The Vizsla News

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An orange sun slips behind the hill and the air is strangely calm. A moist dampness gathers in the gullies making a pattern of warm and cool currents against the skin as we walk up the hill and down toward the creek. The evening swallows glide silently on the air, gathering in a dinner of bugs and provide a never-ending challenge to a couple of Vizsla pups who have this certain "inner desire" to catch things that fly. A quiet walk through the timothy and clover with some happy, rust-gold pups....

This is the time of the day I like best.

A walk does more than tone the muscles (of both man and beast) for the fall hunting season that is almost upon us. It is more than 'just getting away' from the day-to-day problems.

It rests the mind, refreshes the spirit, and lifts me into a bright new world of thoughts. The world around us is at peace: it is in harmony with itself. As we round the far corner and walk along the hedgerow, a big ripe harvest moon shines through the branches still in full foliage, and the night creatures have started singing their errie songs.

Puppies are a pleasant tonic.

There is no big pressure involved in "handling" a pup ... just give 'em his head and see what he can do with it. Each one developes at his own rate of speed so there is no panic when a pup (fond of pointing) suddenly takes to chasing, or when one (intend on rooting 'em out) freezes in a picturesque point -- as if he really knew what he was doing!

A cricket, chirping on the top branch of a plum bush, is taken by surprise by an alert pup -- first pointing it, then catching it on the fly as it tries to escape -- oh, I would think that would tickle all the way down!

Dusk has crept in upon us before we reach the gate. The last lacy vapor-trail is all pink and misty against the western glow and the first bold stars begin to twinkle. We pause by the old wagon and watch the antics of those two clowns first in the water tank, then playing tag in the yard. We talk of many things: hopes for a particular litter; plans for a hunting trip; or the projected thinking of the potential of pups yet unborn.

A quiet time to remember.

In all these random thoughts, there is an awareness of a contented, happy feeling, and I marvel at the things that bring happiness into the lives of people. Some folks live only for the future, hoping that some event or certain attainment will bring to them great joy. Others wallow in the regret of not recognizing past events as moments of supreme satisfaction.

I think that Vizsla owners (who take the time) have the best opportunity for "instant happiness" of anyone on earth!

To walk with a happy, bounding puppy on a summer evening is a wonderful thing.
To watch it work and hunt -- or just play with the butterflies along the way is a pleasant and exciting thing to see.
To have this beautiful, shining bundle of energy come to you, all smiling with eyes dancing with mischief, is a moment of singular joy. The happiness that others only look for is here!

At this moment, you can see that you have the very best Vizsla in the whole wide world --- and he is your friend!

What more do you need to be happy?

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Picture by: Pete Czura

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN!!!

There is some work to be done -- something that can't be done from where I sit, it is something that deserves your time and enterprising talents. To help you, we have designed and printed a new and enlarged membership application which includes a short history of the breed, the Vizsla standard, a bit of information about this favorite dog of ours, and a column about the VC of A, its purpose and objectives and information available (or hopefully soon to be available) on a number of subjects, in addition to an application for membership complete with address of treasurer. Now, all you have to do is have one handy when you meet a fellow Vizsla owner who may not have been told about the VC of A by the people who sold him a puppy; whip it out; sign him up and see that it is sent off to the club's treasurer. Yes, it is YOUR TURN to serve the Vizsla, and YOU are a member of the EVERY-MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER COMMITTEE!

Because of weight, only 1 copy can be enclosed in this issue of the V. NEWS -- which of course won't be enough for many of you! So, when you need more copies, write to the V. NEWS office, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska, and let me know how many more that you will be needing. This is a membership "tool" and there is no charge made for them -- we only ask that YOU get them to the people who should know about and work for the Vizsla breed.

In order to manage the printing up of several thousand of these at a time when our budget it slightly stretched, I have combined the August-September issue of the NEWS. When you have built up our treasury through all the new members, I will be able to put out a double issue, O. K?

Lest you feel that (because of some combined issues) you aren't getting your "money's worth" from the VC of A, may I paraphrase a bit and suggest that the question should not be, "What is the VC of A doing for me?" but instead -- "WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE VIZSLA and THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA?"

Certainly your SUPPORT in the form of a membership, and booster fund donations, is the place to start. Financial support is the thing that makes all the other things -- the VIZSLA NEWS, the field and show events and the expense of managing these affairs possible. However, there is much more that you should also do. REPRESENT the Vizsla breed at all dog shows and field events in your area -- if not as a participant, then as a spectator -- and when meeting other Vizsla owners, tell them of the Vizsla Club of America. With very few exceptions, people who are campaigning a dog in any field of endeavor want to know all they can about the breed, and if they are not already members, they are LOOKING for US! I have found that these people make excellent members, because they already are active and promoting the Vizsla ---and are very happy to serve the whole breed, not just their own particular dog. Then, you should also COMMUNICATE with other Vizsla members through the V. NEWS. Send those pictures and stories -- like those you like to read. Forward the things that interest you about the Vizsla. The Vizsla News is only what you make it: it reflects you! If you are enthusiastic, enlightening and energetic -- your V. NEWS will be, also!

To be a real "member" of any organization, you must also PARTICIPATE in some phase of the activity. You are too far away from the events? This does not mean that there is nothing that you can do. The area inwhich our field and show events can be located is limited, at present, but in the very near future, we will be eligible to apply for AKC membership -- and then can start scheduling national events from coast to coast. Will you be ready to invite a national event to your area? Regional Governors who have gotten out and worked in their region; found Vizsla owners and started Vizsla "booster shows" in their area, and field events, are laying the ground-work and learning the mechanics of managing such events. If you can't get to the national events where they are -- create your own Vizsla events where you are!! There are other jobs that need the attention of interested Vizsla people -- things like compiling the information already written on subjects of interest to new dog owners and getting it ready to be put into booklets; the experiences that YOU have had with the breed (whether it is in the area of breeding, showing, hunting, trialing or simply a pet owner) should be put down for future generations of Vizsla owners. You can do this from where you are sitting right now. Will you? There are also standing committees on a complete circle of interest around this breed of dog; are you interested in working on one of these? Let your president or secretary know about it. There are people working on a National level from every corner of this great nation. You can too!

START NOW! Sign up that new member -- or three or four if you can -- and enroll your talents for a share of the action in the Vizsla Club of America, Inc.

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DR. W. C. MEMINGER of Elk Creek Road, Route 4, Waterford, Pa, died unexpectedly Saturday, September 10, 1966, in Philadelphia while attending the Shrine Middle Atlantic States Convention, from a heart attach.

Dr. "Bill" has been active in the Vizsla Club of America for many years, and has served on the Board and was presently the chairman of the Field Committee. He has been an energetic supporter of the National Club and a tireless worker for the breed.

It was only about 2 years ago that Dr. and Mrs. Meminger moved to Waterford from Erie where they had lived since 1956; the move primarily to give the needed space for their many Vizslas. In addition to their own, Doc had several of Jeno Dus' Vizslas. (Col. Dus, a hunting friend of Doc's died in an auto mishap in 1963.)

Dr. Meminger's office was in Erie where he had practiced as an ear, eye, nose and throat specialist since 1956; he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and Surgery in 1929 and had practiced in Titusville and Muskegon, Mich, in addition to a three year residency at the Kirksville College where he specialized in his chosen field.

Memorials may be made to the ZemZem Shrine Hospital in Erie, sent either to the hospital or to his life-time friend, Ward Donor, Route 3, Centerville, Pa.

The sympathy of the Vizsla Club of America membership is extended to his wife, Margaret, and to his many friends.

Vizsla Club of America

A.K.C. LICENSED

FALL FIELD TRIAL PLANS

Fall is coming fast upon the heels of late summer, and the Fall Field Trial Committee are putting the finishing touches to the arrangements for the Vizsla Club of America's "Fall National" field event.

Crab Orchard, Illinois, was the trial site selected; these grounds need no introduction to most hunting or trialing dog-men. Quoting from a recent issue of the "Field", "...the National Wildlife Refuge has improved the field trial areas and all work will be completed by September 1... the Crab Orchard F. T. Club has added feed patches for each 30 minute course and in general, have done other maintenance work to make conditions most desireable... the grounds are expected to be in exceptional shape for the 1966 running of the Quail Futurity." This event immediately precedes the Vizsla Fall Trial. The main concern of the Refuge is still that of migratory waterfowl, however those connected with the management have been most cooperative with field trial endeavors. While an earlier date had been anticipated, the trial and meetings will be NOVEMBER 12-13. This is a "long weekend" for many, with Veterans Day holiday on Friday, November 11.

Located in the southern end of Illinois, Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge is near Carbondale, which will be used as a headquarters for trialers. Details on lodging, special meetings, and banquets will be forthcoming in the next issue. Trial Chairman, Dick Buhman, has made a trip to check out all the facilities and (hopefully) will be relaying the details in words and pictures in the near future. Harold Wingerter, of Muscatine, Iowa, will serve as field trial secretary.

Stakes for the fall trial will include:

OPEN PUPPY (6 months to 15 months of age)
OPEN DERBY (up to 2 years of age)
AMATEUR GUN DOG (Amateur handlers, natch)
OPEN GUN DOG (finished dogs of all ages)
OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE (must qualify to compete by winning a derby stake or placing in an AKC licensed event on the all-age level)

Again a 100 dog entry has been placed on this two day event ; two sets of judges will be engaged to judge the entries.

For each of the field trials held during the last 3 years, the entry has steadily increased so that at the conclusion of the Limited Stake at Volo a total of 95 entries had taken their turn in the field. At this rate, we will soon need to adjust the number of stakes that can be offered in a single field trial -- (such as, a Puppy and an Amateur Stake in the spring of the year, and the Futurity (derby age) and a qualifying all-age Stake in the fall.) or of course, go to a longer trial (starting on Thursday and running until concluded -- with meetings on the week-end). This is only projected thinking at this time, but should be discussed and thought through carefully: progress necessitates change, and fortunately we are making progress!

So, THIS IS THE YEAR to get to the fall National! If you have been thinking about it and wanting to take one in -- better DO IT!

2ND VIZSLA SPECIALTY

The 2nd National Vizsla Specialty was held in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on August 27. To date, I have no official word on the winners of the many events -- so, I, like you, will just have to wait until the story all comes in. I can only hope that the delay is to include the pictures that I requested, and a complete layout of this big event.

In the last few days before the show, Hilda Boggs got the following information off to me, so will share this much with you.

" Things are going great at this end. We have 56 entries in, and I have had requests for room reservations from as far west as Iowa, south to Mexico City, and south-east to North Carolina, and of course the east coast is well represented, so this event is really pulling them in! We filled the 12 rooms at the Turfside and 3 more at another Motel, so I think we will have a good group. I am getting more anxious as time gets nearer. (Start saving your pennies now so that you can join us next year!) Must close now and get the trophies cleaned, the table cloth ready and name tags!"

Oh, it was very hard not to just drop things here and fly to Ohio that day ... and the wait to hear all the details has been very hard! In a conversation with Len Hartl, our president, who did attend, he did give me the most important information: "Brok Selle Son-of-a-Gun" took Best of Breed. So, if you page back to your August 1965 issue of the V. NEWS, you can see a picture of him, and wait, with me, for the details on all the placings that day.

YES, WE DID HAVE AN ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 30, 1966.

In answer to so many questions as to the lack of a report of the annual meeting, minutes and reports, I will again say -- none have been reported to the Vizsla News editor. I understand that the minutes of the Annual Meeting were also taken on the tape recorder -- the one that has a slower speed than those where Pat Carter, our secretary, lives.

A copy of the Board of Director's meeting minutes (some 17 pages) did arrive last month, and when they are approved, the corrections to our new constitution and by-laws is ready to be printed. The secretary's report was sent here and printed in the May issue, along with the trial report. I have asked for the other committee reports, finance statement, etc, but have not received them to date. There was, of course, the matter of the Vizsla Specialty that Pat had on her mind -- as well as a case of pneumonia that slowed her down, and IN AUGUST, yet, so I am sure that it is not because of neglect that these are not yet out! I am sure that when they do get here, they will be complete, and accurate, and well worth waiting for....

Its been a long hot summer, and we all have had lots of adjusting to do. There is NEVER enough time, it seems!

A LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

In light of the present financial situation of the Vizsla Club of America, I thought that some of the members would like to know about the money being spent for them by the Club, and also what has happened to some of it. It seems that some of us are spending it faster than the Club is making it.

When I was elected to this office, the treasury had a total of $928.57, which was a pretty tidy sum for a non-profit organization to have, at least that seemed to be what everyone thought at the Club meetings at Volo this past spring. What we didn't take into consideration was the other financial commitments made by the board at the fall meeting (for items such as the new V. Flyer which is just now put into print, and billed to the club. They should really help, of course, to get new members -- that is, if EVERYONE gets them out and uses them at every opportunity.) The Board of Directors, myself included, also authorized the purchase of some of the large Vizsla Pins, which we hoped to then sell to the members, however a sizeable investment is required for such a venture. Through all this, we didn't stop to collect all the bills made at the trials held at Volo (and since most trials in the past had pretty well paid their own way -- and this was a record entry -- don't think that many people on the Board worried about that end of it much.) However, we were really shish kebabed when the bills came in from Volo -- and when they were all paid, the treasury was down by some $407.01. We are also obligated to pay whatever expenses are incurred by the Specialty just held at Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Needless to say, at this point everything gets pretty tight: the finance committee has put a "hold" on the order for big pins -- hopefully it is headed off in time; the fall field trial committee is working with a very sharp pencil trying to make the most of every nickel; and other needed materials (such as the pamphlets on showing Vizslas, and on field training and trials, as well as the one all but ready for the printer -- just for fun -- the pictures worth 1000 words and other items) will have to be put on the shelf for the time being.

I can only hope that everyone will get behind this fall field trial and donate to the Vizsla Booster Fund, and if possible enter dogs and help this one come through with an even break. Since these events are a service to you members, we never attempt to do more than break even!

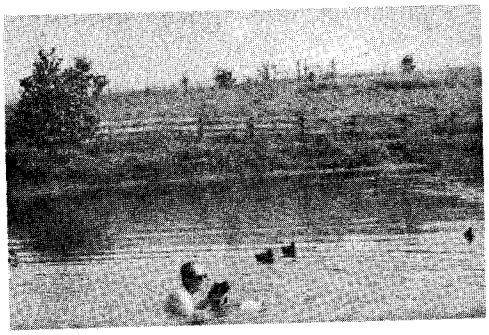
The club has made a lot of progress and added many things to our program in the past few years, all of which serve to increase the membership and influence of the Vizsla breed, but let's not get bogged down with financial burdens and slow up the progress. Communications has increased at least 500% -- and postage, too -- so our support needs to be adjusted proportionally. So, lets get out and support these activities!

Thankyou,
Your Treasurer

Bill D Fisher

In a note received from Mrs. Maguire, it is learned that KEN MAGUIRE our Regional Gov. in Alaska, is ill and in the Veteran's Hospital in Seattle, Washington. He is unable to serve in this post this year. All Vizsla members extent our best wishes for a speedy recovery to better health.

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS.....



"Here he is! Our esteemed Board Member from Ohio, giving his dog a few tips on retrieving pigeons from water! As you may guess -- Paul retrieved the pigeon!" Winner of this month's picture contest is Virginia McHaney, Fairborn, Ohio, who apparently is better at taking pictures than she is collecting blackmail from her subjects!

WALLKILL K. C. (not Riverhead)

by Joe Cunningham, N. Y.

Correction in latest issue of "V. NEWS"... It was not Riverhead K. C. which drew the 19 entries, but WALLKILL K. C. (ejg: my apologies for the error -- items taken from news clippings, I find, usually jumble the facts somewhere, so will hope that future news be sent direct). The show was July 10, Marge Meminger judging. Placings!

Open Dog & BoW: Paetra's Dan, owned by Richard Inglis (which finished his championship)
Reserve Winner: Glen Cottage Dark Surprise, owned by Barry Rathoon
Open Bitch: Glen Cottage Dina, owned by GCK
Reserve: Magyar's Draga Assonyi, owned by Lew and Peg Magyar.
BoB was Ch. Puerco Pete Barat, as reported.

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

In publishing the long list of Vizsla members who contributed to the Specialty trophies, I find that one name was omitted from the list sent to me -- however, the correction was made and it was in the catalog. The addition should also be noted in the NEWS. So, to the 25 named before, also add

Joe Cunningham

MORE IDEAS... on "Dbbl Ch"

Ann Brawner, Media, Pa, writes... I've been interested in the discussion about Double Field Ch. My understanding of this is that a Double Field Champion can be either: (1) a dog who has compiled the necessary points for an AKC F. Ch, and who has also been declared Champion at an A. F. championship event, or (2) a dog who has been declared Champion at two American Field championship events.

Len Hartl, president of the Vizsla Club of America has a new address and phone number: they are....

620 North Gilbert, Apt 1
Iowa City, Iowa phone: 351-4481

BE A VIZSLA BOOSTER!! !!! !!!!

The Vizsla Club of America, Inc, has completed two national events so far this year: The Spring Field Trial and the 2nd Annual Vizsla Specialty. Vizsla owners and Regional Clubs from all over the nation participate in these events, if not in person and participating, then at least as "boosters" for the breed, as donors to the trophy fund.

As a result of the high expenses encountered at Volo this last spring, The Vizsla Club of America dropped a bundle (over 400 clams, I understand) which is NOT the usual thing for us: also booster donations were down, which did not help the situation. The fall field trial is set at a nationally renowned preserve where we will again find lovely accommodations, and expenditures necessary to these events, to match. "We will be able to come out on it IF everyone pitches in where they can," says Dick Buhman, trial chairman. Entry fees have been kept at a reasonable level so that the average dog owner is not eliminated from the competition because of prohibitive charges.

The committee has done a lot of work to get good birds (but at the best price) catalogues printed -- again with an eye to expense, and all -- right down the line. Bob Holcomb has scouted all the trophy shops in that area, and you can bet that they will be fine mementoes to set on the shelf, as well as the best for the money. If you missed the lists of boosters this spring -- DON'T MISS IT THIS FALL!

The Vizsla Club needs YOU!!!

I AM A VIZSLA BOOSTER ! !!! !!!!!

Enclosed is a check (or money order) for _____ as a *star* booster for the Fall Field Trial Trophy Fund!

(* $5; ** $10; *** $15; and up *******)

_____
(signed)

_____
(address)

OR

I WOULD LIKE A LISTING IN THE CATALOG !

Enclosed is a check (or money order) for $_____ and the suggested copy. @ $2 per inch.

_____
(signed)

_____
(address)

Mail to: Harold Wingerter, Field Trial Secretary
509 Cedar Street,
Muscatine, Iowa

MAIL IT NOW !!!!!

ILLINOIS VIZSLA CLUB
by Sharon Lewis

You cannot imagine the pride floating around among our members! A.K.C. has permitted us to take the big step -- our FIRST LICENSED FIELD TRIAL. It will be held on November 6, 1966, at the mcCullon Lake Sportsman"s Club in McHenry, Illinois. Anyone desiring information pertaining to the trial, location, etc, or wishing to obtain entry forms should contact the Field Trial Secretary, Wayne Lambrecht, 7654 Palatine, Chicago, Illinois, 60631.

The committee has decided upon the following stakes: Open Puppy (Vizslas only) Amateur Gun Dog (Vizslas only) and the Open Derby and Open Gun Dog Stakes Open to all German Shorthaired Pointers, Wirehairs, Weimaraners, and Vizslas. Entries close early, and will be limited to 32, the drawing will be November 1.

The Illinois Vizsla Club is also holding their first "B" Match this fall -- September 26, also at the McCullon Lake Sportsman's Club, starting at 1:oo p.m. Information about this may be obtained by contacting Karleen Gengler, 248 Tanglewood Dr, Elk Grove Village, Illinois .

We are all very happy with all the activity, and especially thankful to George Solberg, as he is the Granddaddy of the Club, and made it what it is today.

VIZSLA CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND
by Carlo F. Zezza

We are pleased to announce that the Vizsla Club of Central New England will put on an AKC Sanctioned Field Trial on October 1, 1966 at the Headquarters of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Department on Rice Lane in Westboro, Mass.

There will be four stakes: Open Puppy, Open Derby, Open Gun Dog and Amateur Gun Dog. All Stakes will be open to Vizslas, German Shorthaired Pointers, Weimaraners, Pointing Griffons, Wirehaired Pointers, Irish Setters and Gordon Setters. Invitations have been sent out to all clubs in the area. Anyone else wanting entries may contact Carole Willey, F.T. secretary, 189 Locust Street, Dover, N.H. 03820. Entries close September 29.

All stakes are a non-shoot to kill. All handlers will walk. Puppies making game contact must be fired over. The drawing will be at the home of Bela Hadik, Chester, N.H. at 9:00 p.m. September 29.

We are hoping for a good turn out.

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB

A large entry is anticipated for Nebraska's Licensed AKC Fall Field Trial to be held near Rising City, September 17-18. Hank Rozanek, F.T. Secretary, 816 South 13, Norfolk, Nebr, reports correspondence from Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire -- may be "majors" all the way around!

UTAH VIZSLA CLUB
by Carma Swensen

A Family Summer Outing was held at Arrowhead Resort in Benjamin, Utah. We were off to a good start with an attendance of approximately 50. The women members took care of the food and activities (so you know it's got to be good!) which consisted of games, volley ball and kick soccer, followed by food, food, food and sloppy Joes with all the trimmings and I do mean ALL the trimmings.

A short meeting was held conducted by our President, Allen Bennett to give us time to digest our food -- so we would all be ready for a good swim. Vice President, Neal Swensen is heading the committee for our constitution and by-laws for our club and he explained something about them and they were discussed. At our next meeting we will complete and vote on them.

Jim Howick, our secretary-treasurer, just graduated from University and has been transfered to Connecticut so he was reluctantly released with a vote of thanks and presented a Vizsla pin by the members. Yours truly was elected to fill this position.

For our next meeting, President Bennett has arranged something special, the highlight being a movie, Pointing Dogs Afield, which will show training and working the pointing dog in the field. It promises to be another good meeting like the preceding ones have been. After the meeting we all had a very enjoyable swim in the warm spring water.

Even though we are newly organized, there is a lot of enthusiasm and a good promise of rapid growth.

PILOT DOGS, Inc NEEDS SIX VIZSLAS
from Clif Boggs

There is an immediate need for six more Vizslas at Pilot Dogs, Inc. The director asked that it be mentioned in the NEWS, and that people interested in further information and pictures on the Vizsla at Elytia, can obtain it by writing to Walter Doran, Director of Training, 625 West Town Street, Columbus 22, Ohio, or calling CA 1-6225.

"We are experimenting still with the breed, but are quite satisfied with it," he added. In making the call for these 6 potential seeing-eye dogs, Mr. Doran hopes that they will not get a flood of inquiries resulting in disappointment for 20 or 30 people.

Dogs should be between the age of 9 months and 2 years of age, and be both sound and trainable. All dogs will be x-rayed and neutered. (Unfortunately the last one obtained for training failed to clear the x-ray).

The Vizsla is a versatile dog, and can serve man-kind in many ways; if not particularly apt in the finer arts of hunting, then this would certainly be a noble endeavor. The Vizsla is especially in demand for this field because of its short hair, clean habits and size.

ILLOWA BIRD DOG CLUB FIELD TRIAL
by Harold Wingerter

The Vizslas made a good showing at this all breed pointer trial -- considering that there were only 2 entered against 10 and 15 Pointers, Setters, GSHP and Brits...

Weedy Creek Lobo placed 2nd in the Derby flanked by a pointer and setter on either side, and he also pulled into 3rd place in the Gun Dog Stake, owned and handled by yours truly. Placing over him in 2nd place was his big sister, "Sasha" owned and handled by Mel Uhlenhopp, also of Muscatine, Iowa.

NEBRASKA DOGS PREPARE FOR FALL EVENTS

Fun Trials and Training Sessions are a way of life out this way for dog-men. Three Sundays out of the month there are training trials in progress here in the eastern part of the state. Near the end of the summer, instead of pigeons, a chukar shoot is added to the game for the derby and all-age dogs. Naturally, these get a little more formal, and larger in number of entries. Bill Fisher was real pleased when "Laz" took a fourth place at the Omaha GSHP Chukar Shoot, with some 28 entries in the stake; the Lincoln GSHP Club gave ribbons to Hank Rozanek's and Fisher's puppies, and Wy Stedman's derby, and 3 of the 4 placings to Vizslas in the Gun Dog: Weedy Creek Duchess (Rozanek) 1st, Laz, 3rd, and Soni Brook (Graff) 4th. Will they do it when the chips are down? Who knows! but we have had a fine time this summer with our dogs, know they are ready for a lot of hunting this fall -- and just might do all right in the "real" trials when they come along.

A VIZSLA YEAR-BOOK

Work has begun on the big task of compiling the information, pictures and data for a Vizsla "Year-Book". The first edition will of course have to include more than just one year -- infact, it will have to compile the list of all AKC Show Champions, all AKC Field Trial Champions, and other notable wins and placements in past years.

In addition, it will carry all the field and show placings in national Vizsla Club of America events, since its organization. Most of these are found in the club's files, however, two events -- one in Washington State, and one in Minneapolis are not found among my records. Hopefully, people who have knowledge of these events will come forth with the necessary information.

Such a record has been discussed for many years: it is a vital link in our history that should not be lost. Fortunately, a member has agreed to do the job of compiling the information and getting it ready for the printer. It can, however, be only as complete as we, THE MEMBERSHIP, make it! Have information, pictures, names of people and dogs to be included? Send it to: CONNIE JOHNSON, 1066 Evans Avenue, Reno, Nevada.

DEAR EDITOR.....

I have been trying for a full month now to finish this issue of the V. NEWS and get copy to the printer...and as the saying goes, "The hurrier I go the behinder I get." The desk is so deep now with correspondence, and items that need my attention that it is just plain discouraging. Tomorrow I will start on the job of clearing it away, and tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow I will probably get it all done and be gay and cheerful again.

There is just so much that SHOULD be done, and as each job is completed, two more appear in its place! This is progress, I am sure, and when Vizsla people come forward to help with these projects, it is not only wonderful to see, but exciting to participate in. The booklet compiling some of the best "Pictures worth 1000 words" and other selected short stories, was done by Sharon Lewis this summer, and is now ready for final typing -- and money for the printing! (This will be a "for sale" item, hopefully by Christmas.)

Bela Hadik has taken time out this summer to read and summarize the pictures that were sent to us from Mike Kende in Hungary. These will be included through the years, and will add greatly to the knowledge that we are able to obtain about these dogs in Hungary. Will include one here:

Picture: Gyula Popovich with his "Witti" male, called yellow Hungarian vizsla.

The article, printed February 20, 1918, in Nimrod is about the various dog clubs getting together to arrange a field trial where there will be different stakes for pedigreed dogs and for those without pedigrees. It stresses the importance of field-trials in breeding, as hunting ability and field trial performance are strictly hereditary.

In addition to these fine pictures, Mike Kende has also forwarded the first portion of his detailed program of "hunting dog training and acqustoming

to work". It looks very good to me!! I hope that the board will think so too -- and that this can be included on the pages of the Vizsla News and in the training booklet.

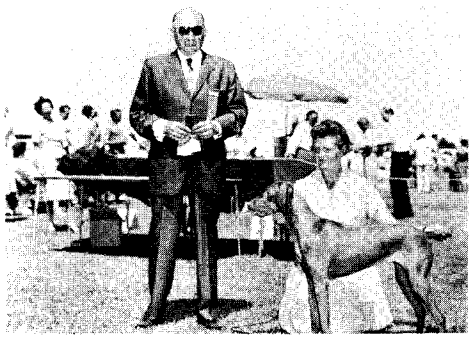
Pat Carter has said that she will compile the information on showing, obedience, etc -- for a booklet in this area of interest. Anyone having knowledge of articles (in addition to those used in the V. NEWS through the years) should send them along to her.

The Reinhardts have agreed to work on the folder of information on field training, starting a pup, field trial rules and helpful suggestions in this area. This will perhaps be the biggest, since there has been a great deal of information along these lines through the years. It is impractical to use these same articles in the pages of the NEWS every 2 or 3 years--however, there are many new members who simply have not read much of this helpful information. Perhaps by compiling them in this fashion, we will meet the needs of the membership a bit better than before.

With Connie Johnson starting the work on the Vizsla Yearbook (details on another page), we should have a complete, well rounded picture of the Vizsla breed -- perhaps within the year.

Now, back to the Vizsla NEWS.... I am so very happy to see so many regional clubs coming through with a column! This is what I hoped for when we started this several years ago, it didn't take hold then, but now it is just coming in fine! KEEP IT UP!

Another lovely picture arrived from Reno, Nevada, of Ch. Bolen's Geza Bell (Ripp Barat x Bolen's Athena) who championed at the Contra Costa K. C. Show, June 12 at age 20 months.



Judge Hollis Wilson, owned by Mervin & Connie Johnson, handled by Connie.

Connie confides that her husband sometime thinks that Bell is a "red witch" that has come to possess them... and bewitching they are, too, when they seem to bring such happiness to so many people.

And so, dear hearts, on that cheery philocophical note, I will wrap this one up -- and start on those other projects, but not until I go for a walk with some pups and lift this weary spirit. Must practice what I preach!

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