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Dear track operator, manager, and reporter,

It's time once again to begin preparing for another season of bracket racing and all that comes with it, including sending your reports to NHRA *National Dragster*. *ND* offers several opportunities for NHRA member tracks to publicize events as well as the track itself. These opportunities include:

- **Member Track News**, the most expansive bracket racing section with stories and photos from track races.
- **Bracket Racing North America**, which allows you to recognize weekly winners at your track with final-round statistics and the names of semifinalists in each race.
- **Be A Winner, Be A Member**, a special program that awards prizes to NHRA members who win a race at NHRA member tracks.

As an NHRA member track, these sections are open to you, and, best of all, they cost you nothing. All we are asking is for you to send in your results, stories, and race dates. Your track and racers will receive as much coverage as we have material.

Attached you will find information for each of these *ND* sections, including guidelines for submissions. If you have questions on these at any time, feel free to contact us.

We look forward to working with you in the year to come!

Sincerely,

The NHRA *National Dragster* Staff
626-914-4761 (Mon.-Thurs.: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Fri.: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT)
email: etracing@nhra.com

MEMBER TRACK NEWS

Member Track News is the most expansive bracket racing section in *NHRA National Dragster* with race stories and photos from NHRA member tracks. **A track may submit up to five stories a year** (the first five received will be used, so please select what you submit carefully). NHRA All Access Challenge, NHRA Summit Racing King of the Track, NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League Challenge, NHRA Drag Racing State Championship, and Member Track Madness articles, as well as one Jr. Dragster story, do not count against the five-story limit.

HOW TO SUBMIT MEMBER TRACK NEWS STORIES

Member Track News stories are accepted **by email only**:
email: etracing@nhra.com

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE

All Member Track News stories must include the following:

- Track name and location
- Date of the race
- Author's name
- All pertinent information in each eliminator: name, e.t., and dial for both the winner and runner-up. Reaction times when important (e.g., when a race was decided by reaction-time advantage, red-light, etc.).
- You may also include: car year and make/model of the winner and the name of semifinalists.
- All stories must be **no longer than 200 words**.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Tracks may submit up to two photos to accompany their Member Track News stories. For more on submitting photos, see the "Photos" page in this packet. Photos will be selected at the discretion of the *ND* staff. Please make sure photos meet all requirements listed on the "Photos" page of this packet.

DEADLINE

All Member Track News **stories must be sent** to *NHRA National Dragster* **within two weeks of the race date**. Copy received after the deadline will not run.

MEMBER TRACK NEWS

Boven Wins Grand Championship at Halloween Classic



The five NHRA Drag Racing State Championship winners gathered in the winner's circle: back row, from left, Firebird Raceway's Scott New, Susan Wilkerson, Don DePeel, Mike Ritz, and Firebird's Brad and John New; front row, from left, Firebird's Weston Nichols, Gordon Boven, and Jim Coryat.

FIREBIRD RACEWAY, Engle, Ind. (Oct. 12-16) — Gordon Boven earned the Classic Grand Championship title at the NHRA Auto Parts Halloween Classic XXIII event. Racers braved unseasonably wet weather for four of the five days at Firebird Raceway's season-closing event. The five-day event offered a \$45,000 purse, along with titles in the NHRA Drag Racing State Championship. The four main eliminator champions (Super Pro, Pro, Heavy, and Sportsman) also vied for the Classic Grand Championship title.

To set the field for the four-car runoff, Boven's '72 'Cuda ran a 5.88 (5.88 dial) at 115.56 mph on the eighth mile to stop Rick Northrup's '83 Firebird, which ran a 6.99 (6.99) at 103.13, in the Super Pro final. In Pro, Jim Coryat rolled a 5.88 (5.88) at 119.23 in his '67 Nova to defeat Phil Hudlow's '68 Dart, which ran a 5.73 (5.74). In the Heavy eliminator final, Susan Wilkerson's '70 Duster scored a 7.32 (7.33) at 93.00 to stop Bruce Nickerson's '65 Satellite, which red-lighted by 0.18-second. Mike Ritz, in his '14 Corvette, ran a 7.87 (7.85).



In Friday's No Box/Gambler, Shannon Hensley, near lane, won the Compulink Reaction Time Shootout with a .052, stopping Greg Davis, who red-lighted with a -.025.

For more information, contact us at 626-914-4761

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PT

BRACKET RACING NORTH AMERICA

BRNA is an aggregate listing of the final-round statistics and the names of the semifinalists in each eliminator. Tracks can submit an unlimited number of reports each year. BRNA results will no longer appear in NHRA *National Dragster*. **New for this year, BRNA results will now appear instantaneously online at NHRA.com, allowing racers to access their results sooner.** Also, as an added feature, reporters can now submit Be A Winner, Be A Member results on the BRNA/Be A Winner combo form.

HOW TO FILE BRNA REPORTS

NHRA *National Dragster's* online reporting form can be found at <http://www.nhra.net/brna> or via the link on nhramembertrack.com (instructions are below). **Only results submitted through the online form will be accepted.**

DEADLINE

Reports must be submitted within two weeks of the race date.

ONLINE REPORTING FORM INSTRUCTIONS

All submissions must include track name, event date, racing category(ies), sender's email address, and winner's name. Any submission that does not include these five items will not be accepted. **If you do not have information for one of the other category fields (such as car make/model, dials, etc.), leave that field blank.**

ENTERING YOUR BRNA RESULTS:

1. Select your track by clicking on the drop-down menu and selecting your track's name.
2. Select the date of the event from the drop-down menu.
3. Enter the racing category for which you are entering results (e.g., Super Pro, Motorcycle, Jr. Dragster).
4. In the "Submitted by" box, enter your email address.
5. Enter the winner's information:
 - Name: Must include first and last name; no nicknames.
 - Year: Two digits only (e.g., 67, 02).
 - Car: Submit the model when available. When submitting the model, there is no need to include the make (e.g., Camaro, not Chevy Camaro; Mustang, not Ford Mustang). Include make only if model is unknown.
 - Dial: Include where applicable. May also be used to enter index in heads-up index races.
6. Enter the runner-up information following the same format as for the winner. If the runner-up red-lighted or his/her car broke on the run, check the appropriate box. Note: Do not check the broke box for breakouts; enter the run information as you would any other clean run.
7. Enter the semifinalists' information. Only names are needed for semifinalists. If there was only one semifinalist, leave the second box blank; do not enter "bye" or anything else.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED THE RESULTS FOR ONE CATEGORY:

If you have another category to enter:

Click on the "Submit" button. When prompted, click on the "New Submission" button to continue. A blank entry screen that now includes your track name, the event date, and your submitted-by information will appear. Beginning with step number 5, follow the same steps as above to enter your next category. Continue until you have entered results for all categories.

If you have no more categories to enter and wish to submit your results to ND for publication:

Click on the "Submit" button, followed by the "Finish" button. When prompted, click "Yes" or "No" to request or decline an email copy of your results. We suggest requesting an email so you can see a copy of what has been submitted to ND. You cannot edit these results; if you see an error, send an email with the correction to etracing@nhra.com.

BE A WINNER, BE A MEMBER



HOW TO FILE BE A WINNER, BE A MEMBER REPORTS

All Be A Winner submissions must include the sender's email address and winner's address, city, state, ZIP code, phone number, and membership number. Any submission that does not include these seven items will not be accepted.

ENTERING YOUR BE A WINNER RESULTS:

1. Once you have entered the required information in the BRNA section of the form, click on the "Submit winner for Be A Winner, Be A Member drawing" box.
2. A blank entry form will appear.
3. Enter the winner's information:
 - Address
 - City
 - State
 - ZIP code
 - Phone number
 - Membership number
4. Enter your information:
 - Email address
5. Read the "rules of eligibility" and click on the box.
6. Once you have entered the required information for all categories, click on the "Submit" button.

****The Be A Winner, Be A Member form includes a member number/name verification. If the winner's member number entered is invalid, expired, or does not match the name on the membership, this will be indicated in red at the top of the page when you try to submit. If this can be corrected, please correct and click "Submit" again. If it cannot be corrected (for example, the winner's membership is expired or ineligible for Be A Winner, such as a JDRL racer), uncheck the "Submit winner for Be A Winner, Be A Member drawing" box. The form will go away, and you can submit results for BRNA only.**

NATIONAL DRAGSTER		Bracket Racing North America submission form				
Track -----Select your track-----		Event Date Select the Event Date				
Category		Submitted By (email address)				
Category		Email Address				
Full name (no nicknames)		Year	Car	E.T.	M.P.H.	Dial-in
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R/U:	Full Name	Year	Car	E.T.	M.P.H.	Dial-in
		Red light	Broke			
Full name (no nicknames)						
Semi:	Full Name					
Semi:	Full Name					
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit winner for "Be a Winner, Be a Member" drawing. (Not sure if category is eligible? Check contest rules here.)				
<div><p>Please fill in winner name in the Bracket Racing North America Submission Form.</p><p>Address Address</p><p>City State Zip City Select State/Province Zip Code</p><p>Day Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx) Evening Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx) Day Phone Number Evening Phone Number</p><p>NHRA Membership # Email Address NHRA Membership Number Email Address</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read the rules of eligibility.</p></div>						
Submit						

PHOTOS

HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOS

NHRA *National Dragster* encourages reporters to send in photos of winning racers. See below for *ND* guidelines for publication. Email your photos to etracing@nhra.com.



HOW TO SELECT PHOTOS

Each report usually includes one to three photos. Make sure photos correlate with information within the story (such as final-round action, single car shots of winners, and trophy presentations/winner's circle shots).

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE WITH EACH PHOTO

- Who is in the photograph and where they are (i.e., near lane, far lane, left, right)
- Name of photographer

NHRA ELECTRONIC PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

When submitting photos for publication, keep in mind that while images may look good on your monitor, they may not reproduce well in printed publication. Images that are 72 dpi, commonly used on websites, are low quality and will print as such; therefore, **ND cannot print photos that are 72 dpi at standard size.**

Image size — A minimum of 1600 x 1200 pixels (approximately 5x7 at 300 dpi) is required for a printed publication. Please refer to your camera's or scanner's manual for appropriate file settings to meet this minimum requirement.

Email — If you are sending multiple photos by email, *ND* recommends separating the photos into multiple emails (in your subject line, note the number of emails you are sending — e.g., Photos 1 of 3 — so we ensure all are received). Note: Send the original photo file (e.g., .jpg, .tif, etc.) attached to the email; **do not place photos into the body of the email or in another program, such as MS Word,** prior to sending them.

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

NHRA and *National Dragster* are not responsible for submitted material. The act of submitting any material shall constitute an express warranty by the contributor that the material is original and in no way an infringement upon others (i.e., you have the rights or have obtained the rights).

NHRA and *National Dragster* retain the right to republish contributions in other NHRA-involved media.



Be A Winner, Be A Member rewards NHRA members who win a race at an NHRA member track with valuable prizes from sponsors. **All submissions will be verified. Racers submitting fraudulent entries will be disqualified from the program.**

WHEN THE PROGRAM RUNS

Feb. 1 to Oct. 31. Only races won between those dates are eligible.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

NHRA full and associate members who win a bracket racing event at their local NHRA member track. NHRA Summit Racing Jr. Drag Racing League memberships are not eligible. A competition license or permanent number alone is not sufficient; the racer must be a current NHRA member as well.

WHICH RACING EVENTS ARE ELIGIBLE

Track-run bracket racing events only. NHRA-scheduled and -operated events are not eligible. Ineligible events include, but are not limited to, the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series, NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series, NHRA Hot Rod Heritage Racing Series, NHRA J&A Service Pro Mod Drag Racing Series, and SPORTSnationals events, as well as National Opens and series run at divisional events. Exhibition and match races, including NHRA Professional categories (Top Fuel, Funny Car, Pro Stock, Pro Stock Motorcycle), jet cars, Pro Mods, etc., are not eligible.

RAINOUTS/OTHER UNCOMPLETED RACES

Only one winner per category per race is allowed. If an event is not completed (due to rain or other circumstances) and no single winner is declared, no entries will be accepted.

HOW TO ENTER

Racers/tracks have two ways to submit entries online at <http://www.nhra.net/beawinner> and <http://www.nhra.net/brna>; both can be accessed on the NHRA track operator website at <http://nhramembertrack.com/programs/submit-results/>

****All entries submitted to the Be A Winner, Be A Member program will be verified. Racers submitting fraudulent entries will be disqualified from the program and be ineligible to participate in all future prize drawings. Tracks sending false entries will be disqualified from submitting future submissions on behalf of its racers. Please read all instructions/requirements carefully to ensure your entries meet all requirements.****

WHEN AN ENTRY WILL APPEAR IN *ND*: Three to four weeks after it is received at NHRA *National Dragster*, however, if the entry is extremely late and that date has already passed, it will not appear in *ND*. For questions regarding entries, email membership@nhra.com or call 800-308-6472.

BE A WINNER, BE A MEMBER

DRAWING DATES



FEBRUARY/MARCHAPRIL 19
APRIL MAY 17
MAY JUNE 14
JUNE.....JULY 12
JULY.....AUGUST 16
AUGUST.....SEPTEMBER 13
SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 11
OCTOBERNOVEMBER 8