



Vizsla Club of Greater Milwaukee

# Newsletter

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## Spring Field Trial Report

By Bill Stapleton, Event Chairman

This year the club's spring trial was held on a fabulous new set of grounds nestled away in the Yellowstone Wildlife Area April 18-19, 2015 near Blanchardville, WI. The setting was picturesque with camp perched on a hillside on the remnants of an old farmstead. It took a huge effort to pull this trial together being the first time an event was ever held at this venue. A mile ride through a beautiful valley took the participants to a remote breakaway atop the ridge. Here dogs were loosed over a very challenging yet rewarding course of large rolling grass covered hills, draws of broken cover and hard timbered edges. Competitors from 5 states put almost 60 dogs on the ground to show their prowess with 4 being rewarded for their efforts. Multiple time national champion Kick Em Up Bullett (Bell) did not disappoint, his multiple quail and pheasant finds with flawless bird work garnered him victorious in the open limited stake. The amateur gun dog stake followed with a clinic put on by Rick Heller's Rogue winning the 4 point major to finish his up and coming shorthair. A large derby stake of 18 youthful bird dogs was a very strong field. Again thanks to the WDNR we had plenty of pheasants to run our juveniles on. Young up and comer Stone(Stapleton) took the blue with 4 finds and a strong forward race. The weekend concluded with the open gundog stake where Marko (Howard) survived the gauntlet of pheasants left over from the derby to edge him ever closer towards his FC. These events cannot be put on without a small army of dedicated individuals, Steve Merbach, Jeremy and JoAnne Weber, Bill and Missie Stapleton, Joel Peterson, Dan Hitchins, Paul Howard, Nick Scheutt, Craig Donze, Joy Merbach, George and Mary Haines and a cast of others surely I'm forgetting. Special thanks to our judges Ed Liermann, Kevin Jahr, Pat Van De Hei, Greg Wegler, and Victor Barger. All in all a great weekend on amazing grounds with good friends!



## Work Day & Training Day

August 8-9, 2015

Yellowstone WMA (8874 Hwy G) – Fayette, WI

42°45'08.4"N 89°59'31.8"W

Look for more details in an upcoming email.



## Welcome New Members

Justin & Michelle Hess - Foley, MO – 3 Vizsla (FT)

Chris Sennot – Lake Zurich, IL – 4 Brittany (HT, FT, Hunting & Training)

Dan Hitching, Chicago, IL – 1 Vizsla (HT, FT, Hunting & Training)

Dennis & Patty Nowak, Joliet, IL – 4 Vizsla (HT, FT, Hunting & Training)

### Membership Dues: (April 1-March 31)

Individual	Household	Term
\$20	\$30	1-Year
\$35	\$50	2-Year
\$80	\$100	5-Year
Youth Memberships are available at no charge until the age of 18.		
Make checks payable to VCGM, Inc.		

Call or e-mail JoAnne Weber  
for an application.

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## Spring Hunt Test Report

By Steve Merbach, Event Secretary

VCGM again hosted a double-double spring hunt test in conjunction with the GSP Club of Wisconsin April 11-12, 2015 at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds north of Eagle, WI on one of the state's five class 1 field trial grounds. The event was well attended by pointing dogs of all breeds. The clear, cool and breezy weather was near perfect for a hunt test both days with highs on Saturday of 50°F and near 60F on Sunday. Many new friendships were made and support offered to each other by handlers and from Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The event was a reminder of why we all enjoy this sport.

Thanks to Joel Peterson for chairing this year's hunt test, Bill Stapleton for all his tireless work and to the many club members that came out to bird plant, gun, help with lunch and clean up afterwards. AKC events only exist because of the support of volunteer club members.



## Spring Hunt Test Report (cont'd)

### Saturday Results

Club members Ron Chenoweth and Mark Spurgeon judged the 8 Master Hunter, 6 Senior Hunter and 17 Junior Hunter entries. Of the 8 Master Hunters, only Rayne (Stapleton) passed and earned a perfect score! The breezy conditions were hard on the Senior dogs as none qualified on Saturday. The Junior dogs had a busy day finding birds with 12 of the 17 dogs achieving passing scores. Among the dogs and handlers bringing home ribbons were Cora(Johansen), Bosco(Peterson), Dobe(Cook) and Rigby(Weintraub). Congratulation to these young, promising bird dogs and owners.

### Sunday Results

Ed Cuddeback and Tim Cummings judged 9 Master Hunter, 8 Senior Hunter and 12 Junior Hunter starters on Sunday. Of the 9 Master Hunter entries 3 dogs were rewarded with the coveted Master hunter ribbons. Rayne(Stapleton) once again impressed the judges and nearly duplicated her perfect scores from the day before. Senior Entries also had success on Sunday. Congratulation to Parker(Donze), Charlie(Antoinette) and Max(Antoinette). Of the 12 Junior starters 7 brought home ribbons. Among them was Rigby(Weintraub) and Cora(Johansen). Cora also achieved passing scores in both runs of the GSP tests and is now titled as a Junior hunter. Congratulations to all.

A big thanks goes out to all of our judges for their expertise and time in the saddle. To the members of the GSP Club of Wisconsin for working with us to put on a well run event, especially Karen Combs for helping this first time secretary learn the ropes.



## Newsletter Volunteer

The Vizsla Club of Greater Milwaukee is looking for a volunteer to take on the important task of producing a club newsletter 2-3 times a year. If you are interested or wish to volunteer a friend, please contact Craig Donze (262) 781-0835. Articles for the December edition are needed, please consider helping by creating a training tip article, sending a litter announcement or by placing an ad in future issues.

## Ottawa Field Trial Association Update

On June 10, 2015 the Ottawa Field Trial Association gathered at the Suhmer's Saloon in Eagle, WI for its annual mid-year meeting. The Ottawa Field Trial Association is made up of dog clubs that hold events at the grounds and is the "friends group" officially recognized by WDNR to help with event scheduling, maintenance activities, and special projects for the Ottawa Class 1 Field Trial Grounds on Hwy 67 just south of Hwy C/CI in the Town of Ottawa. The member Vizsla clubs of were represented by Craig Donze and Jeff Zimmerman.

### Old Business:

- Kettle Moraine State Forest Superintendent Paul Sandgren has taken a medical leave of absence. Please keep Paul in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers. In the interim, WDNR Ranger Anne Korman is the main contact for the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds.
- Algae Shade was applied in late Spring to the Benson pond on Hwy ZZ east of Hwy 67 with approval from the WDNR area biologist. Unfortunately, the product did not make much of a difference in controlling algae on the pond. Other alternatives are being pursued for this winter including placing barley straw on the ice. Source for barley straw are being investigated and permission to store the straw this fall in the Benson barn is being pursued with WDNR.
- Checks for electric use during events at the grounds are to be made out to WE Energies and delivered to the WDNR headquarters on Hwy 59 west of Eagle when clubs pickup the building key. The charge is \$25/event.

### New Business:

- The OFTA will contact the west side fence installer to reset the gate post that is leaning and explore options to reinforce the post.
- WDNR has granted permission for water training at the Benson property on the south side of Hwy ZZ east of Hwy 67 and behind the junkyard on Hwy 59 west of Eagle. Horses are not permitted at either training location.
- **WORK DAY – July 11, 2015:** The annual OFTA work day will occur the 2nd Saturday in July from 8am until approximately 3pm. This year's priorities include tree removal at the Benson pond, chipping of fallen trees on the east grounds, and manual fence clearing. Please make every effort to attend. Tools needs include chain saws, trimmers with a brush blade, hand pruners, fence wire and pliers. Lunch will be provided by the Association. Please RSVP to OFTA secretary Pat Slutske at [pslutske@wi.rr.com](mailto:pslutske@wi.rr.com).
- OFTA Grounds Usage Rules Change -
- Effective August 1, 2015 use of ATVs during member club events will be restricted to the west grounds.
- Mowing on the grounds is scheduled for July 10-14, 2015.
- A reminder to club event chairman and secretaries, for 2016 the OFTA week numbers will not match the AKC week numbers. Please be sure that club representatives attend the January 13, 2016 scheduling meeting to be sure of your event dates.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Donze



## Treasurer's Report

The Vizsla Club of Greater Milwaukee ran two financially successful field events during the first half of 2015. As a result the club has established a solid financial footprint moving forward.

### Treasurer's Report (January 1 - June 1, 2015)

Beginning Balance: \$2,969.95

Deposits: \$6,564.00

Expenses: \$4,966.23

Ending Balance: \$4,567.72

Support for our club events continues to be stellar and a testament to the hard work, integrity and friendliness of our members and the quality of the grounds, birds and judges for our club events. Thank you to all who have supported our events and volunteered your time, sweat, talent and treasure.

Respectfully submitted by Craig Donze, Club Treasurer

## VCGM December 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

A telephone conference meeting was called to order by Bill Stapleton on December 6, 2014 at 9:05PM.

Present at this meeting was Bill Stapleton, Craig Donze, JoAnne Weber, Steve Merbach, Robert Tomczak and Joel Peterson

Treasure Report: Craig Donze reported that there is currently \$2,780 in our account. He also reported that we have a \$660 insurance bill pending.

Old Business: The domain name of [vcgm.org](http://vcgm.org) has been acquired. The Membership Chairperson is JoAnne Weber who had volunteered. A motion was made by Craig Donze that membership dues paid after March 31 will carry through the next year. The motion was seconded by Steve Merbach and passed unanimously.

Craig Donze reported that our spring field made approximately \$5,200 with expenses being about \$2,900. The hunt test made and spent approximately \$3,000. Bill Stapleton reported that our club has acquired bird bags and totes for events.

New Business: Bill Stapleton reported that we have the Bong grounds reserved for April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for a spring field Trial. He will look into the possibility of using the grounds at Yellow Stone to hold this event.

I was directed to contact Barry Lawler to discuss the possibility of holding a spring hunt test in conjunction with their event at Ottawa.

We will hold a training day the last weekend of July at Bong.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Peterson

## VCGM June 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

A telephone conference meeting was called to order by President William Stapleton at 7:32PM. Also present were Craig Donze, Steve Merbach, Robert Tomczak, Joann Weber and myself.

Old business: A motion was made by Craig Donze to hold our annual meeting on Saturday December 5, 2015 at Ottawa Field Trial Grounds. I, Joel Peterson seconded the motion and it unanimously passed. Elections for the board of directors will also be held at that time.

Our summer training will be held at ~~Bong Recreation Area on August 8~~. The cost of the training day will be \$15.00 which will include two quail and lunch. Additional training birds will be available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00. The club will pay for the lunch meat. Any members wishing to bring a desert are encouraged to do so.

Newsletter was discussed. Craig Donze made a motion to put out a newsletter by July 7, 2015. The motion was seconded by Robert . This publication will list events which have been scheduled through the end of the year. The number of and timing of future publications will be discussed at a later date.

Craig Donze made a motion to hold a field trial at ~~Bong Recreation Area on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>~~. I seconded the motion and it was approved.

President Stapleton brought up the issue of purchasing two way radios for club events. Craig Donze made a motion seconded by Joann Weber to allow the purchase of four such radios. The motion was again carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM based on a motion made by Craig Donze and seconded by Joann.

Respectfully submitted  
Joel Peterson

## Annual Meeting, Club Elections & Chukar Hunt

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, Hwy 67 – Eagle, WI

December 5, 2015

Look for more details in an upcoming email.

The club's annual meeting will again be held in conjunction with the December Chukkar Hunt at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds south of I-94 on Hwy 67 in Eagle, WI. The annual meeting will include election of officers (Vice President, Secretary) and (3) board members. Current club officers are:

President – Bill Stapleton (2-year term expires 12/31/16)

Vice President – Robert Tomczak (elected annually)

Secretary – Joel Peterson (elected annually)

Treasurer – Craig Donze (2-year term expires 12/31/16)

Board Member – JoAnne Weber (elected annually)

Board Member – Steve Merbach (elected annually)

If you are interested in serving the club as an officer or board member, please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, JoAnne Weber at (608) 523-4838 or [jmweber0123@gmail.com](mailto:jmweber0123@gmail.com) prior to November 1, 2015.

## Upcoming Club AKC Events

Fall Horseback Field Trial

Yellowstone WMA

September 19-20, 2015

Volunteers needed, Look for more details in an upcoming email.