



COCONUT CLASSIC



FLYBALL TOURNAMENT



## Fur Fun Flyball 2017 Welcome Letter

### Tournament Format

The tournament is one (1) two-day unlimited tournament with 64 teams (26 Regular, 10 Multibreed, 27 Open, and 1 Veteran teams, from 25 clubs), in 3 rings with 63+ ft of runback. The seed chart, racing formats, racing schedule and other info can be found here: <http://www.furfunflyball.com/coconutclassic.php>. We have 316 races (180 on Saturday and 136 on Sunday).

### Regional Info

Please note that for regional championship purposes, this is a Region 9 tournament. Amanda Brown is the Regional Director.

### Site

The tournament will be held at the Greensboro Sportsplex in Greensboro, NC. The facility is heated/air-conditioned, and has plenty of indoor crating (crating areas are pre-assigned). Please do not block any entrances and be respectful of others. We have been told by the venue that **NO CROCKPOTS** are allowed (they will blow a fuse). Also, please plan to **TARP YOUR ENTIRE CRATING AREA** (there is carpeting under the sports court tiles). We will be setting up from 9 am Friday until we are done. You may drop off any boxes and balls after 3 pm and before 9 pm Friday night. The building will close promptly at 9 pm Friday night. The outside has grass areas that must be kept clean as usual; bags and containers will be provided. **Please do not allow dogs to urinate outside on the building, in the main entrance area, or on anything someone has to pick-up. Please pay attention to your dog while you are talking so that you don't miss picking something up that your dog has left behind.** Please observe all posted signs for parking restrictions. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises.

### Sponsors

A HUGE thank you to our sponsor: The City of Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau!

### Judges

Jon Bescher (supervising Apprentice Judge Ian Cuthbertson), Amy Brubaker, Chris Carr, Kyle Mankes, and Fred Terry will be our judges for the weekend (with Dirk Elber and Todd Morningstar providing relief). Welcome Martin Watt, visiting Australian Flyball Association judge!

## **Friday Night Mat Time**

We will be offering "mat time" Friday evening, beginning at 5:00 PM. You may sign up starting at 4:30 PM. Cost will be \$5/5 minutes. Please let us know if you need to rent the empty lane next to you or if you can utilize your mat time with a neighbor.

## **Prizes/Titles/Brag**

### **Prizes**

Dogs racing in this year's tournament will receive a gift! Gifts will be in your teams' welcome bags (an assortment of Coconut Classic dog cookies from Pup-Kake Treats (<http://www.pup-kaketreats.com/>), treat jars, poop bags, stuffed toys, bully chews [made in the USA], human snacks, drinks, and cups). All teams (7 per team) will receive a placement prize as well.

### **Titles**

Please sign up dogs who earn NAFA titles during the weekend (please ONLY titles that are earned at our tournament) on our posted sheets. We will be giving title ribbons to each dog who earned titles at our tournament.

### **Brag**

If you have a brag or a big moment that you would like recognized, please come to the pit area and fill out a form and we'll announce it for you live. And last but not least, we have a little something for the Junior Handlers, so please sign them up ON SATURDAY as well.

## **Special Awards:**

The Coconut Classic has always been a unique event: part flyball tournament but also healthy doses of decorating, costumes, singing and dancing, skits, and interactive exhibits. As the event has grown and changed over the years, so have the extra-curricular activities. Here's a rundown of our special awards:

### **King and Queen of the Nut**

We love a good game of dress-up! These awards are given to two individuals attending the tournament and dressing up in their own unique costumes. We will crown King and Queen based on the following criteria:

- Overall fabulousness
- Commitment (did your costume stay on all day? did you race in it?)
- Attitude of royal benevolence (good deeds, etc)

### **Lynn Hull Team Spirit Award**

Show us you're nuts! This award goes to the club that works together to create a fun theme, through decorating, costumes, activities, etc, throughout the weekend. Starting this year, we present this award in honor of our dear teammate, Lynn, who loved to party. Show your team spirit and fly those freak flags. Judges will select a winner based on the following criteria:

- Having an awesome theme
- Club participation and inclusion (did everyone on the team join in?)
- Commitment (it's a marathon, not a sprint. dressing up for one race doesn't cut it)
- Sociability (any activities or exhibits in which others can participate)
- Overall nuttiness

\*NOTE\* in past years this category focused on 'crating area decorations.' we have

broadened our criteria to include clubs who don't necessarily crate indoors or in a central location

The winning club earns a free team entry to the Coconut Classic 2018

### **Susie Ellis Sportsmanship Award**

Be nice, don't bite! This award goes to an individual in the flyball community who consistently displays great sportsmanship. He or she is helpful and encouraging to fellow competitors, kind to dogs and people alike and always willing to lend a hand when needed.

### **Dream Team**

As always, at the end of the weekend we will be selecting six dogs, a boxloader, and a coach for our Coconut Classic Dream Team. Nominations for the Dream Team (nominations, not votes, please don't stuff the ballot box) accepted all day on Saturday.

### **Schedule**

Friday	4:30 pm:	Mat Time Signup
	5:00 pm:	Mat Time Starts
	8:45 pm:	End of Mat Time
	9:00 pm:	Building Closes
Saturday:	7:00 am:	Building Opens Box and lane check
	7:30 am:	Measuring Begins
	8:00 am:	Captains Meeting
	8:30 am:	Racing Begins in all three rings
	9:00 am:	Sign Up for King/Queen/Team Spirit Contests at Pit
	Noon	Sign Up Closes for King/Queen/ Team Spirit Contests King/Queen/ Team Spirit Judging Starts
	5:00 pm:	Last Call for Nominations to Dream Team (note: this is not a vote)
	6:00 pm:	Racing Ends (estimated)
***Sunday:	7:00 am:	Building Opens
	8:00 am:	Racing Begins
	3:00 pm:	Racing Ends – Awards (estimated)

WARM-UPS – 2 minutes for the weekend.

\*\*\* Raffle winners will be posted during racing on Sunday – time to be announced.

### **C.2 Forms**

NAFA C.2 forms (timesheets) will be filled out with races pre-printed on them. They will consist of one double-sided sheet for each team (some fit on one side). If you are using stickers be sure to bring one for each side/page of the form. Please do not bring entire C.2 forms. They will be discarded. Team lineups may be changed or a performance team may be declared up until the first race of their respective division has started. After a race has been run in a division no lineups may be changed for any reason in that division. PLEASE CHECK YOUR C.2 FORMS CAREFULLY. ONE MISTAKE CAN COST YOU EVERYTHING!!!



## RV/Camping/Entrances/Parking

RV camping – Please let Emily know if you are planning to RV camp (ekgetty@gmail.com). No hookups. No electricity. Generators OK. There are nice locker rooms and showers inside, which are available while the building is open (3 pm to 9 pm Friday, 7 am to 7 pm Saturday, 7 am to end of racing Sunday). See aerial photo and notes:



- The front door and potty doors are the only doors available for foot traffic.
- Gates A and B will be closed and locked each night, when the building closes. Foot traffic can still pass by/through both gates.
- Area marked "Available" CAN be used to park RVs (especially those that want to come and go after gates are closed and locked).
- Overnight campers camping in "RV LOT" CAN use area marked "Parking Alley" to park additional vehicle, so they can walk from "RV LOT" to "Parking Alley" after gates are closed to come and go after hours.

## Ring Assignment Information/Heat Counters/APES

- Thanks to Andy McBride and his FlyballGeek ring assignment system, DGF, and Jeremy Meeler, race ring assignments can be viewed on the TVs, and on your web enabled mobile device here: <http://flyballgeek.com/r/39>. Please note you can verify the time of the last update via the time stamp. The schedule can be accessed here: <http://flyballgeek.com/v/39>
- Thanks to Dave Thomas for his excellent Heat Tracker systems, and thanks Dave and NRR for your APES (Auto Pass Evaluator System)!

## Scoring

- All Round Robins will be scored 1 point per heat won plus 2 points for winning the race (YES, including 3/5 races), 1 point for a tied race, 1/2 point for tied heats and 0 points for a loss.
- The highest cumulative points from the round robin(s) win. Ties are decided by:
  1. Head-to-head results (total heats won)
  2. Fastest non-breakout time in the tourney
  3. 2/3 race-off.

## Line and Box Judges and Worker Raffle

We are running SEVEN teams and hosting the event, so we need line and box judge volunteers for each race (please!). Please consider sending your boxloader to box-judge the race before yours, if at all possible! Line and box judges will be given a raffle ticket for each race they judge. About every 2 hours a \$20 bill will be raffled for the volunteer judges, and \$50 will be raffled Sunday at the awards ceremony (from all non-winning tickets). If you must leave before the final raffle drawing(s) be sure to give your ticket(s) to someone. You must claim your prize or another ticket will be drawn at the end of the tournament until the prize is claimed. If you see an empty judge chair, please jump in and judge. Don't know how to judge? Ask to have someone instruct you. Fur Fun club members and their families are not eligible to win, so if you see a Fur Fun member judging, feel free to step in and work so you can get a chance at the raffle!! If you need a refresher course on line and box judging, check out the training video here: [http://www.flyball.org/training\\_videos.html](http://www.flyball.org/training_videos.html)

## Food

- The concession stand will NOT be open this weekend. The hot dog/hamburger guy WILL be there for lunch both days.
- If you need suggestions or directions to off-site food, there is a list at the pit table. There are a number of fast food (and other) restaurants in very close proximity.

## Vendors

The following vendors will be selling their products at the tournament. Please support them and shop, shop, shop!!

**Fur-Fetched Photography (Irene Cotter)** - Action shots of flyball dogs. Please let me know if you have any requests (debut, retirements, special awards etc) as I will not be able to cover all teams at this event. Images available for purchase (print and web downloads) on [www.furfetched.com](http://www.furfetched.com).

**Earth Muffin Studio** - Artist Shawn Hart of Earth Muffin Studio creates custom oil portrait paintings, fun wood block doodles, hand-painted ornaments, notecards, art prints and more. Portfolio can be viewed at [www.EarthMuffinStudio.com](http://www.EarthMuffinStudio.com). "The Nut Special - 15% discount with deposit. Sat and Sun

only."

**Pampered Paws Pet Massage** - Tammy Ross Walker is a Certified Canine Massage Therapist and a Licensed Massage Therapist for humans, with 16 years of experience. She also has her Master's degree in human behavior. Her main focus and passion has been working with the agility community, assisting canine athletes reach their fullest potential for competition. Tammy's training and services include Trigger Point Release, Cranial Sacral Therapy, Reflexology, Neuromuscular Therapy, and Relaxation Technique.

**Liz Raynor** - Custom Leashes, Tugs & Toys!

**Elite Science** – The 1-TDC Team is passionate about the sport of Flyball and actively supports NAFA tournaments across North America. 1-TDC's goal is to help maintain your dog's explosive muscular power, stamina & recovery throughout their athletic career and beyond.

**Aristo Pets** – Food, Treats, Chews and Toys

**Dr. John Faherty** – Chiropractic Specialist

**Elea Warf** – Toys, treats

**Getty Gear** – Emily Getty makes fleece tugs, faux fur tugs, bottle tugs, bungee tugs and rope tugs. We will have a selection of premade tugs for sale and will be taking custom orders at the Nut to ship to you.

**Imagine That Originals Art** – Kari Morningstar creates Pet Portraits in pastels and on Brazilian agates painted in acrylics. Each one is one of a kind of your cherished pet. Art is commissioned and Kari will have some nature scenes plus custom ornaments.

**Lisa DosPassos** – a certified canine rehabilitation practitioner will be here for both days of the tournament. She specializes in body work for athletic dogs. She is available to provide a post-competition session for the dogs, as well as to check your dog if he or she becomes injured, lame or has a change in their performance over the weekend. A session will include a full body massage, assessment of the spine, pelvis and joints of each limb, soft tissue work for myofascial restrictions, trigger points and muscle spasms, and laser therapy as needed. Laser treatment for burnt foot pads is available as well. (Cash and check are accepted)

## **Coconut Classic T-Shirts**

If you pre-ordered tournament t-shirts, please come pick them up from near the raffle table (see Donna Shelton or Jennifer King).

## **Emergency**

Carolina Veterinary Specialists  
501 Nicholas Road, Greensboro, NC 27409-2926  
336.632.0605

Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital  
1200 North Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401  
336.832.7000

## Site Address/Map

### **Greensboro Sportsplex**

2400 16th St, Greensboro, NC 27405  
(336) 373-3272

[http://www.furfunflyball.com/tournaments/STC/SweetTeaFlyball\\_map\\_gso.jpg](http://www.furfunflyball.com/tournaments/STC/SweetTeaFlyball_map_gso.jpg)

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