

RSVC QUARTERLY NEWS

Established in 1972 to serve Vizsla lovers in Arizona

Calendar of Events

November 4

RSVC Hunt Training

November 10-11

Canada Del Oro KC Conformation

November 11

RSVC Specialty Conformation

November 12-13

Madera Canyon KC Conformation

November 17-18

Tucson KC Conformation

November 18

VSWC & RSVC Hunt Test

November 19-20

Greater Sierra Vista KC Conformation

Check RSVC website for updated events

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President's Message

Busy, busy, busy!

Between the hunt training, the shows, rally training and tests, meetings, and a new calendar in the works, RSVC has been busy! Members are celebrating wins in the show ring and in performance events. You will see the winner photos right here in the newsletter. I think they all need a round of applause. These are not easy competitions. Handlers work hard, work many hours, not to mention the cost, to achieve these titles.

Our hunt training program is in full swing. Dogs and handlers are training for the upcoming VSWC & RSVC Double/Double Hunt Test to be held at Robbins Butte on November 18th & 19th. More information to follow.

I'm seeing our pups participating in Luring, Scent Work, Rally, and CGC training and tests. Check out AKC's new titles in their line-up: Fetch and Trick Dog.

Because of you, our members, we can do so many things with our dogs. Thank you for always being there and willing to help and participate. If you ever need any information, or have suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Love to all,

Marla Molvin
RSVC President

Meet our Members

Amy Pongratz



Amy is a long-standing member of the Rio Salado Vizsla Club (RSVC), having joined the club in 2000. She and her husband Randy have had a total of 5 Vizsla dogs as part of their family, named Izzy, Teddy, Kiscy, Charlie, and Stitch. They were drawn to the Vizsla breed due to its suitability as a hunting dog, companion, easy grooming, and because it is of Hungarian origin, which holds significance for Randy due to his Hungarian heritage.

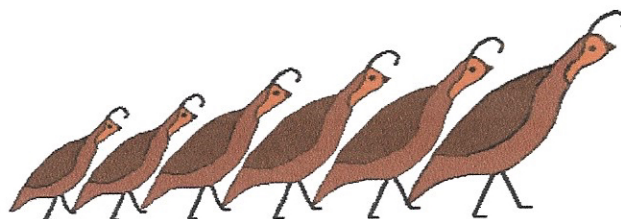
In 2002, Amy took on a more active role in the RSVC by becoming a member of the Board of Directors, and she continues to serve on the board. Her contributions to the club include facilitating socialization and obedience classes, organizing the annual Pizza Party General meeting, and assisting with Hunt Training, even if it means traveling up north during the summer. She also serves as a judge for AKC Hunt Test events and takes great pleasure in watching various pointing breeds showcase their hunting and pointing skills.

For Amy, the most rewarding aspect of being part of the Rio Salado Vizsla Club is the relationships she has built and the friendships she has made. She particularly cherishes the moments spent around the campfire after a day of hunt training. Amy's journey to Arizona began when she moved from Minnesota after college. She met her husband Randy, a third-generation Arizonan, and together they welcomed their first Vizsla, Izzy, from Marge Mehagian. Marge played a pivotal role in encouraging Amy to join the RSVC, setting her on the path to a rich and fulfilling involvement with the Vizsla community.

Training to be on the hunt! It's so much fun!

Submitted by Marla Molvin, photo credit Jen Jewel

Flagstaff weather has been very accommodating for our training. We've had an average of 13 dogs participating each time. The training ranges from a puppy or any age of dog that hasn't been shot over to those dogs working toward junior, senior, and master titles. Thank you to all the volunteers: gunners, bird planters, and trainers that help make this a success. Next training will be on November 4th at Robbins Butte in Buckeye. Training will begin at 8 am. Looking forward to seeing everyone participating in the upcoming hunt test.



PIZZA PIZZA

Submitted by Amy Pongratz



The annual Pizza Party / Photo contest general meeting was held Sunday, October 15th at Barro's Pizza in Phoenix. Approximately 25 members attended to enjoy pizza, vote for photos for the RSVC 2024 calendar, and participate in the General meeting. The pizza was enjoyed by all and everyone voted for their

And the Winners are.....

(Photo by Jen Jewell)

The RSVC 2024 Calendar winners were voted on yesterday at the General Membership meeting by the members in attendance. It was a real nail biter! Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all of the members who submitted photos!

Calendars are \$20, send your calendar orders to Jen Jewell at rsvcmembership@gmail.com, include number of calendars orders. Deadline to order is Nov 20th, 2023!!!

Calendars will be available for pick up at the RSVC Holiday Party on Dec 9th at the Kirkpatrick's home.

*Send payment to Doreena;
*Zelle; rsvcdoreenawiegert@gmail.com
*PayPal; rsvcdoreenawiegert@gmail.com or
*Check: Jen Jewell, 7402 E Calle Los Arboles, Tucson, AZ 85750





Jeannie and Seth Warnke of Queen Creek.....

BISS GCHB CH PAGLIACCI KIZMAR LIVIN' IN SIN (Walker)

Updates from the Warnkes

Summer and early Fall shows have been fun. We have enjoyed time with friends, competition with our dogs and new show locations

South Coast Vizsla Club

2 x Select Dog
1 x BISS Best in Specialty Show

Flagstaff KC

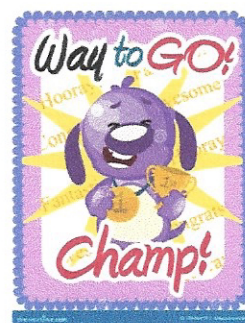
2 x Best of Breed
2 x Owner Handler Best of Breed
Group 3 Owner Handler

Prescott KC

1 x Best of Breed
1 x Best Opposite
1 x Select Dog
Sporting Group 4
2 x Owner Handler Best of Breed

Arrowhead KC

3 x Best of Breed
3 x Owner Handler Best of Breed
Sporting Group 3
2 x Owner Handler Best of Breed
Owner Handler Best in Show



Jen Jewell from Tucson.....

DOG SHOW EXCITEMENT!

Lita Ford and I were at The Arrowhead Kennel Club dog shows last weekend. Lita was entered in the Bred By Exhibitor class (BBE), which means that the handler of the dog has to be the breeder and the owner. The show was honoring the Best Bred By in each breed. Because Lita won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners that day, we were automatically awarded Best Bred By and we went on to compete against the other sporting breeds in the Sporting Group. We walked away with 1st place in the Sporting group and I was ecstatic! We went back into the ring to compete for Best in Show BBE. We won Reserve Best In Show BBE, which is 2nd place to Best In Show. Best In Show is the dog that beat all the Bred By class dogs at the entire show that day. Needless to say, I was over the MOON!



As a breeder/owner handler I was honored to be awarded this title. She is a sweet and fun dog.

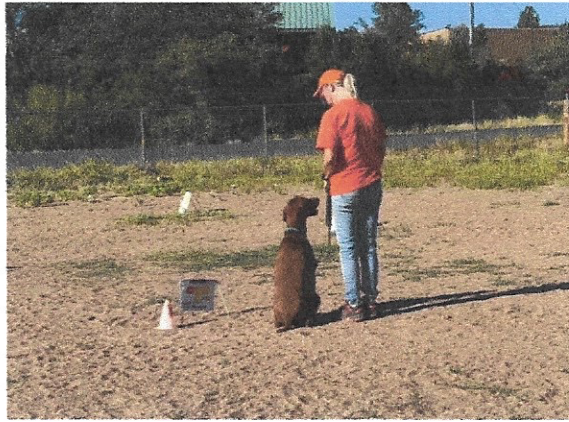
Can't wait to see what adventures await us.

Jen Jewell &
Lita Ford "Crown Jewell Can't Catch Me POA CGC"
Crown Jewell Vizslas



From Marla Molvin of Phoenix.....

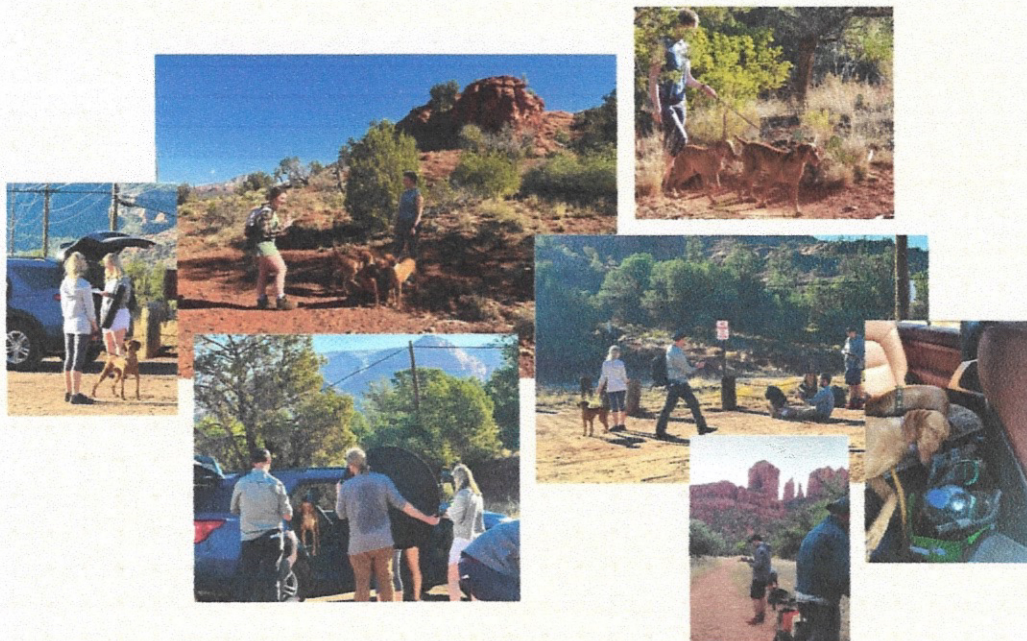
I am so happy to announce that Mickey – **Mehagian's Golden Son SH, RN, CGC** has earned his Rally Novice title! I'm quite proud of this fella!! Now we head toward the next two titles – Master Hunter and Rally Advanced!!



From Susan Shorb and Janet Laman in Prescott...

We had an exciting adventure in Sedona filming a dog food commercial with Tiffany (main character) her understudy Star and Kiva as an extra. The girls worked tirelessly for 4 hours having to hike with big camera lenses and video equipment. Needless to say, the girls slept all the way home! It was so fun and you will see our girls in about 6 months via commercial and social media campaigns.

Valhalla's Breakfast at Tiffany's, RI, SWA (Tiffany)
CH Valhalla's Star Alliance With a Silver Lining, JH (Star)
Valhalla's Amber Sunrise of Sol (Kiva)



Also from Prescott.....

We had hometown success at the Prescott Kennel Club, here's the lineup

valhalla's **Huckleberry Finn (Finn)** goes Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Reserve Winner Dog to rack up a few points towards his Championship. He's owned and loved by **Angela and Brian Becker of Prescott Valley**

valhalla's **Jule of Our Sols (Jules)** gets on the board with 2 Winners placements handled by Susan Shorb

valhalla's **Amber Sunrise of Sol (Kiva)** goes Winners in Flagstaff and Arrowhead



It's HERE!!!

NEW MERCH!!

Contact Pam Edwards (liesel.weiss@aol.com)



AKC Rally® Virtual Program

The AKC Rally® Virtual Program has been made a permanent sport feature with AKC.

The AKC Companion Events Department is excited to announce the AKC Rally Virtual Program has been approved as a permanent sport feature with AKC.

The Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes will be available to participate in virtually permanently. The competitor will set up a pre-designed AKC Rally course, video record the team's performance, and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance. Courses and information are published on the menu on the Rally Virtual homepage.

The AKC Rally Virtual program is open to all dogs six months of age and older. Dogs entered in the Rally Advanced class must have earned the Rally Novice (RN) title and may have earned the Rally Intermediate (RI) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Advanced class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Advanced (RA) title.

Dogs entered in the Rally Excellent class must have earned the Rally Advanced (RA) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Excellent class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Excellent (RE) title. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the three required for the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent titles.

The qualifying scores and titles earned virtually are the same as those earned at in-person events. You may earn a title by qualifying at either or both types of events. The RAE class is not offered in this virtual program and therefore, virtual classes cannot be used to earn the RAE title where double Qs at the same event are required. Rally Championship (RACH) points will be recorded for dogs after they have earned the Rally Excellent (RE) title, for scores of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes in the virtual program.

The scores earned virtually will not be eligible to use to qualify for entry into the AKC Rally National Championship events.

There are five pre-designed courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will setup the course according to the Instructions provided in the Virtual Rally Guidebook. They will video the performance, upload the video to their personal YouTube account, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the online entry form and pay the fee electronically to AKC.

We are excited to offer this virtual option to our Rally exhibitors permanently!

For more information go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>

For Rally Virtual Guidebook go to <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/29154722/AKC-Rally-Virtual-Program-Guidebook-12-2021.pdf>





Welcome to our new members

Karen Lyons, Phoenix
Angela and Brian Becker, Prescott Valley
Laurie Jensen, Tucson

***Next Newsletter submissions deadline will be December 15th for a first quarter edition. Please email them to:
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7 Things You Didn't Know About The Vizsla

By Katherine Ripley for AKC

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Vizslas, also known as Hungarian Pointers, have a long history as the most prized possession of aristocrats in Hungary. These regal canines have a lot to offer. Here are seven things you may not know. Here are seven things you may not know about them.

1. Their Ancestors Were Falconers

The Vizsla's ancestors are believed to be the dogs of the Magyar tribes who settled present day Hungary thousands of years ago. Archeologists have found [stone etchings](#) that depict the Magyar hunter with his falcon and his dog: the canine that would become the Vizsla.

2. They're Pointers And Retrievers

The Vizsla was the [hunting dog of choice](#) throughout the history of the Austro-Hungarian empire. The aristocrats who owned them bred them to be good pointers and good retrievers.

3. They're The Ultimate Camouflage Dogs

Vizslas are always golden rust colored, with no variation in their coats. They have a similar brown eye color, which blends in with their coat. Their even brown tone makes them great at camouflaging, which comes in handy when hunting.

4. They Almost Went Extinct

The Vizsla suffered a severe decline in the late 19th century. Records indicate that there were only about [a dozen](#) purebreds left in the Austro-Hungarian empire at the time. Fortunately, the breed managed to bounce back, becoming popular in multiple countries.

5. Lots Of Vizslas Have Jobs

Vizslas [work](#) as seeing eye dogs, as sniffers for the Transportation Security Administration, and as search and rescue dogs. Vizslas actually helped in the search and rescue efforts right after 9/11.

6. A Vizsla Was The First AKC Triple Champion

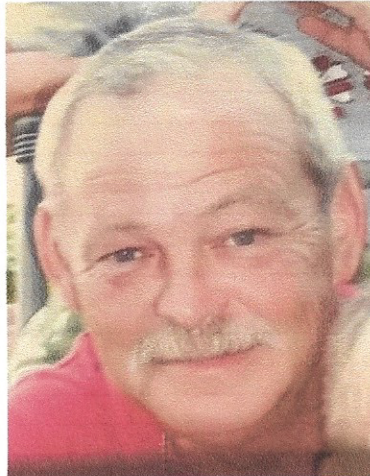
In order to become a Triple Champion, a dog must earn the Champion of Record title, either the Field Champion or [Herding](#) Champion title, and one additional title, in [obedience](#), [tracking](#), or [agility](#). In 1980, a Vizsla named Kai became the [first AKC triple champion](#) of any breed, by [winning](#) in show, field, and obedience.

7. They're Very Clean

When it comes to grooming, an occasional bath will keep their short coat looking great. However, their fast-growing nails need to be trimmed regularly.

GARY RICHARDS

Forever in our Hearts



Gary Richards, a Vietnam veteran, loving husband, and avid outdoorsman, passed away on September 18, 2023 at the age of 76. He was surrounded by his devoted wife, Pamela, his beloved dog Maggie, and loved ones. Gary was born in 1947, growing up with six sisters and one brother in Danville, Illinois. He joined the Navy in 1964 and served on the USS Guadalupe with the US Seventeenth Fleet in Vietnam. In 1966, while on an accrued leave of absence, Gary married the love of his life, Pamela Hunter, in Seattle. They met while he was renting a room at the house next door. He invited her to a party and I guess you can say the rest is history. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1968. Gary and Pam lived in many places across the US and built a loving life together. They created a community in every place they lived that endures today with many longstanding friendships. He had a vibrant and successful career at The 3M Company for over 30 years and was recognized with many accolades and awards. He was a dedicated and loyal employee who earned both the trust and respect of his team and customers. His work ethic was unmatched and his integrity made an impact on his work and reputation in the business world. Gary was an avid fisherman and hunter who loved camping and spending time outdoors with his wife, Pam, and friends. He also took in many rescue dogs over the years. He was a very active member of the Rio Salado Vizsla Club, where he conducted obedience training and invested both his time and resources. When he returned home from Vietnam many vets were sadly not welcomed back with respect due to the political climate at the time. Many of the sacrifices they had made and the hell they endured was not recognized. Today, when Vietnam Vets see each other they often say the words "welcome home." Gary always said, if you see a Vietnam Vet tell them "welcome home" and you will be surprised by their response. When Gary took his last breath he undoubtedly heard those words. A true hero throughout his life in so many respects. We're proud of his sacrifices, his love of country and his adventurous spirit. He lived his life with love, integrity, generosity, and by the golden rule. Thank you for your service Gary Richards and welcome home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix, Arizona, and the Arizona Humane Society.

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