

DEAN WRIGHT

Nominee for ASFA President 2018

In 1967 I purchased my first two Ibizan Hounds and, with my devotion to the breed, I was elected President of the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States in 1974. I immediately went to work to show everyone that Ibizan Hounds were not a rare breed but they were in fact a sighthound. Subsequently, Ibizan Hounds were recognized by ASFA in 1976 and by the AKC in 1979.

My passion for lure coursing began when I took my Ibizan Hound "Flyer" to a lure trial at the Harpling's in Sandwich, IL. To witness when "Flyer" came alive at the sight of the lure moving across the ground, was the beginning of my desire to help all sighthounds have the opportunity to chase the lure. I am sure everyone remembers the first time they saw their hound chasing the lure, as though it was yesterday.

I have been actively involved in ASFA since 1976.

- As Regional Director (1979 – 1981, 1984 – 1987, 2007 – 2010 and 2015 to the present).
- As First Vice President with Presidents Leigh Littleton (1988 – 1991), Jeff Lipps (2010 - 2012), and Ping Pirrung (2012 - 2014).
- As a member of the Rules Evaluation Committee in its early years.
- In 1998 I developed and chaired the ASFA Hall of Fame for ASFA .
- As current Chair of the Archives, Hall of Fame, Ways and Means, and Invitational committees.
- As Chair of the committee to establish guidelines for all ASFA Offices and committees, which provides the successors to those positions with the appropriate guidance upon taking office.
- As Chair or Co-chair of the IIs in 1979, 1985, 1991, 1999, 2008 and 2011.
- As the organizer of many Judges Seminars throughout the country. Attendees that started the judging process at one of these seminars include 7 of the 16 judges in Region 8.
- During my several terms as ASFA's First Vice President I learned from the different management styles of three skilled Presidents. This experience, coupled with my passion for ASFA, my strong work ethic and excellent customer service rapport, makes me the best choice to lead the American Sighthound Field Association as President for the next two years.

If elected, I will work with the newly elected officers, the existing regional directors and all of the committee chairs to establish ASFA as the premier lure coursing organization in the USA and Canada. I strongly believe in having our leadership establish goals for the year and working with them to achieve their goals.

MY MAIN GOALS FOR ASFA ARE:

1. Establish and promote initiatives to increase entries
2. Help the existing committee with the implementation of the web based records program
3. Help the current committee with updating the ASFA web site.
4. Revive "THE COMMUNIQUE" to enhance communication between the Board and the Fancy.
5. Improve internal and external ASFA Customer Service.

AS ASFA'S PRESIDENT I WILL:

1. Work from written goals and set priorities to provide the greatest benefit to ASFA.
2. Work closely with the First and Second Vice Presidents to maintain balance and have them be a vital part of the team.
3. Encourage feedback, including suggestions and ideas from clubs and members of the Fancy because without them, ASFA would not exist.

In short, "I will work to get things done."

I ask for your support, so that I might work with you to improve our ASFA.

Thank you for your continued help and support,

Dean Wright.