog

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LETTERS FROM ABROAD

Hi, Folks; Got your message in the last VIZSLA NEWS.

We are living outside the city of Toul in a housing addition built by the French for GI's. We do not come into contact with many French people so our vocabulary isn't improving very fast.

Tzana (their Vizsla) doesn't care much for this cold, rainy weather, and neither do we. The weather usually stays in the 30 to 40 degree bracket, occasionally rising to the 50's, but we have rain just about every day during the winter season. We have had two snows, about a month apart, and the humidity always is pretty high. Now and then the sun peeks out from behind clouds and the women wash clothes.

We do not do much sight seeing but did get to Paris for the auto show and can't wait to get back to browse.

We have yet to see a Vizsla or Weimaraner here and there seems to be more German Shepherds, Dachs and Shorthairs than any other breeds. We are fortunate to have a Vet on the base who is familiar with Vizslas and he is the first one we've had who is.

Hunting is different in Europe. It is all done by drives, using 12 to 30 guns (hunters) who are placed on stands and the game is driven toward them by any number of men and dogs. All the French use double barreled shotguns and cannot understand why Americans use high-powered rifles with scopes.

Hunting licenses in France cost $7.60 which covers accidental shooting of a registered dog. When this happens, the Government pays the owner 500 new francs ($100.00). A full face picture is required on the license.

The Rod and Gun Club at the Base holds two leases on hunting land but they have only boar and deer (Hirsh and Roebuck). Boar and deer dogs come in assorted sizes, shapes and breeds from pure-breds to non-de-script but they all seem to know their business, sounding off when they hit a hot trail. They wear little bells to lead the hunters to them as the boars weigh up to 500 pounds and, I assume, the dogs don't care to tangle with them; however, I have seen some sporting battle scars.

Tzana went deer hunting a few weeks ago and did a good job. She seemsd to enjoy it.

In Northeastern France the terrain is similar to certain parts of the USA: gently rolling hills, heavily wooded forests, farm land. Each forest has its own game warden and assistant and one always is present when there is hunting. In the fields they have pheasant and Hungarian partridge which we would call quail. While the pheasant season

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RIPP BARAT RUNNER-UP PACIFIC COAST GR. PTG. DOG CLUB

By BETTY KENLY

The bug has really bitten me (field trials) so, after debating for many hours, I decided to get information on the Pacific Coast German Pointing Dog Club Trial to be held at San Mateo, Calif. for the Pacific Coast Championship. Got the information and noted that in order for a dog to be declared Champion or Runner-up, he must make a water retrieve. Since neither Paul Sabo nor I knew if Ripp would make a water retrieve, we decided to forget about it. Also, the top dogs from the recent National German Shorthair Trials would be there, including Champion and Runner-up, and we were a little afraid Ripp was not ready for this yet. Well—the longer I thought about it, the more I wanted to go ,so my 17 year old son and I got some pigeons and a shotgun and headed for the canal—the only water within miles of Phoenix. We had to practically teach this dog to swim but his desire to retrieve finally overcame his shyness of the water and I decided to give the big time a whirl.

I flew over with the dog and was met at the airport by Ann Chelini, who showed me around and gave up a day of pheasant hunting to attend the trials with me. Believe me; without Ann, I would have felt mighty outnumbered. Everyone there looked down their nose at the Vizsla and when I saw that first brace of German Shorthairs cast off I thought I had really gotten myself into something. Never having seen Shorthairs run before, and knowing the Vizsla was classed in the German Pointing Breeds along with them, I had supposed they ranged about the same. But these dogs ran as big as a lot of Pointers. At that point I could see why Paul had wanted me to forget about this trial. But, having more guts than brains and being in that far, I had to make the best of it.

We were in the third brace and, although Ripp did not range nearly as far as any of the others, he was letter perfect in the field. He had four finds on planted pheasant, one back, was steady to wing and shot and had four beautiful retrieves. Then the acid test came along. A big jackrabbit jumped up about five feet in front of him and took off like a jet. Ripp took about two steps in its direction, stopped and returned to the business at hand. He ran about the classiest race of his career. We finished the hour heat and I came in feeling much better. I had proved what I went for anyway. I knew I didn't have a chance to win, but what I really wanted was to show those people out there what a good Vizsla looked like.

As I came in, you should have heard the congratulations and compliments we received so I was well rewarded. One professional said, "You have just renewed my faith in the Vizsla."

Eight dogs were called back for the water retrieve—Ripp was second on the list. Having to sit there while the first dog made his retrieve really whetted his appetite. They were using pigeons just like I had done four days before so he knew what was coming. When his bird was shot and I ordered him to fetch, he was so excited I don't think he even knew there was any water there. He made about three leaps and five strokes, grabbed his pigeon on the turn, raced back with it, gave it to me and then shook himself. I was absolutely flabbergasted because he was still leery of the water when we left home. Then I heard a voice over the loud speaker laughingly say, "Look at that red Laborador."

I waited around for the announcements of the Champion and Runner-up to congratulate them and they announced Champion—Mosegards Angel-GSH. Runner-up Ripp Barat-Vizsla. If you heard one loud squall last Saturday evening, that was me!

There were some mighty sad Shorthair owners at the banquet that night but, believe me, there was one Vizsla owner that was on cloud nine, and still is. You just can't imagine all the compliments we received, and all the kidding that was going on about that little red dog from Phoenix, that flies around on an airplane.

They told me if he had just had a little more range, there would have been no question as to him being chosen Champion.

Oh! Yes. There was a field of 15 dogs, all of which were champions except three.

My husband gave me the trip over as a Christmas present and, believe me, it turned out to be the best one I ever had or ever hope to have.

Maybe my experience will give more Vizsla owners the courage to get out and enter their dogs in more trials. This was only my third trial and I'm sure no one else who owns a dog could be more ignorant than I of what goes on and what to do at a trial and look how we made out.

Ripp and the Kenlys send their very best wishes for a happy holiday season and for bigger and better trials in 1962.

WINS

MINU, owned and handled by Miss Irene McElwain, Vienna, Va., won her Tracking Dog degree Nov. 26, Obedience Club of Rhode Island, tests held near Providence. Minu did a beautiful track in 4 minutes.

Congratulations to Minu and Miss McElwain. We believe this is the first Vizsla on record winning a tracking test.

KEDVES V HUNT, owned and handled by

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SPRING FIELD TRIAL

To comply with the American Kennel Club requirements, the second Vizsla Sanction Field Trial must be held within six months after the first Sanction trial. This makes May, 1962, a mandatory date.

Once again arises the problems of when, where, whom to saddle with the responsibility; locale to be in an area where average May temperatures are not too high, where pen raised birds may be shot for the retrieves, where shooting is permitted on Sunday.

President Osborn and Secretary Hunt have been writing and talking with members in various regions, potentially good field trial areas, where five or more members can cooperate to handle all the varied chores. Elimination by refusals, for one or another reasons, presently directs the Board's attention to the Omaha, Nebraska area. Bud Graff and Dick Armstrong are making explorations as to State permission and suitable grounds.

Two Sanction Trials, conducted to the complete satisfaction of the American Kennel Club, can lead to permission to conduct future trials with championship points awarded. Once this status is attained, other AKC member breed clubs can be invited to participate in Vizsla trials.

Our field trial members no doubt will wish to start warming up their probable entries for this important trial. . .sometime in May.

SHEDDING MAY ADJUST ESTRUS CYCLE

An animals estrus cycle and shedding hair may be related. According to a recent release by U.S. Agriculture Research, prolonged hot weather interrupts an animal's estrus cycle — science proving what breeders long have suspected. High temperatures, without a decrease in food intake, can stop a cow's heat period. Shedding hair apparently is Nature's control for adapting an animal to hot weather without which the normal cycle would be delayed.

WELSH DVM DECLARES BREEDERS CAN CONTROL INHERITED DISEASES

A member of the British Veterinarians Association in a recent discussion declared that breed associations (clubs) could eliminate most inherited diseases by pledging not to breed affected animals.

In recent months, Welsh dog breeders and VDMs have been holding forums to discuss and formulate plans to combat increasing threats of inherited abnormalaties as retinal atrophy, lens sublaxation, hip dysplasia and other problems.

THE USEFULNESS OF THE MAGYAR VIZSLA

By Mihaly Kende

(Translated from the Hungarian magazine, "Baromfi Tenye'sztes," (Poutry Breeding), issue No. 11, November 1960)

As a consequence of the valuable capabilities and tendencies of the Magyar Vizsla (Canis acceptoris braccoides hungaricus — Dr. Vajda), the breed has become a highly respected and beloved hunting companion to the true hunter everywhere from Canada to the U.S.A.; all the way to Japan, and from the Soviet Union to North Africa. The best example of its fast propagation: in January 1938 the first Magyar Vizsla was taken to the U.S.A.; from September 1, 1957 to October 31, 1958, there were 318 Magyar Vizsla dogs registered with the FDSB.

During almost 50 years of my past hunting with the Vizsla, I had many hunting dogs and also was able to observe the pointers of other breeders; but I would assert without a doubt that under the hunting conditions in our land (Hungary) no other breed could compare with the Magyar Vizsla. I do not say that there are any specimens of weak strains in existence, but not as many as among other breeds. In one Vizsla after another there is sufficient inherent capabilities that there is little left to be taught. Its ability to search and seek satisfies every type of dog-lover because it has an outstandingly sharp, discerning nose. It will hold a point steadfastly. It is outstanding in scenting; it is a born retriever, and only that Vizsla will not retrieve which has had an unpleasant experience in training, but even this can be overcome with forced training. Its work in water is particularly worthy of note. Its steadfastness is incomparable. Its intelligence and readiness to learn is readily noticeable. It is through these fine characteristics and its obedience that it has acquired such popularity. Among the pointer breeds it is the most suitable for tracking wounded big-game and for pointing.

Its passion for hunting is refined and can be controlled. No pointer breed can be broken a seasily of the habit of chasing rabbits as the Vizsla.

There are some who say that the Magyar Vizsla is not perservering. I knew many dogs of this type, but I never saw any that after three or four hours of work did not improve their performance. For instance, Ferenc Graf's "Borcsa," which we called the "living parizer" (because of its 38 kilos (84 lbs.) of weight), would hunt from morning until night without showing any fatigue.

Furthermore, I would not want a more loyal hunting companion for myself or another. Looking at its eyes, one can tell the strong desire of the animal to live and to die with its master. It will even convince those

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folks of its quality of attachment who have never liked a dog before. This is most vividly illustrated by the following comment from abroad: "In a short time the Vizsla becomes accustomed to his new master, and with its endearing and smooth behavior is soon accepted as a member of the family — in fact, he becomes the 'first person' in the household. (VIZSLA NEWS, October, 1952."

The versatility of the Magyar Vizsla is well-known. He stands his place as a watch-dog or as a warning-alarm. Trained properly, he is not finnicky, nor spoiled; he works well in the hottest or the coldest weather. His temperament is not overly erratic, and for this reason even the embryonic hunter who does not know much about dogs is able to handle him. The dog is easily broken of bad habits which he may have picked up by chance. There is no comparable breed from the point of view of discipline. Vizsla trainers say there is only half the work involved with this breed as, for instance, with the English Pointer.

In the training of hunting dogs the most important element is the utilization of the animal's inclination toward discipline. We are convinced of this tendency if we observe a Vizsla trial. From the uninitiated spectator we often hear that the Magyar Vizsla works as though it was being controlled by wires. Dr. Gyula Popovits wrote in his "Nimrod" hunting magazine that he got his Vizsla stud "Witti" in raw form when it was already six years of age, and within a short period of three months had trained it as an outstanding hunting dog. This was one of the stud dogs used to resuscitate the Magyar Vizsla breed and, consequently, became the forebearer of many outstanding Vizsla dogs.

Comparable to the English Pointer in pursuing quality, the Magyar Vizsla shows superiority by maintaining a relay pace. It hunts in harmony with its master, and no matter how strong its desire for hunting, he never forgets his master. In thick underbrush it will stand on two hind legs in order to see its handler and will frequently poke its nose out from among the thicket and corn stalks to keep pace with its master.

Its retrieving instinct is so pronounced that there is hardly a Magyar Vizsla which requires coercive methods for teaching this habit and even in more difficult cases can be taught in very short order. The Vizsla trainers used to say: "All one has to do is to put the barbed collar on the dog, and he starts retrieving at once, but try to train a Pointer that just does not want to learn and you sweat blood." Its tracking trait is of a much higher degree than any other type of hunting dog. It is a real master in the art of finding wounded game. It is particularly for this reason that many a hunter respects this breed.

In addition to the aforementioned inherent aptitudes, its natural rapid development in physique and in abilities is highly valued. A good example of this fact is "Kaposi Marcsa." At the age of six months this little bitch participated in extra events at the Kaposfured trials, and she worked as good as the mate of any mature Vizsla. On another occasion, at the Esztergom trials, the standard exercises were demonstrated with a bitch of four months which performed with utmost precision.

In spite of being put to use early — if kept in suitable natural surroundings — the dog will hunt throughout its long life span. For instance, Ch. "Vegevari" Betyar beat the corn patches from morning until night on the hottest day in August even at the age of thirteen; and even in the springtime of his last year of life sired a litter of seven healthy strong puppies. Betyar's record was surpassed by National Ch. "Kati" who in her thirteenth year was edged out of first place by one point in a trial, and this was partly due to a mistake on the part of the handler. For many years she had earned the greatest number of awards and was the best working Vizsla, who had given birth to some 73 pups in her time.

The Magyar Vizsla bitch is a very good mother dog and is usually prolific. Litters of seven to ten pups are not rare, and the average is usually six.

Its principal functional speciality is the game of the field and water fowl. If trained properly in this respect, it is unbeatable. It stands up well under sweltering heat; it can readily adjust to the lack of water on the plains, and the hunter need not burden his knapsack with an extra supply of drinking water for the dog. It will not falter in the cornfield in the midst of partridge hunting, as I have seen many English Setters do. If kept in constant movement, it will hunt readily even in zero weather.

The Vizsla can even be utilized in forest hunting. There is many a big-game hunter, whose range does not extend over several thousand acres and thus cannot keep a bloodhound because it can only retain his inherent capabilities if it is run frequently (at least once a week) in the chase for big-game. Such a hunter, who might need a dog for pursuing eight to ten wounded game during the course of a year, would find the Vizsla very satisfactory. We saw this, for example, with the Magyar Vizslas bred by the Sabaria estate which used the breed for scenting wounded boar and stag, forcing them to lay in their places — or, if they were not too badly wounded, holding them at the scene, until the hunter arrived and administered a

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mercy shot.

When so trained, the breed does outstanding work in exterminating furry scavengers above ground. The world-famous zoologist, Kalman Kittenberger — who had taught many fine hunters through his hunting periodical — hunter for one and a half decades with his Sabaria-bred Pl. Ch. "Szikra" and "Szidi," during which time he was able to trail many head of game; also with these same Vizslas was able to exterminate a large number of wild cats, skunks, and stone- and beech-martens in the Borzsony Mountains. There must have been other Magyar Vizslas, too, which gave their masters similar enriched experiences, but I only relate those cases with which I was personally acquainted.

The usefulness of the Vizsla, however, is not limited to the field of hunting. Some of my readers have probably seen the films produced by Istva'n Homoki-Nagy, namely: Vadmacska (Wild Cat), Gyongyvira'gto'l-Lombhulla'sig (From May Flowers to Falling Leaves), Cimbora'k (Pals), and Hegyen-Volgyen (Over Hill and Dale). They have appeared in plays and circuses also. The past year I received a newspaper clipping from abroad in which a photo was published of a Magyar-Vizsla named "Ssa'rda's," which had appeared in several different exhibits. Among other things, they gave a 10-cent piece to a fawn which then turned it over to "Csa'rda's," who took the coin to an automat and deposited it, then pulled the lever and gave the corn cob, which fell out, to the fawn.

From the foregoing, we can see the multiple-sided usefulness of the Magyar Vizsla. Now, let us see how the propagation and utilization of the Vizsla in wildlife management can be of value in one of the foreign exchange branches of our public economy. In order to elaborate on this point, let me illustrate with a few figures. In our country (Hungary) there are about 22,000 hunters. Even though the modern hunting weapons can assure 85% of the hits, still we can assume with certainty that there is no hunter who hits the target with every shot. If we take the most favorable situation in which a hunter wounds only one fowl and one fur-bearing animal in the course of a day of hunting and the wounded game is left to the ravages of other scavenging wild animals, this would mean that in the twelve hunting days during the year throughout the country there would be about 528,000 head of small game lost. Through the use of good Maglar Vizslas, this loss would be reduced considerably because the dogs would retrieve such injured game.

The export of Magyar Vizsla dogs has shown a rising trend. Foreign hunters who visit our country see the Vizsla in action and, consequently, are sold on the merits of the breed. They not only take along a Vizsla for hunting purposes but also for true personal companionship because of the dog's neat appearance and pleasing behavior.

By means of this article I would like to gain the interest of at least 5% of the hunters, who have no Vizslas, to use the breed in their hunting and thus give themselves a more complete hunting experience.

(Translation by Gaza Katona, Falls Church, Va.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: 'Mike' Kende is well known to Vizsla News readers for past articles about the breed, his breed research for the Vizsla Club of America, his keen interest in the American club's success.)

IN THE MAIL

Surprisingly, there are a number of Vizsla owners who (a) never heard of The Vizsla Club; (b) who never bothered to register their pup with FDSB or AKC; (c) who never heard of, or were unaware of, the Vizsla Standard; (d) who never supported the Club with a membership fee but unhesitatingly ask for advice or help or information.

One man asks for "the full story on the background of the Vizsla"—has two 3 year old dogs. Another asks why Vizsla coats vary in color. Yet another wants to know the difference between "Magyar" Vizslas and Vizslas. "Has anyone been able to settle them down as shooting dogs?" writes an owner.

In the last two weeks three long, handwritten letters from a sincere owner asking for directions on how to unsnarl an unusual tangle so she can register her puppy. (The pup is spayed at that.) But, she is happy to know there is a Vizsla Club and joins.

"Where can I locate a good male to breed to?" is asked. And here is a surprise for you. Only 6 or 7 owners are listed with the Club office as having males available for breeding. Have you listed your male?

PACIFIC COAST VIZSLA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Officers and Governors elected to serve the Pacific Coast Vizsla Club membership during 1962 are as follows:

President Mr. Roy Geil, Kingston, Wash.; 1st V-P Harold Mahan, 2nd V-P Robert Forrester, 3rd V-P Robert Workman; Secty-Treas. Taft Jones; Sgt.-at-Arms G. L. Christy — all of Bremerton.

Governors are A. VanDerStaay, Robert Foster, Roy Weaver, Cliff Bullis (all of Bremerton) and Darlene Pendley, Silverdale, Wash.

A field trial and a merchandise shoot are planned for the coming months.

NAT'L VIZSLA TRIALS — (Con't.)

to recommend them to those fanciers who desire an all-around hunting companion as well as a family dog. Sound, selective breeding should continue their improvement as birds dogs such as we use in this country while well-conducted field trials such as this should effect a steady growth in their popularity.

The weather for the trial was excellent, with the temperature staying down where it belonged. Saturday was overcast most of the day but with no precipitation while Sunday was one of those sunny, crisp days that are a joy to anyone who loves outdoor activity.

Saturday night a field trial banquet was held at the Town House in Oskaloosa where good food and good fellowship was the order of the evening. Speeches were held to a minimum and everyone had fun.

The judicial panel was composed of Wm. Maynard of Eldon, Iowa, and the writer, V. V. VanDivort, Perrysburg, Ohio. Mr. Maynard was an excellent companion for such a role. The keen knowledge of bird dogs coupled with an equally keen enjoyment of any phase of the sport of field trialing possessed by Bill made for much enjoyment gained from the association. I sincerely hope to share some future experiences afield with such a friend as he.

PUPPY STAKE. 6 entries.

OSBORN'S BON VOYAGE—I. S. Osborn, owner-handler
RUST SELLE—Alan J. Jacobs, owner-handler
URCSI V HUNT—Joan Hunt, owner-handler
OSBORN'S STARFIRE—I. S. Osborn, owner; Fred Schultz, handler
ANDRE V HUNT—W. C. Meminger, owner-handler
BAKONI SOMLOI KATYI—Joan Hunt, owner-handler

First: Osborn's Starfire. 2nd: Osborn's Bon Voyage. 3rd: Rust Selle. 4th: Bakoni Somloi Katyi.

Osborn's Starfire went to all the places a puppy should on this excellent course staying out in front and reach well. In the bird field she flash pointed and gave a ride to a total of four quail. Osborn's Bon Voyage ran well and hunted hard which resulted in finding a covey of native bob white in a fence row. Rust Selle was off and on in application but had some good moments.

DERBY STAKE. 7 entries.

GYP—Robt. Bull, owner-handler
OSBORN'S STARFIRE — I. S. Osborn, owner; Fred Schultz, handler
NASSAU'S RAMBLING RIPP—Geo. Solberg, owner-handler
DEREKES REX SELLE—Wilmer Kline, owner-handler
CZUKI—R. M. Olsen, owner-handler
GEORGIA'S DIXIE REBEL—H. S. Phillips, owner; Paul Sabo, handler
TESSA V HUNT—Joan Hunt, owner-handler

1st Derekes Rex Selle. 2nd: Osborn's Starfire. 3rd: Nassau's Rambling Ripp. 4th: Tessa V Hunt.

Derekas Rex Selle ran extremely well with all age application. He found birds all over the place and handled them in good derby style. Starfire put down another real good race to the right spots and had a brace of quail in bird field properly handled. Nassau's Rambling Ripp hunted well, backed her bracemate, flashed on a back course quail and chased out a quail in the bird field.

OPEN VIZSLA SHOOTING DOG STAKE. 6 entries

MAGGIE TOO—Joe Dolezal, owner-handler
RIPP BARAT—Mrs. Betty Kenly, owner; Paul Sabo, handler
OSBORN'S RED REBEL—I. S. Osborn, owner; Fred Schultz, handler
BOB'S BRAZEN BO—Robt. Grimes, owner-handler
ALMA OLCA—Tom Pratt and R. L. Davison, owners; Tom Pratt, handler
SHIRBOB'S HONEY DEW—M. D. Graff, owner-handler

1st: Ripp Barat. 2nd: Osborn's Red Rebel. 3rd: Bob's Brazen Bo. 4th: Alma Olca.

Ripp Barat, hunting all the way became involved with a skunk with the inevitable result that a dog finds when he crowds one of these odoriferous pests. It hampered neither his actions nor his ability. He had two good, solid finds and one real stop to flush while moving down wind. An unproductive marred an otherwise near-perfect performance. Osborn's Red Rebel was also charged with an unproductive while laying out a good ground race with one

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Paul R. Meissner	Millbrae, Calif.
H. J. S. Pearson	Edmonton, Alberta
Dr. J. Richard Naylor, DVM	Denver, Colo.
C. Wayne Hood	Washington, D.C.
Gus Papageorge	Elgin, Ill.
Alan J. Jacobs	Lincolnwood, Ill.
Leo B. Carr	Peonia, Ill.
W. E. Kennedy	Martinsville, Ind.
J. E. Bentley	Independence, Iowa
Kent S. Price	Chestertown, Md.
Mrs. Pierce Brawner	Cohasset, Mass.
R. W. Logan	So. Berwick, Me.
N. J. Moskum	Warren, Mich.
K. W. Damman	Lake Benton, Minn.
W. J. McEntarfer	Fredonia, N.Y.
Dr. K. A. Pritchard, MD	Paulding, Ohio
M L. Fletcher	Clearfield, Pa.
LeRoy C. Widener	Lubbock, Texas
Dr. Arthur T. Jones, MD	Alexandria, Va.
Col. L. R. Moore	Winchester, Va.
Lawrence Finsen	Oroville, Wash.
S. V. Szepe	Plymouth, Wisc.
Geo. Vancuick	Kimberley, Wisc.

BIG GAME HUNTING?

Elk hunting? Bear hunting? Moose hunting? Goose hunting? Fishing?

You name it and the Sportsman's Travel Agency (PO Box 756), Ashtabula, Ohio, will arrange everything for you — even one of the firm will go along to smooth out any wrinkles and assure plenty of action. . . and success. All of the arranging, the planning, doesn't cost the "guest" one extra dollar — a stipulated overall fee covers everything but license and personal gear.

Jack Patterson and Chuck Redmond, Ashtabula business men, developed the idea of personally arranged and conducted trips as the result of their own successes and disappointments after big game or fish.

We have asked Jack to give us a story about some of their recent adventures after game in the West. . .

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

One day last fall a very good friend of the Vizsla breed, and contributor to the VIZSLA NEWS, disappeared from the streets in Budapest. His frantic wife engaged an attorney but nothing could be learned from the police as to his whereabouts and the cause for his detention. (Eventually he was located and his wife permitted to visit him in prison.)

An everyday occurance in the countries shut in by the iron curtain where freedom is wishful thinking and regementation a fact.

It can't happen here! No?

That's what the people in Poland and Hungary and China and other countries once thought.

Communism is an insidious, paralyzing, ever-present menace. Fear is its greatest force — stark fear. Courage its defeat.

The surprising — and bewildering — growth in this Country is that most of the party members are people of education, social status, above average income. . .people who should know better. . .people who are enjoying the bounty of this great Country.

It is up to each of us to attack this disease within our own social and business orbits by forthrightly proclaiming our beliefs, the benefits, the advantages of our way of life. Not defending! Proclaiming!

Instead of apologizing for being Americans (specifically U.S. citizens), some good old fashioned pride in Country, some enthusiastic patriotism might very well be exhibited. And with surprising results. Bullies are bullies no matter what nationality. Two fisted force; determination can be a real deterrent.

PUREBRED DOGS INCREASE 50,000

According to a news story by Jack Baird in The Hartford Times, the great gain in purebred dog interest is shown in the tabulation of the American Kennel Club's registrations for the year 1961 over 1960. The figures released by John C. Neff, executive vice president of the AKC, show a gain of a bit over 50,000. Six variety groups share in the gain; however, sporting dogs went up only 1000.

There were 12 breeds with more than 10,000 new registrations, led, in turn, by poodles with 99,256 — a wide margin over second place beagles with 53,69 registrations.

There were 37 breeds with more than 1000 new registrations and all but four of the 115 recognized breeds showe dsome gain.

"Of the breeds relatively new in this country, although old in their native lands, the best mark was that of the Vizsla, which came in the 47th spot with 661, a remarkable showing for literally the youngest breed in this country, although the oldest sporting dog of all."

EUROPEAN CONTROL IN HIP DYSPLASIA CONTROL

The Scandinavian countries — Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland — have agreed upon uniform regulations for the interchange of certificates between the four countries. A dog must be certified free from hip dysplasia symptoms before it is certified as a show champion, a working class champion, allowed to compete in a stud dog class or, if imported, before acceptance for registration with the Swedish Kennel Club. The eventual elimination of the condition is predicted by strict control.

The American Kennel Club and the American Field Dog Stud Books could adopt similar requirements for registrations of all breeds — if they would — which would assist the many breed clubs in their efforts to control and eliminate hip dysplasia in the respective breeds. After many years of editorial exhortation by DOG WORLD, the American Kennel Club finally ruled against showing any male dog without two normal testicles which, in a sense, is not as serious physical impairment as dysplasia.

DOGS AND MISSILE PROGRAM

According to a story in the Star Magazine, Washington, D.C., forwarded by Gaza Katona, dogs now are being trained to search for and retrieve bits of missiles that have bee ndestroyed in the air at the White Sands base. Study of fragments often enable scientists to determine the cause of malfunction and, by training dogs to recognize and retrieve bits of the metals, pieces will be recovered that otherwise might be overlooked.

The dogs are trained to seek objects with a peculiar scent which is identical to the odor of the special paint used on the missiles. Weimaraners and German Shorthaired Pointers presently are used for this specialized work as shorthaired dogs reportedly withstand the desert heat better than long haired dogs.

The K-9 Corps should meet the Vizsla!

sterling find and a good stop to flush. Bob's Brazen Bo hunted throughout albeit a bit short, had two real good finds, and let his manners slip when a bird flushed near him to give chase.

AMATEUR VIZSLA GUN DOG STAKE: 8 Vizslas.

OSBORN'S RED REBEL—I. S. Osborn, owner-handler

BOB'S BRAZEN BO—Robt. Grimes, owner-handler

NASSAU'S RAMBLING RIP—Geo. Solberg, owner-handler

RIPP BARAT—Mrs. Betty Kenly, owner-handler

MAGGIE TOO—Joe Dolezal, owner-handler

MAGGIE SELLE—M. D. Graff, owner-handler

ALMA OLCA—T. Pratt-R. L. Davison, owners; Pratt, handler

TINA Z POVAZIA—Wilmer Kline, owner-handler

Ripp Barat, under the whistle of owner Betty Kenly, who flew up from Phoenix to participate in her first field trial, went to work on a fine hunting session that resulted in a bevy of feeding quail, found in standing corn on the back course, and a pheasant in the bird field on both of which he exhibited the best of manners. His retrieving is a joy to witness. Osborn's Red Rebel had a field day with birds, racking up five finds in all but did not exhibit the best of behavior on all of them. Alma Olca had a fair back course with two finds on which her manners were real good. Maggie Selle crowded the leaders.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

lasts only a few days, the partridge season is from November first to end of January. The partridge is claimed to be very elusive and highly prized; however, I have not had an opportunity to shoot AT any.

Duck season opens the first of August and doesn't end until the ducks migrate north in the spring.

The Rod and Gun Club is negotiating for a 2000 acre bird lease for next year so Tzana and I hope to have plenty of bird hunting.

We would consider breeding Tzana next May providing we can find sales for her pups. We can have her X-rayed here for dysplasia but are concerned about the dogs in Austria. Are they aware of the problem there?

Let us hear from you. Merry Christmas!

Wayne and Barbara Egan

Dear Friends:

This being New Years, thought I would drop you a line and pay our dues—

From what I read in the papers here (Alaska) the cold weather is covering most of the 48. We have our share here—the last 10 days in December set 8 new low records. "Unusually cold weather this winter," so everyone says.

Haven't heard of any Vizsla owners up here but we met a family from California heading south as we were driving up—owned a female. They were the only people who recognized a Vizsla.

Write when you find time. Best regards.

Lt. Col. K. Maguire

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Seattle, Wash.

JUDGES DINNER

Annual National Field Trial

Thirty four members and guests assembled in the private dining room at the Town House, Oskaloosa, Saturday night, Nov. 4, for the Judges Dinner. Among those present were:

Judge and Mrs. V. V. VanDivort	Ohio
Judge Wm. Maynard	Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lloyd	Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Graff	Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Chatfield	Minnesota
Mr. and Mrs. Hart	Iowa
Dr. and Mrs. I. S. Osborn	Minnesota
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dolezal	Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. W. Kline	Kansas
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pratt	Iowa
Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Meminger	Pennsylvania
Mrs. John Kenley	Arizona
Mr. Gordon	Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Olsen	Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. George Solberg	Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jacobs	Illinois
Mrs. Charles Hunt	Tennessee
Mr. Robt. Grimes	Alabama
Mr. Paul Sabo	Illinois
Mr. R. W. Hawkinson	Minnesota
Mr. Fred Schulze	Minnesota

WINS — (Continued from Page 5)

Mrs. Wm. C. Menninger, Erie, Pa., placed first in the Graduate Novice Class at the Ashtabula-Conneaut match, Nov. 23rd.

ILSA MIRA PALA, owned by Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Potts, Seattle, Washington, won her RDX, the first Vizsla on record, we believe, to gain this honor. Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Potts.

CH. CSISCKAS, owned and handled by Mrs. Charles Hunt, Cottage Grove, Tenn., placed third in sporting group at the Memphis K.C. show, Nov. 26. Group winner went on to take B.I.S. This gives Ch. Csisckas five out of seven group placements

RIPP, owned by George Yovan, Fairfield, Conn., trained and handled by John Strauz and Joseph Cunningham, Middletown, N. Y., "finished" at the Union County, N. J. Kennel Club show, Nov. 5th. A week earlier, Ripp placed fourth in Sporting Group at the Bronx K. C. Show.

LETTERS

Many interesting and complimentary letters from breeders and dog club executives on Dr. Osborn's "Hip Dysplasia" phamplet, published and distributed by the Vizsla ClGub. The 2nd printing is almost exhausted.

Van and Mrs. Van Divort viewed the Quail Futurity after judging the Vizsla Club Trials at New Sharon and then vacationed before returning to Toledo and Circulation Manager duties at the Toledo Times. Van writes compliments about the trial—and the Vizslas, "size, ambition, disposition, deportment and abilities appealed to me."

Regional V-P Aileen Stewart writes about Herb Whitfield's frantic "fun" with Dr. Frank Gerbode's import Jecki who was trained in and knows only Hungarian commands.

Jecki would heel perfectly and look up to Herb as if to say ,"OK, fellow, let's get to work," but not one command would he obey. Herb, more and more annoyed, was standing with gun stock under his arm and thought of "hup" as the only word he had not used. Thereupon Jecki leaped over the gun barrel and back again. This so surprised Herb that he promptly forgot the word he had used until it finally came to him and he repeated it. Jecki promptly and willingly jumped the gun barrel again whereupon Whitfield began to get ideas and phoned Mr. Monteague at Abercrombies for Hungarian words used in dog commands.

Herb took Jecki back into the field and told him to "sit" (Ulle) and Jecki sat. Herb walked away trying to pronounce the word (gyerre ide) "come." Mrs. Whitfield said that she could not imagine what Herb was doing, walking away from the dog with a pink paper in his hand and suddenly the dog would go bounding after him.

The Bernsteins (Captain & Sally) Arlington, Va., contemplating a move from Va. to Calif. . . their Barto soon to be a "papa."

Miss Irene McElwain, Vienna, Va., enjoyed Lois Pappas "The Distaff Side". . . along with a host of other members.

Paul Sabo, Champaign, Illinois, wearing a new type "insulated" garment — a plaster cast — writes:

One of the rare nice days after Christmas I took off for an unfenced area, where I have the use of a couple riding horses, to work my pointer. Saddled a 5 year old Palomino stallion who proved to have his mind on the gals.

A couple of mares in a field nickered and he reared. . . I kicked clear but lost my balance and fell on my back in frozen stubble. The horse lost his footing, followed me down on his near side, then rolled over on me as he struggled to regain his feet.

I walked back to the farm hanging to one stirrup and drove 32 miles to Champaign and the hospital where I learned that I had twelve fractured vertebra. Ten days in the hospital and 10 weeks to go in this calcium corset.

Enclosed are my dues to '62.

(Editor's note: Sabo is coming along nicely. Still at home wearing his cast.)

The Whitefords (Proff. & family), Madison, Wisc., enjoying their Sabbathical in Malaga, send greetings. Their Christmas card: family group in tennis togs with a bull fight placard in background "Plaza De Toros Monumental."

Since then Jecki has been working perfectly.

(Dear Herb: ulle is "sit;" gyerre ide is "come;" hozd ide is "fetch;" keresz meg is "seek;" labhoz is "heel;" helyedre is "to your place." Ask Elizabeth Mihalyi about my struggles years ago learning Hungarian commands — or maybe you better not. The Ed.)

Mrs. W. C. Meminger (Marge), Erie, Pa., recently judged the Western Reserve Poodle Club match at Lakewood, Ohio. In the past year, Marge has judged several Obedience matches which, in turn, has brought additional requests.

The Katona's (Gaza and Wally), Falls Church, Va., write entertaining bits about their busy, complicated lives: Gaza (State Dept.) has a Scout Troop, civic association duties; Wally nursing four nights weekly at Fairfax Hospital; jointly, their church work, PTA, translating, Frici (the Vizsla) and the children.

The Chatfields, Minneapolis, ice fishing, hunting (in reverse order), enjoying winter sports.

Dr. I. S. Osborn, Club president, writing scholarly tomes on Hip Dysplasia in reply to the many letters from interested owners.

Jack Patterson, Ashtabula, Ohio, businessman and sportsman (or vice versa) writes that he and his associate Chuck Redmond have their travel agency services in high gear. . . more about that elsewhere.