



Mardi Gras Madness: February 11-12, 2012

Welcome!! We are thrilled that you are able to join us for some flyball fun at our eighth annual tournament. We have another great event planned with lots of racing, a fabulous raffle, and great vendors. Here is more detailed information about the event.

TOURNAMENT CLASSES & FEES

Regular, Multibreed & Open.....	\$130.00	US
Veterans.....	\$110.00	US

JUDGES

Toby Emo and Cindy Henderson

FACILITY

The tournament is being held at the SureFire Dogs a new facility located in Westborough, MA. This facility provides indoor crating space and we will have 60 feet of runback. More information about the facility can be found on their website <http://surefiredogs.com>

Directions

SureFire Dogs is located at 57 Brigham Street in Westborough - near the Rt. 135/Rt. 30 rotary in Westborough, Massachusetts -- a stone's throw from Rts. 9 and 495.

****Please note that many GPS systems are incorrectly sending to Cottage St. – DO NOT FOLLOW! ****

- **FROM ROUTE 495:** Take Exit 23B Route 9 West. Once on Rt. 9 go 1.7 miles to Rt. 30 West (exit on right) in .1 mile turn right onto Rt. 30. Straight on Rt. 30 1.5 miles. At second set of lights turn left into Bay State Commons. Follow the access road through the shopping center staying to the left for .4 miles. Keep Stein Mart on your right and follow the road behind Stein Mart. Turn left onto Brigham St., * a gravel road, follow for .2 miles, turn right into the parking lot and our building will be on your left side. Do not drive past the building. SureFire Dogs entrance is on your left towards the end of the building.
- **FROM MASS PIKE traveling EAST:** Take Exit 11 Route 122 Millbury. After paying toll, go right off the exit ramp on 122 South for 1.5 miles. Take a left on Bridge St. Rt 30 East go .1 mile. At lights, take left following Rt 30 East for .2 mile. At first light, go right following Rt. 30 East for 6 miles into the Westborough rotary. Take the second right out of the rotary onto Brigham Street. Continue on Brigham St. for .7 miles, * follow directions above
- **FROM 135 North:** Follow 135 North into the Westborough rotary. Take the first right out of the rotary onto Brigham Street. Continue on Brigham St. for .7 miles, * follow directions above.
- **FROM 30 East:** Follow 30 East into the Westborough rotary. Take the second right out of the rotary onto Brigham Street. Continue on Brigham St. for .7 miles, * follow directions above.

HOTELS

The following are pet friendly hotels in the area.

Red Roof Inn
367 Turnpike Rd
Southborough, MA 01772
508-481-3904
<http://redroof.com/reservations/property-detail.aspx?pid=00075>

Motel 6
399 Turnpike Road
Route 9 West to Turnpike Road
Westborough, MA, 01581
Phone: (508) 366-0202
http://www.motel6.com/reservations/motel_detail.aspx?num=4450

Extended Stay Hotels
1800 Computer Drive
Westborough, MA 01581
(508) 366-6100
<http://www.extendedstayhotels.com/hotels/boston-westborough-computer-dr-esd.html>

SCHEDULE

Friday February 10th

- ❖ Building Open for Set-Up (no early birds please): 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- ❖ Building Closes: 6:00 pm

Saturday February 11th

- ❖ Building Opens for Set Up: 7:00 am
- ❖ Measuring Begins: 8:00 am
- ❖ Captains Meeting: 8:15 am
- ❖ Racing Begins: 8:30 am

Sunday February 12th

- ❖ Building Opens: 7:00 am
- ❖ Racing Begins: 8:00 am

RACING INFORMATION

We are using Karen Olsen's flyball program. Before racing begins we will need every team to review the check-in form (they will be provided in your welcome bags which will be available for pick-up on Saturday morning), make any corrections, sign, and return to the Table. We can not begin racing until we have everyone's returned check-in form!

If you have any conflicts with racing please let the Table know as soon as possible.

Warm-Ups

Each day we will start with 90 second warm-ups and go down to 60 seconds after all teams have raced once.

Tournament Scoring

- ❖ Regular, Multi and Open divisions will all receive one point for each race won. Most races won will receive First Place with the other teams following accordingly.
- ❖ Veterans division will receive one point for each heat won. Most heats won will receive First Place with the other teams following accordingly.

Tie Breakers

- ❖ First Tie Breaker will be head to head racing results
- ❖ Second Tie Breaker will be best time overall

AWARDS

- ❖ There will be awards for all placements in all divisions
- ❖ There will be awards for all new titles. A sign-up sheet will be available throughout the tournament.
- ❖ There will be awards for all Junior Handlers. A sign-up sheet will be available throughout the tournament.

SET-UP and CRATING

Crating is available inside the building. Please be courteous of your fellow flyballers and leave enough space for everyone. X-pens should have multiple dogs and stack crates if possible. Please be sure to leave aisles for walking. As the matting in this facility is new we ask that you put tarps down. While not a strict requirement it will help us with the clean-up process.

FOOD

You are allowed to bring food into the building. There are also lots of local restaurants. We will have information available in your welcome bags on local area restaurants.

RAFFLE

There will be a FANTASTIC and HUGE raffle for the weekend with lots of amazing items. We really rely on the raffle to cover the expenses of this tournament and to help our charity. Please take a chance on winning something great! Drawing for the raffle will be at approximately 2:00 pm on Sunday.

VENDORS

- ❖ We will have several vendors at the event – including several new vendors coming for the first time this year!
- ❖ All Vendors and Sponsors are listed on our website: <http://www.wfflyball.org>. These vendors and sponsors are instrumental to the success of this tournament so please support them.
- ❖ Vendors include:
 - Cody's Creations www.etsy.com/shop/codyscreations - unique collars and leashes and treat bags
 - Comfy Critters of Cape Cod – selling wonderful crate mats and beds
 - Happy Dogs of Cape Cod – selling treats, elk antlers, toys and other items your pet will love.
 - Paws Well Balanced pawswellbalanced.com – Providing canine massage throughout the event. Get your dog a well deserved massage for running hard all weekend.
 - Paws and Ink www.pawsink.com – graphic design, website design, ad printing, fun items highlighting your favorite canine sport and companion
 - Uncommon Paws www.uncommonpaws.com – Natural Goods for your Good Pet. Collars, leashes, apparel, Accessories, toys, beds and blankets and much more!

CHARITY

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA).



Families of SMA *Research Support. Hope.*

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a motor neuron disease. The motor neurons affect the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control, and swallowing. It is a relatively common "rare disorder": approximately 1 in 6000 babies born are affected, and about 1 in 40 people are genetic carriers.

Macarthur, the son of Weston Whirlwind's member Kate Sohl, was diagnosed with this disease. We are doing all we can to help Macarthur and others like him by supporting research so we can find a cure. To learn more about SMA visit the FSMA website at www.fsma.org. Thank you for helping this worthy cause!

CONTACT

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