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ASFA Communiqué

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President's message

The summer seems to be flying by, but there is still quite a bit of coursing going on. As in winter, there are fewer trials but many clubs have trials scheduled throughout the summer, so we have an opportunity to get out with the dogs. Enjoy the warmer days and use common sense when it's very hot.

In this two-month edition of the Communiqué, Debb Meyer, ASFA's Scheduling Chair has written some notes that will be helpful for clubs when requesting dates and submitting premium lists.

The Board is busy working with their committees at this time. You can be looking forward to the interim reports in September.

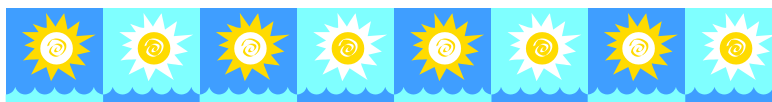
Ping Pirrung

Official Results: New Regional Directors for Regions 8 and 9

You may recall that Regions 8 and 9 were holding Special Elections for their vacant Regional Director positions. Under Administrative Policy A-ELECT05, a candidate in a Special Election may take office as soon as he or she receives a majority of votes.

In June, we reported that **Dean**

Wright received more than half of the possible votes from the region, and was therefore the new Regional Director for Region 8. On June 10th, the same was true for **Ben Brodeur**, who took on the duties of the new Regional Director for Region 9. [continued on page 2]



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The official final results of the elections with a tally of all votes were announced on June 29th:

- **Region 8** (10 clubs eligible to vote):
Dean Wright – 8 votes, 2 clubs did not vote.
- **Region 9** (5 clubs eligible to vote):
Ben Brodeur – 4 votes, 1 club did not vote.

Congratulations to Dean Wright and Ben Brodeur, who are now officially

Regional Directors.

Thanks to all the people and clubs who helped make this happen!



Requesting Trial Dates and Premium Submissions

- Debb Meyer, ASFA Scheduling Chair

Some helpful information for requesting Trial Dates and Premium submissions.

I realize that it has been confusing with the change-over to a new ASFA Scheduling Chair. My learning curve, and the number of us (me included) who always sent our requests and premiums directly to Denise's email, has at times caused delays. I also realize that my having a full time job outside of ASFA, as well as competing often with my hounds, can cause a longer turnaround time than some are accustomed to. I am not able to routinely respond to personal email or calls during the week between 7 am Central Time until at least 7 pm Central Time.

My goal is to get date requests and premium lists in, approved, and back out – to keep the process flowing.

The form for requesting Trial dates is on the ASFA website, under the heading 'Field Trials'. The link



is: http://www.asfa.org/trial_date_request.htm.

We may be making some changes to the form as we update the website, but we will keep everyone updated when that happens. For now it is very important that the form be used, as the fields on it give us all the information we need to enter the trial into the schedule. If you have questions about the form, please feel free to contact me. Currently the schedule is updated online monthly, so it can take some time for your trial to appear on the website. Please request your dates early so everyone can make their travel plans.

When submitting your premium for approval I could use some help. I am receiving premiums that are intentionally incomplete, as Judges, locations, course plans, etc. are not confirmed. I cannot approve an incomplete premium. *[continued on page 3]*



Requesting Trial Dates and Premium Submissions

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If changes need to be made because of unforeseen circumstances, we can work with that, but please complete your premium before submission.

I have also experienced challenges with premiums being stripped off by my firewall, or not being delivered. If you do not receive your premium back, or an email from me stating I am on the road, please email or text me directly, as the date request and scheduling addresses come to me via the website.

You can email me directly at debbASFAScheduling@cox.net or text **402-290-1506**. If you leave

a voice mail or text please give me your name, club name, and a phone number to call back.

If you are new to building a premium list, there is a handy reference guide on the ASFA website that I like: <http://www.asfa.org/Putting%20Together%20Your%20Premium%20List%202008.pdf>.

I appreciate, more than I can say, the graciousness of the fancy during my 'rookie season'. I am confident that we will be able to make the entire process more streamlined and timely as we go forward.

Thank you for your patience during my break in period.

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.

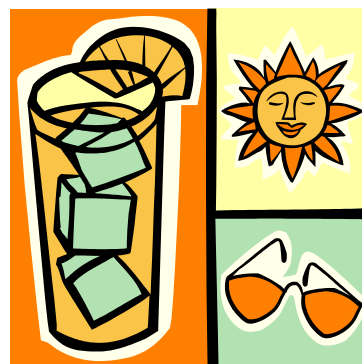
To assist you in sharing photos on the ASFA Facebook page, it

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.

Conditional Entries

It has been brought to our attention that occasionally a club will hold a certification run on the morning of a trial. If this certification run is held after the close of day of trial entries, the newly certified dog is not eligible to run. To prevent this, it's best to

hold certification runs after the trial on Saturday; then the dog can enter Sunday. If you do hold certification runs the morning of the trial, be sure they are completed prior to the closing time for day of trial entries.



2014 Committees

The committees for 2014 are currently finalizing their goals for this year and we are looking forward to the results of their ideas and work. This is where the ASFA moves forward, taking care of ideas that have come up as

well as working on new ideas. If you have any thoughts for any of the committees, please send them to Bill Bowlus-Root (CorresSecy@asfa.org) and he can direct them to the appropriate committee for consideration.



2015 International Invitational

Be sure you have marked your 2015 calendar for May 16th and 17, when the Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and a committee of other interested people will be hosting the 2015 International Invitational at Meadowbrook Farm in North Bend, WA. It's never too early to

start making plans for next May.

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



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

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