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# NAFA NEWS

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

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# NAFA's 1998 Parade of Champions

Region	<u>Area</u>	Regular Class	Multi-Breed Class
NOR	RTH AMERICAN		
(	CHAMPIONS	ROCKET RELAY	INSTANT REPLAY
Region #1	MI, OH, PA	Slammers	Rude Dogs
Region #2	ON, NY	Instant Replay	Instant Replay
Region #3	MN, WI, NE	Dynomutts	n/a
Region #4	IL, IN, IA, MO	Flashback	n/a
Region #5	TX, KS, LA	<b>Top Dog Racers</b>	n/a
Region #6	CA, NV, AZ	Touch N Go	Touch N Go
Region #7	BC, WA	Camrose Kings	n/a
Region #8	MB, SK, AB	Allsorts Dogsports	Canine Agility Racers
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Region #9	MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, PEI, NS, NB, etc.	No Speed Limit	New River Express

n/a = not applicable (less than 12 teams/tournament in the region)

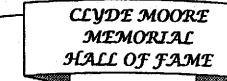
#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

441 Ballots mailed out - 270 Ballots returned

Executive Director
Steve McAvoy

### **Board of Directors**

Alan Weiner
Val Culpin
Ule James



Congratulations to:

SPEEDY (Rude Dogs)

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

Let me begin by thanking everyone who supported me in my recent election as Executive Director of NAFA. It has been a very difficult and challenging year but I look forward to the upcoming year and the exciting changes ahead for NAFA.

My goals for the future include more EJS systems, better communication between NAFA and it's participants, more growth and popularity due to our alliance with PETSMART and most importantly to have fun while competing with our dogs and socializing with our friends in flyball.

I would like to congratulate Alan and Val on their re-election and to welcome Ule James to the Board of Directors. Also good luck to Alyson Brown on her appointment as Regional Director of Region #5, replacing Alan Weiner, whose duties as chairman require his full attention. At this time, I would like to thank Alan for his service to NAFA as Regional Director and working to promote the sport in such a large way in his area and I welcome the opportunity to work with Alyson as she takes over from Alan.

Congratulations to Connie & Speedy of Rude Dogs on their election to the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Rocket Relay (NAFA Regular Champions) and Instant Replay (NAFA Multi-breed Champions) on their success of the past year as well to all the Regional champions for 1998.

As I begin my term, Regional Directors can look forward to receiving a monthly information update from me beginning in February. If there are any items that you would like to see addressed in the updates, please feel free to contact me.

Lastly, Melanie has decided to resign from her job as statistician but has agreed to continue until a replacement has been found. I would like to thank her for her dedication and service these past 5 years. Anyone interested in doing the stats job, please let me know.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year and good racing to all.....

Steve McAvoy
Executive Director, NAFA

# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS By Alan Weiner

Thanks to the Dogwood Pacesetters and all the Flyball enthusiasts in the Pacific Northwest for making the 1998 Annual General Meeting held in Abbotsford, BC such a great experience. While there are some regional differences throughout North America, the thing that remains constant is how much dogs love flyball and how much enjoyment we get out of playing this terrific sport.

The Board meeting was productive and several projects are underway to facilitate the growth that flyball is experiencing. There are many talented people (non-board members) involved in the sport that contribute in various ways. Carol Friedman of the Houston Flyball Assoc. and Alyson Brown of Lone Star Flyball are enthusiasts who also happen to be very good attorneys. Their contribution as committee members on the PETsMART and the By-Laws committees has been monumental. Melanie McAvoy has done an incredible job as NAFA Statistician during a time of unprecedented growth. Chris Knowlton manages the logistics of the EJS in Canada, and prior to serving on the board Sue Rogers handled award pins and helped with rulebook revisions. Jim Sova and members of the election committee have worked hard as well. There are others that are helping NAFA by scoring tournaments and various other projects. Please contact me (or any board member) if you have an idea or would like to help.

The NAFA/PETsMART Alliance is underway with flyball demos at 7 Harlem Globetrotter games co-There are many sponsored by PETsMART. exciting plans that will be announced soon. You will be hearing more about the new generation of EJS and PETsMART sponsored-NAFA hosted tournaments with extensive media promotion. I feel that getting flyball into venues that attract spectators is the key to continued growth. There are many successful tournaments held in conjunction with other events such as dog shows, agility trials, petfairs and fundraisers that attract large crowds and lots of media attention. This exposes more dog lovers to our sport and will certainly fuel flyball's continued expansion. All it takes to get hooked on flyball is to see it. So many people, who have seen how much fun the dogs and handlers have playing flyball, have said ... WOW, I want to do that.

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Jan 17	18-Dec		Brooklyn Park, MN	Dynomutta	Jan Frey	612-427-9264	\$75118	I Inlimited Red
Jan 23 & 24	1.0ec		Novi, MI	Smokin' Paws	Todd Momingstar	734-439-3811	\$300.8	Unlimited Reg & 4/Bread
Jan 23 & 24	21-Dec		College Station, TX	Texas Alistar Express	John Kelly	281-373-9005	\$75 US	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Jan 23	S S		Las Vegas, NV	Touch N Go	Brett Williams	702-736-4563	\$75 US	Unlimited Reg
Jan 24	<b>8</b>		Las Vegas, NV	Touch N Go	Brett Williams	702-738-4563	\$75 US	Unitraited Reg
Feb 13	- S	Š	Rockton, ON	Stray Dogs	Chris Knowiten	519-740-8838	\$125 CDN	Limited Reg (24)
Feb 13	1-Feb		Yuma, AZ	Hexterne Heat	Kate Turpin	520-782-4235	\$73.08	Unitratited Reg & 4/Breed
Feb 13 6. 14	14-Jan		Philidelphia, PA	Furfun	Deb Norman	215-657-0756	\$0.59\$	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
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Feb 14	1-Feb		Yuma, AZ	Hexterne Heat	Kate Turpin	520-782-4235	\$75 US	Unlimited Red
Feb 20	20-Jan		Richmond, TX	H.O.T. Dog Club	Ethelena Bucy	713-468-0842	\$110 US	Understand Reg
Feb 20	2 2 3		Brooklym Park, MN	All Stars Flybell Team	Bonnle Griep	612-440-1214	\$75 UB	Unitrated Red
Feb 21	8-Feb		Brooklyn Perk, MN	All Stars Flyball Team	Bonnie Griep	612-440-1214	\$75 US	Unimited Rec
Feb 27 & 28	6-Feb	6-Jan	Chleago, it.	Fleshback	Kurt Matushek	847-622-9814	\$75 US	Limited Reg (33)
Mar 6	7-Feb		Las Veget, NV	Flying Colors/Desert Dogs	Kris Pickering	702-474-9472	\$7508	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Mar 7	7-Feb	ı	Las Vegas, NV	Flying Colors/Desert Dogs	Kris Pickering	702-474-9472	\$75 US	Unitriited Reg
Mar 12	20-Feb	20-Jen	Toronto, ON	Fastrack	Marion Brinkman	905-678-6786	\$125 CDN	Limited Reg (20)
Mar 13 & 14	20-Feb	- 1	Terorito, ON	Fastrack	Marton Brinkman	905-678-6786	\$125 CDN	Umited Rea (30)
Mar 27 & 28	5-Mar		Corpus Christie, TX	Houston Flyball Assoc.	Stephanie Rudis#	713-783-6442	\$400 US	Unlimited Red
Mar 27	26-Feb	28-Jen	Borden, ON	Borden Cardne/Some Ruff.	Derek Marchbank	705-424-6842	\$100 CDN	Umited Res (24)
Mar 27	20-Mar		Harrisburg, PA	Jet Set	Kata Greena	717-805-6437	\$0.05 <b>\$</b>	Unitrated Reg & 4/Breed
Mar 28	26-Feb	28-Jan	Borden, ON	Borden Canina/Some Ruff.	Derek Merchbank	705-424-8842	\$100 CDN	Limited Reg (24)
Apr 10	24-Mar	_ _ _	Lioydminster, SK	Lloydminater Hot Doggers	Tom Harty	403-875-5035	\$80 CDN	Unimited Rea
Apr 10	10-Mar		San Marcos, CA	Catchers on the Fly	Bob Long	619-571-7022	\$75 US	Unitimited Reg & 4/Breed
Apr 11	24-Mar		Lloydminster, SK	Lioydminster Hot Doggens	Tom Hanty	403-875-5038	\$80 CDN	Unitratited Reg
Apr. 11	10-Mar		San Marcos, CA	Catchers on the Fly	Bob Long	619-571-7022	\$75 US	Unfimited Reg
Apr 10 & 10	ZO-Mar		Office And	Omaha 4-Play	Denise Guras	402-571-2016	\$80 AS	Unitmitted Reg - Limited 4/Breed (12)
Apr 17 6. 10		2	Port Huron, Mil	Meximum Overdrive	Sue Rogers	810-268-3831	\$82 NS	Unlimited with Cap (Reg + 4/8 = 75)
Apr 17 0 10	70.44-12		Parker, IX	Lone Star & High Impact	Alisa Romaine	972-617-8359	\$100 US	Unlimited Reg
Apr 10	ZU-Mar	T	CHERA, NE	Omeha 4-Play	Denise Gurss	402-571-2016	\$80 US	Unlimited Reg
Apr. 24	1000	Т	2	Okanagan Chain Reaction	Carol Edwards	250-545-5269	\$85 CDN	Limited Reg (20)
AD 44	10-Mar	10-1-00	•	Top Dog Racers	Karen Erz	972-335-8880	\$100 US	Limited Reg (15)
May	A A A			Axtec Lickety Splits	Eunice Clacolo	619-581-0301	\$75 US	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
May 8 & 9	16-Aor	18-Mar	Contratum ON	Direc Charles	Lunice Claccio	619-561-0301	\$75 US	Unimited Reg
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May 23	10-Abr		Peorts II	River City Flyers	Melenia Madama	CL69-000-800	25.8	
May 29 & 30	18-Apr	N/A	Hapersville, ON	Border Patrol	Prende Devidens	300-000-4913 006 785 6940	100 CC	Chilmand Reg
Jun 5	14-May	Ī	Abbotsford, BC	Toonies	Elsla-May I and	604 421 4027	ATSOCIAL COE CITAL	LIMITED TO (26) & 4/5/860 (16)
Jun 12 & 13	22-May		Westminster, MD	No Speed Limit	Eunice Morgan	410-472-2371	SAS IS	United Day & Afternal
Jun 12 & 13	10-May	П	Purina Ferms, MO	bell	Jeff Kinsley	314-629-5276	\$100 US	Unimited Red
Jun 19 & 20	3-May	7	Bolton, ON		hor McTavish	416-621-5636	\$130 CDN	Limited Reg (35)
Jun 25 & 27	15-May	15 Apr	Napanee, ON		Patricia Hunt	613-377-1384	\$125 CDN	Limited Reg (30) & 4/Breed (10)
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Jul 10 & 11	5 .	<b>ĕ</b>	Cembridge, ON		Chris Knowtton	519-740-8838	\$130 CDN	Limited Reg (35)
01 Inc					Jim Sova	319-286-8294	SD 59\$	Unlimited Reg
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Aug 14 & 10	17 CT				Mark Cimarolli	248-960-7734	\$90 US	Limited Reg (40) & 4/Breed (20)
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Oct 30	100	12	2	Touch N Go	Kaha Kados	319-288-8294	\$30.08	Unifimited Reg
Oct 31	1-04				Katy Kaylor	702-878-3447	900 US	Challented Neg & 4500ec
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# 1999 NAFA® DIRECTORY

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Judy Hagan Sue Rogers Ule James

(97-99)(98-00)(99-01)

Katy Kaylor Dale Smith

(97-99)(98-00)

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Tournament Sanctioning: Katy Kaylor

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**Executive Director: Steve McAvoy** 

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Alyson Brown

Region #1 Region #2 Region #3 Region #4

Region #5

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#### NAFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Friday, 4 December 1998 - Abbotsford, BC

(Abridged version of the minutes)

All Board members with the exception of Kevin Hughes were present. The Executive Director, Steve McAvoy was also present. NAFA Advisors, Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown were present for portions of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Alan Weiner at 8:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A very large number of tournaments already sanctioned for the upcoming year. We may have trouble supplying EJS given the number we currently have. This shows that what we've been saying about the growth of flyball has been understated.

FINANCIAL REPORT The financial report was not available for this meeting. It will be included in a later NAFA News

#### B. - COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Championships</u> – Katy read the list of regional Champions in both Regular Class and Multi-breed. Class. The NAFA Champions were decided later in the meeting. The complete list appears in the NAFA News.

<u>Technology</u> – Dale made the motion that "we purchase another set of the current lights for ASAP delivery from Collech" – seconded by Bob – the motion was passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding modifications to the new generation EJS and this discussion continues next meeting.

<u>By-Laws</u> NAFA 's special advisors, Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown were present for an ongoing discussion on the by-laws.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>PETsMART Alliance</u> - progress report and draft contract discussions with Carol and Alyson.

<u>Height Card Changes</u> – Sue is going to change the way the seal is applied.

<u>Regional Differences in Rules Interpretation</u> Discussion evolved around some examples of how rules are interpreted in different areas. Items to be discussed in the Judge's News (as they are brought to our attention).

Regional Boundaries, adding new States etc. Steve is already looking into adjusting regions and/or creating new regions for board review in the future.

Sanctioning Venues re: letters from "Need for Speed" (Seattle) & Skip Fix Steve once again re-iterated the Board's policy on sanctioning tournaments in dirt arenas. NAFA will not discriminate between racing surfaces. There is no agenda on NAFA's part to have all NAFA sanctioned

events indoors and on mats.

Letter from Bob Davidson (Rocket Relay) re: tournament formats and race schedules Judy responding. Following a discussion, the Board sought to clarify the term "tournament format" and what it included.

Dale made the motion that tournament format should include 1) teams in each Division along with the seed time of each team and the "Breakout" assigned to that division, 2) layout of the tournament i.e. round-robin with/without single/double

elimination, whether the two rounds are added together or not, 3) the scoring – how wins are determined, how the placings are determined and 4) how tie scores would be broken. – Seconded by Katy. In favor – Dale, Katy, Judy and Sue – Opposed – Marion, Bob and Val. The motion was approved. Section 5.3 – Format in the NAFA Rules and Policies book will be changed to reflect this approved motion. Letter from Chad Marquis (Paws United) re: the handling of dogs Concern expressed about the way dogs are handled at tournaments with respect to "bowling, dropping, throwing &

Letter from Ken Eldridge re: rule suppostion Sue made a motion that in Section 6.6 – Judges Guidelines- (g) Measuring of dogs the sentence that reads "A copy of jump heights should be posted for view by the tournament participants" be changed to "A copy of jump heights must be posted..." seconded by Katy the motion was unanimously approved.

hanging. To be addressed in the Judge's Newsletter.

<u>Children attending tournaments</u> The behaviour of children at tournaments is the responsibility of the parents and as such they are liable for damages incurred by their children.

New Judges for Approval Val made a motion to approve new judges – Doug May and Brian Fay – seconded by Katy the motion was approved unanimously.

Letters from Al Champlain re: communications - Dale will respond.

Letter from Skip Fix re: the .003 sec. tie The Tech. Comm. will study and reply.

NAFA and NAFA Clubs hosting Tournaments Dale made a motion that "NAFA sanctioned tournaments may only be hosted by NAFA or NAFA registered clubs in good standing." Seconded by Val – the motion was approved unanimously.

Regional Champions Following some discussion a committee will review the criterion used for selecting Regional and National Champions.

Rule 6.6 (i) Line Judge shall (ii) stop the race for the first false start - can be omitted from the rule book

Definition of "the start of racing" and measuring boxes
Confusion over "the start of a racing" with respect to having
time sheets completed and boxes measured. The Board
believes that this is a regional or individual tournament thing
and the Tournament Director must declare "the start of
racing" in the format for the tournament.

Sanctioning tournaments in areas where Pit Bulls (and others) are banned by city ordinance Most cities have "event" exemptions. Tournament Directors should check to make sure before they apply for tournament sanction. NAFA will not sanction tournaments in cities or areas where not all dogs would be allowed to participate.

NAFA payment in Canadian Funds Following a request to have Canadian money accepted on par with US funds, there was some discussion about exchange rates and tournament expenses.

Val made a motion that "a cap be placed on the Canadian exchange rate at 30% for an indefinite period" seconded by Sue. In favor Val, Katy and Sue — Opposed Judy, Bob,

Marion and Dale. The motion was not approved. Val will undertake a study on US vs. CDN tournament expenses and report back to the Board for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

#### NAFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, 5 December 1998 – Abbotsford, BC

The AGM was called to order at 8:50 p.m.

All Board members with the exception of Kevin Hughes were present. Also present were Executive Director, Steve McAvoy, NAFA Statistician — Melanie McAvoy, and NAFA's special advisors Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown. Val Culpin introduced Steve McAvoy to the participants of the meeting

 Steve introduced the Board members and made an opening statement about the record number of tournaments in the past year and that almost 1000 new CRN's were issued. He, then, turned the meeting over to Alan.

The Election Committee (Katy Kaylor, Carol Friedman, Val Scott and Sharon Tutt) left the room to count ballots

- Alan thanked the Dogwood Pacesetters for a great day at their tournament. He stressed the need to get tournaments going in venues that would attract spectators and thereby ensuring the growth of our sport. Alan, then, introduced Carol Friedman and Alyson Brown and discussed some of the highlights of the PETsMART Alliance.
- Steve opened the floor to a general discussion and question/answer session.

#### From the Floor

Generally the discussion revolved around the PETsMART Alliance, how to promote flyball, and concerns about running surfaces (mats vs. dirt or grass). Steve assured everyone that NAFA does not intend to dictate running surfaces and that there is no ultimate goal to get flyball inside and on mats. Steve indicated that tournament entries would usually indicate the kind of running surfaces that are preferred in an area.

- A suggestion that NAFA start a video library of tournaments in all areas so teams could borrow or rent them from NAFA to see other regions playing.
- A suggestion that if the PETsMART Alliance would provide "regional" EJSs, could it not also supply "regional" mats for tournaments requesting them. This is something that NAFA will investigate in the future.

The election committee returned with the ballots counted.

Katy read out the results of the election and the regional, national and Hall of Fame winners.

- Congratulations to Clyde Moore Hall of Fame inductee: Speedy from Rude Dogs
- Congratulations on their re-election to the Board: Alan Weiner and Val Culpin
- Congratulation to new Board member: Ule James
- Congratulations on his election as Executive Director: Steve McAvoy

The open part of the AGM concluded at 10:15 p.m. and the NAFA Board continued in closed session to elect its executive.

Chairman: Alan Weiner
Vice-Chairman: Val Culpin
Treasurer: Katy Kaylor
Secretary: Marion Brinkman

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



## NEW NAFA RECORD



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**CONGRATULATIONS** 

# Hi-Performance BORDER PATROL

NAFA congratulates captain Linda Verna, all of her team members and Border Collies – "Timber", "Copper", "Quiver" and Border/Border mix "Target".

#### **NAFA Brochures**

NAFA has produced a brochure on flyball competition. It is available to teams free of charge to use in promoting flyball. They are appropriate for distribution at demos, flyball tournaments or other public events.

For a supply please contact Sue Rogers – fgdchud@voyager.net or by mail at 40225 Regency Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

#### **Height Card Applications**

Height Card Applications are available from Sue Rogers – 40225 Regency Drive, Sterling Heights, MI, 48313. Please include fee of \$5 US or \$7 CDN with your request. Completed Applications should also be returned to Sue.