



NAFA NEWS

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

October 1998

NAFA Annual General Meeting in British Columbia

Continuing our practice of trying to hold the Annual General Meeting in different areas of North America, our next annual meeting will be held in Abbotsford, BC at the Abbotsford Inn, 5 December '98. The meeting will be held following the Dogwood Pacesetters tournament in Matsqui. All delegates are welcome and encouraged to attend. Ballots for the three Board of Directors positions as well as that of the Executive Director will be opened and counted. The results of the election will be announced at the meeting. Other agenda items will include reports from Chairman Alan Weiner and Executive Director Steve McAvoy. Katy Kaylor will be presenting the fi-

nancial report. Time will also be allotted for questions and/or discussions from the floor. Delegates, in attendance, may present motions for rule changes at the annual meeting provided the motion is specific and is presented in writing prior to the meeting (Section 8.1). The Board of Directors will hold their regular board meeting on the 4th of Dec. (Fri.) and will be available (although we've all been told that we will be working very hard) at the tournament for informal discussions.

By now, all ballots have been mailed out along with the brief resume of each candidate. Returning ballots may be hand-delivered at the annual meeting and

submitted before the meeting starts. Ballots may also be returned by mail, and will be accepted provided they arrive on or before the 3rd of December '98. Returning ballots should be mailed to the NAFA Nominating Committee c/o Jim Sova, 1799 Highway 13, Marion, IA 52320 or Canadian delegates may return their ballots to the NAFA Nominating Committee c/o Val Scott, 2109 Melrick Pl. RR #3, Sooke, BC, V0N 1N5. It is very important to write "NAFA Nominating Committee" on the top of each address so that ballots may be brought unopened to the annual meeting.

Effective 1 October 1998

Limited tournaments sanctioned after 1 Oct '98 shall not accept entries until 30 days before the closing date. The NAFA News will put the "opening date" on the tournament schedule list.

Effective 1 October 1998

There will be a \$25 US fee to register a new team with NAFA. This fee will include a rulebook.

HEIGHT CARDS

NAFA Height Card Applications are available from:

Sue Rogers
40225 Regency Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Please enclose the NAFA fee of \$5 US

NAFA PATCHES

FD, FDX, FDCH, FM
FMX, FMCH, ONYX

Patches are now available

\$5 US / \$6 CDN

from NAFA Board members or to order send a S.A.S.E. to:

Judy Hagan
1799 Highway 13
Marion, IA 52302

WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

ALAN WEINER

PETSMART and NAFA Announce Strategic Alliance

I am pleased to announce the creation of a strategic alliance between NAFA and PETSMART, Inc. PETSMART is the world's leading retail pet supply superstore. This alliance will provide NAFA, its member clubs and PETSMART with tremendous opportunities. Many of the critical issues arising from the rapid growth of flyball will be addressed by this exciting alliance. This step will help elevate flyball into a world-class dog sport.

As part of this alliance, PETSMART will be NAFA's exclusive promotional sponsor. This will not preclude individual clubs from entering into agreements with sponsors of their choice and it will not affect existing sponsorships. PETSMART will fund the development and acquisition of several sets of NAFA Electronic Judging Systems. With these additional sets of EJSs, more tournaments can be scheduled through out North America. Plans for the development of the new EJSs will include features to enhance both spectator and participant enjoyment of flyball (including a digital readout system that will display the elapsed time of each dog and team on a scoreboard). The EJSs will include signage promoting PETSMART so that PETSMART will benefit from the increasing media exposure that flyball is enjoying. PETSMART will also commit its significant promotional and advertising resources to increasing flyball's media coverage.

Promotional opportunities will include flyball demonstrations during halftime at selected Harlem Globetrotters' basketball games during their 1999 PETSMART sponsored North American Tour. PETSMART is committed to sponsoring and promoting several NAFA hosted tournaments. Additionally there will be opportunities for regional sponsorships for local clubs. NAFA will encourage flyball participation by demonstration appearances in PETSMART stores and other local events. PETSMART will promote flyball's growth by producing videotapes featuring flyball. These videos will be shown in PETSMART's stores and referrals to local teams will be available. Official NAFA flyball merchandise (excluding NAFA awards and NAFA's Rules and Policies Book) will be available at PETSMART stores. Many other exciting promotional plans are being discussed.

Teaming up with PETSMART is an excellent match for NAFA. This alliance introduces unprecedented opportunity to increase public awareness of canine health and fitness, emphasize responsible pet ownership and promote flyball as a great way for people and their pets to interact on a fun, positive and rewarding basis. PETSMART has more than 500 locations in the U.S. (36 States), Canada and the United Kingdom. The average store is 25,000 square feet and stocks 12,000 items. PETSMART is a leading direct marketer of pet related and equine products through its catalog subsidiaries. PETSMART does not sell dogs. PETSMART demonstrates an impressive commitment to providing ways to deal with today's pet over-population problem. Their leadership role includes donating space in stores as adoption centers for local animal shelters, assistance in the construction and operation of spay/neuter clinics and financial support of many animal welfare organizations. Committed to ending the plight of the homeless pet, PETSMART operates the world's largest pet charity organization.

NAFA, as an organization, has struggled to keep up with the growth of our sport. This rapid growth has put a tremendous strain on our resources. This alliance with PETSMART will facilitate our growth and allow NAFA to put its revenues to work more efficiently. Along with this strategic alliance, NAFA's Board of Directors is undertaking a careful review of NAFA's structure and how that structure can be utilized to provide the best service to Flyballers. I am confident that this strategic alliance will have a very positive impact on NAFA, flyball and its participants. At this time, the final details are being worked out by attorneys. The final details will follow soon.

NAFA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Tournament Date	Closing Date	Opening Date	Location	Host Team	Contact	Phone #	Judge	Notes
Oct 10	closed		Cedar Rapids, IA	Hawkeye Hustlers	Jim Sova	319-484-2197	J. Goetz	Unlimited Reg
Oct 10 & 11	closed		London, ON	MAC Attack	Don Purchase	519-451-7977	P. Taylor	Limited Reg (28) Limited 4/Breed (12)
Oct 10 & 11	closed		Memphis, TN	HFA	Barb West	281-376-9061	D. West	Unlimited Reg
Oct 11	closed		Cedar Rapids, IA	Hawkeye Hustlers	Jim Sova	319-484-2197	J. Goetz	Unlimited Reg
Oct 17	5-Oct		Brandon MB	Canine Agility Racers	Jeff Mortensen	204-727-0457	?	Unlimited Reg
Oct 18	5-Oct		Brandon MB	Canine Agility Racers	Jeff Mortensen	204-727-0457	?	Unlimited Reg
Oct 24	closed		Mt. Clemens, MI	Canine Express	Maureen McKernan	810-791-9544	K. Duguld	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Oct 24	1-Oct		Monroe, WA	Cascade Cornets	Darren Compher	425-228-3359	K. Johnson	Limited Reg (25)
Oct 31	2-Oct		Las Vegas, NV	Touch N Go	Katy Kaylor	702-876-2417	TBA	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Nov 1	2-Oct		Las Vegas, NV	Touch N Go	Katy Kaylor	702-876-2417	TBA	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Nov 7	14-Oct		Brooklyn Park, MN	Dynomutts	Jan Frey	612-427-4284	J. Goetz	Unlimited Reg
Nov 8	17-Oct		Brooklyn Park, MN	Dynomutts	Jan Frey	612-427-4284	J. Goetz	Unlimited Reg
Nov 14	2-Oct	N/A	Rockton, ON	Stray Dogs	Chris Knowlton	519-740-8838	K. Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
Nov 15	2-Oct	N/A	Rockton, ON	Stray Dogs	Chris Knowlton	519-740-8838	K. Eldridge	Limited Reg (20)
Nov 21 & 22	30-Oct		Franklin, VA	Hairier Jump Jets	Lorelle Fritsch	757-548-0966	C. Dembeck?	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Nov 28 & 29	23-Oct		Brampton, ON	Bark 'n Fly, Cool Runnings & Fastrack	Susie Fay	416-749-7298	K. Eldridge/ D. Chalmers	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Dec 5	17-Nov		Matsqui, BC	Dogwood Pacesetters	Cathy Kenzie	604-581-3444	TBA	Unlimited Reg
Dec 6	17-Nov		Matsqui, BC	Dogwood Pacesetters	Cathy Kenzie	604-581-3444	S. Brown	Unlimited Reg
Dec 12	9-Nov		Omaha, NE	Omaha 4-Play	Denise Gurs	402-571-2016	D. Smith	Unlimited Reg
Dec 13	9-Nov		Omaha, NE	Omaha 4-Play	Denise Gurs	402-571-2016	D. Smith	Unlimited Reg
Jan 23 & 24	1-Dec		Novi, MI	Smokin' Paws	Todd Morningstar	734-439-3811	T. Morningstar	Unlimited Reg & 4/Breed
Feb 13	8-Jan	N/A	Rockton, ON	Stray Dogs	Chris Knowlton	519-740-8838	K. Eldridge	Limited Reg (24)
Feb 14	8-Jan	N/A	Rockton, ON	Stray Dogs	Chris Knowlton	519-740-8838	K. Eldridge	Limited Reg (20)
Feb 20	20-Jan		Richmond TX	HOT Dog Club	Ethelene Bucy	713-468-0842	?	Unlimited Reg

N/A = not applicable (Limited Tournaments sanctioned before 1 October 1998)

1998 NAFA® DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman: Alan Weiner (96-98)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

STEVE McAVOY

The agreement reached with PETsMART Inc. was made possible due to the efforts of many people. Alan Weiner volunteered his time to pursue this agreement, flying to meetings at his own expense and spending hours on the phone with board members and NAFA attorneys. He won't take credit for this agreement himself so I will thank him for all his efforts. This will be the biggest advance for all of flyball since the introduction of the Electronic Judging System. Thank you Alan and everyone who volunteered their time and efforts for NAFA in this endeavor.

Currently I am working with NAFA's attorneys and several Board members to refine and update NAFA's structure. When all the final details are complete they will be announced.

Val Culpin is currently developing a Judges Video, which will be used by NAFA to help train new judges and regional directors. Some of the other projects currently in the works at NAFA is the development of an information package for incoming Board members, development of an information update for the NAFA web-page to inform people of projects the board is currently working on. Also on the agenda is to upgrade the NAFA software to streamline the stats job. Dale Smith hopes to have this in place very shortly. We have also drafted a form letter for board members to return when they receive a request or a letter.

NAFA ballots are being mailed to the delegates. Please make sure you exercise your rights, mark your ballots and return to the address listed on your ballot. NAFA is currently enjoying tremendous growth and we can attribute this to the fact that flyball is a fun, exciting, fast-paced sport for everyone.

As always if you have any questions or comments please call or write me. All inquiries will be responded to.

Until next time,

Steve McAvoy
Executive Director

Telephone Calls to Melanie

Those of you who still feel that it's necessary to contact Melanie McAvoy on her personal phone are requested to do so during the following hours: Mon. - Fri.: 6 to 10 p.m. & Weekends 12 to 6 p.m. Please keep in mind the time difference from your area and please use the NAFA line as much as possible.

How to Obtain a Height Card from NAFA

Send \$5.00 US along with the dog's name, CRN, handler's name & address to Sue Rogers, 40225 Regency Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

The following is the Height Card Policy (Section 6.6.g.ii):

Height cards are to be optional. Applications for height cards, at the cost of \$5.00 US funds each, must be applied for through NAFA. Each application will be embossed with the corporate seal and numbered. Applications must be presented to the measuring judge before the dog is measured. All dogs will need 3 matching measurements from 3 different approved NAFA judges. At least one of the 3 judges must be a NAFA designated Supervising Head Judge. All dogs must be 18 months of age before their 1st measurement. When a final height card is issued and recorded, it must be presented at each tournament entered and posted on the jump height sheet (NAFA Form C.9). Final jump height cards can not be contested. Final height cards issued by NAFA will be wallet size laminated cards and will be good for the life of the dog. Handlers, who forget their height cards at any given tournament, may have their jump heights contested.

**Please note that all judges have been informed they are not to measure, for height cards, any dogs owned by themselves or by any of their teammates.

EJS Shipments

In the US contact:

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In Canada contact:

Chris Knowlton (519)740-8838
knowlton@netrover.com

THE INTERNET

(Thanks to Ian Hogg)

NAFA web site:

www.flyball.org is the official NAFA web page but will maintain a link to Ian's Flyball Home Page.

Flyball Home Page:

<http://muskie.fishnet.com/~flyball/>

To subscribe to e-mail list:

Send an e-mail message to: listproc@ces.com

Leave the subject line blank or put "no subject".

Message must read only:

Subscribe flyball *your real name*

E.g. subscribe flyball Jane Doe

These services are made available to us through the generosity of Ian Hogg

Reminder: The mail list provides a useful means for communication and discussion among flyballers from around the world but is not recognized by NAFA as an official means of conducting NAFA business.

Congratulations

From NAFA

To Rocket Relay: – for their NAFA record time of 16.35 seconds set June 20, 1998 in Cookstown Ontario. Rocket Relay's line-up consisted of Border Collies: "Tiree", "Sassy" and "Radar" and mix breed, height dog "Shayla".

On a sad note, NAFA must also send our condolences, to Kelly Robbins and the Rocket Relay club, with the sudden death of "Sassy" in September.

To Hi-Performance Border Patrol: - who became the first NAFA club to have an "A" team and a "B" team running under 17 seconds at the same tournament. This "first" happened at Rocket Relay's tournament on August 15, 1998.

SUPERVISING HEAD JUDGES

Val Culpin
Joe Goetz
Kevin Hughes
Steve McAvoy
Bob Murray
Phil Taylor
Annette Tindall
Darrel West
Dennis Wieske

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