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President's message

Here we are moving into summer where our hounds can bask in the sunshine and we only have to worry about rain occurring during our trials. It's been several months since our last edition, so this one is packed with information!

It was truly a pleasure to hold the spring Board Meeting and ACoD in Pittsburgh, my home town, this year. The Region 8 clubs had a spectacular Welcome Party on Friday evening. Thank you.

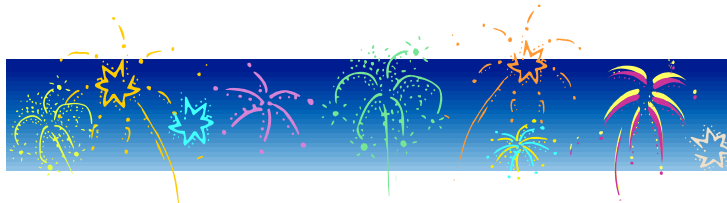
The Board had a very productive meeting held Thursday and Friday before the ACoD. At the ACoD we had a nice attendance of 43 delegates, representing 33 clubs. Many items of business were accomplished with some good discussions.

I had a wonderful trip out to the state of Washington to attend and judge at this year's II. It was such an honor to see so many good running hounds as well as be a recipient of great hospitality in Region 1.

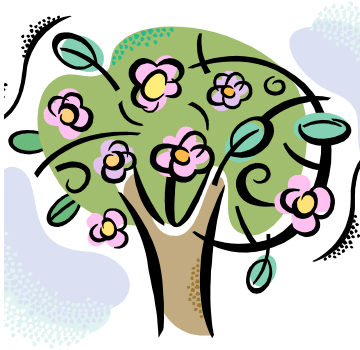
It was great to meet members of the fancy from the west coast and those who made the trek from the east and Midwest. A huge thank you to the Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and all the other hard-working people who made this year's II a success.

Here's to safe runs for all your hounds.

Ping Pirrung



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Public Relations Awards

These clubs were recognized this year for their contributions:

For Trials

Silver Award

Over 6 Trials

Michigan Gazehound Association
Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club
Minnesota Coursing Association
St. Louis Sighthounds
Tri-State Sighthound Club
Sunshine State Coursing Club

Gold Award

Over 8 Trials

California Coursing Association
Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club
Greyhound Association of northern Georgia
Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure coursing Association
Cirneco Dell'Etna Club of America

Platinum Award

Most Trials

Colorado Lure Coursing Association

For Entries

Silver Award

Over 300 Entries

Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club
Minnesota Coursing Association
Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club
Colorado Lure Coursing Association
Greyhound Association of Northern Georgia

Gold Award

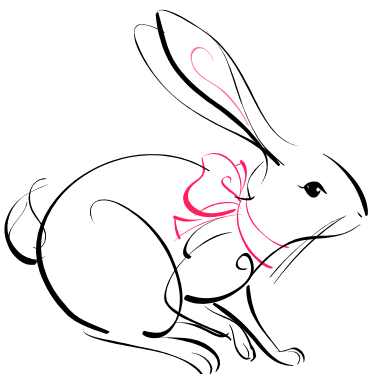
Over 400 Entries

Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association

Platinum Award

Most Entries

Michigan Gazehound Association



Hall of Fame

The winners of the Hall of Fame for this year are:

Person

- Shirri Peak

Dogs

- Mati (Basenji) owned by Suzi Clark
- Ida (Rhodesian Ridgeback) owned by Charlton Harper and Jeff Nearhoof
- Bubba (Whippet) owned by Marilyn & Kent Standerford and Sean McMichael

The ASFA Hit Parade

The Top Forty Judges for 2014

Ranking	Judge	Hounds Judged in 2014
1.	Wright, Dean	772
2.	Lipps, Jeff	689
3.	Davies, Ian	572
4.	Cigolle Jr, Tom	514
5.	Figg, Rita	460
6.	Kytta II, Paul	450
7.	Davies, Carlee	365
8.	Ewing, Don	345
9.	Coughlin, Matt	328
10.	Kaltenborn, Katie	314
11.	Sawyer, Lynn	314
12.	Haumont, Josie	309
13.	Downing, Jack	306
14.	Standeford, Kent	298
15.	Byrne, Francis	292
16.	Moore, Sandra	278
17.	Staack, Vern	278
18.	Lotz, Janet	275
19.	Marciszewski, Bob	251
20.	Barry M.E., Robin	245



Best in II "Nut" - photo by Laurie Gregory, JumokePhoto

Ranking	Judge	Hounds Judged in 2014
21.	Sanders, Kathy	244
22.	White, Don	243
23.	Pirrung, Ping	242
24.	Miller, Claudia	237
25.	Ward, Greg	236
26.	Hurlbert, Scott	230
27.	Abrams, Frances	224
28.	Beetz, Christie	217
29.	Miller MD, Aaron Todd	206
30.	Lowe, Peter	203
31.	Littleton, Leigh	199
32.	Berlin, Doug	199
33.	Bork, Kim	196
34.	Nelson, Kathy	191
35.	Roush, Gary	183
36.	Chamberlain, Ann	167
37.	Catt, Dr. Karen	157
38.	Britton, Deann	155
39.	Fullam, Phil	146
40.	Ferris, Michael	143

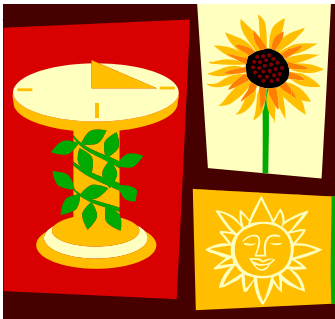




*Congratulations to
the 2015
Best in II,
Saluki
“Nut”!*

*Congratulations to
all of the
winners at the II,
including
Gillette stake
winner,
Italian Greyhound
“Nos”.*

*Thank you to
all who helped
make this a
terrific II.*



Lure Operator of the Year

This year's winner of Lure Operator of the Year was Gary Runyan who is also Region 4's new Regional Director.

Nominations for Board Positions

The 2015 Nominating Committee consisting of Gregory Breitbart (chair), Darci Kunard, and Kathy Sanders is gathering suggestions for the next slate of officers. As you know several current officers are termed out.

Since the committee members do not know everyone in the sport, they are asking for your input to locate hidden gems to be the next leaders of our organization. Think of members of the fancy who are experienced in ASFA with ideas to keep us at

the top of all organizations doing lure coursing and to provide direction for future growth.

If you need to know more about what is entailed with a position or would like to recommend an individual or step forward yourself, please provide the contact information to Greg at foolishoun@att.net for careful consideration. These people will be contacted in the next two months in order to organize a slate for presentation to the ASFA.

Scheduling Notice

As we are entering the busy coursing season, we thought it particularly timely to remind everyone that under the Running Rules, **a date for an ASFA trial must be submitted no later than 45 days before the trial date being requested.** Also, **the sample premium must be submitted no later than 45 days before the trial date.** Both the date request and sample premium are to go to the Scheduling Chair. Make sure you plan ahead so you do not miss these important deadlines.

In addition, please be sure to correct some common errors in premium lists before you sub-

mit them. In particular, be sure that Silken Windhounds are designated as fully recognized and no longer a Provisional breed and that you have the correct ages listed for veterans by breed.

If you have questions, refer to Chapter IV, Sections 1 and 3 of the Running Rules. You will also find the necessary forms and related information on the ASFA website under the Tools, Field Trials, and/or Forms menus.



Records Program Replacement Funding - Jeff Lipps

This year, ACoD addressed the funding concerns around the significant cost related to the replacement of the Records Program. On the Board's recommendation, the ACoD overwhelmingly approved the assessment of a \$15 per trial Records Program Replacement Fee. The Records Program Replacement Fee will be submitted at the time the per capita for a trial is remitted.

Once implemented, the fee will be temporary, not permanent. The funds generated by the fee will be used exclusively to replenish the monies from the ASFA Treasury used to procure the new Records Program. The CFO will maintain a separate financial statement which will track the monies spent from the ASFA Treasury to pay a vendor for the Records Program and the amount of the Records Program Replacement Fees collected. Once the fees equal the amount expended to obtain the new Records Program, the Records

Program Replacement Fee will no longer be collected.

The Records Program Replacement Fee is **NOT being collected yet**. The ASFA still must develop the requirements for the new Records Program and put those requirements out to bid to interested and qualified vendors. The ASFA is looking to procure a new Records Program in the \$25,000 to \$45,000 range, and it is not expected to have selected a vendor for another six months or so.

We will use the Communique to inform you of the progress being made on this project and give you advance notice of when the Records Program Replacement Fee will begin to be assessed.



2015 International Invitational

The 2015 II was held May 16th and 17th, hosted by the Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and a committee of other interested people at the Happy Trails Arena in Ethel, Washington. The II, as it's more commonly referred to, is ASFA's premier event and draws hounds from all over the US and Canada.

This year's II went off very well. 246 hounds of 12 breeds represented ran on beautiful lush fields in southern Washington State. There were hounds entered from as far away as New Jersey, Maryland, and Tennessee.

Friday afternoon was nice and sunny with a delicious spread provided by Region 1 for the Welcome Party.

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Gillette stake winner "Nos"
- photo by Laurie Gregory, Jumoke Photo



2015 International Invitational

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There were goodie bags with treats for both humans and hounds.

Saturday was quite cloudy but perfect weather for the 128 hounds running long courses. Each exhibitor was very prompt at getting their hounds to the paddock so courses were able to be run efficiently. There were a couple of showers but they weren't too consequential. The culmination was the running of the Gillette stake. Seven breeds competed and it was won by Italian Greyhound DC Alfheim's King of the Wind, SC, FCH, "Nos", (from the Veteran stake) owned by Jonathan Buchanan and Avery McLeod. Who could forget the deli-

cious banquet on Saturday evening?

Sunday we even had some sunshine; some even sported shorts and t-shirts, but it was by no means hot. There were 118 hounds running that day with the grand finale of the running of the Best in II. Saluki DoubleTime's Spice Girl, "Nut", owned by Catherine Comroe and Kirby Overcash, prevailed over 16 other hounds to win Best in II with an amazing final run to break a tie.

Congratulations to all winners and to all participants. We are now looking forward to the 2016 II, which will be in Indianola, IA in October 2016 (see below).

Board of Directors Activity

The Board has been busy with several motions since the ACoD:

- The Board approved the Red Lion Hotel in Renton WA, as the site for the 2016 Board of Directors Meeting to be held on March 17th and 18th, 2016, and the Annual Convention of Delegates, to be held on March 19th and 20th.
- The Board approved Southeastern Greyhound Club (SEGC) to host the 2015 ASFA National Greyhound Specialty on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at Bouckaert Farms near Fairburn, Georgia.
- The Board approved Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club's application for full membership.
- The Board approved the proposal by the Nebraska Coursing Association to hold the 2016 II on October 15 and 16, 2016, at the National Balloon Classic Field in Indianola, Iowa.



2015 II Field - photo by Laurie Gregory, JumokePhoto



ASFA Facebook Page

We invite you to post photos of your club's trial or the wins of your dog to the ASFA Facebook Page.

To assist you in sharing photos on the ASFA Facebook page, it

works if you can save the photo to your computer and then go to the ASFA page and upload it from your computer. Let us know if you need some help.

Committees

The 2015 Committees have been approved by the Board and are now posted on the website (<http://www.asfa.org/comm.htm>). Each committee is now working on their goals and timelines as well as beginning to work on the proj-

ects they have been tasked with.

If you have any ideas please forward them to Bill Bowlus-Root, our corresponding secretary (corresse-cy@asfa.org). He will be sure they get to the appropriate committee.



2015 II Whippet and Greyhound - photo by Laurie Gregory, JumokePhoto

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

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