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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY 25 AUGUST FROM 7PM

CHECK THE AFA WEBSITE <http://www.flyball.org.au/> FOR VENUES

NATIONALS

The Australian Flyball National Championships 2007 at Redcliffe, Queensland on June 8 - 10 2007 have been run and won. Congratulations to all 25 teams who travelled from all over Australia to participate.

The Nationals will be remembered for their social good fun, great food and professional presentation. The event was fantastic value for money, as all competitors received two dinners, a live band, karaoke and fancy dress night, two full days of racing and more.

The QAFA Committee's donation of \$2,875 to the AFA has helped to purchase the third set of signature lights. A huge THANK YOU to Advance - Advanced Pet Nutrition the Nationals major sponsor, who contributed \$8,000 towards the lights.

Our thanks also to other sponsors: Redcliffe City Council, Aussie Pooch Mobile, Amalgamated Pest Control and Redcliffe Show Society. Without their generous support we wouldn't have been able to stage such an outstanding event.

The five Queensland clubs who organised the 2007 Championships have now set a new benchmark for future hosts of the Nationals. On behalf of the AFA I extend to Brian Moore and the QAFA Committee, our thanks for a job very well done.

But wait...there's more, Mike and Jane Harper from Tri-Nation Photography, both enjoyed the National Championships so much, they donated over 500 professional photos which are available to fundraise for the AFA. QAFA is co-ordinating the sale of these photos. You can see the link on the AFA website.

KEN PETERSON

It was touching to see so many AFA Members show their respects at the passing of Papa Kenneth James Peterson on July 8 2007. I've heard it said that the success of someone's life can be measured by attendance at that person's funeral. Well, there was standing room at the service for Ken, where a bouquet of flowers and tennis balls from the AFA took centre position.. Many AFA members were there to celebrate Ken's life, his down-to-earth Aussie character, and his commitment to flyball.

Ken not only served the AFA as secretary and public officer, he was always willing to share his expertise in flyball. I'll always remember Ken as the AFA secretary who went out of his way to greet me as a new member at my first competition. He will be sadly missed. A message from Justin Allen says it all. "The pain passes, but the beauty remains."

PRESIDENTS REPORT

STEVE PITT AND VICKI KENNELLY

The resignation of Steve and Vicki has come as a "reality-check" for the AFA Committee. I am astonished by the amount they both contributed so selflessly to flyball since its inception in Australia. The fact that flyball has now seen its 200th competition and has become the fastest growing dog sport in Australia is testimony to the hard work of this committed couple.

It has been a fast learning curve for the new AFA Committee and I'd like to acknowledge the team for achieving a smooth transition. It's the busiest time of the year with membership renewals coming in and preparations for the AGM. In addition we've launched Flyball TV, formed sub-committees to review the rules and discipline policy and resolved various member issues. The committee minutes which can now be viewed on the AFA website reflect this busy period.



FLYBALL TV

Brian Pickering and Kaye Browne are working with the Australian Flyball Association to develop Flyball TV, a concept to promote and present our sport as an exciting sponsor friendly sport with appeal for everyone.

We need your input to insert club latest media releases, video files, dog/club profiles and flyball events. <http://www.flyball.tv/>

RESPECT FOR OFFICIALS

Please show respect towards our Officials. There have been a number of incidents involving member and dog behaviour and other matters. I would ask all AFA members to remember that the AFA Committee, the Judges and Officials are all volunteers who are doing their best to let us play flyball with our dogs. They deserve our thanks and respect – not abuse.

2009 NATIONALS

Expressions of interest for bids to host the Nationals Championships 2009 close on December 1 2007 and the EOI to host 2010 closes on March 31 2008. We are encouraging teams to start planning two years in advance, so start booking the dates now and please advise the webmaster to list intended competitions (pending sanction status).

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FLYBALL

The AFA has been working with the Australian National Kennel Council to develop a way for ANKC Control Bodies to adopt flyball as a recognised sport and compete under AFA rules. Steve Pitt had been negotiating this process for the past ten years. We have drafted a 'statement of intent' for consideration at the October ANKC meeting.

Some of the benefits if this agreement goes forward:

- exponential growth of the sport with more opportunities for sanctioned competitions and a larger pool of handler dog teams to select Australian teams for international competition
- an improved quality of life for many more dogs
- AFA members will be able to enter ANKC events without having to join the ANKC
- ANKC recognition of title points for AFA members who are also members of a Control Council

It is likely that another form of flyball will be adopted by the ANKC if this joint venture isn't successful. The AFA Committee will share more information about this concept it progresses.

VISION for the future.....

In 2007 the AFA sanctioned 40 competitions. If we are to grow our sport at the rate of 10% per annum and get more dogs out of their back yards, we need to introduce 4 more competitions to our calendar of events in 2008.

So here's your challenge. If your club or team can host one more competition, then give it a go. If your team or club hasn't hosted a competition then give it a go. Don't hesitate to ask one of the larger clubs to help you run your own competition.

See you all at the AFA AGM on 25th August, 2007. Please check the website for your closest venue.

Yours in Flyball
Glenn Pritchard
AFA President





News from NSW



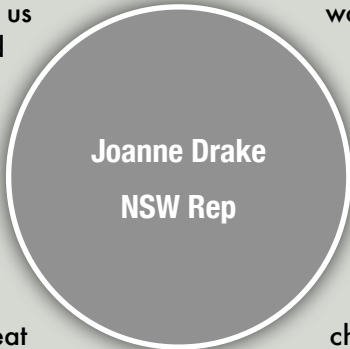
A lot of miles have been traveled for Flyball in the last couple of months.

Many of us trekked to Brisbane for the 2007 Nationals at Redcliffe in June and some of us travelled to Albury-Wodonga for the second annual Border Challenge Cup. Two very different competitions and a lot of great Flyball racing.

The Nationals were very ably run by QAFA and they were unique in that there was an additional day of competition for singles and pairs racing. This new format was well received by all competitors, who had a great time doing this event. I have a feeling the number of competitors will increase the next time this event is held, as it was a lot of fun. It was held under racing conditions using the signature lights and so it was a great way to get experience with competition conditions in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Singles and pairs were held on the Friday preceding the two-day Nationals competition and all the competitors were split into divisions by seed time. NSW was represented by St George entries as well as by Lisa and PJeVs from Norwest.

I raced my Kelpie Kobe in the pairs with another St George Kelpie, Ned and we were in division 2, which we won much to our amazement.



**Joanne Drake
NSW Rep**

Ned also ran in division 2 singles and he won that as well. Then the really fun part, the winners of each division in both the singles and the pairs were handicapped and there was a final 'race-off' to find the fastest single dog and pair of dogs of the day.

It got interesting as the signature lights were set to have different start times for each lane. It was a bit of a challenge and made for some close racing. In the end, we got through to the finals. Ned won the fastest dog, narrowly beating out Rosie Milton's dog Pac. In the pairs, Awesome Pawsome were triumphant, just beating Kobe and Ned.

The singles and pairs may have been the most fun part of the whole Nationals for me, plus...there were cups! The weekend saw the regular racing competition and the weather was icy. Who'd have thought we'd get such chilly weather in sunny Queensland?

It did make for pretty quick racing conditions though and Norwest Thunderdogs 1 set yet another Australian record of 17.672 seconds. Well done guys.

from the committee

The AFA Committee meets monthly and minutes of those meetings are now published on the AFA website.

6 August 2007 Agenda items:

- Honorary Life Member proposals
- Membership Renewals after 31 July
- Unfinancial clubs
- Potential for 'email group'
- Member Behaviour Incident at Nationals - follow up
- AGM Preparation
- AFA Fees Review (next year)
- AFA logo
- Storage of AFA Archives
- AFA Privacy Policy
- Committee & Judges Expenses
- Transfer of EJS System to Tasmania
- Ballot re Breakout Policy
- Black Cards issued at Mt Gravatt Show
- Timekeepers Worksheets
- Flyball TV

2 July 2007 Agenda items:

- Eric Van Zuyden appointed as Victorian Rep
- Sanctioned events
- Member Behaviour Incident at the Nationals
- Black Cards issued at the Nationals
- AGM Preparations
- Rules
- ANKC
- Flyball TV
- Stewards/Judges Exams
- Life Member Recognition
- Nationals Photos on Sale
- 2007 - 2008 Budget
- Auditor for 2006/2007
- Steve & Vicki recognition
- Ken Peterson reinstatement

AFA Membership Renewals

When?

Memberships are due for renewal on 1 July of each year.

How?

Membership renewal is done by using the Membership Application Form, completing all details correctly and posting to the AFA with a cheque/money order for \$15 per dog.

Late renewing?

Memberships that are not renewed by 31 July will lapse and renewal will require committee approval. Members should therefore allow at least a month for processing of renewals after 31 July. The fee remains at \$15 per dog per year.

"PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL"

Junior members will be required to fill out a new junior membership form to accompany the renewal form.

Flyball Fanatics

The Flyball Fanatics are one of several south east Queensland flyball clubs. Affiliated with the Queensland RSPCA Animal Training & Behaviour Centre, the Fanatics train (and socialise) at the RSPCA Qld shelter, in Fairfield, Brisbane. They also host the Million Paws Walk flyball competition in Brisbane each year.

In June 2007, a children's TV show called The Shak aired a story on Flyball featuring the Flyball Fanatics at their training grounds. The story titled "Can Eco beat a dog at Flyball?" demonstrates the various elements of flyball and has played a part in introducing flyball to children across Australia.

Club Profile



Australia breaks the 18 second barrier....

The AFA Committee has confirmed that Norwest Thunderdogs 1 has set a new official Australian record 17.672 seconds at "Australian National Flyball Racing Championships held at Redcliffe Brisbane on Sunday 10th June 2007. The height was 11" & using a Tim Walker US Flyball box. The team ran on an outdoor grass surface in sunny Queensland conditions.

- Buddy (Chocolate Border Collie) handled by Leoney Pritchard,
- Kelsie (Kelpie X) handled by Karen Shields,
- Cooper (Chocolate Border Collie) handled by Joanne Parkes,
- Pebbles (Foxy X) height dog 11" handled by Lydia Borchert
- Boxloader: Ruth Andrew
- Video person: Glenn Pritchard

We would also like to recognise Coco handled by Glenn Pritchard & Milo handled by Christian Markham who were part of the record breaking team on the day of the competition and to Dusty handled by Kylie Younger who was part of the previous record run.

Norwest Thunderdogs would like to thank all who contributed to the record.



Cooper



Kelsie



Buddy



Pebbles



Dusty



Milo



Coco



An Australian Record Time at the Nationals

UPCOMING COMPS

The AFA would like to invite Event Organisers to extend the Calendar of Events page on the AFA website to include events planned for the 2008 and 2009 years.

We believe this will help event planning and will allow more lead time for teams to plan and organise their trips.

Just email AFA webmaster@flyball.com.au the details.

Date	Competition	Host Club	State	Entries close	Comp Organiser
Sat 18 Aug 2007	Flyball at Geelong	Bellarine	Vic	Sat 3 Aug 2007	Helen Read 0415833508
Sat 1 Sep 2007	Sept Surf n Turf Kioloa Beach caravan Park	CDC	ACT	Fri 10 Aug 2007	Kylie White 0408 940 824
Sat 8 Sep 2007	Flyball on the Oval	Awesome Pawsome	Qld	Fri 24 Aug 2007	Vicki Plant 0437 744 776
Sun 9 Sep 2007	Paws in the Park part of Orange Blossom Festival	Norwest	NSW	Mon 20 Aug 2007	Brian Lindsay 02 4572 8520
Sat 15 Sep 2007	Royal Adelaide Show Flyball Comp	Royal Agri. SA	SA	Fri 13 July 2007	RA & HS 08 8210 5211
Sun 16 Sept 2007	Holroyd Pet Fest	PICSI	NSW	Fri 17 Aug 2007	Maria Tsoromokos 02 9743 4604
Sat & Sun 22 & 23 Sept 2007	Canberra Pet Expo	CDC	ACT	Fri 7 Sep 2007	Kylie White 0408 940 824
Sat 29 Sep 2007	Best Friends Flyball Retreat at Yarram	Croydon	Vic	Fri 7 Sep 2007	Amanda Jones
Sun 30 Sep 2007	Boorowa Irish Fling (Affiliation Pending)	Belconnen	NSW	Fri 14 Sep 2007	Lyn Clyde 0400 481 911
Sat 13 Oct 2007	Meakin Park	Calamvet	Qld	Fri 28 Sep 2007	Kerry Wallison 0409 038 266
Sun 14 Oct 2007	Pets Day Out (Sanction Pending)	Hastings	Vic	Sat 29 Sep 2007	Jenny Millar 0408287836
Sun 28 Oct 2007	Flyball Frolic to be held at CDC club Grounds	CDC	ACT	Fri 28 Sep 2007	Kylie White 0408 940 824
0408 940 824	Euroa Flyball Euphoria	Croydon	Vic	Fri 5 Oct 2007	Amanda Jones
Sat 10 Nov 2007	Dandy Drags Paw Power	Berwick	Vic		Nicole Kendt 0417364968
Sat 17 Nov 2007	Rob Akers Reserve	Pine Rivers	Qld		Virginia Festing 0407 488 551
Sat 1 Dec 2007	Ballarat Santa Ball 2007	Ballarat	Vic	Sat 17 Nov 2007	Danielle Kirkham 0418507555

15 July 2007

Aggressive Dog Policy (Draft)

This policy details the process for reporting and dealing with dog behaviour indicating dog aggression. Incidents of dog aggression are distinct from Member misconduct incidents, which are dealt with under Clause 14 of the Constitution.

This policy recognises the AFA's duty of care to all Members and their dogs. Members should note that it is their responsibility to ensure that their dogs are under control at all times and are adequately trained in correct behaviours necessary for flyball racing.

If a dog shows aggression towards another dog, handler, official, Judge or other person at any time during a AFA Competition or Demonstration, either in the ring or within 500 metres of the ring, an AFA Accredited Judge (or in the case of a Demonstration the AFA Representative) may excuse the dog from the Event by displaying a black signal card.

The involved official (i.e. the Judge at Competitions or the AFA Representative at Demonstrations) has the sole right to determine the degree of aggression and whether or not a dog should be excused. Any action to excuse a dog for aggression must be reported to the AFA by the involved official within 48 hours. Dogs excused for aggression may not compete in any further AFA sanctioned activities until the AFA Committee investigates the incident and informs the Member of the results of that investigation.

Dog aggression is any behaviour meant to intimidate or harm a person or another animal. Aggressive behaviour may vary in severity. As a guide the following behaviours are potential demonstrations of aggression:

- Dog lunging, snapping or nipping at another dog or person;
- Dog engaging in heavy growling and/ or intimidating another dog by eyeballing;
- Dog chasing and frightening another dog;
- Dog chasing and biting another dog or person with or without a resultant sign of injury;
- Dog attacking another dog or person.

Any immediate appeal against the decision of a Judge at a Competition must be submitted before the start of the next heat. After that time appeals can only be lodged with the AFA by written submission. Appeals against decisions of the AFA Representative at Demonstrations can only be in writing to the AFA.



A draft policy introduced on 15 July

Upon receipt of an aggressive dog incident report the AFA Committee will appoint a Sub-Committee of 3 to investigate the incident. The Sub-Committee will:

- Comprise those members of the AFA Committee best qualified to assess dog aggression.
- Take into account all available evidence including the involved official's report and any Witness Declarations, and will invite the Member or handler to make a Declaration.
- Take into account the length of time the dog has been competing in Flyball and any prior Incident Reports involving the dog.

Within 21 days of its establishment the Sub-Committee will report its findings and any recommended action to the AFA Committee. Recommended actions can include:

1. Placing the dog on warning (i.e. indicating that any further incidents involving the dog may result in a period of suspension and the requirement for retraining);
2. Suspending the dog with a requirement for retraining. Suspension periods may vary from a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 12 months. During the suspension period the Member should obtain independent advice about the behaviour retraining necessary to overcome the behaviour problem;
3. Permanent exclusion of the dog from any sanctioned AFA activity.

Upon receipt of the Sub-Committee's report the AFA Committee will at its next meeting make a determination and subsequently notify the Member.

Aggressive Dog Policy (Draft - cont'd)

The Member may lodge an appeal within 14 days of the date of service of the AFA Committee's decision. Any appeal should focus on new evidence or facts not taken into account by the AFA. Appeals will be dealt with by the AFA Committee at its next scheduled meeting and the Member will be notified of the outcome within 7 days of that meeting. The notified decision of the AFA Committee is final.

Note:

At any time, the Supervisory Judge may report to the AFA Committee any dog whose behaviour results in regular carding reports which may be evidence of the need for retraining. The AFA Committee will deal with any such report in the same way as an aggressive dog investigation i.e. a Sub-Committee will be formed to investigate and report.

Process for applying for re-instatement of suspended dogs

At the end of any suspension period the Member may apply to the AFA Committee for reinstatement by showing evidence that the dog has undergone satisfactory retraining. Applications for reinstatement must include copies of the weekly re-training log. The weekly retraining log will be signed by the Club Co-ordinator or Manager and will show:

- The amount of time dedicated to re-training
- The specific behaviours identified and addressed
- The behavioural achievements
- The names, qualifications and experience of those assisting with re-training
- The names of witnesses to the retraining

Applications for reinstatement must also include:

- A statement from the Club Co-ordinator or Manager detailing the assessed outcomes of the retraining program and providing an opinion about whether the dog is suitable for reinstatement; and
- Witness Declarations from people who have witnessed the retraining activity.

Members are urged to seek the best quality retraining advice they can.

The AFA Committee will consider any reinstatement application received at its next scheduled Meeting and will determine the extent to which the submission indicates successful retraining. The AFA Committee will, where satisfied with the retraining, so notify the Member and lift the suspension from the date of notification.

If the AFA Committee is not fully satisfied it may require an independent assessment of the dog's suitability for reinstatement. The AFA Committee will then appoint a suitably experienced panel of 3 AFA Members who do not belong to the offending dog's Club. The Member will be consulted about a suitable time and venue for the assessment.

Extended Suspension

If the AFA Committee is not satisfied that the retraining has produced the required behavioural change in the dog it may extend the suspension period by a maximum of a further 6 months, during which time the dog must undergo retraining under the guidance of a practitioner with qualifications in animal behaviour.

Second Offences

Any dog found guilty of a second aggression incident will be automatically suspended for a minimum of 6 months during which time the dog must undergo retraining under the guidance of a practitioner with qualifications in animal behaviour.

Reinstatement after an Extended Suspension or a Second Offence

At the end of an Extended Suspension or a Suspension for a Second Offence, the Member must again follow the reinstatement application process. Where the AFA Committee remains of the view that the dog is not a suitable flyball dog it will then issue notice that the dog is permanently excluded from AFA activities.

This draft policy has been developed in response to submissions by AFA members.

The policy is under trial to ensure that it is workable, easy to understand and implement, and equitable for all concerned.

The AFA Committee welcomes your feedback about the draft policy.

Please feel free to write to the Committee giving us your comments about any (or all) aspects of the draft policy.

Write to:

**The Secretary, Australian Flyball Association
Committee**

PO Box 2179

Pitt Town NSW 2756



Border Challenge Cup

Recently NSW teams met Victorian teams on the border at Wodonga for the Border Challenge Cup II. This comp was bigger and better than last year and it has the distinction of being the only indoors comp in Australia so far.

The comp is held inside the exhibition center on the arena used for equine events. The surface is well packed earth/sawdust and surprisingly, it's very fast. The cold conditions made for some energetic dogs and even those who are usually wearing out late in the afternoon were still pulling fast times at the end of the day.

Many people told me that they were getting the fastest ever times for their dogs on this surface at this comp. I hope we see our record breaking teams at this comp next year, might see even better record times set there.

Julie Walker and the mob from Advance Flyball dogs throw an excellent comp and should be congratulated for doing a fabulous job. The BBQ ran all day, hosted by the Albury Dog Rescue guys and proved to be a good fundraiser for them.

St George Phoenix got a great surprise at the end of the day to find we had won the Border Challenge Cup Trophy. It was for the team with the most winning clean runs. You can be sure we'll be back next year to defend it!



News from NSW
Joanne Drake
NSW Rep

Ken Peterson (Pa Pa) 15/4/48 - 8/7/2007

Rest in peace, out of pain



On Sunday 8th July, Ken Peterson dad to Kylie lost his fight with illness of 7 years. Kylie, Chris and family would like to thank all the AFA members for their beautiful bouquets of flowers and words of comfort and support.

A small extract from Dad's eulogy:

"In Dad's later life, Dad and I found another interest that we could share that was flyball and our dogs. His love for animals was passed down to us, anyone who visited mum and dad's new this it could be often be heard "Jesus Christ how many dogs do you have ken". Through flyball dad was introduced to whole new world this became his life, reason to live for a long time. He made many friends and some enemies, as part of the flyball community, he was really proud when I went over the other day to tell him that the AFA had accepted him back as an AFA member."

X Factor is hosting the PA PA ashes in Kioloa on September 1st 2007 in Ken's memory. The family has donated a trophy for the winner of Division 2.

SOUTHERLY MUSTER

CONGRATULATIONS St George and Sutherland for hosting the Southerly Muster on Saturday August 11. It was a great comp, and hard to believe that it was this club's first effort.

An interesting format, great atmosphere, and perfect weather. What more could you ask of a day flyballing?



Southerly
Muster another
success

2007 national champions

Congratulations!

Thunderdogs
Division 1
Champions
Nationals 2007



Hot Dogs
Division 2
Champions
Nationals 2007



Ballarat Eureka Sovereign
Division 3
Champions
Nationals 2007



Thunderdogs 3
Division 4
Champions
Nationals 2007



Pine Rivers Dare Devils
Division 5
Champions
Nationals 2007



NEWS FROM TASSIE

Hi everyone. There is not much going on down this end of the world at present. We're still trying to drum up more Flyball Teams to compete against.

We do - however - have Katinka Smith (and her little dog Ricky) who has been selected as "The Fresh Young Face of Flyball" for the web site flyball.tv Katinka is a really lovely, happy-go-lucky girl and has only been into Flyball for approx 5 months or so.

Ricky is brilliant and picked up the sport really quickly, fitting into the team with no effort and running in any position without a fuss. Please give Katinka as much support as you can on the flyball.tv website.

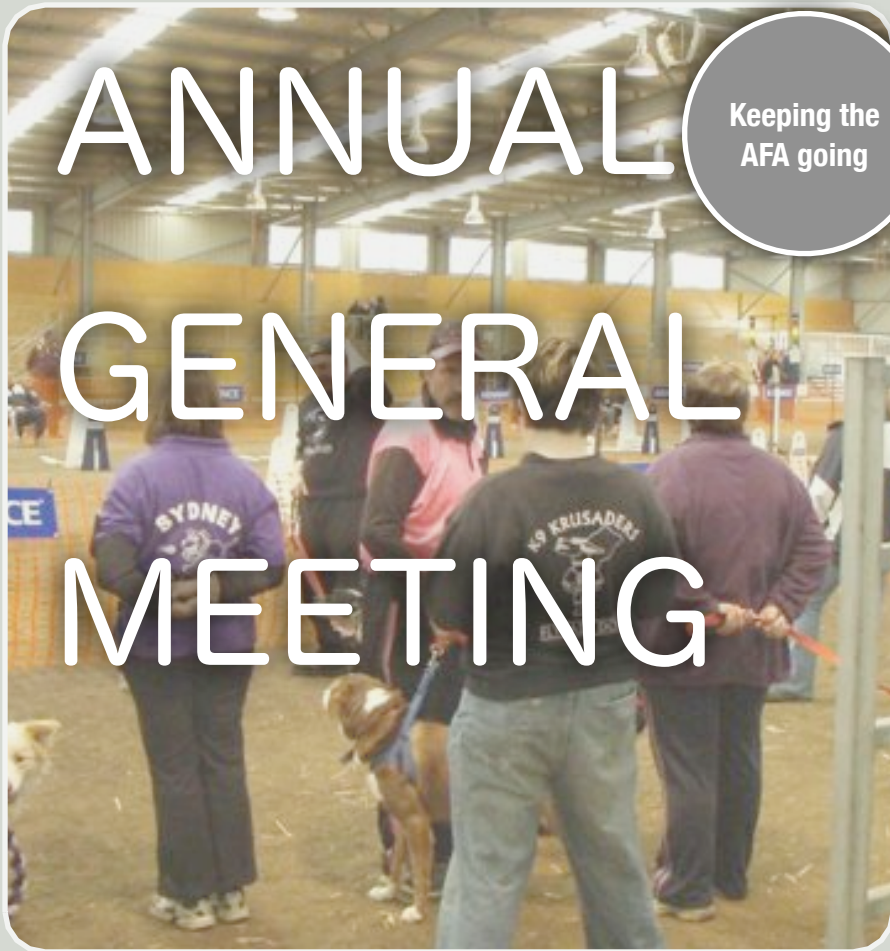
We're fund-raising in the hopes of entering our faster team into a comp in Melbourne - our closest destination.

Once we've raised enough we'll send in an entry for whatever competition comes up, and hopefully someone might be able to accommodate our guys for a few days to given the experience they need running their dogs in a competition situation with the start lights and team management etc. We all know what it is like to run in our first competition and we will try to prepare them as best we can.

Spring is in the air here, already the Jonquils are in bloom and we've had some lovely RAIN. The baby lambs are appearing in all the paddocks and ours are due soon.

Thats all for now. Happy Flyballing.

Dot Baverstock,
Tasmanian Rep



what happens at an AGM?

Our Constitution provides that we must have an AGM within 60 days of the 1st July each year.

The main business of an AGM is to:

- Confirm the minutes of last year
- Receive and consider the President's report
- Receive and consider a balance sheet and statement of accounts for the year just finished
- Elect the incoming Committee and
- Decide on any resolutions which have been submitted

Your attendance is important

You should by now have received a number of resolutions to consider

This will be a busy meeting so come prepared

- Have your thoughts in order and nominate someone to speak on behalf of your team if you all feel the same way about an issue.
- Be sure to nominate in time if you want to be elected to the Committee. Nominations are due by Saturday 18 August. Nomination forms can be found on the website <http://www.flyball.org.au>
- Our Constitution can also be downloaded from the web. If you don't have access to the internet, contact your state Representative.

Meeting Etiquette

- All visitors (including Associate Members) must sign a Visitors Sign-In Sheet. Visitors are not entitled to vote.
- Background noises make it difficult to hear during the national phone hookup. All those present but not speaking at a microphone should be quiet once the meeting starts.
- Drinking of alcoholic beverages during the meeting is not permitted.
- Recording or videotaping the meeting without approval is not permitted.

VENUES	ACT	QLD	VICTORIA	NSW	SA	TASMANIA
	ACT Companion Dog Club, Jerrabomberra Ave Symonston Contact Kylie Mobile: 0408 940824	AutoLec Offices, 22 Gladys Street, Stones Corner Co-ordinator: Brian Moore	Ballarat Dog Obedience Club, Croydon & District Dog Obedience Club, Keilor Dog Training Centre & Albury/Wodonga Flyball Club	Sydney & Dapto Contact Joanne Drake for more information Mobile: 0407 245 142	Contact Catherine Saberton for more information Mobile: 0419 803 924	Contact Dot Baverstock for more information Phone: 03 6288 1309

LEAH GUILLAN



Leah
Guillan – our
first accredited
junior steward



Our junior members are the future of our sport and I feel we should always encourage the people who want to help out. Leah is a great representative for the sport of Flyball and she can be proud of being the first Junior Member to gain her Stewarding ticket.

It would be great if all clubs could encourage their members to read the Steward's package and then complete the questions. If for no other reason than the fact that your club will get points towards club of the year for every accredited steward who is a member of your club (as long as that ballot gets through at the AGM!)

RAISE THE FLAG!

Jo Drake, NSW Rep

How many of you can put up your hand and say you've done the Steward's Test?

Trick question, as I already know the answer. Sad to say it's only about a dozen people. In case you are wondering, I can raise my hand as I've done it. I passed too so it really can't be too tough.

We have a comprehensive pack of information to tell you how to steward. This pack includes everything you need to know to steward a race. At the end of this package is the list of 10 questions and all the answers are to be found in the information within the pack. It doesn't take long to jot down your answers and send them off for marking. Either post them to the AFA address or else email them to your state rep and they can forward them on for you.

Stewards who know the job are of vital importance to our sport. We can't race without them. At the Nationals I witnessed lots of people who were very happy to jump in the ring and volunteer to steward, however I also saw a few stewards who didn't know the rules. A couple of times I saw a steward pat a dog that came over to them while it was supposed to be racing. Stewards aren't allowed to do that.

Some of our junior members are so keen to play Flyball that they have been pestering to be allowed to participate. Leah Guillan is one such junior who is a member of the Sutherland Club. She has just turned 14 years old. Prior to her birthday she has been helping out wherever she can, she box loads and ball shags and is very keen.

She's been tagging around behind a few of us asking all the rules and wanting to have a go in the steward's chair but she wasn't allowed as she wasn't old enough.

A few days after her 14th birthday she contacted me and informed me she was now old enough to steward and she wanted her ticket. If she sent me her test, could she please be allowed to steward at the Million Paws Walk comp on the next weekend?

Leah's test was marked in time and approved by committee in time for her to steward at the Comp. We couldn't get her out of the chair all day.

I'm happy to try and guilt you all into it. How many clubs still have no accredited stewards amongst their members? How about a challenge? Let's see if every club can get at least one steward test (and preferably lots more) submitted before we publish the next Flying Times!

The main reason to encourage people to do it is that it will improve our sport. It doesn't take long and it isn't too hard so come on! No excuses.



News from Victoria

Eric van Zuyden (Victorian Rep)

Looking Forward to Spring

I hope that you've all had a nice break from flyballing and are getting ready for the hectic flyball calendar over the Spring and Summer months. I would firstly like to thank the flyballers from Victoria for recently nominating me to fill a temporary AFA Committee position as Victorian Regional Representative. I intend to nominate again for the job at this years AGM.

Vale. Mr Ken Peterson

It was very sad to hear of the passing of a very dear friend of mine and I am sure the whole flyball fraternity of Mr Ken Peterson.

Ken was a rock of support to me as a Committee member and Public Officer during the time when I was President of the Australian Flyball Association. Ken & Chris always opened their home to me during travels to Canberra when I was with the Croydon Rockets and Eastside Flyers.

I am sure that you all agree that Ken will be greatly missed by all who knew him. On behalf of all Victorians, condolences go out to Chris, Kylie & Family. *R.I.P. Ken.* As a mark of respect, and with the family's agreement, we had one minute silence for Ken before the start of the Border Challenge Cup in Wodonga.

Resignations

It was also sad to hear of the resignations of Mr Steve Pitt & Ms Vicki Kennelly, two of our most celebrated life members, from the AFA Committee. Vicki has also resigned from Judging.

Steve & Vicki are foundation members of the AFA. Flyball would not be where it is today without their knowledge and input and I am sure that they will be sorely missed.

As they say Steve & Vicki, one door closes and another will open, so from all of us good luck with your new ventures, especially on your property. I know that Vicki has some plans there.

Border Challenge Cup

Victorian teams Western Weiners, Bellarine, Eastside Flyers and some members from T'Keilor flyball teams travelled north to Wodonga for the Border Challenge Cup on Saturday 21 July. There were 16 teams in all, including teams from Sydney & Canberra. The Border Challenge Cup was hosted by the Albury/Wodonga Flyball Team.



A great day at the Border Challenge Cup

Some teams decided not to travel to this competition because the heard about dust that was flying around last year, affecting the health of some dogs & competitors.

I can tell you that there was no dust at all this year and you missed a great comp. Credit must go to Julie Walker and the Albury/Wodonga Flyball Team, who have done an excellent job in co-ordinating a really great venue for the competitors and their dogs. Well done guys, a lot of work must have gone into the preparations!

Also well done to the winners and commiserations to the losers, but hey as long as you had fun and a good time that is all that matters. I know that I had a great time and it was also a pleasure to judge at this competition.

A successful comp just wouldn't be possible without a judge or two, would it? Judges don't expect 'payment', despite willingly volunteering their time to gain accreditation and often travelling longer distances than most teams are prepared to travel.

HOSTING A COMP?

It seems only fair that a host club should at least offer to pay the reasonable travel costs of the judges who make a comp possible. Next time you're planning a comp, remember to make the offer - travel expenses may be more welcome to your judge than that 'hard to find' gift.

South Australia

Catherine Saberton

The RSPCA held its annual Million Paws Walk on May 20. In the past years we've done demos but this year we held the first all South Australian Flyball Competition to raise money for the RSPCA.

It was a fantastic day with 4 PDODC teams, 1 Dover team, 1 SA Judge, SA's first set of EJS lights and a whole lot of SA volunteer stewards.

The day started out with a hint of rain as we set up, but the rain held off for the rest of the day. As I was giving the Judges talk I explained the carding system for the few newbie's and jokingly stated 'Now I don't want to have to card any dogs today'. Everyone laughed but nodded in agreement.

With racing under way and a huge crowd watching everything seemed to be going smoothly.....until the Convoy 4 Kids drove past honking and tooting their loud truck horns. Well.....my partner Wayne was racing our Rottweiler "Holly" at this

precise moment. Holly got down to the box, stopped, looked up to investigate what all the noise was about, and crab walked across the centre line following the sound of the trucks down the road.

As I blew my whistle (with a smile on my face) for interference and pulled out my yellow card, everyone else was also laughing at me having to card my own dog.

Thanks to Hills Science Diet who donated all the prizes and to Aussie Pooch Mobile who donated the Judge's pick prizes. It was a relaxed and friendly day and I looked forward to Judging at the next SA Comp.

The Royal Adelaide Show Flyball Competition is on in September. There are 10 teams entered this year including teams from SA (5), Vic (3) & NSW (2). We wish everyone a safe trip over and looked forward to catching up with you all.

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Points Update

Title Points upto Nationals 2007 - excluding Wacky Weiners

CRN #	Title Points	CRN #	Title Points	CRN #	Title Points	CRN #	Title Points	CRN #	Title Points
1C	1547	262A	586	387B	0	513A	669	576A	550
3A	78	262B	590	396A	1259	515A	623	577A	233
3C	36	266A	350	396B	8	515B	992	577B	156
28A	644	266B	47	400A	40	515C	193	577C	363
29A	771	266C	63	400B	35	516A	1441	577D	418
44B	1443	271A	936	405A	32	519A	297	582A	109
44C	448	271B	381	407B	285	520A	114	583A	312
60A	620	277A	962	407C	48	524A	69	583B	183
60B	570	284B	735	419A	466	524B	44	584A	116
60C	204	285A	52	421A	621	526A	89	587B	163
67B	88	286B	416	423A	1286	526B	90	588C	0
67C	401	286D	150	431A	223	952A	399	591A	15
67E	653	286E	39	431B	104	530A	164	592B	176
72C	11	290A	89	435A	126	530B	122	592C	181
74B	464	296B	505	435B	380	530C	25	593B	264
80B	552	296C	18	437B	626	531B	387	594A	88
80D	266	297A	484	441A	676	531C	220	595A	255
80E	22	299A	175	443A	317	532A	467	597A	119
88B	1314	299B	123	443B	107	533A	35	597B	79
88C	410	304A	1123	444A	678	534A	115	598A	1104
92A	2050	304B	489	444B	47	535A	731	600A	1038
92C	1368	309D	314	446A	489	535B	124	608A	303
92D	1254	315A	1113	450A	129	535C	519	609A	37
97B	970	319B	188	456B	137	536A	174	609B	9
100A	453	319C	613	461A	1294	538A	6	610A	344
100B	869	326A	776	462A	309	542A	1249	611A	363
113B	1	326B	140	462B	822	543B	0	617A	12
115A	1403	328A	94	464A	565	544A	423	619A	1074
115B	6	330A	52	464B	435	544B	8	620A	312
115D	1480	330B	36	467A	77	548A	709	623A	493
128B	942	333A	1258	472A	209	548B	586	630A	161
128C	114	333B	332	472B	722	549A	1045	634A	212
153C	859	333C	95	472C	601	549B	17	634B	298
141A	461	334A	252	478A	761	551A	13	657A	53
147B	229	336A	2788	478B	104	552A	1211	658A	618
150B	410	342C	377	478C	0	552B	415	659A	1009
150C	29	344A	70	479A	212	553A	139	660A	1340
150D	82	344C	62	480A	273	553B	1	660B	529
163B	161	348A	1158	483A	274	554A	328	660C	481
178A	3275	357A	618	485A	305	554B	1429	665A	419
178B	1661	359A	73	485B	5	554C	406	666A	1399
182A	1014	359B	45	485C	10	556A	535	668A	539
187B	602	360A	4	488A	80	556B	27	670A	271
191B	0	366B	194	489A	708	557A	187	671A	50
201B	896	366C	32	489B	0	558A	521	671B	49
204A	70	368A	72	490A	274	559A	1351	674A	137
215C	135	371A	93	492A	436	559B	153	675A	388
234A	452	371B	338	493A	39	562A	89	679A	176
234C	142	372A	497	493B	1061	562B	427	679B	68
239D	1014	374A	621	496A	25	562C	174	680A	487
239F	14	375C	609	496C	28	564A	1122	686A	905
244A	630	375E	437	501A	254	569A	1469	688A	158
244B	1115	375F	127	501B	91	569B	1021	688B	236
247A	906	378A	970	508A	514	571A	1093	689A	405
248A	5	378B	338	509A	56	571B	600	690A	317
250A	565	384A	207	510A	331	572A	418	692A	191
251C	204	384B	75	510B	496	572B	298	696A	295
253A	2904	386A	660	510E	284	575A	22	699A	780
254A	1008	387A	183	510G	178	575B	74	700A	220

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700B	873	707A	388	943A	16	1058A	171	1142A	10
702B	61	814A	401	944A	548	1060A	56	1143A	26
703A	219	815A	97	944B	146	1061A	175	1144A	0
705B	394	816A	195	945A	296	1064A	2	1147A	69
705C	281	817A	37	945B	384	1065A	173	1150A	22
705D	30	818A	302	945C	6	1066A	24	1151A	20
706A	347	818B	47	946A	36	1068A	103	1152A	0
707B	164	821A	127	949A	487	1070A	12	1153A	11
710A	45	823A	961	949B	13	1071A	26	1155A	15
713A	447	833A	214	954A	64	1071B	16	1164A	21
715A	267	833B	1	955A	254	1072A	0	1165A	20
717A	266	834A	32	956A	204	1073A	16	1166A	0
718A	235	705A	506	959A	0	1075A	15	1170A	63
718B	23	837A	514	961A	2	1076A	181	1172A	2
718C	0	838A	40	962A	3	1076B	1	1172B	69
719B	187	838B	182	963A	44	1077A	47	1176A	65
724A	713	840A	0	963B	0	1078A	36	1177A	0
727A	286	842A	0	964A	41	1079A	15	1178A	7
731A	355	843A	243	965A	641	1081A	24	1179A	13
736A	29	844A	377	965B	32	1082A	24	1180A	13
738A	159	845A	41	719A	297	1083A	216	1181A	0
740A	792	849A	406	979A	433	1083B	304	1183A	1
741A	196	851A	399	982A	377	1083C	126	1190A	0
742A	232	852A	2	982B	13	1083D	4	1191A	10
745A	207	854A	131	987A	230	1084A	60		
749A	385	855A	61	990A	259	1085A	34		
749B	299	857A	219	991A	204	1086A	119		
749C	236	857B	0	991B	40	1087A	226		
749D	4	858A	861	995A	477	1088A	2		
750A	326	860A	0	997A	340	1089A	357		
751A	800	861A	304	1005A	33	1092A	47		
752A	319	863A	695	1007A	0	1093A	20		
753A	231	864A	312	767A	1406	1094B	3		
754A	271	865A	52	1008A	163	1095A	22		
757A	700	866A	41	1009A	166	1096A	245		
758A	209	868A	145	1011B	2	1097A	289		
759A	399	875A	276	1013A	357	1098A	149		
766A	490	877A	501	1015A	380	1099A	88		
766D	190	878A	353	1022A	68	1103A	18		
689B	549	880A	158	1023A	0	1105A	100		
689C	24	881A	22	1023B	0	1114A	88		
769A	922	886A	153	1024A	245	1115A	27		
769B	2	891A	151	1029A	0	1116A	29		
771A	894	892A	372	1030A	83	1117A	116		
772A	353	894A	394	1032A	50	1119A	0		
779A	102	896A	43	1037A	124	1121A	6		
780A	188	897A	19	1041A	116	1122A	31		
780B	0	898A	20	1042A	307	1124A	18		
782A	480	907A	37	1045A	267	1125A	54		
787A	622	909A	53	1046A	221	1126A	72		
789A	131	910A	13	1046B	236	1132A	83		
791A	384	911A	116	1047A	109	1133A	16		
791B	70	913A	44	1048A	267	1134A	40		
795A	380	423B	1197	1049A	0	1136A	3		
795B	381	918A	56	1050A	71	1136B	0		
798A	378	920A	280	1050B	170	1137A	30		
800A	123	920B	18	1052A	405	1138A	75		
803A	133	924A	392	1052B	296	1138B	38		
804A	172	939A	288	1053A	167	1139A	39		
810A	1	941A	199	1054A	234	1140A	0		



do we need new logo?

International examples suggest we do....

Our current logo has served us well for many years. But with increasing professionalism in sport, increasing competition for sponsorship dollars, and an ever increasing need to gain exposure for our sport, your AFA Committee has considered it might be time to investigate a new logo for the AFA.

Both the North American Flyball Association and the British Flyball Association have professionally designed logos in full colour which work really well on websites, banners and in published material.

Our own hand-drawn black and white logo exhibits the creator's love for the sport, but doesn't show quite the same dynamic 'oomph'.

Investing thousands of dollars in graphic design wouldn't be a wise use of member funds. But it could be that one of our members is a professional graphic designer who has the time to design a new logo, simply for the love of flyball, recognition on our website, and the undying gratitude of flyballers around Australia.

If that sounds like you, the AFA Committee undertakes to: deal with you professionally; provide a definite brief for your to work with; request no more than 3 changes to an approved concept; and make prompt decisions to enable you to proceed.

Do we have a member who is a graphic designer?



If you have the time, the inclination, the motivation the skills and the talent to design a new logo for the

AFA, contact Ilona Van Galen (current editor Flying Times) on ilona@askregalia.com.au

Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ilona with your thoughts about the current logo.

Happy flyballing!



North American Flyball Association

British Flyball Association



Note: Rule Change for Breakouts withdrawn from ballot results

Many thanks to those members who carefully spotted inconsistencies in the wording of proposed Rule Changes for breakouts. The proposed rules have been described a couple of different ways in various issues of the Flying Times. To avoid any confusion, the AFA has decided to withdraw the ballot results for this proposed rule change from the AGM. The correct wording will be publicised on the website for sufficient time to allow members to make a final decision about the rule.

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