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2007 Nominees for the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Bizzy Dog's Breed: Border Collie Dog's CRN: 990699 Dog's Club Affiliation: (452) DogZworth Dog's Owner: Ally & Scott Kolesnikow	Nominated by: Terrie OConnor Baytown, TX United States (406) Lone Star Ruffnecks
<p>Because she didn't fit into future plans, 7 month old Bizzz-Quick was turned into rescue- I was her foster mom. At first I wasn't even sure Bizzy was adoptable. But, at a year old, Bizzy was adopted and journeyed 1400 miles from Texas to Canada. Eight years later she became the first rescue to earn NAFA's Hobbes Title- the second Canadian to reach this milestone!</p> <p>Starting her career in 2000, Bizzy ran with Zippity-Do-Dogs, Tailspinners, Cool Runnings and DogZworth. She was part of the best time set to date for all these teams and continues to be an integral member of DogZworth's line-up.</p> <p>Bizzy has been the perfect example of a flyball dog. Consistent, a tireless starter, a must win anchor and anywhere in between. She has been an ambassador for flyball, performing in demos and on TV. As with any great athlete she has preformed well in other endeavors- sledding, agility and dock diving. But Flyball is her sport.</p> <p>Bizzy is one of the top pointed dogs in NAFA- the highest pointed dog currently racing within Canada. Bizzz-Quick- born in Texas, Canadian by choice, but serves all of North America proudly. Owned and loved by Ally and Scott Kolesnikow.</p>	

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Crackers Dog's Breed: Mix Dog's CRN: 970771 Dog's Club Affiliation: (122) Slammers Dog's Owner: Kristie Schultz	Nominated by: Pam Schultz Monroe, MI United States Slammers
<p>Crackers came to Slammers in 2003 but she had been racing prior to that in Canada. She is a little Border Border that never quits. She has been our major height dog since she came to us and now at almost 11 years of age is still our most valuable little dog we have still running 4.2 almost every time. She has taken our team in reach of breaking 16 seconds many times. We tried putting her on veterans teams but she is not ready to retire yet. Not only is she a great flyball dog but one of the best family dog. Her favorite place is sitting on the back of the couch watching and taking care of the twins. Crackers can also be remembered as the mother of Kelly Robbins little dog Neut and Kristie's dog Syrus both very valuable flyball dogs also. In a short time Crackers has given Kristie's family and the Slammers flyball team so much dedication, devotion, and heart we are very proud to have her with us.</p>	

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Cyrano de Bordercollie	Nominated by: Stacey Coleman Reno, NV United States (411) Silver Streaks
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 010436	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (411) Silver Streaks	
Dog's Owner: Anne-Marie Bellard	

Consistency, thy name is Cyrano. Cyrano is the only remaining original team member still running for Silver Streaks, the first flyball team in Northern Nevada. Ever since he started flyball in 2000, he has been consistent and dependable - always running in the high 4's, never having any issues. He has tackled every challenge put before him: Jumping 15", no problem. Moving from start dog to second to anchor to third...no problem! He has been the workhorse on the teams he runs, allowing green dogs to get their first points and his other teammates to work through their issues. He has helped train every single dog that has raced on Silver Streaks and has been invaluable with teaching new dogs how to pass. Cyrano had a total hip replacement in November of 2006, and after a hard six months of rehab, he is back to racing in flyball and can still turn in races with sub-5 second times. Still consistent after seven years of racing AND a new hip...that's what makes Cyrano so special.

Silver Streaks Flyball

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Lyric	Nominated by: Lene Band Georgetown, ON Canada (063) Ballderdashers
Dog's Breed: Whippet	
Dog's CRN: 930540	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (063) Ballderdashers	
Dog's Owner: Carol-Anne DeVenne	

Irulan's Music in the Night

Most who have raced in or against Region 2 teams will have seen the bouncing Whippet who since 1996 started for Ball der Dashers. Lyric owned & loved by Carol-Anne DeVenne, was one of the first Whippets racing in Flyball. Up until then, few people believed that a Sighthound could be trained to retrieve or be trusted off leash to participate in this sport, but Lyric's competitiveness & enthusiasm certainly changed that.

Lyric hated to be beaten, so would turn on the afterburners in order to beat the other dog over the start line. Two Whippets starting & the teams prepared themselves for a race with many starts!

This year Lyric retired at the age of 12 ½. During her career she has earned 50500 N.A.F.A. points, is #3 Whippet on the Breed list & #171 on the Top Pointed Dogs of all breeds. She holds many titles in Agility & Lure Coursing, & competed 4 years in the Big Air Dog Dock Diving competition. Who would have thought that a Whippet would jump into water?

She was a Sighthound pioneer of sorts & one just has to look at the racing lanes today to see Lyric's lasting influence on the sport!

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Tab	Nominated by: Kim Fedor Hyattsville, MD United States (526) 4 Dog Night
Dog's Breed: Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	
Dog's CRN: 970815	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (526) 4 Dog Night	
Dog's Owner: Linda Kriete	

Back in 1997 a little corgi named Tab made his debut onto the flyball lane in what was then Region 13. Ten years later he is still on the lanes racing with his team, 4 Dog Night . Over the years he was the height dog for several teams. He has been able to pass any dog and run in any position and been a steady core dog. While not the fastest height dog out there, he gives his all every time he is on the lane. He became the first Pembroke Welsh Corgi to achieve the ONYX title, the FGDCH 30k, 40k, and 50k titles and has been the number one PWC for years. In 2005 he was named Region 15's MVP. Tab still loves being cheered every time he steps out on the lane.

2007 Nominees for Regional MVP

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 1

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 1

Dog's Call Name: Divit	Nominated by: Christine E VanWert Lasalle, MI United States (455) Wooferines
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 020063	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (527) Extreme Insanity	
Dog's Owner: Russell Rex	

To be a success, first you have to learn the rules of the game - and then you have to play better than anyone else.

That statement certainly applies to Divit, a Border Collie owned and loved by Russell Rex of Extreme Insanity.

Divit has been the backbone of Extreme Insanity since the beginning of his flyball career in 2002. Divit is untiring and versatile which is why you will find him usually running as start dog on both Regular and 4-Breed Teams for Extreme Insanity.

In the short five years that Divit has been competing, he has accumulated an astonishing 94,863 points (as of this writing) and is currently ranked as the #5 Border Collie in breed rankings and #9 for all dogs in NAFA!and, he finished the 2006 racing year as the #2 NAFA Top Point Earning Dog with 21,719 for that year alone.

A dog that is so reliable, enthusiastic and has accomplished so much in such a short period of time is certainly worthy of being recognized as the "Most Valuable Player".

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 2

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: Lyric	Nominated by: Suzanne Hamilton, ON Canada (063) Ballderdashers
Dog's Breed: Whippet	
Dog's CRN: 930540	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (063) Ballderdashers	
Dog's Owner: Carol-Anne DeVenne	

Most who have raced in or against Region 2 teams will have seen the bouncing Whippet who since 1996 has started for Ball der Dashers. Lyric was one of the first Whippets to race in Flyball. Up until then, few people believed that a Sighthound could be trained to retrieve or be trusted off leash to participate in this sport, but Lyric's competitiveness & enthusiasm certainly changed that. Lyric hated to be beaten, so would turn on the afterburners in order to beat the other dog over the start line. Two Whippets starting meant the teams prepared themselves for a race with many starts! This year Lyric retired at the age of 12 1/2. During her career she has earned 50500 N.A.F.A. points, is #3 Whippet on the breed list & #171 on the Top Pointed Dogs of all breeds. She holds many titles in Agility & Lure Coursing & competed 4 years in the Big Air Dog Dock Diving competition. Who would have thought that a Whippet would jump into water? She is a Sighthound pioneer of sorts & one just has to look at the racing lanes today to see Lyric's lasting influence on the sport!

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 3

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 3

Dog's Call Name: Bainbridge Savannah	Nominated by: Lyndsy King Omaha, NE United States (299) Omaha Speedracers
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 981124	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (299) Omaha Speedracers	
Dog's Owner: Sharon Atkinson	

Hannah is a huge asset to whatever team she is on. She still continues to run a 4.4 and strived to get her 50,000 and 60,000 within the same year. She is also ranked as one of the top dogs in all of NAFA!!!! GO HANNAH!!!! Going on 10 she still loves to run and has more energy than any dog half her age!!!!

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 5

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Dot	Nominated by: Walter Davis La Porte, TX
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 950740	

Dog's Club Affiliation: (406) Lone Star Ruffnecks	United States
Dog's Owner: Terrie O'Connor	(406) Lone Star Ruffnecks

When I think of Dot, I always think of firsts. First Border Collie in the O'Connor pack. Among the first to reach Onyx and Flyball Grand Champion, and the very first to reach 40,000 and 50,000 points in Region 5. Dot started flyball with a local class back in 1995 and raced her first tournament in January of 1996. During her career she has raced on Animal Planet's "Breed All About It", the Incredible Dog Challenge, and at half time shows for the Harlem Globetrotters. She's represented flyball in 110 tournaments spanning 9 years, traveling from the Pacific to Atlantic Oceans, and from the Canadian border to southern Texas. Always the first to volunteer for demonstrations and exhibitions, Dot has been a flyball ambassador of sorts, both an example to spectators and a model for participants. As a teammate, it has been an honor to run with this proud competitor. Dot has made this sport proud with her dedication, hard work and just the pride she has in running and playing. Even though Dot was diagnosed with brain cancer recently, hers is still the loudest voice you'll hear cheering her teammates on to victory.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Heidi	Nominated by: Nancy Garcia Spring, TX United States (507) Flat Out Flyers
Dog's Breed: Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	
Dog's CRN: 980071	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (507) Flat Out Flyers	
Dog's Owner: Tracy Bunker	

Heidi (aka Amarillo by Morning), a diminutive, red Pembroke Welsh Corgi, was the heart of the Flat Out Flyers flyball club for many years.

Heidi retired in January 2007 at 14 ½ years old, after achieving her FGDCH title. She might be a small dog but she ran with a big heart and was a very commanding presence on any team!

Heidi never failed to give 100%, at local tourneys or on the road. And just because her owner, Tracy Bunker, couldn't attend a tournament, it didn't mean that Heidi stayed home. The little corgi traveled with the club to Tennessee, Colorado and various places in Texas; running for anyone, as long as that anyone had her treat bag in hand. Heidi would run in any position and while the mistakes were rare, she would be the first to tell you, they were generally never her fault!

Heidi has shown that these little herding dogs also make great flyball dogs. Heidi always served Region 5 as a great ambassador for the sport of flyball, never failing to be a crowd favorite in any flyball arena.

Flat Out Flyers proudly nominates Heidi for Region 5 MVP.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 6

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 6

Dog's Call Name: Boomtown Jazz Ma Tazz	
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Dog's Breed:	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Nominated by: Jennifer Reich Wittmann, AZ United States (471) Heat Wave
Dog's CRN:	980243	
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(471) Heat Wave	
Dog's Owner:	Alisa & Chris Romaine	

Jazz is the embodiment of HEART to Heat Wave. A natural trendsetter, she was the first Staffy to race in Region 5. Now many race there including ones related to Jazz. Back when there was no age limit, Jazz debuted at just 10 months! She quickly earned her racing nickname of "Staffanator" because she broke so many 1" boards per tournament!

In 2000, Jazz moved to Arizona and began racing in Regions 6/16 on Heat Wave. She soon shared race time with her kids, PJ and Klondike. Throughout her career, Jazz has taken 3 maternity leaves and about 5 injury time-outs for broken toes. This December, she even battled with some liver problems before mystifying her vet with a strong recovery and quickly returning to the racing lanes!

Now at 9½ years old and currently ranked #14 for Staffys, Jazz is still a tough competitor and the backbone of HW height dogs. Jazz has trained new dogs, been the only solid dog for green teams, and even double run when another height dog melted down.

Jazz's competitive spirit pours over her teammates. She never quits or complains. In fact, the team often remarks, "If Jazz isn't bleeding, it isn't flyball".

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 7

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name:	Dima	Nominated by: Matthew Cormie Sooke, BC Canada (716) Rabid Racers
Dog's Breed:	Border Collie	
Dog's CRN:	050258	
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(716) Rabid Racers	
Dog's Owner:	Tia Arden	

Dima was adopted from MoKan Border Collie Rescue back in April of 2004 around the age of 1. This gorgeous high drive girl was more than her adopter could have ever wished for. Everything a border collie should be. Agile, smokin fast, genius, herding instinct and loaded with game. The only one thing missing, to some maybe, is her front leg. Dima needs no special treatment, nor wants it. This girl has pride and something to prove. She has a perfect 3 footed box turn, has never missed a jump or bobbled a ball, and a best time of 4.31, since her debut in 2005. She understands the game fully. Dima likes to look over at the other lane and softly growl to herself in anticipation of her release. Her amazing heart and ability have inspired so many, spectator and handlers alike. Dima is proof of how valuable "rescued" dogs are, what great competitors they make, and most importantly, the beauty and strength of spirit these creatures possess.

Dima is an ambassador for how wonderful flyball is. It's one of the only games that will allow a three legged dog to compete in a normal class. Roll on flyball!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: O.D.	Nominated by: Vikki Khayat Langley, BC Canada (575) The Flying Squad
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 050630	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (575) The Flying Squad	
Dog's Owner: Lara Sorensen	

We would like to nominate, OD (OverDrive), as 2007 MVP for Region 7. OD, is a talented young Border Collie who first ran with The Flying Squad on August 08, 2006. With never-ending endurance, an amazing recall and a powerful box turn OD is one of the most dynamic dogs in the region. OD is not only an amazing flyball athlete he is just an incredible all round dog. He will run for anyone and run in any position. He lives to be in the flyball ring but when not doing flyball he loves to have a good play session with other dogs or will jump in your lap and give kisses. OD has allowed The Flying Squad to surpass their expectations for the season, and has helped his team set best times for the club. OD's personal best is 3.74 seconds. He is currently in 4th place for most NAFA points earned, for the racing year of 2007. Please consider voting for OD as he is more than worthy of this award. Owned and loved by Lara Sorensen, handled by Niels Nielsen.

The Flying Squad

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 8

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: Jane	Nominated by: Donna Lewis for KAOS Copper Sands, SK Canada (258) KAOS
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 980205	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (258) KAOS	
Dog's Owner: Sherry LeCouillard	

Jane, Ch. Kaweah's Head Over Heels CD, NAFA 50K,AGN,NJC,NGC,NAD,ADC. Jane has been racing since 1998. She is ranked #12 Australian Shepherd in NAFA.

She ran on our KAOS teams with heart and soul,in any position,in any division. She was a team player, keeping all the dogs in line, and letting us all know how much she loved to run. Who could miss those beautiful blue eyes in the line up.

Jane's last race with KAOS was in February,2007. She was just 10 yrs old. She began to limp slightly, and a few months later she was lost to cancer.

We would like to honor Jane's memory by nominating her for the Region 8 MVP Award.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 9

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Joy	Nominated by: Sharon Harrell Blacksburg, VA United States (226) New River Express
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 970018	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (226) New River Express	
Dog's Owner: Richard & Lynda Oleksuk	

Joy has been running flyball since early 1997. It was not unusual for her to be double-teamed because NRE was a small club and needed her to so every doggy could play. Joy has been clocked at 3.7 in her prime, not too shabby considering her original flyball training consisted of "smash and grab". She is still running in the mid-4s at 11+ years of age. She has run despite adversity on many occasions... numerous torn pads and one weekend she insisted on running despite the fact she had shattered one of her large molars which really shows her determination and grit. Joy was instrumental in NRE winning MB regional championship several years in a row. Joy competed in the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge in St. Pete FLA twice, even made the opening credits one year. She's in several different regions, in addition to the closer tournies in PA, MD, NC, SC and of course VA. She also has titles in agility, tracking, obedience and has competed in weight-pulling (actually beat a Sibe in her weight class). But mostly, Joy does anything Lynda asks her do with enthusiasm and eagerness.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Roo	Nominated by: Barb Walton Raleigh, NC United States (233) DogGoneFast
Dog's Breed: Australian Cattle Dog	
Dog's CRN: 010183	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (233) DogGoneFast	
Dog's Owner: Aimee Walker	

I would like to nominate Roo, our team's amazing ACD, for this year's region 9 MVP award. Roo's contributions to the team are immeasurable. She brought down the height of the jumps for the team and came with speed too! With Roo hooked on Flyball, Aimee was a willing participant in our team's travels near and far. Roo has participated in approximately 76 tournaments and has achieved the 50K milestone, which has earned her the title of #1 ACD in NAFA. It's all pretty amazing considering Roo's start in flyball. Her first tournament she earned a mere 3 points. At Roo's peak, she would often double run so others could play too and she did achieve a best time of 4.953 seconds at her height. Unfortunately, at the last tournament Roo ran in she suffered an injury. She has had surgery and is doing well. I'm sure Roo will be back on the sidelines cheering the rest of us on in her retirement. So, this award would truly cap off a great career for an amazing ACD. Please support me in honoring Roo from DogGoneFast for this year's Region 9 MVP award.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 10

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: Duke	
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Dog's Breed:	Mix	Holly Kirkpatrick
Dog's CRN:	050332	Nominated by: Mactaquac, NB
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(771) Totally Ball-istic	Canada
Dog's Owner:	Elisha LaPointe	(771) Totally Ball-istic

We would like to nominate Duke for Region 10 MVP. Duke is a 3-year-old mix breed and the start dog for the Totally BALL-istic Flyball team. He is handled and loved by Elisha LaPointe.

Elisha rescued Duke when he was a puppy, since that time he has overcome a lot of hurdles in his life; you see Duke has Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy (HOD). For quite a few months, Duke was not able to walk, run or do anything but rest in his crate. He was very under weight and it was not known if he would make it. But if you look at him today, you would never know it! Because of a lot of hard work and dedication Duke has become an inspiration and stands out whenever he races.

His consistency, he rarely makes a mistake. His power. His speed, he runs 4.1 seconds, and his enthusiasm for the sport make him an exceptional flyball dog. He never runs out of steam; from the first race to the last he is ready to race anyone who challenges him. For all of these reasons we feel Duke should be considered for the Region 10 Most Valuable Performer.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name:	Jackpot	
Dog's Breed:	Border Collie	Jane Smith
Dog's CRN:	010522	Nominated by: Mt. Uniacke, NS
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(265) Lietash PUSH The Limits	Canada
Dog's Owner:	Bob Ottenbrite	(265) Lietash PUSH The Limits

Jackpot is a seven year old red & white border collie belonging to Jane Smith of Lietash Push the Limits.

Jack has his Onyx Title and has 27464 points to date.

He's never missed a tournament. Jack lives up to his name, because Jane and his teammates truly have hit the 'Jackpot' with this wonderful boy.

We vote Jack to be the MVP for Region 10. Jack is very consistent and will run for anyone and any position.

He has helped many of our new dogs in the club get ready to race, Jack is a wonderful teacher. Jack has run on many different club teams, in different divisions, to help other teams to be more competitive.

Jack is as dependable on lower division teams as he is running in Division 1. This makes Jack a valued and appreciated member of the team and also illustrates his versatility and love for flyball.

Jack also loves volunteer work for rescue groups & Shelter fund raisers, etc.

He also enjoys just being a dog and going to work with Jane at obedience classes to show the new dogs what they will learn.

Please consider Jackpot to be your next region 10 MVP.

Thank You.

Nominated by Jeannie Swineamer.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 11

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Call Me Ketch n Fool	Nominated by: mike pape Tampa, FL United States (279) Ketch This
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 980705	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (279) Ketch This	
Dog's Owner: Michael Pape	

Ketch is the very first dog in Florida to get a flyball title, he was the first dog in Florida to complete a flyball run

Ketch was in the very first flyball race and heat to ever run in Florida region (11)

he had run a few 3.9's, and was a very solid 4.0 start dog, he help us win a few regional titles, and help keep the team "ketch this one" undefeated through the years he was on the team, I started playing flyball because of this dog, which in turn made me start having tournaments in florida if not for this dog i would have not run the very first tournament in florida, which in turn makes him a very valuable dog in region 11

One more thing he ran flyball only having one eye

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Harli	Nominated by: Brenda Mathias Obrien, FL United States (540) Too Hot to Handle
Dog's Breed: Shetland Sheepdog	
Dog's CRN: 010378	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (540) Too Hot to Handle	
Dog's Owner: Christine/Richard Sells	

As one of the founding dogs of Too Hot To Handle, Harli, will always be known as our Mouth of the South. Flyball didn't come easy to Harli, taking several years to get this little girl up and running. She is always forever making her presence known, no matter if she is in the racing lanes or cheering from the sidelines. Harli was not one of our faster height dogs, but she was always one of our most consistent, always going that extra race no matter how tired she was.

She was the winner of the Waverunner's First Height Dog with Heart award. Unfortunately, time and age have come into place in Harli's wonderful flyball career. Even as Harli has had to be retired due to arthritis, she managed to come out for one more tournament on one of Region 11's inaugural Veteran's team, showing that a true MVP can't be held back. That they are always there to do whatever is asked of them and to help make memories for such events as being a founding dog of a flyball club and one of the first shelties in Florida to get their Onyx.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Shadow 'lazer brain' Wilkes	Nominated by: Nancy Murphy Bradenton, FL United States (472) Dog Gone
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 020329	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (472) Dog Gone	
Dog's Owner: Jeff Wilkes	

Shadow has been an awesome competitor from the beginnings of our club. She and her handler, Jeff, have filled the start position for several of our teams and consistently dialed in to triple zero start times! Although black border collies with a hint of white are very common, everyone in our region recognizes Shadow and Jeff and pauses to watch their starts! All of us had tears in our eyes last June when Shadow earned her Onyx with Dog Gone! Not only does Shadow have great starts and consistent times, but she has also been responsible for bringing along many green dogs on our team. And whenever we do demonstrations of flyball in the community, Shadow and Jeff are there to promote our sport to the public. It's always been a pleasure to watch the relationship Jeff has with Shadow - his constant companion and working partner!

I am proud to nominate Shadow as the MVP of Region 11.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 12

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Aero	Nominated by: Peter Ness Calgary, AB Canada (696) Mach 4
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 040989	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (696) Mach 4	
Dog's Owner: Shauna Jannett	

I would like to nominate our handsome little blue merle Aussie, DS's Proud Aero Dynamic (Aero to his friends and handlers) as the 2007 MVP for region 12.

Aero has been one of the core dogs on our top team since our club was formed in 2005. While Aero normally runs start, he can be counted on to run in any position for any handler.

Aero has come a long way since his debut with Calgary Konfuzion, when he ran in the mid-5 second range, and "hung" on the box when turning. He now runs in the low 4 second range, with the occasional sub 4 run.

Not only is he the heart of the club at tournaments, but he is also invaluable at practice, where he routinely motivates our other dogs with his infectious enthusiasm and love of the game.

In May of 2007, Aero earned his FDGCH title on the same day as he ran start in a heat in which Mach 4 set its new personal best of 17.70.

In conclusion, I feel that Aero is a deserving nominee for the region 12 MVP award for 2007.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 12

Dog's Call Name: Remy	Nominated by: Nancy Thornton Calgary, AB Canada (720) Yo..Dogs!
Dog's Breed: Papillon	
Dog's CRN: 000549	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (720) Yo..Dogs!	
Dog's Owner: Paula Smart	

Remy is a small dog with a big heart. Besides being the #1 Papillon in NAFA, he is a great height dog. A little dog who runs...and runs, and runs some more, he's a little dynamo of "go". He's not the fastest height dog but you know when you tell him to go he will get up to the box as fast as he can and come back with the ball, race after race. Remy is just an average dog but allows our big dogs to run better. A few years ago Remy was injured at the off leash park - ripped open by a much larger dog. A gapping wound from shoulder to shoulder and shaken like a rag doll he still runs flyball like an old pro but he now spends his days racing as a back up dog teaching our up and coming green dogs how to love the game. Remy has supported alot of big dogs on Calgary Longshots, Calgary Konfuzion and now Yo...Dogs! Remy is truley a valuable player.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 13

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: "OH" Reilly	Nominated by: Stephanie Streletz Bedford, MA United States (468) Boston Stragglers Flyball Club
Dog's Breed: American Cocker Spaniel	
Dog's CRN: 980555	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (468) Boston Stragglers Flyball Club	
Dog's Owner: Gail D'Avolio	

Reilly is an American Cocker Spaniel who loves everyone and everything, especially flyball. Reilly has been playing and loving the game for nine years with his owner/handler Gail D'Avolio. Reilly has been a dependable, strong and consistent team member for the Boston Stragglers. Gail playfully refers to him as a "push button dog" who will run for anyone who has his cheese. Reilly has also been the dog who has helped several green handlers get their feet wet. He's a hoot to watch with his floppy Cocker ears flying down the lane. He may not be the fastest flyball dog, but he has reliably performed and come through for the team time and time again. We are proud to have Reilly as a teammate and he certainly deserves the honor of Region 13 MVP.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Abby	Nominated by: Barb Black Southborough, MA United States (308) A.R.F.F.
Dog's Breed: German Shepherd Dog	
Dog's CRN: 981049	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (308) A.R.F.F.	
Dog's Owner: Shirley Rand	

The first German Shepherd to compete in flyball in New England--initially on the original All Dogs Flyball club in 1998, and then with ARFF--Abby has had a long, glorious flyball career. Although today's "fast" dogs now run sub-4's, Abby's consistent 4.5's to 4.7's made her one of the fastest large dogs in the region for many years. She could be counted on as a reliable Start Dog, day in and day out, even though her sheer size could often be intimidating to the dog that followed her in the lineup.

A few years ago, Abby contracted severe Leptospirosis and almost lost her life. Soon after, she was diagnosed with arthritis of the lower spine. Amazingly, Abby has conquered illness and potential diasability and is now playing flyball on Veteran's teams with as much enthusiasm and joy as ever.

Abby has always been there for her team at demos, competitions and whenever she was needed. Through a long, remarkable career she has earned over 36,000 NAFA points and is currently the #6 ranked German Shepherd in NAFA. ARFF just wouldn't be ARFF without Abby, and for that reason, I am proud to nominate our awesome teammate for the 2007 MVP Award.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Beau	Nominated by: Lorraine Messier Seekonk, MA United States (336) Jump Masters
Dog's Breed: Labrador Retriever	
Dog's CRN: 001034	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (336) Jump Masters	
Dog's Owner: Janice Daniels	

Beau has been supporting our teams since 1999 and hasn't missed a beat. He has the enthusiasm to keep the whole team motivated. You can't miss Beau in the line-up waiting to run his average 4.5 seconds. He's done well for 9 years old and still manages to be at the top of his game. Beau is a gentle giant with a love for this game of Flyball.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Bluebell	Nominated by: Gail D'Avolio Bedford, MA United States (468) Boston Stragglers Flyball Club
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 981135	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (468) Boston Stragglers Flyball Club	
Dog's Owner: Kay McDonald	

Bluebell is wonderful little mixed breed that Kay McDonald rescued. She was one of the first dogs

to compete when flyball finally came to the Northeast. She played on ARFF for many years until Kay decided to start Boston Stragglers.

She ran as a core dog in both the mixed and regular divisions. Her love and intensity for the game always shows when she is lining up and running.

Even though she is in semiretirement you can still see her running on a veterans team in our region.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Caora Con's All Fired Up	Nominated by: Patricia Kuchma Oxford, CT United States (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 001375	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers	
Dog's Owner: Patricia Kuchma	

Brodie started his flyball career later in life, but after a few months of training, he was off and running, and has never looked back. Always reliable, he can run in any spot, but seems to favor being the start dog. Although not the fastest dog on the team, you can depend on Brodie to run clean. He has been a valued team player since 2000. His enthusiasm has not diminished, even though he is now almost 12 years old. When one of our young dogs was unable to race recently, it was Brodie to the rescue to fill in for her spot, holding the team together, and enabling us to be able to continue racing.

Brodie is continuing his racing on Veteran teams, and is still always available to fill a spot on one of our teams.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Highwater Bennington	Nominated by: Donalee Slater Oxford, CT United States (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 990376	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers	
Dog's Owner: Valerie Whiterock	

At the prime age of 10, Benny has been an invaluable team member of CTFB for several years. Yes, Benny is a typical JRT; happy, bold, energetic, intelligent, and assertive BUT he is far from typical when it comes to playing flyball. This is a little dog with BIG dog attitude. His enthusiasm for the sport can be HEARD while he is waiting his turn in the racing lane. And when let go, Benny is all business racing down and back as fast as he can go never straying even when the big dogs are coming straight at him. There have been numerous times when Benny has been "the height dog" for not one but two teams so we all could play...and he never lets us down. Benny goes above and beyond the call of duty everytime with his dedication and gusto for the sport.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Hunter	Nominated by: Kerry Lallier Seekonk, MA United States (780) Canine Mutiny
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 020166	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (780) Canine Mutiny	
Dog's Owner: Susan Bonofiglio	

Hunter had to overcome alot to get where she is today & that's what makes her a MVP in my book! She started off life with her own set of hurdles to overcome. She was born unilaterally deaf & very sound sensitive. This had made life as a sport dog challenging for her. Whether it was trying to find out where her mother's call was coming from at agility, or being sound sensitive of other noises, things just didn't come as easy for her. Learning flyball was a difficult task for her. The loud triggering box, separation anxiety, & those yucky balls. Luckily flyball classes & boiling her flyball balls in chicken broth, and the TREAT at the end she was able to eventually learn to LOVE flyball. Once she learned the game she has proven to be an extremely reliable dog. Get the ball and come back. No skipping jumps or dropping the ball. Old reliable Hunter is now 10 1/2 years old and still racing down the track. She earned her FMCh title in Dec. 2006 & is still raring to go! She may not be the fastest thing out there, but she is just so darn cute.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Sally	Nominated by: Rebecca Aube Durham, ME United States (639) Flyball MAINEiacs
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 021345	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (639) Flyball MAINEiacs	
Dog's Owner: Lisa Lane	

I would like to nominate Sally Mae from Flyball MAINEiacs for the Region 13 MVP. Sally, an 8 year old Border Collie, is the reason that Flyball MAINEiacs exists and she is considered our true "Team Captain." When Monica Roberts, the team founder, moved to area of Maine where there was no flyball she decided to start her own team. She always said Sally used her Border Collie powers of persuasion to convince her to do it.

Sally is one of the most competitive dogs I have ever seen. Completely aware of her competitor in the next lane and always ready to "Bring It!" Sally runs as start dog and will consistently run for anyone who will bring her out in the lanes.

After we lost Monica last year the team wasn't sure what to do. The one thing that remained perfectly clear was that Sally was going to keep racing! Again, those border collie powers took hold and the team continues on! Thank you Sally for keeping us motivated and always on our toes!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Zip Drive	Nominated by: Toby Emo Nunda, NY United States (404) Buffalo Wings
Dog's Breed: Whippet	
Dog's CRN: 010818	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (404) Buffalo Wings	

Dog's Owner: Jonathan Thomson

Zip Drive has been a member of the Buffalo Wings for over 5 years now and has been one of the most consistent start dogs that you will ever see. He runs a consistent 4.0 or better and has run for both John Thompson and his son Jonathan. He achieved his Onyx this year at our own tournament in April running for Jonathan. Zip is one of the most valuable dogs on our team because of his consistency, stamina and drive. He was one of the key dogs in the lineup when the Buffalo Wings broke the 18 second barrier in Niagara Falls and is not showing any signs of slowing down yet. Zip has been recognized as one of the "Sharks" at SharkFEBst, which anyone that has ever participated in, knows how competitive that crowd is. He is currently running for his dad John, now that Jonathan has moved on to college. We can only hope that he continues to run hard for us and show everyone in flyball what a whippet is all about.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 14

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Bandit	Nominated by: Shawn Garner Chattanooga, TN United States (634) Chattanooga Chomp
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 000319	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (634) Chattanooga Chomp	
Dog's Owner: Ayn Robertson	

If there ever were one of those once in a million dogs, Bandit would be the one. Bandit has been playing the sport for over seven years and plays with the same enthusiasm today as he did in the beginning. A transplant from San Diego, his roll of coach has been a welcomed blessing among several teams in Region 14 by playing in the line up as mentor / confidant by instructing green dogs and handlers on how to play the sport. Bandit brings a calm and focus effect every time he gets in the lane and reliability to whichever team he runs with. Bandit was the staple in the Chattanooga Chomp for a few months and has recently returned to his home team until he is called upon again to instruct. It is with great respect that I nominate Bandit as Regional M.V.P. for Region 14 in 2007.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 14

Dog's Call Name: Ubu	Nominated by: Suzanne Banks-Russell Pelham, AL United States (335) Birmingham Bandits
Dog's Breed: Labrador Retriever	
Dog's CRN: 000511	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (578) Music City Road Dogs	
Dog's Owner: Howard Bayerle	

I own one of the many dogs who learned to love flyball from Howard Bayerle and Ubu, who deserves a nomination as Region 14 MVP. Ubu's energy and enthusiasm for flyball is absolutely infectious. He helped teach my dog to pass, along with 42 other dogs that have been his teammates on 7 different teams in all 3 states of our region. Ubu can pass any dog and is effective in any position in the lineup.

In his 7 plus years in flyball, Ubu and Howard have helped start dogs to 1 FGDCH, 3 Onyx, 1 FMX and 2 FM. He ran his 40th NAFA tournament in Chattanooga this month, and should earn his Onyx at his next tournament. In fact, Howard and Ubu helped start their current team, Music City Road Dogs through demos and practices.

Ubu is particularly effective in helping other dogs start in flyball, as his excitement over the game makes other dogs excited to play. Anyone who has ever touched an Ubu ball has experienced tangible evidence of his passion.

Ubu continues to fire up other dogs to play flyball, and has been a great drooling joyful Labrador flyball ambassador. He embodies the MVP spirit.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 15

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Riley	Nominated by: Gaye Woodward Glenmoore, PA United States (559) Release The Hounds
Dog's Breed: Bichon Frise	
Dog's CRN: 990834	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (559) Release The Hounds	
Dog's Owner: Jane Kihlstrom	

We proudly call him "Iron Riley". An adorable 16-lb. ball of white with sparkling dark eyes, Riley's creampuff exterior hides a lion-hearted, fiercely competitive nature. Riley and Jane were already competing when the team that is now Release The Hounds formed around a few dogs and handlers. Riley has kept the jump heights low while many other dogs learned to play and excel in the sport over the past nearly seven years.

Now a Grand Champion, Riley's indomitable spirit has never faded. There were a few times he nearly crawled over the finish line, still gripping his tiny tennis ball. There was never a time he wasn't roaring to go at the start line, small white paws up in the air, barking his head off in excitement, no matter how many heats he'd already run that weekend. We have been inspired by Riley's courage and heroic endurance.

Between Flyball tournaments Riley is a Certified Therapy Dog who has given his affection and encouragement to countless patients at his local rehabilitation center.

With his champion personality and never-quit attitude, Riley personifies the level of sportsmanship all our dogs would put into words if they could. We are deeply honored to be his team.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 16

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 16

Dog's Call Name: Calamity	
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Dog's Breed: Mix	Anne-Marie Cuneo
Dog's CRN: 020325	Nominated by: Reno, NV
Dog's Club Affiliation: (411) Silver Streaks	United States
Dog's Owner: Stacey Coleman	(411) Silver Streaks

Calamity Jane (better known as "CJ") was racing in a tournament for us only 7 weeks after being rescued from the kill shelter. This crazy dog with the whirly blue eyes has been an invaluable racer ever since. She has turned in some of the fastest times on the team and while she has never broken the 4 second barrier, she has come awfully close...even on days where she has to run on multiple teams! CJ lives for flyball...in fact, she's been known to sleep with a ball in her mouth. She is close to earning her 30,000th point and I believe she is deserving of the regional MVP award.

On behalf of Silver Streaks Flyball

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 16

Dog's Call Name: Hannah	Sue Gillett
Dog's Breed: Curly Coated Retriever	Nominated by: El Cajon, CA
Dog's CRN: 970707	United States
Dog's Club Affiliation: (557) INXS	(557) INXS
Dog's Owner: Stephanie Doerr	

Hannah began training for Flyball when she was about a year old. She liked soft stuffy toys, but did not like tennis balls at all. At practice she would put her nose to the ground and it was almost impossible to get it up off the ground. Her owner about gave up on her then figured out that Hannah was food motivated and when she realized that bringing tennis balls to her owner meant treats, she decided that perhaps it was worth it.

Eventually Hannah went back to practice and was weaned off the food to a tennis ball tuggie. She began racing with Catchers on the Fly in August of 1997, at 2 1/2 years of age. Since then she has raced with South Bark and on her current team INXS. Hannah has almost 40,000 points and has helped other dog with their title. .She has traveled as far a Memphis to race.

Hannah's favorite position is start dog. She used to watch the dog in the other lane, but now watches the head judge. She knows the pattern and as the judge hits the start button she pushes back into your legs to propel herself off.

Hannah races on the veterans team now. As she bounds over the jumps, and pounces the box, people are stunned to hear she is 12 years old. The joys she shows while racing has brought a smile to more then one persons face

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 18

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 18

Dog's Call Name: Tula	Curtis Smith
Dog's Breed: Mix	

Dog's CRN:	060904	Nominated by:	Eagle River, AK United States (695) Alaska Dogs Gone Wild
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(695) Alaska Dogs Gone Wild		
Dog's Owner:	K.C. Wilson		

Tula, an itty-bitty rescued poodle mix born in July 2003, truly epitomizes the spirit of flyball by demonstrating that how fast you run is not as important as how much fun you have...(and how cute you look doing it!), which is why she is always a crowd favorite during our flyball demonstrations. Tula's career began in November 2004 when our newly formed -- and then unnamed -- team started holding weekly practices. Her tourney debut came during our first ever Alaska Summer Solstice Tourneys in June 2006. She performed incredibly well running fulltime in two separate two-day tournaments. Were it not for Tula, none of ADGW's dogs would have accumulated any points or titles while enjoying the much appreciated luxury of jumping at 8" instead of 16". More recently, while competing in California, Tula became the first Alaska grown and trained dog to earn the FDCh title. ADGW members will always be grateful for Tula's contributions toward establishing flyball as Alaska's newest dog sport. For all of the above reasons, it is only fitting that Tula receive the very first Region 18 MVP Award.

2007 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 19

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name:	Shelby	Nominated by:	Keri Caraher Aurora, CO United States (509) D.E.O. Speedwaggin'
Dog's Breed:	Shetland Sheepdog		
Dog's CRN:	030784		
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(509) D.E.O. Speedwaggin'		
Dog's Owner:	MariAnne Fifield		

Shelby, a 7yr old Rescued Shetland Sheepdog, started Flyball in early 2003. Shelby and MariAnne had a weekly 4-hour drive over the Rockies (Grand Junction to Denver) for their beginning training with D.E.O. Speedwaggin', then ran in the 1st Colorado Flyball tournament (June 2003). Since then, Shelby has raced in more tournaments than any other "native" D.E.O. Speedwaggin' dog (100th team in June 2007), and was the first in our club to earn ONYX and rank in NAFA's Top-250. Shelby was highly valued as the first height-dog on our team, we had been jumping 16" for over a year! Shelby jumps 11", has a fastest lap time of 5.29, she'll run for any handler, in any position, passing any dog. She's been great for "newbies" to learn handling/passing at tournaments.

MariAnne and Shelby have trained many Flyball dogs in Western Colorado, including 4-H and youth classes, plus they hosted the first D.E.O. Speedwaggin' tournament in September 2004. Shelby also raced in the 1st NAFA World Championships, and in 2007 will be racing all across the country from California to Maryland.

Shelby is a dog that went from unwanted at a rescue, to spreading the sport of Flyball to Western Colorado.