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Editor's Say



Well the first edition of the Flying Times for 2005 is finally in circulation, this edition brings in a whole new look for your newsletter, including a new editor.

Remember this is your newsletter so we need you to help contribute by sending in ideas, stories and poems, this will help keep the Flying Times interesting and diverse.

Our cover picture is Toby handled by Steve Smith (Canberra X-Factor), we hope to have many more cover photos for the Flying Times, so get out those cameras and send in your photos.

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas & New Year holidays and kept that training going because racing starts early January. (See upcoming competitions)

Enjoy-joy your Flyball!

Ed.

About the AFA

The main objectives of the AFA are to further the sport of Flyball and to promote co-operation and good sportsmanship in the sport of Flyball through it's committees, rules and policies, tournaments and other activities.

The Principal activities of the club are to:

- Provide training and guidance for Flyball
- Participate in Flyball demonstrations
- Conduct and/or Sanction Flyball competitions
- Create and maintain an up-to-date database of results from sanctioned competitions

Through:

- Promoting community awareness of responsible dog ownership;
- Fostering interest in the training of companion dogs and to make the handling of trained dogs popular;
- Promoting and undertaking activities in connection with competitions, demonstrations and training.

Committee 2004/2005

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President's Report

It is with regret I inform the membership that Vice President Kylie White has tendered her resignation from the AFA committee citing time constraints and the political matters that the Association is dealing with.

I would like to thank Kylie for guiding the AFA through a difficult period in 2003 and again making a vital contribution during the current term of the AFA committee of 2004-2005.

Terry Hey, (AFA Head Judge) and Alyssa Ablitt (NSW Regional Representative) have resigned from their respective positions on the AFA committee. I am sure the AFA membership would like to thank these members for their valuable contribution to the sport during their time on the committee.

Justin Allen has also resigned from his position as committee member due to time constraints and work commitments. The committee would like to thank Justin for his time and effort in building the new database system for the AFA.

Competition Entries Advice

Recently several teams have been excluded from competing as a result of lodging late entries, host clubs are under no obligation to accept entries lodged after the closing date for entries nor are clubs required to accept entries that have not been correctly filled out, so I would encourage teams entering

competitions to ensure their entries are filled out correctly and lodged on time.

Nationals 2005 on track

On a brighter note and whilst details are still sketchy Canberra X Factor are hosting the 2005 Nationals in Canberra on the June long weekend and current indications are it's going to be the biggest blast in Flyball Racing history to date in Australia.

AFA title points & statistics

On the subject of the point's database the AFA constantly receives correspondence from members (and rightly so) that the points are not updated frequently enough and or they are incorrect and no one on the committee would disagree, the situation that has existed for many years still continues.

Some of the problems encountered by AFA statisticians are clubs using incorrect time sheets, insufficient dog and member's details and in many cases illegible data and the extraordinary amount of time taken in some cases to forward the time sheets to the AFA. I would encourage as many members as possible to make themselves familiar with the correct time sheets (on the AFA web site) and when arriving at a competition delegate one of your team or club reps to check the time sheets to ensure the correct sheets have been supplied as well as spare sheets just in case they are needed.

Most importantly check the member's details have been transferred to the time sheets correctly including CRN numbers as this will help to alleviate many of the problems the AFA has to deal with.

Competition Racing Numbers

On the question of CRN numbers the AFA has received notification from its insurers that unless new members have been approved by the AFA committee they will not be covered by AFA insurance, the AFA receives large numbers of new membership applications in just a few weeks or even days prior to the new member wanting to enter a competition or run their dog at an AFA sanctioned demonstration and it's not practical to convene a special committee meeting just prior to every competition to approve new members so again I would encourage teams and clubs to consider this when new dogs are beginning to develop, if it is left to the last minute to lodge new memberships on many occasions disappointment will result and until the AFA can find a legal way around this problem, time sheets will not have CRN pending written on them as all members will have them prior to

competing . Remember also membership forms cannot be accepted if they are not filled out correctly.

AFA Fees

Another problem being experienced at present is new memberships being lodged with payment of \$12 instead of the required amount of \$18, whilst the AFA increased the membership fee to \$18 to enable the AFA to provide a current rule book with the new members first registration, new memberships are \$18 and includes registration of the first dog, subsequent dogs are \$12 and the rule book is free, please ensure new memberships include sufficient funds to avoid delays in processing.

Please also check that you have actually renewed your memberships. We have been madly entering data into the new database only to find that there are a few members that have not renewed their membership but are still racing. These members will be notified by the AFA shortly.

Steve Pitt
AFA President

DID YOU KNOW?

An Old English Mastiff named Zorba is the largest, length and weight-wise, recorded dog. He is eight feet and three inches long and weighing in at three hundred and forty three pounds.

A Yorkshire terrier in England is known as the smallest dog. When he was 2 years old he was 2 inches tall and 3 3/4 inches long. He weighed in at 2 pounds.

From the Committee



The aim of this column is to update members on what the AFA committee is working on, and inform them of any new decisions.

Meeting 1 November 2004

- **Nationals 2005** – Canberra X-Factor will host the 2005 National Australian Flyball Championships on 11 & 12 June 2005 at EPIC in Canberra. There will be on-site accommodation.
- **New club affiliation** – Norwest Canine Association Inc.
- **Interpretation of Section 2.4 of AFA Rules and Policies regarding exemption from 4 month rule** - Exemption from the 4-month rule (Section 2.4 of AFA Rules and Policies) requires approval by the AFA committee. Members and/or teams seeking approval for exemption can still lodge entries to competitions while they wait for approval, but committee approval of the exemption must be completed before the date of the competition. Note that approval can take some time, as it must go before the committee, which meets once a month. Members seeking exemption from the 4-month rules should allow as much time as possible for applications to be processed. If you have questions, please contact the AFA Secretary or President.

- **Resignation** – Resignation of Terry Hey from the committee and Head Judge position.
- **Opportunity for feedback** – When a judge speaks to one or both team captains following an incident or query, the judge should ask the captain/s "Are you satisfied with the outcome?"
- **In and out gates** - The following policy has been passed by the committee "Each racing lane shall have an entry gate and a separate exit gate".
- **New accredited judge** - Natalie Kirkwood has successfully completed the requirements and is now an AFA accredited judge.

Meeting 4 October 2004

- **New memberships** - Club coordinators should encourage new members to join the AFA at least one month before they expect to compete. New memberships take time to process, and new members must be approved by the AFA committee (as per Section 8c of the AFA Constitution). Competition organisers cannot accept entry forms unless a valid CRN is given for every dog entered.

- **Membership renewal** - Memberships that are not renewed by 31 July will lapse and renewal will require committee approval. Members should therefore allow extra time to process renewals after 31 July.
- **Two new affiliated clubs** - Tassie Flying Paws (Tas) and Deer Bush Dog Training Club (NSW).
- **Sponsorship singlets for dogs** - The committee recommends that dogs don't wear singlets while racing, from a dog safety point of view. Singlets or dog coats could be worn into the ring but removed before the dog races.
- **New Accredited judge** - Catherine Saberton (SA) has successfully completed the requirements and has been approved as an accredited AFA judge.
- **Timesheets** - Timesheets MUST be printed in black ink on white A4 paper. Competition organisers should check the AFA website for the latest version of timesheets and other forms just prior to their competition.

AFA Committee

K-9 Krusaders News

In 2003 K-9 krusaders from Queanbeyan, part of N.S.W. headed south and more accurately to Adelaide.

10,000 pts avalanche

The Adelaide competition is where Muffy (black retriever X) handled by Hilary Gunn reached the amazing title of Flyball Master Excellent (10,000pts).

1st in NSW

This incredible amount of points takes hard work, dedication and many comps to achieve. Congratulations Hilly and Muffy to be the first dog in N.S.W to achieve this mark.

2nd in NSW

Later on that year Turbo (Blue Heeler X) handled by Verdelle Williams, also from K-9 Krusaders, also reached his magic 10,000 points mark congratulations to Verdelle and Turbo, on being the second handler/dog team from N.S.W.

Joycelyn Greenwood

Tyson CDX AD FDX

Vale

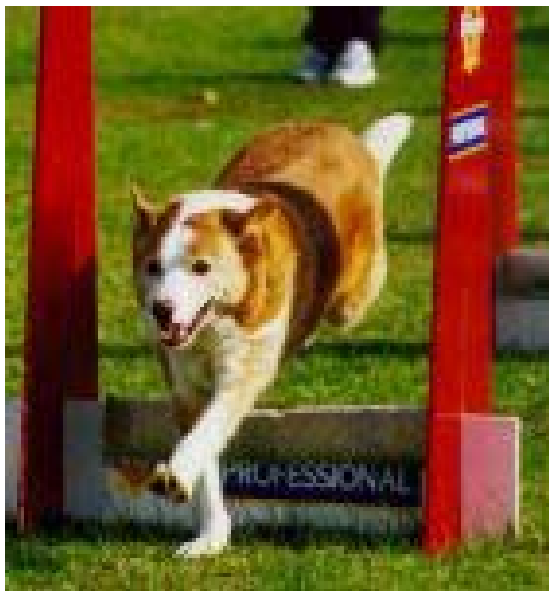
TYSON CDX AD FDX

It is with much regret that I announce the passing of Tyson.

Tyson had a good life; he lived to be 16yrs old. I retired him from flyball at the age of 12 with his FDX title. He first started flyball (my first of 4 flyball dogs) when he was 4 in 1992 with the old arm throwing flyball box, illegal in Australia today.

He used to be such a crowd pleaser and was a member of the *Pal Superdogs* for a number of years just for his flyball antics, he would race up to the flyball box as hard as he could, then slow down at the box, sit there and stalk the ball until he pushed that pedal a little harder until the ball popped out, the crowd would be in hysterics.

Before Tyson found his truly great love, the great canine sport of flyball, he trialed to CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) & AD (Agility Dog) titles and what a pleasure he was to work with too.



As like all of us we seem to sometimes think that our dogs will last forever, believe me the dogs' life is short, thus we have to enjoy them and make the most of the time we have with them.

I know that Tyson had a good life and I am proud to have known him in his short but long life, he will always be close to my heart as I look around all my doggie photo's on the walls at home of the enjoyment we had together as a team.

R.I.P.

Eric van Zuyden & Tyson CDX AD FDX.

Victorian Chatter

This is going to be a very small report this time round, as I am very disappointed that not one other club in Victoria gave me something to write about, come on guys!!!

Competitions Galore

Entering a very busy flyball season at time of writing we have now had competitions at the Melbourne Royal, Frankston, Euroa and Dandenong. We managed to get in fourteen races for the day at Dandenong (as the competition was shortened due to rain), everyone in all divisions managed to race each other once to be able to get a result.

We had huge rains during the night, the track was inspected by all, after about one hour, it was decided to race. The racing format was changed so all teams raced each other, as soon as the fourteen races were completed the heavens opened up again and that was it.

Congratulations to the South Australian team, the "Para Shooters" who made the trip across and took out first place in division 2, they were also made very welcome.

VIC demonstrations

The Croydon Rockets have also been busy with some demonstrations namely the "Nillumbik Pet Expo" in Diamond Creek (Oct. 24) and the "Strawberry Festival" in Coldstream (Nov. 7).

These demonstrations have been excellent for the newer dogs as they gain more experience while striving to enter their first competitions.

Now we are all looking forward to competitions coming up at "Rosebud" (Nov. 28), "Ballarat" (Dec. 4) and Canberra (Dec. 11) to finish off the year before we head into our Xmas break.

We head into 2005 with competitions at "Wonthaggi" (Jan. 8) and the "RACV Australia Day" (Jan. 26). Also just a little reminder for all Victorians that the "Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo" is fast approaching on Feb. 4th, 5th & 6th so could the club co-ordinators please inform their members of this exciting demonstration.

As this is an AFA sanctioned demonstration, competition rules will apply. Club members also must be members of the AFA before they can compete at this event.

AFA Memberships

While we are talking about membership of the AFA, also a little reminder that dogs cannot compete at AFA sanctioned events until their membership has been approved by the AFA committee.

Happy Flyballin'.

Eric van Zuyden,
(Vic. Regional State Rep.)

South Australian Snippets

On Sunday 31st October the Guide Dogs of SA held their “Pedals & Paws” fundraising day. The weather was lovely with a top of 30°C. The activities included

- 2km walk with your 4 legged friend
- competitions
- Guide Dog demonstrations
- Jack Russell Racing
- Petting farm – including a Queensland python
- And of course Flyball demonstrations

Fun was had by all & we look forward to next year.

Road Trip

In November 1 team from SA will be travelling to Victoria to compete at the Dandenong Show. I wish all teams that are entered all the best. (WOW!!!! SA travelling to Victoria twice in one year! Watch out NSW/ACT we plan to invade you next).

Thank you

As the year 2004 comes to a close, I would like to thank the Committee and other fellow interstate Flyballers for your support in SA, especially those of you who travel over here for our 1 competition a year.

I hope everyone has a Happy Christmas and a Great New Year. Remember to travel safe!

Catherine Saberton
(SA Regional State Rep.)

ACT. Rep report

Demos on the rise

Recently it has been the silly season for Flyball demonstrations. For about 8 weeks there was a Flyball demo every weekend. Some weekends there were two or more demos on the same weekend in our Act & Nsw region so it was impossible to attend all the demonstrations.

Act Flyballers with help from our neighbouring Nsw clubs have kept the public amused at the Domestic Animal Services, Fairs, Fates and Dog Breakfasts demos. The biggest Act demo by far was the Actew Agl Xmas party for about 700 Actew Agl Staff and their families.

At the Actew Agl demo there was some tough competition for the crowd's attention with the dodgem cars, jumping castle and rides. Flyball was so popular that we have been booked to do the demo again at next years Actew Agl demo.

Santa used presents and lollies to successfully draw the crowds away from the Flyball action so it might be worth trying lollies & prizes to help draw the crowds at demonstrations in future.

ACT Region Comps

There are a few competitions in our region in the near future. 19 teams will make the trip to Canberra for the competition on Sat 11-Dec-2004

at the Act Companion Dog Club (CDC). Luckily the grass has come back at CDC with the recent rain after a very dry winter.

Australia Day

X-Factor is also looking forward to another successful competition in Commonwealth Park on Australia Day, Wed 26-Jan-2004. Last year it was a bit wet with an uphill run to the box. This year we are negotiating with the National Capital Authority for a flatter area with lots of shade.

Commonwealth Park grass is in excellent condition again this year just waiting for Flyball to calve two tracks. We will make sure we have 65 feet run off area this year as 55 feet was a bit short last year.

Canberra Show

Canberra Show 2005 will be a 2 day, 2 ring limited teams competition on the 26 & 27-Feb-2005 so we recommend you make arrangements early.

From all of us in the Act region have a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all safe and well at a competition soon.

Steve Smith

(ACT Regional State Rep.)

NSW. Rep report

Many thanks for those NSW members who took time out to attend this years Sydney Pet EXPO. Quite a feat, with 3 demonstrations each day, as well to our sponsors for the day, Valueplus.

My personal thanks to Les Scott and his Ute. Les does not even run a dog, but is at nearly every AFA demo to give a hand.

Thanks also to the PICSI committee who loaned their equipment including the racing lights at the last minute

Don't forget the Christmas party. We've moved the date to Sunday 5th December and venue has moved to the Coniston Beach, take the Master Rd exit from the Freeway. BYO BBQ food to cook, salads to share and drinks. Santa will be there so don't forget to bring a doggie gift to put in the sack. We'll see you there around 11am. Don't forget your cozzoies!

See you at flyball.

Alyssa Ablitt

(NSW Regional State Rep.)

QLD. Rep report

No Report from Queensland

Attention all AFA Members

New policy on In and Out gates

The AFA committee has passed the following new policy, to reduce the chance of incidents as dogs and handlers enter and exit the flyball ring:

"Each racing lane shall have an entry gate and a separate exit gate".

Competition organisers should plan for this when considering the equipment they will need for fencing the ring.

Flyball-oz email list

The Australian Flyball Association committee would like to draw your attention to the "flyball-oz" email list. This is a Yahoo email list, set up to promote discussion of flyball around Australia.

For details of the flyball-oz email list see <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/flyball-oz/>

Interpretation of Section 2.4 (d) of the AFA Rules and Policies

Due to recent events the AFA Committee has had cause to interpret in detail Section 2.4 Teams (d)

Section 2.4 Teams

(d) If a dog has raced in an AFA sanctioned competition, the dog may not race with another team for four (4) months.

This does not apply when changing teams within a club (e.g. from Front

Runners A team to Front Runners B team).

Any deviation from this rule requires the team to run "non-competitive" and no AFA points will be awarded.

Exceptions are as follows and must be approved by the Regulatory Committee:

- (i) The handler/dog has moved to another area.*
- (ii) Team agrees to dissolve.*
- (iii) A new team is formed. Once the dog has joined a team, that dog may not run with another team, new or existing, for a period of four (4) months. A team is considered to be "new" until they race in their first AFA sanctioned competition.*

The Interpretation:

The four month exemption needs to be applied for and approved by the AFA Committee prior to the competition date. Members and/or teams seeking approval for exemption can still lodge entries to competitions while they wait for approval, but committee approval of the exemption must be completed before the date of the competition.

Note that approval can take some time, as it must be approved by the committee, which meets the first Monday of every month. Members seeking exemption from the 4 month rule where possible should allow time to process the application during normal course of business. If

you have questions, please contact the AFA Secretary.

FOR ALL AFA JUDGES & MEMBERS

At the end of a heat

Under Section 2.6 Judges (d) of the AFA Rules and Policies it states:

The Judge should always confer with the line stewards, the box stewards and the inbound steward before determining a winner.

The AFA Committee would like to recommend (as a new AFA Policy) that when Judges are checking with stewards at the end of each heat that every Judge uses the same three words. “ANYTHING TO REPORT”?

The AFA Committee feels that this will assist our volunteer Stewards in their duties by knowing that they will get an opportunity to report any incidents. By using the same words it will also help with uniformity of judging across Australia.

Discussion with Team Captains

There was a motion passed at the AFA Committee meeting on the 1st of November 2004 to do with Judges talking to team captains in the ring.

Motion: When a Judge is finished talking to team captains in the ring the Judge will ask

“ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME?”

This particular motion is to try and deplete Chinese whispers about judges. The AFA Committee feels that this will give all team captains the opportunity to say no in the ring and get an explanation and resolution at the time. If that is not able to happen then the AFA Representative can then mediate in the issue and/or advise the captains to write to the AFA.

So if a team captain walks out of the ring after saying that they are satisfied, then change their mind about being satisfied, then they can deal with the AFA Committee and not inadvertently spread rumours about a Judge. This will assist in uniformity as all team captains will be asked the same question after any issue in any location they are competing in across Australia.

FOR ALL COMPETITION ORGANISERS & MEMBERS

Due to the new processing of Timesheets and addition of Title Points, the AFA requires all original Timesheets to be on WHITE A4 size paper. This will enable the document scanners to read the information required to tally the points. Coloured paper cannot be read clearly by the scanner. All Timesheets MUST be in the new format which has been available from the AFA website since March 2004. Please check the AFA Website www.flyball.org.au Please have spare timesheets on hand in case there is no room to record head to head race offs on the

original timesheets. These spare timesheet are required to be completed fully before submitting to the AFA.

Timesheet not in the correct format or not completed correctly will be returned to the Competition Organiser to correct. This will result in a delay in the point's allocation for that competition.

The AFA encourages members to check for updates on the AFA Website and to question the Competition Organiser and AFA Representative on the format of timesheets and forms if they think the incorrect forms are being used. It could be your team's timesheet that may not be accepted.

New competition results form

The AFA committee has changed the [Competition Results form](#) (C6) to include some extra information. This will assist competition organisers in deciding on the best possible racing formats for their competition.

As statistics are provided the AFA will publish them on the AFA website for all competition organisers to view.

New stats will be added after each competition. Competition organisers must now include information on the average number of races per hour for each division, as well as the change over time (we have provided 2 spaces in case the change over times

for each division varies during the day).

This will help to determine how many races (in either 3, 5 or best 3 of 5 heats, and round robin, double elimination or single elimination racing formats) can reasonably be completed in a day, and to identify any problems. The new form also includes a space for the name of the Judge for each division.

It will also assist the AFA in keeping more accurate records of how many appointments each judge has achieved. There is enough room on each form for 4 divisions, if your competition will have more than 4 divisions then please fill out a second form. The more stats the AFA can collect the easier it will become for all competition organisers.

So competition organisers should remember to collect stats at their competition to assist the AFA in its endeavour to make their job a little easier. Feedback on the new form would also be appreciated, especially if there is something you would like to add.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the AFA Secretary by email at afa@flyball.com or in writing: PO Box 8027, Rivett, ACT, 2611.

(See Attached C-6 Form Please)

All Official Forms are available from the AFA Website. Please

remember these forms are updated on a regular basis and to check all forms before your competition day.

Provisional Judging forms and the Judges Exam can be obtained from the AFA Secretary. Email; afa@flyball.com

EJS OPERATIONS – GREEN LIGHT FINALISATION

At the completion of a heat Judges or EJS Timekeepers are required to finalise the heat by either the Judge pressing the remote control causing the EJS to declare the winner of the heat by illuminating the green light on the drag lights.

Or alternatively the EJS Timekeepers press the finish button at the back of the console. In some cases this will recalculate the split times and occasionally team times to be corrected.

Should this action not be taken times indicated on the EJS console may not be correct.

Joke Corner

Q: How many seasons are there in a dog's life?

A: Just one, the moulting season!

Q: Why is it called a "litter" of puppies?

A: Because they mess up the whole house!

Q: When is a black dog not a black dog?

A: When it's a greyhound!

Q: How do you feel if you cross a sheepdog with a melon?

A: Melon-collie!

Q: What do you get if you cross two young dogs with a pair of headphones?

A: Hush puppies!

Q: What do you call a litter of young dogs that have come in from the snow?

A: Slush puppies!

Retirement Day

HAPPY RETIREMENT KOBE

On a sad note, the time has come for Kobe (chocolate Labrador) to retire from competition flyball.

This has not been an easy decision to make. Kobe was one of the B.D.O.C founding team members and has been one of our most colourful characters. Often getting noticed for his odd jumping action and obvious enthusiasm when racing.



Kobe, affectionately known as the Brown Bear, has been an integral part of the success that the Ballarat Eureka Flyball teams have enjoyed since their conception. His infectious character has rubbed off on everyone around. He has thrived in flyball; loving not only the competitions but the interaction with other people and all the dogs.

He has been an extremely dependable dog in competition; rarely making mistakes and even when tired, digging deep, to produce his best.

Kobe deservedly earned the Australian Flyball Association title of "FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION."

For the last 12 months he has been handled by Megan Goodes and they have formed a close bond during this time. Kobe and the Kirkham Family would like to say thank you to Megan for the time and effort she has put in.

Kobe will be missed in our flyball teams but has certainly earned the right to a long and happy retirement.



Well done Kobe! It was a lot of fun.

Kobe's Story: www.bdoc.com.au/flyball/storykobe

COMPETITION RESULTS

Pet's Day Out, Frankston 10 October 2004

Division 1:

- 1st - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 18.82
- 2nd - Bellarine Bandits - BT 19.94
- 3rd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 19.10

Division 2:

- 1st - Ballarat Eureka - BT 20.80
- 2nd - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 21.67
- 3rd - Bellarine Buccaneers - BT 22.11

Division 3:

- 1st - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 22.60
- 2nd - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 21.86
- 3rd - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT 22.20
- 4th - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 24.21
- 5th - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 24.59

Division 4:

- 1st - Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss - BT 25.12
- 2nd - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - BT 26.74
- 3rd - Frankston Thunderbolts Storm - BT 29.67

Dogtoberfest, Qld - 17 Oct 2004

Division 1:

- 1st - Awesome Pawsome One - BT 19.78
- 2nd - Pine Rivers Doggy Devils - BT 20.16

Division 2:

- 1st - Awesome Pawsome Two - BT 22.24
- 2nd - Pine Rivers Dare Devils - BT 26.919
- No Placing (breakout) - Flying Fidos - BT 21.35

Division 3:

- 1st - Pak-a-Tak - BT 26.146
- 2nd - Calamvet Flyers - BT 20.179
- 3rd - Pine Rivers Little Devils - BT 27.162
- 4th - Awesome Pawsome Three - BT 30.09
- 5th - Flying Fleabags - BT 26.18

Eukanuba Euroa Flyball Euphoria 23 October 2004

Division 1:

- 1st - Croydon Rocket Scientists - BT 19.38
- 2nd - Bellarine Bandits - BT 20.30
- 3rd - Ballarat Eureka - BT 20.27
- 4th - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 20.76

Division 2:

- 1st - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 21.99
- 2nd - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 21.93
- 3rd - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 22.52

Division 3:

- 1st - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 23.16
- 2nd - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 24.44
- 3rd - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightning - BT 26.24

Halloween Howl'n 31 October 2004

Division 1:

- 1st - Parramatta Pandemonium - BT 18.51
- 2nd - Canberra X Factor 3 - BT 20.20
- 3rd - Canberra X Factor 2 - BT 20.54

Division 2:

- 1st - Canberra X Factor 1 - BT 22.26
- 2nd - Parramatta Pistols - BT 22.30
- 3rd - K9 Crusaders - BT 23.18

Division 3:

- 1st - South Coast Screamers - BT 23.30
- 2nd - St George A - BT 23.77
- 3rd - Leaps & Bounds Roadrunners - BT 24.88
- 4th - Parramatta Pittadors - BT 24.35
- 5th - Parramatta Pawpedoes - BT 24.62

Dandenong Show 13 November 2004

Division 1:

- 1st - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 19.09
- 2nd - Bellarine Bandits - BT 19.69
- 3rd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 20.25

Division 2:

- 1st - Para Shooters - BT 23.14
- 2nd - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 22.48
- 3rd - T'Keilor Laidbacks - BT 23.29

Division 3:

- 1st - Berwick Blitz - BT 22.00
- 2nd - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - BT 22.56
- 3rd - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 23.17
- 4th - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT 24.44

Division 4:

- 1st - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - BT 27.34
- 2nd - Frankston Thunderbolts Storm - BT 28.12

Annual Night at the Races, Queensland

13 November 2004

Division 1:

- 1st - Pine Rivers Doggie Devils - BT 20.611
- 2nd - Awesome Pawsome One - BT 20.246
- 3rd - Canberra X Factor - BT 20.355
- 4th - Flying Fidos - BT 21.673

Division 2:

- 1st - Pine Rivers Dare Devils – BT 25.380
- 2nd - Awesome Pawsome Two – BT 26.455

Division 3:

- 1st - PADS Pak-a-tak – BT 26.971
- 2nd - Flyball Fanatics – BT 32.208
- 3rd - Road Runners – BT 27.955

Division 4:

- 1st - Pine Rivers Little Devils – BT 28.951
- 2nd - Calamvet Flyers – BT 32.857

Pet & Pony Expo, Rosebud 28 November 2004**Division 1:**

- 1st - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 19.02
- 2nd - Bellarine Bandits - BT 20.13

Division 2:

- 1st - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 21.27
- 2nd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 21.36
- 3rd - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 21.48
- 4th - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 23.06

Division 3:

- 1st - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 23.32
- No Placing (breakout) - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightning - BT 22.20

Division 4:

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- 2nd - Frankston Thunderbolts Storm - BT 28.97

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- 2nd - Frankston Thunderbolts Storm - BT 28.97

Ballarat Flyball Xmas, 4 December 2004**Division 1:**

- 1st - Ballarat Eureka - BT 20.46
- 2nd - Croydon Rocket Afterburners- BT 20.71
- 3rd - Croydon Rocket Ballistic Missiles - BT 21.30
- 4th - Bellarine Bandits - BT 21.04

- 5th - T'Keilor Shots - BT 22.87
- 6th - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 21.57

Division 2:

- 1st - Bellarine Buccaneers - BT 21.91
- 2nd - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 22.89
- 3rd - Croydon Rocket Cosmonauts - BT 21.62
- 4th - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 23.20
- 5th - Ballarat Gold Diggers - BT 23.42

Division 3:

- 1st - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightning - BT 25.76
- 2nd - Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss - BT 25.45
- 3rd - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - BT 25.74
- 4th - Croydon Rocket Depth Chargers - BT 27.49

ACT Companion Dog Club's Flyball Frolic,**11 December 2004****Division 1:**

- 1st - Parramatta Pandemonium - BT 18.85
- 2nd - Canberra X Factor 1 - BT 19.59
- 3rd - Northwest Thunder Dogs A - BT 22.32
- 4th - Canberra X Factor 2 - BT 23.03

Division 2:

- 1st - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 20.72
- 2nd - K-9 Crusaders - BT 22.14
- 3rd - Parramatta Pistols - BT 22.41
- 4th - Canberra X Factor 3 - BT 21.24
- 5th - Northwest Thunder Dogs B - BT 23.54
- 6th - Northwest Thunder Dogs C - BT 23.95

Division 3:

- 1st - Queanbeyan Hoon Squad - BT 25.06
- 2nd - Canberra X Factor 3 - BT 23.43
- 3rd - South Coast Screammers - BT 22.99
- 4th - St George Mismatched Mutts - BT 25.81

Division 4:

- 1st - Parramatta Pittadors - BT 24.19
- 2nd - Belconnen Speeding Bullets - BT 25.75
- 3rd - Belconnen Chocolate Bullets - BT 26.49
- 4th - Tuggeranong Torpedoes - BT 27.93
- 5th - Parramatta Pawpedoes - BT 25.50

Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show, Wonthaggi - 8 January 2005**Division 1:**

- 1st - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 19.01
- 2nd - Ballarat Eureka - BT 19.94
- 3rd - Bellarine Bandits - BT 20.51
- 4th - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 22.02

Division 2:

- 1st - Bellarine Buccaneers - BT 21.47

2nd - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 21.86
3rd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 22.57
4th - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT
23.03

Division 3:

1st - Berwick Blitz - BT 23.34

2nd - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 22.79
3rd - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 23.76
4th - T'Keilor Shots - BT 25.63

Division 4:

1st - Frankston Thunderbolts Storm - BT 26.61
2nd - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 27.84

Latest News - Update of Title Points

The AFA realises that the title points on the website have not been updated recently, and that members are no doubt feeling frustrated. We can assure you that the AFA is working on it. There has been a major upgrade of the Points Database, and we are working on a much better interface to access information about title points on the website. When complete, members' points will be updated regularly and on a timely basis, and additional information will be available.

In the meantime, members can help the AFA by ensuring that all details (CRN, expiry date, dog and handler names etc) are correct on their competition entry forms. Much of the delay has been due to these details being incorrect in an extraordinarily large number of cases, and the extra time it takes to process timesheets with errors. In addition, timekeepers at competitions can help by making sure that timesheets are filled in clearly and correctly.

We appreciate your patience, and are working hard to improve the situation as quickly as we can.

Latest News - Limited Entry Competitions

Recently there have been a few competitions that have been 'limited entry'. This is fairly common in other parts of the world, but to date hasn't been common in Australia (but may become more common as flyball continues to grow here). Reasons for limiting the number of entries have included restrictions on the size of crating area, or the need to finish racing particularly early, both

imposed by Event Organisers. Of course if possible it is best not to have to limit the number of entries, to allow as many teams as possible to participate.

There are a couple of requirements for limited entry competitions that host clubs should understand, and these are covered in Section 1.1 of the AFA Rules and Policies.

Competition organisers must notify the AFA when they apply for sanctioning that a competition will be limited entry. Applications for limited entries are to be submitted at least 120 days prior to the closing date. (Note that applications for unlimited competitions are to be submitted at least 60 days before the closing date).

The host club may not limit entries to less than four. In cases of limited entries, the host club must accept entries by the date received. All the entries may be from the same club (i.e. Front Runners A team, Front Runners B team, Front Runners C team, Front Runners D team etc.). However, multiple entries of the same team are to be treated as one entry until after the closing date. Any remaining openings are to be filled by the second entry for those teams that enter more than one team, followed by the third entry for those teams that enter more than two teams and so on until the entries are filled.

If you have any queries about limited entry competitions, please contact the AFA Secretary. Vicki Kennelly



Canberra X Factor

Members of the Act Companion Dog Club Inc.

“ Bark in the Park ” Flyball Competition

Date: Australia Day, Wed 26th Jan 2005

Venue: Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, Regatta Place,
Canberra City, ACT

Check in: 7:30am **Racing :** 8:30am (Canberra Time)

COST: \$75 per team including \$10 EJS levy

Entries close: COB Wed 19th Jan 2005

Lunch: Food Stalls will be on site on Australia Day as part of this National Capital Authority event.

Prizes: Every dog & handler that enters will receive a “Bark in the Park” ribbon and an X Factor spirit glass.

Raffles: There will be raffles run by X Factor to help pay for prizes and competition costs on the 26-Jan-05. Any profit made will be used to support the “Flyball Racing for Cancer” fund raising efforts.

Nationals: X Factor have set a goal of raising \$10,000 for The Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group over 5 months terminating with the June 2005 National Australian Flyball Championships. All profits from the Nationals, made through entry fees, merchandise, auctions and the monster raffle will be donated. Nationals are attracting many sponsors and X Factor is currently in negotiation with TV and radio stations. The monster raffle includes prizes such as: An ‘Aussie Curl’ Flyball box and a complete set of limited edition “Flyball Racing for Cancer” jumps.

X Factor would appreciate any help and support from individuals and clubs in achieving our fund raising goal. www.flyball.org.au for dates & details.

National Australian Flyball Championships 2005

(This event will double as the inaugural "Flyball Racing for Cancer" competition)

Date

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June 2005

Where

Exhibition Park In Canberra (EPIC)

Hosted by

A.C.T Companion Dog Club Inc.

---Home of the Canberra X-Factor Flyball Team---

Canberra X-Factor have set a goal of raising \$10,000 for *"The Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group"* over 5 months terminating with the National Australian Flyball Championships in 2005.

All profits from the *"Flyball Racing for Cancer"* competition, made through competition entry fees, event merchandise, monster raffle and the Saturday night auction will be donated.

The **National Australian Flyball Championships** is attracting many sponsors and Canberra X-Factor is currently in negotiation with TV and radio stations for further promotion of this event.

Sponsorship for this event is expected to reach over \$6,000 in cash and prizes. The monster raffle already includes prizes such as: An *'Aussie Curl'* Flyball box and a complete set of limited edition *"Flyball Racing for Cancer"* jumps with many more to come. *Raffle tickets will be (1 for \$2) - (3 for \$5) - (5 for \$8) and (10 for \$12).*

Canberra X-Factor would appreciate any help and support from individuals and clubs in achieving our fund raising goal. Watch the AFA website for further details on sponsorship and media coverage expected for this event.





KORUMBURRA FLYBALL KAPER

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2005
Korumburra Show



Venue: Korumburra Showgrounds
South Gippsland Highway
Korumburra

Check In: 8.00—8.30 am
Competition Starts: 9.00 am sharp

Cost: \$60 per team Cheques payable to
Berwick Obedience Dog club



ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 31st January 2005

Enquiries: Nicole Kendt (03) 9799 3010
inkendt@net2000.com.au



Hosted by
Berwick Flyball Racing Team



Seeking nominations for the position of NSW Regional Representative

The AFA committee is seeking nominations for the position of Regional Representative for NEW South Wales. This is a committee position – the AFA committee meets on the first Monday of each month by phone hook-up. The successful applicant will be required to take on the role until the next AGM (August 2005). Nominees must be current financial AFA members and must reside in the State of NSW. If more than one nomination is received, there will be a ballot of NSW members to elect their representative. See Duties of the AFA Regional Representative.

Nomination Forms have been included in the mail out for the NSW newsletters and are available from the AFA website for NSW members that receive their newsletter via email notification.

For further information, contact the AFA Secretary Vicki Kennelly on 0433 161 261 or email: k9sports@optusnet.com.au.

Trent Shepherd has kindly offered to fill the position in the interim.

Responsibilities and Duties of the AFA Regional Representative

1. The AFA Regional Representative must be eligible and is required to accept a position as an AFA Committee Member.
2. The AFA Regional Representative must reside in the State that they represent.
3. The AFA Regional Representatives are ambassadors of the Australian Flyball Association and as such have a responsibility to positively promote and advance in safety and good sportsmanship, the sport of Flyball Australia wide and in their own state. They must provide the highest standard of representation on

behalf of the AFA.

4. Be able to answer or follow through any members concerns in their State as well as keeping their members informed of any Committee decisions, which would affect them.
5. Uphold the Rules and Policies of the Australian Flyball Association. The AFA Regional Representative must be familiar with the requirements, Rules and Policies and willing to attend periodic seminars to maintain their knowledge of the current Rules and Policies and their knowledge of the position of Regional Representative.
6. Promote by way of encouragement of existing and new flyball groups, demonstrations and competitions, the advancement and the future of flyball in their State.
7. Report to the AFA Committee, anything of a nature to affect the Sport of Flyball
8. 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.
9. Approve the competition format, competition schedule and competition divisions on behalf of the AFA with the AFA Committee having final approval.
10. Be able to carry out any of the duties and responsibilities of an AFA Representative at competitions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 26 January 2005

RACV (King's Domain Gardens)

Vic – Entries close – 11 Jan 2005

\$60 per team (includes AFA EJS levy)

Host Club - Croydon and District Obedience Dog Club

Comp Organiser - Eric van Zuyden

Contact ph: - (03) 9779 9601

or 0417 820 555

Email - ericvanzuyden@optusnet.com.au

26 January 2005

Bark in the Park, Australia Day ACT - Entries close

- Wed 19th January 2005 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED \$75 per team

Host Club - ACT Companion Dog Club

Comp Organiser - : Kylie White

(02) 6294 0824 or email:

andrewkyliewhite@bigpond.com

& Steve Smith (02) 6258 9311

Mob: 0404-099-311 or Email :

steve_smith@goldweb.com.au

Address - Attention Kylie White Po Box 6020 Lanyon ACT 2906

Saturday 12 February 2005

KORUMBURRA FLYBALL KAPER – VIC

Entries close - 31 January 2004

Entry fee - \$60 per team

Host Club - Berwick Flyball Racing Team & Berwick Obedience Dog Club

Comp Organiser - Nicole Kendt

Contact ph: - (03) 9799 3010

Email - inkendt@net2000.com.au

Saturday 12 February 2005

Nowra Show Flyball Competition, NSW

Entries close - 14th January 2005

Entry fee - \$70 per team (incl. EJS levy)

Host Club - South Coast Dog Training Club

Comp Organiser - Trent Shepherd

Contact phone number - 0412 245 212

Email - trent.shepherd@gmail.com

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED - Teams will be sent one show entry ticket per competitor so entries must be on time and contain a postal address to send tickets to.

26&27 February 2005

Canberra Royal Show – ACT

Entries Close: Friday 4 February 2005 NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Entry Fee: \$90.00 per team

Host - Royal National Capital Agricultural Society and ACT Companion Dog Club

Comp Organiser - Kylie White Tel: 02 6294 0824 or email: kwhi4280@bigpond.net.au

& Steve Smith Tel: 0404 099 311 or email:

steve_smith@goldweb.com.au

LIMITED ENTRY COMPETITION - limited to 35 teams

Saturday 5 March 2005

Mudgee Show – NSW

Comp Organiser - Trent Shepherd

Contact phone number - 0412 245 212

Email - trent.shepherd@gmail.com

Friday 25 March 2005

Sydney Royal Easter Show - NSW

Entries close - 28 February 2005

Entry fee - \$65 per team

Host Club - Parramatta International Canine Sports Inc.

Comp Secretary - Mal Ford

Contact ph: - 02 9644 2591

Email - malmol4d@yahoo.com.au

Entries close - 28 February 2005

Entry fee - \$65 per team

ENTRY LIMITED TO 16 TEAMS

(To be confirmed)

Sunday 3 April 2005

Ringwood Highland Games – VIC

Details to be confirmed

Sunday 10 April 2005

Hunter Trans Master Games

Details to be confirmed

11 & 12 June 2005

Australian National Championships, (Flyball Racing for Cancer)

Exhibition Park in Canberra

Comp Organisers - Kylie White - Ph: (02) 6294 0824 or email: andrewkyliewhite@bigpond.com and Justin Allen - Ph: (02) 6231 7537 or email:

dwallen@hotkey.net.au

Entries close - Friday 13 May 2005

Entry fee - \$25 per dog (AFA EJS Levy will be donated to the Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group, Entry fee includes event pack, which includes some event merchandise)

Any additional dogs added to teams after entries have been received by the competition organisers, will be required to pay the \$25 entry fee - entry fee is payable on a per dog basis, not per team basis.

DEMONSTRATIONS

4,5 & 6 February 2005

Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo

See the AFA Website for all Current Details.

www.flyball.org.au