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# ASFA Communiqué

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## President's message

It's been a busy month. Beginning the month of April by returning from the II followed a couple of weeks later by the Whippet National Specialty field trial on the 20th has been hectic. And now it's May! There are already many field trials to choose from and the dogs are in high gear. Remember clubs, there are awards to be earned for the number of trials you host as well as the total number of hounds run in your trials during the year.

The grass is finally getting green and some flowers are appearing. Maybe there will really be a spring! Looking forward to many field trial.

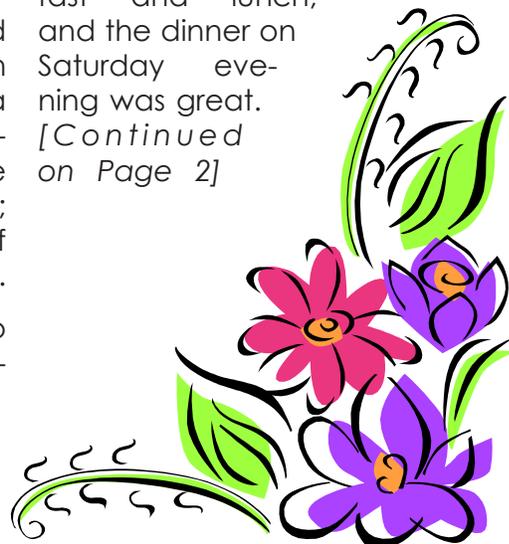
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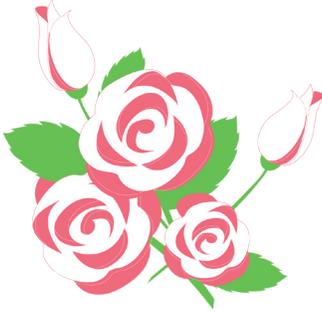
## 2014 International Invitational

The 2014 II hosted by Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Association (GOGLCA) and the Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (SSRRC) was a wonderful success. An amazing venue at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala was perfect; beautiful fields and plenty of space for parking and camping.

The clubs did a wonderful job of hosting the 2014 II. Each entrant received a welcome bag chock full of niceties for both hounds and exhibitors. The caterer had delicious

options for breakfast and lunch, and the dinner on Saturday evening was great.  
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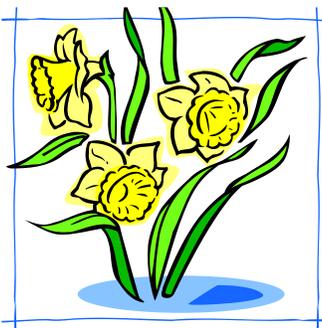




*Congratulations to  
the 2014  
Best in II,  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
"Storm"!*

*Congratulations to  
all of the  
winners at the II,  
including  
Gillette stake  
winner,  
Ibizan Hound  
"Kramer".*

*Thank you to  
all who helped  
make this a  
terrific II.*



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[Continued from Page 1] The day began with a very moving run of the 4th hound accompanied by a reading and bagpipes. There were very few dry eyes. We also had the added bonus of a horse show on the same grounds with a variety of horse drawn vehicles going through different exercises and classes.

The weather was terrific, despite quite a downpour Saturday afternoon which caused an approximate 3 hour delay. Everyone helped to make it possible to finish the remaining runs before it got dark.

Because of the delay, the running of the Gillette Stake was postponed until Sunday before the running of the Best in II. The 2014 Gillette Stake winner was the Ibizan "Kramer", DC Alik's Notanuff Sell the Sizzle, MC, LCX, FCh, owned by Christy Shaw and Alice Mirest- es. It was stiff competition and all the entries ran very well.

Sunday dawned with sunshine, which was very welcome after the rain on Saturday. But with the sandy soil of Florida there were no puddles and best of all no mud.



After exciting runs by all the competitors the final runs of the day were for Best in II which was ultimately won by the Rhodesian Ridge-



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back "Storm", FC Vyrduous Sound of An Angel's Wings, SC, owned by Shawna Chastain.

A big round of congratulations to GOGL-CA and SSRRC for showing us true southern hospitality and hosting a terrific II. Also congratulations to all exhibitors and hounds.



## 2015 International Invitational

The Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and a committee of other interested people will be hosting the 2015 International Invitational in the Pacific Northwest. It will be held May 16 – 17, 2015, at Meadowbrook Farm in North Bend, WA. Mark your calendars and start making plans for next May. The II, as it's more commonly referred to, is AS-

FA's premier event and draws hounds from all over the country. We are looking forward to being in Washington State next May. Look to the ASFA website (<http://www.asfa.org>) for more detailed information as it becomes available.



## Special Elections for RD's in Regions 8 and 9

The election of Rich Whritenour and Gary Roush to the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice President at the 2014 ACoD left their Regional Director positions vacant. Special elections are currently under way in Regions 8 and 9 to fill those va-

cancies. Nominations have already been received for both regions. Ballots will be distributed to member club delegates on May 8th and results should be available on June 29th.

## 2014 Committees

The committees for 2014 have been approved by the Board and will be posted on the ASFA website shortly. They are currently finalizing their goals for 2014 and we are looking forward to the results of their ideas and work. If

you have any ideas for any of the committees, please send them to Bill Bowlus-Root ([CorresSecy@asfa.org](mailto:CorresSecy@asfa.org)) and he can direct them to the appropriate committee to consider.



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

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