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ASFA Communiqué

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President's message

What an exciting ACoD. This was one of the best attended ACoDs in recent history. 57 of the registered 60 delegates represented 40 clubs. It was so wonderful to see old friends as well as meet new ones. Thank you to all of you that took time out of your busy schedules to let us know your thoughts and ideas.

After getting home from the ACoD, we had just a few days to switch gears and pack up for the II in Ocala, FL. It's been a packed couple of weeks, but thrilling and exciting.

Ping Pirrung

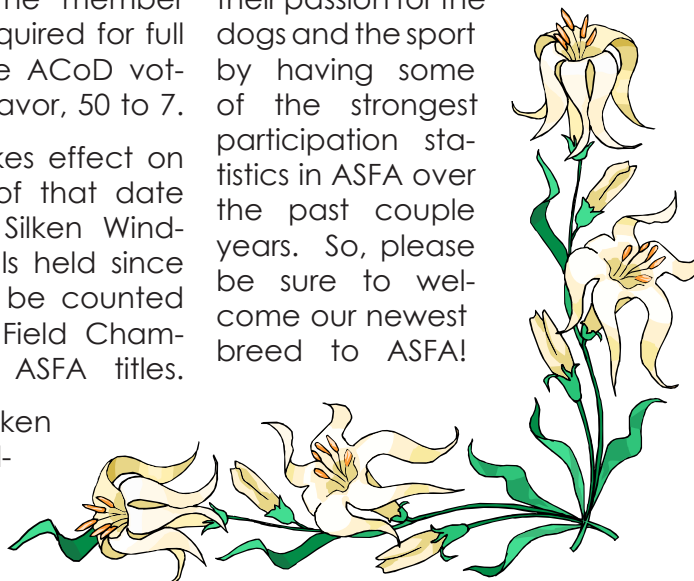
Silken Windhound Recognition

The ACoD voted to grant full recognition to the Silken Windhounds who have been Provisional Status for the past two years. A two-thirds majority of the member clubs voting was required for full recognition and the ACoD voted resoundingly in favor, 50 to 7.

Their new status takes effect on April 1, 2014. As of that date all points won by Silken Windhounds in ASFA trials held since March 1, 2012, will be counted toward their ASFA Field Championship or other ASFA titles.

The owners of Silken Windhounds carefully managed the recognition pro-

cess and ensured the integrity of their registry. They not only made their case to the membership, but they demonstrated their passion for the dogs and the sport by having some of the strongest participation statistics in ASFA over the past couple years. So, please be sure to welcome our newest breed to ASFA!





2015 International Invitational Approved

The Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and a committee of other interested people put together a proposal to host the 2015 International Invitational in the Pacific Northwest. It was approved by the ASFA Board of Directors. It will be held May 16 – 17, 2015, at Mead-

owbrook Farm in North Bend, WA.

The II, as it's more commonly referred to, is ASFA's premier event and draws hounds from all over the world. We are looking forward to a spectacular event next year in Region 1.

Officer Elections

This year was an election year for ASFA officers. The slate of nominees originally proposed to was elected by the ACoD with the exception of office of the 1st Vice President. The original nominee, Tom Cigolle, was defeated by Rich Whritenour, who was nominated from the floor.

Below is the list of new ASFA Officers:

President:	Ping Pirrung (PA)
First Vice President:	Rich Whritenour (NY)
Second Vice President:	Gary Roush (VA)
Recording Secretary:	William Martin (AZ)
Corresponding Secretary:	Bill Bowlus-Root (WA)
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ASFA's Financial Status

Despite declining entries last year (a trend that's continued since 2009) ASFA's bringing in about the same number of dollars as are going out as expenses. We

have a significant cash reserve, so there isn't financial trouble, but the parity means that any large expenses from the reserves for initiatives will be hard to replace.

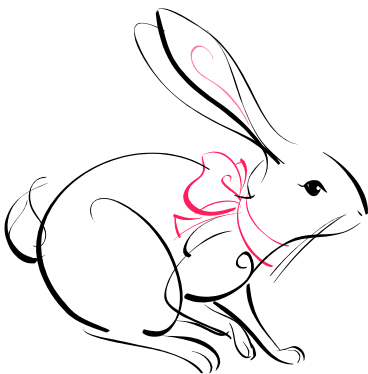
ASFA Facebook Page Now Open for Postings

The ASFA Facebook page has now been opened up to all ASFA members who wish to post to it. Pictures of trials, brags about BOB and BIF wins, upcoming trial dates, or anything else pertaining to our fun little sport are welcome.

The idea of the page is to help promote the sport of lure cours-

ing and allow others to see what we do. Remember that ASFA is all about the hounds. The page will be monitored by the Public Relations Committee and the Regional Directors. Any posts that are deemed offensive or contain derogatory remarks will be removed.

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<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanSighthoundFieldAssociation>

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We look forward to seeing some beautiful pictures of your hounds in action. It is also common practice to get permission from and give credit to any professional photographer's photos.

If you "like" the page, you will then be added to the news feed and will be able to see any new posts.

If you have any questions regarding the page, contact Rick Wolpin (reg2dir@asfa.org), Region 2 Director and Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.



ASFA Awards Incentive Program

Six new awards will be presented by ASFA starting in 2014:

- Silver Award for Trials – Clubs holding 6 or more trials per year
- Gold Award for Trials – Clubs holding 8 or more trials per year
- Platinum Award for Trials – Clubs holding the most trials per year
- Silver Award for Entries – Clubs with a total entry of 300 hounds or more per year
- Gold Award for Entries – Clubs with a total entry of 400 hounds or more per year
- Platinum Award for Entries – Clubs with most entries above 400 per year

We are also holding a contest to develop a logo for this award to include all of the current ASFA recognized and provisional sight-hound breeds. The person that designs the Logo that we use will receive a set of coursing jackets for the use of their design.

The logo should be in color and sized to fit on a standard 8 ½' X 11" certificate turned in the

landscape direction. Entries should be submitted to Rick Wolpin (reg2dir@asfa.org), Chair of the Public Relations Committee, for voting and approval no later than May 6, 2014. Most formats will be accepted, such as Publisher or Photo Shop. However, the Awards Committee reserves the right to modify the logo without changing the design in order to fit the certificate layout.

Constitution Changes

The ACoD adopted proposals 1, 2, 3, and 4b in the CRC report.

Proposal 1 modifies the ACoD Site Selection process, involving Regional Directors and allowing flexibility in site selection.

Proposal 2 provides for the appointment of an Interim Regional Director in case there is no nomination for a region, and provides acceptance of a

late nomination if no others are received.

Proposal 3 clarifies that only member clubs can nominate and vote in Regional Director elections.

Proposal 4b updates the publication of officer nominees to be on the ASFA website instead of in the outdated Field Advisory News.

These changes to the ASFA Constitution take effect January 1, 2015.



*Congratulations to
the 2013
Best in II,
Rhodesian Ridgeback
"Storm"!*

*Congratulations to
all of the
winners at the II,
including
Gillette stake
winner,
Ibizan Hound
"Kramer"*

*See details
of this year's II
in the
upcoming
May 2014
ASFA Communiqué.*



Rule Changes

The ACoD also approved Rule Change Proposals 1a, 2, and 4 to the Running Rules and Field Procedures – Field Trials.

Proposal 1a ends the practice of providing judges with free copies of the rulebook, which is available in the official version online.

Proposal 2 recognizes the ISWS as a national club.

Proposal 4 raises the age of Veteran competi-

tion for Salukis to 7 years.

Also In light of the ACoD's full breed recognition vote earlier in the proceedings, a motion was made to correct the places in the rules that refer to it as a Provisional breed and to include it as a fully recognized breed. This motion passed; therefore the Silken Windhounds will be added to the list of eligible breeds in the rulebook.

These changes will also take effect January 1, 2015.

Gary Forrester Award

Each year ASFA presents an award to an individual who best demonstrate the kind of extraordinary contributions and dedication to the advancement of lure coursing and the ASFA as exemplified by the award's namesake. In a

rare move, the committee awarded this high honor to two legendary and worthy contributors:

- Jill Bryson
- Ann Chamberlain

ASFA Hall of Fame

Person:

- Sherrie Ecksmith Johnson

Hounds:

- "G'Kar," FC SilkenSwift Flurry's G'Kar MC LCM2 V-FCh CGC, Borzoi owned by Robert Eugene Marciszewski
- "Luxor," MBIF DC Kamaraj Luxor Th-E-Brod MC CGC LCM SGRC SOR, Pharaoh Hound, owned by Ben and Maureen Brodeur and Marilyn Smith
- "Silhouette," FC Aslan's Dark Silhouette LCM6 VLCM2 LCX5 MC HIC CGC, Rhodesian Ridgeback, owned by Carlee and Ian Davies

Excellence in Performance Award

Also each year, ASFA recognizes those clubs which go the extra mile in providing the lure coursing fancy with good sport and the highest quality field trials by awarding the EPA. This year's recipient was the Michigan Gazehound Association.



Other ACoD Activities

We concluded the business of the ACoD on Saturday and headed to a wonderful and memorable dinner at the Dusty Trail restaurant. Afterward, there was a meeting of LCJA. (Those of you who have attended an ACoD will be happy to know the tradition continues. You will need to attend the ACoD to discover this long standing tradition.) As is customary, the annual **Lure Operator of the Year** award was presented, to **Tom Golcher** for 2014. Congratulations, Tom!

Since we had rooms already rented, we met on Sunday morning for an informal discussion and idea-sharing session. As was the case with the 2013 ACoD, this turned out to be one of the most important opportunities of the entire event. Members were grateful to hear the perspectives, ideas, suggestions, and anecdotes of other delegates and walked away with numerous tips for improving their trials, building their membership, and making the sport an even more enjoyable experience for their participants.

2014 II

Briefly, the 2014 II hosted by Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association (GOGLCA) and the Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridge-

back Club (SSRRC) was a wonderful success. There will be a more extensive report in the May Communiqué.



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

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