

## NAFA Nominating Committee

Attn: Melinda Vernon Fitts, Chairperson, Nominating Committee

I would like to nominate Alisa Romaine for the NAFA Board of Directors. Alisa races in Region 6 with Heat Wave Flyball. Heat Wave has been racing since 2002 under Alisa's guidance and was the 2007 NAFA Regular racing Champion for the region.

Alisa began racing flyball in 1995 in Dallas, Texas, with her Gordon Setter, Tory, on Dallas Flyball Association. Tory was the first FM Gordon Setter in NAFA's history. Alisa went on to race for several years with Top Dog Racers and then formed her own team, Lone Star Flyball. She also raced briefly with PAC, also in Dallas, before moving to Phoenix with her family in late 2000. Although pregnant, Alisa immediately began training new people and dogs for flyball because there was no flyball in Phoenix at the time. Currently, besides Heat Wave, there are three active NAFA flyball clubs in Phoenix and several tournaments are scheduled in Phoenix and the surrounding areas for the 2007-2008 seasons. In addition, Heat Wave hosted a tournament for two years in conjunction with the Cynosport games which ultimately allowed NAFA to add the NAFA Flyball Championships to this huge annual dog event. All this Phoenix area flyball growth is a direct result of the hard work Alisa has put into the sport.

Alisa is also always open to helping other teams with their training and competition questions, either over the phone or in email consultation. In addition, she and her team are quick to assist other teams with hosting tournaments, running dogs and box loading, not just in the Phoenix area but throughout the southern part of Region 6. Heat Wave performs several annual demos for the Phoenix area rescues and charities and includes the area teams in these demos. This past year, on very little notice, she and her team stepped up and hosted a one-day tournament at a Westworld dogsports event, showcasing flyball in a way that has secured a return invitation for a full two-day tournament next year. This exposure affords a wonderful introduction to flyball for those who have never seen it before and results in new members for all teams in the area.

After attending seminars and learning how to train with some of the best, Alisa trained and races her personal dogs, including five Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and a Jack Russell. She is currently training her son's Toy Fox Terrier, and two other of her dogs, a Border Collie and a Border Staffy. Alisa has an excellent eye for a dog's potential and is able to bring this out through training. Her success in this area is shown by the steady rise of Heat Wave through the divisions since the team's inception.

Alisa's excellence as a competitor is matched by her principles. She is committed to fair play and equal application of the Rules for all teams and all players. Although she steers clear of unnecessary controversy, she is not afraid to stand up for what she believes is right when the situation demands it.

Alisa's work background includes 14 years as a legal assistant in Washington State and Texas. This afforded her an ability to be able to see both sides of an argument and to make rational decisions based on facts and not gut assumptions. For the last six years, Alisa has been a stay at home Mom with her son, Garrett. She has the great ability to manage both her passion for flyball and her family life.

I believe that Alisa would bring a fresh eye, new energy, and valuable understanding of people to the Board. Her life experiences, her authentic sportsmanship, and her understanding of the workings of family and business life would be an asset to NAFA.

Sincerely,

Jonnie Geen, RD Region 6

The following individuals endorse Alisa Romaine

Guy & Ella Biggs, Run Amuck Flyball, Region 16

Stacy Cate, Flying Colors Flyball Team, Region 6

Lawrence Cox, NAFA Supervising Judge

Stephanie Doerr, NAFA Supervising Judge

Nancy Garcia, RD Region 5

Sue Gillett, INXS Flyball, Region 16

Liz Goldwin, High Desert Sundogs, Region 19

Glenn Hamilton, past NAFA Board Member

Bonnie Klonowski, Fur in A Blur, Region 1

Carol Osterhaus, Phoenix Hot Pawsuit, Region 6

Val Torrez, Storm Riders and Sundogs, Region 11