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A very Happy New Year to all. Aaah, it is the beginning of a year of coursing when most of our hounds have 0 Bowen Points. Good luck to one and all for the year.

2010 ACoD

This year's ACoD will be held on March 27 and 28, 2010 at the Double Tree San Jose Hotel. The convention hotel is about ¼ mile from the San Jose, CA International Airport. All the information regarding the ACoD is now available on the ASFA web site: www.asfa.org. Just click on the words ACoD 2010 in the middle of the home page. You will find a downloadable registration. If you are planning to drive to the convention hotel, remember that there is a (reduced) charge for day parking of \$8.00. Our Convention Planner, Vickie Jacobs, has negotiated a room rate of \$89 for doubles and singles and \$99 for a triple. Please note that the hotel **room reservation deadline is February 23, 2010**. All the information regarding making room reservations is also available on the ASFA web site.

Darkling Memorial Trophy

The Board has approved a new trophy to be awarded to the Borzoi that represents the breed in the Gillette stake at the ASFA International Invitational. The trophy is named the Darkling Memorial Trophy. It is offered in memory of DC SilkenSwift Blaze's Darkfire, SC, GRC, LCM7. For those of you who saw Darkling run and know of his career, I am sure you will agree this trophy fits well within the guidelines recently announced for II trophies. The trophy is being made now; it is both stunning and will be a piece of art. If you are interested, a picture is available. It is anticipated that the Darkling Memorial Trophy will be offered at the 2010 II.

ASFA 2nd Vice President

At the end of November, the ASFA Board received the resignation of Denny Baker as the 2nd Vice-President of ASFA. Denny has contributed to the Board for many years not only as an officer of ASFA and a Board member but also as the committee chair of a number of important committees and as a member of many other committees. She has worked very hard on the ASFA Board. We will miss her insights, humor and dedication. Fortunately, the ASFA had a strong candidate in the wings. As you well know, Russ Jacobs was nominated for the position of 2nd Vice President by the ASFA Nominating Committee for this year's officer elections. We called upon Russ to step into the 2nd Vice President position early. Thankfully he agreed. We

welcome Russ and his institutional memory from his many years of prior experience on the ASFA Board.

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