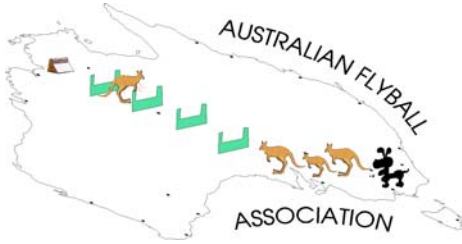


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“Nationals – be damp”



A funny thing happened on the way to EPIC

Now things to take into account before the weekend even started; Alex had lost her car, as some horrible person smashed it, whilst driving a stolen car. So Ian was picking her and Molly and Conner up. With all our equipment, and Rosie, ‘not so squeezey?’

Alex also, earlier in the week had been bitten whilst breaking up a dogfight, and her left hand was real great, bruising and teeth marks.

Friday 10 June 2005

The day was going slow; the car was packed, Dog at home waiting my return from work. Come on, tick tock, can't that clock go any faster? Finally lunchtime came around and all my work was done.. Gone out of here.

After a few stops on the way home, Petrol, bread rolls and some drinks. Finally the dog and I were off on our big adventure. Canberra here we come. After driving 3 hours straight, we arrived at the

Canberra EPIC grounds. We were the last to arrive, the time was around 5pm.

A 44 Galleon drum had been obtained from across the road, and firewood and pinecones were all collected, the mood was being set for a relaxing night around the campfire with a few friends and a few drinks.

Our accommodation for the weekend was in hire caravans. Brought onsite by the caravan company. Each van had at least 2 humans and up to 4 dogs at anyone time.

As the night air was getting cooler, so were the natives, and Ian decided to go to the caravan for something? Hmmm where did he put those keys?

1st case of oh oh, after a few attempts of breaking into the van, Alex finally gained entry through a window.

Dinner for most people was Pizza, however Alex and I decided on Baked Beans and roasted potatoes on English muffins. Dinner was yum, and soon we

were all back around the fire telling a few yarns and having some fun.

Bedtime came around and off we all went our respective caravans. Our van had 4 dogs and 3 humans. Alex squeezed into her bottom bunk, Molly and Conner soon jumping in on top as well, and I squeezed into my bottom bunk, with Missy across my feet. Michelle and Duke had the double bed. Night night everyone.... Earplugs were given to Michelle and Alex, ZZZZZZZZZZZ until....

2nd case, oh oh, is that thunder? Is that an aeroplane? No it's BAKED BEANS part 2, in a small confined caravan. Talk about giggle and the dog's growl.

Saturday 11 June 2005

6am saw myself and Alex up early, ready to start the day, we went round and started stoking up the fire from last night, so everyone would have somewhere warm to gather around. Oops sorry ... too much noise for van number 1...

3rd case of oh oh... Maverick, Conner and Jess went to town, waking their caravan partners up BIG time. Sorry guys.... Time to rise and shine....

Alex and I decided to get things started, and boiled the kettle, and started to fill up the air pots, for lots of cuppas during the day.



4th case of oh oh, oops Alex slipped with the kettle and Jenni got boiling hot water poured across her left hand. Ouch ouch , quick cold water....

It wasn't long and we were all set-up at camp Psycho. The sky wasn't looking too great; they had said it might rain? After we all got ticked off and measured etc... a quick egg and bacon roll for some and off we went ready to race.

It was cold and soon started raining, we kept racing, and in the 3rd race of the day, the rain was coming

down quite heavy, Jenni let Missy go and was blocking Phoebe coming back when, WHERE did she go...Jenni that is????



5th case of oh oh, Jenni's right foot went straight ahead, her left foot went backwards, and bang down she went hard onto her left wrist... Phoebe jumping over her and Maverick doing the same on the way back. Missy just wondering WHAT THE..... Is mum doing down there?

Jen sat out the next 2 races, better to be safe than sorry; the rain wasn't getting any better. Maverick had a crash through the jumps and hurt himself a little.

Our jackets were keeping us pretty dry considering, but the rain kept coming down heavier and heavier, soon the racing was called of for the afternoon, back to the vans we all went, soaking wet ourselves, and our dogs weren't much better, we had hardly any protection over the dogs, no big tarp, so everything was really wet.

After trying to dry the dogs a little and us, each caravan looked like a Chinese washhouse, clothes hanging from everywhere trying to dry. Whilst waiting for our lunch that was being prepared by Deb, Alex and I noticed a wet patch on Michelle's bed? Oh no we thought, not Dukey again?? How wrong were we.

6th case of oh oh, we followed the "wet patch" and found Michelle's entire bed was flooded, doona mattress, pillows etc... the water was pouring in the window, leaking through the roof, and flooding the floor, after looking further we then found Alex's bed was wet too.... Then almost as quick as we found all this, the skylight started pouring water in as well, what a great dry caravan. NOT

After lunch in Deb and Johns van, we ventured back to our van, hmmm is that one of the dogs letting off?? Conner is that you?? Something was starting to smell?

7th case of oh oh, Alex lifted the lid on Jenni's dream pot, OH MY GOD, spew bucket, the food had gone off again... it was bubbles and foam, quick shut the lid... after we recovered from laughing and almost being sick, we snuck off like 3 school kids, Michelle driving, me and Alex and of course Dukey!! We drove up the road, pulled up, after a few runs at the dream pot, finally got the stuff chucked out, and without throwing up, got back into the car, MY GOD WHAT A SMELL, no one could

Sunday 12 June 2005

Up early, no rain in sight, but everything still very, very wet... we were dry, the dogs were dry, but not the chairs or crates. We spread them out all over to dry.

10th case of oh oh, Michelle went to have a shower, and accidentally dropped her stuff down the wall cavity, behind the toilet, so Alex went over and climbed down inside the wall, reaching almost



really explain... we drove to the IGA supermarket to buy some supplies for dinner, now that everything had been ditched under a tree, as we pulled up, we were still "high" on the fumes of the dream pot I'm sure, not looking where I was walking and laughing too much,

8th case of oh oh, I walked straight into a tree, almost knocking myself out and taking an eye out at the same time?

We came back to the van, cooked a new tea, and promised we wouldn't tell anyone about the dream pot till later.

Ian and the others had gathered down in the snowy mountain room, so we took all our dinner down there and ate in the warmth and with plenty of room. The dogs all had a good run around. However, we did have a few?

9th case of oh oh, Taffy watered the power point, Missy and little Conner dropped a few bombs.

All in all by about 10pm we were all ready to turn in for the night, what a day.

everything, some things will never be retrieved.....she didn't need her undies?? Did she?

1st race up, Ian almost went for a slip, warned me to be careful, the ground was still very slippery.

11th case of oh oh, wasn't long into the day and John tried to out do me, he went for a great fall, coming down quite heavy on his ankle, luckily he was ok.

We had fun, we raced, we won and we lost, no one keeping tabs on really much at all, the day was great, cold, sunny, and dry..

We thought we had to have a run off, because things were that close in the placing. But they did a count back, so we had no idea of our placing still.

Whist we were waiting, Leanne went back to van and took meat out of freezer ready for BBQ later, and she left the meat on the table.

Not knowing this, Deb took Conner and Jess back to the van, to keep them warm and safe.

12th case of oh oh, while were waiting, something

made everyone realise that 2 dogs and meat in a caravan wasn't a good idea... OOPS what was that we were having for dinner??? Another run to the IGA supermarket.

Presentation time and we were so surprised to find out that we had won 3rd division, and Dukey won the judges choice again. How happy were we all! A few happy snaps, and everyone packed up and off back to the caravans.



After a nice warm hot cup of soup that Elaine made, it was off round the fire with Leaps and Bounds. BBQ for dinner, how happy and relaxed were we all.

After a good feed, and a few drinks, some went their separate ways, I went to bed early, Ian went off with Alex, having fun and talking about the days racing. The BBQ group purchased some fireworks and let them off in the oval. It was a cold night, expecting low temps overnight.

13th case of oh oh, after a few drinks, the last thing Ian needed was to wake in the middle of the night with the feeling someone was watching him, he opened his eyes and found two bright blue eyes

looking straight back at him. It was Taffy, he was cold and wanted to get into bed with Ian, so Ian obliged, it didn't take long and Rosie wanted up too, so Ian had 2 border collies and no room for himself on his bed. What now Phoebe wants up? NO.....

When everyone got up Monday morning, everything was white, it had been below zero overnight, and the cars were covered in ice. After a couple of hot cuppas, and the dogs having a good play, it was time to say cya. Some of us had a more pleasant trip home than others,

14th case of oh oh, Jessie and the BBQ meat, left smells to be desired all the way home

By the way, this weekend saw three of our Dogs obtain their: - **Australian Flyball Championship Titles 2000 points well done Missy, Duke & Maverick**

Finally: - Me, home safe and sound, sore wrist still, happy dog, happy human, can't wait for next comp... take my own dry tent but.....

In summary: - The best Comp I've been to. The most fun I have had with my dog and teammates. All clubs/teams seemed to be enjoying the weekend as well. My face is still sore from laughing. And it was all for a great reason. Money /flyball for Cancer. Well Done Canberra X factor. Did someone say it rained? Couldn't have put a dampener on the weekend. We really had too much fun.

Oh and thank goodness we have Alex; she gets us out of some funny situations!!!

Jenni Redmond - Sydney Psychos Too

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Editor's Say



This is the member's last newsletter before the AGM. Members need to take the time to read all sections in this newsletter. Clubs that have competitions coming up please make sure you have renewed your affiliations before the competition to avoid disappointments.

I hope that all members have chosen to take part in the postal ballots. It is important for every member to have their say. I have included some interesting statistics on the signal card system for members to consider.

Any member wishing to partake in the writing of the AFA history can still forward their answers to Ann's questions to the Historian care of the AFA PO Box. I have also included all information that has been updated on the AFA website during the periods between newsletters for all our members that don't currently have Internet access.

I hope all of you have remembered to pay your membership renewals for the new financial year. Please take the time to fill out all the details on the membership form. Also take note that the cost of joining the AFA or renewing a dog or adding an additional dog to your current membership is listed on the AFA membership form so please take the time to read the form properly. Also please read the information at the top of the height cards applications carefully to ensure you include all the correct data. I have at least three sitting on the desk waiting for information to be forwarded to the AFA so I can issue their height cards. If you are one of those people waiting for a height card please contact the AFA via your Regional Representative. Your AFA Regional Representative should always be your first contact when making enquiries of the AFA. This will assist the AFA in spreading the load so no one person has to answer every question. It will also help with speedy answers for members.

Information for the AFA Flying Times can be sent via email to: info@flyball.org.au with a subject line of "Flying Times" (Please include a small write up with each photo sent in and try to keep photo's under 100kb) or information can be mailed to the AFA Flying Times via: PO Box 4054, Raceview, QLD 4305. Please direct all other queries to your Regional Representatives all contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Happy Flyballing - Ed

President's Report – July 2005

As the 2004-2005 Flyball Racing year draws to a close I can tell you that your sport is in relatively good shape. Why might you ask have I used the word "relatively"? I believe the members have the opportunity this year to decide on the future direction of the sport in Australia.

This year sees a postal ballot to decide on the makeup of the title point system. Currently the AFA uses the same system as the North American Flyball association (NAFA) while other countries have numerous variations of the NAFA system and Belgium don't have title points for individual dogs, only for teams and clubs.

In every country including Belgium the sport centres only on the dogs and breeds that have the potential to be very fast, many would say "HELLO" Flyball

Racing is a race so of course its all about the fastest dogs.

I am challenging the theory from a perspective many competitors don't get the opportunity to see in detail.

Racing (any racing) is about the finish of the race – the start and the middle bit are interesting but ultimately racing is about the finish. Why is horse racing so popular and generates huge amounts of financial and media support – because those charged with guiding the sport spend huge amounts of effort to ensure the finish of the races are as close as possible because that's the exciting bit.

What are the key ingredients for a sport to be considered successful?

- Attractive to electronic and print media.

- Attract unprecedented levels of commercial sponsorship in comparison to other canine sports in Australia.
- Numbers of participants both with and without dogs.

The revamping of the points system started out as a project. Its main objective was to make the system simple enough to enable the points data base to be updated accurately within a few days of the competition being held, this is in stark contrast to the current system where points are not always accurate and are updated in months not days or weeks.

During the few months this topic has been going around the realisation that whilst Flyball Racing is promoted as the dog sport of everyone and every dog, it has become apparent that we are pedalling a mistruth in my opinion. Slower breeds of dogs are discouraged from the sport because of the title point system.

So how do we make points updates available to members within days of a competition being held?

- Teams that win a heat when running four dogs earns 2 title points for each dog running in the heat.
- Teams losing a heat without rerunning a dog will earn 1 title point for each dog running in the heat.

I believe these changes will cause teams to re focus their training and team selection to achieve maximum reliability at competition. Also teams with at least 4 reliable dogs are better able to focus on closer passing which in turn will result in more accurate seed times. Accurate seed times must result in closer finishes, closer finishes more frequently will lead to more media attention leading to more sponsorship leading to more participation.

I believe our Title points system needs to reward excellence in competition, the proposed title points system will encourage reliability and speed across all divisions and sends a very clear message to all pet dog owners in Australia that flyball racing in this country is truly the sport for every dog and every handler.

All other countries currently focus on outright speed and the recognition available through their various points systems reflects that, one of the objectives of the AFA according to the constitution is to make the sport of Flyball Racing popular. Currently we do pretty much the same as they do in NAFA, NAFA

operates in a population of well over 300 MILLION, yes I said MILLION people and have done so for thirty years or so and they have 6000, that's right six thousand dogs participating. I am not criticising NAFA for this as they have developed the sport in their part of the globe in a way that suits them but I don't believe the same result is suitable for Australia.

I very much want to see Australia pick up the world record currently under 15.5 seconds and I believe the only way we will achieve this is to encourage participation of a many people and dogs as possible so let's encourage everyone and every dog?

Steve Pitt
President

AFA Nationals

Call for interest in hosting 2006 Nationals

The AFA is seeking expression of interest from clubs interested in hosting the 2006 Nationals. The Nationals are the main event of the Australian flyball racing calendar, and attract a large number of teams. This is an opportunity to promote flyball and responsible dog ownership, and as such we would like to hold the Nationals at an event that attracts large crowds. The AFA would like to hear from you before 1st October 2005.

From the Committee

Meeting 6 June 2005

- *New affiliated club* - Albury Wodonga Flyball Club
- *AGM date and time* - 27 Aug 2005, phone hook-up from 7pm (check-in prior to that)
- *Nationals 2006* - Call for expression of interest from clubs to host 2006 Nationals. Submissions due by 1 Oct 2005

Below is a suggested break up of AFA Committee's duties during the year. This may allow members to consider their level of participation prior to running for a position on the committee.

PRESIDENT:

The President shall chair all Committee and general meetings. The President shall when necessary speak on behalf of the organisations and before any Court or Government department, and shall present a report to the Annual General Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, act in his stead and shall, for this purpose, have all the rights, powers and duties and perform all the functions of the President.

SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall perform all the secretarial functions for the club and in particular keep and maintain:

- (i) the roll of members; - The new database will be placed on the AFA Webpage and will be updated by the members with internet access and memberships will be activated by the secretary after each meeting. The members without internet access will still be updated by the secretary.
- (ii) all correspondence records; - All correspondence via email will go through the Regional Representatives who will collate a weekly email for the Secretary to process all questions that were not be able to be answered by the Regional Representatives. The secretary will still attend to written correspondence they collect from the AFA PO Box and can instruct the Assistant Secretaries to do so.
- (iii) minutes of proceedings of meetings of the Committee and of the club; - The secretary will provide agendas and minutes of all meetings and can instruct the Assistant secretaries to do so if need be.
- (iv) all necessary records of the affairs of the club; - ie: process all competition results and incident reports as the information is forwarded to the AFA. These matters can also be performed by the assistant secretaries as instructed by the secretary.
- (v) a record of awards etc. made at all trials etc conducted by the club. – This job can also be given to the assistant secretaries if need be.

TREASURER:

- (i) collect and receive all monies due to the Club and make all payments authorised by the Club; - This includes receipting all monies received and provide a copy of the receipt to the payee. Paying all accounts and expense claims after approval from the AFA committee. Banking all monies as required.

- (ii) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club with full details of all receipts and expenditure. connected with the activities of the Club. – Keep reconciliation's and Bank Statements. Treasurers reports to be forwarded to the AFA committee prior to every meeting for approval. Keep an assets register for AFA equipment which a copy of will be provided to the committee after each update. Depreciate all assets at the end of year. The AFA has a Quickbooks accounting package which will need to be maintained by the treasurer for correct reporting purposes. Provide Auditor with all information requirements for Audit purposed prior to AGM each year. Auditor requires a full set of books ie: Quickbooks will provide an accounts review on disk to give to Auditor as well as hard copies of Asset Register, Profit and Loss statement and Balance Sheet for the financial year. Quickbooks also has the ability to export all data to excel for emailing it can also email directly from the program for easier receipting etc. The AFA accounts are now such that they require a computerized accounting package to maintain them for audit standards.

COMMITTEE MEMBER – ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Process all points from timesheets.

Process all title redemptions as instructed by the Treasurer or Secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBER – ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Do all filing for AFA and any other instruction from Secretary ie: Correspondence, minutes and agenda's, competition results, incident reports and records of awards as instructed by the AFA Secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBER – WEBSITE MANAGER

Maintain all aspects of the AFA website and assist and/or construct the new AFA database onto the AFA web site.

COMMITTEE MEMBER - RESEARCHER

Research all information required by the AFA committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBER - HISTORIAN

To provide a history of the AFA for members information. To be published on the AFA website and in the AFA newsletters.

COMMITTEE MEMBER - NEWSLETTER

Collate all information for the bi monthly newsletter "The Flying Times" to be approved by the AFA committee before sending to the Secretary/treasurer for printing and posting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER – RULES AND POLICIES

Chair sub committee, compile reports and for presentation to the AFA committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF ALL AFA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

1. The AFA Regional Representative must provide the highest standard of representation on behalf of the Australian Flyball Association in their Region.
2. The AFA Regional Representative must reside in the Region which they represent.
3. The Regional Representative is nominated and voted in by their Regional members and voted in at the AFA Annual General Meeting.
4. The Regional AFA Representative is automatically a member of the AFA Committee.
5. Promote and advance in safety and good sportsmanship, the Sport of Flyball.
6. The AFA Regional Representative must recognise that they are ambassadors of the Australian Flyball Association and the sport of Flyball and as such have a responsibility to positively promote these institutions.
7. Uphold the Rules and Policies of the Australian Flyball Association. The AFA Regional Representative must be familiar with the regulations, rules and requirements
8. Be willing to attend periodic seminars to increase their knowledge of the position of Regional Representative and to benefit the sport of flyball
9. Process all correspondence from their Regional members and non-members and provide details of all correspondence to the AFA secretary for listing in all Agendas and/or Minutes.
10. Once per week forward any questions they are not able to answer to the AFA Secretary.
11. Promote through the encouragement of existing and new flyball groups, demonstrations and competitions, the advancement and the future of flyball in their Region.
12. Report to the AFA Committee, anything of a nature to affect the Sport of Flyball and remain neutral at all times, remembering that they are working for Flyball as a whole.
13. Be an arbiter and diplomat when dealing with any clubs, members etc. of the Australian

Flyball Association and leave that person or Club with the feeling that the Australian Flyball Association Committee has been formed to look after their needs and concerns.

14. Approve the competition format and the competition schedule and competition divisions on behalf of the AFA. All formats, schedules and divisions must be forwarded to the AFA Committee for their review. Approval must be in accordance with AFA Rules and Policies.
15. Be able to carry out any of the duties and responsibilities of an AFA Representative at competitions.

Members Information

If members have questions about the AFA please direct all question firstly to your Regional Representative. Any written questions can be sent to the PO Box. All contact details are listed at the back of the newsletter.

If you have a question about memberships and how they work, the AFA has now put a new section on the Web page relating to this subject so that members can refer to this as an easy reference. This will give you all the answers. www.flyball.org.au

Club Affiliations

Club Affiliations were due on the 1st July 2005. Clubs that wish to hold AFA sanctioned competitions are required to be affiliated with the AFA. This is an annual expense and needs to be done each year. Club Affiliation forms are available from the AFA website.

Height Card Applications

When submitting applications for height cards it is important that you send all the relevant information to the AFA. Below is how you apply for a height card **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF WHAT IS REQUIRED.** Without the appropriate documents height cards cannot be processed.

- Dog must be at least 18 months of age before its first measurement.**
- Dog must be micro chipped prior to its first measurement (random checks will take place).**
- Form must be presented to the Judge before the animal is measured**
- The form is complete when the dog has received the same measurement three (3) times by three (3) different Judges at three (3) different**

competitions. All sections of the form MUST be completed or the Height Card Application will be rejected.

- **The height card must be presented at each competition: other wise the dog is subject to normal measuring requirements.**
- **When complete, please forward the form along with a de-sexing certificate or receipt if required, a copy of the dogs microchip certificate and \$10.00 to the AFA. The form will be verified and a final Height Card Issued.**
- **Once a final height card has been issued, the dog's height cannot be contested.**

Signal Card Statistics

AFA Policy - Signal Cards

Yellow, red or black cards will be used by the Judge to indicate particular offences as follows.

Yellow card: Indicates a formal "caution" for any of the following offences:

- a) Not being courteous and friendly in manner.
- b) Purposely delaying the restart of a heat.
- c) For showing displeasure with a dog, a Judge, Stewards, AFA representative, host club, sponsor, other AFA member or spectator in or out of the ring. This included showing dissent by word or actions.
- d) Demonstration of poor sportsmanship.
- e) For entering the ring to set up for a new race before the Judge has declared the previous race.
- f) First offence for interference.

The Judge shall hold up a Yellow playing card-sized card (preferably laminated) to inform an AFA Member of inappropriate behaviour. The Judge shall inform the AFA Member and Team Captain of what the infringement is being applied for and that it will be noted on the AFA member's or their dog's record.

Judges must fill in the prescribed AFA form and forward to AFA within 48 hours.

Red card: Indicates to an AFA member that they are to be "Sent Off" for 3 heats for any of the following offences:

- a) Any other behaviour or altercation that would leave a spectator or exhibitor with an unfavourable opinion of the sport of flyball.
- b) Inhumane treatment of a dog. (Includes racing a dog under 12 months of age).
- c) Abusive or foul language.
- d) Demonstration of dissatisfaction with a Judge's

decision. This includes approaching stewards or timekeepers to question them about the decision.

A Red Card will also represent a second incident of any offence listed under yellow card.

The Judge shall hold up a Red playing card-sized card (preferably laminated) to inform an AFA Member of inappropriate behaviour, the Judge shall inform the AFA Member and Team Captain of what the infringement is being applied for and the AFA Member will be "Sent Off". The AFA Member and their dog must exit the racing ring for the following 3 heats that they will be involved with even if it is in a following race. The offence will be reported to the AFA Committee and will be noted on their record. Judges must fill in the prescribed AFA form and forward to AFA within 48 hours

Black Card: Indicates the AFA Member is to be excused from the remainder of the competition for any of the following offences:

- a) Willful violation of the rules with the intent to gain an unfair advantage. (This includes sandbagging).
- b) Aggression whether it be between dogs or handlers. It will also include a dog that is suspected of aggression.

A black card is also used for a third incident of any offence listed under the yellow card and a second incident under the red card.

The Judge shall hold up a Black playing card-sized card (preferably laminated) to inform an AFA Member of inappropriate behaviour. The Judge shall inform the AFA Member and Team Captain of what the infringement is being applied for and the AFA Member will be "Excused for the remainder of the Competition or Demonstration". The Judge will then submit a report to the AFA committee within 48 hours. Black card offences for Aggression between dogs and/or handlers will automatically stand down a dog/handler from entering another competition until the AFA committee has made a decision about the incident. All black card offences will be presented to the AFA committee for discussion and could result in disciplinary action.

The following stats have been collected by the AFA on the number of incidents causing a judge to issue a card and submit an official report to the AFA. The below stats have been collected over a period of 15 months from the Canberra Royal 27/02/04 to the Million Paws Walk on the 15/05/05. We are still waiting on results of the AFA Nationals in June 2005

so the stats from there on have not been entered into the database.

Over the above period there were 40 AFA sanctioned competitions.

Yellow Cards:

There were in total **220** Yellow Cards issued.

157 of these were from incidents occurring in the racing lanes. **55** were from incidents occurring in the inbound area of the ring. **5** were general reportable incidents including incidents against handlers. **2** were minor aggression incidents (ie: dogs snapping at each other)

Red Cards:

There were in total **61** Red Cards issued.

49 of these were from incidents reoccurring in the racing lane. **12** were from incidents reoccurring in the inbound area of the ring.

Black Cards:

There were in total **42** Black Cards issued.

21 of these incidents occurred in the racing lanes. **4** were from incidents in the inbound area of the ring. **3** were reportable incidents and include handler's behaviour. **8** were minor aggression incidents. **3** were medium aggression incidents. **3** were major aggression incidents.

On average there have been 8.075 incidents per competition.

Incidents in the first 20 competitions which date from the 27/02/04 to the 13/11/04 there were a total of **196** incidents occurring, **127** Yellow Cards, **45** red Cards and **24** Black Cards.

Incidents in the second lot of 20 competitions which date from the 14/11/04 to the 15/05/05 were a total of **127** incidents in total. **93** Yellow Cards, **16** Red Cards and **18** Black Cards.

Points Update

NOTE: If your dog has not raced at a competition they will not be listed in the point's database.

The new database is set up so that members will be able to print a report from the AFA website which will give them their "total points", "points per competition" and "total competitions raced at". Therefore if your dog has not raced in a competition

there will be no entry for it in the point's section of the main database.

The Points on the website are update when the AFA receives the competition timesheets for the competition organisers. The points are updated in competition order so at present the points will not be updated until the Timesheets from the AFA National held on the 11th & 12th June 2005 has been forwarded to the AFA. These are now 8 weeks over the due date.

Membership Renewal

The 'Application for Membership' and 'Application for Membership Renewal' forms have been combined into a single 'Membership Application form' covering both new, renewing members and additional dogs. Renewals are \$12 per year, due on 1 July.

Renewing memberships that are not renewed by 31 July will lapse and renewal will require committee approval (as per section 8 in the AFA constitution). Members should therefore allow extra time to process renewals after 31 July.

Completion of membership renewal forms

The AFA has found a number of errors in email addresses and contact details for members. For this reason, when members renew their membership this year (due 1 July), they will complete the Membership Form, also available with this newsletter, those members that download their newsletter for the AFA website will be required to download the membership form also for their renewal. This is instead of being invoiced, as has been done in previous years.

Make sure you use the current form, not an old version, as a new version of the form was created in March this year.

When completing membership renewal forms, members are asked to fill in all details (please do not put 'as previous'). This will help to ensure that AFA records are correct.

If your contact details change during the year, please remember to notify the AFA Secretary of the new details.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

Adding Associate members - Associate members are likely to include family members who reside with the ordinary member and who may participate in flyball events. There is no fee to add associate members to an AFA membership, and this can be done by notifying the AFA Secretary **in writing**. Associate members have no authority to vote or to change membership details. Associate members will not receive correspondence from the AFA; all correspondence will be sent to the Ordinary member.

Voting - In AFA elections or ballots, there is one vote per membership. Only the ordinary member is permitted to vote. Associate members are not permitted to vote but may attend General Meetings/AGMs as visitors only. Other details on Memberships and Joining the AFA can be found on the AFA website. www.flyball.org.au

Promotional Flyball Videos

Video footage of flyball and various interviews taken from the Canberra Royal this year has been compiled by Penny Hehir into a promotional flyball video.

The video is designed to be both a general promotional video for flyball and an aid to obtaining sponsors. It runs for about 8 minutes and features lots of different clubs and dog breeds.

The videos cost \$10 each and there is a minimum order of 3 copies.

If a club sends Penny a copy of their logo she will insert it at end of the video along with the AFA logo.

For more information contact Penny Hehir
Email - Hehir@homemail.com.au
Phone - (02) 6257 3477
(Penny is currently overseas and will be back in Australia towards the end of August.)

AFA AGM Information

The 2005 AFA Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 27 August 2005, by telephone hook-up between the locations listed below. Phone hook-up will be from 7pm, and registration must be completed prior to that time. Only current financial

members (not associate members) are eligible to take part in ballots.

ACT region:

1) ACT Companion Dog Club Narrabundah Lane Symonston.

NSW:

1) Parramatta Scout Hall, Belmore Street East, North Parramatta NSW 2151, UBD ref: Map191, J9, from about 6pm onwards. This venue will probably have a whip around and organise Pizza.
Venue Contact: Trent Shepherd 0412 245 212

2) South Coast Dog Training Club, Dapto Showground, Mulda St Dapto, Venue Contact: Ziggy Clever 0403 092 272

3) Kellyville, 2 Womboyne Ave, Kellyville. We will be having a BBQ (BYO Meat and Drink) from 5 pm onward. Venue Contact: Joanne Parkes 0417 433 048. If you are attending this venue please contact Joanne to let her know you are attending

Queensland:

1) El Salvador Soccer Club, Leyshen Park, Cansdale Road, Fairfield

South Australia:

1) Craigmore - Phone Catherine Saberton for details on 0419 803 924

Victoria:

1) Croydon and District Obedience Dog Club, Silcock Reserve, Croydon

2) Geelong - Wendy Gauntlett's House 3 Carr St, South Geelong Ph: 03 5229 0774

3) Frankston - 4 Peppermint Place, Bittern, Phone (03) 5979 2409

4) Berwick - 3 Dianna Crt, Hampton Park, (03) 9799 3010

5) Ballarat – 13 Carboni Court, Ballarat. Contact Kerry Vivian – 03 5334 4126 or 0400 879 779

6) Albury/Wodonga – Contact Julie Walker, 02 6059 5673 or 0405 055 459

All information required for the AGM will be emailed in pdf format the Friday night before the AGM. All people providing locations will need to forward email

addresses to their Regional Representative for forwarding to the AFA Secretary.

Instructions for Polling Officials at 2005 AFA AGM

Checklist – each venue will need:

- A conference phone (not just a speaker phone), that can be clearly heard. Please test your phone before the AGM there will be no delay in the meeting because phones are not working properly. It may pay to have a back up phone in case.
- A mobile phone or another land line to phone through the results of voting.
- List of current financial members, attendee's sign-in sheet, visitor's sign-in sheet (will be emailed on Friday 26th August 2005).
- Agenda, Ballot papers and minutes from 2004 AGM (will be emailed on Friday 26th August 2005). Enough copies for every current financial member need to be provided by the organiser at each venue.
- One independent, non-AFA member to act as scrutineer. This excludes Associate Members already listed on the AFA database.

Phone connection:

- Phone hook-up will commence at 7 pm.
- Connection between venues will be done using 'conference call' facilities.
- After your venue has been phoned, you will connect to the next venue in the list as follows:
- On your phone press the 'recall' button (or flash button if you don't have recall) wait for the dial tone then:
- Dial the phone number for the next venue.
- After the next venue has answered,
- Press 'recall' wait for the dial tone then '3' (or flash then '3') to connect yourself and the next venue back to the group.
- If a connection with the next venue is not made press 'recall 1' to return yourself to the group.
- If you become disconnected during the meeting, use your mobile phone or second land line to call 0404 064 698 or 0414 795 589

Voting:

- A list of current financial members will be provided on the day of the meeting. Only members listed on this sheet will be permitted to vote. Associate members are not permitted to vote under any circumstances. If a members name does not appear on the current financial

list they **cannot** be added under any circumstances.

- The polling official must arrange to make sufficient copies of the ballot papers.
- Ballot papers must not be marked in any way before distribution to members, or after collection from members.
- Results of voting will be phoned through by mobile phone to 0404 064 698 and 0414 795 589

Regional Reports

ACT Regional Report

"Flyball Racing for Cancer" was combined with the **Super Coat Nationals** this year on the 11+12 of June 2005. Once we got past the dash & splash on the Saturday, fun was had by all on the Sunday. Thirty teams in 6 divisions battled it out for the Super Coat prizes & trophies. X Factor would like to thank Super Coat for coming on board on short notice and supporting Flyball. Flyball raised about \$9200-00 of the \$10,000-00 target which was outstanding considering the battle against the weather for much of the first day. The Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group and X factor would like to thank you all for helping us to help other less fortunate and battling with cancer.

On day 1 of the event, an auction of many donated and rare items, opened for bids and was hosted by Cam Sullings, of FM104.7 fame who kindly donated his time and skills for the event. The crowd was warmed up by Australia's Michael Milton telling us about his latest amazing achievement in the world of speed skiing by breaking the 200km/h mark on an almost vertical slope. Both Cam and Michael were spectacular in helping us kick off the fund raising efforts and we appreciate and thank them for their support.

Our giant competitor raffle was the other big money raiser for the weekend, with all prizes being donated. It was terrific to see so many enthusiastic people buy many raffle tickets to try and take out first prize, which was a shiny new Flyball Box valued at around \$700 donated by Steve Pitt.

X Factor will be holding the 1st "**Siesta Sprint**" in **Albury** on the 13-Aug-2005. We would like as many teams as possible to come along and help us make Flyball a regular event in the Albury region. Albury is ideally situated between Sydney & Melbourne so that teams can get together in large numbers using the

Hume highway. The Albury & Border Kennel Club have level grounds covered by excellent grass ideal for consistent runs & breaking records. In the near future Albury will have Flyball teams. Details for the "Siesta Sprint" can be found on the AFA web site. I stay at the Siesta several times a year and I can recommend the steaks, sea food and the deserts at the Bull Ring restaurant. Stephen Jones owner of the Siesta has given Flyball a few special deals for the weekend (details on the AFA web site). We recommend you book early as the public will also be staying at the Siesta the same weekend. The cost of the accommodation can be reduced further by sharing the spacious rooms. Flyball Dogs are welcome to stay at the Siesta in crates outside the rooms under the carports. All cars are also under cover which helps in frosty weather. Entries close 5pm Fri 29-July-2005.

On the following weekend (**20-Aug-2005**) Belconnen, K9 & Tuggeranong dogs clubs will be running the "Sunset Claws" competition in Canberra at the Belconnen Dog Obedience Club at Mitchell, ACT. The late breaking news is that the competition will start about 12 noon. Border Collies will love running in the cool of the evening under lights. We recommend teams have a training session under lights as the shadows do upset some dogs.



X Factor will land in Kioloa, NSW for another "Surf n Turf" competition on the **3rd Sep 2005** (Fathers Day weekend). Kioloa Beach Caravan Park is a fabulous place to stay with dogs and you will find the X Factor teams at Kioloa at least twice a year. Many teams book for next year as they leave so if you want a cabin for the 2006 "Surf n Turf" book early. New cabins were being installed on our last visit to Kioloa.

When booking for 2005 or 2006 mention Flyball to get your discount. Ph: (02) 4457-1072, 635

Murramarang Rd Kioloa NSW. Email: holidays@kioloabeach.com Website & pictures: www.kioloabeach.com

The **Flyball Frolic** will be on at the **Hall Markets** this year on the **6-Nov-2005**. Hall is a small village on the Northern outskirts of Canberra. The Hall Markets is one of the best in our region and will attract thousands of spectators on the day getting in early for Xmas shopping. The surface is a country oval used for sheep dog trials so I suspect it will be a flat firm fast surface. Hall markets = <http://www.hartley.kaz-group.com> then go to Hall Markets.

NSW Regional Report

So the Nationals have come and gone with the great flurry of excitement expected. The CDC club did very well in organising this event but neglected to inform the competing visitors that they were expected to bring their own canoes and floating pontoons. I am still searching through the rules book on using the AFA equipment during an underwater event.

Teams from NSW won two of the top three divisions and were very well represented in the placing's in other divisions as well. Items from individual clubs are included below:

Leaps and Bounds reporter Lynne Waine writes "NSW wins the Calamvet Flyers State of Origin Flyball for second year in a row". The State of Origin was contested in Brisbane at the Flyball'd 2005 competition hosted by The Pine Rivers Doggie Devils Flyball Team and very exciting it was too. As Leaps and Bounds were the only team from NSW entered in the competition it was run in our division and three heats from three different races throughout the day were picked from a hat and these were to be the heats for the State of Origin race. By chance the last heat drawn happened to be the final heat in the final race for our division for the day. This proved to be the making of the challenge as Leaps and Bounds won the first heat convincingly and just as convincingly lost the second so it was one all for the final heat. The crowds were gathering for that final heat and as you can imagine the majority were barracking for Queensland, as this was their home ground...The Queenslanders thought they had it in the bag but it was as if the NSW dogs knew that this heat was something special and they ran like the wind to come home by a nose. The Queenslanders couldn't believe their eyes. They said we did a Wally Lewis on them. Pulled something special out of the bag at the last minute. What an exciting afternoon of flyballing and the

trophy is coming home to us in NSW. Leaps and Bounds will take this trophy to the competitions that they attend for all New South Welshmen(people) to congratulate them on their glory. Talk to Leaps and Bounds and see if you want to go to Queensland next year to help reap the glory.

Norwest's Joanne Parkes reports on the Train the Trainer Day: On Sunday 24 July 2005 Sydney's Norwest Thunderdogs held a "Train the Trainer" day to enhance the teaching skills of instructors teaching flyball. About 20 people attended, including members from South Coast Dishlickers, a new group of flyballers from Sydney's northern beaches and the recently formed Newcastle flyball group.

The day was a hands-on training day with attendees participating in various exercises to teach flyball racing to beginner handlers and their dogs. With a relaxed atmosphere, the day proved to be a great opportunity to exchange information, experience and knowledge and everyone walked away with something new.

Queanbeyan: Queanbeyan Flyball members have been quietly training our dogs and working towards the Sunset Claws competition. We were able to field one team for the Nationals and although we had a few ups and downs, all team members had a great time, albeit wet and cold! We will be fielding two teams for the Sunset Claws competition which is very exciting for us as we have not been able to do this for a while.

Things have been quiet for us on the demo side of flyball. We have a few regular demos that we attend, but in these colder months not too much has been happening.

On the training front, we have been working with some new dogs and handlers and hope that some of them will be ready to compete soon. We are very excited to have some potential new height dogs and our older, experienced heights dogs are waiting in anticipation - finally they might get to jump lower jumps!

I would like to thank my team members for their support and assistance when I am judging at competitions. They quite often have to get my girls (Bella and Tandookie) out of their crates, and put them back in their crates for me, plus remembering to fill out who is running. This support has been wonderful.

We look forward to see you all at the next competition.

Cheers Amanda and all from Queanbeyan Flyball.

PICSI: PICSI continues to promote Flyball at both competition and recreational level. We sent four teams to the nationals all achieving places.

Overall Flyball in NSW is still growing with the past weekend seeing another competition held at the Panthers Pet Xpo. It was hosted by new team *Barking Mad* with all clubs attending helping to contribute on the day. The next competition for us is Kioloa followed by Paws in the Park hosted by Norwest.

I have enjoyed my time as a drafted NSW representative so much that I accepted a nomination for next year. Hopefully we can continue to assist each other and continue promoting fun with our dogs

That's all for now. Go Faster Go!

Trent Shepherd
NSW Regional Representative.

Queensland Regional Report

We have a busy period in the Brisbane area over the last 4 months.

On 15th May we held a competition in conjunction with the Million Paws Walk at the University at St. Lucia. The day was hosted by the Flyball Fanatics in absolutely superb conditions. The lawns of the oval were immaculate and along with lots of stands and many of the public with their dogs, we had a great day. The next competition was held at the Guide Dogs Open Day at Bald Hills on 3rd July hosted by Pine Rivers Doggie Devils. Again the weather was great, we had good public exposure and a good day was had by all. The trophy for the Queensland Club was presented to Awesome Pawsome for the second year running. The procedure for working this out is for the number of competitions attended and the number of heats won.

On 30th July, Awesome Pawsome hosted their annual competition at the Mt. Gravatt Show. The comp took all day this year after a very successful shortened competition last year. We were a little short of space this year but the weather was kind and in true Queensland style, everyone had a great day. Results of all these competitions are on the website of the AFA – www.flyball.org.au

We had two teams from Queensland attend the National Flyball Championships in Canberra on the June long weekend. Awesome Pawsome entered a team in Division 2 and Flyball Fanatics in Division 4. The weather, as you know, was very cold, very wet, dark and dirty but we forgot about all that in the excitement of racing. Awesome Pawsome took out first place in Division 2 and Flyball Fanatics took out 3rd place in a very large Division 4. Congratulations to not only the handlers but all those traveling down to help. Awesome Pawsome would like to thank the Flyball Fanatics for assisting their team to victory by helping out with shagging, box loading, stats and other essential jobs. A team can only be as good as its helpers.

During July we also traveled north to help two clubs just starting out with Flyball – the Bundaberg Club and the Hervey Bay Club. We gave workshop and training help with both these clubs and we hope that, one day in the future, they will be traveling south to Brisbane for competitions and even better, that we will be traveling north to those two great seaside resorts.

All in all, successful months for Flyball racing in Queensland.

I have encouraged all Queensland members to post in their ballots to vote for the new Points Proposal and the changed Rules and Policies, whichever opinion they have. We do need all members to vote. The Flyball Fanatics are also hosting a competition on this day, 27th August followed by the AGM afterwards. I hear there will be a fantastic meal on this evening after the presentations including spits etc. Tell you more next newsletter.

Rosie Milton
Queensland Regional Representative

South Australia Regional Report

Firstly, I would like to congratulate CDC for their efforts in hosting the Nationals and also for the fantastic fundraising they managed to do by incorporating “Flyball Racing for Cancer”. I think this fundraiser was a wonderful idea and showed the true spirit of all Flyballers by how much money was raised.

The 2005 Nationals were the first for a South Australian team to attend. Some took 2 days to get there others it was a long 14 ½ hr drive. It was a great experience for us considering it was our first 2 day competition, even though it rained so much on

Saturday. Sunday was much better and we were glad the sun came out for awhile. It was nice to meet some new teams, to race against them and I look forward to seeing you all in the future. We look forward to the next Nationals.

The Royal Adelaide Show Flyball Competition is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday 10th September at the Royal Adelaide Show grounds on the Dairy Cattle Lawn. For those that are attending, it is held under a large marquee. Gates open at 7am, Check in is at 8am and racing from 9am sharp. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Dover Gardens Kennel and Obedience Club. I have been working with this group over the past couple of months and they are a keen bunch with some enthusiastic dogs. The Royal Show will be their first competition (it will also be a first to have 2 SA Clubs competing). I wish them and everyone else entered the best of luck.

Catherine Saberton
South Australian Regional Rep.

Victorian Regional Report

This will be my last Victorian report as I have decided to relinquish my position as the Victorian Regional Representative. As I have now completed my eighth year as a AFA committee member as well, I have decided that it is time to give someone else a go, so if there is any prospective Regional Representative's out there somewhere please give me a call on 03 97799601 mob. 0417 820 555 or you can email me on ericvanzuyden@optusnet.com.au.

If are interested you won't be thrown to the wolves because I can assist you in any way that you wish. If you want to be nominated you must fill out a nomination form and send it in to the AFA before the AGM on August 27.

National Australian Flyball Championships

The National Australian Flyball Championships have been and gone let me firstly congratulate the Norwest Thunderdogs from NSW for taking out the title of National Champions in division 1. The Croydon Rocket Scientists after holding the title for three consecutive years could not defend their title as they did not have their team in the top division, but well done Norwest Thunderdogs!!!

Congratulations to the Victorian teams who won National titles, Hastings Howlers Hit & Fly in div 4 and Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers in div 6.

Congratulations also go to Wendy Gauntlett and her dog “Astro” for gaining their FDGCh (30,000pts) title. The third dog in Australia to achieve this award after “Jeddah” (Cathy Trudinger) & “Jagger” (Eric van Zuyden) who has now retired from flyball since the Nationals due to some complications arising since then, he is ten years old, he can enjoy himself in retirement now.

Congratulations must also go to Companion Dog Club (CDC) on being able to raise in excess of \$9,000 for Cancer, well done Kylie White & Justin Allen for all your hard work and also in organizing the American judge Todd Morningstar to help judge for us. I being involved in div 2 at the Nationals had the pleasure of his judging and thought he was great. A number of us from the Croydon Rockets enjoyed his seminar on the Monday as well, it was well worth listening to differences in flyball Australia and the US. I am looking forward in traveling to Canada and USA in August to watch and also participate in some flyball over there especially the start dog from the Springloaded B team who run in the 16sec bracket and letting go the lead dog from 61ft. It is going to be some experience.

Now to some reports from clubs here in Victoria. Ballarat Eureka, T’Keilor & Frankston Thunderbolts. I can’t thank you guys enough as to sending reports to me so everyone at your club can also see what is happening too! Thanks Danielle (Ballarat), Linda (T’Keilor) & Lisa (Frankston).

Firstly to ballarat, well done on trying to help a new club within their vicinity on getting flyball happening down Bendigo way. There was a competition to be held at Bendigo on Sunday October 16 at Lords Raceway, but unfortunately this has had to be cancelled due to the enormous Public Liability Insurance bill. It was hoped that Bendigo would have had their own team entered, now wouldn’t that have been great. Well done Danielle and your team!!!

Thanks Danielle for this report from your club.

T-Keilor Flyball Team Report

At the recent National Championships held in Canberra, two milestones were reached for the T-Keilor dogs. First of all Grenache (Rough Collie - belonging to Bryan & Sandra Crowley) became the first T-Keilor dog to reach 10,000 racing points and his Flyball Master Excellent Title. Grenache has been a super-regular competitor for our team for a number of years, and really enjoys his Flyball.

Sandra & Bryan tell me that this is the first Rough Collie in Australia to earn an FMX! Well done!!

Another milestone was also reached the same weekend, with Rodney Gooch’s little girl ‘Jessie’ reaching her 2,000 point AFCh title. Although this does not seem so amazing, it is!! This is because Jessie was on our first ever team way back before there were points!! AND at 13 ½ years she still raced all weekend at the Nationals. Goochy plans to retire her soon, but hopes she will still be able to make an appearance at the Canberra Royal next year, to mark her ’10 years of Flyball’. (Amazingly, three out of the four dogs that made up the original team are still racing!!!) In fact our Nationals team could have been called the T-Keilor Geriatrics as the dogs were aged 13 ½, 11 ½, two at 10 1/2, 9 and the youngster of the team heading for 7 years!! It is great to see them all still enjoying themselves, and even better to see them all still fit and active – albeit a little slower than they used to be.

Thanks Linda for this report from your club.

Frankston Thunderbolts report - Mildura Weekend

Over the Queens’ Birthday Weekend Ian Gunst, Jane Comey and Lisa Greenwood from Frankston Thunderbolts made the long trip up to Mildura to give the Delta Dog Training Club of Mildura an introduction to flyball. A member of the Club, (who introduced himself as Swanee) saw us at the Ballarat Competition last December. He went back to Mildura to see who was interested.

Bronwyn Welsh, who is the President of the Training Club, which is held at her property in Cabarita just outside of Mildura. When Swanee told Bronwyn about flyball and the possibility of getting a few people up to show the basics to the Club, she was very excited, and quickly organised for us to visit on the Queens Birthday Weekend. As there were only 3 of us going up for the weekend, Ian designed a morning session which would be theory and the afternoon would be hands on for owners and dogs.

We had 3 sessions planned for the afternoon. Box work, recalls and turning. The groups rotated through the sessions with lots of laughter, giggling and tail wagging.

On the Sunday we were back at Bronwyn’s for a follow up lesson. Bronwyn did not know how many would turn up. She was expecting around 8, and was very surprised when 15 people turned up for the day. Ian, Jane and Lisa had a really great time up there, and

I won't be surprised to see a team from Mildura joining the AFA next year.

Titles

Frankston Thunderbolts would like to congratulate Jane Comey (CRN 187) and her dog 8-year-old Jessie, who finally reached her FDCh (Flyball Dog Champion). Jessie still loves her flyball and protests loudly when she doesn't have her turn.

Thanks Lisa for this report from your club.

Eric van Zuyden,
(Victorian Regional Representative).

A Message from Tasmania



Meet Zeus. What a dog, he is absolutely gorgeous in every way. He's loving his flyball training as is his mum Melita. He has the perfect ears for the job don't you think.

Competition Results

Million Paws Walk Flyball Competition 15th May 2005

Division 1:

1st - Awesome Pawsome One - 19.415 2nd - Pine Rivers Doggie Devils - 21.240

Division 2:

1st - Flyball Fanatics - 23.46
2nd - Flying Fidos - 23.697
3rd - Awesome Pawsome Two - 31.718

Division 3:

1st - Pine Rivers Little Devils - 26.179
2nd - Pak-a-tak - 30.58
3rd - Fairly Flying - 29.886

Australian National Championships, (Flyball Racing for Cancer) 11th & 12th June 2005



Division 1:

1st - Norwest Thunderdogs 1 - 18.679
2nd - Parramatta Pandemonium- 19.273
3rd - Canberra X Factor 1 - 19.142

Division 2:

1st - Awesome Pawsome - 19.256
2nd - Croydon Rocket Scientists - 19.949
3rd - Canberra X Factor 2 - 20.216

Division 3:

1st - We're Psycho Too - 20.607
2nd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - 20.302
3rd - Ballarat Eureka - 20.738
4th - Para Shooters - 22.076

Division 4:

1st - Hastings Howlers Hit & Fly - 21.843
2nd - K9 Crusaders - 22.042
3rd - Flyball Fanatics - 22.386
4th - T-Keilor Slammers - 22.625
5th - Parramatta Pawpedoes - 21.615
6th - Queanbeyan Hoon Squad - 22.765
7th - Norwest Thunder Dogs 2 - 23.173
8th - Canberra X Factor 3 - 21.654



Division 5:

1st - Canberra X Factor 4 - 23.787
2nd- St George Crash Test Dummies - 22.765
3rd - Belconnen Speeding Bullets - 23.105
4th - Leaps & Bounds Roadrunners - 23.882
5th - Croydon Rocket Blasters - 25.121
6th - Parramatta Power Pack - 24.430

Division 6:

- 1st - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 23.89
 2nd - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - 24.15
 3rd - Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 24.828
 4th - Canberra X Factor 5 - 27.626
 5th - Leaps & Bounds Coyotes - 32.839

Flyball'd 2005, Queensland 3 July 2005**Division 1:**

- 1st - Pine Rivers Doggy Devils - 21.570
 2nd - Fairfield Flying Fidos - 21.004
 3rd - Pine Rivers Dare Devils - 23.230
 4th - Awesome Pawsome One - 18.927

Division 2:

- 1st - Awesome Pawsome Two - 23.839 secs
 2nd - Leaps & Bounds Road Runners - 27.480
 3rd - Fairfield Fairly Flying - 27.238

Division 3:

- 1st - Pine Rivers Devils Marvels -27.158
 2nd - Pine Rivers Little Devils - 27.63
 3rd - Homeless Hounds - 29.638
 4th - Calamvet Flyers - 33.950
 5th - Flyball Fanatics - 31.054
 The BT for Awesome Pawsome One (18.927 sec) was the first sub-19 sec time for a Qld team.
 The Flyball "State of Origin" was, for the second time (2 years in a row), won by NSW, represented by Leaps and Bounds Road Runners.

Queensland Flyball Challenge, Mt Gravatt Show, Qld 30 Jul 2005**Division 1:**

- 1st – Doggie Devils – 20.59
 2nd – Awesome Pawsome One – 20.09
 3rd – Flying Fidos – 22.08

Division 2:

- 1st – Suncoast Fun Dogs – 23.17
 2nd – Awesome Pawsome Two – 23.19
 3rd – Dare Devils – 26.31
 4th – Little Devils – 26.16

Division 3:

- 1st – Awesome Pawsome Three – 31.15
 2nd – Homeless Hounds – 32.51
 3rd – Flyball Fanatics – 30.74
 4th – Calamvet Flyers – 29.68

Calendar of Events**AFA Sanctioned Competitions:**

Date	Competition	State	Entries close
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13 Aug 2005	Siesta Sprint, Albury	NSW	29 Jul 2005
14 Aug 2005	Penrith Panthers Pet Expo	NSW	4 Aug 2005
20 Aug 2005	Sunset Claws, Belconnen	ACT	5 Aug 2005
27 Aug 2005	Flyball (almost) by the River, Fairfield	Qld	19 Aug 2005
3 Sep 2005	Kioloa Surf & Turf	NSW	19 Aug 2005
10 Sep 2005	Awesome Pawsome (Mt Gravatt)	Qld	
10 Sep 2005	Adelaide Royal Show	SA	15 Jul 2005
11 Sep 2005	Paws in the Park, Castle Hill	NSW	19 Aug 2005
1 Oct 2005	Best Friends Flyball Retreat, Yarram	Vic	10 Sep 2005
2 Oct 2005	Irish Flyball Fling (Belconnen)	ACT	
9 Oct 2005	Pet's Day Out, Frankston	Vic	
16 Oct 2005	Bendigo Pet Expo, Lords Raceway CANCELLED	Vic	
22 Oct 2005	Euroa Flyball Euphoria	Vic	30 Sep 2005
6 Nov 2005	Flyball Frolic, Hall Markets Canberra	ACT	21 Oct 2005
12 Nov 2005	Dandenong Show	Vic	
27 Nov 2005	Pet & Pony Expo, Rosebud (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic	
3 Dec 2005	Ballarat	Vic	
14 Jan 2006	Bass Coast Agricultural Show, Wonthaggi (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic	
26 Jan 2006	RACV Australia Day (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic	

26 Jan 2006	Australia Day, Canberra (<i>sanction pending</i>)	ACT	
25&26 Feb 2006	Canberra Royal (<i>sanction pending</i>)	ACT	
5 Mar 2006	Ringwood Highland Games (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic	

Flyball Demonstrations

Date	Event	State	<u>AFA or club?</u>
6 Aug 2005	Melanoma Foundation Fundraiser, Broadmeadow Racecourse	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
10 Sep 2005	Bluehaven Public School Fete	NSW	<u>club</u>
17 Sep 2005	Spring Expo, Uni of West Sydney	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
9 Oct 2005	Great Big Animal Open Day	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
16 Oct 2005	Central Coast Pet Expo, Wyong Racecourse	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
Oct 23 2005	Nillumbik Pet Expo	Vic	<u>club</u>

Other Events

Date	Event	State
Sat 27 Aug 2005	Annual General Meeting, 7pm EST	various



Fancy racing with an ocean view? Then sign up for the ...

CANBERRA X-FACTOR FLYBALL COMPETITION "SURF 'n' TURF"

DATE: SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2005
Venue: Kioloa Beach Holiday Park, Kioloa (*half an hour north of Bateman's Bay on the lovely NSW south coast*).
Check in: 7.30am
Racing starts: 9am
Cost: \$70 per team including \$10 EJS levy
Entries close: Friday 19th August 2005
Details: Kioloa Beach Holiday Park 635 Murramarang Rd. Kioloa, NSW. Ph 02 4457 1072
 Email: holiday@kioloabeach.com
 Website: <http://www.kioloabeach.com/>

Please call Tony at Kioloa and make a booking for a camp spot or cabin. Mention Flyball for a great discounted rate!!

Don't forget:

- your dog's tick treatment
- your swimmers for the beach (go for a dip in between races!)

BBQ sausage sandwiches, and soft drink will be available on the day.

Saturday 1 October 2005

"Best Friend Holiday Retreat"

Tarra Valley Road, Tarra Valley (via Yarram)

(approximately 2.5 hours from Melbourne)

Note: BYO Lunch as there are no food outlets on site

Hosted by Croydon Rockets Flyball Team

For further details, contact Emma Le Cras (Event Organiser) on:

Home - 03 9735 0541 Mobile - 0414 922 823

Email - spoilflabs@yahoo.com.au

Competition to be followed by SPIT ROAST for dinner

Time: 7.00pm Cost: \$20.00 pp

BYO Drinks

ENTRY FEE - \$45.00 per team (incl EJS Levy)

ENTRIES CLOSE - 10 Sept 05

9 Easy Steps to Starting A New Flyball Club – by Julie Walker

1. Design and print a fairly catchy yet descriptive flyer to attract potential members. Make sure that it contains some of Sue Town's fantastic photo's because they're really great. (Thanks Sue!). And don't forget to include your telephone number. Then make every effort to convince the manager at the local SNAP Printer's that you REALLY are a "Charity Case"!
2. Stick your flyer's up in every Vet Clinic, Pet Shop and Rural Supply Store within a 40km radius. While you are at it, how about a mass mail out to every listing in the local Yellow Pages under "Pet..." and "Dog ...". That should reach a few people!
3. Approach the local newspaper to run a promotional article. The Editor will be so amazed after a brief demonstration that the paper will run a front page story like they discovered Flyball! This will equally amaze the entire community. Again, don't forget to include your phone number. (Sarah and Mark at The Post – Love your work!).
4. Make every effort to annoy the heck out of your local AFA Rep with endless emails, asking hundred's of questions, just to make sure that you are on the right track. Ask some questions twice, just to be doubly sure. While you're at it, make sure you get help to deal with all the AFA paperwork. (Thanks be to Eric).
5. Speak sweetly with your local council to arrange a suitable ground for training. Promise to leave the grounds neat and tidy when you leave, and vow that there will never be a poo left in sight! (Jenelle at Wodonga City Council – thank you).
6. Take "Carpentry 101" on the internet, then try and convince the check-out chick at Bunnings that you DO qualify for a trade discount! Alternatively, you can buy your husband all those power tools that he's always longed for and beg for a set of flyball jumps to be his first project.
7. Attempt a live on air Flyball demonstration at the local radio station. Just cram those jumps in, she'll be right! Don't forget to plug the telephone number! (Nikki and Gai at ABC

Radio – you were always warned not to work with animals! Thank you.).

8. Design a logo and print a sample of your Club shirts. Do this before the locals come along and try to convince you that flannelette check CAN be incorporated into the design! (Thank you Christine and Greg at Masprint).
9. Assure your husband, who has just resigned as your Personal Assistant, Chief Babysitter, Media Liason and Equipment Officer, that Flyball REALLY isn't considered acceptable grounds for divorce! (I love you Darling! XX)

After utilising these magic 9 steps, here's a Testimonial from the Albury Wodonga Flyball Club:

"Our first training session was a community spectacle, attended by some 30 dogs and handlers, not to mention the spectators! Is that a Guinness Record? The attendance numbers almost doubled at the second session. Regrettably, the AWFC is now compiling a waiting list of interested handlers wanting to sign up".
Julie Walker

Follow these steps and you too can start a new Flyball Club. What are you waiting for!



A dog's life can be fun

By Amanda Keane

DOGS sprinting after balls and jumping over hurdles is what the sport of flyball is all about.

Norwest Canine Association Incorporated, home of the Norwest Thunderdogs Flyball team is where you will find dogs of all breeds, shapes and sizes, battling it out to win the flyball championships.

The game of flyball is a very serious sport and chief flyball instructor, Joanne Parkes says it is just like taking the kids to a weekend sporting event.

"It really is like taking the kids to a netball game," Ms Parkes said.

"You need to get the dogs prepared and trained and focused on the game."

Flyball is a relay race between two teams of four dogs. Each dog must go over four hurdles, trigger a flyball box pedal to release a ball, catch the ball, retrieve it and return over four hurdles back to the start/finish line where the next dog eagerly waits to perform the same ordeal.



Flying High: Buddy, a chocolate and white border collie is in the Norwest Thunderdogs 1 teams which won Division 1 of the Nationals in the recent flyball championships. He is now a national champion for Division 1.

Complicated it is but according to Ms Parkes it is also a lot of fun.

"It's a great sport for the dogs to be apart of. It gives them a life outside the backyard.

"Dogs can get bored and gives them something to do and it also promotes responsible pet ownership," she said.

The sport is extremely competitive with competitions over Australia being held frequently.

In a more recent competition over the June long weekend, Parkes and her team headed down to Canberra to compete in

the Australian National Flyball Championships, the biggest event on the flyball calendar.

With most of day one Washed out with bad weather, much needed ground work needed to be made up on day two.

"We were happy with the final results of the competition. Team one came home with first place in division on, team three received third in division six and team two was seventh in division four," Parkes said.

There was 30 teams from all over Australia competing in the competition and anything from Kelpies to

Labradors competed in the popular event.

"It was great fun. It's good to see the sport becoming increasingly popular," she said. The qualified dog trainer has been involved in the sport for the past five years and said that all dog involved need to be fully trained for the competitions. Training seminars are held at the dog showground at Castle Hill every second month.

"The dogs are very eager to go to training," she said.

Details:
www.flyball.org.au

Blast From The Past – “The Flying Times”

Edition Number One

AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION

“THE FLYING TIMES”

No 1 – 19 December 1996

Australian Flyball Association (AFA)

Welcome to the first edition of “The Flying Times”, the Newsletter of the Australian Flyball Association (AFA).

The AFA would like to extend an invitation to all interested groups and individuals to become involved in the AFA.

The seeds were sown for the AFA at an Interclub General Meeting on 13 October 1996. The meeting was attended by several canine clubs and interested people from the Queanbeyan, New South Wales and ACT regions.

Discussion centred on the need for communication between the ever-growing bank of Flyball enthusiasts over the whole of Australia, who at present have no avenue of communication to develop the sport of Flyball in their regions and nationally.

It was also felt that there is a need for uniform rules for the conduct of Flyball competitions, eventually leading to sanctioned events using the Internationally accepted Rules set down by the North American Flyball Association (NAFA), where the sport of Flyball was first introduced in the 1970's,

The object of the Association is to promote responsible dog ownership through the sport of Flyball. Flyball is an enormously spectacular spectator sport which could be used at Agricultural Shows, Royal shows and wherever there are large numbers of the general public. When these people see how much fun the handlers and dogs are having, it makes the promotion of responsible dog ownership much easier.

Principal Activities of the AFA

The principal activities of the Association are to:

- Provide training and guidance for Flyball
- Participate in Flyball demonstrations
- Conduct Flyball competitions
- Create and maintain an up-to-date database of results of sanctioned competitions
- Issue AFA awards and titles

Membership

It is envisaged that membership forms will be available in early 1997. Until then the AFA invites you to take part in getting the Association up and running.

The AFA is only too happy to hear what ideas you may have (or help you may be able to give) in relation to what you would like the Association to do for you.

With costs such as incorporation, insurance, printing, etc. financial support is also needed. A loan form is currently being circulated and is available from the AFA. The initial cost of registration has been set at \$10 per dog per annum and a fuller structure of fees will be worked out with your assistance. As the loan form suggests, any moneys paid will be redeemable toward membership of the AFA.

Long Term Goal

Informal discussions have taken place with the possibility of future events including Regional, National, International Championships and an International Test Series, eg. Tri-national test series between Australia, Britain and North America. Of course this will be when flyball in Australia has developed to the stage of having some teams competing on an equal footing with the International ones.

Logo Competition

Please find attached to this Newsletter an entry form for the AFA Logo Competition. Please feel free to copy and distribute this form to all interested people.

First prize is a dog bed and pooper scooper donated by Steve Pitt and Vicki Kennelly. Happy Designing!.

Calendar of Events

It is also the intention of the Association that within a reasonable period of time an Australia-wide calendar of events be established and included in the AFA Newsletter to be published at regular intervals and distributed to all members.

Competitions

Current competition dates for events in early 1997 are:

- 22 February – Canberra Royal, NATEX, (ACT) Novice and Open Level Competitions.

Contact: Nerida Winters, 06 297 3437

- 7 March – Dog Obedience titles (ACT)

Contact: Sue Dwyer, 06 292 2919

- 15 March – ACT Alive (ACT)

Contact: Sue Dwyer, 06 292 2919

- 3 May – CKA Open Day (ACT)

Contact: Sue Dwyer, 06 292 2919

- 7 May – Agricultural Chook Show (ACT)

Contact: Gary Harwood, 06 297 5699

More information on these competitions will be in the next edition of "The Flying Times".

Demonstrations

No only do we want to hear about competitions but also major demonstrations.

In the NSW/ACT Region, the Flyballers from various Clubs have been kept busy with a heavy schedule of demonstrations at school fetes, dog shows, RSPCA open day, street parade and village fairs.

It is great to see how much the audience enjoys Flyball and much interest to join in and learn has been forthcoming.

What's Happening Out There?

If you would like to let us know what Flyball activities your team/group/club has been involved

in, we would love to hear and include it in "The Flying Times".

Please let us know dates of competitions so that they may be added to our "Calendar of Events" so that a bigger picture of Flyball in Australia may be seen.

In the future there will be part of the Newsletter dedicated to results of competitions, so send them in!

All information can be forwarded to the PO Box or via Nerida Winters on the Internet (details below).

"On Your Mark"

"On Your Mark" is a valuable and up-to-date training manual for Flyball. Copies are available for the AFA. It is also available on Internet site:

Contacts

The postal address for the AFA is:

The AFA can also be contacted via the Internet through Nerida Winters on E-mail address:

For subscription to the Internet Australian Flyball mailing list, please contact Reg Dwyer on E-mail address:

If the AFA can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact us by mail at the above address or Interim Chairperson, Steve Pitt.

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