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President's message

By the time you receive this, the ACoD will be just a few weeks away and the 2013 II in Muncie, Indiana, will be following close on its heels.

I am still working on the formation of the committees of ASFA. Again included in the Communiqué is a list of the committees with a brief overview of what they do. Our organization is stronger with the members of the fancy participating on the committees. If there is a committee that interests you and/or in which you have expertise please write to me – president@asfa.org. I look forward to hearing from many of you and seeing you at the ACoD. Safe travels.

Ping Pirrung

Regional Director Elections

The ballots for Region 7 are in. Dale Parks is the new Regional Director for Region 7. Congratulations and we look forward to great things in Region 7.

Region 4 has nominated Donna Murphy for Regional Director. Ballots for that election must be post-marked by March 30, 2013, and the results will be tallied and announced on April 7th.

New Search Capability on the ASFA Web Site!

A new feature has been added to the ASFA home page: Google Search! You can type in the words for which you are searching, and all of the occurrences will pop up. There is a lot of information on the site, so you will probably get more choices than you would ever think, but that's a good thing!

All of the standard search mechanisms are in place. For example, if you want to search for Nebraska Coursing, be sure to put it in quotes ("nebraska coursing"), or you will end up with every occurrence of "Nebraska" and "coursing" on the site (that's a lot!).



2013 ACoD

The 2013 ACoD is in Denver on the 23rd and 24th of this month and the annual Board of Directors meeting will be held the two days prior to it. This

will be a great opportunity for our clubs to be able to voice their opinions as well as bring to the ACoD their ideas for improving the ASFA.

The reports for the Constitutional Revision Commit-

tee (CRC) and Rules Evaluation Committee (REC) have been posted to the ASFA web site and will be sent to all convention delegates. These are amendments and rule changes that will be voted on at the convention. Those that pass will go into effect January 1, 2014. It would be a good idea to review these and discuss them with members of your clubs. Be sure any feedback you receive about them is communicated to your convention delegate so it can be shared with the overall organization.

2013 Committees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

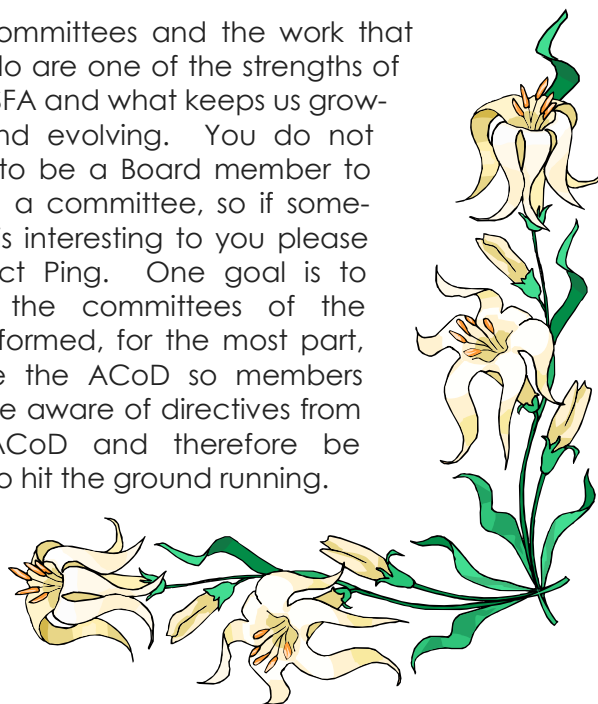
Public Relations - To promote the sport of lure coursing and to support ASFA clubs.

Web Site Publication – To improve the ASFA web

site because it is our link with the fancy.

You can also take a look at the Interim Committee Reports that have been compiled by Bill Bowlus-Root and made available to the clubs. (If you are unable to find the file, you can e-mail Bill at CorresSecy@asfa.org to obtain a copy.) As you read the reports jot down ideas you may have for those committees to consider. At the same time if the work of a specific committee appeals to you or you have questions be sure to let Ping know (president@asfa.org).

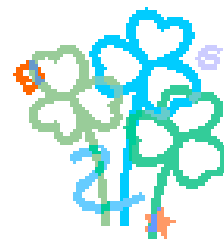
The committees and the work that they do are one of the strengths of the ASFA and what keeps us growing and evolving. You do not have to be a Board member to be on a committee, so if something is interesting to you please contact Ping. One goal is to have the committees of the ASFA formed, for the most part, before the ACoD so members can be aware of directives from the ACoD and therefore be able to hit the ground running.



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

Shortly after the ACoD will be the 2013 II. The final closing date for entries is March 27th to give extra time for some dogs to obtain the points needed to be eligible to enter. The premium list has been posted on the ASFA web site (see the link on the right side of the home page) and several other places. The fields are very large with little or

no sight lines. There are electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities. LKC, MGA and TSSC are working hard on the details. The ASFA web site will be updated as well as the 2013 ASFA II Facebook page as new information becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there.



2014 II

While we are thinking of the II, clubs in the East need to be considering hosting the 2014 II. If your club or group of clubs is contemplating hosting the II in 2014, start working on a proposal. If you need any

help or have questions, please contact Rich Whritenhour (reg9dir@asfa.org) for the International Invitationals Guidelines and the format for the proposal.

Premium lists for the Web Site

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

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



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

Punxsutawney Phil said we would have an early spring.
Let's hold him to it!

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