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President's message

Again we are in the middle of summer, which means there is not too much activity on the coursing field, but the committees of the Board are working on the goals that they have set forth. In September, we will be getting their interim reports.

Summer also tends to be a time when there are not as many trials as there are during the spring and fall. With not too much for this issue of the Communiqué we are including an article from the 1972 - 1989 ASFA Lure Coursing Book.

Ping Pirrung

2014 II

A proposal for the 2014 II has been received and it is under review by the Invitationals Committee at this time. It should come before the Board shortly for approval and then can be announced in the Communiqué.

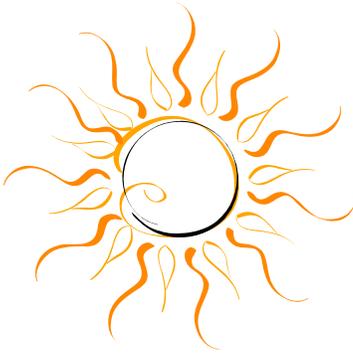
It is not too early for clubs in the Western section of the country to start considering hosting the 2015 II. If there is any club that needs help to prepare to present a proposal, please let us know.

ACoD Minutes

The minutes for the ACoD have been finished and have been published on the ASFA website (http://asfa.org/2013_ACoD_Unapproved_Minutes.pdf). They will remain unofficial until they are approved by the ACoD next spring in Dallas. Feel free to share them with your clubs, highlighting the points and

issues that impact them the most.





2013 Committees

The committees are continuing to work on their goals.

If at any time you have an idea for the ASFA, no matter what it is,

please write to Bill Bowlus-Root, the ASFA Corresponding Secretary (CorresSecy@asfa.org) and he can forward it to the appropriate committee.

ASFA's Superhero

Who Is That Green Masked Man?

*The reprinted story of Asparagus Man from the American Sighthound Field Association
Lure Coursing Book 1972-1989
with the Permission of King Randor and the Planet of Sugarapsa.*

Far away in a distant galaxy nested around three golden suns orbits the planet of Sugarapsa. This peaceful and bountiful planet is inhabited by an intelligent race of sighthounds. The ruler of the sighthounds, King Randor a very proud and noble Afghan, summoned his greatest adventurer Akhdaba Thawb Bahr a sleek and powerful Saluki, to his court. Akhdaba entered the throne room where he saw the King surrounded by his loyal sighthounds. He approached the throne and bowed to his king.

King Randor exclaimed, "Akhdaba you are my most trusted and loyal sighthound. I have a very dangerous mission that I want you to undertake."

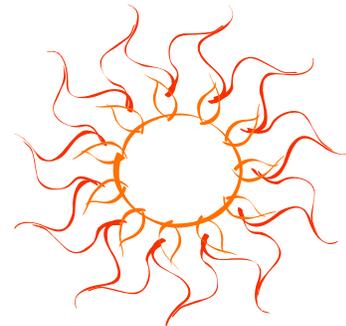
Akhdaba responded, "How may I serve you, oh great King?"

King Randor continued, "As you know centuries ago a group of sighthounds left Sugarapsa to colonize a small planet in the Milky Way galaxy called Earth. We have not heard from our fellow sighthounds for a very long time. I want you to take the starship Excalibur, and find out what has happened."

Akhdaba replied, "I eagerly accept this challenge. I will go with great speed." As Akhdaba left King Randor's court all the sighthounds shouted, "May the course be with you, may the course be with you." The Excalibur was loaded with the supplies needed for the long journey. Within hours the ship was ready



and Akhdaba said his goodbyes. With a mighty roar the Excalibur lifted off the ground and proceeded towards Earth.



As the ship neared the Milky Way galaxy, Akhdaba noticed an unusual cosmic cloud on the ship's flight path. But, unknown to Akhdaba, some of the instruments on the ship had malfunctioned. As the ship flew through the cloud Akhdaba became violently ill and lost consciousness. The Excalibur was damaged but miraculously crash-landed on Earth near the town of Lexington, Kentucky.

After the crash Akhdaba finally regained consciousness but he was no longer a Saluki. He had been transformed into a human-like male creature, green from head to toe, with super powers. He spent some time experimenting with these new powers.

After a while, Akhdaba started to get an uneasy feeling. His very sensitive ears heard someone screaming, "Quick, get it off the pulley, my Saluki is tangled in the string. Help, Help!"

Without hesitation Akhdaba sprang to his feet and was airborne. Flying through the air and using his telescopic vision, Akhdaba could see the Saluki in trouble. He flew down and landed near the Saluki. He telepathically told the Saluki that everything

was going to be OK. People started asking, "Who is that green Person?" Akhdaba released the Saluki from the string; the Saluki bowed graciously and then ran back to its owner. Looking around Akhdaba saw that there were a number of Salukis there.

Dean Wright approached Akhdaba and said, "Thank you for your help."

Akhdaba responded, "You are welcome."

"May I ask what your name is?" queried Dean.

"My name is unpronounceable in your language," said Akhdaba. "But a close translation would be Asparagus Man."

That was back in June of 1985. Since that time Asparagus Man has been to many places and seen many things. Back in the fall of 1988 he appeared at the Grand National event in Colorado. While there he was challenged by Mike Hussey to prove that he was stronger than a pack of Irish Wolfhounds. It was not difficult for him to hold back the four angered Wolfhounds from chasing the lure. He met Mike's challenge and made several new friends. He appeared at the Dixie Cup in fall of 1989 and helped Les Pekarski's club hand out the trophies from the day's event. At the end of 1989 he made an appearance at Dean and Sandy Wright's New Year's Eve trial. He presented them both with a

poem and gifts to help celebrate their wedding anniversary. He has also made appearances at the ASFA conventions where he has honored some of the people who put in the long hours to keep the sport of lure coursing alive and well.

Asparagus man has made several other appearances throughout the United States these last four years. He goes wherever his super powers are needed. Mostly to help fellow sighthounds who are in trouble. He is able to keep in touch with the world of lure coursing through his close friend Tom Cigolle. They are constantly in mental communication with each other.

"Now that I know my fellow sighthounds are safe, I have given myself a new mission until the day that I can return to my planet of Sugarapsa. That mission is to use my Greyhound speed and my Wolfhound strength to explore new coursing fields, to seek out sighthounds in distress, and to boldly go where no lure has gone before. So, when you are out coursing your sighthounds and you gaze into the sky and see something, remember, it may be a bird, it may be a plane, or it may be me – duh, duh, duh – Asparagus Man – making sure you and your sighthounds are safe and sound. Until then, may the course be with you."



It's very important that you distribute the "Communiqué" to your club's members so they can keep informed (or at least mildly amused).

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