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- Region 6..... Gregory Breitbach
- Region 7..... Todd Birchfield
- Region 8.....Gary M. Roush
- Region 9..... Rich Whritenour
- Region 10.....Keith Hicks

President's message

Now that the holidays are behind us and 2013 is a fresh year we have a lot to look forward to.

At this time I am beginning to plan the formation of the committees of ASFA. As I have said before I feel the committees are the engine of the ASFA and each committee has an important and vital role in the growth of the ASFA. In this edition of the ASFA Communiqué, you'll see a list of the committees with a brief overview of what they do. If there is a committee that interests you and/or in which you have expertise please write to me – president@asfa.org. Please consider contributing to the growth of the ASFA.

On a sad note, in December the ASFA lost a very important member of our coursing family, Les Pekarski. He was an inspiration to so many and will be greatly missed.

Ping Pirrung

Regional Director Elections

The ballots are in and the following have been elected to Regional Director for their respective Regions. Please join me in welcoming them to the ASFA Board.

- Region 1: Jeffrey Falkner
- Region 2: Rick Wolpin
- Region 3: Tom Golcher
- Region 5: Josie Haumont
- Region 6: Gregory Breitbach

- Region 8: Gary M. Roush
- Region 10: Keith Hicks

We are still waiting to receive nominations for Regions 4 and 9. Region 7's election will be completed by the end of February. In the interim, Jack Downing will continue as Regional Director for Region 4, Rich Whritenour will serve Region 9, and Todd Birchfield will do the honors for Region 7.



2013 ACoD

The 2013 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) is fast approaching. It will be held in Denver, Colorado on March 23rd and 24th. There are two important deadlines for delegates:

February 23rd - Receipt of ACoD registration.

March 6th – Room reservations at the hotel to obtain the special rate.

It would be advantageous to make your plans now, send in your registration and make your hotel reservations. Additional information is now available through the link on the right side of the ASFA home page (www.asfa.org).

2013 Committees

Following is a list of some of the ASFA Committees with a brief statement as to their purpose. Take a time to look these over to see if there is a committee or committees to which you feel as though you could contribute. The ASFA needs input from members of the fancy and we have many talented members participating with their dogs in ASFA lure coursing. Participation at all levels is one of the primary strengths of the ASFA.

Archives & Historical – To maintain the history of ASFA and the sport of lure coursing.

Computer – To work with the computer aspects of the ASFA, primarily the records program.

Field Trial Improvement – To work towards improving field trials for clubs as well as participants.

Judges – To work with Judges' Licensing to improve ASFA judges and attract and train new ASFA Judges.

Long Range Planning – To explore ideas that may take time to come to fruition. These ideas may ultimately be passed along to other committees to implement.

Policy Compilation – To write new policies as directed by the Board or ACoD and maintain current policies.

Public Relations - To promote the sport of lure coursing and to support ASFA clubs.

Web Site Publication – To improve the ASFA

web site because it is our link with the fancy.

You can also take a look at the Interim Committee Reports that have been compiled by Bill Bowlus-Root and made available to the clubs. They will also be posted on the web site shortly. (If you are unable to find the file, you can e-mail Bill at CorresSecy@asfa.org to obtain a copy.) As you read the reports jot down ideas you may have for those committees to consider. At the same time if the work of a specific committee appeals to you or you have questions be sure to let Ping know (president@asfa.org). The committees and the work that they do are one of the strengths of the ASFA and what keeps us growing and evolving. You do not have to be a Board member to be on a committee, so if something is interesting to you please contact Ping. One goal is to have the committees of the ASFA formed, for the most part, before the ACoD so members can be aware of directives from the ACoD and therefore be able to hit the ground running.



2013 II – April 13th & 14th, Muncie, Indiana

Shortly after the ACoD will be the 2013 II. The premium list has been posted on the ASFA web site (see the link on the right side of the home page) and several other places and entries have begun to come in. This is an amazing venue for an II and will be well worth attending. The fields are very large with little or no sight lines. There are electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities. LKC, MGA and TSSC are working hard on the details.

The ASFA web site will be updated as well as the 2013 ASFA II Facebook page as new information

becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there.

The premium list originally included an incorrect address for submitting catalog ads. It should be:

Vicky Clarke

1138 Mohea Road, Unionville, NV 89418

A corrected premium list will be posted to the web site.



2014 II

While we are thinking of the II, it's not too early for the clubs in the East to be considering hosting the 2014 II. If your club or group of clubs is contemplating hosting the II in 2014, you should be starting

your work on a proposal. If you need any help or have questions, please contact Rich Whritenhour (reg9dir@asfa.org) for the International Invitationals Guidelines and the format for the proposal.

Singles Records

Lori and the computer committee are in the process of getting our records program capable of keeping track of Singles titles. Lori has asked us to

let you know that, at least for now, when you request a hound record for a hound that has run in Singles, you may get two records.

Premium lists for the Web Site

Thank you to the clubs that want their premium lists posted on the ASFA web site for making the effort to compile all pages into one PDF

document. This streamlines the process considerably and makes it possible to have your premium lists uploaded and posted more quickly.

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

Think Spring!

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