

Flying Times

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- *Competition Entry Forms*

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A word (or two!!) from your "New Editors"

Hello Everyone and welcome to the October edition of the Flying Times. As new editors of the Flying Times, we would firstly like to thank Raelene Stewart for all her hard work and effort as previous editor of the Flying Times. Secondly, we would like to introduce ourselves.

Carolyn Delaney and Amanda Pescud. Both Amanda and I are members of the ACT Companion Dog Club.

Amanda and her partner Steve have 3 dogs, Richie (Collie cross, 6½ years), Bella (Border Collie, 6 years), Tandoogie (Bordercheck Border Collie, 12 months). Richie has, unfortunately retired from flyball due to bad arthritis, but Bella is still going strong. Tandoogie is currently in training.

I have one dog, Kira (Collie cross, 8½ years). After 20 months of a lot of patience, persistence and hard work Kira began doing full runs confidently. Keep in mind here that Kira didn't start training in flyball until she was 6. See you can teach an old dog new tricks – it just takes time!!

Amanda and Carolyn have both been members of the club since 1996 and Amanda has been participating in flyball since 1999 and myself since 2000.

with Bella was at the Inaugural National Australian Flyball Championships in 1999. With a result of 3rd place in Division 4. The following year Amanda ran Bella in Division 1 and took out the National Championships. Steve also ran Richie in both these teams, Steve and Richie would run right after Bella and there are some funny stories associated with that.

My first competition with Kira was the Invitation Flyball Competition at the Royal Canberra Show in February 2001. With a result of 5th place in Division 4. October 2001 finally saw Kira doing full, complete and consistent runs, mind you this was after going back to basic training after the Royal Canberra debacle. Anyway this competition saw Kira's team run in Division 4 and obtain 4th place.

Anyway enough about us, now we want something from you. Please send in articles, stories, pictures, news items, competition dates and entry forms, competition results – anything. Otherwise we plan to bore you all senseless with stories about us and our dogs, and as hinted at slightly – there are many of those and we will deliver if you don't!! You will find address details later in this edition.

Amanda's first flyball competition

President's Report by Eric van Zuyden

My first presidents report, I know I have some huge shoes to fill (I take size 10, but I don't think they will be big enough), so firstly let me take this opportunity to thank Mr. Steve Pitt & Ms. Vicki Kennelly for their huge contribution to flyball in Australia, without them flyball would not be where it is today and I just hope that I can fill some of those big shoes in the near and distant future.

Congratulations – goes out to Steve & Vicki on attaining their life membership awards from the Australian Flyball Association, the awards were presented at the recent Annual General Meeting on August 24. Well deserved!

Also at the AGM, the yearly award presentations were held and Congratulations go to the following recipients -:

Dog of the year - Astro handled by Wendy Gauntlett (Vic)

Bitch of the year – Ezri handled by Ian Gauntlett (Vic)

Team of the year – Croydon Rocket Scientists (Vic)

Club of the year – Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club (Vic)

Novice Club of the year – The Flying Fidos (RSPCA, Qld)

Licensing agreement – hopefully at the time of receiving this issue of the flying times the licensing agreement between the AFA and the ANKC will have been excepted at the October conference. The ANKC flyball working party has been working hard to have this agreement rectified, then we can all get on with being responsible dog owners and getting our pooches out of the backyards and doing what we love to do and that is flyball.

Interference at a competition – Firstly, the committee has agreed to a policy to enable teams to award points to teams who are interfered with during a race by an opposing team, which results in the heat being halted. Specifically, when a team wins a heat due to interference and the judge, in his or her opinion, believes that the team otherwise have gained points, the judge shall on completion of the race or later award points based on the times of previous or subsequent heats where the same dogs raced. In the past teams have lost

points because of interference through no fault of their own.

Secondly, there is a concern that some dogs repeatedly interfere at competition after competition with handlers not pulling their dogs until they have been excused for three incidents. Judges will now report all incidents after each competition of dogs that are excused from competition and the degree of interference. These reports will then be placed on file and if the dog is noticed to have to repeatedly interfered, the committee can consider warnings or other appropriate action. I would just like to say can clubs also make sure that they do not select dogs who are not yet ready to race in a competition.

Sleeve CRN's – all handlers that are competing in the ring are to wear on their left arm a visible CRN number of the dog that they are handling (this is to be similar to the sleeving requirements of the ANKC when trialing). This is to be of a size that is visible to spectators, judges & sponsors, it will become compulsory as of October 1 2002. It will be up to each club or team to see that this is adhered to.

PRO PLAN Cup – OK everyone the PRO PLAN cup is about to get under way with the first round at the Geelong Show (Vic.) on Sunday October 20 hosted by Bellarine, we need all clubs and teams to support these events and look after our major sponsor Purina, we need all the media involvement (TV, newspapers) we can get, round 2 is at the Dandenong Show (Vic) on Saturday November 9 hosted by Berwick ODC, round 3 is on Australia Day (ACT) Sunday January 26 2003 hosted by the Queanbeyan Bushrangers, round 4 Moomba Carnival Melbourne (Vic) Sat/Sun March 8/9 hosted by Croydon ODC and the finale in Sydney (NSW) on Good Friday April 18 hosted by Parramatta, so come on everybody lets make this the best PRO PLAN Cup event yet.

President's Report (cont)

Committee – now let me introduce you to our new committee of 2002/03 as elected on August 24.

- President** – Eric van Zuyden (Croydon)
Vice President – Wendy Gauntlett (Croydon)
Secretary – Ken Peterson
Treasurer – Ian Gauntlett (Croydon)
Committee – Justin Allen (CDC)
Jane Comey (Frankston)
Carolyn Delaney (CDC)
Terry Hey (Parramatta)
Jenny Millar (Hastings)
Amanda Pescud (CDC)
Cathy Trudinger (Croydon)



Eric van Zuyden
(President)

Farewell Dear Friends

We write this story with much regret and sadness. Unfortunately it has come time to bid farewell to two of our longest members of Flyball from CDC.

John Hyam proud owner of 9yr old, bearded collie, John has decided after much thought, that it's time for Clancy (and him!!) to slow down. On a good note John has stated that Clancy will be available for the occasional demo and/or fun comp.

We also find ourselves saying farewell to Jeanet Copeland and Bess. Bess is a 6yr old collie who loves her flyball as much as the rest of us. We are farewelling Jeanet and Bess because Jeanet has decided to return home to Holland to live and of course Bess will accompany her.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to both Jeanet and John for all the effort, assistance and time they have put into flyball and encourage you both strongly to stay in touch. John to visit occasionally, Jeanet – drop us line!!



ACT CDC Flyball Frolic - September 2002 (by K White)

The aim of the day for all new dogs to have fun, gain some title points and gets some full runs in with as little error as possible. And this was achieved and I would like to commend all the handlers and team captains for assisting with this.

We received 14 entries for the day, teams from Paramatta, Werriwa, Leaps and bounds, K9 Crusaders, QBYN Hoonsquad and of course CDC.

Out of the 14 teams we had 8 newish teams, which meant that we had around 50 dogs that needed measuring before the competition could begin. This meant a bit of a late start but congratulations to Terry, Nerida and Cathy for all the bending and measuring so efficiently.

Then the typical comps headaches started by the Pa and lights not working, but thanks to Hillary for trying her best to fix the problem with the PA and Gary who stepped in with QBYN new system for us to use (as well as saving our butts with the fencing on the Friday, What would the bigger clubs do without the littler clubs support), Steve then came to the rescue to get the lights going (what will we do when there is no more Steve), then it was off to the racing for the day.

With the late start Amanda and Myself started to panic, it is 11am and we are only starting the racing, lets hope nothing else goes wrong.

With thanks to all the teams and there cooperation we changed to 1.30min change overs and no lunch break, at 12.30 and only allowing Div 4 two opportunities to run after error we managed to get through 45 races and be finished by 4pm with presentations and pack up we were able to be home by 6pm, a big pat on the back to all involved, this was a grand effort and proves that all flyballers can work together as a team.

Saturday 7th September was the date for the 2nd ever

The results for the day are as follows:

Div 1

- 1st K9 Crusaders
- 2nd CDC TNT
- 3rd CDC Express

Div 2

- 1st CDC Black Lightning
- 2nd QBYN Hoonsquad
- 3rd CDC Triple S

Div 3

- 1st K9 Crusaders Too
- 2nd Parramatta Predators
- 3rd Werriwa Jets
- 4th Parramatta Paw Power

Div 4

- 1st CDC Full Speed
- 2nd Road Runners
- 3rd Flying Allsorts
- 4th Misfits

Congratulations should also go out to Cathy Vaughan from CDC who managed and passed her first assist with judging, hope to see you around more Cathy.

A big thank you goes out to Nerida Winters who judged Div 4 and Terry Hey who happily judged Div 1 and 2 and Cathy who judged Div 3. Also Chris Peterson for the Great Roast rolls, sausage sandwiches. And most of all the stewards who all volunteered some of their day in the hot sun.

Belconnen Discount Pets, Aussie Pooch and Pedigree Advance for their sponsorship on the day.



Golden Grove Flyball Frenzy Report

Flyball competition to take place in South Australia.

Although the weather was wet and cold, there were eight teams competing. Six teams from Victoria traveled to SA just for the Competition. Golden Grove (host club) had two teams competing and although a lack of experienced dogs existed both divisions won third place. Everybody received a pack of goodies and it turned out to be a fantastic day.

This event was organised by Catherine Saberton and Sharon Page who for their first attempt of hosting the event did a fantastic job. The Golden Flyers hope to travel interstate next year so will be working on their times and performance in the interim.

The Full Results are:

Division 1

- 1st Croydon Rocket Scientists (Vic) BT 18.76
- 2nd Bellarine Bandits (Vic) BT 22.41
- 3rd Golden Flyers A (SA) BT 24.60
- 4th Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons (Vic) BT 20.83
- 5th T'Keilor Slammers (Vic) BT 23.03

Division 2

- 1st Croydon Rocket Blaster (Vic) BT 25.59
- 2nd T'Keilor Shots (Vic) BT 22.50
- 3rd Golden Flyers B (SA) BT 26.54

Thank you to our Judges Emma Le Cras and June Hunter for doing a fantastic job. Thank you also to our sponsor Aussie Pooch Mobile, Eric van Zuyden for bringing the EJS equipment over and to all teams and to all volunteers.

AFA Committee 2002 - 2003

The AFA Committee held the first annual general meeting for the 2002/03 Financial year on Saturday 26 August 2002. Several issues were discussed at this meeting as well as new committee members nominations being accepted and the committee formed.

Your AFA Committee and Regional Representatives 2002 - 2003 are:

Executive Committee:

President: Eric Van Zuyden
Vice-President: Wendy Gauntlett
Secretary: Ken Peterson
Treasurer: Ian Gauntlett

Committee

Cathy Trudinger
Terry Hey
Justin Allen

Jane Comey
Carolyn Delaney
Amanda Pescud
Jenny Millar



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VIC	Eric van Zuyden	03 9779 9601
NSW	Terry Hey	02 9871 2069

Public Officer Ken Peterson 02 6288 6611

New South Wales Report

Firstly, on behalf of the State, I would like to thank Mr & Mrs. Flyball (Steve Pitt & Vicky Kennelly) for all the work they have done for flyball. As retiring President and Treasurer they are responsible for the introduction of flyball into Australia and the formation of the AFA as we know it today. I wish them all the best for the future not only as a fellow flyballer but as friend.

The next ANKC conference will be held at Sydney in October where flyball is once again on the agenda. Hopefully this time every thing will progress smoothly and the licensing agreement between the AFA and the ANKC will be reinstated and we can get back to the task of introducing flyball to the ANKC clubs throughout Australia.

For all those interested in a last fling at racing for the year, well, the Parramatta club is holding a comp, the "Sydney Summer Scamper", on the 24th of November at their club grounds. The entry should be in this issue

of the Flying Times.

It won't be long before I shall be calling for volunteers and their dogs for the Sydney Pet Expo. Same venue as last year, Rose Hill, on the 6th, 7th & 8th of December. This is a great place to introduce the public to flyball and of course gain a few new members to your clubs.

Terry Hey



Royal Melbourne Show Flyball Competition 2002

Although no longer the national titles, this year's Royal Melbourne Show Flyball competition was bigger and better than ever. Twelve teams lined up in three divisions, to give the indoor matting a real work out. Hundreds of spectators wandered through the pavilion, stopping to see flyball racing close up.

Division 1 saw the only interstate team competing (thanks CDC for making the trip!) against the formidable Croydon Rocket Scientists, and the ever-faster C.R. Secret Weapons. Unfortunately, the CDC team had to run non-competitively for part of the day, as they only had four dogs make the long trip down the Hume Hwy. Nevertheless, the racing was fast and furious, as expected.

Some of the most exciting racing of the day actually came from Division 2, where all four teams had seed times within 1 second of each other.

As you can see from the best times of the day, the seed times were well calculated, and the teams really had to work those last dogs over the line.

The crowds really got involved, especially when the teams were racing neck and neck, with only fractions of a second between them.

Division 3 saw some new faces make their flyball debuts. As is often the case with this division, reliability was the thing that separated teams at the end.

A huge thank you to all of the people who came in on Saturday night and helped to set up the pavilion, lay and tape down the matting. This year's set-up was achieved in record time largely due to fantastic support from all of the clubs. Pack-up was achieved even faster, with tired and weary handlers all pitching in to pack away the racing lanes.

Royal Melbourne Show Flyball Competition 2002 (cont)

The job certainly becomes easier with many helpers.

Thanks must also go out to all of the people who volunteered to steward on the day, especially Sara Reid who ended up doing a 'double-shift' after a steward pulled out at the last minute. Stewarding at the Royal, though, does have its benefits – all of that wine from the wine competitions!

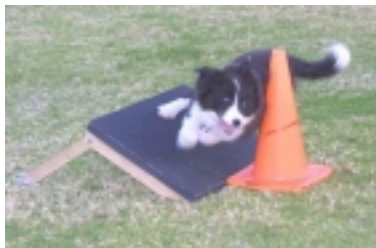
Final results:

Division One

- 1st Croydon Rocket Scientists - 19.69sec
- 2nd Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons – 21.33sec
- 3rd CDC TNT – 23.34

Division Two

- 1st T'Keilor Slammers – 22.55
- 2nd Bellarine Bandits – 22.83
- 3rd Berwick Bladerunners – 22.98
- 4th Croydon Rocket Blasters – 24.748



Puppy on turning board owned by Sue Town

In Memory

K-9 Crusaders Sad News.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Harry, the happiest fun loving dog from K-9 Crusaders Too owned by Eileen Topley.

We are all thinking of you Eileen and of course we know that Harry is still competing at Flyball somewhere else.

Division Three

- 1st T'Keilor Shots – 26.105
- 2nd Hastings Howlers Hit & Run – 25.05
- 3rd Croydon Rocket Space Cadets – 27.781
- 4th Bellarine Bozos – 27.06
- 5th Frankston Thunderbolts – 28.53

Moonee Valley Trophy

(Awarded to the club with the highest percentage of wins over the day)

Won by T'Keilor Flyball



Cassie FD ADX JDM
Owned by Sharon Page SA

Victorian News

The busy flyball season is now underway with competitions already at Frankston July 21, Adelaide on September 7 and the Melbourne Royal on September 29. **The PRO PLAN cup** is about to get underway at Geelong (Vic.) on October 20, we now have five major shows (Geelong Show (Vic.), Dandenong Show (Vic.), Australia Day (ACT), Moomba, Melb. (Vic.) & Sydney Royal) for this event which again promises to be a blast. We also in return for our major sponsor **Nestle Purina** have to make sure we get plenty of media involvement i.e. TV, Newspapers etc. this is an area that has been a bit slack in the past. C'mon guys lets support these events.

Seminar July 7

The seminar hosted by Croydon & Berwick held at Berwick O.D.C. in July was a huge success with people attending from all over Victoria i.e. Ballarat, Echuca, Warragul, Melton, Frankston, Bellarine, Berwick & Croydon. There were about 50 people that attended the seminar and I am sure they all learned a lot about our sport of flyball. It is good to see Ballarat now up and running, entering their first competition at Frankston and doing quite well I might add.

Frankston comp. July 21

This was a nice quiet competition held at the Frankston O.D.C. grounds. A cold but enjoyable competition where Croydon mixed their two top teams up a little to achieve some very close racing on the day.

Results at Frankston

Div. 1

- 1st Croydon Rocket Scientists BT - 20.56secs.
- 2nd Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons BT - 20.62secs.
- 3rd T'Keilor Slammers BT - 23.06secs.

Div. 2

- 1st Bellarine Bandits BT - 22.63secs.
- 2nd Croydon Rocket Blasters BT - 22.18secs.
- 3rd Hastings Howlers Hit & Run BT - 22.02secs.

Div. 3

- 1st Berwick Bits & Pieces BT - 25.53secs.
- 2nd Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss BT - 25.61secs.
- 3rd Croydon Rocket Space Cadets BT - 27.72secs.

Div. 4

- 1st Frankston Thunderbolts-Storm BT - 28.80secs.
- 2nd Ballarat Eureka BT - 29.05secs.
- 3rd Bellarine Bozos BT - 28.03secs.

Adelaide comp. Sept. 7

Six Victorian teams traveled out west to Carisbrooke Park Adelaide in SA to enjoy the first competition there for two years. Catherine Saberton and Sharon Page have done an excellent job to try and make it work for flyball enthusiasts in South Australia. Well done to the Victorian teams (Croydon 3 teams, Keilor 2 teams, & Bellarine 1 team), without those team's support there would not have been a competition, because you need four teams to run a comp. There were eight teams in all competing in two divisions and all had a wonderful weekend.

Farm Sunday, Melbourne Royal Sept. 22

This is one of the better demonstrations on the flyball calendar and a regular event as well. All up six teams competed and formed a mini competition. Teams from Ballarat, Berwick, Bellarine, Croydon, Frankston & Hastings enjoyed what was again a wonderful day. This event is always good for the newer dogs about to enter the competition the following week at the Melbourne Royal. Thanks to Emma Le Cras for being the sprecker for the day, it helps to have good microphone person to keep the crowd informed on what flyball is all about.

To all you Victorians out there please keep me informed of any chatter that is happening at your club, also any interesting photos, club reports (but go through your club co-ordinator first), demonstrations your club is doing, absolutely anything that is happening anywhere on flyball. When your club is hosting a competition do a report and email it to me, then it can go in the next issue of the flying times. Photos don't just have to be of dogs going over jumps, your club might be on a night out somewhere or at a barbeque, almost anything.

Till next time.

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(Victorian Representative)

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AFA Homepage

Please note that all forms pertaining to the AFA are now available on the AFA Website.

If you would like to put something on the net, information on demos, competitions, photos, flyball generally, etc please contact Sue Town at;

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AFA Newsletter

Got anything for us to include in the next issue??

Please send any articles, photos, information for inclusion in the next issue to:
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Calendar of Events

October 2002

- 20th Bellarine Dog Activities Group
Geelong Agricultural Show
AFA Sanctioned Competition – PROPLAN 1
- 26th Welshpool
Hosted by CDODC
AFA Sanctioned Competition

November 2002

- 9th Dandenong Show
Hosted by Berwick Dog Club
AFA Sanctioned Competition – PROPLAN 2
- 24th Parramatta
Hosted by PICSI
AFA Sanctioned Competition

December 2002

- 6th – 8th Sydney Pet & Animal Expo
Rosehill Gardens Racecourse Demonstration

January 2003

- 11th Wonthaggi
Hosted by Hastings
AFA Sanctioned Competition
- 26th Canberra
Hosted by QBN Bushrangers
AFA Sanctioned Competition – PROPLAN 3

March 2003

- 1st – 2nd National Australian Flyball Championships
Hosted by RNCAS
AFA Sanctioned Competition