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President's message

Spring is hopefully not too far away. I am sure not only you but your hounds are looking forward to starting up the coursing season sooner rather than later. As I write this morning much of the East coast is in a deep freeze. Warmer weather with flowers and leaves are looking pretty good about now.

Also on the horizon is the spring Board meeting as well as the ACoD. I am looking forward to your attendance at the ACoD. One of ASFA's strengths is that all member clubs have an equal voice in the ASFA. Additionally each individual in the fancy has the ability to contribute by being a member of one of the many ASFA committees. If one is of interest to you, please let me know.

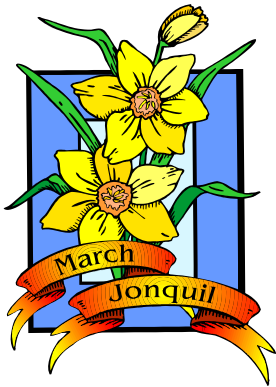
Ping Pirrung

Special Election for Recording Secretary

Due to the resignation of Bill Martin, we need to elect a Recording Secretary to fill the position for the remainder of the term, until the Officer Elections at the 2016 ACoD. As such, we will hold a special election for the position at the upcoming 2015 ACoD. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time. The nominee needs to be in attendance at the ACoD. [Continued on Page 2]



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The Recording Secretary is a member of the Board of Directors, and the primary duties of this position are outlined in Article V, Section 2, of the ASFA Constitution:

(d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all Conventions of Delegates and meetings of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Board or Conventions of Delegates. He shall keep a roll of the member clubs and affiliate clubs of the Association with

their addresses and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in this Constitution and By-Laws. Essentially this boils down to taking and publishing the minutes at the annual Board of Directors meeting and ACoD. A copy of the guidelines for the position is attached to this email. I can also be obtained from the ASFA President, Ping Pirrung (president@asfa.org).

If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please work with your club delegate and your Regional Director to ensure the name is placed in nomination at the ACoD.

Any questions should be directed to Ping Pirrung (president@asfa.org).

2015 International Invitational – New Location!

As you know by now the 2015 International Invitational will be May 16th and 17 when the Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and a committee of other interested people will be hosting the event at a new location: The **Happy Trails Arena in Ethel, Washington**. Ethel is snuggled along the scenic western slopes of the Cascades, midway between Seattle and Portland. The premium

list and additional information is posted on the website (<http://www.asfa.org/ii15/index.html>). There's also a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1046065245418921/>).

The II, as it is more commonly referred to, is ASFA's premier event and draws hounds from all over the US and Canada. We are looking forward to being in Washington State in May.

Cirneco dell'Etna Breed Disqualifications

The Board recently accepted the Cirneco dell'Etna breed disqualifications from the parent club. Congratulations are in order, as the Cirneco have recently been accepted by the AKC.

The Cirneco dell'Etna breed disqualifications are as follows.

- Eyes - Blue eye, an eye with a whitish iris or wall eyes
- Ears - Totally hanging or bat ears
- Color - Color of coat shall not be black, liver, brown, brindle or lacking of color; black anywhere on body, i.e. nails or mucous membranes
- Size - Height not within tolerance, dogs 17½ to 20½, bitches 16 to 19½ inches.
- Bite - Overshot or undershot

These breed disqualifications will be added to the Appendix of the Running Rules and Field Procedures for Lure Field Trials and will become effective on September 1, 2015.



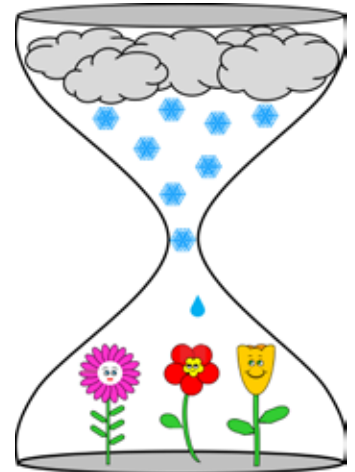
2015 ACoD

Hopefully you've sent your registration to Vickie Jacobs, the ACoD coordinator, and have your hotel reservation and flights or driving plans in place. The CRC and REC reports have been sent to each club so they can meet to direct their delegates. Region 8 will host a party on Friday evening to welcome you to Pittsburgh and to Region 8.

Additional information is on the ASFA website (<http://www.asfa.org/acod/2015/index.html>).

If you have any questions please contact Vickie (vickiejacobs47@gmail.com). Also if your club

will not be sending a delegate but would like to be represented please write to Vickie. Conversely if you will be or would like to attend the ACoD and do not have a club to represent, get in touch with Vickie so that she can match you up with a club.



Region 4 Regional Director Election

The special election for the RD of Region 4 has been completed and the new RD is Gary Runyan.

Please welcome Gary and thank Donna Murphy for serving as RD for the Region for the past term.

“Sighthound Review”

The “Sighthound Review” (<http://www.sighthoundreview.com>) will be including articles on lure coursing in their upcoming issues. The first, to be

published in the next issue due on March 30, 2015, will be The Sport of Lure Coursing adapted from our website.

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.



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

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