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President's message

I hope everyone had a delicious Thanksgiving this year. There were several ASFA field trials on the schedule for the days following the holiday and many of us took advantage to participate in trials that weekend. This is now our final month for those hounds near the top of the rankings working to keep their position or for others to make these last trials count. Good luck to everyone, be safe and above all enjoy yourselves. I know the dogs do and in the end, no matter what the outcome you have a wonderful companion that brings joy to your life.

Wishing you, your family and your hounds a very Merry Christmas and amazing New Year.

Ping Pirrung

Regional Director Elections

The nominations for Regional Director have now been received and they are as follows:

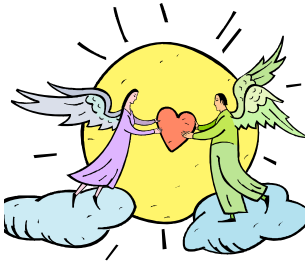
Region 1: Jeffrey Falkner
Region 2: Rick Wolpin
Region 3: Tom Golcher
Region 5: Josie Haumont
Region 6: Gregory Breitbach
Region 8: Gary M. Roush
Region 10: Keith Hicks

We are still waiting to receive nomi-

nations for Regions 4, 7 and 9.

Ballots for the Regions that have made nominations have been sent to member clubs of the Region and are to be postmarked no later than January 1, 2013. A write-in candidate will also be accepted; however, a letter of acceptance from the candidate must be on file with the ASFA Corresponding Secretary no later than December 21st.





Hall of Fame Nominations

It is time to start thinking of nominations your club may have for the ASFA Hall of Fame. Any ASFA club may recommend one

hound to be considered for the Hall of Fame. Recommendations should be submitted on the form which can be found on the ASFA web site for

this purpose and signed by a club officer. The form should be submitted to Dean Wright (vp1@asfa.org) no later than January 31, 2013. The hound must be retired and cannot have entered a trial in the last five years. The hound should have great coursing accomplishments, including a long coursing career with a top-winning record, however, great achievement in a short time span will be considered.

New Lure Coursing Survey

The Field Trial Improvement Committee has worked hard to develop a survey for participants and aficionados of lure coursing. The purpose of the survey is for the ASFA to understand your views on different aspects of lure coursing. This will help us develop ways to improve the ASFA lure coursing experience for everyone. To take the partici-

pant survey, go to:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/asfaindividualsurvey>

The clubs also have a separate survey which will be sent to each club delegate to complete. Your feedback is much appreciated!

Posting Premium Lists on the ASFA Web Site

Posting the approved premium list to the Trial Schedule page on the ASFA web site (<http://www.asfa.org/event/index.htm>) is a great way to get additional exposure for your club's upcoming event. For this to work though, the premium list, the entry form, and the Hound Certification Form must all be consolidated into one PDF file before it is submitted to our webmaster for publication.

Merging the three separate files for these premiums can be a challenge for Field Trial Secretaries. Fortunately there are a number of free tools available to help, many of them web-based (such as *MergePDF*, *PDF Hammer*, or *Booklet Creator*) or downloadable for use on your computer (such as *PDF Sam*). Others are relatively inexpensive (such as *deskPDF*

Creator from Docudesk). Mac OS X users can use the default PDF viewing program, called *Preview*, to merge PDF files. Of course, you may find still more options by doing a web search. Note: ASFA does not endorse or recommend any of these sites or products. They are mentioned only to make you aware of some possible solutions.

Don't forget that copies of the premium list are required to be sent to judges, the Regional Director, the ASFA President, and to Records. A hard copy of the approved premium list must also accompany your trial paperwork when you submit it to Lori.



New Regionals Page on the Web Site

There is a new page on the ASFA web site devoted to Regionals. You can find it either under Special Events or there is currently a link on the home page. This is a place that each Region can highlight their Re-

gional with the date and premium list. Following the Regional, a write-up and photos about it can be posted there. Contact your Regional Director for additional information.



Singles Records

Lori and the Computer Committee are in the process of making our records program capable of tracking Singles titles. Lori has asked us to let you

know that if you request a hound record and your hound has run in Singles you may get two records for the time being.

Interim Committee Reports

The Interim Committee Reports have been compiled by Bill Bowlus-Root and made available to the clubs. They will also be posted on the web site shortly. As you read the reports, jot down ideas you may have for those committees to consider. The committees and the work that they do are one of the strengths of the ASFA and what keeps us growing and evolving. You do not have to be

a Board member to be on a committee, so if the work of a specific committee appeals to you, be sure to let Ping know (president@asfa.org). One goal is to have the committees of the ASFA formed for the most part before the ACoD so members can be aware of directives from the ACoD and then be able to hit the ground running.

2013 ACoD

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2013 ACoD. It will be held in Denver, Colorado on March 23rd

and 24th. Additional information is now on the ASFA web site: <http://www.asfa.org/acod/2013/>.

2013 II

LKC, MGA and TSSC are working hard on the 2013 II to be held April 13th and 14th in Muncie, Indiana (just a little north of Indianapolis). So be sure to mark your calendars and schedule vacation time, if necessary, as it is fast approaching. For updated information check the ASFA web site

(<http://www.asfa.org/ii13/>). A Facebook page – 2013 ASFA II – has been set up to post information as well. The fields are very large with little to no sight lines. There will be electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities.

Stay tuned...





2014 II

While we are thinking of the II, it's not too early for the clubs in the East to be considering hosting the 2014 II. If your club or group of clubs is contemplating hosting the II in 2014 you should be beginning to

work on a proposal. If you need any help or have questions please contact Rich Whritenhour (reg9dir@asfa.org) for the International Invitationals Guidelines and the format for the proposal.

ASFA's 40th Anniversary

2012, ASFA's 40th Anniversary, is almost complete! Time is running out to check out the nice items the Public Relations Committee has put together to help us celebrate. There is a link on the ASFA web site or you can find the items at the following link to the ASFA Cafe Press shop: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/cafepress-asfa>.

Check out some cool t-shirts and other apparel as well as a spiral-bound Record Book for keeping track of your dog's scores at trials. Many items would be nice for your club purchase for trophies. The pins have sold out but there are some license plate frames and license plates still available.



It's very important that you distribute the "Communiqué" to your club's members so they can keep informed.



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