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Welcome 2004!

Hello again all. 2004 at this early stage has already been busy for the Flyball calendar. So far this year we have seen Flyball events at:

- Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show, Wonthaggi – 10 January; and
- Australia Day Competition – 26 January

Don't know what's happening in your state? Contact your state representative to find out more. Indeed if you have an article or picture for the Flying Times, feel free to send it to the Editors.

Thanks to those who regularly send in submissions for the newsletter. It makes it so much easier for us to fill it with interesting information and stories.

In recent times the AFA committee have had to deal with a number of incidents. This is always a difficult thing, especially when decisions have to be made to suspend dogs. In an interest to the safety and wellbeing of our dogs we have decided to rerun the article by Dr Linda Beer on aggression. Please ensure you and your dog are kept safe at competitions and demonstrations as we all have a duty of care to uphold.

We look forward to catching up with many of you at the upcoming Nationals, Happy Flyballin' everyone.

Carolyn and Amanda

President's Report

Hi everybody,
Happy New Year to all, 2004 promises to be full of excitement. At time of writing there will already have been competitions and demonstrations in January and February, the first competition being at the Bass Coast Agricultural Show in Wonthaggi (Vic) on Jan.10, followed by the Australia Day competition in Canberra on January 26. Demonstrations are happening thick and fast as well. The Royal Automobile Club of Victoria held an Australia Day Picnic and Historical Vehicle Display on Jan. 26 where flyball was well represented. Then it was off to the Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo for three days from Jan. 30. There will be two more competitions in Victoria at Noojee on Feb. 7 & Korumburra on Feb. 14 before heading off to the Nationals in Canberra, where 35 teams and two rings are expected on Feb. 28/29 (**WOW!!! 35 teams**). It will be a very busy month ahead for some. I am not sure what is happening in the other states at present, but I hope they are as busy as the VICs, especially with their demonstrations. Please read on further in the State Reps reports.

Aggression

Just a word of warning that there has been another aggression incident at a recent competition, not inside the ring but outside the ring, yes!!! that's right outside the ring. While at a competition you are bound by the AFA's Rules & Regulations inside and outside the ring. This incident happened over a swimming pool, where at some competitions,

especially in Victoria some clubs have communal swimming pools available for dogs, coming out of the ring after racing. This is not a good idea as some dogs do like their own space. In theory this is a great idea but practically it is wrong. My reason is this – after experiencing the rights from wrongs during dog socialization at my own club, Croydon, the dogs get to know each other working in packs. There are some dogs in that pack who think that they are the top dog and need to put the new dog, just introduced, into its place. Well the same goes for dogs that don't know each other at a flyball competition. We just have to be very aware of our own dogs with the situation you put yourself and your dog into. You may well know your own dog, but do you really know the other dog before they meet? You have to ask yourself that question.

Banned Dogs

There has been some incidents brought to my attention that certain dogs which have been banned by the AFA for a period of time for aggression at a competition have been participating at AFA approved demonstrations. This is not on. A banned dog racing under the AFA banner will not be covered under the AFA's insurance policy. The dog should not even be able to associate themselves with flyball dogs during AFA sanctioned competitions or demonstrations. Just let me say this, to be able to introduce a banned dog back into flyball, after it has been banned, is one of the hardest things to do. Some people think that all they have to do is do some obedience or agility amongst other dogs. **Wrong!!!** Flyball is quite different, it is a team sport where dogs are hyped to such a level that any dog is capable of getting a little out of control. This is where the handler comes into the picture, to be aware of what your own dog is doing 100% of the time when they come out of their crate. You have to be aware all the time of other dogs as well. So once your dog has been pinged for an aggression incident you will have to make an appointment first with a professional behavioural trainer or someone who specialises in aggression prevention. As I said before, the hardest thing is for the dog to be allowed back into flyball, so therefore the best cure is prevention and make sure you don't put your dog in the situation where this might happen to you, because this could happen to anybody.

Mudgee

I hope you all get behind Steve Pitt in making this Mudgee experience the best thing that Mudgee has seen since sliced bread. There will be seminars on March 4th, 5th & 7th with an AFA sanctioned competition on the 6th. Wow! What a weekend, just about free to all competitors and helpers. Competition team entry is \$10 (AFA's EJS levy) which the AFA are donating to the Mudgee RSPCA. \$20,000 has to be raised by the Mudgee RSPCA to upgrade their kennels. They are unhygienic and dilapidated so every time they have a parvo outbreak they have to **put down** all their dogs, so the Mudgee RSPCA is asking for your help please! I am appealing to all clubs to please make a donation or run a raffle in honour of the Mudgee RSPCA. I would love to be there Steve, but

unfortunately Isobel will be in hospital recovering from hip replacement surgery on March 2, but I am sure Croydon Rockets will do their part with a raffle that we will run at the Noojee and Korumburra competitions.

Eric van Zuyden,
(President).



Photo by Sue Town (0411101223)

Victorian Regional Report

Here in Victoria we have just had our large Pet and Animal Expo at the Caulfield racecourse sponsored by Advantage. We had huge and enthusiastic crowds that cheered for the dogs and really enjoyed the show we put on. Teams for this event were mixed with dogs from different clubs running together. All the dogs and teams worked well together and the racing was great. We also had a few Head to Head races which were extremely close. A big thank you goes out to Eric and Emma for organizing this great event and Ian Kendt for being the judge for the day. Also congratulations and thanks to everyone else who helped out on the day and of course all the dogs and their handlers who came along and put on a fantastic show.

A recent incident at a competition in Victoria has brought up a very important issue. When you are at a Flyball competition with your dog on lead it is very important to be aware of your dog and its surroundings at all times. This includes where other dogs are in relation to your dog. You should always take into account the way your dog will respond to them and how your dog's presence may make the other dog react. It is very inappropriate to take your dog up to someone else's dog without the handler of that dog being aware of your presence and having the option of whether or not they want the dogs to meet. Many dogs (especially the herding varieties) have space requirements and will respond when an unknown dog comes into their space. Areas where it is especially important to be careful are: when waiting to go into the ring, in the line for measuring, around the cool down pools and anywhere near food or water bowls. It does not matter how friendly your dog is – the other

dog does not know this and may feel threatened by the sudden encroachment on their space and react accordingly.

Astro's tip for advanced flyballers: All flyball boxes launch the ball out at different angles and speeds. If your club has more than one box, always make sure that they are set up to shoot the ball out at the same speed and distance. Remember that the AFA does have minimum requirements as to how far the ball must fire out of the box - The ball, when released, must have a free unobstructed flight of not less than 609.6mm (24 inches) from the point that the ball is released, in the direction of the start/finish line. Make sure that you keep you flyball box well maintained so that you don't end up having problems with it on the day of a competition. If your dog is having trouble holding or catching the ball you might want to try using a different type of ball like a solid rubber ball or a ball that is a different size – as long as it is round, rolls, bounces and is not punctured (and fits in the box) you can use it.

Willow's tips for beginners: The ring can get quite crowded with many dogs and handlers. When you are racing be aware of where the rest of your team are. As you are calling your dog back, remember that the next dog and handler are lining up to run, so be careful not to back into them or get in their way. After your dog has run, try to get out of the road as quickly as you can to give the rest of your team as much space as possible. It is a good idea to work out in advance with your team where each person is going to go at the end of each run eg. back corner or side of the ring - so that you don't get tangled up during the action of the race. With shorter warm up times because of the amount of races that need to be got through in the day, make sure that you get out of the ring as soon as the judge has declared the final race so that the next teams can come in and get themselves set up.

Wendy Gauntlett
(Vic Regional Representative)

ACT Regional Report

Let me introduce myself. My name is Joycelyn Greenwood and I was appointed to the position of ACT Region Representative on 4 November 2003. I run my dogs Burra and Tom with ACT Companion Dog Club Inc (ACTCDC) and am training little Alby with K-9 Krusaders who is still learning. I am an Agility and Obedience Instructor at ACTCDC. I have been involved with Flyball and Dog Sports for many years with the Queanbeyan Bushrangers, K-9 Krusaders and now with ACTCDC.

A list of demonstrations that I have been involved with since my appointment is below. All of these are open to beginners and established flyballers to not only to have fun but to promote the sport within our region. It is also helpful with gaining experience prior to competing. Some of the demonstrations are run as

mock competitions with judges and stewards involved. Sometimes we also have access to the AFA timing lights if there are enough teams attending and we have approval from the AFA.

29 September 2003: The Young Show. Attended by K-9 Krusaders and CDC Members and a successful day was had by everyone.

5 October 2003: The Boorowa Irish Wool festival. Attended by the K-9 Krusaders and CDC members, again a successful demonstration.

19 October 2003: K-9 Krusaders held a mock competition at Ray Morton Park, Queanbeyan which enabled newer teams to be able to experience competition atmosphere. This was set up with judges, stewards, timekeepers and the timing lights. Attending were three teams from K-9 Krusaders, a team from Belconnen Obedience Dog Club Inc. and a team from CDC who ran as 2LF radio station from Young to allow the team members to have matching T-Shirts. It was great to see a team from out of town also attend, this being the Central Coast Surf Stormers. At the end of the day all dogs entered received prizes. There were also special dog awards and an Annual Shield was presented to the Surf Stormers for the team who worked best together, well done Surf Stormers. Every one had a great time with many knowing what to work on for the next "real" competition. THIS IS WHAT FLYBALL IS ALL ABOUT - SPORTSMANSHIP AND HAVING FUN!

1 November 2003: Isabella Plains Primary School fete. Attended by the CDC and Belconnen Obedience Dog Club Inc. members

2 November 2003: Watson Primary School 40th birthday. Hosted by Belconnen Obedience Dog Club Inc. and attended by CDC and the K-9 Krusaders, scouts also had a demonstration showing the changes to their uniform, along with many other stalls and spectators.

30 November 2003: Young Cherry Festival. Attend by 17 dogs from CDC, K-9 Krusaders and Belconnen, plus a further welcome to the Central Coast Surf Stormers who again travelled from Wyong and District. I wish them success in their planned demonstrations for the Taree and District RSPCA on 16 May 2004 and the Wellington Show on 8 May 2004.

Congratulations and good luck to the people of Young who have now started up flyball training with the intention of competing at AFA Events when they are ready. We hope they are enjoying their flyball and I will be assisting them in future development.

13 December 2003: Canberra RSPCA Christmas party. This event is attended by many people who turn up to see Father Christmas, shop at stalls and see demonstrations such as flyball, agility and obedience, and support the local RSPCA. Unfortunately all

demonstrations had to be cancelled this year due to an outbreak of Parvo but we will be back next year supporting this major event for the RSPCA.

I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to 2004 as I and Garry are. I also hope that your dog has not put on too much weight from Christmas.

The next competition in Canberra is the National Australian Flyball Championships on 28 and 29 February 2004. It will be held over two days as part of the Canberra Show and will be big days. Hoping to see you all there.

We are also providing a demonstration for the ACT/Eden Monaro Cancer support Group at the Queanbeyan Showground on Saturday 14 February 2004. This will be held in conjunction with the Cancer Convoy that is being conducted that day, all helpers and dogs are welcome. Please contact me with your response to assist on ggreenwood@vtown.au or (02) 62991955

Future demonstrations will be at the Dog Breakfast, on 22 February 2004 on the foreshores of Lake Tuggeranong and hosted by the Canberra Urban Parkes and Places events, including:

- Cooked Breakfast by the RSPCA
- Canine Café by PAWS
- Flyball demonstrations by the AFA
- Training demonstration by Tuggeranong Obedience Dog Club
- Dog Wash with Aussie Pooch Mobile
- Information Stalls by rangers from Canberra Urban Parkes and Places

This will be a large event one week before the Nationals and may be the last chance for some teams to practice before them, so anyone interested please contact me ggreenwood@vtown.au or (02) 62991955

Another demonstration is being planned for the Boorowa Show on 6 March 2004. I will advise Clubs of this when details come in to me.

Well done to Hilary Gunn and Muffy for reaching the magic 10,000 points, marking the first in NSW and the ACT.

Joycelyn Greenwood
(ACT Regional Representative)

South Australian Regional Report

Well, not too much has been happening in SA over the summer. I'm in talks with the Adelaide Royal Show people negotiating another competition in September. I will keep you posted with further happenings in SA.

Catherine Saberton
(SA Regional Representative)

New South Wales Regional Report

Flyball is growing before our very eyes in NSW. A warm welcome to our newest club in the Dapto/Wollongong area, South Coast Dog Training Club. Keep a look out for these up and coming competitors, and offer a hand if they need it.

Training for this year's Nationals in Canberra is well and truly underway. If you haven't booked your spot, you are going to miss some of the best racing Australia has ever seen. NSW will be well represented with 2 teams from Parramatta International Canine Sports Inc who are now regularly breaking 20sec. Congratulations to Werriwa and Leaps and Bounds who are now regularly sending more than one team to the various comps around the traps. Special congratulations to The Sydney Psychos who have made an impressive debut at the Canberra Australia Day VIP Competition.

Make a special note of the Sydney Royal Easter Show change of date to **11 April**, guaranteed to have some great racing. For those Clubs able to participate, note the Sydney Royal demo is Thursday 15 April, more information as it comes to hand. Imagine a whole day where everyone just talks and talks and talks flyball, don't miss it.

I am delighted to hear the talk about town of clubs sending not one but two teams to Mudgee, what can I say, fantastic. NSW will not be letting the side down and as usual our priority is to have a good time-GUARANTEED! Fund raising has already started at PICS I, for the RSPCA Mudgee appeal, with a raffle of a personalized portrait of your flyball champ, or other pet (she doesn't do husbands!) to the value of \$600. You can check out PUCCI PORTRAITS website and see for yourself what a great prize this is. www.pucciportraits.com.au This is not a photographic portrait, it is an acrylic painting of your pet. If there is only one raffle you enter this year, make it this one, not only great prizes but a great opportunity to contribute to a much needed organization. Other prizes include dog food and picnic hampers. **Only \$1** a ticket. You can get your winning ticket from any of the PICS I people at the next comp or email me alyssafablitt@hotmail.com and I'll organize your winning tickets for you.

BREAKING NEWS.....Parramatta Power Paws who won Division 3 at the Canberra Australia Day VIP Competition has announced they will be donating their winnings of \$200 bucks to the RSPCA Mudgee appeal. Thanks PICS I Power Paws and Club mates, but special thanks to VIP.

WOW, that's just fantastic, keep it up. See you at Flyball.

Alyssa Ablitt
(NSW Regional Representative)



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Companion Dog Club Competition Update:

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLES:
ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW FEB 28 & 29, 2004.**

Exhibition Park in Canberra. Check in from 7am, racing commence 9am. Entries have now closed. See web for further info.

BBQ on Friday night at Companion Dog Club training grounds.

Don't forget to book your accommodation. Please call Kylie White if you need more info 02 62940824 or Ken Peterson 02 62886611.

Kylie White
(Vice President, AFA)

Welcome to the new Flyball Team from Dapto

South Coast Dog Training Club (based at Dapto near Wollongong) finally has a flyball team!

With much perseverance and support from other clubs (thanks to the Sydney Psychos and PICS), we now have a group of committed flyballers, new jumps and box, and great dogs large and small learning the latest techniques.

We are working on making our racing debut in Mudgee and look forward to attending the seminars there. We train Friday nights from 6.30pm at the Club training grounds in Mulda St, Dapto.

For further information please contact Trent Shepherd on 0416 146 877.

Trent Shepherd
South Coast Dog Training Club

Sydney Psychos Donate To Mudgee RSPCA

On 29 November 2003, the Sydney Psychos assisted by several members from Leaps and Bounds conducted a flyball demonstration for Auburn Council at the Olympic Village (now called Newington) at their yearly fair. Having been made aware of the plight of Mudgee RSPCA we decided to approach the organisers to see if a donation for our services could be forwarded to them to assist in some small way. The organisers were happy to oblige and have already booked us again for this year.

I am happy to announce that on the 22nd January a cheque for \$285.00 was delivered to Mudgee RSPCA.

Ian Ferguson
Sydney Psychos



Managing Your Dog at Competitions

(or ways to help prevent your dog being involved in an aggression report)

As Flyball becomes more popular, and more and more teams are competing, good 'dog management' becomes critical if we are going to prevent an increase in aggression incidents.

Most competitions have limited space for the housing of teams, and areas with high dog traffic leading into and out of the rings. Most clubs try to minimise the risk of problems by having designated 'IN' and 'OUT' gates so dog traffic is one way.

Unfortunately, a lot of competitors (both new and experienced) seem to be oblivious to potentially dangerous situations, and constantly put their dog in a position where it could get into trouble. Most of these handlers have dogs that are friendly and well-socialised, so they do not see the problems they may be contributing to.

Why do we get Aggression??

Flyball increases a dog's frustration levels – they want to play, they want the ball, but they are held back and made to wait their turn. Frustration levels build, and depending on the breed, and the individual dog, aggression thresholds may be reached. This is when the frustration builds to a point that must be released, and if the dog does not have access to the thing it wants (i.e. not allowed to run), it may redirect its frustration onto either its handler or a nearby dog. If you are standing near the 'IN' gate with your dog, and

not concentrating on what is going on around you, you may be putting your dog into the 'firing line' as highly frustrated dogs are waiting to have their go.

What can I do to help reduce Frustration and Aggression?

At Competitions:

If you own a dog that gets 'worked up', it is much safer (and healthier) to leave your approach to the lanes until the last minute to prevent your dog 'loading up'. Jumping, lunging, barking, and other energy-wasting frustration behaviours, can't help in the quest for a faster time, and just increase joint wear and tear. Much better to walk your dog calmly around AWAY from the lanes as a warm up.

Teach your dog to relax in its crate, and leave it there whenever it is not warming up, cooling down or racing. (Some dogs do better if their crates are covered, but some need the air flow to keep cool.)

When in the ring, don't line your dog up in the racing lane until it is time to run. Most dogs understand the cues that indicate they are going to race. Maybe try facing your dog away from the lane, or put your dog in a 'down' (calm position), until your team is ready to run. If the race is held up, go away from the lane, relax, then move back in position when it is time to race again.

At Training:

If you recognise high levels of frustration in your dog, you may have to work on 'stress management' during your training sessions, to try to calm your dog to a point where it races efficiently, but does not bark so much it goes hoarse!

Most people inadvertently reward the stress/frustration behaviours by letting the dog load up and load up, and then when it is barking, lunging, and carrying on, they reward it with a game of Flyball. You can reward the dog for calmer behaviour instead – if it is loading up, put your dog away, then bring it back out again when it calms down.

Other Dog Interactions/Inter-dog aggression

The other type of dog that is common is the dog that does not like other unfamiliar dogs in their 'personal space'. These dogs are not looking for a fight, but get so anxious when their personal space is invaded, they feel a need to frighten the other dog away. They are usually well managed by their owners, and excellent within their own team of dogs.

The trouble for owners of these dogs is getting from the team area to the ring by 'running the gauntlet' through the dog traffic areas. These areas are often clogged up by people watching the racing, accompanied by their dog. The owner is enthralled with the race, and their dog is often in the way, or

being inappropriate, or greeting every dog that goes past. They don't even notice that people are having trouble getting past.

The solution is to try to keep walkways clear of dogs, apart from those going out to race, and those coming back. Teach your dog to sit in its crate – then LEAVE IT THERE when it is not racing. This is better for the dog too, as the dog is more relaxed, and can rest. If your dog is not crate trained – make it a priority before your next competition!

If everyone makes an effort to reduce the dogs in the walkways, and keeps a watchful eye on their dog when it is out of its crate, aggression episodes can be reduced, and that means Flyball remains fun for EVERYONE!!

Dr Linda Beer

Competition Results

Dandenong Show - 8 November 2003

Division 1:

- 1st Place - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 18.96 secs
- 2nd Place - Bellarine Bandits - BT 21.40 secs
- 3rd Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 20.32 secs
- 4th Place - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 21.51 secs
- 5th Place - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 21.61 secs

Division 2:

- 1st Place - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 21.58 secs
- 2nd Place - Ballarat Eureka - BT 22.22 secs
- 3rd Place - Bellarine Buccaneers - BT 22.14 secs
- 4th Place - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 22.68 secs

Division 3:

- 1st Place - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 25.04 secs
- 2nd Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss - BT 25.41 secs
- 3rd Place - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT 26.71 secs
- 4th Place - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - BT 31.11 secs
- 5th Place - Berwick Blitz - BT 24.02 secs (breakout)

Annual Night at the Races, Queensland, 15 November 2003

Division 1:

- 1st Place - Pine Rivers Doggie Devils - BT 20.679
- 2nd Place - Awesome Pawsome 1 - BT 20.988
- 3rd Place - Fairfield Flying Fidos - BT 21.039

Division 2:

- 1st Place - Awesome Pawsome 2 - BT 23.859
- 2nd Place - Fairfield Fairly Flying - BT 24.80
- 3rd Place - Pine Rivers Swampies - BT 24.53

Division 3:

1st Place - Pine Rivers Ballzup - BT 28.833
 2nd Place - Fairfield Flyball Fanatics - BT 40.408
 3rd Place - Calamvet Flyers
 4th Place - PADS Pak-a-tak

Rosebud Pet & Pony Expo, - 16 November 2003**Division 1:**

1st Place - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 19.22 secs
 2nd Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 21.24 secs
 3rd Place - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 20.83 secs

Division 2:

1st Place - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 22.61 secs
 2nd Place - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 22.41 secs
 3rd Place - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 21.79 secs

Division 3:

1st Place - Berwick Blitz - BT 25.44 secs
 2nd Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss - BT 25.90 secs
 3rd Place - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT 26.64 secs
 4th Place - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - BT 26.97 secs

ACT Companion Dog Club Inc Flyball Frolic, 6 December 2003**Division 1:**

1st Place - Parramatta Shock Wave - BT 19.08 secs
 2nd Place - CDC TNT - BT 19.68 secs
 3rd Place - Parramatta Pistols - BT 20.78 secs

Division 2

1st Place - Werriwa Flyers - BT 22.28 secs
 2nd Place - CDC Rapid Acceleration - BT 22.26 secs
 3rd Place - CDC Scorchers - BT 21.57 secs
 4th Place - K-9 Crusaders - BT 21.73 secs

Division 3:

1st Place - Parramatta Pawpedos - BT 24.72 secs
 2nd Place - Leaps & Bounds Roadrunners - BT 24.55 secs
 3rd Place - Parramatta Guns & Roses - BT 26.19 secs
 4th Place - Parramatta Pitta Patters - BT 26.00 secs

Division 4:

1st Place - Werriwa Tiger Moths - BT 27.51 secs
 2nd Place - St George Mismatched Mutts - BT 28.08 secs
 3rd Place - Leaps & Bounds Street Runners - BT 26.08 secs
 4th Place - CDC Full Speed - BT 34.42 secs

Fly in the Dry, Ballarat - 7 December 2003**Division 1:**

1st Place - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 19.43 secs
 2nd Place - Bellarine Bandits - BT 21.10 secs
 3rd Place - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 21.85 secs
 4th Place - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 21.79 secs
 5th Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 22.03 secs

Division 2:

1st Place - Bellarine Buccaneers - BT 22.80 secs
 2nd Place - Ballarat Eureka - BT 22.06 secs
 3rd Place - Berwick Bits & Pieces - BT 22.68 secs
 4th Place - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 22.88 secs
 5th Place - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 25.88 secs

Division 3:

1st Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss - BT 26.73 secs
 2nd Place - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - BT 26.77 secs
 3rd Place - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT 27.55 secs
 4th Place - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - BT 29.55 secs

Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show, Wonthaggi 10 January 2004**Division 1:**

1st Place - Croydon Rockets Scientists - BT 19.22 secs
 2nd Place - T'Keilor Slammers - BT 21.52 secs
 3rd Place - Bellarine Bandits - BT 21.50 secs
 4th Place - Berwick Bladerunners - BT 22.56 secs

Division 2:

1st Place - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - BT 21.91 secs
 2nd Place - Ballarat Eureka - BT 22.86 secs
 3rd Place - Bellarine Buccaneers - BT 23.91 secs
 4th Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - BT 25.26 secs

Division 3:

1st Place - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - BT 24.06 secs
 2nd Place - Croydon Rocket Blasters - BT 24.81 secs
 3rd Place - Berwick Blitz - BT 26.00 secs
 4th Place - T'Keilor Laidbacks - BT 27.47 secs

Division 4:

1st Place - Hastings Howlers Hit & Miss - BT 26.59 secs
 2nd Place - Frankston Thunderbolts Lightening - BT 27.91 secs
 3rd Place - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - BT 27.08 secs
 4th Place - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - BT 28.77 secs



Calendar of Events

AFA Sanctioned Competitions

Sat 7 Feb 2004 - Noojee, hosted by Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club

Sat 14 Feb 2004 - Korumburra Show, hosted by Berwick Obedience Dog Club

Sat 28 & Sun 29 Feb 2004 - Canberra Royal Show - **National Championships**, hosted by Royal National Capital Agricultural Society & CDC, Canberra

Sat 6 March 2004 - Mudgee RSPCA Competition

Sat 27 March 2004 - "Flyball on the River" hosted by the Flyball Fanatics at El Salvador Soccer Club Grounds at Dutton Park, Queensland

Sun 28 March 2004 - Ringwood Highland Games, hosted by Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club

Sun 11 April 2004 - Sydney Royal Easter Show

Demonstrations

3 & 4 April 2004 - Myuna's Farming and Pet Expo

Other Events

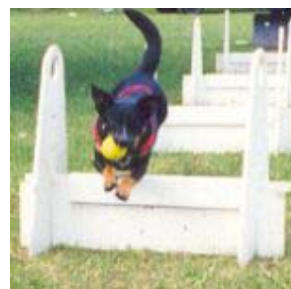
4, 5 & 7 March - Flyball Seminars (part of Mudgee Flyball Roadtrip)

For more information on these events please see the AFA Web Page - www.flyball.org.au

Closing Date for Next Edition

Closing date for the next Flying Times is **30 March 2004**. Any submissions for the flying times can be emailed to apescud@netspeed.com.au. Remember that previous issues of the Flying Times can be found on our website www.flyball.org.au

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