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ASFA President's Report

"TOGETHER WE ARE IMPROVING OUR ASFA"

September 2020 ASFA has stayed busy throughout the pandemic. The board is still passing motions. Clubs are putting on trials again. And Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8 are planning their Invitationals. Things seem to be getting back to as normal as can be with COVID 19 still around us. We will again hold an electronic ACoD in 2021.

We are extending for 30 days nominations for the Gary Forrester Award. The ASFA Hall of Fame nominations are due by January 31, 2021. Also, please suggest a deserving club in your region to your Regional Director for the Excellence in Performance Award. These are nominated and selected by the Regional Directors.

I would like to see the following changes take place. Please let me know your thoughts:

- 1. Do away with the rotation for ACOD.
- 2. Do away with the rotation for the II
- 3. Reports for all committees submitted in October.
- 4. Greg Breitbach and others do more Judges Seminars.
- 5. A pocket size Rule Book for 2020, for around \$9.00 each.
- 6. Something happening with Paragon.
- 7. A donation process in place, being worked on
- 8. 50th Anniversary Book for 2022.
- 9. Guidelines for Disciplinary Hearings.
- 10. A Secretaries Page in the Communique.

We are currently working on the wording and changes to the Agenda for the electronic 2021 ACoD and Board Meeting. Although COVID 19 concerns sometimes make it difficult for us to focus on normal things, let us finish 2020 strong!!



Dean Wright, ASFA President president@asfa.org



JUDGES LICENSING REPORT August 2020

This report is submitted by the Chair of Judges Licensing and is current as of 8/25/2020

Notes from Judges Licensing:

When contacting judges licensing, please use link <u>JudgesLic@asfa.org</u> (Note: Greg's previous email address is no longer monitored)

Gregory Breitbach

Chair Judges Licensing

NOTICES:

• The following individual(s) has been granted apprentice status and has applied for Provisional License. An * indicates the second publication.

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 The following individual(s) have applied for a Regular License. An * indicates the second publication.

> *Linda D'Antonio, IG Sabrina Wright-Hiller, SA, Sing

• The following are additions/updates/corrections to the current judges list.

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Gary Forrester Achievement Award

American Sighthound Field Association

Do you have a nominee for the Gary Forrester Achievement Award? Go to the ASFA Website to make nominations. The deadline has been extended to October 15, 2020.

Link to Website Award Page: http://www.asfa.org/gf/index.html
Link for Nominations Page: http://www.asfa.org/gf/index.html

Link for Nomination form: http://www.asfa.org/gf/GF%2002--Person%20Nomination%20Form.pdf

The Purpose of the Award is to memorialize Gary's exemplary contributions and dedication to the advancement of lure coursing and the ASFA, the ASFA will give recognition to individuals who are deserving of this Award of Excellence

Nominees given strongest preference are those who are not currently members of the Board or active key committee chairpersons. The Committee will give preference to people who have been active and involved with ASFA lure coursing for five (5) or more years and who have made a long-lasting, significant, and positive impact on the sport and/or association. The committee will consider, but not be limited to, the following areas of involvement:

- Lure field trial participation
- Judging
- Active leadership at the local level-clubs and trial activity
- ASFA administration
- Promoting ASFA and the growth of the sport
- Improving the quality of trials
 Exceptional performance or effort in any other area

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GARY FORRESTER

October 28, 1938 - April 9, 1991

Gary and his wife, Marietta, owned and handled Afghan Hounds beginning in 1974. His hound, Bandit, was recognized as one of the first five ASFA LCM hounds and was the number one sighthound in 1976, 1977, and 1978. Another of his hounds, Piper, LCM XII, was number one Afghan Hound in 1984, 1985, 1986, and 1987.

Gary was an active ASFA judge in 1977 through 1984. He was Chairman of Judges Licensing between 1978 and 1984.

He was an active member or chairman of numerous committees including:

- · AKC co-ordination/ Liaison/ Negotiation;
- Reinstatements;
- Budget and Finances;
- FAN:
- Constitution Revision;
- Rules:
- Nominating;
- · several investigative committees of the Board

One year after his death the ASFA Board approved, in 1992, the Gary Forrester Achievement Award to memorialize Gary's exemplary contributions and dedication to the advancement of lure coursing and the ASFA.

Gary was elected and served as:

- Second Vice President, 1978-1980
- First Vice President, 1980-1984
- President, 1984-1988
- Immediate Past President, 1988-1990
- Appointed ASFA's first Field Representative, 1990.

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Previous Recipients of the Gary Forrester Achievement Award

- 1993 Lyle Gillette
- 1994 Betz Leone
- 1995 Kathy Budney
- 1996 Rick Brown
- 1997 Denise Como & Richard Whritenour
- 1998 Camille Mendicino & Wes Shainline, Jr
- 1999 Leigh Littleton
- 2000 Marie Adams
- 2001 Art Idleman
- 2002 Peter & Daphane Lowe
- 2003 Harry VanVliet
- 2004 Nancy Aiken
- 2005 Kent & Marilyn Standerford
- 2006 Denis Seeley
- 2007 Les Pekarski & Tom Bianchi
- 2008 Russ Jacobs
- 2009 Carolyn & Greg Mountan
- 2010 Elissa Thompson
- 2011 ----
- 2012 Jane Schreiber
- 2013 Janet Lotz
- 2014 Jill Bryson & Ann Chamberlain
- 2015 Frances Abrams
- 2016 Thomas A Cigolle, Jr
- 2017 Deann Britton & Connie Sullivan
- 2018 Bob Jordan
- 2019 Kay Nierengarten & Mark Schubert
- 2020 Vicki Fagre-Stroetz







Remembering Thomas Christ

November 24, 1965 - May 19, 2020

On May 19, 2020 I said farewell to a new dear friend, and ASFA lost an upcoming super star. Thomas was born in Germany in 1965. Thomas and I became great friends. We could talk on the phone for hours about Lure Coursing, his Deerhounds, his wife, his teenage years growing up in Germany, graduating and going into civic duty for 3 years. It was so interesting to talk to him about traveling around Europe by hitch-hiking, bike, bus or train. Thomas especially enjoyed his time in Sweden and the girls of France. Thomas was a quality chef in Germany. He came to Florida on vacation, where he met and fell in love with Leila, his wife of 28 years. I did have the pleasure of going to dinner with both of them at the Deerhound Specialty in the Wine Country of New York State. Thomas did some surveys for me and ASFA. He was my sounding board for a great many of my ideas for ASFA. He also had many ideas of how the ASEA organization could improve. Thomas, I miss you and think of you often.





Currently Scheduled Regional Invitationals (RIs)

- Region 5 October 31 NCA Storz Rugby Field, Omaha NE
- Region 6 October 31 MGA Rockwood MI
- Region 8 November 28-29 UCBSC Littlestown PA

2021 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD)

- The 2021 ACoD will be held by videoconference
- The goal is for every club to be represented
- Tentative date is Saturday March 27, 2021

2021 International Invitational (II)

Kathy Nelson, Scott Hurlbert, Dawn Gibas, Kay Nierengarten & Ping Pirrung are putting together the 2021 II which will be held at the Indianola Iowa Balloon Field. Their goal is to create an incredibly special event. Katie Kaltenborn has agreed to be the Field Trial Secretary! They would like to hear from you: Do you have thoughts and ideas to share? Would you consider joining the team and helping to put on this event? Please contact Kathy Nelson at Rundogs2017@gmail.com.

2022 International Invitational (II)

Planning is under way for holding the 2022 II at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. Dawn Gibas sabig@yahoo.com will chair this event.

