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NAFA NEWS

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Executive Director's Report

Steve McAvoy

As the NAFA year winds down I would like to congratulate all the teams that competed in NAFA sanctioned events and encouraged the tremendous growth in our sport. NAFA has just seen team number 400 register and we now have over 8500 dogs registered.

I would also like to thank the people who generously volunteered their time & effort to help NAFA run more smoothly. Ron & Carol Mayeda for scoring the tournaments, Denise Delaney for taking over issuing the CRN requests, Sue Rogers for handling the jump height cards as well as pins and plaques and to Melanie for still overseeing the day to day work. NAFA could not run without the efforts of these people as well as many others that I can't name here individually but you know who you are.

The annual meeting will be held in Hutto, TX on November 3rd in conjunction with the Paws of Thunder tournament. The NAFA board of directors will be on hand at the tournament please introduce yourself and talk to them up close and personal. The board always welcomes your input.

I look forward to the upcoming year of racing and wish you all the best.

Steve

Board Candidates !!!!!

Delegates GET OUT AND VOTE!!

Delegates will vote to fill 3 positions.

Dave Burton

For NAFA Board of Directors

**To: NAFA Board
Nominating Committee
Fellow Flyballers**

Personal Information: My name is David Burton I am 39 years old. I have been married for 17years.

My occupation is a truck driver for a gasoline company for which I have been employed for 7yrs. I am a Canadian citizen living in Hamilton Ontario.

Flyball History: I have been a member of the Rocket Relay Flyball Team for 6yrs. My duties consist of Boxloading for our "A" team and also handling 2 dogs on Blue & Red Teams. I am the tournament director of the Annual Blast off event, which has brought in an average of 80 teams per year. I am responsible for all tournament administrative duties as well as coordinating and organizing this event. Specifically hotel bookings, scheduling, formats, arena bookings and all that there is with putting on an event of this size. I am in charge of all the promotion events such as Demo's and half time shows.

Objectives: If elected for this position I would like to improve the communication between the board and its members. I would like to clarify some of the rules in the rulebook (to many gray areas). I would like to see that the board is held accountable for their decisions to the Delegates. I would like to see NAFA become more involved in events such as, The Purina Incredible Dog Challenge and the ESPN Great Outdoor Games. I feel these events are very positive for promoting the sport of Flyball. I hope someday that flyball could become an Olympic Event. I would like to try to encourage fly-

ballers to be the best that they can be and to set goals for themselves. "Flyballers" should be encouraged to achieve their goals through seminars or other means. I feel if we can accomplish that, we can abolish the breakout rule. I would like to see format standardization by NAFA. If you run a NAFA sanctioned event you will be required to use one of the following formats provided by NAFA. I feel there are too many inconsistencies in the formats.

In closing, I hope that some of these points are as important to you as they are to me and to the people I have been in conversation throughout the years. I hope that if I am given this opportunity, I will represent you well.

Thanking you in Advance
David Burton
Rocket Relay Flyball Team

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Judy Hagan

For Board of Directors

Judy Hagan Resume

I started playing Flyball in the early 1990's and founded the Hawkeye Hustler Flyball team in the spring of 1992. In the years since then I have captained, coached and helped to train my team. Along with my team, I have helped to promote the sport of Flyball in our area by doing demos for funds raisers for the Humane Society (which I am on the committee for), Kids Needs of Iowa City, Iowa doing half-time demos during University of Iowa basketball games and other various things. My team hosted our first tournament, the Iowa Heartland Fall Fling, in Oct. of 1993 and started last year, 1999, running two rings to accommodate teams better. In July of 1999 we started hosting our second per year tournament, this one being the Iowa Heartland Summer Toss tournament. My active participation in the sport as well as hosting numerous tournaments has put me in contact with people from numerous areas. I also have been instrumental in helping to

get flyball going in the state of Florida. To effectively meet the needs of all of the people playing the sport, NAFA needs directors who keep an ear open to *All* members, and are actively involved and connected to as many people as possible in the sport in both the well developed areas and the newly developing ones. As a director, I would be an effective conduit for the needs and desires of Flyball players everywhere to the NAFA board. Currently I am a NAFA approved judge and I handle the sales of title patches for NAFA.

It is my belief that everyone in the sport of flyball needs to be heard! I was there and helped with the push to get NAFA on board with the internet to help speed things up and have team access, when some wanted no part of it. In my previous time on the board, I made sure to answer and help both, the US people and the Canadians, who contacted me. Please Vote, so you can be heard also.

Terri May

For Board of Directors

I am submitting my resume for the Board of Directors and I hope you will consider my nomination.

I have been involved in flyball since 1991. During that time I have had the opportunity to participate on many levels of the sport that include but are not limited to: running my dogs, running other team's dogs, line judging, scorekeeping, box loading and ball shagging! I am the trainer for our team and enjoy achieving positive results in working with both the dogs and the people.

My team, Leap of Faith, is based in region 6, although I have attended and raced in Houston, Texas and Caledonia, Ontario.

Previously I served as President and a member of the board of directors with the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, and President, Secretary and a member of the board of directors with the Business Organization of Old Town Clovis.

I have accepted the nomination for a position on the Board of Directors of NAFA in hopes that if I am elected I would be able to use my knowledge of the sport and professional experiences to help the sport continue to grow.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terri May

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not NAFA.

Sue Rogers

For Board of Directors

Sue Rogers has been active in Flyball for over 13 years. She has functioned as a competitor, a Club captain and a Tournament Director. Sue has worked to standardize the NAFA Rules and Policies. She created a consistent electronic version that has since been distributed on NAFA's website. She continues to chair the committee to ensure that NAFA's Rules and Policies are consistent and represent all the rule changes passed by the Board and Delegates.

Sue also handles the ordering and distribution of Pins and Plaques for NAFA titles. In addition she handles the plaques for Hall of Fame and Regional and National Champions each year. Sue was instrumental in getting pins created for NAFA's highest titles (the new ONYX and FGDCH pins).

When NAFA created the height card concept some years ago, Sue stepped up to coordinate the distribution of Height Card applications and the final processing and issuing of completed Height Cards to competitors. As you can see, Sue has served NAFA and its competitors in a variety of ways.

Sue currently serves as Secretary on the NAFA Board. She handles minutes of the Board meetings as well as much of the NAFA correspondence. She functions as

the interface to NAFA's lawyers and was instrumental in following up to get NAFA and our logo trademarked in the US and Canada. Sue keeps us on track and speaks up when things aren't getting done.

Sue brings an open-minded attitude to the Board. She listens to both sides of an issue and then makes her decision based on what she feels benefits Flyball as a whole. She has been easily approachable by people from all over the US and Canada. I urge you to re-elect Sue Rogers to another 3 year term on the NAFA Board of Directors.

Getting a Plaque Soon? An Onyx Award?

Make sure your dog's name and your name are correct.

Check the Data Base!

If not correct notify NAFA.

Dale Smith

For Board of Directors

My name is Dale Smith and I'm running for a second term on the Board of Directors. I've been involved in Flyball since 1989. I've run both fast and slower dogs over the years including retrievers and a Border Collie with Omaha 4-Play. I enjoy both the competition and the camaraderie that come from Flyball and Flyball tournaments. I'm active on the Flyball mailing list and also answer many of the questions that arrive at flyball@flyball.org.

In addition to a competitor, I have also participated as a Tournament Director and NAFA Judge. Over the past several years I have also coordinated the EJS shipping for US tournaments as well as the upkeep and repair of our EJS's.

I currently serve as NAFA Treasurer, Chairman of the Regulatory Committee and Chairman of the Technology Committee. I've spent much of my time over the past 18 months developing the NAFA website. I first developed the static site that provided access to NAFA forms and publications. About a year ago I completed the rewrite of the software that supports NAFA enabling the debut of NAFA's public database site. The

database site allows NAFA to distribute the administrative responsibilities to a number of different people. This will help us to remain responsive as we continue to experience rapid growth. It also gives Clubs with Internet access the ability to see their dogs, titles and points at any time over the web. The site has been well-received by the Flyball community.

We continue to improve the website with the recent addition of the Top Pointed Dog report and the soon to be available Online CRN Purchase application. I look forward to your continued input and further enhancements as the months go on.

I have enjoyed my service to NAFA and Flyball over the past three years. I have tried to be accessible to allow competitors to have access to the Board and input to NAFA's operation. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you over the next three years.

Dale G. Smith

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Hall of Fame Canine Candidates !!!!!

Delegates GET OUT AND VOTE!!

To get into the Hall of Fame a Canine Candidate must receive 50% of the return vote. A maximum of 2 may be inducted per year.

Gonzo

For Clyde Moore Hall of Fame

Gonzo definitely lived up to his name. Now retired from flyball, Gonzo was one of the first Border Collies in Region 3 to be truly motivated and driven for this sport. Owned by John Frey, Gonzo first started running flyball with the Flying Red Rangers (now Dynamutts) in 1989. He ran "all out" on whatever equipment was put in front of him. He first ran on Sure Shot boxes back when line judges tried to monitor passes with the naked eye, and ended up running on the mod-

ern two hole boxes we see today. Gonzo helped his team to run in the 17 second range over 13" jumps and claim two Regional wins in 1998 & 1999, when he was over 10 years old. Over the years, Gonzo helped many dogs on his team attain titles that they may not have otherwise reached. Gonzo ran mostly as an untiring start dog, but could run anywhere in the line-up that he was needed. He was one of the first handful of dogs in Region 3 to earn the Flyball Grand Champion title. It never took long for the newcomers to the sport to hear about Gonzo. If you were lucky enough to have witnessed this red and white, indestructible blur run; you would understand why he is being nominated for the Hall of Fame. **Gonzo didn't just play flyball, he was flyball.**

Nominated by John & Jennifer Rohling – Balls Out, and Mindii Orey - Dynamutts

Higgins

For Clyde Moore Hall of Fame

Big in attitude, determination and drive, attending every tournament in Region #6 since 1992, Higgins has run consistently for his team and kept the jump height low. Listed as the #13 point earner out of almost 9,000 dogs, and having earned over 40,000 points, Higgins has led a very distinguished flyball career.

Beginning as Quantum Leap's only height dog, Higgins then became the sole height dog for over 5 years on the 5 time Region #6 Championship team – Touch N Go. Small in stature but big in deed, at 9 years old he is still a significant force in bringing his team to victory.

As the first dog to earn an Onyx and FGDCh in his Region, Higgins has become an icon of what the term "height dog" really means. His speed was recognized at the 1994 Texas Shoot Out when he was awarded the "Fastest Lightweight Dog" as well as the "Fastest Jack Russell Terrier". Higgins' worth was also acknowledged by the participants of the 1995 Jumps N Jackpots tournament, when he was voted "Most Valuable Dog" Being inducted into the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame would give him the formal recognition by his peers that is so well deserved.

Nominated by Doug May – Leap of Faith

Spitfire's Classy Lassie (Kelly)

For Clyde Moore Hall of Fame

Look at that little black dog go!!

Kelly, a retired Staffordshire Bull Terrier and former foundation jump height dog, began her flyball career in May 1988. From the commencement of the Tailspinners Flyball Team, she ran on the "A" team and on our #1 Four-Breed team. Willingly double running was how she spent much of her career.

Until the early 1990's, she was the fastest jump height dog within the Tailspinner's region of Southern Ontario. Because of her athleticism and drive, the more she played flyball the more she poured it on. This little Staffie never tired out.

Our little black dog has an impressive collection of flyball achievements. She became the first Staffordshire Bull Terrier Breed Champion, Onyx, and Flyball Grand Champion award winner with NAFA. 1995 saw Kelly selected to the Four-Breed Dream Team at a tournament in Camp Borden, Ontario. Last year at the Novi Michigan tournament she was elected to the All Century Flyball Team.

Kelly has been a part of the North American Flyball Association throughout its growth and evolution and as such it would be a great honour to have her elected to the Hall of Fame

At 13 years of age, Spitfire's Classy Lassie has lived well up to her name.

Nominated by Susan Newby - Tailspinners

Sam

For Clyde Moore Hall of Fame

I would like to nominate Sam, a freckled Border Collie, owned by Sue Rogers for the Hall of Fame. With all of the Border Collies running flyball it can be difficult to consider one worth of Hall of Fame status, but I believe that Sam is deserving of consideration. Sam has been running flyball with Maximum Overdrive for almost 10 years. He was an integral member of our "A" team for many years and now even in his senior years, is an active member of our "B" team. Sam was the 8th dog to earn Onyx status and also the 8th dog to earn his Flyball Grand Champion title. Sam has been an ambassador to the sport of flyball, participating in tournaments and demonstrations from Long Island to Los Angeles, and

Puerto Rico to Calgary. Sam has been kind enough over the years to allow Sue to "start" him – so she believes – Sam knows otherwise. His beloved handler is only a technicality. Sam always lines himself up and waits only for someone to say the word "go" before he's off in a flash. Please consider Sam for nomination into the Hall of Fame based on his longevity in the sport, unique and quirky personality, and for all that he has contributed into making flyball the sport it is today.

Nominated by Annette Tindall – Maximum Overdrive

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Wyn

For Clyde Moore Hall of Fame

WYN (Gaelic for "faithful friend") 7/27/85 – 8/25/98

I wish to nominate Wyn for the Hall of Fame. Wyn played flyball from puppyhood until the age of 12½ years. As the height/start dog for Front Runners "A" team, she competed in 47 tournaments, all in the "Championship" Division from April 1986 to May 1992. During this time, Front Runners was ranked among the top 5 teams in North America. Wyn was the first dog ever registered with NAFA, and the first dog to receive the FD, FDX and FDCH title certificates. After a move to North Carolina in 1992, Wyn became the height/Start dog for the newly formed Blockaded Runners, and helped introduce Flyball to this area. She competed in the first Flyball tournament in North Carolina in 1996. Wyn, a BC, owned and loved by Mike Randall, was truly a pioneer in the sport of Flyball. She had notoriety, longevity, and unbelievable team value to 2 different flyball teams. Although her name may not be recognized by those newly participating in the sport, I hope the "oldies" in flyball will remember her wonderful tri-colored face, tell a few "in the old days stories", and vote Wyn into the Clyde Moore Hall of Fame, where she truly belongs.

Nominated by Phyllis Askew – Front Runners

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