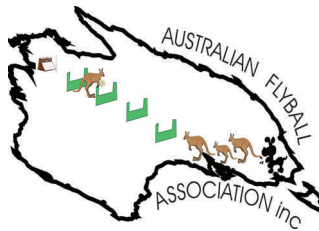


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New Logo is a G G!

The AFA Committee is proud to present the new AFA LOGO.

At the August 2007 AGM it was suggested that we consider a new AFA logo. The AFA Committee have invited members for input and/or to submit designs for the Logo via The Flying Times newsletter.

At the last AFA meeting, the committee approved the use of Liz Coombes (Graphic Designer) new AFA logo for use on the membership cards. The AFA Committee are very grateful for Liz's contribution as she has submitted the new logo design free of charge.

Over the next few months many forms of

correspondence will be sent out by the AFA Committee, for example ballot forms, membership renewals, club affiliation forms, receipts, AGM matters and website changes. I've invited the Committee to vote on the new logo with the aim of allowing the logo to be used with the high volume of correspondence which is about to be sent out to our members. The response from the Committee has been very supportive and the new design is now approved.

The Committee have been sensitive to the heritage of the old design and the design principles are similar, as it incorporates a map of Australia

and a dog jumping. Tasmania is not forgotten as it is represented as a tennis ball.

The feedback received has been very positive and it is evident that the time has come for modern and professional branding for our sport.

I extend a huge thank you to Liz for donating the new AFA logo.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Pritchard
AFA President



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Special points of interest:

- ★ Nationals in Berwick 2010.
- ★ Flyball returns to the Sydney Royal Easter Show.
- ★ The Annual General Meeting is set for 30th of August, 2008. Venues are posted on the website.

From the Committee

Meeting 7th April, 2008

- ★ Treasurers Report
AFA Sanctioned Events
- ★ 2010 NAFC to hosted by Berwick
- ★ New Members
- ★ Approved Timekeeper & Steward exam's
- ★ Ordering of membership Cards
- ★ Matter's arising from AGM
- ★ Report on Nationals
- ★ Dog Incident
- ★ Rule Clarification
- ★ Tassie Flying Paws at Ringwood Highland Games
- ★ New clubs in Bungaberg/ Townsville QLD

Meeting 4th May, 2008

- ★ Treasurers Report
AFA Sanctioned Events
- ★ New Members
- ★ Administrative Matters
- ★ Matter's arising from AGM
- ★ Report of Rules Subcommittee
- ★ New AFA Logo approved for Membership cards
- ★ Champions Trophy
- ★ Communication of Rules changes or any clarification
- ★ Further purchase of Signature Light
- ★ Early preparation of the AGM
- ★ First Tasmania competition

Meeting 2nd June, 2008

- ★ Treasurers Report
- ★ AFA Sanctioned Events
- ★ Administrative Matters
- ★ Group email reminder for Membership renewals
- ★ Steward & Timekeeper Exam
- ★ New Membership cards ordered, available in 2 weeks
- ★ Matter's arising from AGM
- ★ Report from AFA / ANKC Sub Committee
- ★ AFA Logo - positive feedback received
- ★ Report of Rules from Sub Committee
- ★ Acquisition of 4th Signature Lights
- ★ Purchase of US Wicket
- ★ SA EJS
- ★ Guidelines for hosting the National Championships
- ★ Preparation for 2008 AGM

Detailed AFA Committee minutes can be found on the website for all AFA meetings.



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Rules Clarification # 1

On 15th May, 2008 a Formal Notification of Rule Changes & Rule Clarification # 1 - was sent via email to Judges and Club Coordinators who have provided their email address to the AFA. If any Club Co-coordinators missed this correspondence and would like to be part of the AFA email distribution list, please email your details to membership@flyball.org.au.

The AFA Committee hereby formally notifies Judges and Club Coordinators of changes adopted as "New Policies of the AFA" and placed on trial before submission to the members for ballot, proposed changes to existing Rules (those that will simply be subject to member ballot before adoption) OR clarifications to the Rules and Policies of the AFA. Dates of effect are shown in the notification.

Can Club coordinators please ensure all Club members are informed of the Committee decisions which were also shown in the May 2008 AFA Meeting Minutes.

1. Section 12.1 of Red Rules and Policies Book currently states, "Motions to change the AFA Rules and Policies book may be presented in writing to and from the AFA Committee. Final decision will be by Ballot of members by simple majority of respondents." Taken literally this wording REQUIRES that ANY amendment to ANY wording contained in Red Book requires a Members ballot. The Sub Committee agreed that changes to "Rules" (Chapters 1 to 13) should indeed require a member ballot but that minor editorial changes, wording clarifications of existing Rules and changes to Guidelines (Appendix A onwards) should be capable of determination by decision of Committee" The Committee therefore will be submitting the following MOTION for ballot as part of the 2008 AGM:

That the wording of Chapter 12.1 be altered to read, "Motions to change the AFA Rules (as contained in Chapters 1 to 13 of Rules Book) may be presented in writing to and from the AFA Committee. Final decision on any proposed Rule change must be by ballot of members, by simple majority of respondents. Rule clarifications and minor editorial changes or changes to Guidelines contained in the Rule Book require majority decision of Committee.

2. The wording of the current Rules (Chapter 4.3 second (b) Ring Layout) in referring to racing tapes states "The tapes are not to be placed down the centre line between the two racing lanes. This Centre Line is to be marked with spray paint only". It has been argued that this wording does not REQUIRE that there must be a marked Centre line – only that if there is one it

should only be marked by spray paint. The Committee was of the view that the Rules should clearly state that a marked centre line was required and that both spray paint or tape (if indoor) should be acceptable. The Committee therefore will be submitting the following MOTION for ballot as part of the 2008 AGM – Delete the second sentence in 4.3 second (b) and add the following wording as 4.3 (d) "The Ring Centre Line shall be marked in solid or broken line by spray paint or, if indoors, by tape"

3. The current Rules do not contain a requirement that a common process be used by Competition organisers to determine a Competition winner in event of a tied points result in a Round Robin format. The "Guidelines for a Round Robin Competition - Section B-4 do contain a suggested process but as it is a Guideline only it is not a requirement that it be used by Competition organisers. It has also been found that the wording is unclear where it refers to the "weighted average time shall be best two out of three races etc" The Committee was of the view that the Rules SHOULD clearly state how tied results shall be decided and that ALL Competitions using the Round Robin format should be required to adopt the stated AFA common Rule. The Committee therefore will be submitting the following MOTION for ballot as part of the 2008 AGM– That the following wording be added to Section 9.2 after sub Para (p) "q) Determining the winner of a Round Robin Competition. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of competition points, one of the following tie breakers are to be used 1) a head to head run off between the teams with best two out of three heat format (where more than two teams are involved each must race the other with Competition points recorded for each result) OR 2) count back based first on head to head RACE wins during competition; if still even - then best average time using all completed head to head heats for each team (i.e. add time of all completed heats ran by each team head to head and divide by number of completed heats by each team to determine average completed heat time. Best average time wins.) If average time is even - then fastest heat time head to head decides the winner. Competition organisers must state which option is to apply in Competition Schedule and announce this at start of Competition." Current wording in Section B4 of Guidelines to also be amended to above wording with reference added – see Rule 9.2 q.



4. The current Rules do not state that a dog must cross the start line between the start gates when entering and exiting the run. The Rules simply refer to crossing the start finish line. The Committee discussed whether a dog failing to cross between the timing gates constitutes a foul or whether this was acceptable. The view of the Committee was that not crossing between the start gates had been commonly treated as a foul and that this should continue to be the case. In order to make the Rule clear the Committee therefore will be submitting the following MOTION for ballot as part of the 2008 AGM: "That the following wording be included in 9.2 (b) as the replacement first sentence. MOTION – "The Run. Dogs may start from a stationary or running start. Each dogs is to cross the start line between the start gates, hurdle all four (4) jumps in succession, trigger the box and return over all 4 jumps with ball in its mouth and cross the finish line between the start gates."

The 4 above Rule changes will be circulated to members for ballot as part of the 2008 AGM. Pending member ballot the existing Rules wording must continue to exist and apply. In the case of motions 2 and 4 above the current common interpretation is that shown in the proposed Rule Change and the Committee recommends that the Competition organisers note and apply the common interpretation.

RULE CLARIFICATIONS

The AFA Committee has determined the following as the "correct interpretation" of existing Rules where it has become evident that different interpretations are being applied. The advised clarifications are to be uniformly adopted effective from 1st June 2008

Please note that clarification 1 has been amended as follows.

In reference to Clarification 1, the Committee accordingly reversed its earlier decision and replaced it with the following:

-"Moved and Seconded that the Committee amend its decision and rule that for combined divisions Competition points will be awarded to all winning teams racing in the combined Division". As CARRIED at the July Meeting.

Clarification 1 – Combined Divisions. Where a Competition involves combined Divisions all heats within the combined Division shall earn AFA title points. COMPETITION points however shall only be awarded when teams are racing within their own Division. This ensures that only races involving teams within the same Division count for determining results of that Division.

Clarification 2 – Interpretation of Rule where all 4 dogs do not run in any heat or do not complete a race. AFA Rules do not REQUIRE all 4 dogs in a team to be run in heat or for all 4 dogs to complete the race. Where either situation arises the correct interpretation is that the team has failed to complete the heat and shall be awarded a DNF.

Clarification 3 – AFA Representatives role. Where a Judges decision is questioned (or formally appealed) at a Competition the AFA representative is likely to be involved. The AFA Representative should ensure that the correct process has been followed; that the process is recorded for reporting to the AFA and that the facts are clear. The Judge is however the final determinant of the Rules and the AFA Representative does not have the power to overturn a Judges decision except where it involves an issue of safety. Competitors should understand that the Judges decision is final. The AFA accepts that members have a right to submit written requests for Rule clarifications or to formally submit a protest after the competition. The Committee will deal these with as promptly as possible. Requests to reverse a Judges decision and/or to change Competition results will however not be approved. The Judges decision at the competition must be treated as final.

Clarification 4- Manual Start signals by Judges. That in future all Judges should adopted the following common start signals where a manual start to racing is required. Voice signals 1,2,3 followed by a whistle – all with one second spacing.

AFA Membership Renewals for 2008/2009 are Due.

Membership renewals are due by the 30th June each year.

To renew membership please complete the [Membership Application Form](#) from the website, including all details and post to the AFA PO Box 4179 Pitt Town NSW 2756 with a cheque/money order for \$20per dog.

Memberships which are not renewed by 31 July will lapse and renewal will require committee approval.

"PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL"

Junior members are required to fill out a new junior membership

form to accompany the renewal form.

This year the AFA will issue wallet sized membership cards as recommended at the 2007 AGM.

The cards will list your membership details including dogs CRN, name and jump height (if qualified).

Many thanks to our Treasurer Pat Byrnes for organising the production and mail out of the cards.



This side will display member and dog information.

AFA Website Login - Soon to be Released.

The AFA has an exciting Web development project which will soon be released to full financial members & club co-ordinators who will be able to access member login area.

AFA financial Members will have access to:

- Secure member login area with username & password.
- View your dogs title points by competition & current title achieved.

View & change your personal details online such as address, email & contact numbers which will be automatically updated to the database.

Club co-ordinators who have been identified from the annual renewal of club affiliation will have access via the member login area to:

- View all dog points & title achieved within their club.
- View each dogs point results for competitions entered.

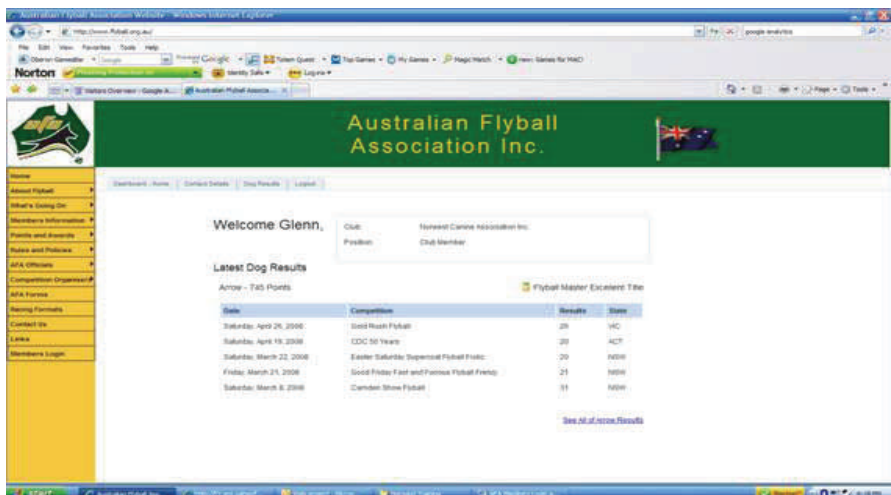
View a list of financial members for their own club.

The AFA will be able send out email communication to all AFA members from the email address appearing on the website so please ensure that your email address is current.

The AFA committee are currently testing the Member Login functionality.

Members can expect to receive an email from the AFA shortly providing you with your username: [being your membership # 569 and not your CRN 569A] & password [being a computer generated random name].

Any questions should be directed through your Regional Rep.



Sydney Royal Easter Show—2008

PICSI proudly presented two days of flyball at the Show this year. We decided to opt for 2 single day comps to allow clubs to be able to enter both days with the convenience of changing teams with both new handlers and dogs available. This proved to be a great success with 19 teams entering on Friday and 16 teams on Saturday and it also allowed for teams travelling long distances eg Albury & Canberra to compete. Preparations for the running of the comps with the RAS and PURINA were constantly thrown into the melting pot with many original expectations being thrown out. The competition days arrived and all went well with both PURINA and RAS finally realising that "Flyball at the Show" IS a major attraction all day!!! The last minute "shaving" of races to accommodate Dr Harry at least proved fruitful for lunch & socialising!!

The weather was at its usual Easter prediction - rain, sun, rain, humidity, rain, dry..... The ring was decorated and the crowds watched in awe as the racing was fast and furious. Our judges were Ron Richardson & Karen Shields from Sydney & Eric van Zuyden from Victoria. The judges all had time out to rest and socialise and Karen was able to race her

dogs as well. Eric was happy to be able to catch up with everyone and had a great few days in Sydney (and even dinner and drinks with a few locals we believe). Ian Ferguson kept the commentary and the crowds at a constant fever pitch yelling for more and filming for Talk To The Animals was a highlight as well.

There were 5 divisions each day and the inaugural Supercoat Cup Trophy was presented on Good Friday to St George Phoenix who were placed first in Division 1. Their excitement at winning I am sure echoed louder than the fireworks that night, so much so that they won again on the Saturday and proudly paraded the cup again. Congratulations on the back to back win

P H O E N I X .

Congratulations to all the clubs achievements over the

two days. Hosts PICSI are still "GREENING" with delight at winning 1st place in Division 3 on Friday. PICSI also came 2nd in Division 3 on Easter Saturday with two new dogs in their team. Congratulations also go to all the new dogs, from all clubs, that experienced the Royal as their first comp - way to go!!!

A few acknowledgements must be made by myself. Firstly to Julie Pamplin for taking on such an extra workload when I unexpectedly was put out of action... the co-ordination of events to bring the comps together could not have happened without Julie's help - thanks Julie!! Also pitching in was Liz Barnes, Helen Tsoromokos and Bea Mies as well as the PICSI support crew. Not to mention the help and input of advice and support from AFA reps Glenn Pritchard & Brian Lindsay.





Dr Harry presenting the winners - St George Phoenix with the Supercoat Flyball Challenge Cup

All we hope for now is that flyball has proven to be a highly successful two day event at the Sydney Royal (despite the behind the scenes frustrations) and that from now the future of flyball events at the Show is given the respect they deserve - as a "major attraction" to promote "the variety of dogs and dogs sports" to be showcased on a mutually agreeable platform for both the event organisers, sponsors and competitors.

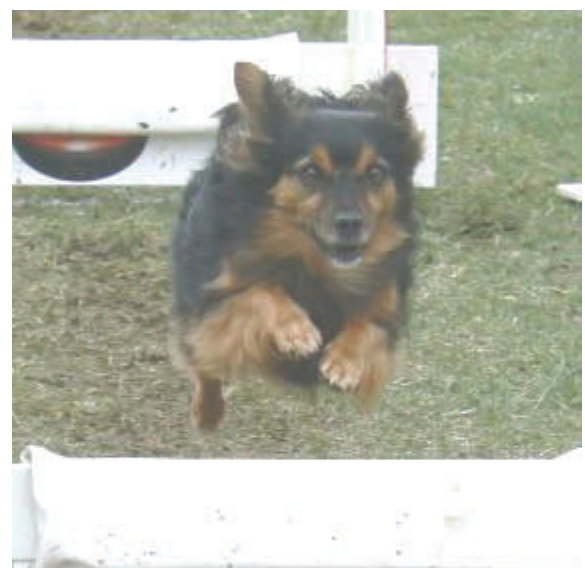
Thank you to all the competitors for pulling together and making it all happen, a real collective "flyball community spirit" given the "challenges" you were asked to overcome!

We hope that each and every club will grow with the exposure and look forward to seeing more teams next year

Sadly I was unable to see any of it come to fruition at the Show, but the feedback

has been wonderful and the video calls (thanks Sally) were great to watch in bed - ringside action! My own Vera will now gracefully wait to compete for the first time after she turns 12 - now that's a record I'm sure won't be broken in a hurry!

Sincerely
Maria Tsoromokos
On behalf of PICS!



Calendar of Events 2008

Date	Competition	Club	State	Close
Sun 6 Jul 2008	Bare Bones Flyball Funday	PICSI	NSW	Fri 13 Jun 2008
Sat 19 Jul 2008	Border Challenge Cup III - Limited entries - 20 teams	Albury	NSW	Fri 4 Jul 2008
Sat 26 Jul 2008	Queensland Flyball Challenge	Awesome	QLD	Fri 4 Jul 2008
Sun 3 Aug 2008	Pine Rivers Show	Pine Rivers	QLD	Sat 24 Jul 2008
Sat 9 Aug 2008	Southerly Muster	Sutherland	NSW	Wed 21 Jul 2008
Sat 16 Aug 2008	Flyball Geelong	Bellarine	Vic	Sat 2 Aug 2008
Sat 6 Sep 2008	Surf N Turf Kioloa Beach Caravan Park	CDC	ACT	Fri 8 Aug 2008
Sat 13 Sep 2008	Royal Adelaide Show Flyball Competition	SA Royal Show Society	SA	Fri 11 Jul 2008
Sun 14 Sep 2008	Paws in the Park part of Orange Blossom Festival	Norwest	NSW	
Sun 21 Sep 2008	Holroyd Pet Fest	PICSI	NSW	Fri 29 Aug 2008
Sat 4 Oct 2008	Best Friends Flyball Retreat	Croydon	Vic	
Sun 5 Oct 2008	Boorowa Irish Woolfest	K-9 Krusader	ACT	
Sun 12 Oct 2008	Pets Day Out, Frankston	Hastings	Vic	
Sat 25 Oct 2008	Sunset Claws Flyball	Belconnen	ACT	Fri 3 Oct 2008
Sat 25 Oct 2008	Euroa Flyball Euphoria	Croydon	Vic	
Sat & Sun 8 & 9 Nov 2008	Dandy Drags "Paw Power"	Berwick	Vic	Fri 24 Oct 2008
Sat 8 Nov 2008	Annual Night at the Races	Pine Rivers	QLD	Thu 30 Oct 2008
Sat 22 Nov 2008	Canberra Cup –ACTEW AGL Children's Xmas Party	Belconnen	ACT	Fri 21 Oct 2008
Sat 29 Nov 2008	<i>No Name</i> Twilight competition	Albury	NSW	
Sat 6 Dec 2008	<i>Santaball 08</i>	Ballarat	Vic	

Extending the Calendar of Events

The AFA invites Event Organisers to extend the Calendar of Events page on the AFA website to include events planned for the 2008, 2009 & 2010 years.

The extended Calendar will assist in the organisation of AFA events and also help teams who are considering travelling to events during the year,

by allowing them more lead time to organise their trips.

Please email your comp dates to:

webmaster@flyball.org.au

Flyball Demonstrations at the Sydney Royal Show

When the equine horse flu struck the Sydney Region it created a golden opportunity for Flyball to be invited back to the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Royal Agricultural Society and Purina wanted flyball to run for all 4 days of the Easter weekend and PICSi club took up the challenge to host 2 x 1 day competitions. The dogs had Sunday off to recover and an AFA organised flyball demo, as part of the Sydney Royal Dog Spectacular display was conducted on Monday. The demo included other doggie disciplines Sheep Herding, Aussie Shepherd Club and Dancing Dogs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsor Purina for the most generous prizes and for showcasing our sport, PICSi for hosting the 2 x 1 day comps & AFA members who participated & helped with the Flyball Demo. Photo's courtesy of Sally (Dudley's Mum)

On Monday we set up four Purina brand name teams & set up mock racing for the crowds, then followed by pairs & singles racing.

Thanks to everyone involved for a great day out, it was a blast!



The Lucky Dog Team

Christa & Cody, Suzette & River, Alyce & Pedro, Jessica & BC



Super Coat Team

Phil & Dudley, Glenn & Dallas, Ruth & Arrow, Brian & Bundy



Purina One Team

Fiona & Cleo, Elizabeth & Blossom, Karen & Banjo, Les & Coco



Dudley "A Fantastic Ambassador"



PURINA Tartar Control Team

(The name was abbreviated to the "Tarts" in jest by the MC - Shane Emmitt)

Bonnie & Max, Jan & Lucy, Chris & Fleur & Noella & Kiss

Boxloader: Leah

SA Regional Rep Report

The pitter patter of a “million paws” has come and gone again. Here in South Australia we held our second Million Paws Walk Flyball Competition. After the showers passed in the morning the day turned out to be quite pleasant. We had a few hiccups with the EJS and had to rely on the beeps due to the lights not working but everything else went well.

A big THANK YOU goes to Eric Van Zuyden who came over for the weekend to Judge. This allowed me to finally run my “pup” Rocket. I

am pleased to say that Rocket behaved himself and gained his first title. Speaking of titles, Raz the White German Shepherd, is the first dog in SA to gain the title of **Flyball Master**. Well done to Wayne Window and Raz.

We would love to thank the RSPCA for allowing us to hold a competition in conjunction with this wonderful event. Thanks also go to Hills Science Diet and Aussie Pooch Mobile for their wonderful generosity in donating prizes.

Don't forget entries for the Adelaide Royal Show close on Friday 11th July. We hope to see all you inter-staters over here again.

Cheers

Catherine
SA Regional Rep



First SA Dog achieves Flyball Master Title

Congratulations Raz on achieving your Flyball Master Title.



Sascha is one of the smallest flyball dogs competing in SA.





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Vera's Graduation

The graduation of PICSI's most mature Flyball student caught the attention of club members and fellow competitors at the Chills in the Hills (or should that have been the Rain on the Rise?) competition.

12-year-old Vera, one of PICSI's oldest --- and that is long-standing, also --- canine members, owned by Maria (who needs no further introduction), had her competition debut on the Queen's Birthday long weekend when Norwest hosted one of the wettest Flyball comps in history.

Not a stranger to the demonstration arena, Vera did not let her team of mostly inexperienced dogs down at their first ever competitive event when they represented PICSI as the Mixed Mutts.

Everybody who knew Vera's history at the Club was ring-side to cheer her on, and some were literally psycho (as in Sandra + Ian Ferguson --- they had been 'bordering on psycho' all day anyway !). There was great support and cheers at the end of each heat the Mixed Mutts completed, and without a fault, I might add!

Apart from Daisy (who owns Liz Barnes) and Chantal (who is part of Gloria's canine family), Vera's team buddies had never raced competitively, and I'm sure she would like Duke and Smokey's efforts acknowledged at this point. Unfortunately, Jessie (Julie's red cattle dog) had traded in the day's Flyball fun for 5 minutes of backyard cat interlude on the morning and had to excuse herself from competition.

Vera was focused on the task at hand; there wasn't even the slightest indication of her taking off to chase another dog. She did her "thing" and traded in the ball for a treat after each run - like a professional: Complete the work, and get the pay.

Vera had a great entry into the competitive world of Flyball. I know Maria was absolute chuffed by Vera's performance and the wonderful support shown by present and former PICSI members.

Thank you to Vera for doing PICSI proud, to Maria for being the good sport she is, and for everybody's kindness and support on the day.

Bea Mies

**12 year old Vera celebrated the Queens Birthday by running in her first flyball competition. "Maria was absolute chuffed by Vera's performance".
Great stuff Maria and Vera. Bravo!**





WE'RE RACING IN SYDNEY '09!

11th NAFC
Sat 17th & Sun 18th October

MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW!

The 11th National Australian Flyball Championships (NAFC) will be held in Sydney in 2009, the first time it will be held in the Sydney Metropolitan area. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Venue: Castle Hill Showgrounds - Home of the Norwest Thunderdogs



New Logo Feedback From Our Members

"logos look awesome to me, very professionalwould be proud to have any them selected."

"I love the new logo."

Well done to the designer!"

"It is just awesome! Very nice logo in deed!"

"the new logo looks very professional."

"I think it is great and will look

more professional."

"Just thought I would let you know the new logo is terrific"

"Just logged on to the site and saw the new logo! Love it!"

Well done to you and the team and to Liz Coombes

Wow - we are now looking quite professional on our site."



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Announcing the Successful Bid for the NAFC 2010 Congratulations Berwick!

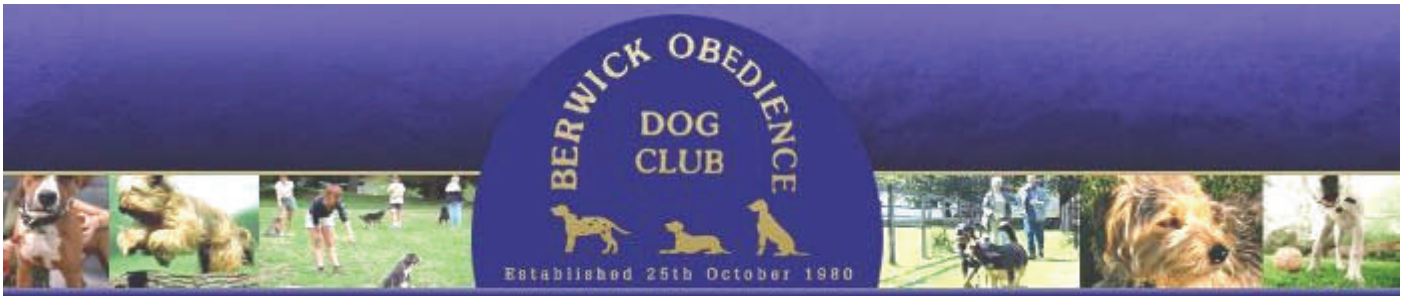
The AFA committee congratulate the Berwick Club on being selected host the 2010 National Championships as part of the Dandenong Show in November 2010.

The Committee was very impressed with the effort that had gone into the presentation.

We are all looking forward to the 2010 Championships and

wish Berwick the very best in the planning of the project.

Closing date for bids to host NAFC 2011 is the 31st March, 2009.



AFA New Guidelines for Hosting the National Australian Flyball Championship

Welcome to making your submission for hosting the Australian National Flyball Championship, we are offering you some guidelines to follow to help with your submission.

- ★ Your submission should be presented in a professional and clear manner, either by PowerPoint or paper format.
- ★ When you are aiming to host the nationals it is recommended that you consider hosting the event at a major public event i.e. royal show or similar.
- ★ You must have the availability of a large number of rings ,at this stage 1 or 2 possibly 3 or more.
- ★ Nationals is a major way of publicizing, our association, the ring set up and the area for the competitors should be structured to suit the public and media's views. This comes back to holding at a major public event.

- ★ The AFA will ratify your judges, and will ask for your recommendations for AFA Judges & AFA reps, they will then appoint these officials.
- ★ Club experience for hosting AFA Sanctioned events, need to be stated
- ★ Resources available to hold such a large ring events
- ★ Availability to hold a large crowd
- ★ Accommodation availability in the area for dog friendly places
- ★ Sponsorship is a major part of Nationals, and a great opportunity for us to get the sponsor word out.
- ★ Media contacts, access to as much media exposure as possible
- ★ The division splits are sent off to a person that has no involvement within the Australian flyball Assoc Nationals, we recommend sending the splits to one of the members of the NAFA, USA.

- ★ Todd Morningstar, Brian Fay
- ★ PA system is available to be large enough to work the team members and the crowd.
- ★ Vehicle access needs to be considered, for dropping off equipment, and parking for large numbers.
- ★ A reasonable area for measuring
- ★ Social events activities can be a consideration to help build the event
- ★ Weather considerations / time of the year.

