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RIPP BARAT SCOOPS COLORADO WEIMARANER REGIONAL FIELD TRIAL

RIPP BARAT, owned and handled by Mrs. Betty Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona, astonished contenders and gallery by placing three times out of three in the Weimaraner Club of America's Colorado-Wyoming Regional Field Trial May 31-April 1, run on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Grounds, Denver. No "push-overs" in any of the three stakes as Ripp ran against field trial champion Weimaraners, German Shorthairs and Brittanys — fast company, indeed.

Complete placements were not available as we go to press; however, interested members may find the complete results in the American Fiel dand-or the next issue of the Weimaraner Club magazine.

Amateur All Age

2 Weimaraners — 3 German Shorthaired Pointers — 1 Brittany — 1 Vizsla

First Place: Ripp Barat, owned and handled by Betty Kenly.

(a FT Ch Brittany was one of the entries.)

Open Gun Dog

Second Place: Ripp Barat, owned and handled by Betty Kenly.

(Among the entries were 3 F T Ch Weimaraners)

Amateur Gun Dog

Third Place: Ripp Barat, Owned and handled by Betty Kenly.

The Vizsla Club extends sincere congratulations to Ripp and Betty Kenly for this fine record.

All stakes were well represented. The Open All Age had 9 entries; Amateur All Age 7; Open Gun Dog 18; Open Puppy 12; Amateur Gun Dog 12.

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Colorado AKC Licensed Trial, Denver, March 24-25

Ripp Barat ran in the Open Gun Dog Stake, one of 17 entries, but failed to place. His ground course was good but one unproductive was charged against him. In this stake there were 11 GSHP, 3 Weimaraners, 2 Brittanys, 1 Vizsla.

The Owner's View

By Betty Kenly

Ripp Barat ran in the Shorthair Trials on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Grounds March 24th and did a fine job excepting for one unproductive which I blame partly on myself and partly on the altitude. However, the next weekend, he ran in three stakes in the Colorado-Wyoming Region Weimaraner Club Trials and made out like a bandit — 3 places in three stakes — did a beautiful job and, I believe, was the only dog to place in more than two stakes. Winning the Amateur All Age was a big thrill, of course, but his placements in the Open Gun Dog and Amateur Gun Dog Stakes were equally exciting.

I can't praise the regional Weimaraner Club in Denver nearly enough for the success of their trial and the wonderful treatment I received. . . . they even acted like they were

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glad I won three places.

As you know, I usually do it alone (trials) and most of these clubs have bent over backwards to make me welcome. It is so encouraging to be warmly received and made welcome by complete strangers.

A great big thanks to Bob and Judy Holcomb for treating me like one of the family the week I was in Denver.

Does Own Shooting In Amateur Stakes

In the Amateur Gun Dog Stake, the handler shot his own birds and it nearly scared me to death since I doubt if I had shot a bird in 15 years but, as I have said before, I seem to have more viscera than brains, and it proved to be more fun than any stake I entered.

Yes; much to my surprise, I got both birds. The first one I pulverized — there wasn't enough left for the dog to retrieve — and the second one I hardly hurt and Ripp brought it in alive. I really proves to be fun.

As a suggestion, we might consider such a stake in our future Amateur Gun Dog Trials.

(Editor's Note: We have argued the pros and cons about the handler shooting his own birds in amateur stakes; however, there is the matter of safety and insurance fees to be considered. No doubt, in the future, we will make it optional for the individual handlers.)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

For the past year, Treasurer Sylvia Chatfield has been mailing dues notices one month in advance of expiration date and following up with a post card reminder late in the twelfth month. Renewals are promptly reported to the Secretary and so recorded.

To avoid disappointing a member who may have overlooked remitting dues to the Treasurer, the VIZSLA NEWS is mailed for two succeeding months. After that moratorium, the member's name is removed from the active list. Any member reinstating within two or three months is brought up to date with the NEWS providing there is sufficient supply.

A member deciding to drop his membership can be very helpful if he will send the Secretary a post card or note explaining his decision to drop out. Constructive criticism always is welcome and helps keep the Club and its services alert.

LETTERS

Treasurer Sylvia Chatfield writes (April 12) that there is a 3 foot snowbank between house and kennel after another snowstorm and (she) hates every shovelfull. . . .opening baseball game postponed.

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Director Ann Chelini on way south hopes to call on Betty Kenly in Phoenix. . .among other things to discuss Club matters.

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Bernard Hambleton, Kirkland, Washington, has been elected President, Washington Black Angus Association. Due to new office, member Hambleton regretfully declines nomination as Regional V-P Vizsla Club but promises to do all he can to encourage memberships and requests applications.

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When I first wrote you it was to inquire about a Vizsla and where I could see one. You were kind enough to send me all information and. soon afterwards, I purchased a fine dog in Cornwall. Pa.

My main interest since I was a young girl is bird hunting and I trained him for this purpose which he did very well the next fall. In fact, I never enjoyed hunting as much as I did this last fall. . . I shot my quota. Once I shot at a pheasant three times without making a clean hit. Caesar trailed the bird and within a half hour I had the pheasant in my bag.

People in this area never have heard of a Vizsla and are amazed when they see Caesar.

Thank you for sending me the VIZSLA NEWS. I know how busy you must be. I think you are doing a fine job.

Mt. Joy, Pa. Janice Kehler

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A note from Lt. Col. Robert A. Carter from Isle of Capri, Naples, Florida.

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Thanks for forwarding the VIZSLA NEWS. We always enjoy reading them very much and finding out what other Vizsla owners are doing.

We plan on attending the Vizsla Trials May 5-6 and hope to meet you there.

Gary, Texas Roy & Marge Widener

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— — I had a session of flu after the Natl. Capitol Show (and I had been so superior as I had flu shots last fall and have been fine all winter.)

Very pleased to see the Vizsla column in the Sporting Group issue of Popular Dogs!

With that I could make the trial and meeting but just cannot arrange it now. It would make a wonderful trip to combine a visit with my parents in N. Kansas and the meeting.

A piece on tracking shortly. , . . .

Vienna, Va. Irene McElwain

Thank you for inviting me to join the Vizsla Club. Form and check on the way to Minneapolis.

Kansas City, Mo. Don Lawrance

I am sure that I will be unable to attend the Board meeting and trial altho I would like to very much. I would just like to be there, period.

I think every member should try to get a member. This would double the membership (and give the Club some financial stability). I do not think the present dues are too high.

Surely do hope the trials go off well and that there will be a good attendance. I certainly will plan to attend the National this fall for I have a dog or two that I would like to enter.

Augusta, Ga. Dr. Hayward Phillips

Long made plans for trout fishing in the mountains prevent us from attending the trials and meeting; otherwise we would be there.

San Francisco, Calif. Aileen Stewart

Please send me six more AKC application blanks.

I enjoy the VIZSLA NEWS very much, especially the articles from Hungarian breeders.

Butterfield, Minn. Martin O Holte

Jane Graf sends an assortment of clippings and notes for the NEWS. Busy with housework, children, kennels and as Field Trial Secretary (Lincoln, Nebr., May 5-6) — (They) have three children, 9 Vizslas. chickens, ducks. geese. horses, couple hundred pigeons. a few chinchillas — and plan to raise some chukar, pheasant and quail this year. (Ed Note: and I think I have my hands full.)

Seward, Nebr.

I realize that the hour is late for Vizsla registrations with AKC; nevertheless, I am beating the bushes to see if I can locate any unregistered dogs. So far we have been able to refer three to AKC — Would you please forward about six registration forms to me. . .

Long Beach, Calif. Walter R. Campbell

Am enclosing check for my dues and will appreciate your sending me a couple dozen application blanks — I will try to get some money coming in the til as I realize the expense is getting terrific getting out the VIZSLA NEWS. . . . . I think the last two issues were the best I have seen to date.

Betty (Mrs. Holcomb). our twin girls and I will be at the trials May 5 and 6.

Englewood, Colo. J. R. Holcomb

LETTERS

Being drafted to serve as a member of the Board of Directors came as quite a surprise and surely more welcome than my first draft notice. Will do my best to attend meetings; however, due to my duty tours may not always make it.

We hope to attend the spring trial but may not be able to make it at the last moment. The National is different as I am on vacation then and have time to prepare for it.

Alan Jacobs, Lincolnwood, Illinois, has given me much time and cooperation in attempting to get our Ill-Ind Region organized and he is an ardent Vizsla owner.

We now understand some of your problems much better since trying to organize the regional club. For some reason, getting answers to letters is a most difficult task: out of 35 or 40 letters we have received four replies. Anyway, we'll keep trying.

Chicago, Ill. George Solberg

Bob Grimes Class Puppy Killed

This week I had the unpleasant task of burying the puppy which I have praised so often (14 months old female trial prospect). She somehow opened the gate to her kennel while I was away and the inevitable happened down on the road.

I don't know if I think more of my dogs than other people think of theirs but burying her was the hardest thing that I have had to do during my lifetime. I would not have felt so bad had it been my other bitch or my pointer. There is no doubt in my mind that she would have developed into one of the best Vizslas in the country. She ran as big as all-out-doors and with more drive than any Vizsla I ever have seen. I really had plans for her.

Rt. 1, Toney, Ala. Robert Grimes

(Bob: all the members in the Vizsla Club join with me in sending their understanding and sympathy at the loss of your puppy. Many of us know only too well how tough it is. Ed.)

SPRING FIELD TRIAL

Large Entry Promised

According to Field Trial Chairman M. D. (Bud) Grat, over 40 Vizslas have been promised as entries for the Lincoln, Nebraska, competition scheduled to start at 8:00 A.M. Saturday, May 5th. Arrangements are proceeding smoothly, on schedule and the local weatherman has promised to cooperate with clear skies.

The Judges Dinner, Saturday night at the Izaak Walton League Building, North 48th Street, will be served shortly after the close of the Saturday heats. Chicken, fried steak, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, pie 'n' ice cream, coffee are on the menu which will be served for approximately $2.00 per person. The dinner is strictly come-as-you-are as the meeting place is on the way back from the trial grounds. Excellent wash room facilities offer the more fastidious an opportunity to remove surface evidence of a day afield.

Beer may be had over the bar; however, anyone desiring to dispense individual hospitality is advised to bring his own bottled libations — set-ups will be available.

Bud Graf solemnly asserts that the food served by "The Ikes" delights gourmets, even surpasses good home cooking.

There is plenty of space for parking, running and feeding dogs and hot water will be available for mixing dog food. Owners should provide their own food and food pans altho it is possible that some dog food manufacturer will "feed" the trial.

Chukar in Bird Field

Chukar at this time of year will be more flyable than pheasants and have been selected for use in the bird field.

Chairman Graf writes, "Let's get those entries in! There is no reason for anyone not to run something — a puppy, a gun dog, even a mother-in-law. No excuse for not being represented."

"Pete" Czura, gun dog editor, writer, columnist, will be present to observe and write up the trial. Thanks to his ready typewriter, publicity about this trial is appearing in many newspapers which, by the way, is May 5-6 at the Irish Setter Club of Nebraska Grounds, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Members and guests planning to attend the trial are urged to make reservations early at the Buffalo Motel, 347 N. 48th St., Lincoln. Direct your memo to Mr. Harvey Gates, Mgr. (We hope that Mr. Gates has a room reserved for this editor who plans to arrive Friday afternoon.)

The Chatfields, Treasurer Sylvia and husband Morris; Mrs. Leone Olson and daughter Judy; R. W. Hawkinson will be among the Minnesota contingent and, of course, President Dr. I. S. Osborn.

FIELD TRIAL HEADQUARTERS
BUFFALO MOTEL
347 N. 48th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
Rates

One person	$6.00 to $8.00
Two persons	$8.00 to $10.00
Three persons	$9.00 to $12.00
Four persons	$14.00—connecting rooms

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Harvey Gates, Mgr.

EASTERN REGION ACTIVE

By Joe Cunningham

KINCHEM, owned by John Link, Fairfield, Conn., made his AKC Championship at the North New Jersey Kennel Club Show held at Teaneck Sunday, March 25th. Kinchem has gone BOB at four recent major shows.

Present at the show were Glen Cottage Max Selle, who took first Puppy and Reserve Dog; Prince Adolph Meld, owned by Mrs. Herta Canfield, Brooklyn, N.Y., second, and Wilpeg's Heidi Hi, owned by William McCall, Dayville, N.Y., third.

At least 10 Vizslas are promised for the Walhill Kennel Club Show to be held in July at Walden, New York. Details may be had by writing Jos. F. Cunningham or John Strauz, Glen Cottage Kennels, Rte. 2, Middletown, New York.

Show handlers, members Cunningham and Strauz are encouraging members in entering their Vizslas in area shows to help make points.

NEW CLUES TO CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA

According to a report published in the Veterinary Dispatch, March-April issue, Dr. Wayne H. Riser, a veterinary research fellow at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology,

suggests that hip dysplasia in dogs and humans appears to be due to a weakness or deficiency in abductor muscles, while juvenile osteoporosis has now been found to be different in man and animals.

Dr. Riser indicated that latest findings suggest that malformation of the hip probably occurs in German Shepherds between birth and 12 weeks of age; that pups are born with normal hip joints. Also, that a study of greyhounds indicates that dysplasia does not occur in this breed regardless of how much or how little exercise is given the abductor muscles.

Continuing, Dr. Riser said that the historical development of hip dysplasia in German Shepherds can be traced back to the time the dog lost its "sincerity of purpose" and was deprived of the role for which it was bred. Originally bred to herd cattle and sheep over the rough terrain in Germany, individual dogs were brought back by American soldiers for pets and thus lost their purpose. As the less combative and smaller dogs were selected to perpetuate the breed, they lost their "purpose" and muscles as well.

Further Study Needed

Dr. Riser stated that research has to be continued on hip dysplasia to fill in many gaps; that information is needed on how dysplasia starts between birth and 12 weeks of age.

"We believe all puppies, regardless of breed, have fairly well-formed hips at birth," he said, and, "when they first get on their feet and don't have sufficient abductor muscles to hold the femoral head in the pelvic socket, malformation of the joint occurs." Continuing, he said, "To have deep, well-functioning hip joints, the head must be pushed in and held securely by the muscles."

Dr. Riser emphasized that asteogenesis imperfecta in humans and animals is not the same and suggests that the defect that occurs in dogs and cats be re-named "juvenile imperfecta." This condition in animals, according to Dr. Riser, can be reversed through diet with high calcium while osteogenesis imperfecta in man is heredity and not reversible.

Dr. Riser put 15 kittens and puppies on a muscle meat diet, high in phosphorus and low in calcium, to study the nutritional aspect. He reported that in 35 days fractures occurred spontaneously but, by shifting the diet back to normal, the condition was reversed and the animals were normal again after several weeks. Dr. Riser contends that the cells which create bone cortex are present in animals but are not working due to lack of calcium.

Through the courtesy of The American Brittany, Dr. Fred Z. White, Editor, we will start publication of an article by Dr. Otto Schales D.Sc., titled "Hip Dysplasia," first presented in that magazine in December 1959. Dr. Otto Schales writes of his experience which led to his interest and research in the malformation. He has written various articles which have appeared in veterinary magazines and dog magazines and is considered one of the experts on the subject. Dr. Schales is with the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation, Department of Chemical Research, New Orleans, La.

MY EYES ARE OPENED

By Mrs. W. C. Meminger

No one could enjoy the copies of the VIZSLA NEWS any more than I and look forward to its arrival altho it does ruin my day for nothing gets done until I have read it from cover to cover.

With the NEWS, as with other publications I enjoy, I had never given too much thought to the time, effort and care put into it before it goes to the printer. I have a much greater appreciation of the NEWS and gratitude to the editor since my recent trip to the office of the VIZSLA NEWS.

The office is contained in a small, compact building that lacks much of the comforts of a big city office but the volume of work that pours out of that same office is nothing short of amazing. . . work by the said editor with the burning of much midnight oil. I had little idea there could be so much involved until I offered to assist in classifying some of the back-log.

Has anyone stopped to think that in an average month our secretary-editor contributes from 100 to 150 man hours not only to edit the NEWS but to answer the dozens of inquiries that arrive concerning YOUR breed? All inquiries are answered to the best of his ability in a friendly manner.

For those of you who detest letter writing, think what a formidable task this would be if it were dumped on you. Think on this!

SLIPS

V-P nominee Aileen Stewart's husband Paul heads the brokerage firm Stewart-Burbank-Meyerson & Co., member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange, San Francisco. Son Jaul Jr., is the orthopedic surgeon . . . our error a near miss.

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Wins: Nov-Dec issue credits Ilsa Mira Pala, owned by Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Potts, Seattle, with a "RDX." Should read C D X.

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Jan-Feb NEWS, page 11. Open Stake photo reads "1st place, Ripp Barat, Paul Sabo." Obviously the lady is Mrs. John Kenly (Betty), owner. Paul Sabo handled in this stake.

The article "New Clues To Canine Hip Dysplasia" reporting Dr. Wayne H. Riser's talk at the joint meeting of the American Animal Hospital Assn. and the Texas Veterinary Assn. should be considered "theory" at this time in the opinion of many experienced Doctors of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Riser is highly regarded in the profession; however, his observations are considered inconclusive until further study and experiments are reported by the various research centers devoted to this work.

OBEDIENCE STARTS THE FIRST DAY!

By Marge Meminger

The Vizsla satisfactorily fulfills any desire of the dog owner-lover: for the man of the house he is always ready to respond to the command "find birds!"; for the lady of the house, he is a constant companion who shares her excitement over approaching dog shows; for the children, he is a playmate who loves to frolic, never pouts, never deserts for someone who could offer more. He is a delightful travelling companion; quiet around the house but ever ready to give the alarm of an intruder. All of these endearing charms of the breed are enhanced by his being a gentleman at all times.

This inborn trait can be developed with a little obedience training which will increase the enjoyment of both dog and master.

Most dog owners approach obedience with a do-or-die attitude — please don't. It can be and should be fun all the way through.

From the time you meet your prospective companion at the airport, or take him from the kennel, his obedience training begins. First, he learns his name. Next the important "NO" that is almost constant for the first week.

Let me stress that the TONE of voice and being consistent are two of the biggest assets any person can develop. Let's talk about voice first: You have greeted your puppy with a kind voice that reassures him that all is well though strange — no matter what words are spoken, he understands the tone better.

Of course, you are going to spend a lot of time observing the newcomer the first week to keep him out of the things that are "No! No!". This command, given in a firm voice, usually is all that is needed. Few realize how quickly dogs learn actual words. Before you scoff at this, recall how many times you have been beaten to the door when you have remarked to one of the family, "I'll run down to the store."

Of course, most of the dog's learning comes by pleasant association with some word that has caught his fancy but, before he reaches middle age, there will be many words that you are spelling out — cooky, out, go, supper — as you do when there are small children in the house.

Then comes consistency: the things that are "NO!" today must always be that. Start the little one out the way you want him to be as an adult. I am well aware that a small puppy is an adorable little thing but, if he is allowed to jump up on everyone now, the day will come when it no longer is cute and he is going to wonder why he is punished for doing nothing different than he always has done.

It always is difficult to teach handlers in a class that they must talk to and with their dogs. The closer the companionship, the easier it is to teach him.

You now have progressed beyond the "name" stage and are not giving so many "no" commands, so the next step is to teach your puppy to sit on command.

Place him directly in front of you, or on your left side, give the command, "Brat; SIT," simultaneously pulling up on the leash with the right hand and giving a downward push on his rear with the left. Brat sits! He won't stay long but long enough for you to give him a tidbit and some praise. For a few days he will have to be shown what this new word means but, in a surprisingly short time, he

will sit at once on command.

His reward is the tidbit and the extravagant praise in your voice with the pats on the shoulder. You cannot praise too highly when he has performed to perfection.

Next month: first steps in Obedience ring training.

(Ed note: Mrs. Meminger rapidly is becoming an outstandingly successful Obedience teacher in the Erie, Pa. area. Has trained her Weimaraners and Vizslas to CD certificates as well as bench championships.)

JANE GRAF WINS PRIZE AS IMPROMPTU TOASTMISTRESS

The Seward (Nebr) Toastmistress Club held their annual speech contest Feb. 22. Winner was Eloise Arndt with "Land of Milk and Honey." Second place was Jane Graf with "The Vizsla: Past, Present, Future."

Forty eight hours notice was given the four contestants for the original extemporaneous speeches of five to seven minutes duration.

Jane says that is was fun doing it and now she has a ready-made sales presentation for Vizsla puppies. . . .that one of the judges came to her afterwards and reserved a pup from an expected litter.

CALIFORNIA DO-GOODERS THREATEN HUNTING
Amass $38,000 Lobby Fund

According to press clippings, letters, phone calls received by the VIZSLA NEWS, California sportsmen are forced to raise funds and organize their lobby to protect their right to hunt upland game. Immediately threatened is dove hunting. Next could be pheasant and quail and, eventually, all wild game. Abolishment of the State Fish and Game Department seems to be another objective; at least the first step being elimination of game biologists.

Ridiculous? Yes; but true.

"A new, strangely-assorted group of humane organizations and so-called sportsmen's clubs calls itself the United Humane Front — claims to represent two million Californians, including 50 sportsmens groups," writes Mark Markwort, in the Feb. Sporting Goods Dealer. Asked if the sportsmen weren't being duped into joining an anti-hunting front, the second-in-command replied:

"No. This is a coalition of conservative hunting clubs and humane organizations. We want to put hunting back in its true perspective, AIMING FIRST AT GAME MANAGEMENT. WE WANT TO GET RID OF THE BIOLOGISTS. We'll do it in the legislature and revise the Fish and Game Code."

Following the usual and skillful tactics for mass appeal, the "Anti's" include some sensible reforms that intelligent people everywhere approve but, hidden under the cloak of humane compassion, is the lethal blow to hunting privileges.

Let's peek under this cloak!

We would make a calculated guess that this "united" organization has a hard core of salaried employees; at least one adroit, very well paid individual skillful in public relations and in fund raising. The fabric and trimmings of this cloak — the directorate — a group of well-heeled, persuasive "anti's" with a leavening of well-meaning "names" whose sympathies have been aroused. It is fundamental in all fund raising organizations that well known people, "big names," have to be on the literature and quoted in the press, to "sell" the small donors that the cause is right, is just ,their dollars used in a worthy cause.

In short, it is a well paid job and, the more money raised, more progress shown, more dollars in salary and bonus for the director.

Let us consider the facts of state directed conservation and wild life in this age of missiles and population multiplication.

There would be gradual extinction of game — fur or feathered — were it not for the conservation controls to protect nesting and breeding seasons; the planting of upland game birds and fish; the count and control of game animals; bag limits; seasons.

"Protect" deer and, within a matter of five years, their weight of numbers consumes all available forage and they die by the hundreds from starvation. This is a demonstrated fact. Ask any conservation officer in any state natural to deer. The writer has seen the pitiful carcasses of fawns and does and bucks in the woods of Michigan and Wisconsin too many times following a hard winter when food was scarce. Death from starvation certainly is not humane. Nor from disease.

Ohio's "do-gooders" kept quail on the songbird list for years and the quail population continued to dwindle. Protection did not provide the quail with life assurance.

Nature inexorably controls wild life. Na-

ture's rules are inflexible. Disease, famine, predators, deciminate over-oppulated wildlife. It is apodictic. Ask any breeder of domestic animals what happens unless he is alert with vaccines, antibiotics, food.

"Do-Gooders" could achieve more lasting results if they directed they symae n,nrpl results if they directed their sympathies in a more practical direction: educating duck and geese hunters to use retrievers would save tens of thousands of water fowl every year; the use of pointing dogs in the fields and woods would reclaim hundreds of wounded birds; the preservation and protection of water holes, feeding and nesting grounds would assure reproduction of the species. But so much less dramatic!

The Associated Sportsmen of California are raising a meagre $5,000.00 fund to protect the rights and privileges of hunters; to protect the water holes and feeding grounds of migratory fowl; to meet legislative obligations.

A dollar bill — or more — will be appreciated and wisely used.

Mail your contribution to
Conservation Club
Associated Sportsmen of California
Ferry Building
San Francisco 11, California

You may need help next in your State.

VIZSLA CLUB FIELD TRIALERS WELCOME TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

By Jane Graf

The Cornhusker State is famous for hospitality and a very good example is the interest Dr. Earl Brown, President, Irish Setter Club of Nebraska, is taking in the arrangements to assure a successful trial May 5 & 6. Dr. Brown, Richard Armstrong, our Field Marshall, and F. T. Judge J. W. Dewey, have appointed themselves a "Committee of Three" to expedite plans and make arrangements for lunches on the grounds so that every Vizsla Club visitor will have an enjoyable visit.

"Pete" Czura, well known sporting dog editor of Southern Outdoors and syndicated dog and sports columnist, is sending out news releases about the trial to all area newspapers and will attend the trial to gather news and pictures for a national feature he is writing.

Mrs. Ann Byers, Mrs. Paul Kisner and your reporter will be on hand as hostesses from Friday afternoon until the last visitor departs Sunday evening. We urge you to let us help make your weekend something to remember.

General Jacl Pearl, S A C Base, Omaha, made up and contributed a check list of A K C field requirements as a guide and everything seems to be falling into place. Quail and chukar ordered; Game Commission alerted to band the birds.

(Editor's Note: Belated but warm congratulations to General Pearl on his promotion. Last time we saw then Col. Pearl was when he judged a Brittany field trial at K. C., Mo. If Harry Holt was living, he would be very pleased too.)

Points of Interest

Lincoln is a typical plains-state city: wide streets, long blocks, with most of the business district confined to O Street (the main street) and the adjacent streets. Many "must see" points of interest are within a few minutes walk from the downtown section.

The State Capitol is one of the nation's most impressive seats of state government. Immediately south of the Capitol is the Governor's Mansion. The University of Nebraska campus is two blocks north which includes the Planetarium and the University's famous State Museum. The State Historical Society Building is on R Street, adjacent to the Campus, where the past and present of Nebraska's history is pictorially presented in exhibits. The Hallam Nuclear Generating Plant is a few miles south of Lincoln where abundant power will be produced under private ownership. The Lincoln Air Force Base is north and west of the city.

There are two zoos; two lakes; two principal parks and the new City Auditorium where diversified entertainment is available throughout the year. Nebraska Wesleyan University and Union College, in addition to the University and the Agricultural College, make Lincoln an important seat of learning.

Vizsla Club members are invited to make a quick tour of these principal points before leaving Lincoln. Descriptive folders will be available at the Reception Center in the Buffalo Motel and the hostesses will be glad to chart a 30 minute auto tour.

Judges Dinner

One half barbecued chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter, dessert and coffee is the menu. Cost is $2.00 per plate,

including tips. The barbecued chicken is a specialty of the "Ikes" and Mr. Mosby, president of the Izaak Walton League personally intends to supervise the service.

Dinner will be served between 6:30 and 7:00 PM, immediately after the last brace Saturday and everyone is urged to come-as-you-are since the dinner and meeting place is en route to the motel.

Everyone planning on attending the trial and the dinner is asked to advise the F. T. Chairmaon (M. D. Graf) by April 30th how many will be in his dinner party that the chef may know how many dinners to plan. Please include this memo with your trial entries or mail a postcard to M. D. Graf, RFD 3, Seward, Nebraska. We would be unhappy if we were unable to serve everyone who came to dinner.

Motel reservations also should be made without delay. If everyone comes who has promised to attend, the motel will be taxed to capacity and we do hope to have everyone under one roof for the informal get-together Friday night at the motel.

See you Friday?

GOOD READING

ARTHUR KONYOT: THE WHITE RIDER

In collaboration with William D. Reichmann

Here is the fabulous story of a fabulous man that will appeal to and delight readers of all ages —and it's true. Arthur Konyot relates the story of his life to William D. Reichmann who skillfully develops it into autobiographical form: sixty years of exciting, adventuresome circus and horse show life in 19 countries and on three continents.

Celebrated equestrian showman Arthur Konyot, senior surviving member of a renowned Hungarian family of artistes, was born into circus life. His parents owned the Cirkus Leopold — a traveling show typical of the small European circuses from which many famous performing families originated. The Konyos — six boys and six girls — became internationally recognized as a family of incomparable bareback riders and performers and their unique story unfolds in this absorbing tale. Here is the romance of circus life with its triumphs and pathos; successes and reverses; its courage and resourcefulness.

Through its pages, illustrated with 33 full pages of photographs, move fascinating characters and famous names — from the Hagenbachs, the Rancys, the Buschs, of Europe to the Ringlings and Norths of North America, to Arthur Godfrey whose show horse Goldie, Konyot trained at Beacon Hill farm.

Today, at 72, Arthur Konyot operates a riding stable at Sarasota, Florida, traditional home of circuses and circus families.

Our own celebrated Elizabeth Mihalyi designed the chapter headings and illustrated the story with her drawings. The London-born artist, who started her art training on her father's estate in Hungary, has become famous in America as a portrait painter of people and horses and dogs. Among her better known portraits are Arthur Godfrey on his horse Goldie; Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman; Mr. and Mrs A. Q. Schimmel — hotel chain; Mrs. Myra Curtis, Chicago; Helen Morrison and her Irish Setter, Philadelphia, and many other well known individuals. Her illustrations have appeared in Town & Country, Western Horseman, Your Pony and Pony Record.

Mrs. Mihalyi maintains a studio at Woodside, Calif., and Wayzata, Minn.

William Reichmann, the collaborator, is well known in the Chicago area as a breeder and exhibitor of Arabian horses and as a contributor to various magazines. His home is on a farm near Barrington, Illinois.

The regular trade edition is $10.00 and the limited, autographed edition $15.00. Publishers are Hill and Dale Press, Barrington, Ill.

The Vizsla News will be glad to order ARTHUR KONYOT: THE WHITE RIDER for Club members. Please enclose check with typed or printed address.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

During the running of the second Weimaraner National Field Trials at Crab Orchard, Illinois, in 1950 or 1951, we overheard one of a group of Brittany field trialers remark, "Why; that's an 'old man's' dog."

The Weimaraners were working a thick, matted tall grass course so dense that the dogs were partly hidden. It is true that the dogs were close working (the average Weimaraner of that era did not have express speed and orbital range) but we doubt if any dog could have exhibited horizon-reaching range in that cover.

Since those days the field trial Weimaraner has been bred smaller, faster, wider. Many

of today's owners never saw, or have forgotten, the Weimaraner of the late 40's and early 50's. As a matter of fact, it is only in the past six or seven years that breeders have been striving for better range and field abilities.

What is true of the Weimaraner has been true of the German Shorthaired Pointer — and the Brittany, if you please — all European gun dog breeds were close working, biggish dogs for that was the type of hunting they were developed for in their respective native states. Today, in America, not every man wants an Open All Age field dog — he doesn't. For every one that does want a dog to work on the horizon there are ten who are satisfied with the breed just as it is.

Betty Kenly's terrific Ripp recently rudely opened the eyes of the Colorado-Wyoming field trial fraternity by his tremendous drive, wide range and intense desire. Some of the people there remarked that the Vizslas they had seen (several years ago) were too close and therefore, supposedly, not particularly attractive. History repeating itself: the early Shorthairs, the Weimaraners and now the Vizsla drawing the same criticism. Today's owner of the wide field trial type dog forgetting that not over ten years ago his breed drew the same comments.

As successive generations of American bred Vizslas appear on the field trial courses, there is no question that each generation will show more drive, more range. Selective breeding, and advantageous training, will see to that.

Responsible Vizsla breeders today are trying to produce dogs with an intense desire to hunt, with conformation and style, sound in body, weight and heighth well within the Standard, biddable, without sacrificing the distinctive disposition and intelligence that is characteristic of the breed. They have come a long way in eight years.

SNIPE HUNTING IN THE LAND OF THE VIZSLAS

By Gaza Katona

To most of us "tenderfeet," snipe-hunting has one connotation: the old trick of having novice campers stand out in a lonely spot in the woods during the dark of night, holding an empty sack and a flashlight with which to entice those imaginary snipes which never show up. All tomfoolery aside, though, there is a real sport called Snipe-Hunting which is avidly followed in the Old Country. As I reminisce about the many different kinds of hunting experiences which I had an opportunity to enjoy with my Vizsla "Frici" in Hungary, the one which conjures up the most pleasant thoughts is that of snipe-hunting in the hills of Budakeszi, Nagykovacsi, and Torokbalint west of Budapest in the company of my good friend and veteran Vizsla handler "Mike" Kende.

The sport is associated with the spring season, and like Spring, snipe-hunting stirs one's latent yearning for the out-of-doors after a long winter of little activity. The snipe (or woodcock — a medium-sized bird which is long of beak and short of tail) begins to wend its way northward through Central Europe about mid-March each year. True to form, these birds invariably follow the same route year after year, so that seasoned hunters can almost predict the exact spots over which the snipe will fly once the "advance scouts" of the flock put in their appearance in the area, in similar fashion to the famed Swallows of Capistrano. Word soon spreads among snipe fanciers that the birds are in transit, and small parties of hunters hie their way into the woods fringing Budapest in the early evening hours to sit and wait in silence for the coveted game.

Unlike hunting for most other types of game, "szalonkazas" (as snipe-hunting is called in Hungarian) is confined mostly to the brief period of dusk lasting about a half-hour before and after sunset. This is the time when the snipes begin to descend from their high flight to roost in the trees for the night. The hunters take their positions in groups of two or three, and with at least one Vizsla on hand, at scattered points in the clearings within the forest, many of the men having brought along leather-seated tripod stools for themselves, and a small rug for the dogs to sit out the wait in comfort. As the last rays of daylight fade into darkness, everyone remains in silence, for the slightest strange noise may frighten off the snipes. Even the Vizslas sense the significance of the quiet atmosphere and lay in "drop" position, with eyes alert on their masters, ready to respond to the signal to fetch. (For this particular phase, the Vizsla must be retrained not to move when the

hunter raises his run in shooting position.) Only the sounds of other wild-life can be heard in the stillness, for there is an air of calmness and serenity which settles on all and even makes one oblivious to the cooling darkness.

The silence is not only desirable for its esthetic effect but is necessary in order thai the hunters may be able to discern the first subdued swishing sounds which alert them to the approach of the snipes as the birds swoop down into the trees. Shot guns are held in readiness, and as the shadowy forms of the birds swiftly come into sight, the silence is suddenly broken by scattered gun shots here and there as straining eyes pick out the fleeting targets. Then, it is all over in short order — except for the retrieving of the game by the Vizslas and the boasting or alibiing by the participants. The Vizslas are only too eager to obey the commands, "keresd" ("find") and "hozd ide" ("bring it here"). In spite of the darkness and with only a general hint of direction by the pointing finger of their masters, the dogs make the sweep of the woods and bring in the bagged game. If in luck, the group may tally about a half dozen or ten snipes; but this may be the exception rather than the rule, for — like the proverbial gunnysack brand of "snipe-hunting" — the score may be nil.

But luck or no luck, the group calls it a night as far as the hunting is concerned and everybody repairs to the nearest hunting lodge, or. the peasant house of one of the local hunters, to shake off the chill of the night with a healthy toast of fine Hungarian wine or "barack" (apricot brandy). The evening of snipe-hunting is never complete, though, without a few refurbished accounts of more bountiful hunts, the glorious feats of favorite Vizslas, and humorous incidents of the "good ol' days." The snipe bags may still be empty of game, but the snipe-hunters are bound to depart homeward with their reward of an evening filled with pleasant memories the glow of fine companionship of men and Vizsla dogs.

INTERESTING PEOPLE

(We hope to present as a regular feature brief sketches about our interesting members. We hope our readers will enjoy this feature and will participate by sending in short biographies of friends or relatives who merit introduction in these pages because of their experiences, business, hobbies, accomplishments. Write fully but factually. Editor.)

ELIZABETH MIHALYI (Mrs.3 Woodside, California — Portrait artist, specializing in people and horses. Striking personality, tremendous vitality, great courage.

Fleeing from the Mihalyi estate in Hungary as the Russians advanced, Mrs. Mihalyi led a caravan of neighbors and retainers — farm carts loaded with personal possessions and food — to eventual sanctuary with the British forces in Austria. Traveling roads and lanes by night, hiding out by day to escape strafing by planes and betrayal by informers; encouraging, forcing, cajoling, week after arduous week, Mrs. Mihalyi finally led her charges to freedom.

Her three sons and husband remained behind: two sons later escaping and eventually joining their mother in America; one son still living in Hungary and the husband released through death not long after her escape. With her, as companion and personal guardian, was Panni XV, the family Vizsla, who became Vizsla No. 2 in the Austrian Stud Book and the mother of the foundation Vizslas in Austria.

While in the British zone, Elizabeth obtained food and some essential comforts by sketching and painting the British Mess Sergeants. It was sere that she began to use her native talents as an artist which had been developed by study at Notre Dame, near Budapest, under some of the leading Hungarian tutors. She was a member of the Association of Professional Fine Arts Artists at Graz, Austria.

Accepting an opportunity to immigrate to Detroit, Mrs. Mihalyi moved to Omaha later and there was joined by her son Thomas. Lewis eventually arrived via Canada and now the reunited family make their homes in California. Shortly after her arrival in Omaha, an exhibition of her paintings was held in Washington, D.C. which was favorably received and led to commissions in Nebraska and, eventually, other states. Among national personages painted by Mrs. Mihalyi are Arthur Godfrey, and an ex-Governor of Minnesota.

Mrs. Mihalyi, one of the incorporators of the Vizsla Club, holds membership card No. 1.