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# NAFA NEWS

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### Executive Director's Report

Steve McAvoy

To start let me please remind everyone, when we stay in hotels with our dogs be considerate to the other guests in the hotel. Don't leave dogs that bark alone in rooms or dogs that would otherwise disturb guests. Pick up after your dogs, this is a part of being a responsible pet owner. Do not let dogs run loose in hotel halls or lobbies. We need hotels to allow pets so we may continue our activities with them being flyball or any other activity we chose to do with our dogs.

Thanks to Alan Wiener, we have finalized our agreement with PETsMART and have received our first quarter check. This money will be directed to pay legal fees from the contract negotiations, produce a Judges Video and the development and purchase of new EJS systems. The board has decided and I am in complete agreement that monies received from NAFA's agreement with PETsMART are to be directed to capital improvements for the sport of flyball. If you have any ideas as to improvements to the sport please contact the board or myself with your suggestions.

There still seems to be some confusion as to NAFA's agreement with PETsMART. Some teams have made inquiries to local stores about sponsorship under the impression that the agreement includes local sponsorship of teams, which it does not. The agreement is between NAFA and PETsMART and includes but is not limited to PetsMart signage at NAFA Sanctioned tournaments and sale of NAFA approved flyball related equipment in PETsMART stores. It is ok to inquire about sponsorship to your local PetsMart store but they are under no obligation to sponsor teams.

Team information is now available on the Internet web site [www.flyball.org](http://www.flyball.org) you may now have access to the following:

- CRN's
- Breed analysis

- Seeding charts both regular and multi
- Upcoming tournaments
- Point totals

Two years ago I asked Dale Smith to come up with a new program that NAFA could use to streamline tournament results and point totals. Dale made, with the board's approval the program web based to allow for multi point data input. This capability has allowed me to assign tasks to more than one person which speeds up data entry and will get team information out in a timely manner. Dale should be thanked for his tremendous efforts to improve NAFA and bring it into the new millennium.

That's all for now...good racing and I look forward to seeing you at a tournament soon.

Steve McAvoy, Executive Director

### Questions, Need something?

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### From the Chairman

Alan Wiener

The highly anticipated alliance between PETsMART and NAFA is underway! Representatives from PETsMART along with their counsel have reached agreement with NAFA, signed the contract and have presented us with substantial funding for projects that will benefit flyball participants for a long time to come. Although it took longer to reach agreement than was hoped, the result is a stronger, farther reaching partner-

ship that has exceeded our original expectations. The initial budget includes funding for development and purchase of a new generation of improved electronic judging systems (EJS). The new systems will include displays allowing spectators and competitors to see the elapsed times, including splits as the race unfolds. There will be other improvements as well. Additional sets will be purchased to facilitate the increased number of tournaments taking place throughout North America.

PETsMART is also funding the production of a series of professionally produced videos and materials. We will have a video to train new head judges, a separate tape to train line and box judges (to assist tournament directors) as well as a promotional video that will be used to promote our sport. We will be developing a press release kit to make available to tournament directors to promote their events and attract media coverage and spectators.

There will be much more to come. PETsMART will be promoting flyball in a number of ways and in the future will be selling flyball related equipment and supplies in their stores and at PETsMART.com. As part of our agreement, NAFA will receive royalties on those sales. We have retained the right to approve those products to help ensure that only appropriate products bear the NAFA logo. A pilot program is also underway with a NAFA team teaching flyball classes that was promoted through a PETsMART store.

PETsMART is far sighted and recognizes how the sport of flyball is growing. As we continue that growth and our prominence increases, they will benefit from their association with NAFA. Let me make it clear that our agreement in no way precludes anyone from obtaining sponsorship from anyone they choose. Nor will existing sponsorships be affected.

The flyball appearances along with the PETsMART sponsored Harlem Globetrotter tour have been extremely successful. Hundreds of thousands of people saw flyball for the first time. There will be many other opportunities for NAFA teams in the future, however, sponsoring local teams is not part of this agreement. Local PETsMART stores and regions have a certain amount of autonomy and have different policies on how their funds are spent. The intent of our agreement is to strengthen our organization, provide the best tools and services we can to our participants and provide PETsMART with positive exposure due to their association with NAFA.

In addition to purchasing tangible goods, the funding we receive will enable us to use the income we generate from tournament and CRN fees to provide improved services to the flyball community. The awards NAFA provides to competitors in the form of plaques, pins and certificates are second to none in dog sports. The new, improved NAFA website ([www.flyball.org](http://www.flyball.org)) allows participants to access an incredible amount of information and services. Thank you Dale Smith for the

tremendous job you have done on that! Thanks to the work of many people, board members as well as several non-board members, NAFA is in the best condition we've ever been in.

Steve and Melanie McAvoy went above and beyond the call of duty to keep things running when things weren't quite as healthy. Their contributions were enormous. I also want to thank Carol Friedman of the Texas Outlaws and Alyson Brown of Texas Heat for their assistance with the early stages of crafting our agreement with PETsMART.

What benefits would YOU like to see from our association with PETsMART? I welcome your comments and suggestions. Let me know if you have an idea that we can incorporate into our agreement. The nature of the contract is flexible allowing us to request funding for various things as our needs change. I can be contacted at [alanw@hypercon.com](mailto:alanw@hypercon.com); or at P.O. Box 1214, Stafford, Texas 77497-1214 or at 281-261-9398.

Good Racing!

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Remember, if it doesn't have a Seal it's not NAFA.

### Editor's Comment

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Regarding CRN's:

Please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your CRN, even if sent overnight delivery. Once the data is entered the number is immediately accessible on the website. But getting into the right hands is a process: When a CRN request is mailed into the appropriate address, it arrives in a Post Box. The accumulated Post Box Mail is then delivered to the Executive Director every Friday. After the Executive Director receives the CRN request, he forwards it to his staff, which can require additional mailing. Submit your CRN's early, alleviating the pain of needing a CRN tomorrow and not getting it. — Thanks.

## Sanction your Tournament

Contact Katy Kaylor:

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## Forms Now Available on WEB

Brett Williams

As we move forward in our efforts to streamline some of the processes that involve communications between you the public and us, we have updated the official NAFA forms that are available on the NAFA website. What are these changes? Why did we make them? What does it mean to you?

First of all we made the changes based upon input from the public that requested the ability to fill the forms out, prior to printing. This creates better-looking forms that are turned into us for processing. Cleaner forms that are easier for us to read, create faster processing. Faster processing means quicker turn around of information back to the public.

So, what was changed? The actual content of the forms was not touched. All that was done was to add some special codes to the files that allow for you to "fill in the blanks" and then print the form out. There is no

## Grand Champion Summary

From the NAFA Database

The following is a list of the 73 dogs that have earned FGDCH (30,000 points) as of March 4, 2000. The breeds that achieved this were Border Collie (39), Jack Russell terrier (7), mix (5), Shetland Sheepdog (5), Staffordshire Bull Terrier (3), Doberman Pinscher (2), American Cocker Spaniel (2), Belgian Tervuran (2), Belgian Sheepdog (2) and one each of the following breeds (Bichon Frise, German Shepherd Dog, Australian Shepherd, English Shepherd, Labrador Retriever and American Staffordshire Terrier).

American Cocker Spaniel, 07/18/98, Kake's Jazz Tri-Umph, Lindsay Merkel, (370) Balls Out  
American Cocker Spaniel, 05/29/99, Sasha, Gisele Savard-Marion, (037) Allsorts Dogsports

American Staffordshire Terrier, 06/15/97, Speedy, Connie Croley, (024) Rude Dogs

Australian Shepherd, 06/12/99, Kila, Iris Shrimpton, (037) Allsorts Dogsports

Belgian Sheepdog (Groenendael), 07/11/99, Echo, Mark Gale, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
Belgian Sheepdog (Groenendael), 09/18/99, Jordan, Kurt and Jean Matushek, (332) Dog Agility Racing Team

Belgian Tervuren, 10/10/98, Zephyr A., Penelope Jackson, (051) Tailspinners  
Belgian Tervuren, 11/27/99, Lago, Sandy Cimarolli, (108) Ballistics

Bichon Frise, 12/11/99, That's My Molly, Bill & Tammy Etscheidt, (099) Hawkeye Hustlers

Border Collie, 03/03/96, Zeke, Phyllis Askew, (001) Front Runners  
Border Collie, 05/11/97, Lady, Kathie Duguid, (010) Canine Express  
Border Collie, 05/11/97, Tyler, Louise Boutin, (051) Tailspinners

provision available currently that will allow you to fill in the form and then save it for later use. We are still looking at some more options to make this available.

What does this mean to you? What do you have to do to take advantage of these new features. The files have always been provided in Adobe Acrobat format. What this requires is that you have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. The difference is that while most of you probably have Acrobat Reader version 3, you need to upgrade to version 4 to take advantage of the online editing of the forms. To obtain the latest free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader go to the following online location: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>. It is a very simple and easily installation.

If you have any questions about these forms, please feel free to contact me. I would be more than happy to discuss any issues you have and consider any improvements that we might be able to make.

## Switching Teams? Making a Team?

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Border Collie, 06/15/97, Sam, Sue Rogers, (069) Maximum Overdrive  
 Border Collie, 09/06/97, Hyper, Nicki Hughes, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Border Collie, 10/26/97, De'Ja, Charsie Moore, (008) Pawbusters  
 Border Collie, 02/08/98, Kelly, Steve McAvoy, (017) River City Flyers  
 Border Collie, 02/14/98, Heelalong Off On A Conquest, Chuck Kline, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 03/21/98, Shaden, John Seward, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 07/19/98, Twist, Nicki Hughes, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Border Collie, 07/19/98, Shadow, Judy Seward, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 07/19/98, Gonzo, John Frey, (032) Dynamutts  
 Border Collie, 08/09/98, Off On Intrepid, Mary Kline, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 09/06/98, Ruckus, Kevin Hughes, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Border Collie, 09/20/98, Hampton, Kristie Schultz, (122) Slammers  
 Border Collie, 10/11/98, Heelalong Off On A Tangent, Mary Kline, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 11/28/98, Cedar, Carolyn Lewis, (155) Instant Replay  
 Border Collie, 11/28/98, Bud, Cindy Baxter, (008) Pawbusters  
 Border Collie, 12/12/98, Pacer, Marty Fulton, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 02/27/99, Harley, Kimberly Koehnen, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 05/07/99, Sadie, Stacie Mutzberg, (370) Balls Out  
 Border Collie, 05/15/99, Tango, Bill Harrison, (024) Rude Dogs  
 Border Collie, 06/26/99, Rocket, Katy Kaylor, (135) Touch'N Go  
 Border Collie, 07/11/99, T-Byrd, Jennifer Hughes, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Border Collie, 07/11/99, Brodie, Murray Spence, (052) Can-Do Agility Club  
 Border Collie, 08/14/99, Sega, Todd Morningstar, (245) Smokin Paws  
 Border Collie, 08/29/99, Madison, Matthew Gale, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Border Collie, 09/04/99, Boss, Rod & Arlene Haines, (052) Can-Do Agility Club  
 Border Collie, 09/25/99, Storm, Chuck Anderson, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 09/26/99, Herdobe's Sweet Annie, Jamie Watters, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 09/26/99, Rubi, Jennifer Rohling, (370) Balls Out  
 Border Collie, 10/24/99, Tango, Karen Duke, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 10/30/99, Star, Margaret Lyons, (016) Bark in the Park  
 Border Collie, 10/30/99, Hyperformance Indiana, Chris Larson, (026) Hit Squad  
 Border Collie, 11/20/99, Willy, Shawn Chapman, (108) Ballistics  
 Border Collie, 12/11/99, Angus, Cliff/Elizabeth McTavish, (051) Tailspinners  
 Border Collie, 12/12/99, Heelalong Sable On White, Chuck Kline, (002) Animal Inn  
 Border Collie, 01/15/00, Riot Act, John Rohling, (370) Balls Out  
 Border Collie, 03/04/00, Cyclone, Connie Croley, (024) Rude Dogs

Doberman Pinscher, 04/09/95, Onyx, Clyde Moore, (008) Pawbusters  
 Doberman Pinscher, 06/09/96, Dojan, Annette and Eric Tindall, (069) Maximum Overdrive

English Shepherd, 01/15/00, Jagger, Jennifer Rohling, (370) Balls Out

German Shepherd Dog, 05/23/99, Luger, Michelle Koons, (321) On The Rebound

Jack Russell Terrier, 05/17/98, Bijou, Kari Morningstar, (245) Smokin Paws  
 Jack Russell Terrier, 05/31/98, Higgins, Katy Kaylor, (135) Touch'N Go  
 Jack Russell Terrier, 05/15/99, Zoey, Kate Kemppainen, (008) Pawbusters  
 Jack Russell Terrier, 06/05/99, Ripper, Brian Fay, (021) Border Patrol  
 Jack Russell Terrier, 09/11/99, Twister, Susan Garrett, (155) Instant Replay  
 Jack Russell Terrier, 01/16/00, Benson, Sherry Frerichs, (017) River City Flyers  
 Jack Russell Terrier, 03/04/00, Zipper, Angie Dotson, (024) Rude Dogs

Labrador Retriever, 09/18/99, Cosmo, Michael Zamonski, (321) On The Rebound

Mix, 05/11/97, Hobbes, Gary Mueller, (051) Tailspinners  
 Mix, 08/24/97, Taffy, Lori DeGiusti, (055) K-9 Thunder  
 Mix, 09/06/98, Opee, Marc Deloges, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Mix, 01/17/99, Kyp, Cyndi Gilbert, (002) Animal Inn  
 Mix, 12/12/99, Kristy, Melanie McAvoy, (017) River City Flyers

Shetland Sheepdog, 10/18/97, Shaun, Brad Vokey, (037) Allsorts Dogsports  
 Shetland Sheepdog, 11/28/98, Indy, Michelle Koons, (321) On The Rebound  
 Shetland Sheepdog, 05/29/99, Gunner, Shannon LaValley, (108) Ballistics  
 Shetland Sheepdog, 07/10/99, Paige, Sonya Almsted, (032) Dynamutts  
 Shetland Sheepdog, 09/11/99, Oreo, Carolyn Lewis, (325) Paw'r Play

Staffordshire Bull Terrier, 10/26/97, Kelly, Ivor McTavish, (051) Tailspinners  
 Staffordshire Bull Terrier, 09/11/99, Rebel, Ivor McTavish, (051) Tailspinners  
 Staffordshire Bull Terrier, 03/04/00, Jake, Doug Cameron, (247) Double Impact

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