



NAFA NEWS

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Next Board Meeting in Detroit.

Words from the Chairman

by Bob Murray

The Board's intention at the February 3, 1996 meeting was to have our July meeting in Vancouver, B.C. After receiving prices for air fares and hotel rooms, it was evident that the costs were going to be too high. We must apologize to the *Flyball*TM people in Western Canada and the USA, we will certainly miss meeting these people.

We then decided to go to the least expensive location, which turned out to be Detroit. With Steve McAvoy and Susan Borop driving from Illinois. Glenn Hamilton, Mel Davidson and myself driving from Ontario, and Clyde Moore walking from Flint, MI (SURE) this brought the cost down to a more manageable amount. We will still be flying in: Katy Kaylor, Val Culpin, Alan Weiner and Noel Kujawski. I am feeling confident that the accomplishments of the meeting will be well worth the efforts.

The Executive Director's Corner

by Clyde Moore

I am pleased to announce that *NAFA*TM will once again be represented in the obedience publication "FRONT and FINISH". They have agreed to publish the articles which will be written by Judy Hagan (Hawkeye Hustlers Fame). We would like the cooperation of all members and hope that all *Flyball* people who compete in the obedience ring will share their triumphs even the funny failures with Judy so that the obedience world learns just how smart our *Flyball* Dogs really are. Send any contributions for the monthly articles to:

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At this time it gives me great pleasure to announce another Onyx winner, "Casie", an Australian Cattle dog owned by Jennifer Nelson from the POTC

River City Flyers. Casie is the first dog from her Region to be so honored, Congratulations!!! Also heard a rumor from the Internet that we may finally have an Onyx winner in Manitoba. Is it just a rumor Nikki?

Now, back to work. As to the new Break Out Policy of *NAFA*, after having seen it used twice in my Region, and after talking to various competitors, the overall reaction to the new policy was mostly positive. As this policy is put into play in other regions it is important that we (myself and the Board of Directors) receive feedback by the competitors, tournament directors, and the regional directors.

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FROM THE STARTING LINE

by Dennis Wieske

You would think that being able to sit down on the job all day would be the easiest job to have at a tournament. You would be wrong. The LINE JUDGES have many responsibilities. In addition to judging the race, the line judge records some of the statistical information needed at the tournament. This is the same information *NAFA* uses to compute our dog's *Flyball* points. It is the responsibility of the team captain to present the lineup to their respective judge. The captain may delegate this responsibility to a team member. Once the line judge records this information we are ready to begin racing.

The head judge will check with the table and the line judges to see if all the switches are set on the Electronic Judging System, or if the stop watches are reset for manual timing, so that the race can begin. The line judge watches the start finish line to ensure that the dog does not cross the line before the signal. A false start is indicated by a red light on the bottom of tree for electronic starting, or by the line judge's eye in the case of manual starting. All early starts are signalled by the waving of a flag by the respective line judge. A line judge is only responsible for flagging infractions occurring in their own lane. During the race the judge will also check for dropped ball, missed jumps, early passes, or any other infractions of the Rules of Racing. When the last dog is running, the line judge will set the switch on the EJS to the LAST DOG position, usually as the dog has cleared the third jump on the return, or stop the watch for manual timing when the dog crosses the finish line. The winner of the heat is determined by the fastest time on the clock for EJS, or by the agreement of the line judges if manual timing is used. When the line judges do not agree, or the difference between the time clocks of the EJS is .003 seconds or less, the head judge will call a tie.

Now that the Electronic Judging System is available to all sanctioned tournaments in North America, many people have come forward to line judge. However on some occasions all or part of the electronic may fail. Line judges may find themselves in a tough situation. They must trust their own eyes when calling starts, passes and finishes. Being consistent is important. For many judges, the standards of the EJS aid them in making their calls. Calling the finish is sometimes the hardest call to make. It is generally easier to see the finish if you watch the center of the ring rather than your own lane. The stop watches are not used to determine the winner. So calling the finish by sight is most important.

If you are fortunate to have full use of the EJS, there are a few points to remember. Before the race be sure the line judge's switch is set to the START position. As the dog crosses the start line, immediately check the lights on the tree for a false start. As each pass is made, check the top light of the tree for a bad pass. The passing light will only stay lit for about two seconds. If you follow the dog starting down the track you should be in position to see any of the lights when they flash. Before the last dog crosses the finish line, be sure to set the line judges switch to LAST DOG. Once the LASTDOG switch is set, LEAVE IT ALONE. If the last dog makes a mistake and must run again no time will be recorded. The head judge and the table will supply a time based on the average time of the team and how many dogs ran. Do not reset the switch until the head judge resets the main switch. Resetting the switch may interfere with the timer and the finish times may vanish. After the heat, mark the win or loss. Also fill in the time (manual timing only) no finishes or forfeits when they occur. This will stop the table from writing times when they have not been earned.

Reminder...Nominations...Reminder

For the **Board of Directors**, Three positions come open this year. (open to people only)

For the **Hall of Fame**, two dogs may be selected each year. (open to dogs only)

Criteria for Hall of Fame: LONGEVITY, NOTORIETY, & TEAM VALUE. In <50 words to Katy Kaylor.

NAFA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Host Team	Location	Close	Contact	Phone	Judge	Notes
Jun 1-2	C.O.K.C	Brandon MB	May 6	Karen Thorpe	204-728-3260	B Freeman	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Jun 2	Toonies/Camrose Kings	Surrey BC	May 18	Laurie Forbes	604-936-7638	V Culpin	Unlimited Reg.
June 8-9 *	CDTD Flyball Club	Austin TX	May 8	Georgia Thomas	713-530-9088	J Goetz	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
June 8-9	Instant Replay	Caledonia ON	Apr 19	Donna Cocking	905-779-3062	R. Murray	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Jun 15-16	Gateway Flyball Assoc.	St Louis MO	May 20	Vicki Walters	314-583-1174	Judge-?	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Jun 15-16	No Speed Limit	Howard Cty MD	Jun 1	Eunice Morgan	410-472-2371	M Manos	Unlimited Reg. only
June 22-23 *	Orange Crush	Irvine CA	Jun 1	Elizabeth Lind	714-893-4472	S. Kihara	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Jun 28-30 *	Animal Inn	Lake Elmo MN	Jun 3	Toni Osojnicki	612-430-9004	J Goetz	Unltd Reg. & ltd 4/brd (12)
Jun 29-30 n	NC Blockade Runners	Raleigh NC	Apr 29	Mike Randall	919-217-8481	M Randall	Limited Reg (4)
Jun 29	Calgary Longshots	Calgary AB	Jun 14	Kay Deveyrac	403-255-0731	Judge?	Unlimited Reg.
Jun 30	Calgary Longshots	Calgary AB	Jun 14	Kay Deveyrac	403-255-0731	Judge?	Unlimited Reg.
Jul 6-7 *	Smack Dab	Warrenville IL	Jun 9	Kathy Fay	708-357-9549	Judge-?	Ltd Reg (18) & 4/brd (18)
Jul 7	North Shore Flyers	N. Vancouver BC	Jun 15	Shirley Sanderson	604-925-3167	V Culpin	Unlimited Reg.
Jul 13	Stray Dogs	Cambridge ON	Jun 3	Taylor Johnston	905-824-3651	K Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
Jul 19-21 *	Houston Flyball Assoc.	Houston TX	Jun 19	Alan Weiner	713-530-5211	D West	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Jul 20	Allsorts Dogsports	Winnipeg MB	Jun 24	Nicki Hughes	204-237-7086	B Freeman	Unlimited Reg.
Jul 21	Allsorts Dogsports	Winnipeg MB	Jun 24	Nicki Hughes	204-237-7086	B Freeman	Unlimited Reg. & Ltd 4/B (12)
Jul 20-21 *	Santa Barbara Flyers	Santa Barbara CA	Jul 6	Tiffany Sanchez	805-565-9612	V Culpin	Unlimited Reg & 4/breed
Jul 27-28	Instant Replay	Kitchener ON	Jun 15	Donna Cocking	905-779-3062	R Murray	Ltd Reg (21) & 4/breed (14)
Aug 3-4 *	Fit Squad	Fisher IL	Jul 6	Val Rogalla	217-586-2123	Judge?	Unlimited Reg & 4/breed
Aug 17-18	Rocket Relay	Mt Hope ON	Jul 19	Bunny Burton	905-469-8342	D Samuels	Ltd Reg (28), 4/breed (12)
Aug 17-18 *	Fort Flyers	Edmonton AB	Jul 26	Andreas Guelzow	403-922-4662	B Freeman	Unlimited Reg & Veterans
Aug 31	Allsorts Dogsports	Dugald MB	Aug 10	Nicki Hughes	204-237-7086	K Hughes	Unlimited Reg & Veterans
Sep 1	Allsorts Dogsports	Dugald MB	Aug 10	Nicki Hughes	204-237-7086	K Hughes	Unlimited Reg & 4/breed
Sep 7-8 *	Kids/Sookies/Comets/Mutts	Victoria BC	Aug 15	Laura Hughes	604-652-2202	Judge?	Unlimited Reg & 4/breed
Sep 14	Paw Power Blues	Valparaiso IN	Aug 15	Cindy Nauer	708-474-6676	D Samuels	Limited Reg. (24)
Sep 21-22	Slammers	Ann Arbor MI	Aug 17	Pam Schultz	313-242-1426	Judge-?	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Sep 28-29 *	Hawkeye Hustlers	Cedar Rapids IA	Aug 28	Judy Hagan	319-484-2197	C Moore	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Sep 28	Borden Canine Association	Borden ON	Aug 19	Nancy McCarthy	705-424-3463	K Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
Sep 29	Borden Canine Association	Borden ON	Aug 19	Nancy McCarthy	705-424-3463	K Eldridge	Ltd Reg (12) Ltd 4/breed (12)
Oct 26-27 *	Ruff Riders	Regina SK	Oct 2	Anja Evans	306-949-2004	B Freeman	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Nov 2 *	Touch N Go	Las Vegas NV	Oct 1	Katy Kaylor	702-876-2417	Judge-?	Unlimited Reg.
Nov 3 *	Touch N Go	Las Vegas NV	Oct 1	Katy Kaylor	702-876-2417	Judge-?	Unlimited Reg.
Nov 9-10 *	Flying Red Rangers	Brooklyn Park MN	Oct 11	Jan Frey	612-427-9264	(?)	Unlimited Reg. & 4/breed
Nov 16-17	Houston Flyball Assoc.	Corpus Christi	Oct 16	Lance Monroe	713-480-1573	D. West	Limited Reg. (12)

* = Different Classes and/or Divisions each day.

n = No Electronic Judging System

Please contact the Host Teams directly for further information on these tournaments.

The most up-to-date version of this table is available on the Flyball Web Page.

To have a tournament Sanctioned, send Tournament Application Form to:

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The Final Word

by Steve McAvoy

The question has arisen as to whether dogs must have the ball in their mouth when they cross the start/finish line. This is covered in Rule 6.16(b) "Each dog must hurdle the jumps in succession, trigger the box, and return over all the jumps with the ball in its mouth". The dog MUST have the ball its mouth when it crosses the finish line. If the ball is not in the dogs mouth when it crosses the finish line, it would considered a fault, the dog must be flagged, and make a rerun in order to finish the heat.

At this time, I would also like to remind everyone of rule 6.7 (e) and (f). A CRN must be obtained from NAFA prior to a dog's competing in a sanctioned tournament. The CRN is obtained by mailing the NAFA form C.8, along with US\$15 to: NAFA, Inc.
P.O.Box 8, Mt Hope, ON
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Numbers will not be issued until we receive the money. Dogs that run without a valid CRN# will cause a team to lose all of its points and placements in the final standings.

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To subscribe to the *Flyball* mailing list, send an E-mail to:

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Put only:

subscribe flyball <*your e-mail address*> in the body of the message.

For example:

"subscribe flyball jblow@bogus.com"

There is also a *Flyball* Home Page on the World Wide Web. The URL for the Flyball Home Page is: <http://www.cs.umn.edu/~ianhogg/flyball/flyball.html>

These services are available to us through the courtesy of Ian Hogg.

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