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Los Angeles Earthquake '94

The January 17, 1994 Northridge Earthquake did more than just shake up a few Southern California Flyball teams. Three teams; West Valley Dogsports, Rocket Paws and Quantum Leap are based just a few miles from the epicenter of the quake. Miraculously, there were no serious injuries to either human or dog team members, and nearly all were racing as soon as March 5-6 in Santa Barbara.

Joanne Boyland (with Splash - Border Collie) of Quantum Leap had to vacate her home, it was declared unsafe, and she is currently residing with fellow Quantum Leap team member Doug (with Meg - Border Collie) temporarily until her home is once again safe to live in, which may not be for several months.

Fortunately, there were no major physical harm done to any NAFA team members that we know of but the psychological trauma that everyone, including the dogs, sustained may remain with them for the rest of their lives.

The earthquake occurred pre-dawn with a violent lifting and dropping motion. The sounds of shattering glass, screams from the darkness of the night, dishes being thrown from the cabinets and crashing to the floor. Many were thrown from their beds, literally, onto the floor. Then silence and darkness. Power and phone lines were severed. Water mains were spewing geysers. Gas mains were exploding. But, the dogs were okay. With the light of the day came the horrible realization of what had taken place. Days without power, water, and serviceable grocery stores. The people who had lived through this will tell you it was a nightmare.

Two and a half months later, some team members are rebuilding their homes. Fallen chimneys seem to have been one of the most common problems caused by the quake. Jack Mathieson, who races Tie (Border Collie) and Alfie (Sheltie) with West Valley Dogsports, is still in the process of rebuilding his crumbled chimney.

Betsy and Henry Ortiz (With Alex - Aussie and Ivy - Sheltie) of Rocket Paws had



NAFA FLYBALL TITLES

NAFA is researching the possibility of revamping the point system for Flyball Titles. The committee needs your input. Please review some thought-provoking ideas and give us your comments and suggestions!

Currently, NAFA rules state that a dog racing in a NAFA sanctioned tournament with a recorded (team) time of under 24 seconds is awarded 25 points, under 28 seconds is awarded 5 points, and under 32 seconds is awarded 1 point.

Dogs that accumulate 20 points are awarded the Flyball Dog (FD) title, 100 points are awarded the Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX) title, and 500 points are awarded the Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh) title.

The following are some of the questions we would like you to answer:

How many tournaments should it take to obtain an FD title? FDX? FDCh?

Should small dogs, long-backed dogs, specific breeds or veterans have a different point scale for titles?

Should there be honorary titles for a retiring dog (maybe the dog is 10 points away from an FDCh)?

Should a 25 point run mean a dog raced with no errors, was very fast, or a combination of the two? Or should a 25 point run signify something else?

With several teams consistently racing at 20 seconds or less, should the 24 second time

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From the Executive Director...

Welcome! Feedback has been very positive thus far on the NAFA NEWS format and features. Thanks to everyone - we hope we can improve the sport of Flyball through active communication. We encourage your letters, comments, and suggestions.

It's been a very busy month! Re-assigning Regional Directors (See story in this issue), obtaining a shipping crate and contract for our new lights, and the relocation from Boston, MA to Los Angeles, CA of both myself and Andrew (NAFA NEWS Editor) has certainly made this a banner month.

The big story is the LIGHTS! NAFA has a crate (thanks to Clyde Moore) and a shipping arrangement (thanks to Bob Murray) and it seems that everything will be ready for all teams to use the lights.

One additional note about the use of the lights in tournaments. Even though the accuracy in the timing has increased, the outcome of races will continue to be determined visually by the Head Judge and the Line Judges.

Until next month, stay in your lane and hold the ball tight.

Kim Eashoo

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for a 25 point run be changed to something such as 21 seconds?

Should there be different point scales for each division? Perhaps the average time for a tournament could indicate which scale was used. For example, a team averaging 26 seconds in a tournament could have a 25 point heat with a 24 second run, whereas a team with an average of 30 seconds, would have a 25 point heat with a 28 second run.

Your opinions count and will greatly help NAFA serve all members of the Flyball community. Please take a little time to answer some or all of these questions, and even add a few comments of your own. Send all answers and comments to:

Susan Borup
7723 Westview Lane
Woodridge, IL 60657

NEW HEAD JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS

As of January 1, 1994, NAFA has imposed a ruling that Flyball tournaments will not be sanctioned without a NAFA approved Head Judge. Along with this rule change came new guidelines on qualifications for approval.

Effective January 1, 1994, anyone who desires approval for Head Judge must apprentice a tournament under a Head Judge that has gained permanent status from NAFA. Under apprenticeship, the Head Judge will observe the apprentice and correct errors about judging that the apprentice may have. The Head Judge will also give instructions and guidance as deemed appropriate.

The Head Judge then sends a completed Apprentice Form to Dave Samuels, who is the head of the Judges and Guidelines committee, with recommendations for, or against, approval. With this recommendation, Dave Samuels decides if the applicant will be approved to become NAFA Head Judge under probation.

If the applicant becomes successful in becoming a NAFA approved Head Judge under probation, the applicant must judge 3 additional tournaments in this probationary status. Even with a probationary status, the applicant is still considered an approved NAFA Head Judge thus the tournament will still be fully sanctioned under the new guidelines requiring NAFA approved Head Judges.

After successful completing of 3 tournaments under probationary status, the applicant shall submit an application for approval to permanent status to Dave Samuels. Dave will review the application and conduct interviews as required to key personnel such as the tournament director and the Head Judge that the applicant apprenticed under. Dave may also conduct an interview with the applicant to insure that the applicant is thoroughly familiar with all NAFA rules and policies.

Dave would then submit the applicant to the Board of Directors with his recommendation of approval or disapproval. The Board of Directors will

make further actions to determine if the applicant should be granted permanent status as a NAFA approved Head Judge.

After the completion of this process, NAFA will inform the applicant of his or her status as a Head Judge. If successful, the applicant will have the rights and privileges as Head Judge until the applicant resigns or the Board of Directors revokes his or her status.

Further questions concerning procedures on becoming a NAFA approved head judge may be forwarded to:

Dave Samuels
c/o NAFA International
1 Gooch Park Drive
Barrie, Ontario, Canada L4M 4S6

ERRORS

The following are errors that were caught from the April 1994 issue of NAFA News;

Kim Eashoo has moved and can now be reached at (818) 716-6110.

Clyde Moore's address and the address to send tournament information is:

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2025 East Tobias
Clio, MI 48420

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NAFA NEWS BITS

THE FINISH LINE

There may have been some confusion of the status of THE FINISH LINE since the introduction of NAFA NEWS. THE FINISH LINE is still being circulated and has valuable information that is not covered in NAFA NEWS. THE FINISH LINE will continue to have the NAFA Seeding Chart, Tournament Results, COMPLETE upcoming tournament lists, and other detailed information that NAFA NEWS will not be carrying. Additionally, since NAFA NEWS does not accept advertisements, THE FINISH LINE will be the only source to advertise your new litter, super Flyball box, tournament advertisements, or other advertisements that you wish distributed to Flyball enthusiasts. THE FINISH LINE can be reached at 4365 Glanaster Road, Mount Hope, Ontario, Canada, LOR 1W0

BREED CHAMPIONS - NAFA CHAMPIONS

NAFA NEWS is seeking information on Flyball Champions who are also a champion of record within their breed. If you have, or know of, such a dog, please send a brief note to NAFA NEWS. Photos are appreciated, but not required.

IF YOU CAN READ THIS...

be sure that your whole team can too! Remember that only team captains, NAFA approved Head Judges, delegates, and Board Members are receiving this newsletter. PLEASE copy and distribute the newsletter to every team member! Also help keep our mailing list straight by informing us of additions or deletions that may be required.

POUND TO NAFA CHAMPION

NAFA NEWS is also seeking information on Flyball Champions who have been rescued from a pound or humane society. If you have, or know of such a dog, please send a note to NAFA NEWS. Again, photos are appreciated but not required.

Needed: Box and Jump Manufacturers

for box/jump manufacturers. Please send NAFA NEWS your name, address and telephone number along with a description of your equipment with a price list. Photos are encouraged. All information will be placed in an information sheet that will be sent to all inquiries to NAFA.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REASSIGNMENTS

NAFA Executive Director, Kim Eashoo, evaluated and reassigned Regional Directors in many locations. Three Regional Directors resigned their positions: Sharon Anderson, MN; Melody Daggs, CA; and Neal Jennings, AZ & NM. Each of these Regional Directors has served for years and will be sorely missed. Joe Goetz, NAFA approved judge, will succeed Sharon Anderson in Minnesota, and has also been assigned the state of Wisconsin and Nebraska. Bruce Brackman, team captain for the Santa Barbara Flyers will replace Melody Daggs in California. Katy Kaylor, team captain of Touch 'n Go in Las Vegas, Nevada will be Regional Director for Nevada and Arizona.

In order to better service certain areas, other changes have been made. Rick Palylyk, Regional Director in British Columbia, will assume the state of Washington. Bob Davidson, Regional Director of Ontario, will also be responsible for New York. Alan Weiner, Regional Director of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas will now work to promote Flyball in Louisiana and Oklahoma/Kansas will be

dropped until teams are formed there. It is intended that the Regional Directors will foster growth and development in their assigned areas. Please welcome our new Regional Directors and thanks to our past Regional Directors for a job well done.

The following is the most current Regional Director list;

Bob Davidson
Ontario, New York
(905) 679-4846

Bruce Brackman
California
(805) 569-5674

Joe Goetz
Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska
(612) 441-5514

Katy Kaylor
Nevada, Arizona
(702) 876-2417

Clyde Moore
Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania
(810) 686-1973

Rick Palylyk
British Columbia, Washington
(905) 534-0185

Alan Weiner
Texas, Louisiana
(713) 530-5211

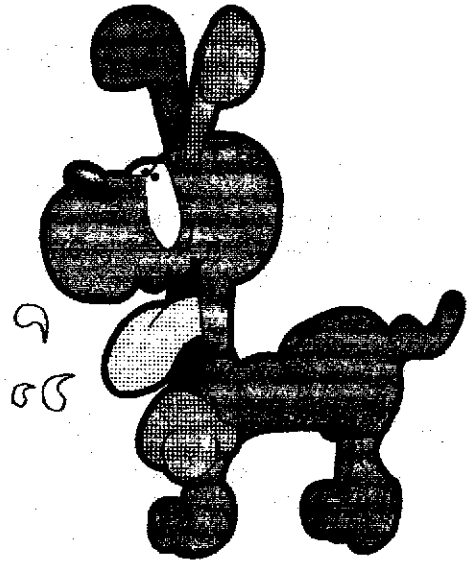
Steve McAvoy
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa
(309) 688-4915

Kevin Hughes
Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta
(204) 237-7086

As with all official correspondence to NAFA, all mail to Regional Directors can be sent to the NAFA address at 1 Gooch Park Drive, Barrie, Ontario, Canada, L4M 4S6 with attention to the person you wish correspondence.

TOURNAMENTS

Dates	Close	Location	Contact	Number
5/1	4/15/94	Matsqui, BC	Barbara McNair	604-855-9590
5/7	4/27/94	Fresno, CA	Lavada Montgomery	209-237-1515
5/14-5/15	4/15/94	Henry, IL	Steve McAvoy	309-688-4915
5/14	5/2/94	College Station, TX	Judy Truelove	713-688-4234
5/14-5/15	4/15/94	Detroit, MI	Pam Shultz	313-242-1426
5/21-5/22	5/3/94	Brandon, Man.	Jeff Mortenson	204-727-0457
5/28	4/15/91	Lockport, NY	Carol Thom	716-433-4620
6/11-6/12	4/29/94	Caledonia, Ont	Donna Cocking	905-779-3062
6/11-6/12	6/4/94	Garden Grove, CA	Elaine Scott	714-770-8366
6/25-6/26	6/10/94	Lake Elmo, MN	Sharon Anderson	612-777-2317
6/26	6/11/94	Victoria, BC	Lisa Nykipilo	604-478-4591
7/9	6/15/94	Mt. Pelier, OH	Sherry Bigger	810-629-0335
7/16-7/17	7/2/94	Winnipeg, MAN	Nicki Hughes	204-237-7086
7/23	7/9/94	College Station, TX	Mary Nester	214-376-8588
7/24	7/6/94	Santa Barbara, CA	Tiffany Van Tuyl	805-687-6933
7/30-7/31	6/17/94	Kitchener, Ont	John Cocking	905-779-3062
8/6	7/9/94	Champaign, IL	Chris Larson	217-351-5939
8/6-8/7	7/8/94	Thunder Bay, ONT	Nancy Houlton	807-622-1396
8/12-8/14	7/15/94	Houston, TX	Alan Weiner	713-530-5211
8/20-8/21	7/8/94	Flint, MI	Clyde Moore	810-686-1973
9/17	8/15/94	Dalpariso, IN	Arne Kaszak	708-841-6035
10/8-10/9	9/9/94	Cedar Rapids, IA	Judy Hagan	319-484-2197
11/12-11/13	11/2/94	Fresno, CA	Iris Berry	209-485-5306



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(FD, FDX, FDCh, 10,000pts, 15,000pts, 20,000pts)
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