

THE EXPEDITION

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THE FIRST WORD...

Now that Senora Corte' della Queso has taken up permanent residence at ol' Jones' hacienda, there have been some not so subtle changes.

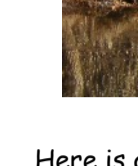
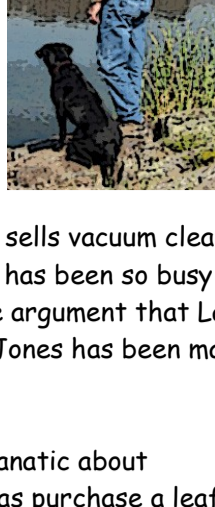
Ol' Jones and I came home one day and there was a strange odor in the house. He inquired as to what was that unfamiliar smell? The Senora said, " It is called **CLEAN!!!** "

Ol' Jones is now on first name basis with the lady at Sears who sells vacuum cleaner bags. He used to just stop by every few years, but the Senora has been so busy removing black Lab dust balls from the house (he and I lost the argument that Lab hair on the floor acted as a good insulator during the winter), that Jones has been making a pilgrimage to Sears every week.

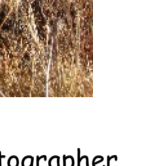
Lowes' stock must be on the rebound because the Senora is a fanatic about landscaping. Since the beginning of January of '09, Ol' Jones has purchased a leaf rake, a stone (bow) rake, a hilling hoe, a grubbing hoe, a hand saw, two brooms, a shovel, 6 boxes of 36 gal. size leaf bags, a mulch fork, an edger, pruning shears, a garden trowel, three pickup loads of mulch, two pair of work gloves, and a three pronged small something or other (he has no idea what is called or what it is used for but the Senora said it was needed).

He did draw the line on a compound miter saw purchase because he reasoned that if the Senora was going to use all these purchased tools, he didn't need her missing fingers from operating a miter saw.

Keep a leg up,
Luke



FOCAL POINT

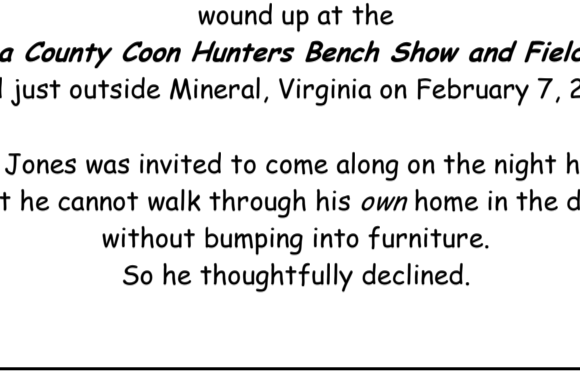


Ever wonder how photographers get those fantastic wildlife photos and the cute dog and cat pictures you see in the annual calendars? It does not come without skill and a great deal of patience.



Here is a photo of internationally known photographer Dwight Dyke of Crozier, Virginia working on a photo shoot.

Coon's Age



Ashby Nuchols of Louisa County Coon Hunters and ol' Jones. Photo ©Dwight Dyke 2009

Now some people think sitting in a blind in 20 degree weather, with sleet pelting you in the face, waiting to see a duck does not make a lot of sense.

Then there are coon hunters.

Ol' Jones, who will go just about anywhere to see any breed of dog, wound up at the

Louisa County Coon Hunters Bench Show and Field Trial held just outside Mineral, Virginia on February 7, 2009.

Ol' Jones was invited to come along on the night hunt, but he cannot walk through his *own* home in the dark without bumping into furniture.

So he thoughtfully declined.

SIDE BAR

Batteries Not Included

The new Mrs. Ol' Jones (MOJ) was asked what she would like for Valentines Day.

She replied that it would mean a lot to her to have the old hacienda fixed up a bit.

Ol' Jones didn't stay a bachelor for such a long time without picking up a few things about how to make a woman happy.

When he presented her with a cordless power drill, you could see the look of surprise on her face, which was followed by, what could only be tears of joy. When she finally regained her composure she said, " I am sorry for the crying, and I don't want to seem ungrateful, but I was hoping for something a little bigger."

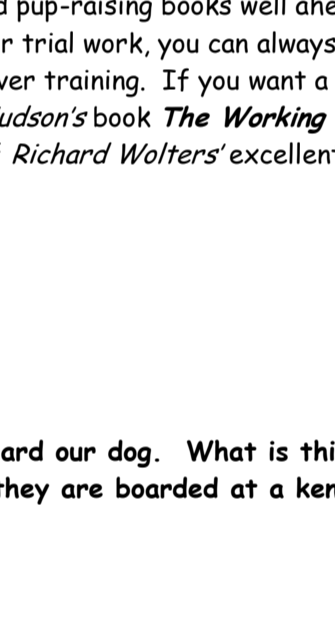
Ol' Jones, ever the thoughtful gentleman, patiently told her that he had thought an 18 volt drill would be too heavy for her to hold for long periods of time, and that is why he got her the 15.6 volt cordless drill.

He really knows how to leave a woman speechless.

A Touch of Class

In a world of plastic, vinyl, and synthetics, it is nice to discover there are still craftsmen around making heirloom furniture.

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Barthurst specializes in Highboys, gun cabinets, tables, and chests of drawers in cherry, walnut and mahogany.

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OFF THE LEASH

Dear Luke,

We have decided to get the kids a Labrador retriever puppy this spring. Are there any books you would recommend that would help in training this pup?

Marvin L. Mt. Pleasant, SC

Dear Marvin,

Let me congratulate you on you wise and studious choice of dog breed for your new pup. It is very intelligent of you to read training and pup-raising books well ahead of when you purchase a dog. If you are buying a pup for trial work, you can always get the old standby book by *James Lamb* free on retriever training. If you want a pick-up dog (we are talking grouse/pheasants here) *David Hudson's* book **The Working Labrador** would be good. Also, don't overlook any of *Richard Walters'* excellent books on retriever training.

Keep a leg up,
Luke

Dear Luke,

My family is taking a vacation and will have to board our dog. What is this thing called "kennel cough" that I hear dogs get when they are boarded at a kennel?

James B. Arlington, TX

Dear James,

According to my favorite Vet, Dr. Tom Carroll, who practices at *Village Vet* in Amelia, Virginia, kennel cough is the common name for Infectious Tracheobronchitis (ITB). It is caused by several viruses and usually secondary bacterial infections.

Bordetella is probably the major bacterial invader. The organisms causing this disease are inhaled from the infected dog. This occurs most frequently when dogs are in close quarters such as boarding facilities, daycare, grooming shops, dog parks, etc. There are two types of vaccines for ITB. Dogs that are housed in such facilities mentioned above should be vaccinated with the intranasal vaccine every 6 months and if possible, one to three weeks before being introduced into one of these facilities. It should be noted that it is not unusual for dogs that have been properly vaccinated to develop signs of ITB but usually much less severe than an unvaccinated dog.

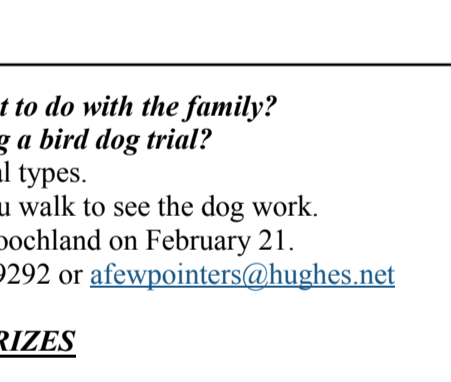
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SMALL WORLD

Ol' Jones was fortunate to have an article published about an infamous duck hunt with an old friend. His friend's daughter, Catherine Diggs, saw the article and wrote a beautiful letter to Richard Ernsberger, the editor of *Virginia Living Magazine*, who kindly published her letter in the February *Virginia Living* issue.

Catherine, who works in marketing for a large law firm in Manhattan, was visiting family in Amelia, Virginia, recently and paid a visit to ol' Jones. It was a great reunion for two people who haven't seen each other in over 20 years.

Keep a leg up,
Luke



Clarke visits with Katherine Diggs, daughter of his friend, Tom Diggs.

**Looking for something different to do with the family?
Ever think about attending a bird dog trial?**

There are several types.

Some you ride horses and others you walk to see the dog work. There will be a walking trial in Goochland on February 21.

Contact Mr. Meredith Jones at (804) 769-9292 or afewpointers@hughes.net

OUTDOOR PRIZES

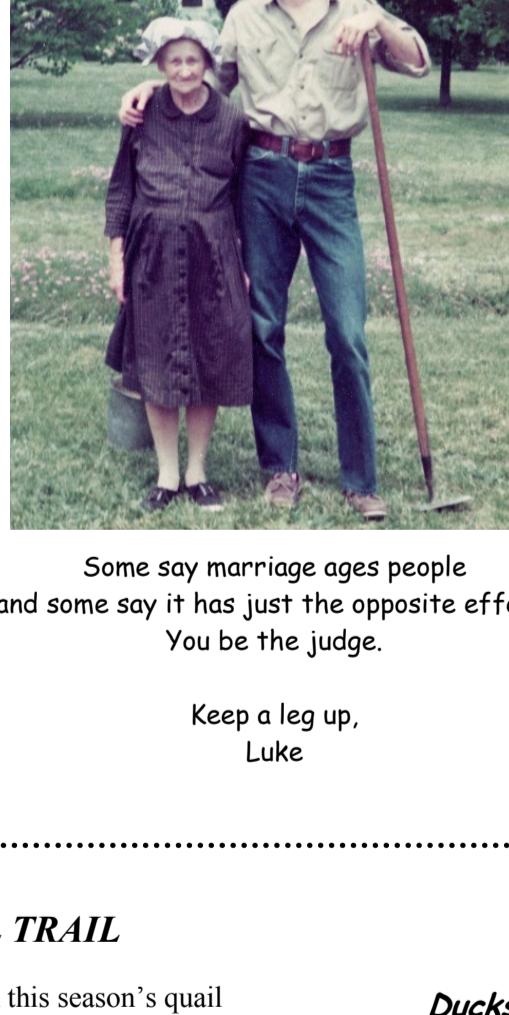
February 28, 2009—Bedford Outdoor Show at the Bedford Armory in Bedford, VA
March 1, 2009—Western Virginia Sports Show at Augusta County Expoland in Fishersville, VA

The Name Game

The Senora has requested that since her status (green card) has changed to Mrs. Ol' Jones that,

in keeping with her new citizenship and environment, she be referred in the future to the same.

I have a feeling that this will be just the beginning of a number of "requests". There have also been a number of requests by readers of this newsletter for a photo of the new Mrs. Ol' Jones and so I have dug up a recent photo of the two Joneses at work.



Some say marriage ages people and some say it has just the opposite effect. You be the judge.

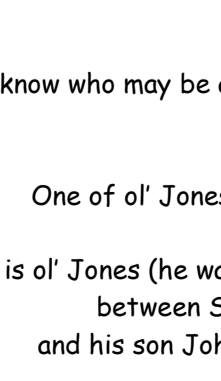
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QUAIL TRAIL

Disappointed with this season's quail hunting?

Then check out the February issue of *Virginia Wildlife Magazine*.

It lists many of the shooting preserves found throughout the state where you and your pointer, lab, golden, or setter can find some birds.



Ducks Unlimited

Be sure to check out Ol' Jones' article

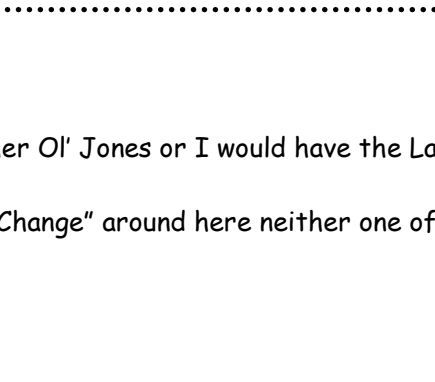
in the February/March issue of *The Virginia Sportsman* magazine

about *Ducks Unlimited* accomplishments here in Virginia.

To find out about the latest on this fine organization or to attend one of their

banquets go to www.ducks.org

LUKE'S FUN TIME



Supreme Justice

You never know who may be a shooting aficionado when you attend one of Jim Rice's shoots at Christmas Hill.

One of ol' Jones' heroes showed up to do a little shooting.

Here is ol' Jones (he was so nervous he forgot to take off his sunglasses) between Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

and his son John Scalia, an attorney in northern Virginia.

Both Scalias could not have been nicer and were a pleasure to be around.

THE LAST WORD...

In past newsletters either Ol' Jones or I would have the Last Word.

It seems since the "Big Change" around here neither one of us has possession of it any longer.

Keep a leg up,
Luke