



NAFA NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the North American Flyball Association, Inc.

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NAFA Annual Meeting held in Minnesota

The Board of Directors of NAFA, Inc. met in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota on November 10 & 11, 1995, during the Flying Red Rangers *Flyball*TM Tournament. Traveling to Minnesota gave the Board members a chance to meet with and talk to many of the *Flyball* enthusiasts from Minnesota and Manitoba.

The full Board and its committees met several times prior to the Annual Meeting which was held on the Saturday evening.

Much of the Board's time was spent grappling with the thorny issue of what criteria to use to establish Annual Champions, both at the Regional and North American levels. Criteria for the North American and Regional Champions were established and a Regular Class Champion were named. The selection of Multi-breed champions was put over until the next meeting. The criteria will be published once the Board is

satisfied that it has criteria that will work equitably under all circumstances in the different Regions within *NAFA*TM.

The results of the election for three new Board Members were announced. The board congratulates Steve McAvoy on his re-election, Steve has made valuable contributions to *NAFA* as chair of the Regulatory Committee. Two new members were elected along with Steve. Val. Culpin from British Columbia and Alan Weiner from Texas were welcomed to the Board. Congratulations to both! The fact that the Board now has members from each major area of activity is a good sign for the future strength of the *Flyball* Organization. No one should feel isolated from what "they" are deciding at Board Meetings.

Another important topic of discussion was nominations to the Hall of Fame. Five dogs were

nominated, from these the Board considered that three were eligible to put forward to a delegate vote. The dogs named as candidates are: **Zeke**, A Border Collie handled by Phyllis Askew of Front Runners. **Vesta**, A Black Labrador handled by Marty Fulton of Animal Inn. **Flash**, A Border Collie handled by Doug. Smuck of Border Patrol.

Another item of interest was some discussion on how to recognize the relationship between *NAFA* and Ian Hogg, who has been doing such a great job for us with the Internet. As an initial step Ian has been named to a Public Relations Committee which will also include Glenn Hamilton and Bob Murray.

The application of the Aggression Rule (6.17) to dogs that repeatedly chased other dogs or crossed into other lanes was discussed. It was suggested that Judges should communicate among themselves about such behaviour patterns.

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Happy New Year to all Flyball Competitors!

FROM THE STARTING LINE

by Dennis Wieske

In spite of our best efforts, there may come a time when a team must pull itself from tournament competition. Usually it is too late for the tournament director to change the schedule. When this happens all of their races are declared forfeit and the tournament is kept on schedule.

In accordance with the Rules for Competition, section 6.14 (b), Teams that win by forfeit must complete the minimum required heats scheduled to qualify for points awarded in round-robin or to advance in double elimination competition. If, another team is not available to compete, the team shall race without an opponent.

The head judge will conduct this race in the same fashion as any other race in the tournament. The competing team must complete each required heat in order to be declared the winner of that race. If the team is unable to complete a heat, the head judge should stop the heat and indicate a loss on the time sheet. The head judge should ask the team captain to replace the offending dog then start the next heat. The team may only run as many heats as allowed for in the tournament format (2 out of 3, 3 out of 5, etc.)

Using a 3 out of 5 format for an example.

In double elimination competition, if the team is unable to complete the necessary heats(3) in the allotted attempts(5), then the team would drop down into the losers bracket. If the team is able to complete 3 out of 5, then they will advance to the next round. The forfeiting team will then drop into the losers bracket, and the same rule will apply.

In round-robin competition, where the winner of the race is awarded one tournament point per race, the team must complete 3 of the 5 heats to earn that point. When the winner of each heat is awarded two points, best of 5, then the competing team will only earn two points for each heat completed.

1995 Flyball Champions Announced

One of the decisions the Board is committed to making at the Annual Meeting is to announce the *NAFA* and Regional Champions for the year just closing. As announced in the March issue of the *NAFA NEWS*, championships will be based on the 12 month October to September period. This allows time for the board to select the Champions and announce it at the Annual Meeting which is normally held in November each year. It was the intent of the Board to announce both Regular and Multi-breed Champions. Unfortunately, this year, the development of suitable criteria has lagged and these

announcements had to be postponed to the February 3 meeting.

The Champions as announced at the 1995 Annual Meeting are:

1995 *NAFA* Champions:
Instant Replay Gold.

Regional Champions:

1. Rude Puppies (MI, OH, PA)
2. Instant Replay Gold (ON, NY)
3. Animal Inn (MN, WI, NE)
4. Smack Dab Red & River City Flyers A (Tie) (IN, IL, IA, MO)
5. CTDC - Leaps & Bounds (TX, LA, KS)

6. Bark in the Park (CA, NV, AZ)
 7. North Shore Flyers (WA, BC)
 8. Allsorts Dogsports (MB, SK, AB)
- (No Champion named for the new Region 9 MD, VI, NC, SC, GA)

Being a member of the new North American Champion Team, your editor is proud of the accomplishment of our team. The competition in the top division in our area has become extremely tight. There are no "easy" wins anymore, every team is competitive and small errors in handling can be all it takes to win or lose.

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Executive Director's Corner.

by Clyde Moore.

As I finish my first year in office, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a great year for *Flyball* competition. In the course of the year I have had the honor to meet many new Flyballers and put faces with some of the voices I have worked with over the years. I am pleased to say that after trips to Texas, California, and Minnesota, *Flyball* competition in these areas, along with the growth in Regions 7 (BC,WA), 8 (AB,SK,MB), and the newest one 9 (MD,VI,NC,etc.) holds great promise for the future. I was pleased to see the level of competition in these areas and the enthusiasm of the new competitors!

So far this year I have received tournament applications from 2 new tournament hosts and would like to encourage other *Flyball* clubs to get their feet wet and host their first tournament. It is not as hard as it looks, and many of the older clubs would be willing to help out with your questions. If there is anything I can do to help, don't hesitate to contact me.

There is a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Feb. 3, 1996 so if you have something on your mind that needs to be discussed, this is the time to let either Bob Murray or myself know.

WISHING EVERYONE A
VERY HAPPY FLYBALL NEW
YEAR ☐

Words from the Chairman

by Bob Murray

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season. I would like to congratulate our two newly elected Board members, Val Culpin and Allan Weiner, and a re-elected member Steve McAvoy. Our Board now has representation from Ontario, British Columbia, Minnesota, Texas, Illinois and Nevada. Michigan is represented through our Executive Director. As you can see we have the North American continent covered pretty well.

The Directors met in Brooklyn Park MN on November 10 at the airport, where we were met and transported to our hotel by Noel Kujawski and Toni Osojnicki (from now on we just use first names) Thank you both very much. Noel also transported us around MN and back to the airport on Sunday. Following supper on Friday, the Board worked until 1:30 am. On Saturday morning we attended the tournament hosted by the Flying Red Rangers Flyball Teams. The individual committees gathered again at 3 PM until 5 PM. The Board reconvened its meeting at 6:45 and continued until 8:00 PM. At 8:15 the Annual Meeting was called to order and continued until 10:30. Following the Annual Meeting the Board members found time to enjoy the hospitality of the Minnesota Flyball people. I can still hear Kevin saying his final "CHUBBY BUNNIES",

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Flyball News on the Internet

Some *Flyball* enthusiasts, including several of the Board Members, subscribe to a Flyball mail list on the Internet.

To subscribe, send an E-mail to:

<listproc@ces.com>

Put: "subscribe flyball *your e-mail address*" in the body of the message.

for example:

"subscribe flyball
jblow@bogus.com"

There is also a World Wide Web Page devoted to *Flyball*. It contains information from *NAFA*, & *BFA*, as well as team profiles, tournament listings and a host of other useful information.

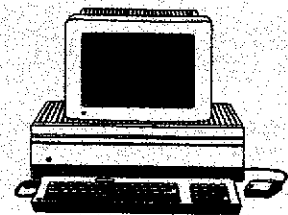
The URL for the Web Page is:

<<http://www.cs.umn.edu/~ianhogg/flyball/flyball.html>>

E-mail addresses for *NAFA* officials are shown in the *NAFA* Directory as
<somebody@somewhere>

This Web Page and the Mail List are carefully maintained for us by Ian Hogg.

(The contents of the mail list and Web site are the views of the individual contributors. These do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of *NAFA, Inc.*)



NAFA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Host Team	Location	Close	Contact	Phone	Judge	Notes
Jan 6	Texas Allstar Express	Houston TX	Dec 11	Judy Truelove	713-688-4234	C Lottinville	Unlimited Reg. only
Jan 27	Houston OTDC	Houston TX	Jan 6	Ethelene Bucy	713-468-0842	?	Unlimited Reg. only
Feb 9,10,11*	TCOTC	Minneapolis MN	Jan 10	Emily Glatzel	612-447-4238	J Goetz	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Feb 10	Airborne Flyball Team	Thunder Bay ON	Jan 27	Shelley Whiteman	807-343-4767	J Goetz?	Limited Reg (8)
Feb 24,25	Touch N Go	Las Vegas NV	Feb 1	Katy Kaylor	702-876-2417	S McAvoy	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Mar 2,3	Rude Dogs	Otisville MI	Feb 3	Sue Ethier	810-742-5752	D Wieske	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Mar 3	Kids In The Field	Saanichton BC	Feb 17	Aaron Hughes	604-652-2202	V Culpin	Unlimited Reg. only
Mar 16,17	Solid Gold Flyball Express	Brooklyn Pk MN	Feb 15	Georgianna Smith	612-659-0436	J Goetz	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Mar 16	Calgary Canine Centre	Calgary AB	Mar 1	Janet Ooms	403-255-4343	K Hughes	Unlimited Reg. only
Mar 17	Calgary Canine Centre	Calgary AB	Mar 1	Janet Ooms	403-255-4343	K Hughes	Unlimited Reg. only
Mar 24	Dogwood Pacesetters	Surrey BC	Mar 5	Bonnie Simpson	604-850-6879	Judge?	Unlimited Reg. only
Apr 5,6	Great Can. Pet Fairs	Vancouver BC	Mar 17	Barb van Ingen	604-856-6860	V Culpin	Limited Reg. (16)
Apr 13,14	Maximum Overdrive	Port Huron MI	Mar 1	Sue Rogers	810-268-3831	D Wieske	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Apr 20,21*	Omaha 4-Play	Omaha NB	Mar 23	Dea Jaffey	402-592-4891	J Goetz	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Apr 27,28*	Prairie PDQ Dogsports	Regina SK	?	Elsie Wesdyk	306-345-2475	Barrie Freeman	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
May 4,5*	Lickety Splits	San Diego CA	Apr 15	Trudy Morgan	619-729-1977	D Moore	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
May 4	Matsqui Flyball Club	Abbotsford BC	Apr 19	Wendy Porter	604-556-2301	Judge?	Unlimited Reg. only
May 11	The Away Team	Toronto ON	Apr 5	Viki Kidd	416-534-1315	K Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
May 18,19*	River City Flyers	Peoria IL	Apr 20	Steve McAvoy	309-682-7617	S McAvoy	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
June 8,9	Instant Replay (pending)	Caledonia ON	Apr 19	Donna Cocking	905-779-3062	Bob Murray	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Jun 15,16	No Speed Limit	Howard Cty MD	Jun 1	Eunice Morgan	410-472-2371	Judge?	Unlimited Reg. only
Jun 29,30	NC Hockade Runners	Raleigh NC	Apr 29	Mike Randall	919-217-8481	M Randall	Limited Reg (4)
Jul 13	Stray Dogs	Cambridge ON	Jun 3	Taylor Johnston	905-824-3651	K Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
Aug 17,18	Rocket Relay	Mt Hope ON	Jul 19	Melanie Davidson	905-469-8342	D Samuels	Ltd Reg (28), 4/breed (12)
Sep 21,22	Slammers	Ann Arbor MI	Aug 17	Pam Shultz	313-242-1426	Judge?	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Sep 28	Borden Canine/Some Ruff	Borden ON	Aug 19	Nancy McCarthy	705-424-3463	K Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
Sep 29	Borden Canine/Some Ruff	Borden ON	Aug 19	Nancy McCarthy	705-424-3463	K Eldridge	Ltd Reg (12) Ltd 4/breed (12)
Nov 2,3*	Touch N Go	Las Vegas NV	Oct 1	Katy Kaylor	702-876-2417	Judge?	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed

* Different Classes and or Divisions each day.

NOTE TO ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Clyde Moore
NAFA Executive Director

You have complied with *NAFA* Rule # 5.1(e) when your tournament is listed in either the *NAFA NEWS* or the *FINISH LINE* prior to your closing date. *NAFA* policy does not consider it is necessary for you to send flyers to all 200 teams to be in compliance with the rules. This should save those of you who are still following the original policy a considerable sum of money.

N.A.F.A. DIRECTORY

Revised Jan 1, 1996

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1	Clyde Moore	MI, OH, PA	6	Katy Kaylor	CA, NV, AZ
2	Bob Davidson	ON, NY	7	Rick Palylyk	BC, WA
3	Toni Osojnicki	MN, WI, NE	8	Kevin Hughes	MB, SK, AB
4	Steve McAvoy	IL, IN, IA, MO	9	Mike Randall	MD, VA, NC, SC, GA
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"Chairman" continued...
and I can't forget "Jack the Impostor". Many thanks to everyone who attended.

Editor's Note:

"CHUBBY BUNNIES" is a game that was imported from the UK through our association with the BFA over the Internet. Please ask someone who subscribes the Flyball E-Mail List to explain how it is played. I don't want to go into the details here! "Kevin", I believe, was Kevin Hughes.

"Champions" continued...
This year Instant Replay was the winner, but the future could belong to any one of several teams. Only one team can be North American Champion, but it would not be possible to be a meaningful Champion unless others were willing to compete on equal terms. To all those other teams who come out to compete and challenge each other to do the best they can, Instant Replay offers their thanks, for without them there would be no satisfaction in winning a championship.

"Board" continued...
Toni Osojnicki was approved as the new Regional Director for MN, WI, & NE.

Some discussion on the idea of holding a "National Tournament" took place. The Board is open to proposals on how this might be done.

Congratulations to Debbie Brink and Sheltie, Shana on their ONYX Award!

The next meeting of the Board will be on February 3, in Toronto, ON.

THE FINAL WORD

Steve McAvoy
Chairman Regulatory Committee

For this issue I would like to discuss Rule # 6:16(h) CONDUCT OF THE BOX LOADER.

I have noticed box loaders leaving their box after their team has finished their heat but before the opposing team has finished their heat. Teams need to inform their box loaders to maintain their position at the box until the head judge declares the heat finished by declaring a winner. Please take a few minutes to discuss this with your box loaders, along with the rest of your team. Who knows who might have to load the next race.

Also, a question has been raised about the location of the spare ball bucket during the running of heats. The entire racing area must remain free of obstructions. This includes the area between the box and the backboards. Ball bucket/containers should be placed behind the backboards thus out of the racing area/lanes.

At this time I would like to thank everyone for my re-election to the *NAFA* Board of Directors. I will continue to work with the Board to make *Flyball* competition better for everyone in the future.

Wish you all a Happy New Year and hope to see you at a tournament this year.

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