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2008 Nominees for the Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name:	Bizzz-Quick
Dog's Breed:	Border Collie
Dog's CRN:	990699

Terrie OConnor Baytown, TX Nominated by: United States
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Dog's Club Affiliation: (452) DogZworth	(406) Lone Star Ruffnecks
Dog's Owner: Ally & Scott Kolesnikow	

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 dog to earn NAFA's Hobbes Title- the second Canadian to reach this amazing milestone!

Starting her career in 2000, Bizzy ran with Zippity-Do-Dogs, Tailspinners, Cool Runnings and since 2004, DogZworth. She was part of the best time set to date for all of these teams. Consistent, a tireless starter, a must win anchor and anywhere in between- almost 11 year old Bizzy continues to be an asset to DogZworth as well as any Open or Veterans line up. She has been an ambassador for flyball, performing in demos and on TV. In 2007 Bizzy was nominated for NAFA's Hall of Fame- she lost by only 3 votes.

Bizzy is the third highest pointed dog 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.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Ripper	Nominated by: Brian Fay Hanna City, IL United States (334) Natural Disaster
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 960115	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (334) Natural Disaster	
Dog's Owner: Brian Fay	

Please consider the nomination of Ripper (Jack Russell Terrier) for the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame. Ripper raced in his first tournament one week after his first birthday and retired at his last tournament just before his 13th birthday. Ripper earned 90,008 points while racing in 160 tournaments in 9 states and provinces during his career. He once earned an amazing 2,892 points over 3 days of racing. When he retired he was the number 2 dog of his breed.

Ripper raced on many teams throughout his career, most of the time as the height dog. He was the height dog on the 2001 Regional Championship Regular and Multi-breed teams for Region 2. Ripper helped several teams he raced with run their best times over the years. In the height of his career, Ripper ran low 4s along with only a handful of other 9" height dogs. He was the type of dog that held his times throughout the weekend and could easily double-run if needed.

None of this means much to Ripper though. Ripper ran because he loved the game. He ran for many handlers over the years and owes much of his success to all of his teammates.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Roxanne	Nominated by: Chris Monahan Anaheim, CA United States (206) Rock-n-Rovers
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 970122	

Dog's Club Affiliation: (206) Rock-n-Rovers

Dog's Owner: Jane Horsfield

Roxanne, now 12, still reigns as the queen of the Rock-n-Rovers camp at tournaments. She might have lost some of her speed, but her heart and drive remain fully in bloom, which serves to inspire, especially those of use newer to the sport.

Her well-developed personality has made her well-known at Region 6 and 16 events, as well as often making her the life of the party in our crating area.

Roxanne usually is one of our dependable start dogs, though recently she has been running in the No. 2 spot, behind her housemate, Rico.

Roxanne has trained many handlers and new dogs with passing. She often is turned over to new handlers, so they get the feel of the game and learn handling skills needed even before their own dogs are tournament ready.

This year, her 11th in competition, Roxanne reached the pinnacle of NAFA awards: the Hobbes, becoming just the 10th dog to exceed 100,000 points, the first west of the Mississippi.

Her enthusiasm, determination and continued love for the sport, even after more than a decade of competition, make her a most worthy candidate for the highest honor in the sport: the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame.

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: **Snap**

Dog's Breed: Mix

Dog's CRN: 000470

Dog's Club Affiliation: (168) Flying Colors

Dog's Owner: Tooie & Ian Crooks

Nominated by: Henry Pfiester
Las Vegas, NV
United States
(168) Flying Colors

Snap is a 9 year old biker chick of a Border/Border -- a 10" height dog who runs on Flying Colors and is owned by Tooie and Ian Crooks.

In her prime, Snap was one of a handful of truly exceptional height dogs. She consistently ran 4.0-4.2, with occasional 3.9's. Even now, when she is feeling feisty, she can reach back and get those low 4's! Her trademark was, and is, her lightning fast turn. She runs any position and is fearless passing even the most powerful dogs.

While Snap is a great height dog and gives everything to the game she loves, her true legacy lies with her offspring. This little dog has passed on her fierce drive and competitive nature to and through her offspring, and through this gift, she has helped many teams achieve personal best times.* She has approximately 70 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren racing in the USA and Canada.

Snap has had a phenomenal impact on our NAFA community and truly deserves this award!

*Instant Replay – Vegas, Dice

Holeshot Racers – Cola, Commix

Top Dog Racers - Piper, Eagle, iPod

Flying Squad - Pyrat

Total Anarchy – Chum, Reckless

Flying Colors - Snap herself

PDQ – Fusion, Fever

Nomination for the NAFA Clyde Moore Memorial Hall of Fame

Dog's Call Name: Warden	Nominated by: Greg Stopay Stoney Creek, ON Canada (490) Spring Loaded
Dog's Breed: Dutch Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 021174	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (490) Spring Loaded	
Dog's Owner: Lee and Angie Heighton	

Warden is a major reason why SpringLoaded continues to hold the NAFA records in both Regular (15.22 sec.) and Multi (15.36 sec.). She has also played a significant role in helping her team to win the National NAFA titles, in both Multi and Regular for five consecutive years.

There are many great dogs who have put up fast times. As a youngster, she certainly did that – with lots of 3.7s and 3.8s on the clock. Now, at age seven, she has barely slowed down at all and still shows the high level of consistency that is a "must" when handlers need to make close passes.

Warden runs for many different people, and in any position, and never fails to give 110%. She's the dog you want in the line-up if you need to win, as her intensity, determination and reliability are second to none.

Her athleticism and competitive spirit are matched only by her desire to please and to work with her "people". Not only that, but at home she is thoroughly a lady and a joy to have around.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this awesome girl for the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame award.

2008 Nominees for Regional MVP

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 2

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 2

Dog's Call Name: Rukus	Nominated by: Helen Gallantry Caledon, ON Canada (154) DOG-ON-IT
Dog's Breed: Mini Australian/N American Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 020131	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (154) DOG-ON-IT	
Dog's Owner: Elva Bradley	

Rukus deserves to be nominated for MVP because of his pure love of the sport. This dog can be run by anyone, in any position, on any team, at any jump height. If you watch him, he is always smiling. Even though he is definitely a "mommy's boy", he will run the full heats of any race for anyone, consistently giving his all. When the race is over, he needs to go to "mom", but, during the race, he will give his all for anyone. He always runs the same, giving 110 percent, regardless of who is holding him at the time. I do not think this can be said for many dogs in the sport. He embodies the love of flyball and anyone watching him can see his true love of this sport. A real flyball hero. The continual smile, and the way he always gives 100 percent plus, make him a very special dog. He is a great little guy to run, always reliable. Very few mistakes. I adore this little guy and so does everyone else who has ever run him over the years.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 4

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 4

Dog's Call Name: Emma Jo	Nominated by: Kimberly Kendall Plano, IL United States (623) All Ruffed Up
Dog's Breed: Labrador Retriever	
Dog's CRN: 060241	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (623) All Ruffed Up	
Dog's Owner: Paula Luhring	

Emma Jo in the 2007-2008 racing year through June 1, 2008 has earned 13,341 points. She is presently ranked #2 in the top 250 point earning dogs in NAFA as of June 1, 2008. She earned her Onyx in less than two years. Emma Jo is a muscular black Labrador retriever who runs in the mid 4's in any position but loves to start. Emma has raced in many regular, open and multi breed lineups this year. She has raced in four different states and with many different clubs in the open class. Emma Jo is owned and loved by Paula Luhring, who due to a workplace injury is unable to race her, but the flyball community has always helped out. At last count 17 different handlers have raced Emma in competition and she always runs her heart out. Emma Jo is a valuable part of our team.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 4

Dog's Call Name: Sydney	Nominated by: Jennifer Hesse Waukesha, WI United States (800) Synergy
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 960764	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (800) Synergy	
Dog's Owner: Darlene Gottwald	

Sydney picked up flyball immediately, and by the age of 10 months she was participating in flyball

demos in front of crowds of people. December of 1996 marked her first tournament where she earned her very first title and the rest is history.

Over a decade later she is still playing flyball and is a valuable member of Synergy. She leads the team with her experience and expertise – training new handlers and providing the backbone to Synergy's veteran's team. She will run for anyone, in any position, and is the most consistent dependable girl a team could ever hope for.

Sydney is owned and handled by Darlene Gottwald and is the true meaning of a flyball dog. Currently she has earned over 75,000 points, is #31 in NAFA's point standings, and ranked #4 for Australian Shepherds, and she's not even close to done yet!

At age 12, we continue to be amazed at her work ethic and dedication to the sport of flyball, and believe she is most deserving of Region 4's MVP award.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 5

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 5

Dog's Call Name: Tri-Hard Top Gun	Nominated by: Roberta McClure Porter, TX United States (347) Canine Conspiracy
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 990121	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (180) Top Dog Racers	
Dog's Owner: Pam Martin	

I would like to nominate Pilot of Top Dog Racers, for Region 5 MVP. Pilot has raced the entire 9+ years of his flyball career on Chain Reaction (Top Dog Racers' A Team), running as the sole height dog for a good portion of that time. Pilot changed the face of flyball in Region 5, introducing the region to a small dog who could run in the 3.9's and 4.0's. He also changed the "look" of flyball in Region 5 as one of the first Border Jack mixes in Texas. He has always been a crowd pleaser, and it could often be heard when he was running, "... what kind of dog is that."

With Pilot on the team, Top Dog Racers were able to achieve some amazing things such as becoming 2002 NAFA Champions, breaking into the 16's, and then the 15's, and achieving a 1st Place finish at the World Cynosports Championship in 2007! Pilot considered retirement when he reached his 50,000 point mark, but decided he wasn't quite ready to give up the excitement of flyball competition yet.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 6

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 6

Dog's Call Name: Jenna	Nominated by: Alisa Romaine Wittmann, AZ United States
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 021176	

Dog's Club Affiliation: (471) Heat Wave	(471) Heat Wave
Dog's Owner: Beth Ann Chapman	

Jenna is a perky Border Collie mix that loves life and makes sure everyone knows it. Since nearly its inception, Jenna has been a core dog and strong competitor for Heat Wave. She has raced in every position on the team, including start, where she posts some of her fastest times. Jenna is one of the few dogs who will pass into the Staffies on the team without fear. We have lost count of the new dogs she has helped train up. Her box turn is so unique we coined the term "surfacing whale" to describe it. In the past, Jenna double-ran when the green team she was listed as back-up on had several dogs meltdown. No matter how long the days, Jenna never quits, runs wherever we ask, and always gives it her all. One tournament she ran the entire weekend with a cracked rib, suffered from a huge collision on the first race where another dog knocked her through two jumps. We had no idea she was injured and she didn't show any signs of injury. These days she races mostly in veterans but still comes out of semi-retirement to save the day when necessary. We adore Miss Jenna and think honoring her with this award is most fitting.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 6

Dog's Call Name: Penny	Nominated by: Judy Overholtzer Sedona, AZ United States (581) Sedona Red Rockets
Dog's Breed: Entlebucher Mountain Dog	
Dog's CRN: 020296	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (581) Sedona Red Rockets	
Dog's Owner: Alice Madar	

Penny came to the Madar family, untrained, from Entlebucher breed rescue when she was 18 months old. She immediately loved flyball and began competing after only a few weeks of practice in 2002. Setting the jumps at 11 inches, she was the founding height dog on Sedona Red Rockets. She was fast and amazingly consistent from the start. Among her many nicknames is "Perfect Penny," because she is nearly flawless, runs in any position, runs with consistency all weekend long, and she can be counted on to pass any dog no matter how green or how big. Spectators often remark on that "really fast little dog with the big ears." Her fastest time is 4.1 seconds. Now that she is nearly nine and blind in one eye she typically runs in the mid to high fours. Penny is the first Entlebucher to earn each flyball title, from Master all the way up to Onyx. She is also quite versatile: she has earned herding and agility titles and competes in freestyle obedience. Penny also works full-time as a greeter at Sedona Charter School, where she tries to get everyone who comes through the door to throw something for her.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 7

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: Bea	Nominated by: Wendy Scott & Darren Compher Renton, WA United States (215) Cascade Comets
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 990487	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (215) Cascade Comets	
Dog's Owner: Nancy Recor	

Our nomination for Region 7 MVP is Bea, a Border Collie with the Cascade Comets. Bea has been a serious flyball competitor since 1999, earning over 55,000 points to date with a goal of 60,000 within the next year. She was anchor dog on the 2001 Regional Championship team. Even at 12 years old, she still runs consistently in the low-to-mid 5 second range. While she has her favorite handlers, she is such a pro that she'll run for almost anybody. This gives the club tremendous flexibility, especially when we race each other.

With her classic B.C. markings and ball drive, Bea is well known in the region, especially when she refuses to release her tug before racing. She enjoys flyball so much; she has been known to give her handler the slip and enter the ring before her race. Several times she has given spectators a laugh as they see a black & white blur race toward the ring with her handler giving chase.

Bea has also passed her competitive nature on to many of her offspring. Four of her pups (Rex, Clark, Tehya & Stella May) also run for the Cascade Comets and have 133,444 points combined.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 7

Dog's Call Name: Phoebe	Nominated by: Julie LaPrarie Bothell, WA United States (219) Jet City Jumpers
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 051083	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (219) Jet City Jumpers	
Dog's Owner: Joy Adiletta	

Phoebe is a 6-year-old purebred Jack Russell Terrier owned and handled primarily by Joy Adiletta. She started playing flyball in 2005 and had several rocky tournaments when she first started, as she had lots of enthusiasm but limited focus. After lots of practice and changing from 3" to 1" balls, the game clicked with her in early 2006 and since then she has run solidly at every tournament our club has entered. For the last year she has been the only full-time height dog on Jet City Jumpers and has been the sole reason we have been able to support two teams at tournaments. Several of our team's dogs would not be able to attend tournaments if she were not ready and willing to run.

She has become known as our club's "tank" as she is perfectly happy running for just about any member and happily travels to tournaments with whoever is willing to take her. Bottom line is she doesn't care who takes her, who handles her, or who she passes – she just wants to play flyball and will tolerate any change necessary in order to meet that goal.

Please vote Phoebe for Region 7 MVP!

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 8

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 8

Dog's Call Name: Del	Nominated by: Judy Martens Saskatoon, SK
Dog's Breed: Miniature Pinscher	

Dog's CRN: 981150	Nominated by: Canada (284) River Runners
Dog's Club Affiliation: (284) River Runners	
Dog's Owner: Ferne Brown	

Del, a miniature pinscher owned by Ferne Brown, began training early in obedience, agility and flyball, enjoying success in each arena. A smart little dog with boundless energy and a desire to work, this little redhead loves flyball. Del is a founding member of the River Runners and a great ambassador to the sport. She has brought many green dogs and handlers through training to their first titles and beyond. She's a hit at demos and tournaments, attracting many fans, and has been instrumental in growing the sport in our community.

Del is the top-ranked miniature pinscher in NAFA, first to reach FMCH, ONYX and now FGDCH, often 5 points at a time, and she's still playing as enthusiastically as ever. At age 11, she still tries to beat the dog in the next lane. She can't understand why she's not in every race, barking encouragement to teammates and flying to the box and back for her reward when it's finally her turn. A versatile little dog that runs in any position and for any handler, she is a joy to watch and to run. Help us celebrate this little firecracker by voting Del the next Region 8 MVP.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 9

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 9

Dog's Call Name: Janie (Rescue)	Nominated by: Amy Rideout Fredericksburg, VA United States (600) Weapons of mat destruction
Dog's Breed: Black Mouth Cur	
Dog's CRN: 990679	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (600) Weapons of mat destruction	
Dog's Owner: Scott & Amy Rideout	

Janie's best time was 4.6 – she wasn't the fastest dog. Janie was a hound – usually not up to double running. Although Janie ran with heart, she wasn't the most consistent dog. However, Janie was always there for the team. You could always count on her to fill out the team, run wherever needed, and pull her own weight. Because she's a rare breed, Janie was an essential part of many multibreed teams, and she ran in the inaugural veterans class in region 9. Janie's most valuable contribution was how she played the game. Janie had a love of the game - any bystander could easily see that Janie and her partner, Scott, were having a blast. Her return to Scott was the most fun for everyone to watch – you'd never know what toy was coming out of Janie's extensive collection for some silly fun. We all tell people flyball isn't about the ball – it's about what happens when the dog returns, and this partnership exemplified that essence of our sport. Janie retired in June with her Grand Poobah title (30K), and is one of only 15 hounds to do so in NAFA history.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 10

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

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Dog's Call Name: Darby	Nominated by: Sheryl Deacon Greater Lakeburn, NB Canada (073) F.A.M.E.
Dog's Breed: Irish Setter	
Dog's CRN: 011003	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (073) F.A.M.E.	
Dog's Owner: Pat Edmonds	

I would like to nominate Darby for Region 10 MVP. Darby has been playing with FAME for years and she still gives it her all. She is very consistent and is a great start dog. You can always count on her to get the job done. Darby recently became the Number One Irish Setter in NAFA! I would like to see Darby recognized for her contribution to FAME and to the sport of flyball.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: sweep	Nominated by: Lietash Push the Limits Club Uniacke, NS Canada (265) Lietash PUSH The Limits
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 021334	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (265) Lietash PUSH The Limits	
Dog's Owner: Jeannie Swinemar	

Sweep started out on a farm in PEI. She wasn't working out and would run free, eating and drinking whatever she could find. At the age of three she was released to Lynn's (FnF) rescue. It was through her that Sweep's life has drastically changed.

Sweep came to live with Jeannie & Morris in the summer 2002 after meeting at a flyball tournament. Everyone knew Sweep had found her home when she put her paws on Jeannie's knees and stared into her eyes.

Sweep started flyball training that fall with Lietash. She was a fast learner and started racing with Maple Leaps in 2003. She was a huge asset as she could run any position passing any dog.

Sweep continues to run, now with Lietash. Sweep is our go to dog. Always ready to lend a paw, Jeannie & Sweep are there for anyone that needs help; be it a dog to race or temperment testing. While Sweep will run for anyone, she prefers Jeannie. You will never see Sweep make a mistake! Jeannie, yes; Sweep, no! Without Sweep many dogs wouldn't be where they are in their racing career today.

Sweep & Jeannie's dedication and commitment is second to none.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 10

Dog's Call Name: TKO	Nominated by: Eileen Higginbotham Winsloe, PE Canada (266) Fast 'n FURious
Dog's Breed: Boston Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 050995	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (266) Fast 'n FURious	
Dog's Owner: Forrest Beaton	

TKO is a Boston Terrier/Princess mix (just kidding, she's all Boston!) who lives with and owns Forrest and Cathy Beaton. She joined their family in June of 2004 at a "whopping" 3 lbs and was racing by July 1st of 2005.

For the most part TKO is just another couch potato, she lays around the house waiting for Forrest and Cathy to get home from work so she can come alive with energy and beg for them to take her out for a game of fisbee or fetch. TKO also loves to perform in our club shows and demos where she dons her little costume to become "Super TKO Flash". She especially loves the meet and greet with all the children after each show!

TKO is short for "Total Knock Out", cause they KNEW she was going to be gorgeous... haha. She also answers to several other names - TKO BKO, TKO Bean, Pumpkin Pie and Gorgeous George to name just a few.

She has proven herself to be a valuable dog to the Fast'n FURious family. As a 9" height dog, she has and will run in any position, and into any dog, on whatever team she is on. TKO is incredibly consistent with her style and her times. This "Li'l Bean" is often the sole height dog for her team. While she's not the fastest height dog in our club, with a good compliment of big dogs, any team she is on can give many division one teams a good run for the money!

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 11

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Beany	Nominated by: Kathy Iozzio Lakeland, FL United States (694) Sundogs
Dog's Breed: Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)	
Dog's CRN: 041079	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (694) Sundogs	
Dog's Owner: Nancy M. Donatelli	

Beany is the height dog on our Sizzle team. Beany has the biggest heart for her small size. She singles down and back with the speed of larger dogs twice her size. Nancy Donatelli and Beany are great team. Beany is one of the most reliable height dogs on our team. Beany loves the game of flyball and runs in second position. Beany intently watches the start dog and never needs to be told to get ready!! Beany is raring to go. Beany makes an awesome contribution to our fastest team. Off the lanes she is an obedience and agility star.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 11

Dog's Call Name: Loki	Nominated by: Stacy Santarone Plantation, FL United States (240) Waverunners
Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois	
Dog's CRN: 021244	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (240) Waverunners	
Dog's Owner: Sally Saxton	

I would like to nominate Dogma's Loki CD RE CGC FGDCH, a Belgian Malinois owned by

teammate Sally Saxton, for this year's Region 11 MVP. To date Loki has run in 81 tournaments and recently reached #5 Malinois. Loki started his Flyball career in August 2002, coming home with 26 points from his first tourney, and is currently working his way towards 40,000 points.

Loki began his new life when Sally pulled him from the local County Animal Control in April 2002. Someone else's throwaway has turned out to be a tireless competitor and an outstanding Belgian ambassador. Loki and Sally run in start position with consistent great starts and have hit several triple zeros. Loki's enthusiasm for the game is amazing, and he has helped many dogs get their start in Flyball. He will run all weekend long and then look at us as we are packing up the crating area as if to say "So, when are we gonna play?"

It is a joy and honor to have such an asset in our sport and on our team. I am proud to nominate Loki and hope that you'll join me in voting for Loki as Region 11 MVP.

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 integral part of Dog>Gone Flyball and Florida flyball for six years! Everyone recognizes Jeff and Shadow as great competitors when they settle into the start position for their races. From Day one, Shadow has been an extremely fast and reliable dog. Jeff & Shadow have racked up an impressive number of triple zero starts on the way to her FDGCh and along the way, they have always been there for other flyballers!

Shadow has been invaluable in training many dogs to learn the sport. She helped Dog>Gone grow to four race-worthy teams, as well as promoting the growth of two other flyball clubs in our immediate area.

Shadow began with a VERY green team and continued to race with new dogs throughout her career, helping them to become part of our flyball community. Had she started with an established flyball club, I have no doubt that Shadow would have raced with a division 1 team. Instead she ran her races, earned her titles AND gave her all so that many dogs could benefit!

It is my honor to nominate Shadow, a home-grown dog who has done so much for the sport, as the MVP for division 11.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 13

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Highwater Bennington	Carrie Neri
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell	

Dog's CRN:	Terrier 990376	Nominated by:	Oxford, CT United States (356) Connecticut Frequent Flyers
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(766) Infurno		
Dog's Owner:	Valerie Whiterock		

I would like to nominate Benny for MVP. Although Val and Benny no longer run on CTFF, Benny was a huge asset to our team. As our main height dog, Benny was often called upon to run on 2 teams per tourney so that the team could run a regular and multi team. Val and Benny on several occasions had given up going to agility trials so that the team could go to flyball tourneys. This was a very big sacrifice on their part and CTFF really appreciated this. Benny is a little spitfire and extremely consistent. I have been racing on teams with Benny and Val since 1999 and Benny has raced his little heart out his entire flyball career. CTFF feels a big loss now that Benny is running with Inferno. We miss his outgoing personality and his consistency. He is very deserving of this very special award.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name:	Jetta	Nominated by:	Sue Bonofiglio Seekonk, MA United States (780) Canine Mutiny
Dog's Breed:	Border Collie		
Dog's CRN:	010088		
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(570) Moonspinners		
Dog's Owner:	Belinda Lang		

Jetta is a rescue dog with some pretty challenging behavior and social problems. It is amazing that she can even survive in a flyball building let alone compete and excel at the sport. Just to give the rest of you an idea, it took a year for her to be able to stay in a room once a human entered and another year to get her to tug. It took her 2 years to learn the sport of flyball. When she started running, after she stopped spinning, she could only run in the lead position and for 2 years she had to have her 'own' box loader at every tourney she competed. Jetta is now 11 years old. After 7 years of running on the faster teams Jetta recently moved on to the vets team where she can enjoy her golden years. She now runs for any person, in any spot, with any box loader. She is one of the most consistent dogs to run and the dog used to teach all new handlers the start lights. She is the confident and steady dog that helps all the 'green' dogs gain confidence at practice. Jetta recently earned her FDGCH.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name:	Molson	Nominated by:	Toby Emo Nunda, NY United States (404) Buffalo Wings
Dog's Breed:	Boston Terrier		
Dog's CRN:	040228		
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(404) Buffalo Wings		
Dog's Owner:	Keri Evers		

Molson got a great start to his flyball career in Prince Edward Island where his training began. After Keri graduated from veterinary school, his training took a step back as she moved with her jobs in the next few years until they both landed with Buffalo Wings in 2005. His training was

completed and he took off as one of Buffalo Wings favorite height dogs. He has tremendous drive and determination and just loves tugs. He wows the crowd with his extremely unique jumping style. He was most recently recognized in Massachusetts when he was named to the New England Trailblazers Dream Team which made us all proud. Molson is currently working toward his FMX which he hopes achieve before the end of Summer. It would be an honor to both Keri and the Buffalo Wings for Molson to be named region 13 MVP. We don't know what we would do without him.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 13

Dog's Call Name: Vegas	Nominated by: Bonnie Deschenes Canterbury, CT United States (500) Ruff Enuff
Dog's Breed: Belgian Malinois	
Dog's CRN: 060010	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (500) Ruff Enuff	
Dog's Owner: Bonnie Deschenes	

Vegas has been an exceptional player for both our Multi and Regular teams. She has been key in helping the Ruff Enuff A Team finally break into the 16 second mark and also in helping our Multi Team (Ruff Enuff Stuff) win the regional championship 2 years in row. Vegas is tireless and can run in any position, which we feel is a huge asset! We are very proud of the crazy little Mal!

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 15

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Beauwood's Bright Arrow	Nominated by: Keith Kline Middletown, MD United States (650) Flash Point
Dog's Breed: Australian Shepherd	
Dog's CRN: 990019	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (650) Flash Point	
Dog's Owner: Amy Vanderryn	

Arrow embodies the spirit of flyball. He is consistent, reliable, and competitive. In 2008, he has run over 400 heats and earned over 8000 NAFA points. He has dependably started almost every scheduled race. Even at age 12, he loves the competition of flyball – he watches and races his opponents, putting forth his best efforts in close races. He even taught himself to turn both directions on the box so he can monitor his opponent better. He's also an excellent teammate, both to help train dogs and to run with.

As of this writing, Arrow ranks first in NAFA points of all dogs on the east coast, and number 32 in all of flyball. At 12, he's still running full time as start dog. Among his accomplishments in 2008 are running roughly 17 miles on the flyball lanes, earning 8 placement ribbons with his team, and even jumping 13" when the team's height dog was unexpectedly unavailable.

(After the original draft of this nomination, Arrow suffered a mild stroke, causing him to miss racing for only the second time in his career. He hopes to be back in action before this nomination appears.)

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Sage	Nominated by: Linda Smith Spring Grove, PA United States (579) Clean Break
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 011420	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (579) Clean Break	
Dog's Owner: Jon & Karen Schaale	

Timid and fearful, words to describe the freckled Border Collie named Obermark Sage, who as a puppy was labeled "fear biter". Then Sage was introduced to flyball and the transformation began!

Sage competed in her first tournament in 2002 and literally never looked back. Her confidence has grown allowing Sage to assist in the training of any dog, run in any position on any team, and always clock in a very competitive race with consistent and practically flawless runs. She always gives 100% with times still in the mid to high 4s, she continues to serve as a start dog even though she is now a veteran. Sage, one of Clean Break's original team members, is CB's first recipient of the coveted Onyx and Flyball Grand Champion Titles. However, her greatest accomplishment is the now confident and relaxed BC whether on or off the flyball lane.

Sage is a very valued player of Region 15 who demonstrates the true spirit of a "Flyball Team Member" by bringing enthusiasm and heart to every practice and competition. From running in Division 1 to veterans, Sage's journey has given a most memorable gift to Jon and Karen Schaale, Sage's proud parents!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 15

Dog's Call Name: Sonic	Nominated by: Carol Mount Dresher, PA United States (171) Fur Fun
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 050494	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (171) Fur Fun	
Dog's Owner: Leehe Fai Goldfarb	

Did you hear the boom from that dog that just went by? That was Sonic, smoking the flyball lanes with her top time of 4.0 seconds.

Sonic, a border-jack owned and loved by Leehe Fai Goldfarb, is the height dog for Fur Fun's Division One team, Formula Fun. Sonic was the key element that made possible Fur Fun's 2nd Place finish in Division One at the 2007 NAFA Cynosport World Championships and their multiple regional championships. She can run in every position, with a variety of handlers, while consistently running 4.2 at 9" jump height.

Sonic has earned 30K points in 3 years of racing -- and she still has time to compete very successfully in USDAA Agility! Many teams have fast big dogs, but it is Sonic that is given her team the ability to run in the low 16 second range. Therefore we'd like to nominate her as the

Region 15 MVP for 2008.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 16

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 16

Dog's Call Name: Cody	Nominated by: Jonnie Geen El Cajon, CA United States (557) INXS
Dog's Breed: Golden Retriever	
Dog's CRN: 020323	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (557) INXS	
Dog's Owner: Bill & Jonnie Geen	

Cody is an eight year old golden retriever who burst into flyball in 2002 with Heat Wave, a newly formed team in Phoenix, AZ . Cody learned the game in a few short weeks which allowed the team to participate in their first tournament long before expected. Racing with INXS flyball for the last several years, Cody is known far and wide for her beauty, focus and speed, running 4.0 early on. Her handler for many years, Bill Geen, was so proud of her drive and speed, yet always remarked about her "lady like" behavior prior to racing. While all the surrounding dogs were barking and lunging, Cody remained completely still and calm until released. Most of the time Cody races on INXS veteran team, "Hot Flashes", a team of prior hot shots although when needed she still has what it takes to start and race all day on a regular team. Participants and competitors alike regularly comment about her beauty and composure. Cody is currently ranked the number 12 golden retriever in NAFA.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 18

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 18

Dog's Call Name: Timber	Nominated by: Curtis Smith Eagle River, AK United States (695) Alaska Dogs Gone Wild
Dog's Breed: Mix	
Dog's CRN: 000882	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (695) Alaska Dogs Gone Wild	
Dog's Owner: Linda Kreft	

As Alaska's most experienced and arguably most versatile flyball dog, Timber very much deserves the honor of Region 18 MVP for 2008. Timber is an Alaskan Husky who started her flyball racing career in November 2000 as a 1-year-old running with Ballistics in Michigan.

In October 2004, Timber became a founding member of Alaska Dogs Gone Wild (ADGW), earning her ONYX during ADGW's first annual Alaska Summer Solstice Tourneys in 2006. Two years later, Timber became a founding member of Region 18's newest flyball club -- Northern LightSpeed of Alaska -- a club that will greatly benefit from her presence.

Timber can run in any position with consistent times, even when she runs extra heats as a much

needed backup and when she runs in hot temperatures, as she did at Cynosport 2007 where it was more than 90 F. Lastly, who better to represent flyball in Alaska than a husky!?!

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 19

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Digit	Nominated by: Lynette VandeVenter Loveland, CO United States (782) Rocky Mountain Flyball
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 030159	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (782) Rocky Mountain Flyball	
Dog's Owner: Lynette VandeVenter	

Digit has been in flyball for over five years and lives for this sport. She can run in any position, for any person, and supports her team with an endless love of flyball. Digit is a speed dog on her team and has helped many a slower dog earn their titles. She has also ran in Division I (in Region 3 and 19) to help win the regional championship. She was even the height dog at 13 inches (especially needed when the jumps were 16 inches tall) for years and is still commonly used as a height dog on her team. Digit has been used to train many beginner dogs and handlers with her perfect consistency. She has traveled all over the US and Canada to compete and is currently the top pointed dog in region 19 and working her way to her Hobbes title. Overall, Digit has been the perfect flyball dog for her handler and team.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Dottie	Nominated by: Keri Caraher Ault, CO United States (509) D.E.O. Speedwaggin'
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 020570	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (509) D.E.O. Speedwaggin'	
Dog's Owner: Marie Goff	

One of the 4 original Speedwaggin' dogs, Dottie competed on our very first team in Texas in March 2002 with only a couple training sessions, where she earned over 800 points, and the team jumped 16" with a best time of 20.96. Since then, she has continued to be on Speedwaggin's record-setting teams through 2005 where they achieved a 17.76, and she was the first dog in our club to run a 3.9.

Dottie's owner quit attending Flyball tournaments a few years after starting, however Dottie continued to play - coming along with other club members to tournaments. She is always a reliable back-up (even on our Division 1 team!), a "speed dog" to help a slower team keep it under 24 seconds, or a solid a Veterans dog. Dottie has been run by many different handlers in Region 19. Dottie has earned over 25,000 points and eventually moved in with Ethan and Scott Wilhelm.

Even at 11 years old, she still sometimes runs on our Division 1 team, and occasionally pulls out

4.3's in Veterans at 7". Dottie is still the most versatile and enthusiastic dog in our club, dependable and always an asset to any team.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 19

Dog's Call Name: Maxx	Nominated by: Tara Sterk Denver, CO United States (401) RUFF
Dog's Breed: Jack/Parson Russell Terrier	
Dog's CRN: 021402	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (401) RUFF	
Dog's Owner: Sharon Torkilson	

Maxx has spent his entire career in Region 19 and was instrumental in getting teams going with RUFF. He is most recognized by the nickname Mad Maxx; he is a real crowd pleaser in venues such as the Denver Broncos, Colorado Rapids and other Colorado professional sports teams with his passion for running. Maxx helps make Flyball a more recognized dog sport in Colorado and throughout region 19 with his regular participation in demonstrations and by competing in tournaments. He has been mentioned/featured in newspaper articles, YouTube videos and in on air talk shows helping to boost Flyball into the limelight. Maxx is now 9 years old and still running strong. He has always been reliable and embodies what a height dog should be; small, mighty and nearly infallible. I nominate Maxx for the Region 19 M.V.P. award due to his qualities not only as a height dog, but a true Flyball dog.

2008 Regional MVP Nominees - Region 20

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 20

Dog's Call Name: Blur	Nominated by: Heather Beach Nepean, ON Canada (663) Burnin' Rubber
Dog's Breed: Border Collie	
Dog's CRN: 010206	
Dog's Club Affiliation: (663) Burnin' Rubber	
Dog's Owner: Pam Casselman	

Blur is an 8.5 year old Border Collie that started on the very first Ottawa team, the Afterburners. He started his very first recalls at 6 weeks of age when he was picked up by Pam. He has helped to set new best times for both the Afterburners and FBI, and helped Burnin' Rubber break into the 16 second club. He has run a best time of 3.8 seconds and currently runs an average of 4.0 at 8.5 years of age. He has helped to train quite a few of young dogs and will run for anybody who holds his tug. He has also trained many new handlers how to handle, although he can run himself, walking into the arena off leash and taking off himself at the right time. He was the first dog in the Ottawa area to reach 40,000 points. Due to his intensity for the sport and love for the game, he has injured himself to the point where he needs to be semi-retired although he is still always around to socialize because he loves to be around people and fill in when needed.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 20

Dog's Call Name: Jake	Kathy Austin
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Dog's Breed:	Border Collie	Nominated by: Gloucester, ON Canada (508) Fly Ball Insanity
Dog's CRN:	020561	
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(508) Fly Ball Insanity	
Dog's Owner:	John Boggs	

Seven years ago, Jake was found abandoned in the corner of a barn in Ohio. Fostered by Border Collie Rescue, Jake found a loving sports home with Claire Gordon and John Boggs in Ottawa, Ontario. Titled in Agility and Disc, competing in his favorite sport, Flyball, is what gets this happy boy bouncing and barking.

Jake is one of the original foundation dogs of Flyball Insanity (FBI), the oldest still running club in Ottawa and is one of the first several dogs to reach Flyball Grand Master Champion (FDGCh) in Region 20. Jake's point sheet on the NAFA database reads like a Eastern seaboard travelogue as he's been to Michigan to Nova Scotia and all points inbetween burning up the matts.

Jake gives his all running low 4 seconds whether over 8 or 14 inch jumps. Jake will run for anyone in any position, however he really shines in the start position. Jake KNOWS the lights and practically releases himself, he teaches many green handlers how to excel in this position because a bad start with him is always human error, not his!

Jake is a joy to have as a canine team mate and his happy split face is easily recognized as the FBI logo!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 20

Dog's Call Name:	No Clownin' Around	Nominated by: Ally & Scott Kolesnikow Montreal West, QC Canada (452) DogZworth
Dog's Breed:	Mix	
Dog's CRN:	040006	
Dog's Club Affiliation:	(452) DogZworth	
Dog's Owner:	Ally Stern	

Before Circus was born people laughed- a Staffy/Mini Aussie cross? Everyone wondered. What were we thinking? Circus' litter was one of the first "dogsport" cross pups without a Border Collie in the pedigree. But since his racing debut in 2004, five year old Circus has earned almost 70,000 points and this season he ran a 3.971- his best time over his NAFA jump height. Circus is Region 20's second highest pointed dog and one of the highest pointed mixes in NAFA flyball. "No Clownin' Around"- better known as Circus, has certainly proved himself in the racing lanes.

Circus is DogZworth's super start dog and one of the height dogs that ran in our best time runs. Heather Murray on DogGone Ballistic called Circus "her favourite flyball dog". Hot Diggity Dogs, Paws On Fire, Burnin' Rubber and Cool Runnings have all awarded Circus special awards. Consistent, driven, always ready to go and go, Circus continues to be a big part of DogZworth's success in the racing lanes.

Please support Circus and choose him as Region 20's first MVP. Circus is owned and loved by Ally and Scott Kolesnikow. He is handled by all of DogZworth and many Region 20 flyballers.

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 20

Dog's Call Name: Remix Dog's Breed: Mix Dog's CRN: 070186 Dog's Club Affiliation: (345) Hot Diggity Dogs Dog's Owner: Kim Scea	Nominated by: Irene Doucet Frankford, ON Canada (345) Hot Diggity Dogs
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Missjiffs "Remix" only began her racing career on April 2007.

She has set many Hot Diggity Dog records and broken others.

Most personal new best times in a single race year within the club.

Most points earned in a single year in the history of the club.

ONE dog error in her first year of racing. Out of eight tournaments, 280 heats with only 1 dog error from the get go; WOW!

Being the first Hot Diggity Dog member to earn both her FM and then her FMX in a single racing year (2008)!

Within the club Remix has been awarded "Outstanding Rookie" at the beginning of her racing career!

Single minded in her determination, never deterred or distracted on her mission, never an error and still earning new best times as she races today!

Spectacular rookie and now a seasoned race dog with still new firsts to look forward to in her future!

MVP by definition is the dog that did the most for their team throughout the active year. Many dogs are on a team, some had their best year in the past, some yet to come; not all are MVPs. MVPs stand out and Remix certainly does!

Nomination for Regional MVP - Region 20

Dog's Call Name: Striker Dog's Breed: Whippet Dog's CRN: 060901 Dog's Club Affiliation: (345) Hot Diggity Dogs Dog's Owner: Irene Doucet	Nominated by: Melissa Wakeling Frankford, ON Canada (345) Hot Diggity Dogs
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Striker is a remarkable Whippet who races with Hot Diggity Dogs (HDD) in Region 20. He began his racing career in 2006. Striker is the fastest dog in his club and has been integral to HDD's goal to develop a consistently fast race team in 2008.

In the race lanes Striker is incredibly focused, driven, consistent and fun to watch. His energy and joy for this sport is evident to all and it is exciting to race on a team with him. Outside of the racing lanes, Striker is a gentle dog who is a pleasure to be around. Because of his excellent racing ability, amazing speed and sweet nature Striker is a fantastic ambassador for flyball in region 20.

Clubs from both Regions 2 and 20 have taken notice of Striker. He is well known within the flyball community as a remarkable race dog. Fellow competitors often watch him race just to see what he can do and he has been honoured with specialty awards, including Dog Gone Ballistics "Love to Watch" Award (04/08) and Pawzie Traction's "Boomer" Award (06/08).

I cannot think of a more deserving dog for MVP in all of region 20.