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ASFA Communiqué

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President's message

There has not been too much activity on the Board over the summer, but most of the committees are working on various tasks before them. The interim reports will be coming out in September so we will be able to see their progress so far.

For many areas of the country there are not many trials scheduled although in the northern parts some clubs have been active. It has been unseasonably cool, where I live in Pennsylvania which is nice for the dogs and me but the farmers aren't getting the yields they would normally.

Fall is only a few weeks away and is the busiest coursing season. I am looking forward to cooler weather and many choices in trials to attend. I hope to see you there.

Ping Pirrung

Gary Forrester Award

Each year ASFA chooses a recipient for the Gary Forrester Award. This award memorializes Gary's exemplary contributions and dedication to the advancement of lure coursing and the ASFA.

The award gives recognition to individuals who have followed in Gary's footsteps.

Please send nominations by

September 30th to Gary Roush, P.O. Box 400, Lightfoot, VA 23090 or to roushg@gmail.com with a short write-up on the reasons that the nominated individual has earned the award.

For more information about the Gary Forrester Award and the nomination process, visit the special section on the ASFA web site (www.asfa.org/gf/index.html).

2014 ACoD

The Board has approved the site for the 2014 ACoD. It will be at the Holiday Inn South in Dallas, Texas on Saturday and Sunday, March 22nd and 23rd. The annual meet-

ing of the Board of Directors will precede it on Thursday and Friday, March 20th and 21st. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is an election year for officers.



New Member Club

Congratulations to Pharaoh Hound Owners of the North East (PHONE) on achieving full member status. This club has been putting on some very nice trials mostly in Con-

necticut but they have also ventured to Eastern New York State as well. Its members have worked hard and done a very good job.

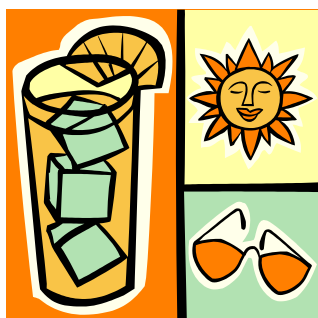
2013 ASFA National Greyhound Specialty

The Board has approved the proposal by Southeastern Greyhound Club (SEGC) to host the 2013 ASFA National Greyhound Specialty near Fairburn, GA on November 16th.

The Bouckaert Farm is the site of the last two Specialties. Its 8,000 acres offer several large hay fields which are optimum for laying out long, speed-testing courses. Drag lure will be used. All the amenities found at past Specialties will be offered, including perpetual and keeper trophies for all the stakes winners, special prizes for all placing dogs, and com-

memorative items like lapel pins and coffee mugs. A conformation competition will be held at the mid-day break for Greyhounds of all registries (whether or not entered in the lure trial), judged by a judge with real-life experience running Greyhounds. A fundraiser buffet lunch will be presented by racing Greyhound adoption volunteers. In short, the Specialty will be every bit as "special" as a national breed specialty should be and as SEGC has made it in the past.

The premium list will most likely be posted on the ASFA website shortly.



2015 II

There is no time like the present to begin working on your proposal for the 2015 II. It is scheduled to be in the Western section of the country. Begin your planning now. It can be helpful to have two or three clubs work together.

If you need any help or have questions, please contact Bill

Bowlus-Root (CorresSecy@asfa.org) for the International Invitational Guidelines and the format for the proposal.



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

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