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WHAT IS A VIZSLA...

By Pat Carter

Many people have the notion that a Vizsla is a "dog"! A Vizsla is not a dog -- at lease HE doesn't think he is a dog -- and who should know better than he? He couldn't be a dog! I have come to this conclusion after careful study and set forth the following reasons for my beliefs:

First and foremost, he is a hunting companion. Before a Vizsla came into his life, my husband would take gun in hand on opening day of bird season and go off half-heartedly, hoping he would scare up a pheasant or two. Now, with one of his companions along, he eagerly looks forward to hunting -- knowing that he will have the full enjoyment of watching his Vizsla work and knowing, too, that there will be the limit in his pouch. Seeing his Vizslas quarter a field is his joy! This joy reaches its climax when they come on point -- steady and true.

In the home, a Vizsla is again a companion -- a guardian of the home -- a friend that I can talk to when I am alone -- a buddy and a pal who is quite willing to put up with my female ways, take long walks in the country with me, or play and romp in the snow like a young colt.

He is a gentle nursemaid and playmate to all children. His is an intelligent pupil -- willing and quick to learn. True, he is sometimes like a spoiled brat. When scolded becomes a coy con-artist -- knowing that by looking at me with his sad eyes and touching me with his paw, my heart will melt and all will be well again.

He is a born showman! In the show ring, when he hears applause, he just knows it is for him-- so he holds his head a little higher and struts along a little more proudly.

He is a regal gentleman who enjoys riding beside me in the car -- looking at the world quite disdainfully as though he is saying to all, "Here I am... look me over!"

He is a bundle of energized gold -- willing and ready to take on any task with unfailing spirit and enthusiasm. He is an official greeter to all comers -- but he must be assured by his master that he is greeting a friend.

He is a detective -- never allowing a scent or sound to go unnoticed. He must investigate the source and satisfy his curiosity.

He is a comfort seeker -- would rather sleep on the bed than on the floor. He thinks couches were made for him -- after all, we use them... why can't he?

He is a prankster who will take one of our possessions and hide it -- knowing full well that he will be asked to seek -- then given praise when he retrieves it from where he has had it secreted.

He is a clown -- a court jester -- ad-libbing with tricks for attention.

He is headstrong, but docile! Cautious, but daring!

He is the wind when he runs -- a symphony of movement. A free soul, loving the world he lives in.

He is joy to know. A happiness to posses. A fulfillment of one's desires. He is the owner of our home and us.

Now, I ask you, how can a Vizsla be a dog when he is all of these things? Only "unknowing" folks would call him "a dog". He is a Vizsla -- and that sets him apart from all others. If he must be catalogued in the canine world, then we all must admit -- HE IS A KING.

SPRING FIELD TRIAL 1964

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

To be held under rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club

Date: APRIL 4 - 5, 1964
Place: WILD WINGS SHOOTING PRESERVE, Muscatine, Iowa

Judges: Harold Howk, Bloomfield, Iowa — V. V. VanDivort, Perrysburg, Ohio

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING

April 4, 1964, (7:00 a.m.) Saturday

OPEN PUPPY -- Vizsla only -- (20 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age but under 15 months of age on the day of the trial. Quail on course and in the bird field. Handlers walk. No guns.

AMATEUR GUN DOG STAKE -- European Pointing Dogs* -- (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and over on the day of the trial. Amateur handlers only. Three pheasants to be planted in the bird field for each brace. Shoot to kill done by official gunners. Retrieve required. Handlers walk. (This stake will follow immediately after the puppy stake UNLESS total entries do not allow sufficient time... if so, it will run on an adjoining course simultaneously. Time notice available Friday, April 3)

OPEN DERBY -- Vizsla only -- (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and under 2 years of age on the day of the trial. Quail on course and in the bird field. Handlers walk. This will NOT be a shoot-to-kill stake. Blank pistols will be fired over derby dogs (at least .32 calibur) No retrieve required.

OPEN ALL-AGE -- Vizsla only -- (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and over on the day of the trial. Three pheasants will be planted in the bird field for each brace. Shoot to kill done by official gunners. Retrieve required. Handlers may ride; however, foot handler will set the pace.

April 5, 1964, (7:00 a.m.) Sunday

OPEN SHOOTING DOG -- European Pointing Dogs* -- (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and over. Handlers may ride, foor handler will set the pace. Three pheasants will be planted in the bird field. Shoot to kill by official gunners. Retrieve required.

OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE -- European Pointing Dogs* -- (30 minute minimum). Dogs must qualify for this stake by having placed first, second, third or fourth in an All-Age or Gun Dog Stake; OR having won the Open Derby Stake in a Licensed AKC Field Trial. Post entries will be accepted for those dogs first qualifying at this trial. Drawing to be done immediately preceding the start of the stake.

* European Pointing Dogs include: Vizsla, Weimaraner, German Shorthaired Pointers, Pointing Griffons, and Wire Haired Pointers.

Notice: All entries must be registered with the AKC. (or litter registered)

FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS: Wild Wings Shooting Preserve, 4 miles south of Muscatine, Iowa.

HORSES: Horses will be available to handlers and spectators at the trial grounds.

ENTRIES: Entries will close when available time for judging has been filled, or at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 1964. Entries are to be mailed to Mrs. Betty Kenly, Field Trial Secretary, c/o Wild Wings Shooting Preserve, Route 5, Muscatine, Iowa. (Post entries will be accepted only in the Limited Stake for dogs first qualifying at this Trial.) Once entered, dogs will be expected to fulfill all requirements requested for the completing of the judging of the stake. AKC rules for Pointing Breeds (page 34 to 44, Red Book) are available and should be read by all persons attending the event.

PRIZES: Trophies to first and second place dogs will be awarded and standard AKC Rosettes will be given to all placed dogs. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th) Points toward AKC Championships may be given for all stakes. Wins will be recorded in the American Field, also. Traveling trophy awarded last spring must be defended.

MOTELS: Muscatine, Iowa, has several. Make your own reservations. (See ads)

FOOD: Breakfast and lunch will be available at the Lodge on the Preserve. The Field Trial Banquet (JUDGES DINNER) will also be served at the Lodge, for this, please send your reservations (with your entries) to Wild Wings, by April 2. Come-as-you-are.

This is your official information sheet to supplement entry blank information.

PROGRESS REPORT ----

Tom Pratt, president of the Vizsla Club of America, who was seriously injured in a head-on automobile accident on February 4th is now home from the hospital. In a phone conversation the other night he reported that he is well on the mend ..."still in a cast up to my hip, but hope to get that off this next week."

He has been keeping up on the plans for the Spring Field Trial and Meeting and is making plans to attend.

"Thank you, one and all, for the many letters, cards, flowers, and phone calls!" Tom said they were almost overwhelming.

Tom has not been idling the hours away while he was temporally immobilized...besides the plans for the National Trial and Annual Meeting, plans have been progressing for the Prairie States Vizsla Club Field Trial to be held on the grounds near Clarion, Iowa, on April 19. (Note: box ad)

We hope that the pain of the past weeks will soon be over, and are very grateful that you are made of extremely rugged prairie stock, Tom!

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA

ANNUAL MEETING

The 1964 Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America will be held immediately following the Judges Dinner, April 4, at Wild Wings Shooting Preserve, Muscatine, Iowa.

Business now in the hopper includes:

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Election Results (Nominating Committee's Report)

Installation of Officers and Board Members

"A" Match Plans

Constitution Committee Report

Future Stakes for National Field Trials (VC of A)

Progress Report on Minnesota University's Hip Dysplasia Research

Other business to be presented the the club members (or to the Board of Directors) should be sent, in writing, to president, Tom Pratt.

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GET YOUR NEW "RED BOOK" NOW

The American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Ave. New York City, N. Y. has just published a new revision in the Field Trial Rule Book known as the "Red Book" Single copies of the book may be had by writing a letter and requesting it. These are sent free of charge.

Clubs wishing to get several copies may order them in any quantity for 25¢ a copy.

Get it! Read it! Use it, as closely as possible for even the fun trials...then when you enter a licensed trial your dog will not have to carry you as a handicap!

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA

Spring FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Paul Sabo, Chairman of the Spring Field Trial, has been a busy man. From his winter home in North Augusta, South Carolina, he has sent a steady stream of communiques to club members who have accepted responsibility for this event.

BETTY KENLY, 9021 N. Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix, Arizona, is the Field Trial Secretary. Her responsibilities include: checking in all entry blanks and officiating at the drawing; making a copy of the order of running available to all handlers; providing the judges with scoring books; keeping official judges books and record of the trial; obtaining the judges signatures in the book and together with entries mail to AKC immediately following the trial; record wins with the American Field.

Anyone having a question about eligibility, etc, of entries may clear them with Betty prior to sending in the entry. She plans to arrive at the trial site several days before the trial, so all entries are to mailed to her there.

HOWARD JAMES, 518 LeRoy, Muscatine, Iowa, (president of Wild Wings Preserve) is our host. His duties include: providing the grounds for the trial; arranging for food facilities at the preserve; providing the birds; have horses available to spectators, handlers, and officials of the trial; line up official gunners; and be the local "anchor man" for the field trial committee, and all people making plans to attend.

To say that I am EXCITED about the fine accommodations and warm hospitality already in evidence is putting it mildly! A 6 year old's anticipation of Christmas would not be greater! Howard and Dee James, the Board of Directors of Wild Wings Preserve, Frank Killian of the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce all have joined together to provide the Vizsla Club of America with the finest facilities possible. Services "above and beyond" are already quite apparent...press releases on this National event have been going out on the AP. Have you seen items in your newspapers? Many people have! The news coverage up to and for the Field Trial proper are fabulous!

LEONARD HARTL, Mounted Route #5, Davenport, Iowa, will assist with local plans from near-by. Leonard is also doing some publicity work directed to magazines, and with other field trialers, provide a practice run for the preserve in the mechanics of a Trial in an informal Fun Match on March 14. He is serving as Howard's right-hand-man on trial protocol.

FRED SCHULTZE, Route 2, Rosemount, Minn, is to see that AKC Rosettes and trophies are purchased and brought to the Trial Grounds. His knowledge of AKC rules makes the job of Field Marshall a natural choice. He is to make sure all handlers comply with AKC rules in deportment, and to regulate and control the gallery so that the work of the dogs, handlers and judges will not be interfered with. (The local saddle club is supplying 20 mounts for hire...we may have a large riding gallery, Paul!) He and Loy Coutts will alternate on this chore, or, if both are in a brace, see that another responsible person is in the saddle.

LOY COUTTS, Waterloo, Nebraska, assisting with the Field Marshalling will also see that proper braces are ready when called for by the judges. His 32 years experience in the Field Trial game will aid him in any other impromptu duties that may arise. He will see that handlers are briefed on the courses as they are laid out and on the judges requirements for that stake.

DRS. BILL MEMINGER, 2039 Crestview Dr, Erie, Pa, and DICK REINHARDT, 104 E. 21st St, Scottsbluff, Nebr, will be the official arbiters of the AKC Red Book and the rules conducting the trial and interpretation of them. The entire club will abide by their decisions. All dogs on the trial grounds are at all times under trial rules whether ENTERED OR NOT. At no time are dogs permitted to run (on or off leash) on any part of the trial course from 7:00 Saturday morning until the final gun. Bitches in season must be isolated and removed from the premises for obvious reasons and the welfare of the trial. These gentlemen will also see that the official time is kept in the birdfield.

Your club officers will have the duties of their respective jobs to perform for the trial and meeting, but serve as ex-officio members of all committees.

TOM PRATT, President, was appointed to secure the names of two competent judges. He had written the letters before the automobile accident, and was able to talk by phone on the matter following his return to the Clarion hospital. The two judges are: Harold M. Howk, Bloomfield, Iowa, long time member of the Bluegrass Field Trial Club in that area. He comes highly recommended by Ed Lloyd and Bill Maynard; owns and handles Brittany Spanials. V. V. VanDivort, Perrysburg, Ohio, has officiated at several National Vizsla Club Field Trials in the past and seemed pleased to be asked again. He is a pointer-setter man of National renown.

BRAD JORGENS, Treasurer, was appointed Tom's deputy in the matter of judges, and will, of course, have charge of the finances at the trial... picking up the tab for official expences. Joyce Jorgens has volunteered her services to see that people attending the banquet are officially welcomed, is making a big banner for the lodge and will see that the trophies are properly displayed.

JANE GRAFF, Secretary, has made the official requests for licensing the trial by AKC, will see to the mailing of entry blanks and all other data that will assist you in preparing to attend the trial and meeting. (Gee, that doesn't sound like it should take me all this time!)

PAUL SABO, Chairman, has mapped out this plan of attack, and is in charge of seeing that it all goes off smoothly. He is planning to arrive in Muscatine early in the week before the field trial, and will be available there to anyone having last minute questions. Present mailing address is: Box 156, North Augusta, S. C.

Official gunners will be: LUKE NELSON, FRANK SWENGEL, BOB GRAHAM, CHARLES MEERDINK, AND RUSS BOOM all of Muscatine of the near vicinity. Howard James comments, "All are extremely good shots; two are former skeet champs; but most importantly...all are safe, conscientious hunters." Mr. Boom's name arrived too late to be printed on the entries, but is none the less welcomed to our trial. He is an experienced field trialer and with the other members of the team will assist with local hospitality.

Now then, if these plans don't excite you ... you must be dead! Of course, each of you have the responsibility to do your part to make the trial a success...that is, to COME. Whether entering your dog, or coming just as a spectator...this is the one!!

Spring field trials should be bigger and better than Fall ones, as there is not the call of local hunting to interfere! The trial date is set early to avoid the warm weather sometimes encountered in May. As for getting dogs in shape...(we all have let the dogs "slack off" after the close of hunting season) don't worry...the atmosphere at Wild Wings will bring out the "bird fever" just like measles!

Read over the "General Instructions" that appeared in the October 1963 VIZSLA NEWS as a refresher, enter in the competition... win, lose, or draw...it is a fine experience.

If you go to a field trial and don't learn enough to more than compensate for your time and expense... then you just aren't paying attention!!

All things point to the finest arrangements for a Field Trial that we have ever been able to put together in one place. If you have been meaning to come to one of these "things" someday, just do it! (Of course, my life is just planned "between" field trials since we attended our first one 4 years ago, so I am highly prejudiced. But, I just know that you will enjoy the opportunity for "year 'round hunting" and the joy of comparing your ability to train and handle your Vizsla with other owners.)

To those who say, "NO FIELD TRIALS FOR ME"...I say only, that you are missing a good thing if you don't at least come and take a look at a VIZSLA FIELD TRIAL of today. Any resemblance to a Field Trial of yesteryears where tobacco chewing pros and wiry, over-padded women in army boots chase over hill-and-dale for days "looking" for their entry ...is only in the coincidence of the name.

Many who have ventured a look remark... "My dog has turned in as good a preformance as that..." and show up at the next trial to try their luck in the field. They discover that there is more to hunting with your Vizsla than just going out and bringing home a bag full of game. The team-work that must be demonstrated in the 30 minutes allotted to you to show-off the many talents of your favorite friend to the judges can be the most challenging sport know to a sportsman.

I don't mean to suggest that everyone owning a Vizsla can come to a National Field Trial and win the first stake ever entered...although you very wel might...The most important thing is: You will see many fine dogs running and can compare your training abilities with other amateurs and pros and learn a great deal about Vizslas that you would not know if you never lift your eyes to a FIELD TRIAL.

Mrs. Jane Graff, Editor
"THE VIZSLA NEWS"
Seward, Nebraska

Augusta, Georgia
February 18, 1964.

Dear Jane:

Thank you for your L.D. call last Sunday, it is much simpler to conduct the business of the Muscatine trial and co-ordinate the final phases of plans by phone than having letters meeting each other in passing in the mails.

Just seven weeks to go till Muscatine Vizsla Time. A couple of weeks left for Quail hunting in Georgia and South Carolina, (the open season down here is 100 days) before we pat the "Winchester 21" and and stow it for next autumn in Saskatchewan, three trials yet to attend in March, a 250 mile trip to Albany, Ga., to close the Quail hunting, this old telephone retiree is busier than those proverbial one armed paper hangers or cats on the tin roof.

When I retired some of my phone contemporaries facetiously told me old folks die of boredom once unharnessed. Little did they realize that I have had my eye on that old graybeard with the scythe. I have respect for him but dont exactly seek his friendship. I watched him tripping over his nightshirt in his pursuit after me and he darned near cut his throat with his implement in the process. Only his long beard prevented a disaster.

Me?, his object of pursuit was leaving him astern dressed in briar proof pants, cleated shoes, a holy fear of his catching me, chasing three good Vizslas and a big wide running pointer. They in turn were chasing Quail. (Sometimes they "STAY" on point). With plenty of area on which to chase the dogs, I manage to take an occasional backward glance to see my pursuer mired in the swamp. Once in a while after a hard day afield he gets within haling distance. To that end have taken appropriate measures by falling in love with a nice southern filly, as pretty and shapely as southern belles are noted for being.

Lest my readers wander a bit mentally at this point, she is five years old, 15 hands high, 850 pounds of trigger quick mentality with a body co-ordinated to that mentality. She is black, a gentlewoman, full of fun and playfullness, a birth certificate that says her Mom was a Morgan (a New England Yankee if you know Morgans) her pop an Arab. She whinnies with a southern accent, when she wants attention, follows me around afield like a dog when I dismount to shoot over the Vizsla points. I know my three Canadian mares will forgive my new love, or maybe I just wont tell them. You know I am an ex sailor and that having one in each port came as an accepted way of life early.

I bought Judy (the mare) a new "Miley" deluxe two horse trailer, with everything on it but a Christmas tree and believe me not only Judy is happy to jump in and ride to our quail hunting destinations but I note that the Vizslas too have a new syllable and inflection in their barks everytime I "hook-up" and load her in anticipation of going hunting or to a trial.

An old adage says that a true dyed in the wool bird hunter has three cherished possesions, for which he shows his love and admiration by occasional petting and fondling, namely, his bird dog, his double barrel bird gun and his wife. He can take all the adversities and vicissitudes of life if only these three loves remain his personal treasures. They take precedence in the order given above.

I have reason to believe that that the coiner of this adage was a wise and sagacious man. If he lived to be sixty six , he, I am sure would have abetted any bird hunters reason to believe that the order is in proper sequence.

What has all this to do with the Spring Trial at Wild Wings? Vizslas? Muscatine?

For those who like to hunt upland game with bird dogs, an opportunity to swap white lies about your recent hunting season, with your Vizslas in various parts of the country to a captive audience. To those who are growing older (who is'nt) renewed hope and faith in your ability to chase dogs and women with a shotgun cradled in your arms will bring happy and fruitful senility. To the remaining minority an opportunity to get in on the fun of a good European breed dog trial, dont fail to bring your dogs and enter them, just so they have their tails hacked off to the proper length. Look me up at the trial and ask me about those other kind of dogs whose tails are intact, I'll tell you about those too for another time.

Jane, it was raining today and I just could not get up enthusiasm for an inspiring story for the Muscatine trial as you suggested on the phone last Sunday. I hope this will substitute.

See you and all your Vizsla News readers as well as those who are just learning about our Vizsla dogs April 4-5th.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Ho

WELCOME, Field Trialers, TO MUSCATINE, IOWA ....

There may not be a genuine red velvet carpet down the middle of highways 61 and 92 when Vizsla Club of America members arrive at Muscatine, Iowa ...but I am sure that you will get that "Red Carpet" welcome from the people there!

Frank Killian, of the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce, in a phone conversation this morning gave me a list of the local Motels. He has checked with each of them and all accept Vizslas when accompanied by well-mannered people, and all have exercize area for them...in varying amounts. They are listed here in the order of closeness to the trial grounds. You are, of course, to make your own selection and reservations.

THAYERS LODGE
Route 5, Muscatine, Iowa
Single $6 Double $7
2 Double Beds $9
Located beyond the edge of town

LAMPLIGHT INN MOTEL
Hwy 61 & 92 South, Muscatine, Iowa
Single $8 Double $12 and up
Muscatine's newest luxury motel

EDWARDS MOTEL
806 Sampson, Muscatine, Iowa
Single $5.50 Double $6.50
Near edge of town

MUSKIE MOTEL
1620 Park Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa
Single $6.50 Double $8 and up
New Modern

There is also ample area on the Preserve for those of you who are equiped for camping. If you plan to set up your own lodge...send a note to that effect to Howard James at Wild Wings.

Remember to send your Banquet reservations in to Wild Wings by April 2. (I understand that they are hoping to locate enough chuckar partridge for this very special affair)

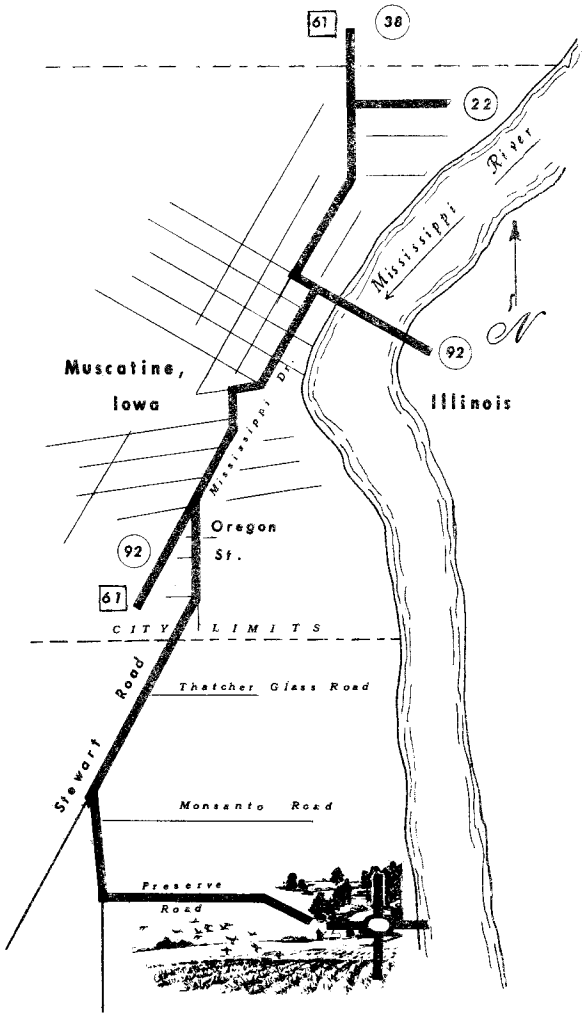
Wild Wings modern clubhouse will be the Field Trial Headquarters. Breakfast, lunch and dinner right here. Relax after the hunt on the big sun porch or by the big fireplace.

IF you get the bag of dog food home without punching a hole in the side...chances are you will have todook for a knife in order to get in to it!!

HOW TO FIND US

From Highways #61 & #92 in south Muscatine, turn onto Oregon St. At the Kent Feed manufacturing plant, Oregon St. joins Stewart Road.

Take Stewart Road past the Thatcher Glass and Monsanto Plant Roads to the Preserve Road. On Stewart Road, signs will direct you at each intersection.



WILD WINGS
Shooting Preserve
Rural Route 5 Phone 263-0343
MUSCATINE, IOWA

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Possibly Bob Holcomb, chairman of the nominating committee has had to get a bigger post office box! Letters coming to this office indicate that many of you have taken the opportunity to send the names of people from your area who have the extra spark of interest that tags them forNational service.

Assisting Bob with the final slate to be presented to all members (in good standing... that is) are: Doc Osborn, Morrie Chatfield, Brad Jorgens, and Bud Graff.

If all the data does not reach the office before the dead-line for this issue, rest assured that ballots (and as much background information as possible to incorporate into a thumb-nail sketch on each) will be mailed out to you (First Class) within this next week.

This is a very big country. Bob has been firing letters out this way every few days, and he still has a little time left to let all the letters sent after the February NEWS was read and digested.

There will be a complete report of this committee made at the annual meeting and in the minutes printed in the next NEWS.

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA'S "A" Match

Margaret Meminger, Match Secretary for our first "A" Match is momentarily awaiting the final completion of the plans. Things that I can tell you about are:

Date: April 19, 1964
Place: Erie, Pennsylvania
Judge: Durwood H. VanZandt
AKC Licensed handler #4171
Lima, New York

Other items that she has checked off her list include:

Reserving a hall... just 2 miles from the through way exit -- Route 19. She describes it... parking right on the grounds, kitchen facilities, etc, inside. If the weather is favorable, the judging can be held outside... if not, it can be held indoors. (I don't seem to find the name in this material... but it will be on your entry blanks.)

Personnel: A Veterinarian has been asked to be present; The Johnson's will be stewards for the match, and others are assigned to take entries, take care of the food, etc...

Premium lists, ribbons, trophies, judge's books are ready and waiting!

Now, the necessary ingredient needed to make this a successful venture and another step forward for the VC of A is YOU! Details will be sent with your premium lists... but plan now to attend! The Memingers, 2039 Crestview Dr, Eria, Pa, would be glad to hear that you are going to be there.

COME!

NEWS FROM HUNGARY

by Joan Hunt

A recent letter from Mrs. Catherine Bartok of Hungary, revealed that the Hungarian Kennel Club have just instituted an examination for judges of Magyar Vizslas, and presumably also for other breeds, though the writer did not make that clear. The candidate has appeared before a Board of Examiners, whose members include three veterinarians, and answer a series of viva-voce unprepared questions on a wide variety of subjects, including technicalities of anatomy and canine genetics, as well as basic conformation and characteristics of the breed. We are happy to send our congratulations to Mrs. Bartok, who passed the exam and who is the first practising vizsla judge to do so. She has served on the "jury", panel of experts at dog shows for some years, and is well known as the owner of Ripp, sire of Int Perpetual Champion Csikcsicsoi Aprod, Dual Hungarian and Canadian Champion Csikcsicsoi Ari Nora, and American Ch. Annavolgyi Aramy, and many others.

Mrs. Bartok reports a return to favour in Hungary of the true, "sarga" (crust of white loaf) colored vizsla, after a period when some judges held that the heavier pigmented dogs were hardier. The vizslas from Czechoslovakia have almost always been darker in color than their cousins from across the Danube.

CORRECTION, PLEASE....

Haste makes waste... and all that jazz! May I please correct the impression that the Canadian Vizsla Standard which appeared in the February Issue of the News was the new standard toward which the Canadian Vizsla Club has been working. "The proposed new standard is now in its fourth revision and will surely undergo one or two more re-writes." says Phil Wright, President of the CVC. "We are finding it awfully difficult to write a standard which will be short enough for people to bother to read, yet long enough to contain some real meat."

The page reprint did not, of course, come from the Canadian Kennel Club book of standards, but from a commercial magazine. Mr. Geil sent it this way without any explanation and I am afraid that, coming at a time when I had received several letters commenting about a new CVC standard... I have now mislead the lot of you. I am sorry for any embarrassment, frustration, or anguish it may have caused.

Several people have pointed out and questioned the term "DU. CH. (Can. Am.)" ... I believe, too, that the title of "Dual Champion" should be reserved for dogs attaining the rank of Champion in both the Field and in the Show Ring.

"We are trying to keep close to your standard... it would be stupid to specify two different standards for this continent." concludes Dr. Wright. Several of our VC of A members have been consulted on parts of the proposal. We wish you God speed in completing the task. I will now go and sit in the corner for an hour!

CIRCLE THESE DATES.....

The calendar in the office is beginning to look like a word BINGO game. Circle these dates on your calendar... maybe you have won the prize!!

March 14, Fun Trial. Muscatine, Iowa, in formal warm up for national. (L. Hartl, R 5, Davenport, Iowa)

March 21-22, Wymar AKC Spring Trial, Denver, Colorado. (B. Holcomb, Box 177, Englewood, Colo)

March 21-22, Bluegrass Field Trial Club Bloomfield, Iowa (H. Howk, chairman, Bloomfield)

April 4-5, VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA AKC Spring Field Trial. Muscatine, Iowa, Wild Wings Shooting Preserve.

April 4-5, International Dog Show, Chicago, Illinois. (People attending the show who want to fly over to the Annual Meeting of the VC of A will be met at the airport at Moline)

April 11-12, Omaha GSH AKC Trial. (Loy Coutts, Waterloo, Nebraska)

April 18-19, Denver GSH AKC Trial. (Bob Holcomb....)

April 19, VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA "A" Match, Erie, Pennsylvania. (M. Meminger, 2039, Crestview Dr. Erie, Pa.)

April 19, Prairie States Vizsla Club Field Trial. Clarion, Iowa, (Joe Bentley, Independance, Iowa)

April 26, Nebraska Vizsla Club Field Trial AKC rules. Raymond, Nebraska. (D. Reinhardt, 104 E. 21st St, Scottsbluff, Nebr, F. T. secretary.)

May 24, Trumbull County Kennel Club Show Warren, Ohio, (T. Bloomberg, 3932 Lockwood Blvd, Youngstown, Ohio.)

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS

"Hello, friend... my name is Damnyoucomehere, what is your name?"

This picture was snapped at one of our many field trials. These pups seem quite engrossed in conversation...I think the quote is verbatim! Actually, the dogs names are "Ripp-Barat's Rippy" and "Jake Jacaranda". owners, Judy Holcomb, Colo. and Lennard Hartl, Iowa, respectively.

GERMAN SHORTHAIR POINTER CLUB ATLANTA, GEORGIA

by Paul Sabo

The German Shorthair Pointer Club of Georgia, held their Annual Spring Shorthair Classic Field Trial near Atlanta, Georgia, on February 22-23.

Judges were Mr. Lee Summerlin of Merriam, Kansas, (Kansas City) and Mr. Bob Seaton, of Lee Summit, Missouri.

This GSHair Clasic is pointed toward getting the GSHairs training in Florida and on their way home to various Eastern and Mid-western areas with their trainers.

GSHair trainers, Phil Morris of Ohio, Don Spredbury of Ohio, Ralph Terrill of New Jersey, Jim Riggins and Cle Carlson whose home bases I did not learn among others whose names I never got, came thru from Florida with five or six truck loads of some 200 dogs, with GSHairs in dominence then followed by some 30 Weimars. Among these were a few scattered English Pointers and Setters. (No other Vizslas as far as I could see... and I saw them all staked out in a 20 acre pasture.)

All these trained dogs finally foiled down to an entry of 56 dogs, 52 GSH's, 1 Pointing Griffon, 1 Irish Setter, and 2 Vizslas (Betty Kenly's Ripp-Barat and Bob Holcomb's Ripp-Barat's Rippy). Six stakes, open to all AKC recognized pointing breeds made up the field into Open All-Age, Open Derby, Amateur Gun Dog, Open Gun Dog, Open Puppy and Open Limited All-Age.

Since this was a so-called "classic", the pros entered only their top notch contenders, the judges, I understand, were instructed to place only dogs meeting this requirement. In the Amateur Gun Dog, first place was withheld for a very minor infraction of any rule or deportment by any placed dog.

This stake was run during a 30-35 degree cold blustery day with winds up to 30 miles per hour. Naturally errors were made by all contenders, but it warmed the cockles of my heart to see two Vizslas handled by yours truly distinguish themselves no end by superior birdwork and retrieves... one a long-to-be-talked-about retrieve by "Rippy". He found all the three quail in less than three minutes in the bird field in a most efficient manner braced with a snappy GSH, who had difficulty with his and failed to back Rippy, while Rippy backed perfectly. The last bird shot over Rippy was a cripple which flew into a pine tree well into a nearby woods. When ordered to retrieve, which to me was an impossibility, (the judge had just asked me to call my dog back), Rippy ran into the woods and ... so help me Hanna... he climbed the tree like a bear and nailed his bird six feet off the ground and retrieved it. They are still talking about this one!

He was asked to run with a bye in the last brace and here again he distinguished himself with a fine ground heat and again had a superior birdfield.

His sire Ripp-Barat, also entered in this stake had his mind on sex and started out with that in mind rather than bird hunting, spending the first ten minutes of the thirty goofing around. A few choice corrective expletives shook him into spending the rest of the time in the ordodox Ripp manner,

however, the damage was done and he came in with a fourth, missing a chance to clinch his Field Trial Championship with a 3 point major... which nobody got. His son, Rippy, was named second and Rippy's bracemate took third. (No first place, withheld) the rest of the field also ran as GSHairs.

The other stake wherin the two Vizslas were entered was the Open Gun Dog event which was the big classic and which had the greatest number of entries made up of blue ribbon GSHairs and two lonely Vizslas. Rippy ran in the third brace, Sunday morning and layed down a race and bird-field work that outshone his previous effort in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake. He again had all the birds in the bird field against a fine GSH, "Ringo" from Ohio who everybody expected to win this event. Till late in the stake Rippy was expected to win it and everyone was pulling for him. Alas the rest of the field came thru with some of the most spectacular and noteworthy work witnessed by this dog nut in many a moon, the day quieted down and wild birds in the backcourses began moving and these fine experienced dogs began finding and pointing them, plus doing exceptional work in the birdfield.

Our yesterdays sex maniac forgot his personal problems after his handler, yours truly, had a back-of-the-truck session with him before casting him off in the last brace and he went to work with four backcourse finds in the classic manner, with the widest ground heat of his career as I can recall. We had the finest of competitive dogs here, but again Ripp's classic stylish rock-steady work in the birdfield brought him into consideration, He found all three birds (quail), retrieved them perfectly and I felt he must be in contention but was skeptical because I had witnessed some spectacular work by at least five others including his son, Rippy. When he was named second in this event my feet felt like they were feather light, my head was...I assure you. Even my mare, Judy, seemed elated with her whinny and nicker when the dogs came to her at the end of the trial. A GSH won first and two others placed third and fourth.

My one regret came when I realized I had not entered either Ripp or Rippy in the Limited or the Open All-Age. I recalled that the entries had to be in a week early and I debated the cost (over one hundred dollars for four stake entries)...so cut it to the two most popular stakes.

I was accepting kudo's from all and sundry on the performance of both Ripp and Rippy and even the judges came to comment on the classic poses of both of them on point as well as their rock-steady posture plus their desire to back any dog without urging, but most of all the comment I heard was "K-rist what superb noses and wow, the distance those two winded their birds!" This comes from their prairie experience where a bird must be pointed at twenty yards or he is not pointed.

THE LESSON I WISH TO IMPART to anyone reading this is that our Vizslas can compete successfully with their contemporaries and we Vizsla owners had better start opening up our trials to all AKC recognized breeds rather than try to close it because maybe we have that one dog that might win among his own breed but maybe not ready for the mixed breed events. You will never get the experience of competition with the rest of the field if you play only in your own back yard, believe me. We still must get our Vizslas to move out with celerity and distance for even the best of our breed, on the average, are short range dogs and in competition, no matter what a biased Vizsla owner says in defence of his dog, the sad truth is that our dogs just don't get out as they should and do hunt under ones feet, taken as a whole. There are exceptions as I stated above (in this trial wherein Ripp ran him a hunting race) but this is the exception as I was reminded by most spectators and the two judges again that they have seen so many Vizslas with good noses but so d-mn-d "short" in their range that it was pitiful. Why don't you Vizsla people start breeding for classy running and hunting dogs and if you do, you will have something!

The one thing I noted in this trial that I did not like was that about half of the GSHairs pointed their birds with "flagging" tails, and none seemed to point with that "heads-up...tails-up" manner, which the two Vizslas do so beautifully. This, too, did not go unnoticed and I heard many fine comments about it.

Ask me about this trial at Muscatine, I'll bend your ears folk, I assure you. We will soon attend an all pointer-setter American Field Trial and see what our Vizslas can do in those!

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DEAR EDITOR....

It is very late in the eleventh hour...copy is strewn from one to the other of the dining room table, pages counted...and I have only this little space to fill. Must keep to just 12 pages, or with the weight of the entry blanks will go over the 1 ounce limit for another First Class mailing.

If I go over the letters rather quickly please understand...

Correspondence has been tumbling in from Board Members in referance to the up-coming Board Meeting and Annual Meeting. Thank you for your immediate replies...I am looking forward to see many of you very soon now.

GEORGE SOLBERG, Illinois, said that they hope to organize a caravan of their club members who have voiced intentions of attending the Field Trial at Muscatine. Some are also going to try to get over for the Fun Trial there on the 14th! "We are planning a "PUT & TAKE" shoot for the latter part of April...more about this later as plans develop" (ejg: This sounds interesting, write it up, maybe other groups could use this kind of an introduction to field trialing.)

GAZA KATONA, Falls Church, Va, wrote a nice long letter saying that he was elated to see another Vizsla fancier (and compatriot) rallying to the cause...Gaza wrote an article that appeared in the May VIZSLA NEWS offering his help in giving authentic names to vizsla puppies. He did an additional article for the Canadian Vizsla Views elaborating on the subject. Perhaps next month we can go on with the series...I also noted that I somehow deleted Victor Erdelyi's address: 12818 E. 10th Ave. Spokane 66, Washington. Gaza also noted that several Vizsla owners had contacted him for assistance in naming their puppies.

RALPH WILSON, New York, is planning to be at the International Dog Show in Chicago the week-end of April 4-5. He expressed regret that, after coming so far, he would still be 200 miles from the national meeting at Muscatine which is that same week-end. (ventured the possibility of transferring the meeting to Chicago.) It is regrettable that the two fall on the same week-end, but with only a few exceptions the same people are not involved. Since this was the ONLY date open and available for our field trialers, it could not have been altered. I am hoping that, after their dogs show, several Vizsla people can drive or fly over for the meeting...

PAT CARTER, N.H. wrote a long, chatty letter... "I am so glad that you are going to have the spring trial at Wild Wings. It is a beautiful place and we sure did enjoy the few days that we spent there on our way home from New Sharon... the Vizsla folks will enjoy the hospitality that the James' will afford them." She stuck in that "poetry" on the cover page...I think we can all add a few things to her list, but will agree that she comes very close to a word picture of the vizsla friend in all our homes! The picture on the corner is that of my friend, Maggie z Selle, now retired...as taken by Gene Hornbeck of OUTDOOR Nebraska.

RAY MARCOIS, California, sent a snap shot of their pride and joy Betty Lou Selle...and 12 new babies. "We can't help feeling that many Vizsla owners are selling themselves short in the field of obedience, as the breed is easily trained and work beautifully. Our Gypsy finished in 3 shows with her CD at 10 months...is she the youngest vizsla to earn a degree?" Would like to hear from fellow sympathizers 920 Alandale, Bakersfield, Calif.

MARY MANNERS HAMMERSTEIN, Pa, "this next month I will be making a tour of the U.S. introducing my Piedart" (in her spare time, Mary invents things! That is, when she is not playing with her friend "Duchess"...) She appears on T.V. interview shows across the country, and is going clear out to Phoenix...watch for her, or better yet, get your local station to contact her...Sky Island, Upper Black Eddy, Pa. "One day I'll fly out on my broom with a nice hot coffee cake. OH yes"

JOAN HUNT, Tennessee, hopes to get over from Chicago for at least part of the meeting. Just can't be two places at once, Darn! "Trying very hard to get on with the book, but Bill and Charles are about as bad as each other for getting things out of..."

JOE CUNNINGHAM, N.Y. is working hard on the constitution, and sent a lot of nice copy that will just have to wait till next copy.

Many more notes and messages...will keep them in the file for next month.

Spring is trying to push its way across the plains ...the drive is a combination of solid ice and mush. Winter doesn't give up easily, today "rain-like"clouds came billowing up and promptly snowed!

See you at Muscatine...

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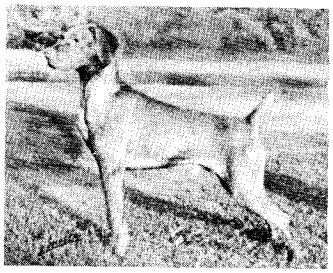

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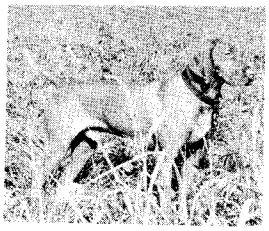

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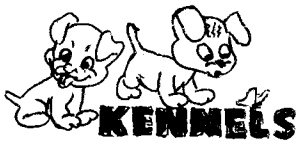

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