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WHIPPET ELTON
2022 ASFA #1
ALL BREEDS

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF DELEGATES *issue*

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Whippet Davy

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*2023 International Invitational
September 30th & October 1st*

Planning is underway - We just need you

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President Phil Fullam with Irish Wolfhounds, "Winnie", 11 months old; and "Sprite" 5 months old. Photo by Terra.

Message from President Phil Fullam

Spring is well under way and there are a lot of trials taking place again. It's great to be back on the field.

The Annual Convention of Delegates was held in Kansas City on March 18 & 19. The turnout was not huge, but everyone present actively participated in the discussions and contributed to a very positive weekend. It was also nice to travel through the brand new Kansas City Airport.



The annual, in person, board meeting was held on Thursday and Friday before the start of the ACoD. This year we were able to almost populate the committees of the board fully before we adjourned. This will help the board pick up some momentum. The overall health of ASFA is good, with a comfortable cash balance and we have been able to stay on track with our budget.

The attendance for the board meeting was low, with 7 of the ten regional directors absent. It is very important that your Regional Director plays an active part in the board meetings. We understand that travel is costly and time consuming, but without the voice of your Regional Director you give up the ability to guide the direction of the ASFA. We did set tentative dates for the upcoming virtual board meetings, June 7, Sept. 6 and Dec. 6.

Keep in mind that the Board is "always" in session through our electronic meeting procedure. If you have a topic that would benefit from a more interactive discussion, please let your Regional Director know.

On Sunday we had three sessions, which presented: Long Range Planning by Jennifer Gysler; the newly approved Bracket Challenge Lure Coursing Challenge (BCLC) Experimental Program by Greg Breitbach; and a demonstration of the new records program and website project by Cathy Sanderson.

Planning for the 2023 II is well under way. We hope that everyone can attend this year.

Phil

Phil Fullam ASFA President President@asfa.org
April 2023



Editor's Note

This issue is packed with good stuff. That includes coverage of the 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD), held in person in March. Although the event was not as well attended as the Zoom ACoDs of the past few years, the delegates got to work, took care of ASFA's business, and had a good time. Nothing is quite like everybody getting together in person. If you didn't attend and don't know what happened, be sure to read our unofficial coverage.

Also in this issue, Cathy Sanderson has written a clear, understandable introduction to the new website and records program. We have reprinted the Pat Burnham classic, "When Rabbits Designed Lure Courses". Dean Wright has opened a discussion and guide to lure operating for those of us on the sidelines. Our interview with Afghan hound breeder Ernest Abresch provides a window into his nearly 50 years of hunting, open field coursing, lure coursing, and oval track racing with Afghans drawn from three continents. And for those involved in any aspect of ASFA record keeping, Lori Zorbaugh's newly updated Records 101 is a *must read*. Vicki Fagre-Stroetz - Editor
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Communique' Committee (left to right): Victoria Cassano MD, Lois Obelcz, Deborah Hayman, Sally MacDowell, Audrey Silverstein, Dean Wright, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz- Editor



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2. Download and complete the form to mail with a check to the address at the bottom of the form. <https://www.asfa.org/forms/MEM%2003--Membership%20Update%20and%20Dues%20Renewal.pdf>

2023 ASFA dues and update form are due now!

If you have any questions:

Email – asfa.membership.chair@gmail.com

Phone – 814.256.3712



Zoom Meetings

'Tis the season for clubs' annual meetings and regional meetings.

ASFA has a Zoom account that is available for clubs and board members to use.

- Only one meeting can take place at a time.
- This is a paid account so there are no time limits.
- Meetings can be recorded.

There are 2 ways to set up your meeting;

1. I can set this up for you. Email me with a date and time. I will send you the meeting location info to distribute to your attendees.
2. I can give you the login credentials. A time for this has to be arranged because Zoom will detect a new login and I will have to have my phone handy to send you a verification code. This only happens the first time and then you are free to access Zoom when you want.

Contact Cathy Sanderson at asfa.cathysanderson@gmail.com or at 705-380-5308 (Canadian number).



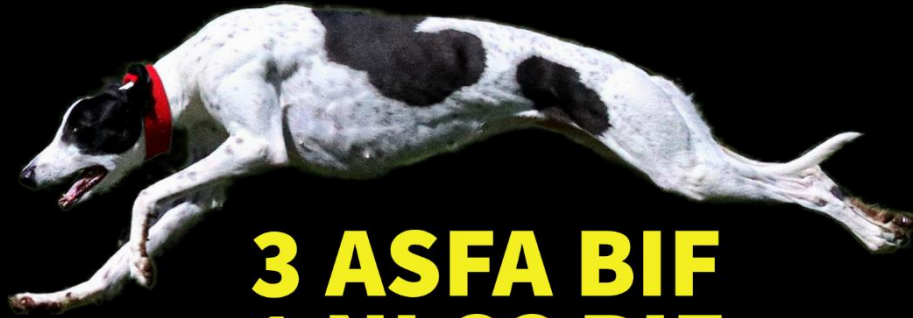
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This greyhound girl is ON FIRE!

Dont Stop Believin "Journey"



**3 ASFA BIF
1 NLCC BIF**

Running since 10/2022



**Thank you to all the judges who scored
her ability and performance, and to
the hunt masters and lure operators
who kept her running safely!**

**Watch for her sister from
another litter
Born For This
"Esther"**



**Owner: Odessa Fulks, Acres of Destiny Inc.,
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ACoD delegates participating in the Saturday meeting

The 2023 ASFA Convention of Delegates



*President Phil Fullam and
Recording Secretary Jennifer Geysler.*

The 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) was held on March 18-19, 2023, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Twenty nine delegates attended and enjoyed the weekend, which included discussions, break-out demonstrations, reports and some general business, as well as catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, listening to everybody's stories, cheering as ASFA's annual awards were presented, and generally having a good time. The delegates also had the opportunity to represent their clubs with their votes on proposals, motions, and Hall of Fame nominees.

Some highlights from the ACoD follow. These are unofficial. The official record of all things ACoD will be included in ASFA Recording Secretary Jennifer Gysler's ACoD Minutes to be posted on the ASFA website. – Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

THE ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year ASFA announces its annual awards and honors at the ACoD. The awards and honors for 2022 are listed below.

congratulations to all

HIGH SCORING HOUND OF ALL BREEDS

Whippet Elton

Panache Rocket Man FCh

Owner - Breeder Patricia Spinazzola



In 2022 Elton defeated 150 dogs, won 4 BOBs and 1 BIF. Sadly, Elton and his littermate Venus lost their lives in an auto crash. Our condolences go out to Patricia Spinazzola, her family, and to the many friends and admirers of Elton and Venus. A Memorial page to Elton and Venus is included on page 45.

Photo by Mary Huff.



HIGH SCORING HOUNDS

INDIVIDUAL BREEDS, SINGLES & LCI

Breed / Stake	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
Afghan Hound	Lagertha	Lagertha Xoransdottir Of Synergon FCh,ORC,GRC	D Hayman	9	51	17	0
Azawakh	Siri	Ch Knightwind's Tiziri FCh	D Vout	9	16	6	0
Basenji	Chilly	GSW,GCh,DC,Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM11,SC,CA,RATN	K Sanders	8	101	11	0
Borzoi	Talulah	Tatezi The Edge Of Night FCh	S Amburgey / H Van Vliet	8	92	13	1
Cirneco dell'Etna	Vento	FC Colisto's Vento FCh,SC,SGRC,NW1	J Hale / N L Wight	3	4	2	0
Galgo Español	Rosa	Rosa Slightly Bearded Senorita TCP,Prov FCh	T Koch / K Shreet	8	12	0	0
Greyhound	Alice	FC Golightly Lakilanni White Rabbit LCM,SC,RN,CGC	L Zucker / L Soutar	9	62	10	1
Ibizan Hound	Ginny	IcyCold Fifth Avenue Girl FCh	Dr K Catt	9	103	9	4
Irish Wolfhound	Paris	Rysheron's We'll Always Have Paris	A I Gottsch / C Riggs	5	14	6	0
Italian Greyhound	Andretti	Ch Integra's Pole Position FCh	L & V Harris	1	31	5	1
LCI Large	Arthur	Arthur Hayes LCI,LCC	A Hayes	9	41	0	0
LCI Sighthound Mix	Bruce	Bearded Bruce The Moose LCI,LCA,LCS,LCC	T Koch/K Shreet	8	18	0	0
LCI Small	Zula	Tactical Image African Princess LCC,LCI	B Patterson	9	32	0	0
Magyar Agar	Varma	Avenia's Szilvalekvar	H Sjoblom-Saldana	10	5	1	0
Pharaoh Hound	Cayper	GChB,DC,OH-BIS Bazinga Caspian The Crown Prince LCM2,CGC,MC,LCX2,VC,BCAT	D Kunard	3	46	7	0
Portuguese Podengo	Addict	Lochbay Just One More Hit	V Miller	1	1	0	0
Portuguese Podengo	Tiago	Icepod Tiago SC	J A Frier-Murze	10	1	0	0
Podengo Pequeno	Truman	Ch Enchanted Annevan First And Foremost SC	J & T Daykin/Faria/Pedisich	1	1	0	0
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Remmy	Taylor Made By Bayden For Azize LCM	B & L Moodhart	7	70	6	1
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Jinx	DC Imarika's Fashionably Late LCM6,MC,CKC FCh&NC,LCX	G & P Kytta II	6	70	8	0
Saluki	Tiflah	FC Qadim Alhaba Bint Al Riyah LCM,TCP,SC	C Smith	8	43	26	2
Scottish Deerhound	Reiver	GCh,DC Rousay L'Reiver To Eynhallow Of Muma FCh,SC	D Habian	6	29	5	0
Singles	GH Buster	Mythical Story LCM CPX SC CAA DCAT SCA SIA SBN TKN	L Warden	6	124	0	0
Silken Windhound	Kenai	Starfyr Whimsical @ Allagante LCM	K & P Sanders	1	75	6	0
Whippet	Elton	MBIF Panache Rocket Man FCh SC TRP PR	P Spinazzola	8	150	4	1



LEIGH LITTLETON AWARD

CLAUDIA "CJ" MILLER

The Leigh Littleton Award is given to the judge who judges the most dogs in a given year. The Leigh Littleton Award for 2022 went to Claudia "CJ" Miller who judged 440 dogs.

TOP TEN JUDGES

ASFA recognizes the Top Ten Judges of the year. The 2022 Top Ten Judges are:

Rank	Name of Judge	Number of Dogs Judged
1	Claudia (C.J.) Miller	440
2	Borzoi Bob	309
3	Jennifer Gysler	290
4	Kent Standerford	272
5	Scott Hurlbert	244
6	Paul Sanders	235
7	Don White	234
8	Mike Savage	213
9	Phil Fullam	212
10	Vicki Fagre-Stroetz	203

LURE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

BOB JORDAN

The Lure Coursing Judging Association (LCJA - pronounced "lock jaw"), the informal association that honors the top lure operator annually, has named Bob Jordan is the 2022 Lure Operator of the Year.



EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE

Gazehound Association of the Smoky Mountains (GASM)

ASFA's Excellent Performance Award (EPA) recognizes those clubs that go the extra mile to provide the highest quality field trials. The Gazehound Association of the Smoky Mountains (GASM) was selected by the ASFA Regional Directors for this year's EPA Award.



INCENTIVE AWARDS

ASFA's Incentive Awards recognize those clubs with the highest number of entries and those with the highest number of trials. The 2022 Incentive Award winners are as follows:

	Club	Number
Award for Entries		
Platinum	UCBSC <i>Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club</i>	678
Gold	CLCA <i>Colorado Lure Coursing Association</i>	449
Silver	MGA <i>Michigan Gazehound Association</i>	373
Award for Trials		
Platinum	CLCA <i>Colorado Lure Coursing Association</i>	16
Gold	GASM <i>Gazehound Association of the Smoky Mountains</i>	15
Silver	UCBSC <i>Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club</i>	8

LURE COURSING HALL OF FAME

The purpose of the ASFA Hall of Fame is to honor in perpetuity those hounds that have achieved outstanding performances or records in the sport of lure coursing. This fosters the continued remembrance of remarkable individual coursing careers and sets a high standard to help new hounds and owners achieve their goals. This year three hounds are inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Afghan **Yousha**

NSBIE FC Paschdou's Yousha FCh, SC,
GRC, ORC, BII, NSBIE

Owners Don Papin, Sally Papin, M & D Bahm
Breeder Daniela & Wilfried Bormacher

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Scottish Deerhound **HART**

DC CH Highland Glen Chartwell Silver SC, LCM3

Owner Pam White
Breeder Norma Sellers



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Ibizan Hound **SAILOR**

AKC/CKC DC UCh
ICYCOLD FIRSTMATE
LCM6 VFCh FCHX SC SRM
Owner/Breeder – Dr Karen Catt

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VICKIE JACOBS

Read her story on page 38.

Vickie Jacobs was inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2022. The Hall of Fame honors those people who have donated a great part of their time and energy to improve and promote the sport of lure coursing for sighthounds.

Since its inception, the sport of lure coursing has continually evolved. That evolution has taken place through the vision and energy of people like Vickie Jacobs who deserve to be honored for their efforts to make the sport what it is today. Their commitment serves as an inspiration to those who would, in turn, take the sport to greater heights.



GARY FORRESTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PING PIRRUNG

This year ASFA honors Ping Pirrung with the Gary Forrester Achievement Award. The Gary Forrester Achievement Award memorializes Gary's exemplary contribution and dedication to the sport of lure coursing.

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Photo by Debbie Narwold



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Photo by Debbie Narwold



ASFA Board of Directors at the ACoD (left to right): Tom Golcher - Region 3 Director; Jeff Trombetta - Region 9 Director; Scott Hurlbert - Chief Financial Officer; Terry Sayre - Region 4 Director; Ping Pirrung - Corresponding Secretary; Greg Breitbach - First Vice President; Cathy Sanderson - Second Vice President; Jennifer Gysler - Recording Secretary; Phil Fullam - President.



ACoD delegates at the Saturday meeting

Proposals and Motions

Debating and voting on the issues is a spirited part of the ACoD. The proposals and motions that come before the ACoD will either pass and become part of ASFA's future, or go down in defeat. The official results of these voting on the proposals and motions will be included in the ACoD Minutes, which will be posted on the ASFA website. Below is an unofficial summary. The ACoD voted to

- clarify the Huntmaster's role in the event of an entanglement in the string,
- post the new Code of Conduct both in the Running Rules and in a highly visible place at ASFA trials,
- define when a title is earned versus when a title becomes official,
- create additional Singles stakes,
- create a process to replace ACoD Committee members who are unable to serve,
- create an LCI Best in Variety run off,
- combine the ACoD Site Selection Committee and Planning Committees,
- remove the minimum participation number requirements for new breeds,
- rescind the 2022 ACoD's directive to adopt gender neutral language throughout ASFA's writings, and
- change the designation "Senior" as used in LCI to a word that is not-age related.



A Brief Update on The ASFA Website

by Cathy Sanderson

IT committee Chair

ASFA's new Records Program and Website Project are underway. Phase 1 is currently in progress. It will eventually replace the records database in which our dogs' results are tracked. Next, the record program that analyzes, summarizes, and reports the results will be located online, replacing the use of Microsoft Access database management system.

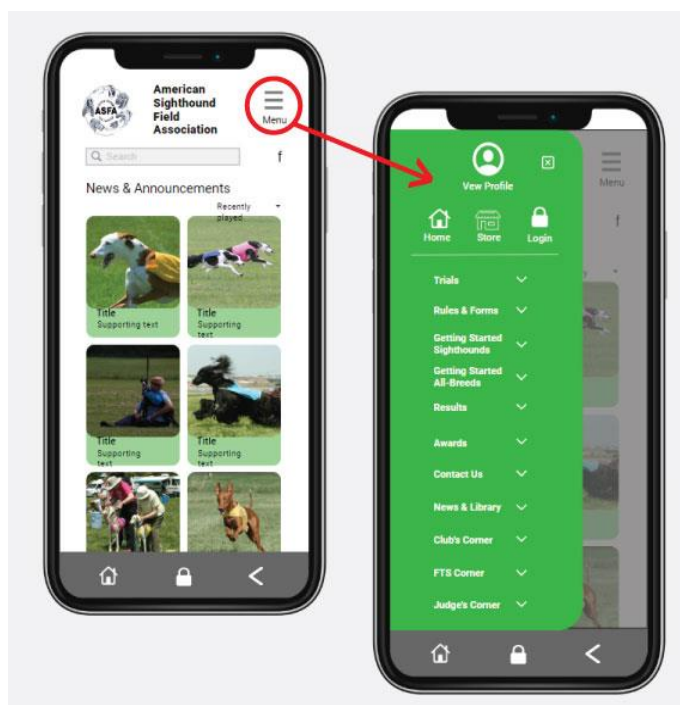
Because many people are using their phones, rather than their computers, to view information on websites, we have selected a best practices method called Mobile-First Design. In Mobile-First Design, web developers start the design process for the mobile screen, which has restrictions because of size and its touch screen, ensuring that proper function of the website is preserved in the mobile app. Once the functionality is worked out on a small screen it is easy to expand the design for the large screen of a desktop computer or laptop.

The website design is part of Phase 2 of ASFA's Records Program and Website Project.

This is a simple wireframe design to work out the site navigation and make sure that users will be able to find what they are looking for quickly and easily.

It is not meant to be attractive – just functional. This design is all about structure and flow. Colours and shapes will probably change.

A working prototype was presented to the board and delegates at the ACoD for discussion and comments. The images on this report are screenshots from that presentation.



Above: Screenshot of the homepage (left) and homepage with the menu open (right).

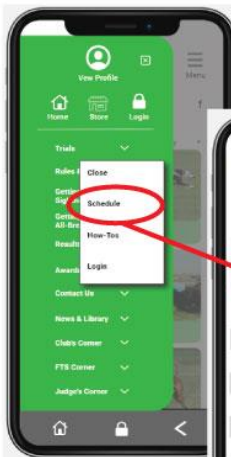
The prototype has two types of pages, referred to as “static” pages and “dynamic” pages. Static pages tend not to change very often. They include information or descriptions. The “Eligible Breeds” page and the “Running Rules” on the ASFA Website are examples of static pages. These pages are usually updated once a year.

Dynamic pages draw their content from records databases based on inquiries made by the user. Currently, there are no dynamic pages on the ASFA website.

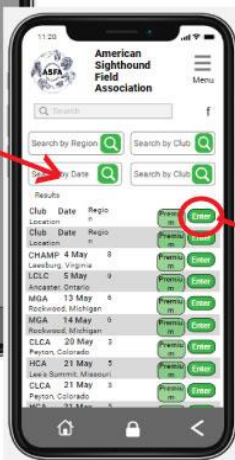
Dynamic pages will be particularly useful to ASFA participants. For example, the new website will include dynamic account pages where owners can input dog information and request results for their dog. The program will do the work and return up-to-date results instantly. Presently an owner would submit a request to the records co-coordinator who would then create a report about the dog and email the report to the owner.

Using dynamic pages, an owner would need to input the dog's information into the system once only, for that information to become part of the ASFA database. The trial schedule will be paired with the dog's information to allow owners to make online entries. ASFA clubs will be able to link their PayPal accounts will be linked to the premium lists if they choose to use that feature.

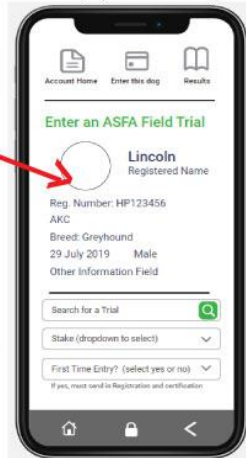
Open the schedule page



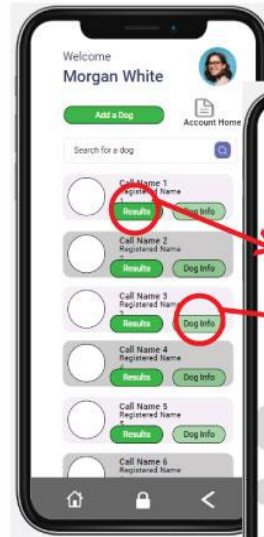
Find a trial to enter
(or just view the premium list)



Select the dog to enter
and fill in a few fields
Then pay for the entry.



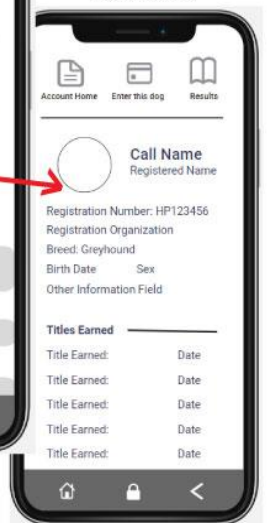
Owner's account with a list of dogs



A dog with its trial results



A dog with its
titles earned



Above:

Screenshots of the Owner's Account page,
including Trial Results page for an individual dog
and the Titles Earned page for a dog.

Left:

Screenshots of the schedule page and the enter a dog page

Other organizations use Owner accounts to keep track of dogs and their results. If you have ever done Barn hunt, this will look familiar.

Remember these are very early drafts and the look of the pages will change, but the basic functionality will be close to what you see here. This is a stage on the journey to modernize the ASFA website and make it easier for everyone to use.

These pages will become the locations that will display the information that users are looking for and be readable on your phone as long as you have cell service and a data plan.

Respectfully submitted.

Cathy Sanderson IT committee Chair asfa.cathysanderson@gmail.com



Bracket Challenge Lure Coursing *update*

by Gregory Breitbach
Experimental Programs
Committee Chair

The Bracket Challenge Lure Coursing experimental program was approved by the ASFA Board of Directors at the annual in-person meeting. A change was made to the name to specify that it is lure coursing by adding the word “Lure” into the title.

On Sunday of the ACoD, there was a detailed discussion of the program. Several changes were suggested. There was discussion that some owners of large hounds will not run with small hounds and vice versa. To address this problem, the committee started meeting immediately after the discussion, and agreed to the following new wording.

Section 4. There will be no separation according to breed. *When there are a minimum of 4 hounds of the following breeds: Basenji, Cirneco dell’Etna, Italian Greyhound, Peruvian Inca Orchid, Podengo Poqueno, Portuguese Podengo, Silken Windhound, they will be placed in their own bracket. If there are fewer than 4, the owner/agent of these hounds may either run in the standard bracket or may withdraw their hounds and receive a full refund of their entry fees.*

This question also came up: “Does a dismissal in the experimental program go against the hounds record?” It is believed that O-RCD16 should cover this. “A dismissal at a Fun Trial does not count against a hound as an official dismissal.” A motion will be made to the board to explicitly state it.

Greg

Gregory Breitbach
Experimental Programs Committee Chair



JUDGES LICENSING COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORTS

February and March 2023

by Gregory Breitbach
Committee Chair

FEBRUARY JUDGES LICENSING REPORT – February 2023

This report is submitted by the Chair of Judges Licensing and is current as of 2/28/2023.

Notes from Judges Licensing:

Leigh Littleton recently decided to retire from ASFA judging. I want to take this opportunity to thank Leigh Littleton for all the years he has put into the organization. He was a prolific judge and headed the Judge Licensing and Judges Committee for years prior to my taking the reins. Leigh has been a great mentor. He intends to remain on the Judges Committee to continue providing his expertise to the betterment of ASFA judges.

The complete yearly judge numbers will be published next month after the ACoD. At that time, the top 10 judges for 2022 will be announced.

Gregory Breitbach
Chair Judges Licensing
JudgesLic@asfa.org

NOTICES:

An * indicates the second publication.

The following individual(s) have applied for a Provisional License.

The following individual(s) have applied for a Regular License of the breeds indicated.

*Gordon Cheung Ib, W
Gordon Cheung G

The following are additions/updates/corrections to the current judges list.

Don Ewing new address: 17 Marigold Dr. Bluffton SC. 29909

Carlee and Ian Davies new address: 5300 Zebulon Road Unit 15, Macon, GA 31210



MARCH

JUDGES LICENSING REPORT – March 2023

This report is submitted by the Chair of Judges Licensing and is current as of 3/25/2023.

Notes from Judges Licensing:

The complete yearly judge numbers are on the next page.

Following is a list of judges who have not judged since 2020 and are required to judge this year to maintain their license:

Birchfield, Todd	Curry, Steve
Franklin, Renee	Garwacki, Linda
Hamilton, Cindy	Leborn, Torrea
Hefner, Kammi	Leonard, Tracy
Ward, Greg	Newton, Garry
Yerty, Elaine	Runyan, Gary

I have reached out to Gary Runyan and Steve Curry and received replies that their address was not found. If anyone has a current active email address for these individuals, please forward them to me.

Gregory Breitbach
Chair Judges Licensing
JudgesLic@asfa.org

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2022 Dogs Judged by Individuals

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2. Marciszewski, Bob 309
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This is the first in a series of articles intended to encourage discussion, demystify, and expand our appreciation of lure operating in our sport. Our lure operating community will be invited to contribute to the discussion. - Dean Wright

Understanding Lure Operating from the Sidelines

by Dean Wright
with Sally MacDowell

What does the lure operator do? Basically, they push a button which turns on a motor which pulls a string with trash bags attached (the lure) along the ground in front of the dogs fast enough to see it and chase it. But what are they really trying to accomplish?

The lure operator is there to give the dogs their best chance to have a good time with a great run. One lure operator describes it as dancing with dogs.

How can you learn to recognize what lure operator is doing? First, observe lure operation when your own dogs are *not* running. Watch the lure operation both for your own breed and for other breeds because running style varies from breed to breed.

There are three primary aspects to lure operating. The most important of these is safety. The lure operator is responsible for the safety of the dogs on the field. That overshadows anything else. The other two are of equal importance. The lure operator wants to give the judges something to judge and to allow the dogs to perform well - you might say – to allow the dogs look good.

Safety includes showing dogs the corners so that the dogs can make those athletic moves without risk of injury. The lure needs to be ahead of all dogs so that they don't risk running into each other.

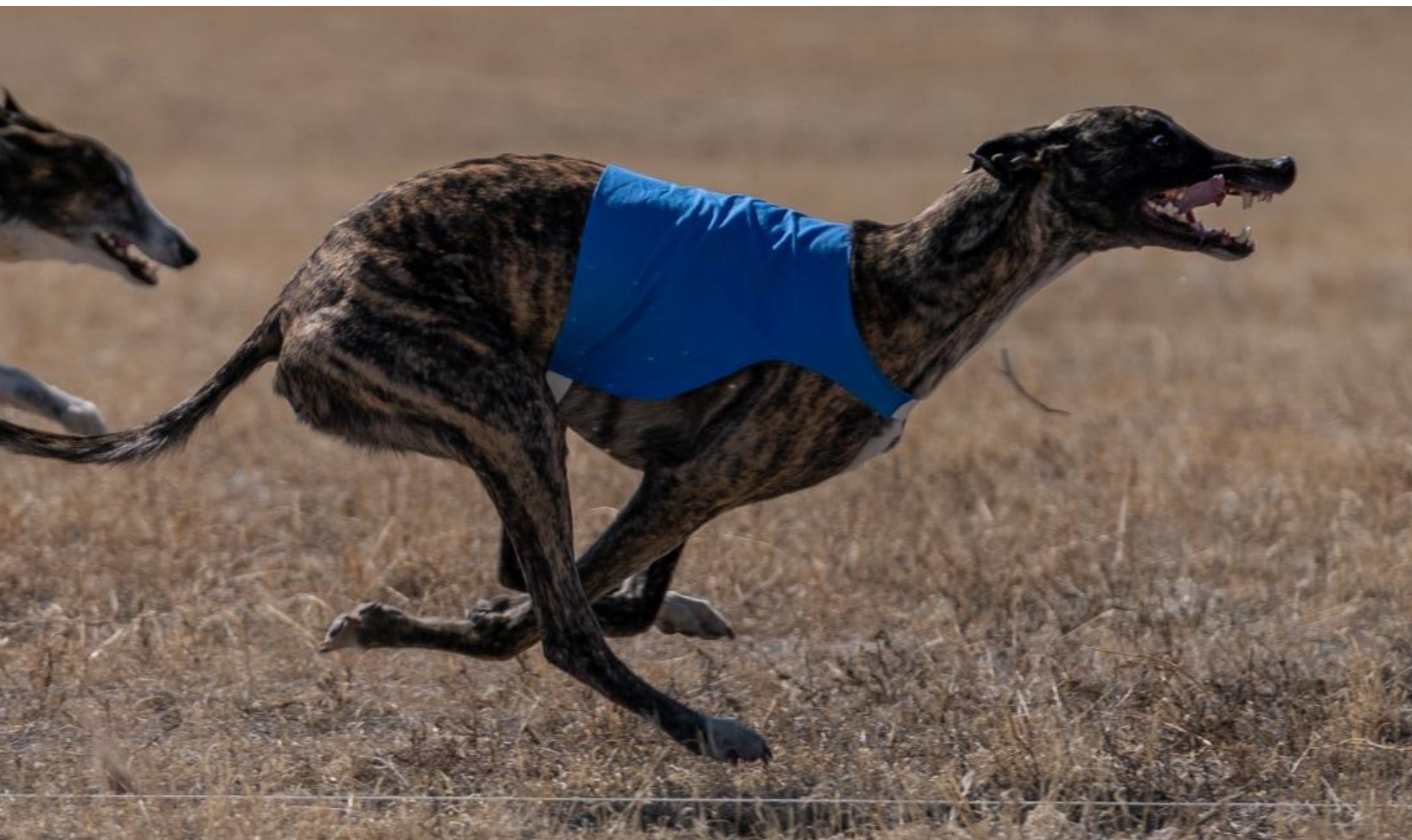
Giving the judge something to judge and giving the dogs their best chance to have a good run are two sides of the same coin. The lure has to be within sight of the dogs and far enough away to be a challenge. Generally, that is 10 to 30 yards

ahead of the dogs as directed in the Running Rules. However, this distance can vary with the conditions on the field, the breed on the field, and the individual dog(s) on the field. Sometimes when dogs are center surfing, slowing the lure a little may draw them back out to the line, but at other times, it is successful to speed it up. Some dogs run better when the lure is far out in front of them. Some dogs run better when the lure is close enough, so they think they have a chance to catch it.

To read about the fundamentals of lure operating contained in the ASFA Running Rules and Lure Operators Guide, go to:

ASFA Running Rules Chapter II Officials, Section 5, Lure Operator, page 9:
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When Rabbits Designed Lure Courses

by Patricia Gail Burnham

“ . . . how does one design a course plan to simulate a rabbit run? It is easy: 1. Use the longest possible initial straight; 2. Follow it by a series of turns (5 to 8); and 3. Follow those with another long straight to test endurance.”

In the (good?) old days, back in 1972 or so, when lure coursing was started, most of the people involved had graduated from open field coursing and were running their dogs in both sports. Their actual hunting experience influenced both the early course plans and the judging. These people knew what was required of a dog in a successful rabbit course. They relied on that knowledge when it came to lure coursing; and they set out to design lure courses that would simulate live coursing, and test the same qualities in a dog that it would need for real hunting.

Then lure coursing spread to areas where coursing live game is illegal, or impractical; and people who have never seen a rabbit run by hounds took to designing course plans and judging. The similarity between lure and classic coursing diminished. In live coursing, the rabbit and the dogs design each course plan and, while each one will be slightly different, there are basic similarities that underlie all the courses. These are the things that early lure folks tried to design into their course plans which have been lost lately. This is a pity, because a properly designed course plan can simplify the judging, speed up the trial, decrease the number of reruns needed, and improve the dogs safety.

For folks who have never seen actual coursing, an explanation is in order. Anything can happen once the dogs are slipped; but more courses follow a fairly fixed pattern: the rabbit is given a head start and the dogs are slipped. With the exception of Salukis, the dogs sprinting off the start are going to show the most speed available to them. Their first goal in the course is to overcome the rabbit's lead. If they are not fast enough to do that, the rabbit will simply run away from them, and it wins. However, usually the dogs will manage to overtake the rabbit after a very long straight run (called the run up) in which they and the rabbit all get tired. The fastest dog will get close to the rabbit. At that point the rabbit will start a series of turns. Rabbits weigh less than dogs, so they can turn quicker than the dogs.

Each time the rabbit turns, it will gain ground on the dog closest to it. This gives the second and third dogs a chance to gain ground in the turn by cutting the corner. Passing in a turn like this is not going to help their score since it displays neither superior speed nor agility. In this part of the course, the rabbit will use a series of turns to test the dogs' agility (this is called working the rabbit).

There are rarely more than six or eight turns, during which the dogs and rabbits get even more tired. Then, one of two things will happen: either the rabbit will tire or make a mistake and be caught, or it will wear the dogs down enough so that it can safely try to run straight away from them once more. This is the final part of a course (generally called a tail chase). The dogs are determined not to give up, but may be too tired to force another turn; so you will see a tired rabbit leading some very tired dogs off into the distance. (Here is where Salukis are the exception, because at this point in a course they may start running their strongest, shift into high gear and look like they have decided to get serious. This is the part of the course where a talented Saluki will demonstrate its special skills. There are Salukis who just cruise through the early part of a course and then begin to sprint at this point.) It is in the last part of the course where endurance is tested, while exhausted dogs try to force one more turn on a tired rabbit.

For most breeds, speed is demonstrated and mostly judged during the run-up; agility is best demonstrated in the middle of the course while the dogs are working the rabbit; and endurance is displayed in the final tail chase. Why does this matter when it comes to designing plans for lure coursing? If there are a bunch of sharp turns right at the start of a course, the fastest dog may never have a chance to display its speed as it overruns the corners and loses the lead at each pulley. By the time it reaches a straightaway, where it could use its speed, it may have learned to hold back, waiting for the next turn. It may also be injured in the early turns, where stress fractures are likely. If the dogs have a straight run-up, and have a chance to blow off their early speed and intensity, they will be using less stress in the turns when they come to them and reduce their risk of injury. Dogs that have just been slipped are running very hot and their judgment is not the best. They will run straight through barbed wire fences at this point, while later in a course they would notice the hazard and handle it safely. The same applies to sharp turns, where some breeds of dogs can turn so strongly that they can fracture their own legs. It is not necessary. Given an initial run-up to let them demonstrate their maximum speed, the dogs are then running slower and more reasonably, and staying closer to the rabbit when the turns take place.

So, how does one design a course plan to simulate a rabbit run? It is easy:

- 1 Use the longest possible initial straight,
- 2 Follow by a series of turns (5-8), and
- 3 Follow those with another long straight to test endurance.

When the course is reversed, the finishing straight becomes the run up for the reversed direction and the preliminary run-up becomes the endurance straight.

Is there anything you need to know about the turns? For one thing, rabbits generally turn from 15 to 90 degrees from their old direction. In normal running they NEVER turn more than 90 degrees for a very good reason: it would take them toward the second or third place dogs who are, at the moment, cutting the corner to reach them. Rabbits are not stupid enough to run toward dogs. They never turn the 135 degree turns that are so dear to the heard of some lure operators. Why are lure operators so fond of them? It beats me. What such a turn does is break the stride of the lead dog and let the slower dogs cut to take over the lead. That makes the judge's life more complicated.

There are two foolproof ways to handicap and break the stride of a good, fast dog. One is to use turns in excess of 90 degrees, especially at the end of a long straight so the fastest dog is leading by a good distance. The second is to set a 90 degree turn close to the start so the fastest dog is flying off the corner while its slower or wise course mates are cutting to take the lead.

What happens when a hard running dog has its stride broken? When a dog has been running for a while, it is using the action of its stride to help it breathe. The expansion and contraction of the

stride assists the diaphragm muscles in forcing air in and out of the lungs. In order to do that, its breathing has to be in rhythm with its stride. When a dog is crunched in a corner and has to slow way down, turn, then accelerate again, its stride is slowed; and during that period, it is not going to be able to breathe as often or as deeply as when it was running straight. What happens is that its oxygen debt increases, and the dog feels like a marathoner who has, in their terms, “run into the wall”. The dog feels terrible and will not feel right again until it has gotten back into an extended stride and run for some distance. A dog coming out of such a corner looks like it is hurting, and it is. The real problem, though, is that the dogs who followed it into the corner had room to cut, ran a smooth turn, did not break stride, and will not only be in the lead but they will be feeling just fine. A really keen dog who gets hurt often enough by this kind of turn may learn to avoid the pain by holding back and not running full out, or it will watch for turns and practice cutting. Why should we punish the very dogs that we should be rewarding?

Difficult corners can make the judge’s job tough. If the judge knows what has happened to the lead dog and scores it high because it lost the lead to lure operation and course design, not to greater speed or agility, the judge may well award the course to a dog who as only led occasionally. Knowing when to do that is the judge’s job; but it is easier to judge a course that does not handicap the fastest dogs. A good course plan simplifies judging by making the best dogs apparent to all the watchers, not just the sophisticated ones.

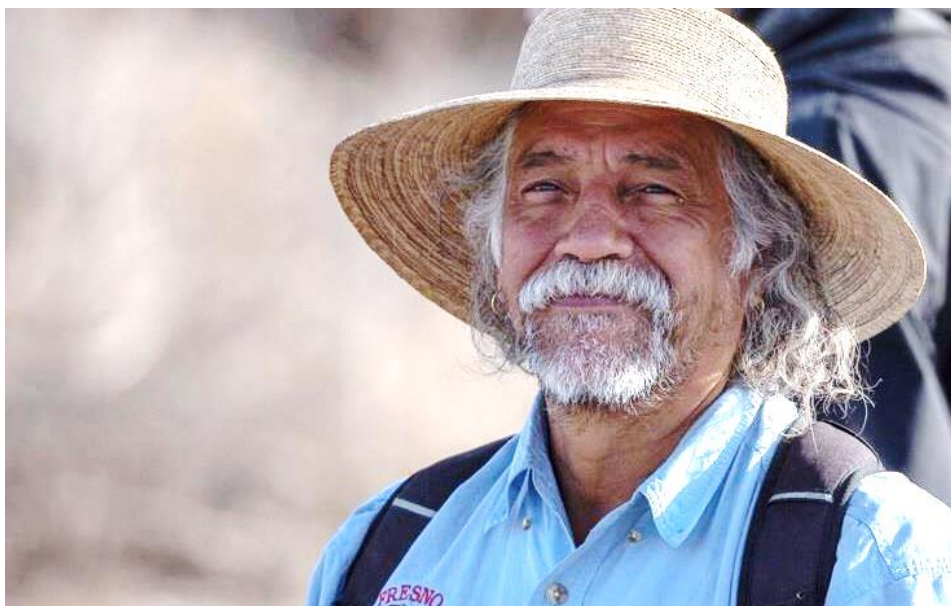
One last word about turns: lure machines can zip the lure around a pulley without slowing it down at all so the lead dog has no warning of the turn. Rabbits, on the other hand, have something called inertia and momentum. They cannot change direction instantaneously. They have to slow up first. They have to change their ear and tail positions, which warns the dog of the coming turn and gives the dog a chance to start to slow down. The first warning a dog has of a lure turn is the moment the lure rounds the pulley. That is no warning at all. What can we do about that? Setting an extra pulley in a sharp corner helps. If we set two pulleys at a 90 degree turn, the dog can start to turn when the lure hits the first pulley.

Actually, a lot of corner problems could be solved by adding pulleys. You say that your club does not have enough pulleys to use two at a corner? The solution is easy. Decrease the total number of turns in the course. You don’t really need many to measure agility and follow.

The shape of a course plan can determine who wins when the dogs are running it, so there is a more serious reason to design course plans that resemble rabbit courses. The coursing breeds were created by being selected to successfully run their native game. If they start competing under other criteria and are selected for success under different conditions, then the breeds are going to change. I rather approve of what hundreds of years of coursing rabbits and other game have created in my own breed. I would hate to see it changed by people who did not understand the interrelationship between coursing hounds and their prey. These dogs were not designed by artists to romp with Icart models*. They were created by selecting for coursing qualities which we can simulate in lure coursing if we take the time to obtain a good sized field and the care to design the course plan properly.

* *Louis Icart was a French Art Deco era artist known for drawings of glamorous women, often erotic or mildly humorous in tone.*

Interview with Ernest Abresch



Hi Ernie. Thank you for giving the Communique' this interview. You are a storied breeder of tremendously athletic Afghan Hounds. Let's begin at the beginning. How long have you had sighthounds:

I got my first Afghan around 48 years ago. Mostly I've had Afghan Hounds, but also some Borzoi and Greyhounds.

What are the main activities that you've done with your dogs?

Hunting, open-field coursing, lure coursing, and oval track racing.

How did you get started in hunting, and what drew you to Afghan hounds in particular?

It was unlike anything that would happen today. One Saturday morning in 1971 on Ancon Hill in the Panama Canal Zone Michael O'Neill and I went out to slay the mighty capybara. With us we brought warriors untested, but eager to do battle: Saber, the German Shepherd, born in Dusseldorf to dubious parents; Cindy, the young Great Dane puppy, whose feet were as big as penny loafers; and Michael's Mishma Khan, the swift-footed, black Afghan Hound. No ribbons were awarded, no pictures were taken, no records were kept, but on that day on that hillside in Panama, a journey began. "Someday", I said to myself, "I will have an Afghan Hound".

How did you get your first Afghan hound?

Little did I know that a few years later, in 1975, I would be bringing an Afghan Hound of my own back to Panama. I was recuperating in Walter Reed Hospital from an Army injury that led to my medical discharge. As it happens, Michael O'Neill lived nearby, and he would pick me up on the weekends. He also happened to know Wally Pede.*

Nothing happens by accident. One night Wally invited Mike and me to dinner. Before sitting down to eat he introduced his hound. Out came a big black-and-tan Afghan "Native Dancer". I suppose to this day that's why black-and-tan are my favorite markings. First impressions are difficult to forget.

Dinner was served. Talks were held. And Wally agreed to send me a puppy once I got back to Panama. Wally was sharp, to the point, and not easily fooled. He must have seen something in me. He was not wrong from my first Afghan "Fleetwood" to now. Fleetwood became a family member, my mom even cooked for him.

**Colonel Wallace "Wally" Pede bred Afghan Hounds under the Scheherezade prefix starting in the 1950s when he was stationed in England. He was the first American to win the Hound Group at Crufts with Afghan Hound Bletchingley Ragman of Scheherezade. Scheherezade Afghan Hounds produced many champions and influential dogs. He was an AKC Judge known for his knowledge and mentorship.*

Upper right: Ernie with Jazz.

Lower right:

Koyanni, from an ad in FAN magazine.

How did you get into dog activities in the United States?

I moved to California and got an Afghan named "Jazz" *Jazz Dancer of Sheherezade LCM* from Wally Pede. Jazz was a good boy and good runner. Mike O'Neill had a Sheherezade Afghan named "Amber" *Amberfax of Synergon*. We would hunt with Jazz and Amber around Chino, California. We hunted in the desert and ran rabbits whenever we could. Other animals can pop up. Mike had to rescue the dogs once they went after a herd of wild boar – very dangerous. And once, when a bobcat popped up, Jazz gave chase, turned the bobcat and they got into a fight.

How did you get involved in open field coursing?

We discovered open field coursing in Merced, California. Merced was the Mecca for NOFCA open field coursing. We went to every hunt around Merced, and we also traveled to open field hunts to the Mohave Dessert, New Mexico, and Wyoming for white tails.

How were your Afghans as hunters?

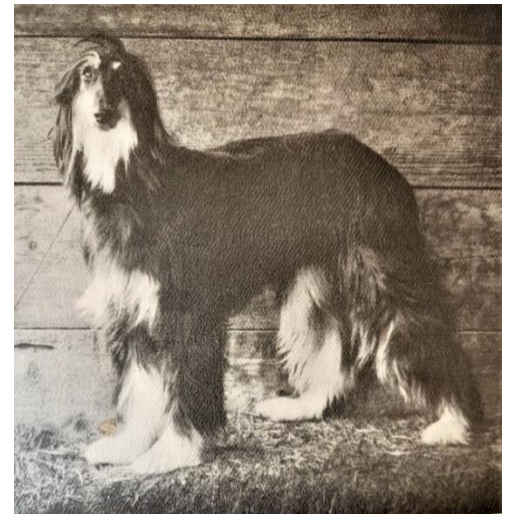
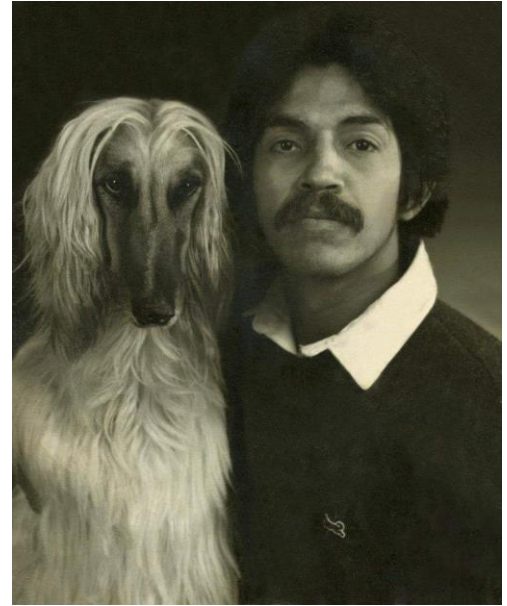
Our Sheherezade Afghans were enthusiastic hunters, but they were slow. They had the heads for it and the hearts. They were very determined. Sometimes in open field coursing when our Afghans would run with a Greyhound, they would go to the left or the right – as hunters do, and you could tell that the Greyhound expected a little help from them. But they could not help. They were too slow. In all those years of open field coursing, they were eliminated after the preliminary course. They never made it to the final. I decided I wanted an Afghan fast enough to run up on a rabbit and hang in with the Greyhounds, good Whippets and Salukis. Afghans may not be fast enough to beat those breeds, but they should be able to hang in with them.

They were fast enough to catch up to a deer. Once when they caught up to a deer, the deer jumped a fence to get away, then it ran to a lake and swam away. Someone in a boat on the lake later reported he saw a deer swim past his boat with two dogs swimming in pursuit. The deer got away. I would love to have seen that. I was always looking for faster Afghans. I wanted the best.

Did you do any lure coursing back then?

Jazz was a good lure courser. I did a lot of lure coursing with Jazz and his sons, "Nemi" and "Flaco". One year I drove from Santa Barbara to Pennsylvania in my tiny Vega to run Jazz and his boys. Then after the Pennsylvania trials I went to Hershey and ate and ate chocolate. That year I crisscrossed the USA in my Vega looking for trials, running my three Afghan boys, and visiting interesting places. Jazz earned his LCM. We camped, stayed with friends, or stayed in motels. That was probably one of the most exciting times of my life. No cell phone and few planned destinations. Mike's Amber was also a very good lure courser. In addition to the open field coursing NOFCA Afghan Cup that she won in 1981 and 1982, Amber won the California Coursing Trophy in 1984 and 1985, and in 1983, the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Best of Breed, where she defeated more than 40 Afghans.

My first star lure courser was "Koyanni" *Koyaanisquatsi of Synergon LCM*. Although she was not super-fast, Koyanni was a beautiful runner. With her, I flew around the country to trials. Koyanni won Best in Event at the Grand National, BOB at the II in Texas, and she could have won BOB at the Afghan Hound National Specialty if only I had pulled our Open dog, "Takhta" *Takhta Pul Dune von Synergon LCM*.



KOYAANISQUATSI of SYNERGON, LCM

BOB Saturday and Sunday, September 1987 Grand National
BOB Saturday and Sunday, January 1988 International Invitational
1st Place Field Champion, 1988 Afghan Hound Club of America
BF Sunday, 1988 Grand National

Planned October breeding to Orange K Sulimann, owned by Lila S. Wadsworth

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Takhta was an excellent lure courser. In 1989, he was the #4 ASFA Afghan Hound with 129 dogs defeated, 7 BOBs, and 1 BIF. He was the product of our breeding to a strong, sound dog named "Topper" *Oranje Topper Of Bhagendd*. Topper had European oval track racers behind him, which is probably why Takhta, his siblings, and his offspring were faster than our other dogs. Takhta's litter sister Gesserit *Bene Gesserit of Synergon LCM* was one of our best lure courses. In 1989, Gesserit was the #2 Afghan Hound with 178 dogs defeated and 8 BOBs.

I met some really nice folks in those years. It was an impressive group of people who really knew their craft. Les Pekarski was a standout. He was great fun, a tremendous asset for the sport, and a very good judge. Everyone who knew him has a Les Pakarski story. This is mine: Les and I agreed to meet in Texas and run our Afghans together at a trial near Houston. At that time, Les had a half-brother of Takhta named "Pal" and another Afghan named "Mindbender". I flew into Houston from California with Koyanni. Les was supposed to pick us up at the airport and drive to the trial. But Les didn't show up. Koyanni and I hitched a ride to the field for the trials and had a great weekend. Les called me a few days after I got home and asked if I was ready to fly to Houston for the trials. He had mixed up the dates.

You've bred Afghan Hounds over the years under the Synergon. Why the name Synergon?

Michael came up with the name Synergon, which contains the idea of "working together". He envisioned hunting with birds of prey.

Were there many other Afghans participating in open field and lure coursing in California in the early years?

A lot of Afghans were lure coursing, but none except ours were open field coursing. I was head of an Afghan Hound club, and to increase interest in open field coursing, I would go to dog shows and do everything I could to encourage the Afghan Hound show people to come and watch or try open field coursing.

At one of those shows Bruce and Rosemary Sutton introduced me to a visiting European weightlifter, who it turned out, also was very involved in the oval track racing with Afghans in the Netherlands. He came out and watched our Afghans run open field. He was impressed by how well our dogs ran, but he said they were slow compared to the racers in Europe. After he returned to Europe we continued communicating.

Then, in 1988 Michael imported a puppy from European oval track racing lines. She was called "Wrist Rocket" *D Wrist Rocket Synergon El Buzkashi (Mohahazy Haradin Hamadshan x Chota El Buzkashi)*. Wrist Rocket was fast. Her offspring were fast enough to turn jacks. It was a major leap in our breeding program.

Two of Wrist Rocket's offspring were extraordinary hunters: "Lippy" *Najonas Lipskein of Synergon*; and "Tully" *Turbo Flippers Of Synergon (Takhta x Wrist Rocket)*. They earned open field coursing CC (Coursing Champion) and CM (Courser of Merit) titles, which is difficult for an Afghan Hound. We also tried to lure course Lippy and Tully. But neither of them showed any interest in the lure coursing.

*Above: Ernie with Gesserit
Below: Ernie with Lippy and Tully*



My last dog from those years was “Zoom Zoom” *Zoom Zoom of Synergon*. When she died in my arms, I thought that I was done with Afghans forever.

How were you able to revive your dream of finding faster Afghan Hounds?

I did a lot of reading and developed contacts with European racing Afghan breeders. I became very interested in European racing dogs. I had seen professional Greyhound races, but there wasn't LGRA or NOTRA racing around me.

I decided. “Someday”, I said to myself, “I will go to Europe and watch the Afghan Hound races”. I eventually got to Europe. I watched the World Racing Championships. There were a lot of Afghans competing. I gained new information about speed from watching them race.

I was hooked.

How did you get European racing Afghans?

Through an unusual set of circumstances in 2008-2009, I received a world class pair of retired racers. They were bred in the Netherlands by the van de Bremmen kennel. They came to me from Bea Sakers. The female, “Vuri” *Vuri-Durran van de Bremmen*, was the 2006 European Racing Championship winner, who set multiple track records. The male, “Xoran” *Xandramani van de Bremmen*, was the 2008 European Racing Champion.

I need to emphasize that these incredible dogs fell into my lap. These great dogs were the product of generations of careful breeding. I stand on the shoulders of great breeders that have gone before. Great runners are not born in a vacuum. I was fortunate enough that Bea Sakers believed in me and allowed me to carry forward the legacy of these two great hounds.

Were the European Racing Afghans What you had hoped for? In a word: Yes. I kept the male “Xoran” and I offered the female “Vuri” to Michael. Eventually we bred them, and they produced what turned out to be one of the greatest Afghan running litters. Michael and I kept three of the offspring; the two females “Kepi” and “Habbi”; and one male “Junior”.

Two of the boys, “Hakim” and “Hurricane”, went back to Europe. Hakim went on to win the World Oval Track Racing Championship twice, and the European Racing Championship once. Hurricane came in second at the World Oval Championship, behind his brother Hakim. I took Kepi to Europe to race at the 2014 World Oval Track Championship in Tampere, Finland, which she went on to win. In the United States, Kepi won Best In Event at the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty in 2013. She was also the Highest Scoring Open Field Coursing Afghan. Habbi also won Best in Event at the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty. Junior went on to sire of some of the top lure coursing and racing Afghans in the USA.



Below: Xoran



Ari Salmela Photography

Kepi in red at the 2014 World Oval Track Championship competition

It is fascinating that the Europeans who breed for racing produced great athletes in lure coursing and open field coursing. I believe that the qualities that the European racing breeders select for are among the qualities that would have been desirable in the country of origin (COO). So, they have been actually preserving qualities that Afghans had in their COO. The European racing Afghans also morphologically resemble the COO hounds.

Why did you decide to get a COO Afghan Hound?

I never envisioned breeding Afghan Hounds to totally to preserve the past. That is theirs - their world, their needs. The Afghan Hounds of the past represented years and years of successful selection that adapted to their needs and conditions. They were as perfect as perfect can be when they began arriving on Western shores.

Time eventually changes all. I have always admired the COO Afghan hounds and knew someday I would get one, not necessarily to preserve them, but to draw on their unique qualities. I have had no regrets about some of the past Afghans we bred, such as the Sheherezade hounds and currently the Van de Bremmens. They are part of the journey.

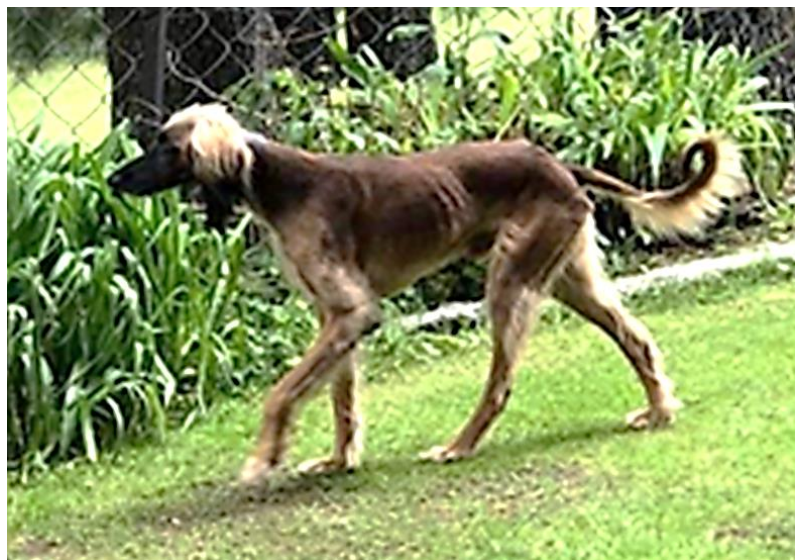
As good as the European racers are, I've held on to the thought that Afghans in the COO would have other fine qualities that even the best racing dogs have lost. That is because to run game successfully, you must run game successfully for generation after generation. No hounds outside of the COO have done this. It doesn't take many generations to lose desirable qualities. Lure coursing and racing preserve some but not all of those desirable qualities.

Tell us about your COO Afghan Hound

For countless years it had been my dream to see an Afghan Hound from its native lands hunt on the soil of the American Southwest. With the help of my friend Ali Hasnain from Islamabad, Pakistan, this dream became a reality in 2021. Ali was able to locate a beautiful male with hunting experience among some tribal people. They graciously gifted Ali the male, who is now named "Kabul Kahn". Ali, in turn, graciously gifted Kabul Kahn to me. Kabul Khan had an extraordinary journey starting from Kunduz province in Afghanistan which borders Turkmenistan, to Islamabad via Kabul, Kandahar, Chaman (Pakistan), Quetta, Dera Ismail Khan, & Pindi Bhattian. From Quetta onwards he traveled in the trunk of a beat-up red Toyota Corolla! Kabul Kahn arrived in Islamabad, Pakistan on 9th January 2021. Kabul Kahn then rehabbed with Ali and his wife for 6 months before undertaking the 54 hour journey from Islamabad to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport where he was met by Michael and came to his new home with me in New Mexico.

Kabul Kahn was bred to Michael's girl "Luka" *Lazul Of Synergon*, which resulted in a litter of 7 puppies that were whelped on January 1, 2023. We are excited about their future.

Kabul Kahn in Islamabad



How do you see the future of hunting and running sports?

As much as I love open field coursing, I believe that lure coursing is the future. Open field coursing has been shrinking for decades. There are fewer fields, fewer jacks, an aging fancy, and many of the enthusiasts did not return after the pandemic. I don't see how it could grow, or even cease to shrink.

Lure coursing can be exciting. The three-day Grand National, for example, is a good challenge that is exciting and demanding. It is a class operation and Deann Britton and Connie Sullivan deserve credit for the continued success.

Over the years I have seen lure coursing trying less and less to mimic open field coursing. The two have always been different. It is only natural that lure coursing has grown into its own discipline. Yes, there are hints of an open field course. I think - not 100 percent sure - that when folks release their hounds they are thinking that they are chasing a hare or replicating it. I mean the lure has its own characteristic that elicits a different feeling. Ha - that in itself is rewarding enough.

Lure coursing is not just the dog. It is a relationship between the owner and dog, and the dog feels it. That's why I like to slip my own hounds if I can. I believe that unseen energy between the dog and owner can translate into the dog's performance on the course. Dogs thrive on knowing us, often better than we do them. Great trainers tend to be calm and have routines that make the hound comfortable. I think they function in tandem with the hound.

This is a long and continuing journey. Can you say something about your next steps?

I want to thank everyone who has helped me along on this journey. I could not have done this alone.

I used to do all of this as much for myself as for the hounds. Now, I think I have what I want in them. So, I do it for them - because they like it. I don't know where this journey will go next or where it will end. Lately, I think that I got Kabul from Afghanistan, and perhaps that's it. But then, I remember that I was never really in control of it all. So, I enjoy the moment and let tomorrow take care of itself.

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- **LAZUL** OF SYNERGON (**LUKA**) - 2022 ASFA II BREED WINNER, LGRA NATIONAL WINNER, GRAND NATIONAL WINNER
- **LIWA CHALI** OF SYNERGON -2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LURE COURSING WINNER
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LUKA PRODUCED 7 OFFSPRINGS SIRED BY COO IMPORT **KABUL KHAN** OF SYNERGON (AFG), THE NEXT GENERATION OF PERFORMANCE BRED AFGHAN HOUNDS.

WATCH FOR THEM ON THE FIELD AND ON THE TRACK.

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Afghan Yousha

NSBIE FC Paschdou's Yousha

FCh, SC, GRC, ORC, BII, NSBIE

Owner Don Papin, Sally Papin, M & D Bahm

Breeder Daniela & Wilfried Bormacher

In 2008 Yousha won BOB at the AHCA (Afghan Hound Club of America) National Specialty ASFA Trial. She then went on to defeat the National Specialty AKC Trial BOB winner, taking 2008 AHCA National Specialty Best In Event. In 2009, Yousha went Best in the II. She was only the second Afghan Hound ever to win BII. That same year she earned her ASFA Field Championship. In 2010 Yousha again won the AHCA National Specialty Best in Event. This time she first won BOB in the AKC National Specialty field trial. She then went on to defeat the ASFA National Specialty BOB winner to take the 2010 AHCA National Specialty BIE. In 2010 Yousha also won BOB at the ASFA II, and she earned an AKC lure coursing field championship.

In 2013, after giving birth to her first litter, Yousha returned to the lure coursing field, going BOB and then Afghan Hound Breed Representative in the AKC NLCC (National Lure Coursing Championship). Over her career, Yousha went Best of Breed in every ASFA trial that she entered.

Yousha was whelped on January 4, 2007, in Germany. She was bred by Daniela and Wilfried Bormacher, whose "Paschdou" Afghan Hounds are prized throughout Europe. Yousha was imported to the US and owned by Sally Papin. Later Deborah and Maurice Bahm became co-owners. Yousha was not destined to become a show dog. She was well-balanced and beautifully structured, but her coat was highly "patterned", rather than long and dramatic, like the coats that are favored in the show ring.

Yousha won national racing events as well as lure coursing events. In 2008 she won both the LGRA and NOTRA National Race Meets. In addition to her lure coursing titles, Yousha earned LGRA GRC (Gazehound Racing Champion) and NOTRA ORC (Oval Racing Champion) titles.

Yousha was the Dam of 2 litters, whelped in December 2012 and March 2014. She produced good performance dogs, including multi Best in Field winning, Best in Region 5 winning, multiple II BOB winning "Tango" FC Debmar's Surrender to the Dance FCh, JOR, ORC, GRC, LCX, MC.

Yousha was sweet tempered. She got along with everyone. She had a huge prey drive, and a will to win. Those who were privileged to see Yousha lure course will remember the explosive speed combined with tremendous agility that set her apart. I believe that Yousha is worthy of a place in the ASFA Hall of Fame alongside the other great lure coursing Afghan Hounds. Yousha was NSBIE FC Paschdou's Yousha FCh, SC, GRC, ORC, BII, NSBIE.



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Scottish Deerhound **HART**

DC CH Highland Glen Chartwell Silver SC, LCM3
Owner Pam White Breeder Norma Sellers



Hart is the #5 Lifetime Scottish Deerhound. He defeated 324 dogs, won 13 BOBs and 1 BIF.

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Ibizan Hound **SAILOR**

AKC/CKC DC UCh

ICYCOLD FIRSTMATE

LCM6 VFCh FCHX SC SRM

Owner/Breeder – Dr Karen Catt



Sailor LOVED to run . . . and run . . . AND run. He was a line runner! You may recognize his name for just that or perhaps you were one of the many who helped to capture him. I faked injuries, pretended to drive away, used an ATV, tasty foods, a muzzle, a flirt pole and more. Sometimes I could trap him in a crossover but when HE decided, he usually stopped in front of the lure operator or the huntmaster. At least he didn't run off the field. Sailor was from the first litter I bred. Two boys stood out. "You want a male that people don't have to look under to figure what they are", Laurie Soutar (Lakilanni Grehyounds) told me. So, I kept the more masculine boy. I never regretted that decision!!

Unlike many Ibizan males, Sailor was competitive at a year of age. He was a joy to watch on the field, exhibiting speed, agility and even follow. Sailor was #7 ASFA Lifetime Top 20 (87 BOBs, 8 BIFs). There were a few BIEs too, including the Grand Prix, twice the Winter challenge, and of course 2 Gillette Cup wins.

Sailor was a CKC, AKC and UKC show Champion with group wins/placements in CKC and UKC. He also coursed in AKC, CKC and UKC. He did straight and oval racing in Canada. He held his own in NOFCA including the mixed breed hunts. He was #17 on

the Top 20 in 2016 (age 11). He came out of retirement to run at the inaugural Canadian ASFA trial on May 27, 2017. He passed away at age 14.5.

Sailor extended his legacy through 2 litters with multi-titled offspring in several venues, who excel in coursing (2018 Gillette Cup winner, 2018 ASFA #1 Hound All Breeds, #11 Lifetime Top 20, several on the Ibizan Top 20 for multiple years).



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VICKIE JACOBS

Vickie began lure coursing in 1984. She was a founding member of Heartland Coursing Association (HCA) in Region 5. She worked at all of their trials every year until the pandemic, serving variously as Field Clerk, Field Trial Chair, Huntmaster and Judge. She was also the long-time ASFA delegate, the HCA Secretary, and she served several terms as President.

Vickie served as Field Trial Secretary for multiple Basenji Club of America National Specialty Field Trials. She was instrumental in getting the Show-Me Basenji Club to host ASFA field trials, and she served as Field Trial Secretary for most of their trials.

Vickie had a very successful breeding program under the kennel name “Cynosure”. She bred and owned at least 10 generations of ASFA titled dogs, beginning with her first Basenji LCM titles in the mid-1980s. She finished her last ASFA title in 2017 – after titling ASFA hounds for over 30 years.

Vicki had BIF dogs and many dogs in the Top Ten. Her dogs often won, first the Cynosure Cup, and then the Anubis Cup, which is awarded to BOB Basenji at the Region 5 Invitational. Vickie was the breeder and co-owner of the #1 ASFA lure coursing Basenji in 1997. She finished many dual champions and dogs with multiple working titles (AKC obedience and tracking, barn hunt, scent work). She always insisted that a well-rounded Basenji had a title on both ends! She trained, showed, and worked all of her dogs herself, with the occasional assistance of her husband, Russ, or friends.

In 1999 Vickie won the job of ASFA Membership Chair and held that position until about 2015 - ushering it into the electronic era. She chaired the ACoD Site Selection Committee and the ACoD Planning Committee. She became the ACoD Planner in 2007 and held that job until her death. In fact, she had planned the 2023 ACoD in Kansas City. ACoD Planner was a year-round job, with hotel selection and negotiation beginning at least two years before the ACoD. Vickie’s conventions seldom if ever lost money, and often they showed a profit. Vicki also served on other ASFA committees. She chaired the Advisory Committee on Animal Issues for over 20 years.



Vickie became an ASFA judge in about 2010. She judged many local and regional trials, national and regional breed specialties, and the International Invitational. Vicki also supported her local kennel club, the Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, as President, Secretary, Chief Ring Steward, and Show Chair.

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**GARY FORRESTER
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
PING PIRRUNG**

In 1975, Ping went to her first trial at Vale Vue in West Chester, Pennsylvania with her Borzoi. And as luck would have it, her Borzoi didn't run. Then in 1976, she got her first Whippet, and it was made clear that her Whippet wasn't a lure courser either. It wasn't until 1977 that Ping had Borzoi puppies that wanted to run. And so, it began.

In 1978 Ping became a Founding Member of the Tri-State Sighthound Club (TSSC) where she held positions as Treasurer and President, along with Chief Cook & Bottle Washer. In around 1981/1982 Ping got her first Whippets that wanted to run.

In the early 80's Ping's farm was the venue for one of the first International Invitationals. This was the first II to run 2 fields, which was a huge success and overall improvement for what is now ASFA's premiere event. Ping has since been a part of many International Invitationals, serving as Field Trial Secretary, Field Clerk, and anything else that was asked of her. Ping is always willing to help out in whatever way she can, and she does so with a smile. This love of lure coursing also called Ping to become a licensed ASFA Judge in 1985. Judging brought Ping all around the United States, and through judging her love and appreciation deepened, not only for the sport, but also for the ASFA organization.

In 2008, Ping's desire to "do more" brought her to the ASFA Board, where she was elected as Corresponding Secretary. Later she served as Recording Secretary, and then she was elected to the top honor of ASFA President. Ping has been very active on ASFA committees, not only as a committee member, but also as chair. Ping likes

to talk about the Constitutional Review (CRC) and Rules Evaluation (REC) Committees, which are two of her favorites.

Lastly, Ping is that wonderful kind of person that you can call on when help is needed. And she is always the life of the party. She gives her time freely and without judgment. And most important, Ping is always there to help a newcomer.



WHY TITLE A DOG

Not just a brag, not just a steppingstone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in the world can remain.

Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

A title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proved that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few: in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind. The best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name. A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded. - Sandra Mowery



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MBIF Panache Rocket Man FCh SC TRP PR

ASFA 2022 #1 All Breeds Hound, ASFA 2022 #1 Whippet, multiple Best in Field winner, High Combined CWA racer, titled dock diver, AKC conformation pointed.

Owned, bred, and loved by Patricia Spinazolla.



MBIF Panache The Final Countdown FCh, SC, DM

ASFA 2022 #4 Whippet, multi Best in Field winner, CWA racer, Master titled dock diver, AKC conformation pointed.

Owned, bred, and loved by Patricia Spinazolla.

. . gone too soon.



2023 TOP 20

by Breed, LCI & Singles

Reporting through

31 March 2023

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Afghan Hound Total competing: 10

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Mannie	Imanea El Iraj	V.& R.Koscinski	2	12	2	0
2	Soraya	Tiara's U Got The Look	D.DuVall	2	8	1	0
3	Feniq	Ch Ysanti Rahwynd Poseidon On A Jetski FCh	D.Britton/C.Sullivan	3	6	1	0
4	Jeopardi	Ch Ysanti Aeolus Watchin' Jeopardi At Cameo FCh	C.Sullivan/D.Britton	3	5	2	0
4	Ardiri	DC Vahalah Ardiri Naranj Oranje	V.Koscinski	2	5	0	0
6	Fadiahr	DC Fadiahr El Iraj FCh	V.& R.Koscinski	2	3	0	0
6	Mayu	Mayahime Hepworth	M.Hepworth	3	3	1	0
6	Atala	DC Vahalah Atala Naranj Oranje	S.Meuler/V.Koscinski	2	3	0	0
9	Velma	Valhalla Velma Kelly	L.& D.Reisinger/A.Stromberg	7	2	1	0
10	Storm	GCh Exquisite Red Skye At Night LCM	D.& L.Reisinger	7	1	0	0

Azawakh Total competing: 1

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Ramisi	FC Kel Simoon Ramisi 'N Sambala FCh,RN,SC,CGC,CA,FCAT	M.Bisbee	3	1	1	0

Basenji Total competing: 14

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Chilly	GSW,GCh,DC,Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM11,MC,CAA,RATN,BCAT	K.Sanders	8	21	1	0
2	Munchkin	Borassus One Sweet Treat FCh	K.Sanders	8	15	1	0
3	Pattie	DC Borassus Doin'er Job LCM3,SC,RATN,CAX2	K.Sanders	8	14	1	0
3	Coco	DC Borassus Cuckoo For Coco Puffs LCM3,SC,CAX3	K.Sanders	8	14	0	0
5	Henna	GCh,Can Ch Borassus Who's Your Hot Shot LCM4,CAA,MC,RATI,BCAT	K.Sanders	8	8	0	0
5	Shay	Borassus Powerful Change At Crenshaw	K.Sanders	8	8	1	1
7	Marine	Kinetic Fopaws Witch Abroad Lukuru	L.Voss/S.Stump	2	7	2	0
8	Brady	GChB,DC Borassus 51's Comeback Kid LCM,SC,CAA,BCAT	K.Sanders	8	4	0	0
8	Robin	FC Relic's Rock'n Robin FCh,TCP,SC,BCAT	J.& D.Ryno/D.Sanders	5	4	1	0
8	Sparkle	Fopaws Lukuru Wyrld Sister At Kinetic	L.Voss/K.& T.Leimback/S.Stump	2	4	0	0
8	Alita	GCh,DC Meisterhaus The Next Level SC,LCX,TKP,DCAT	L. & J.Stewart/T.Brooks	5	4	1	0
12	Nightwing	FC Kibushi's Dark Heir Of Gotham FCh,SC,BCAT	J.Ryno/J.Curby	5	3	0	0
13	Newton	Tailwind's Speed Of Sound At Avekami	E.Ockerman	2	2	0	0
13	Spot	Kinetic Fopaws Enchanted Enigma	L.& D.Voss	2	2	0	0

Borzoi Total competing: 23

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Cruella	Heritage MHD Cruella de Vil	K.Brito/J.Ocasio	5	12	2	0
2	Gimel	Ch BelVento Sunset	V.Cassano MD.MPH	8	10	1	0
3	Khan	MHD Wrath Of Khan Heritage Avalon	J.Ocasio/K.Brito	5	9	0	0
3	Rio	Heritage Dances On The Sand Again MHD	J.Ocasio/A.Mickgene Keeney	5	9	0	0
5	Tintaglia	FC Chaya Sars The Black Ice Dragon "Tintaglia" @Ryhka LCM,SC	D.Darling	8	8	2	0
6	Nun	Ch Belvento Sunrise	V.Cassano	8	6	0	0
6	Cannon	Coburn's Neoclassical Cannon	E.Lissner/P.Shaw	5	6	0	0
8	Poppy	C'Lestial Pa Pa Power	L.Green	6	5	0	0
8	Fendi	GCh DC Teine Fendi Sandals FCh,MC,BN,RA,CGC	S.Amburgey/H.Van Vliet	8	5	1	0
8	Khaleesi	Aria Axxium's Cold Wind In August @ Ryhka FCh	D.Darling/R.Rice	8	5	0	0
11	Rhayne	FC C'Lestial Rainbow Room @ Ryhka LCM2,SC	D.Darling	8	4	0	0
12	Troi	SilkenSwift Remember Me At Lorisart SC,TKN	L.Miller	8	3	0	0
12	Yaro	Avalon Kindred Spirit	A.Huber/S.Moore	5	3	0	0
12	Pixie	Runtuff Riverrun Manic Pixie Dream	T.Wismer/T.Williams/K.Smith DVM	6	3	0	0
12	Ringo	Cherry Hills Ringo Starr	D.Westfall/K.Plache	3	3	1	0
12	Stevie	Cherry Hill Katashka Stevie Nicks	K.Plache/J.Law	3	3	1	0
17	Angel	GChB Kinobi Angels Of Fenway At Bel Vento	V.Cassano	8	2	0	0
17	Artemus	Kinobi Fly Me To The Moon	B.& T.Shuster	7	2	1	0
17	Trevi	DC C'Lestial Fontana Di Trevi FCh,MC	V.Cassano MD	8	2	0	0
17	Lucky Strike	Prairie View Shamrock BCAT	S.Issacs/E.Wolf	3	2	1	0

Cirneco dell'Etna Total competing: 0

Galgo Español Total competing: 1

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Rosa	Rosa Slightly Bearded Senorita TCP,Prov FCh	T.Koch/K.Shreet	8	1	0	0

Greyhound Total competing: 15

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Chrome	Halfmoon Sign From Above	H.Minnich	3	8	2	0
2	Blu	DC's Shades of Blu LCM,VLCM,CA	D.Darling	8	6	1	0
2	Fred	Oquirrh Leshi	J.Gellen/S.Carpenter	8	6	2	1
4	Bayou	GCh,DC Lakilanni Halfmoon Blue Bayou LCM,SC,RATI	H.Minnich	3	4	0	0
5	Jayden	Hallo Nita Third LCM,VLCM,CA	D.Darling	8	3	0	0
5	Tepid	FC JJ Highly Tepid FCh,SC	G. & K.Breitbach	6	3	2	1
5	Bonnie	Point Breeze Bonnie Blue Bulman	A.Hsia	2	3	2	0
5	Juneau	Cashel's Klondike Rush FCh	M.C.Smith DVM	3	3	1	1
9	Starlette	BII Lakilanni Halfmoon Highwaystar LCM	H.Minnich	3	2	0	0
9	Wager	RTSS Double Or Nothing	A.Reid	7	2	1	0
11	Cashew	Winds Majestik Thunderbolt-N-Cashew FCh	S.Visocchi	3	1	0	0
11	Thunder	Marmalmac Midnight Thunder	M.C.Stubbs	5	1	0	0
11	Riker	Windrock Goin' Goin' Gone	J. & L.Conner	2	1	0	0
11	Cookie	Cookie Jar	J.Steele	10	1	1	0
11	Atlas	RTSS North Isn't Always up	A.Reid	7	1	0	0

Ibizan Hound Total competing: 10

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Madyson	BII, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue FCh	Dr.K.Catt	9	20	2	1
2	Halo	Kamars God Speed LCM2	C.Antonik/K.Belz	8	11	2	0
3	Ginny	IcyCold Fifth Avenue Girl FCh	Dr K.Catt	9	8	0	0
4	Hurry	CKC DC,Uch IcyCold Every Second Counts LCM,FChX	Dr K.Catt	0	6	0	0
4	Penny	IcyCold Sixth Cent FCh	Dr.K.Catt	9	6	0	0
6	Mouse	Ch Abbaio Madame Berthe's Mouse FCh,SC	J.Smith-Carter DVM/Fuller/Murphy	8	5	0	0
6	Karma	Kamars Double Rainbow Nova FCh	C. & J.Antonik/K.Belz	8	5	0	0
8	Emily	DC Abbaio Graphic Violins SC	S.Murphy	7	4	0	0
8	Kai	Nevaeh's Tropic Like It's Hot	J.Pickering/L.Venegas	8	4	0	0
10	MeMe	CKC GCh,DC AKC DC Uch Icy Cold Take A Second Look At Me LCM2, FChX	Dr K.Catt	0	3	0	0

Irish Wolfhound Total competing: 8

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Aggie	Lawrence's Aggie Of Tomfoolery	L.Lawrence	2	5	1	0
2	Katy	Renwyck's Katydid	J.Brenneman/R.Brenneman DVM	6	4	2	0
3	Riker	Commandre William T. Riker	T.& E.Casterson	2	3	0	0
4	Bailey	Finnegan-Bailey	F.& M.Mesa	2	2	0	0
4	Forrest	Renwyck's Big Skeeter	J.Brenneman	6	2	0	0
6	Jack	GCh Carroy's Samurai Jack of Tory FCh,SC,CGCA	J.Ishihara/A.Lum	2	1	0	0
6	Tanner	Gabriel's Tanner Moore Of Raven Lily	C.Gabriel/M.Moore	2	1	0	0

Italian Greyhound Total competing: 0

LCI Large Total competing: 22

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Rohan	OMG We Ride To Gondor	M.Townsend/M.	3	11	0	0
1	Ixchel	Ixchel Top Of The World	M.Townsend	3	11	0	0
3	Kratos	Like A Hurricane Onofre Olegario	M.Bohn	6	9	0	0
3	Kite	BV Betty White	M.Finan-Goode	3	9	0	0
5	Freyja	Faithwalk's Let The River Flow CGC	S.Maleski	6	8	0	0
6	Tamu	Windswepts' OMG I Have Stripes	M.Townsend	3	7	0	0
6	Fletcher	Faithwalk's Let The Fire Burn	S.Maleski	6	7	0	0
8	Petra	Den Haag Heart of Stone	H.Haag	3	6	0	0
9	Dude	Broadcreek's The Big Lebowski	P.Small	9	5	0	0
9	Spoon	MFG Little Spoon RA,FCAT,TKE	M.Finan-Goode	3	5	0	0
11	Mako	On Targets Shark Attack	D.Delemare/L.Kronz		3	0	0
11	Eggsy	Sir Eggathy The Breakfast Hound	S.Rosario	8	3	0	0
11	Roscoe	Roscoe Pee Coal Train	A.Diehl	10	3	0	0
14	Twilight	Brienwoods Werewolf Of London	D.Pohorelow	3	2	0	0
14	Arthur	Arthur Hayes LCI,LCC	A.Hayes	9	2	0	0
14	Best Friend	Naughy N Nice Nine Best Friend	A.Diehl	10	2	0	0
14	Delsin	OMG's He Is So Free	M.Townsend	3	2	0	0
14	Ace	Ace Xiong	B.Xiong	3	2	0	0
14	Esper	En'enra III z Peronowki	J.Goh	10	2	0	0
14	Delta	Naughty Pine's Echo's Midnight Dawn	M.& R.Perry	3	2	0	0
14	Hoopy	Twisted River 42	D.Crough	8	2	0	0

LCI Sighthound Mix Total competing: 35

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Roxy	Posh Roxy	E.& R.Pehrsen	10	2	0	0
1	Survey	On Target's Takin' It All In	S.Maleski	6	2	0	0
3	Jayyl	Xanadu Farms Jayyl	M.Bisbee	3	1	0	0
3	Mako	On Target Shark Attack	D.Delemarre/L.Kronz	8	1	0	0

LCI Small Total competing: 8

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	P.J.Hamlet	Captain Pepper Jack Of The Royal Hamlet	S.Rosario	8	6	0	0
2	Zoey	Zoey Furiously Happy LCI,LCC,LCA	P.Buswell	9	5	0	0
3	Scamp	Mr Scamp LCI,LCC	L.A.Congdon	8	3	0	0
4	Stardust	Timeless Jyn Erso LCI,LCC,LCA	S.& A.Pack/K.Keller-Ross	10	2	0	0
5	Rascal	Mr Rascal LCI	L.A.Congdon	8	1	0	0
5	Swizzle	Cherniak's To Stir With Love	D.Crough	8	1	0	0
5	Jax	JD's Jack Of All Trades	J.Dye	3	1	0	0

Magyar Agar Total competing: 3

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Rise	Stouthearted It's A Date	A.Hsia	2	6	0	0
2	Epona	Tuzvihar Andalusite	A.Hsia	2	4	0	0
3	Pi	Stouthearted Chocolate Soldier	A.Hsia	2	1	0	0

Pharaoh Hound Total competing: 15

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Jasper	Ch Bazinga Just A Minuteman FCh	R.Phinney/S.T.Hansen/G.Bednar	3	17	4	0
2	Nova	Lileo's Champagne Supernova	J.Jones/L.Leone	2	12	2	1
3	Calyber	DC Bazinga Journey Of Lights V. Lotus FCh,SC	D.Kunard	3	11	0	0
4	Copper	BISS,RBIS,GChS,DC Bazinga Copernicus The Stargazer LCM,SC,BCAT,JOR,CGC	R.Phinney/G.Bednar	3	7	0	0
5	Solo	Lileo's Smok'n Hot Solo	J.Jones/A.Schokker/S.Hoffman	2	4	0	0
5	Zephyr	Mirare Churuka Washoe Zephyr Wind	T.Harper/A.Farrow/L.Witt	2	4	0	0
5	J'Adore	GCh,DC Farao Anubis J'Adore SC,GRC	J.Jones/D.Delmore/L.Leone	10	4	1	0
8	Cayper	GChB,DC,OH-BIS Bazinga Caspian The Crown Prince LCM2,CGC,MC,LCX2,VC,BCAT	D.Kunard	3	3	0	0
8	Ladon	Lileo's Fantastic Beast FCh	J.Jones/L.Leones	2	3	0	0
10	Aria	Extraordinary McLaren Of Lotus	D.Hall/D.Kunard	8	2	2	0
10	Nuri	GCh,DC Sendji's New Coat Of Paint LCM2,VFCh,RN,VC,CGC,LCX	Phinney/Guinn/Martin/Bednar	3	2	0	0
10	Precious	UCh,FC Churuka Mirare Le Diable Rouge LCM,MC,RATN,OAJ,NF	G.& B.Breitbach/T.Harper/L.Witt	6	2	2	0
10	Valencia	DC Mirare Churuka Mia La Vie En Rose SC	T.Harper/A.Farrow/L.Witt/P.Haig	2	2	0	0
14	Nadia	DC Churuka Mia The Lady In Red Of Mirare SC	L.& G.Witt/T.Harper/P.Haig	2	1	0	0
14	Rocky	Churuka Mirare Desert Wind Sirocco FCh	L.& G.Witt/T.Harper/A.Farrow	2	1	0	0

Portuguese Podengo Total competing: 0

Podengo Pequeno Total competing: 0

Rhodesian Ridgeback Total competing: 9

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Lina	FC Highfield's No Small Potatoes FCh,SC	D.Hursh/M.Martin	8	10	2	0
2	Jinx	DC Imarika's Fashionably Late LCM6,MC,CKC FCh&NC,LCX	G.& P.Kytta II	6	7	1	0
3	Spud	Highfield's Twice Baked	M.Martin/D.Hursh	8	6	1	0
4	Enzo	FC Mystic Isle's Ferrari Enzo LCM2,VLCM,MC,LCX	J.Arvin/S.Gayley	8	4	0	0
5	Io	Roaring Fork To The Moooooon And Back	J.Holland/S.Koehler/E.Crowder	8	2	0	0
5	Vera	GCh,DC Mystic Isle's Bugatti Veyron LCM3,VFCh,MC	J.Arvin/S.Gayley	8	2	0	0
5	Phoenix	Ch Supernovas Phoenix Rising With Diamonds Over RRR TKN,CTC,ATT	R.Quist	8	2	0	0
5	Hawke	DC Diamond's Hawke Soaring Thru The Triple R LCM,MC,LCX2,AX,AXJ,BCAT	R.Quist	8	2	0	0
9	Charlotte	Highfield's Good Charlotte FCh	K.Straky/M.Martin	7	1	1	1

Saluki Total competing: 11

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Tiflah	FC Qadim Alhaba Bint Al Riyah LCM,TCP,SC	C.Smith	8	7	4	0
2	Jamilah	DC Farashah Dotted Checkerspot SM LCM,SC,GRC,JOR	C.Hahn/T.Sorth	5	4	2	0
3	Hoka	Timaru Hoka One One	J.Lee/N.Vandenkoornhuyse	2	2	1	0
3	Dorri	DC Mageborn Dorrin Al Qadim LCM,SC	C.Smith	8	2	0	0
3	Jassirah	Ch Farashah Little Metalmark SM LCM,VFCh,SC,GRC,JOR	C.Hahn/J.Rhodes	5	2	0	0
3	Wilma	El Baz Yu Yabbadabbadoo Solstice	L.Pocurull	3	2	2	0
3	Icon	Baha Khan Man SC	C.Coile	7	2	1	0
8	Syan	Syan So Smooth Of Doha FCh	M.Bisbee	3	1	1	1
8	Flash	Baha Bahrain Storm	C.Coile	7	1	0	0
8	Philo	Starfyre Philo	J.Lee/N.Vandenkoornhuyse	2	1	0	0

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Scottish Deerhound Total competing: 2

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Duncan	Chase Farm Foxcliffe Secretariat	S.Eubank/J.Fitzgerald/J.Hanson	7	2	2	0
2	Kraken	Cu Seilge Tharis Is A-Rithist	B.Pacheco	3	1	1	0

Singles Total competing: 55

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	WH-Zinger	Key4 N Highfield's Lemon Zinger From Saint Bleu FCh	M.Martin/D.Hursh	8	25	0	0
2	IB-Monty	Abbaio Castanet Wide	B.Conway/S.Murphy	8	19	0	0
3	GH-Maisie	Maisie TCP,NA,NAJ	G.& K.Breitbach	6	18	0	0
3	WH-Jubal	Wynndancer's Jubalicious On B Street	B.Wolski	6	18	0	0

5	SA-Yanni	El Baz Yu Yanni	C.Hahn/G.Hinsch	5	14	0	0
6	WH-Zuppa	Moodyblues Cool Wind In My Hair BCAT	D.Moody	8	11	0	0
7	SW-Zoe	Wildrose Allagante Zoe	K.& P.Sanders	1	9	0	0
8	SW-Tsunami	CSB Agent Tilly Masterson	C.Smith	8	8	0	0
8	WH-Phanny	Ch Bretica's Straight Up	M.D.Keenoy DVM	5	8	0	0
8	WH-Joker	Ch Equiss Jester Nother Day In Paradise SC	M.Schnyder/C.Williams/K.Kubera	8	8	0	0
8	SW-Tsunami	Kristal Tangerine Tsunami	C.& C. Webb	2	8	0	0
12	SW-Zephyr	Morgandell Foxglove	J.Hinkley	10	7	0	0
12	WH-Rishi	T'Daz Rishi Vortex Traveler TCP	M.Pomato/B.Haner	8	7	0	0
14	WH-Henry	Henry Meloux Of Crow Point	M.D.Keenoy DVM	5	6	0	0
14	BZ-Zuri	Heritage MHD She-Ra Avalon	J.Koerner	6	6	0	0
14	SW-Joyvah	24K Little Miss Sunshine	J.A.Safran	7	6	0	0
17	SW-Dante	Runways Best Part of Waking Up	M.Madeline		5	0	0
17	WH-Elvie	Chyscott's On The Button TCP	R.Dunn	3	5	0	0
17	WH-Woodrow	Isen Executive Decision	K.& P.Dean	6	5	0	0
17	SA-Rajah	Sandstorm Hope For Genie's Golden Lamp	T.Pressley	9	5	0	0
17	WH-Pippi	Gibbous The Fuchsia Is Right SC	B.Conway	8	5	0	0

Silken Windhound Total competing: 40

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top 20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Guinness	Starfyre Magical FCh	Hicks/Grant-Beuttler/Beuttler	10	33	2	0
2	Kimchi	CSB Agent Felix Leiter	A.Hill	3	18	1	0
3	Wisp	Oak Creek's Hells Bells	E.Buerger	8	17	1	0
4	Briggs	Silken Mythology Briggs	S.Mohler	2	16	0	0
5	Turbo	Clayborn's Varoom!	C.Wester	3	15	1	0
6	Mysti	Starfyre Mystique @ Allagante	K.& P.Sanders	1	14	0	0
7	Finnegan	UKC Ch Clayborn Flight Of The Bumblebee FCh,SSR,GRC,JOR	L.Halvorsen	5	13	1	0
7	Ollie	Legend Licorice Allsorts	K.Van Greunen	2	13	2	0
7	Kenan	Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan	I.Stetson	1	13	0	0
10	Aquila	Attaway Running With the Night	K.& P.NG		12	0	0
11	Spec	Allagante Inphenite-Ly Special	J.Vookles/K.& P.Sanders	1	10	0	0
12	Diva	Kadleck Coat Of Many Colors	S.Mohler	2	9	0	0
12	Duke	Starfyre Release The Hounds	J.& K.Hicks	10	9	1	0
14	Leia	Kinobi Star With Royal Beauty	C.Miller	2	8	0	0
15	Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante LCM	K.& P.Sanders	1	7	0	0
16	Baku	Clayborn's Eureka FCh	L.Garabedian/S.Small	3	5	0	0
16	Chyna	BII Allagante Beyond Compare LCM	K. & P.Sanders	1	5	0	0
16	Harley	UKC Ch Starfyre Harlequin FCh	J.& K.Hicks	10	5	0	0
16	Trance	Starfyre Entranced	J.& K.Hicks	2	5	0	0
16	Rocket	Kadlec Starfyre Rocketman	K.Hicks	10	5	0	0

Whippet Total competing: 69

Rank	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner	Region	Top20 Points	BOB	BIF
1	Link	Saesi Borealis Rittymmen At Cash Creek	L.Armstron	2	38	1	0
2	Phoenix	Phoenix Ashbourne Chez Soi	A.& P.Dominquez	10	25	1	0
3	Domino	Whip Hill Merci Isle Ain't That A Shame	H.Frank/I. & J.Kimmelman	8	20	1	0
3	PiP	Hildidan's Magic PiP of My Heart	B.Moore	2	20	0	0
5	Bug	Labyrinth Jitterbug LCM	L.Pirrung/D.McCann	8	19	1	0
5	Lulu	Whip Hill Merci Isle To Sir With Love FCh	H.Frank/I. & J.Kimmelman	8	19	0	0
7	Ailia	Hildidan's Fierce Magic Of Ailia	C.Gaiser	2	17	0	0
7	Whisper	Isen Do It Sound Of Silence LCM2	P.,K. & L.Dean	6	17	2	0
9	Stevie	FC Wirtu's Without Limits FCh,SC	K.Kelly	2	13	1	0
9	Renner	Hildidan's Fierce Mamba Magic of Renner	C.Gaiser	2	13	0	0
11	Calli	Poeta Whatchamacallit	C.L.Detweiler	8	12	0	0
11	Celine	Labyrinth Celine	L.Pirrung/D.McCann	8	12	1	0
13	Cosimo	Ch Wildmoor Cosimo	J.Sorensen	2	11	0	0
13	Sealli	FC Wheatland Razzi Sealli Of Van Oorschot SC,FCAT,CRX,OTR	E.Bonacarti	8	11	1	1
13	Londyn Rose	Wirtu's Promise Of Roses	J.Haas	2	11	0	0
16	Riptide	Williwaw Vitamin Sea	M.Smith	9	10	0	0
16	Vulcan	FC Hyflyte Live Long And Prosper LCM,SC	M.Smith/H.Ferguson	9	10	0	0
16	Ivan	FC Hyflyte Catch The Wind At Shannon Down FCh,SC,CGC,TKN	J.Courtemanche	9	10	0	0
16	Paden	Crestfield Silverado	C.Fielder	2	10	0	0
20	Gibbs	Bushbaby NCIS Special Button In Charge	B.Wolski/D.Apple	6	9	0	0
20	Lollipop	Wirtu's A Lick And A Promise	A.& P.Dominquez	10	9	0	0



Photo by Megan Lundberg MEL Photography – Silken Windhound “Buzz”



Records 101

by Lori Zorbaugh - ASFA Records Coordinator

So, we now have been following the new protocol for trial submissions for a couple of years, the biggest problem continues to be missing FTE entries. For the most part it is because the owner did not mark the entry as such nor were the required copy of registration and certification (if required) attached. The USPS continues to be a problem. I will continue to rely on each FTS to question the owner of each unfamiliar entry. Also, please make sure you list an email that you check frequently in case I need to reach you. The longer it takes me to get needed info the longer it takes for results to be posted.

I would like to say a big Thank You to all the FTS who have responded quickly to my email for information.

Some suggestions:

- When making your roll call sheet if you have any unfamiliar entries, mark their name and have the person(s) doing roll call direct owner to see FTS to confirm that is not a FTE.
- If you have an FTE that did not bring all required information have them, email or fax directly to me. This will expedite your ability to submit the results instead of waiting for them.
- **I am requesting that you list the breed initials by the call name on the Single Record sheet. If one of entries is missing information, I now have a breed to search by.**
- If you plan to submit the results via email, please minimize the number of files you send and try to keep in the same order that you would always use to submit. Scan each day with required paperwork into a single PDF file.

- Please submit results as soon as you can. The quicker I have them the sooner I process and post results. Recently the USPS has been very slow.
- As always, please contact me should you have any question(s). Email is always the best way to reach me, but you can call me if you need an answer quickly. But if you do call, I typically do not pick up if I do not recognize the number so leave a message. I may be listening and will pick up immediately.

Exciting News

- **Starting August 1 2023 as a trial, any club that submits their results electronically in the following format within 7 days from the last day of trial can reduce their per capita from \$4.00 to \$3.50 per entry for regular trials and Regionals from \$5.00 to \$4.50. The II is not included in this cost reduction.**

Submitting electronic results - submit each day as one PDF file which should include:

- FTS report & per capita sheet
- Record sheets in the breed alphabetical order
- Any FTE with required paper or entries that are required to be submitted behind breed record sheet
- Any judge's sheets reflecting excusal, dismissal or disqualification behind record sheet
- A copy of premium is not required but is appreciated.

I learned about a free app (for Apple phone only sorry I am sure there has to be one for androids) for your phone that you can scan your paperwork into a PDF file to send to me if you don't have access to a scanner. It is called "Genius Scan". I LOVE electronic submission!

Records 101 (update 03/23)

Daily Requirement

- A completed copy of the FTS Report (example included) completed in entirety.
- Per capita sheet for each day.

Premiums

- An updated copy of the premium list is required only if there were any changes to the course plan or change to judge's panel. For changes to the judge's panel the Chair of Judge's must be notified of change and reason.
- Although it is not required a copy of premium is appreciated.

Entries that must be submitted with your trial results

- Entries for all hound(s) that are marked as FTE (First Time Entry). This must be accompanied by proof of registration (examples AKC, UKC or CKC) (Waived for NGA registered hounds & proof of certification if entered in a regular stake. This includes the Single Stake and the LCI stakes in respect to requiring the certification. If proof of certification has been waived, a copy of the signed waiver and proof of the title must be included.
- Entry forms that indicate a change in the information (titles, address, etc). If the change is in ownership an updated copy of registration reflecting said change must be attached.
- Entry forms that reflect that said hound is working off a dismissal.

Record Sheets

- All record sheets completed in entirety that includes the BIF sheet. All information needs to be legible and as accurate as possible.
- O-TRIALS15 When two judges are used, they shall be designated on the record sheet as Judge 1 and Judge 2, alphabetically by last name. This is for all judges whether Provisional or full judge.
- O-TRIALS04 The Field Clerk's name shall be indicated on each record sheet, but the Field Clerk's signature is not required.

- Per Ch V Sec 6 (g) hounds can no longer be left tied. There must be a runoff or a forfeit. The only tie that can stand is if it is the result of an error found during post trial review by the FTS which then a note must be attached explaining the problem.
- Any hound listed but did not run will need to have an acceptable reason (per the ASFA Running Rules) listed on the record sheet. If nothing is noted or it just says pulled, the hound will count for per capita. If an owner is unable to separate their hounds and decides to pull an entry there is no refund for this!
- On the Single sheet I would like the breed initials placed in the section with the call name. It is helpful to me if I have questions and am trying to search the database.

Per Capita Sheet

- There must be a sheet completed for each day.
- If you are paying the fee by Paypal send it to treasurer@asfa.org. Put Paypal transaction ID on allotted space. Otherwise the check should be submitted with the trial records or sent to me.

Additional Info

- Trial results can be submitted by email if you are able scan all record sheets, required FTS paperwork, all entries that are required to be submitted along with any required registration, certifications, etc that you need to send to Records into a file (suggestion is to put it all in a PDF file) and submit the payment via paypal.

- Per Policy O-RCD12

3. Errors Discovered After the Trial Records are Published. a. Results of field trials published will not be changed except by action of the Board. Such action may be taken by electronic ballot distributed by the Corresponding Secretary. Such corrections will be limited to errors brought to the Records Coordinator's attention within 60 days of the publication of the trial records.

I highly suggest that you check your results when they are posted.



ASFA FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

Host Club: _____ Region: _____

Field Trial Chairman name: _____

FTS e-mail address: _____

Trial Date: _____ Trial Location: _____

Please circle the response, and answer the questions below:

1. Were any judges changed from the approved premium list? Yes No
If yes, list the breed judging assignments that may have been changed as well. (Include a copy of the corrected premium list.)
Each judge is responsible for notifying the Judges Chair of any change to their assignment at judgeslic@asfa.org.

2. Were there any other significant changes to the approved premium list? Yes No
(If so, please include with the corrected premium.)
3. Were any Open or Veteran dogs first time entrants? Yes No
Is yes, please include a copy of the registration form, the certification form, and the entry form.
NOTE: Registration form is not required if the dog had previously run in singles in an ASFA trial.
4. Were any Singles first time entrants? Yes No
Is yes, please include a copy of the registration form and the entry form.
5. Were any of entries marked for working off a dismissal? Yes No
If yes, please include the entry forms for those dogs.
6. Were any of the entries marked for change of information? Yes No
This could be titles of the hound added, or owner information changes.
NOTE: If change in ownership, a copy of the new registration form is required.

Please continue to Page 2 and complete one entry grid for each day of the trial.

1. Entries: (One form per day of trial)

Club:					Date:			
BREED	OPEN	FCH	VETS	TOTALS	BREEDER	KENNEL	BENCH	TOTALS
Afghan Hounds								
Azawakh								
Basenji								
Borzo								
Cirneco dell 'Etna								
Greyhounds								
Ibizan Hounds								
Irish Wolfhounds								
Italian Greyhounds								
Pharaoh Hounds								
Rhodesian Ridgebacks								
Saluki								
Scottish Deerhounds								
Silken Windhounds								
Sloughis								
Whippets								
Provisional								
Singles								
LCI Large								
LCI Small								
LCI SH (Sighthound Mix)								
Totals Breed Entries								

TOTAL Breed Entries @ \$4.00 per capita = \$_____

TOTAL Special Stakes (Kennel, Breeder, Bench) @ \$1.00 per capita = \$_____

Records Fee per trial @ \$15.00 \$_____

Per capita paid by Check (included with records) Amount - \$_____

Per capita paid by Pay Pal Amount - \$_____

PayPal Transaction ID (if used): _____

Special Note for Invitationals

The Regional Director is responsible to order the Rosettes and Medallions from the Awards Chairperson a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the trial. An estimate of the number of items required as close as possible is required. After the trial all remaining Rosettes and Medallions are to be returned to the Awards Chairperson within 2 weeks after the trial.

Most Frequent Records Errors

1. FTE entries not submitted, typically because owner has not marked as such.
2. Incomplete Records sheets. Must have call name & registration number.
3. Not marking forfeits, just marking the placement(s).
4. The name (not signature) of the field clerk is missing (required to be listed on the Record sheet).
5. Giving hounds placements that have not total 50% of possible combined score.
6. Per capita difference between check submitted and my count. Without some sort of per capita break down I have nothing to try to figure out where the error might be.

• Organization of Trial Records for Submission *previously listed in the rulebook

The following required items must be promptly sent to the Records Coordinator following each trial, indicated in Ch. VI:

1. Proper per capita fees made payable to the ASFA in USD. Current fee for each hound entered on the Record sheet which has not been excused as lame or in season at or prior to roll all. Only lame, in-season, hounds pulled due to change of judge/lure operator or hounds determined to have a breed disqualification are eligible for refund of the entry fee. **Ch. I Section 3** The record sheet should reflect the refund was given. All other hounds listed will count toward per-capita. Just writing PULLED is not acceptable and will be counted. All per capita fees shall be paid with a club check, certified check, money order or through an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Do not send cash or personal checks. If you use Paypal send to treasurer@asfa.org and mark on the per capita sheet.

2. A copy of the approved premium list only if there are any course plan changes or changes to the judging panel. A letter of explanation of these changes.
3. All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required. Notations of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches in season, lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused by the Field Trial Chairman, etc. filled out and written legibly. The following must also be included:

1. Proof of registration, completed certification and entry forms for hounds entered for the first time.
2. Entry forms that include notations for hounds working off a dismissal.
3. Entry forms that include any indicated change of information (e.g., new titles, address change or change of ownership [changes to ownership require an updated copy of registration showing the change]).
4. Per Capita Report Sheet

The preferred order to use in organizing this material for submission is:

1. Per capita payment and worksheet showing entries for per capita. If submitted by EFT please mark the amount and date submitted on the worksheet. There is a space for the transaction number.
2. Premium list if needed.
3. Record Sheets in the alphabetical breed order: Best in Field/Event record sheet (filled out completely).
4. Any entries should be in the same alphabetical breed order.

Chapter VI Section 3: The host club shall maintain a completed set of all the records submitted for a period of one year following the lure field trial(s).

• **Filling in the Trial Record Sheets**

The record sheets must be completely and legibly filled out. This includes the complete names of the judges, the call names and registration numbers of the hounds, etc. If an entered hound is not competing, the reason should be entered on the record sheet, as should the reason for any excusal, dismissal, or disqualification. For tie runoffs, the blanket color and total score only should be entered in the "Runoff" column; similarly, for Best of Breed runs, enter only these items in the "BOB Runoff" column. This becomes even more important since not all entries will be submitted with the results.

Submission of Records

With the changes in regard to submission of trial info it will become even more important to have contact information for the FTS as with the limited information being submitted, I have to rely on the FTS to make sure that I get the needed information. So, if you have an entry and you are not familiar with the hound or owner please confirm with said owner that the hound indeed was previously entered in ASFA. Since the only info that I will be getting is the registration number and the call name I foresee problems! If I have trouble getting in touch with the FTS this will delay results being entered and subsequently getting posted on the Web.

Trial Fees

(Per Capita Info)

ASFA Club Trial \$4.00 per entry

ASFA Regional Invitational \$5.00 per entry

ASFA International Invitational \$6.00 per entry

ASFA Surcharge \$15.00 per trial

Kennel, Breeder & Bench per entry \$1.00 per entry (for Invitational events only)

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Point System

NUMBER OF HOUNDS COMPETING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or More
FIRST PLACE	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
SECOND PLACE	--	6	* 9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
THIRD PLACE	--	--	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
FOURTH PLACE	--	--	--	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NBQ (Next Best Qualified)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

NBQ --receives no points.

The winner of Best of Breed receives the higher number of points available from the Open, Field Champion or Veteran stake, but must defeat the winner of the other stake(s) in a run-off.

* Example: a hound places second in a stake/flight of 3 = 9 points.

Note: A hound must defeat a qualifying hound to count as a qualifying placement towards title requirements.

The hound winning BIF now gets 4 points for each hound that has competed in BIF in addition to the points earned in the regular stake up to a maximum of points.

A single entry in a stake, who defeats another hound to win Best of Breed, will earn a qualifying (competitive) first placement for defeating a qualifying hound. A single entry in a breed, awarded Best of Breed, will earn a first placement for winning Best in Field against a qualifying hound.

When requesting your hound(s)' records by mail, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply. You can request your hound(s)' point standing without charge at any time by email from the ASFA Records Coordinator at records@asfa.org. Fill out the request at www.asfa.org/records/record.htm

When requesting hound information please include

- Breed,
- Registration Number
- Registered Name
- Date of the last trial in which your hound earned points (if possible)

Field Champion title requirements: 100 points and

- two (2) First placements or
- one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)

Veteran Field Champion title requirements: 75 points and

- two (2) First placements or
- one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)

Lure Courser of Merit requirements: Field Champion title,

- an additional 300 points and
- four (4) additional First placements from the Field Champion stake over qualifying hounds

LCM II, LCM III, etc.: same as Lure Courser of Merit.

Veteran Lure Courser of Merit requirements: Veteran Field Champion title,

- an additional 200 points and
- four (4) additional First placements from the Veteran Field Champion stake over qualifying hounds.

Veteran LCM II, LCM III, etc.: same as Veteran Lure Courser of Merit.

Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP) 100 proficiency points and

- two (2) First placements or
- one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)

Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX) Title of Coursing Proficiency title and,

- an additional 300 proficiency points and
- four (4) additional First placements from the Single stake over qualifying hounds

Titles for Lure Chasing Instinct (Large & Small) Lure Chasing Champion (LCC)

100 proficiency points and

- two (2) First placements or
- one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)

Lure Chasing Senior (LCS)

300 Proficiency points and

- four (4) additional First placements from the Single stake over qualifying hounds

Lure Chasing Instinct (LCI) Attained 8 qualifying scores

Lure Chasing Advanced (LCA) Attained 20 qualifying scores

Veteran Lure Chasing Champion (VLCC) Hound must be over the age of 7 get 100 proficiency points and

- two (2) First placements or
- one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)

Veteran Lure Chasing Senior (VLCS) Hound must be over the age of 7 with the VLCC title and,

- an additional 300 proficiency points and
- four (4) additional First placements from the Single stake over qualifying hounds

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/inquiries into YOUR hound(s) record, any records related question or a specific trial results. The easiest way to reach me is via email. You can leave a voice mail at the number below, but I am not as faithful with responding to voicemail as I am email. I will try to respond in a timely manner. Please!!! If you have questions or concerns regarding a record, contact me!!! We can only fix or change what is brought to our attention. I try to be very open to new ideas and will follow up on any/all suggestions.

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DOWNWARD FACING DOG

Claudia "CJ" Miller's Whippet Gaetano diving for the lure at a fun run in Falcon, Colorado.