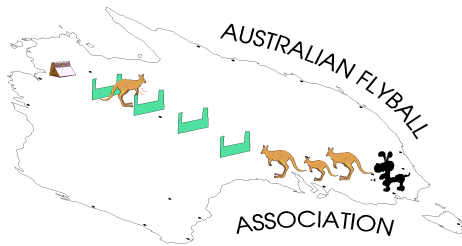


# 'THE FLYING TIMES'



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### "The Adventures of Eric and Isobel van Zuyden"

Wow!!! What a blast of a trip.

Well, the trip did not start of that well as Air Canada lost our luggage for a couple of days when we changed over at Los Angeles, but it only got better from there.

Firstly we were invited to stay with Ron & Geri English (they came to Australia in 2002 to the Nationals and did a seminar here), we stayed at a small place called Rosemont in Ontario, about one hour by car out of Toronto, they have 15 acres there, about 10 of those acres are of lush grass, a beautiful place to run the dogs and I wish that I had mine there of course, we missed them dearly. We left on August 22 on my wife Isobel's birthday and got to Canada on the same day so therefore she had two birthdays (Canada is 14hrs behind Australia). Canada sure is a beautiful country.

#### 'Eric running TJ'



We travelled to a flyball competition at Cookstown in Canada on August 27/28 and I had an opportunity to run a Jack Russell named "TJ" for "Cool Runnings" Ron English's team; while Isobel & Geri went off to do some shopping, we came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in div 4.



#### 'Eric and Isobel with Ron and James'

All competitions are held indoors and the dogs run on 3/8" rubber matting. A couple of things here really grabbed me and that was the workings of their EJS system, the speed of some teams and all teams shake hands after each race. Firstly to the EJS, which you can see up in lights, your lead dog's starts and the all dogs individual times as well as the team's times, well worth for the AFA to be looking at investing in a set. The speed of the dogs was something else as some of the top teams were running in the 16sec times. I did a fair bit of videoing and boy it was hard to keep up with some of the speedy dogs. The other thing

was that everyone shakes at the end of each race, something I would like to see here in Australia.

The following weekend Ron & Geri took us for a six hour road trip to a competition at Vassar in the USA and this was so special as I was actually running a start dog (Border Collie named "Power") from 62ft for the worlds top team "Springloaded", we were running in their "B" team, but were still doing 16 something seconds, Power was running about 3.8secs, he normally runs for Angie Heighton. Lee & Angie Heighton are probably the best in the world at running flyball seminars from the Springloaded team are very keen at heading down under for a visit to Australia; let's hope we can get them down here.



**'Eric with Power'**

**'Eric and Isobel with Springloaded'**



How exciting it was to be watching the teams that were running in the 15sec bracket, the official world record now being 15.22secs. I also met up again with Todd Morningstar who came to Australia to judge at the recent Nationals and was judging at this competition; he also let me run his Border/Staffie a couple of times. I also ran "Doc" a Border Collie owned by Dan Phillips from the "Quicksilver" team who is the guy who built the flyball boxes now being used by the "Croydon Rockets". While I was enjoying myself at the flyball Isobel & Geri were doing some more shopping.



**'Eric running Quicksilver'**

All in all, it was fantastic that all these people would let me experience flyball in Canada & USA. These memories will last with me forever. We finished off our Canadian trip by a visit to Niagara Falls before jetting off to Holland to visit family & Singapore for some more shopping before heading home to Australia.

Eric & Isobel van Zuyden.  
"Croydon Rockets"

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### Editor's Say



included in the Flying Times.

This newsletter has a lot of information about the AFA and some new systems. It is imperative for all AFA members to read it. Ignorance is no excuse when the AFA takes the time to ensure all members receive the information required to assist in the smooth running of all the administration. Clubs that have competitions coming up please make sure you have renewed your affiliations before the competition to avoid disappointments. Also ensure that you forward all information relating to your competition to the AFA Webmaster for inclusion on the AFA website. Please include a flyer with relevant information about your competition so it can be

Any member wishing to partake in the writing of the AFA history can still forward their answers to Ann's questions to the Historian care of the AFA PO Box.

If you are one of those people waiting for a height card please contact the AFA via your Regional Representative. Your AFA Regional Representative should always be your first contact when making enquiries of the AFA. This will assist the AFA in spreading the load so no one person has to answer every question. It will also help with speedy answers for members.

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

Happy Flyballing - Ed

## President's Report – Aug 2005

I will start by thanking the outgoing committee for the effort they have put in through the year.

The Australian Flyball Association has been running for nine years, I have had the pleasure of being president for seven of those years, this allows me to make comparisons between the effort needed from your elected representatives to maintain the AFA in 2005 compared to say 2000.

The commitment of time and energy over the last few years to the position of Secretary for example has progressively become a huge burden on those holding that office, in the past, in fact every year the committee sets out to decentralize as much of the administrative workload as possible, for many reasons this has never been effective.

The same can be said of the position of Treasurer, whilst the investment of time is not as great as that of the Secretary it has progressively increased over the years and is now a significant investment of time and effort.

The other major task is the AFA Web Master, as the organisation has grown so too has the time and expertise needed to maintain and improve the effectiveness of what is without question the most effective communication tool for the AFA.

I am highlighting these areas of the AFA administration because the existence of the AFA depends to a large extent on these people and on behalf of the members I would like to thank the Secretary Vicki Kennelly, Treasurer Ian Kendt and Web Master Cathy Trudinger for their huge effort.

Cathy Trudinger has retired from the committee and the position of AFA Web Master, Cathy has for many years been a huge asset for the Association and much of its success can be directly attributed to her efforts over the years, Cathy your work ethic and level headed approach to issues discussed by the committee over the years will be greatly missed, I would like to thank you and I am sure the AFA members will also recognise that you are one of those people who are indispensable to any organisation, thank you.

Regional representatives have again worked there fingers, cars, phones and brains to the bone promoting the sport and serving as a conduit by bringing issues identified in there regions to the committee for discussion Thank you all.

Special mention needs to be made of Victorian Regional Representative Eric Van Zuyden, Eric has decided to spend some time racing his dogs, Eric has been the backbone for the sport in Victoria and Australia for a lot of years serving as AFA President for two years and many years as Victorian regional representative, Eric your contribution to the sport is immense, I and the members look forward to seeing you kick back at competitions for a while so you can enjoy what you have helped to create.

I will add that NSW Regional Representative Trent Shepherd has in addition to his duties as regional rep been investing his significant professional expertise to develop a web based data base that when completed will enable AFA members to join, check and update their membership details instantly on the web, this will significantly reduce the workload for future secretary's as well as moving the AFA into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

What I have already said could give the impression that the rest of the committee sat around for the year sipping coffee? Nooooo..... No no no no.

The rest of us were kept busy with a large range of tasks and I would like to thank all those who gave their time through the year for the benefit of the sport.

Ken Peterson has also decided to retire from the AFA committee, Ken has distinguished himself over the years as a person prepared to dedicate 100% of his available time and effort to the sport of Flyball Racing, Ken you should be proud of your contribution to the well being of many of the dogs attracted to the sport during the years you have been involved, Ken has served the members in a number of areas as a Judge, Public Officer, Secretary, Committee member and recently Vice President I would like to join with the members to thank you for your efforts.

The Electronic Judging System (EJS) has been undergoing an auditing process to asses its accuracy, so far the only audit completed has been on the NSW/ACT set currently located in QLD, the results from this set indicate to me that it is showing times

faster than were actually run, the variation shown is inconsistent.

The AFA is currently working with the systems designer to verify the audit process to establish if the problem is the EJS or the way the audit is conducted, should the audit process be deemed acceptable we will then start down the path of isolating the problem to enable it to be rectified.

The AFA is also investigating additional judging systems including the system currently being assessed by NAFA.

Many of you would be aware that the AFA have for many years (1998) been negotiating with the Australian National Kennel Control (ANKC) to hopefully implement a joint approach to the sport in Australia, some members of both the AFA and ANKC are opposed to such an agreement for various reasons, these people are naturally entitled to their opinion and this is why I am taking this opportunity to again remind the members why I and many of the AFA committees over the years have pursued an agreement with the ANKC.

The reason is simple, the ANKC along with the State and Territory Controlling Bodies WILL adopt Flyball Racing, they have already decided to do so, the reason I believe the AFA needs to embrace a joint approach to the sport is if we don't the AFA and State and Territory Controlling Bodies we will be left with the same disjointed approach that exists in other countries.

Anyone familiar with the Worlds biggest canine event "Crufts" would agree that the Flyball Racing on show on the world's biggest canine stage is unlikely to attract many people to the sport.

If in Australia the ANKC and AFA go separate way's we could be faced with a similar picture here and that I believe will put a huge brake on the development of the sport in Australia.

The AFA is currently negotiating with the ANKC Flyball Committee and I would ask all AFA members to keep an open mind until the detail of any potential joint approach becomes available.

In the coming year I will be encouraging the committee to establish an independent investigations sub committee, also I will be encouraging the committee to establish a sub

committee made up of delegates from each state and territory to deal with any issues regarding the rules and policies with a view to presenting recommended changes to the main committee, I am taking this opportunity to ask members in each state to consider making themselves available.

I would also like to see a moratorium imposed on the rules and policies initially for one year, to prevent constant changes occurring throughout the year as has been the norm since the inception of the AFA, the sport and its rules and policies have evolved at a very fast pace over the last 9 years and needs to be achieved in a more controlled way going forward.

To every AFA member who contributed during the year to move the sport forward we thank you.

Steve Pitt  
President

## AFA Website

The AFA Website front page is about to go through a MAJOR change and all members should take note of the following information.

The AFA is also currently upgrading its online internet presence. Our current web site ([www.flyball.org.au](http://www.flyball.org.au)) has served the AFA well for many years under the watchful eye of Cathy Trudinger. Cathy stood down from this duty after the recent AGM and I would like to thank Cathy for her hard work.

The AFA has seen a steady increase in membership and along with that a steady increase in the day to day running of the AFA. Therefore using the website for members to conduct some day to day business was seen as the way to move forward and relieve some of the workload of the volunteer committee members and office bearers.

### Stage 1

This upgrade will allow members to view their personal information along with their current points tally for each of their registered dogs.

### Stage 2

Will allow members to view their dog's details as well as adding a new dog to their current membership.

### Stage 3

Will allow nominated club representatives to add events such as competitions or demonstrations directly into a database. From there they will be displayed with in the web site with their status (pending/sanctioned etc) this will be like a calendar so members can plan upcoming events.

### Stage 4

Will be a reporting module for judges and officials. This will do away with paperwork and these people can enter things directly where a record can be kept.

Also sections will be added for Dog of the Week and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

It is hoped that most of this is to be completed by years end.

The site will be operated by verified username and password. There will be more information on this available in the next newsletter.

If anybody has any suggestions on other things that would be helpful that they would like on the web site please email [webmaster@flyball.org.au](mailto:webmaster@flyball.org.au)

We already have some FAQ's and will answer them below and then post them to the AFA website when our FAQ section is ready to go.

### 1. When and where can the team captain view the timesheets for accuracy?

#### Current Policy as listed on the AFA website.

Timesheets will be held by timekeepers at all competitions. Team captains will inform the timekeeper of the dogs racing order during the warm-up period prior to the start of each race or heat. The Teams may record their racing times with the use of a statistician standing behind the time keeper and at no time can they interfere with their duties. Timesheets are not to be altered or removed from the timekeepers table by any member of a team or any person other than the Judges, AFA representative or competition organiser officiating at the competition.

Further explanation is on page 9 of this newsletter under the heading 'Timesheets'.

### 2. Whether statisticians are always required as part of a competing team.

The answer to this is No. But because of the increase in helpers for teams/clubs the AFA has in the above policy (question 1) made an allowance for statisticians to be used by teams that have the man power to provide them.

### 3. Whether the AFA deems a competition organiser as an 'Authorised Person'.

When a host team/club submits a sanctioned permit application to the AFA, with the Competition Organiser's name and contact details stated on the application, the AFA may decline or accept that application. If it is accepted, it then becomes the Competition Organiser's responsibility to run their competition by AFA Rules and Policies. The AFA has, in accepting their application; given the Competition Organisers the authority to see that those Rules and Policies are enforced on the day, with the assistance and guidance of other AFA Officials present.

### 4. The interference rules pertaining to dogs not actually racing.

If a dog were to run into the ring and cause an incident then it would be up to the Judge officiating in the ring at the time as to what they would do. The most common solution with a dog running into the ring would be to stop the heat and then rerun it. But that may not cover every scenario that could possibly happen. Therefore it is has to be left up to the Judge to decide on their own decision based on the circumstances of each individual situation.

## AFA Newsletter

Due to the increase in general costs for the AFA to provide The Flying Times to members wishing to have their newsletter by surface mail and cost of postage the AFA Committee has made the decision to charge \$15 per year for members to receive The Flying Times by surface mail. Each edition of The Flying Times is available to print and read from the AFA Webpage at no charge. Affiliated Clubs will continue to receive their newsletters at no charge.

The AFA now also prints its own newsletter to assist us in saving costs as the quotes that we have received for printing each edition are extreme.

This Flying Times will be the last time members will receive by surface mail without a subscription. Subscription forms are included in this edition. A subscription form will also be added to the forms section of the AFA website. We have also included a question of the AFA membership form so members can purchase a subscription when they join the AFA, renew a membership or add an additional dog to their membership.

## From the Committee

### Meeting 6 June 2005

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

### Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

It was noted that at the 2004 AGM, anomalies were found in the voting and the Committee decided to tighten up as regards financial members and the voting policy at the 2005 AGM.

Constitutional changes. The Committee voted in favour of 21(h) be removed. Change in 23 (b) was also carried by the Committee

Motion carried that 'teams completing a heat with a clean run, where 4 dogs receive one bonus point towards their title, also receive one point towards their Flyball titles if that team wins the heat' with the words 'without reruns' also be inserted.

### Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005

It was decided to put a notice on the website as only 6 renewals of club affiliation had been received by this date (reminders of renewals are not sent out)

Sanctioned competition for 14<sup>th</sup> August be transferred to 'Barking Mad'

### Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2005

Club Affiliations, Sanctioned competitions and new memberships, renewal of dogs etc. were approved.

Much discussion took place regarding the AGM – venues, Returning Officer envelopes, Instructions for Polling Officers, Nominated Members, ballot papers etc.

Motion that issues regarding Rules and Policies be handed to a sub-Committee with a view (1) to achieving wider consultation of members and (2) balloting on the issue at the end of the year. The motion was carried.

### Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2005

Election of members before AGM

### Annual General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2005

Results of the ballots were:

23(b) – Passed – 91 for, 8 against

21(h) – Failed – 45 for, 65 against

Postal ballots:

Points Policy – Passed – 96 for, 48 against

Rules & Policies – Passed – 88 for, 50 against

The new Committee for 2005/2006 is as follows:

President	Steve Pitt
Vice-President	Glenn Pritchard
Secretary	Rosie Milton
Treasurer	Vicki Kennelly
Committee members	Ann Coburn Jane Trezise Liz Hollingshead Terry Hunter Kylie White Jenny Stirzaker Jenny Millar

Regional Representatives

ACT	Steve Smith
NSW	Trent Shepherd
SA	Catherine Saberton
QLD	Julie Ivison
VIC	Emma Le Cras (nominated after the AGM)

Team of the Year Award was presented to Croydon Rocket Scientists. Club of the Year and the Little Springer Award will be worked out and advised at a later date.

There was some difficulty with the telephone hookup during this meeting and it has been decided to look into other ways of holding these interstate meetings.

## Members Information

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

If you have a question about memberships and how they work, the AFA has now put a new section on the Web page relating to this subject so that members and non members can refer to this as an easy reference. This will give you all the answers. [www.flyball.org.au](http://www.flyball.org.au) – Main Menu – Members & Joining.

For those of you that don't have email please read the following carefully. Club organisers please also read the following as it will assist your new members in joining the AFA and enable you to provide the correct information to them. It will also assist your Regional Representative in not receiving so much correspondence on the matter.

### JOINING THE AFA

#### *New memberships –*

Application for membership of the AFA must be done using the **Membership Application Form – C7**. Ensure that this is filled in correctly, and mail to the AFA PO Box (listed on the back page of this newsletter). Under the AFA constitution (**Section 8**), new memberships must be approved by the AFA committee. The AFA does not offer joint memberships, so please only put one name in the name section of the membership form.

#### *Fees –*

Annual membership of the Australian Flyball Association Inc. costs \$20 for the first year and \$15 per year after that. The first year membership fee includes a complementary AFA Rules and Policies Book, and Registration of a valid CRN for one dog. Additional dogs can be added to a membership for \$15 per year. Note that it is possible to be a member of the AFA without a dog. **Do not send cash through the mail.** Cheques and Money Orders can be made out to the Australian Flyball Association Inc.

#### *Dates –*

For membership purposes, the year runs from 1 July to 30 June. However, new memberships processed after 31 March will run until the 30th June the following year.

#### *Membership status –*

After your membership has been processed and approved, you will receive your receipt and membership information in the mail. If you have not received your information, or need confirmation of your membership status at any other time, please contact your **Regional Representative**. (Contact details are listed on the back page).

#### *Associate Members -*

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

**Voting** - In AFA elections or ballots only the financial member over the age of 16 years are permitted to vote. Associate members are not permitted to vote but may attend General Meetings/AGMs as visitors only.

#### *Adding additional dogs –*

Additional dogs can be added to a membership for \$15 per dog per year. This should be done using the **Membership Application Form** and posting it to the AFA with a Cheque or Money Order for \$15 per additional dog. Please remember to fill in **your** current membership number when adding dogs.

#### *Membership Renewal -*

**When is this due?** - Memberships are due for renewal on **1 July** of each year.

**How?** - Membership renewal is done by using the **Membership Application Form**, completing all details correctly and posting to the AFA with a Cheque or Money Order for \$15 per dog.

**Late renewing?** - Memberships that are not renewed by 30 July will lapse and renewal will

require election by the AFA committee. Members should therefore allow extra time for processing of renewals after 30 July. The fee is \$15 per dog per year. Please remember that until you renew your membership each year you should not race in any competitions as this could result in your team losing their title points earned at that competition.

### **New AFA Rules and Policies**

The new version of the AFA Rules and Policies are now available from the AFA website in PDF format for Printing. Pocket Rules books are available from the AFA at a cost of \$6 each including postage and handling. Again the AFA does its own printing of the Pocket Rule book to save costs.

Judges and Affiliated clubs will be receiving their copies in the next couple of days.

It is up to all members to read and clarify the new Rules and Policies before entering the competition ring. This will assist our judges, AFA Representatives and competition organisers with time constraints during competitions. It will also assist all competitors with knowing how to play the sport of flyball with their dogs correctly and alleviate some of the stress for members racing dogs.

On the back page of the new AFA Rules and Policies is a new schedule of fees that take effect immediately.

### **Appendix H – Schedule of Fees**

New Membership \$20.00 (includes 1 x CRN, 1 x AFA Rules and Policies Book. No exemptions)

Competition Racing Numbers (CRN) - \$15.00 .  
(for additional dogs or renewal memberships)  
(Annual Fee)

**Club Affiliation - \$25.00 (Annual Fee)**

**Sanctioned Permit Application - \$15.00 (per competition)**

Height Card Applications - \$15.00

Duplicate Height Cards (due to loss) \$15.00

Title Certificates – \$5.00 each (Includes Postage)

Title Pins - \$10.00 each (Includes Postage)

Title Plaques - \$60.00 each (Includes Postage and one (1) shield)

Title Shields - \$5.00 each (Includes Postage)

EJS Levy - \$15.00 per team entered (*applies to competition sanctioned after the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2005*).

Newsletter Subscription - \$15.00 (Annual Subscription)

#### **Late Fees**

Competition Results – 14 days late - \$20.00

Competition Results – 30 days late - \$40.00

Competition Results – 60 days late - \$80.00

**Judges: a big reminder to check with line stewards after every heat before declaring a winner. Please also check the timesheets after every race for errors.**

### **TIME SHEETS**

It is still apparent that there are problems occurring with the Time Sheets.

**Time Sheets at Competitions:** The Time Sheets are to be kept at the timekeepers table and not taken away. The designated Club person may check their own team's timesheets to ensure that the correct dog numbers have been marked and that they agree with any other information. Please keep out of the timekeeper's way when doing this while staying within the confines of the timekeeper's area. Some Club organizers have badges for each Club showing the designated Club person allowing only this person is into the timekeeper's area. If there are any problems, please speak to either the Judge for your division or the AFA Representative for the day. Remember that everyone is a volunteer and trying to do a job, so please be respectful when trying to sort out a problem.

#### **Time Sheets:**

Particular problems are still occurring on the time sheets making it difficult and more time-consuming for the person tallying the points. Teams are losing points because of the following:

1. No dogs marked for a heat
2. More than 4 dogs marked for a heat
3. Dog numbers being marked on a sheet when there is no dog in that position.

When these things occur, we have no option but to award NO points for that heat. We have no way of

knowing which four dogs actually complete the heat.

These are the type of errors which should be checked by the Club person in the timekeeper's area.

If you have any queries or problems, please contact the Regional Representative for your area. Their email addresses are on the website.

**Rosie Milton - Secretary**

## Regional Representatives

In our last newsletter we listed the duties of our Regional Representatives (still available for downloading from the AFA website [www.flyball.org.au](http://www.flyball.org.au) – AFA Officials – Regional Representative – Duties of).

One of the main changes to their duties was listed as number 9.

Process all correspondence from their Regional members and non-members and provide details of all correspondence to the AFA secretary for listing in all Agendas and/or Minutes.

Because of the huge amount of emails that are sent to the AFA each month asking questions etc, it has become impossible for one person to deal with the amount of correspondence the AFA receives on a constant basis. The AFA has initiated the idea that the only contacts listed will be that of your Regional Representatives. They will answer as many questions as they can from members and non members during the week from their region. There will be very few questions that the Regional Representative will not be able to answer, but if there is one then they will forward it to the AFA Secretary to be answered who will then forward the answers back to the Regional Representatives to forward on to the person that requires the answer. The AFA ensures that this will save lengthy delays in questions being answered.

The AFA are in the process of building a FAQ database for the new website and it will be listed under the main menu. We are hoping that this will be extensive enough for members to find most of the answers to their questions. If there are any

questions that you the members feel is relevant then please forward them to your Regional Representative for inclusion in the website FAQ's.

## Club Information

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

When submitting a Sanctioned Competition Application to the AFA remember to send the information to the webmaster at [webmaster@flyball.org.au](mailto:webmaster@flyball.org.au) so it can be included on the AFA website in the calendar of events. Also if you know you are holding a competition during the year send as many details as you can to the webmaster so it can be listed on the calendar of events as soon as possible. Events can be listed with 'sanction pending' beside it. You can also list all your demonstrations during the year on the AFA website, even if they aren't sanctioned by the AFA, the webmaster will list them as club demos or AFA sanctioned demos.

You should also submit a flyer for your event as this could be included in the AFA Flying Times as well as on the AFA website to assist you in advertising you event and informing members of details.

**Please list clear contact details and times for all your events. Members have also requested that your ring size be included in this information as the ring size may affect their team selection process.**

## Height Card Applications

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

- ❑ **Dog must have been registered with a valid AFA CRN for at least 12 months before its first measurement.**

- **Dog must be micro chipped prior to its first measurement (random checks will take place).**
- **Form must be presented to the Judge before the animal is measured**
- **The form is complete when the dog has received the same measurement three (3) times by three (3) different Judges. Only one height card measurement may be attained per competition. All sections of the form MUST be completed or the Height Card Application will be rejected.**
- **The height card must be presented at each competition: other wise the dog is subject to normal measuring requirements.**
- **When complete, please forward the form along with a de-sexing certificate or receipt if required, a copy of the dogs microchip certificate and \$15.00 to the AFA. The form will be verified and a final Height Card Issued.**

## Signal Card Statistics

### AFA Policy - Signal Cards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Judge shall hold up a Black playing card-sized card (preferably laminated) to inform an AFA Member of inappropriate behaviour. The Judge shall inform the AFA Member and Team Captain of what the infringement is being applied for and the AFA Member will be "Excused for the remainder of the Competition or Demonstration". The Judge will then submit a report to the AFA committee within 48 hours. Black card offences for Aggression between dogs and/or handlers will automatically

stand down a dog/handler from entering another competition until the AFA committee has made a decision about the incident. All black card offences will be presented to the AFA committee for discussion and could result in disciplinary action.

The following stats have been collected by the AFA on the number of incidents causing a judge to issue a card and submit an official report to the AFA. The below stats have been collected over a period of 15 months from the Canberra Royal 27/02/04 to the Million Paws Walk on the 15/05/05. We are still waiting on results of the AFA Nationals in June 2005 so the stats from there on have not been entered into the database.

Over the above period there were 40 AFA sanctioned competitions.

#### **Yellow Cards:**

There were in total **220** Yellow Cards issued. **157** of these were from incidents occurring in the racing lanes. **55** were from incidents occurring in the inbound area of the ring. **5** were general reportable incidents including incidents against handlers. **2** were minor aggression incidents (ie: dogs snapping at each other)

#### **Red Cards:**

There were in total **61** Red Cards issued. **49** of these were from incidents reoccurring in the racing lane. **12** were from incidents reoccurring in the inbound area of the ring.

#### **Black Cards:**

There were in total **42** Black Cards issued. **21** of these incidents occurred in the racing lanes. **4** were from incidents in the inbound area of the ring. **3** were reportable incidents and include handler's behaviour. **8** were minor aggression incidents. **3** were medium aggression incidents. **3** were major aggression incidents.

**On average there have been 8.075 incidents per competition.**

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

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

## **Points Update**

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

The new database is set up so that members will be able to print a report from the AFA website which will give them their "total points", "points per competition" and "total competitions raced at". Therefore if your dog has not raced in a competition there will be no entry for it in the point's section of the main database.

**The points are updated in competition order so at present the points have been updated until the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2005. We have a further 5 competitions that are being calculated at present that have arrived since the AGM and are waiting for another 2 to arrive. These will be included in the next newsletter and put on the AFA Website.**

## **Annual Awards**

Due to competition timesheets being received late by the AFA we were not able to award to of the Annual Awards at the AGM. These awards have now been calculated and the AFA would like to congratulate the following clubs for their success.

**CLUB OF YEAR AWARD:**

**Croydon & Districts Obedience Dog Club**  
(Victoria)

**NOVICE CLUB OF THE YEAR:**

**Norwest Canine Association Inc.**  
(New South Wales)

## **Promotional Flyball Videos**

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

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

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

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

For more information contact Penny Hehir

Email - [Hehir@homemail.com.au](mailto:Hehir@homemail.com.au)

Phone - (02) 6257 3477

(Penny is currently overseas and will be back in Australia towards the end of August.)

## Regional Reports

### ACT Regional Report

I would like to thank all those that helped me (Act rep) in 2004/2005 with ideas and submissions for the Flying times. If you or your club in the Act region would like to contribute to the Flying times please send the information my way ([act@flyball.org.au](mailto:act@flyball.org.au)). If you send me pictures I will compress them to 150 k or less ready for publishing in the Flying times. Please share your amusing Flyball stories and a summary of what happened at competitions.

I would also like to encourage clubs to get their future competition up on the AFA web site as "sanction pending" so that we can minimise clashes and plan our travel. If you have set a date let the webmaster know ([webmaster@flyball.org.au](mailto:webmaster@flyball.org.au)) as soon as possible.

X Factor held the first "**Siesta Sprint**" in **Albury** on the 13-Aug-2005. Hail and heavy rain in Albury a few days before the competition left the ground in a water logged state. A sponge resting on the surface would have soaked up water in some places on the ground. Thirteen teams battled it out on a wet muddy slip & slide that dried slowly as the competition progressed. Prime TV came along on the Friday for a demo thanks to Julie Walker who has started the new Albury

Wodonga Flyball Club. The Prime TV girl wore a cream full length coat. Bets were being taken as to which dog was going to give her a Flyball paw print to take home as a souvenir. To our surprise not one paw print was installed on her cream coat.



Handlers that start their dogs on their laps or chest looked like they had been mud wrestling rather than doing Flyball. To those that like watching girls mud wrestle you missed the spectacle. X Factor would like to thank Julie and the teams for helping X Factor to kick start Flyball as a regular event in Albury. Albury is ideally situated between Sydney & Melbourne so that teams can get together in large numbers using the Hume highway. We wish Julie all the best in the future with her new team. An excellent Flyball dinner at the Bull Ring restaurant at the Siesta was enjoyed by Flyballers after washing off the mud packs. The deserts were divine for those that had room after the entrees and mains. I would like to thank Steve Jones from the Siesta Motel for supporting Flyball at both the Nationals in Canberra & the Siesta Sprint in Albury. No speed records were broken be we did have fun sliding.

On the following weekend (20-Aug-2005) Belconnen, K9 & Tuggeranong dog clubs ran the "**Sunset Claws**" competition in **Canberra** at the Belconnen Dog Obedience Club at Mitchell, Act. As we drove in the driveway the rain looked set to discourage even the most determined teams from running. X Factor had trained while it snowed at our last training session for this competition so we were ready for some slip & slide racing on snow or mud. On the cold Wednesday night training session the falling snow looked spectacular in the spotlights at the club. To our surprise the rain stopped and the competition got underway at about 1:00pm. Racing was cut short by the freezing wind blowing off the icy hills.

**Kioloa's** annual **"Surf & Turf"** was an excellent social weekend of Flyball (3-Sep-2005). Kylie's home made Baileys Irish cream went down a little too easy again this year for some. Some did not have the courage to face a Baileys after last year. The track was short fast grass on a sandy base that lasted well. Congratulations to Norwest who acquired another unofficial record of 18 seconds flat. We wish you all the best as you get into the 17 second runs. The weather was excellent on the Saturday followed by heavy rain on the Sunday. Kioloa is one of my favourite comps & social weekends on the calendar and the dogs just love the beach. I think my 2 dogs have a competition of their own to see who can get more sand on the cabin floor. The Kioloa Beach Caravan Park are doing their best to get more cabins open for 2006. Kioloa Beach Caravan Park is a fabulous place to stay with dogs at any time of year ([www.kioloabeach.com](http://www.kioloabeach.com)) Ph: (02) 4457-1072.

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

Steve Smith  
ACT Regional Representative

### NSW Regional Report

John Baxter and his Central Coast Surf Stormers have been very busy promoting the sport of Flyball holding several demonstrations. Their events include The Kulnura Bloodtree Festival in the Yarramalong Valley where they had a great day with the Surf Stormer demo team providing a good display for the large crowd and having their picture taken with the Lighthorseman on his mount, the horse did not even flinch at very curious flyball dogs surrounding him.

The Newcastle Jockey Club invited us to family race days at their Cessnock Wine Country

Racecourse and the Broadmeadow Racecourse for the Melanoma Foundation.



The St.Ives Festival on the Green event was well attended by spectators. Norwest Thunderdogs joined us on the day and good racing was achieved on an immaculate village green lawn surface, you would like to race on that grass every week!! Norwest have supported our demos on a few occasions and is much appreciated and certainly does make a difference when we have someone to race against.



Blue Haven Public School hosted us at their Spring Fair and although a very hot day the dogs cooled off under the hose and gave a good display. 'Keira' from the Leaps & Bounds club made the long trip up to join us and was a treat to watch her skills on the day, thanks to David and Jutta for their support.

The Stormers made the trip to the Hawkesbury Community Expo at Richmond and leaving in pouring rain on the coast we were greeted with a beautiful day and a good day of racing resulted.

Plenty of displays on the day and quite a large crowd attended.



Quite a few demos coming up for the Stormers and all AFA members are invited to join us. Demos really are worthwhile for assisting dogs to become conditioned to distractions and also invaluable for those dogs and handlers starting out in the sport to get much needed practice in front of a crowd without the pressure that competition brings with it.

Please look on the AFA website for dates times



and locations and contact David Baxter for further information

The Norwest Thunderdogs have been holding successful demonstrations as well including Hawkesbury Community Expo that was attended by the Surf Stormers as well.

The Expo attracted a crowd of over 5000 people on the day and there were good crowds of people watching the Active Dog ring all day. As well as several flyball demonstrations the dog ring had agility and dancing dog demonstrations.

The flyball proved very popular with the crowd, with lots of comments received on just how much fun the dogs were clearly having. As is the case after all big demonstrations we received quite a few enquiries from people interested in getting their dog involved in the sport.

The Hawkesbury Campus of UWS is the old Hawkesbury Agricultural College and at the Expo the University ran a series of mini lectures on a range of topics including one on small animal behaviour training. It was interesting to see that many of the flyball training techniques we are using were included in the University lecture dealing with positive response training.

A great day and a great demo of Flyball thanks to Norwest and the Surf Stormers Clubs.

I have also heard the PICS held a demonstration with Holroyd council that was so successful that they have agreed to a competition next year.

Upcoming Demos include Pet Expo at Rosehill Gardens racecourse on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of November. This is an event that has been the backbone for promotion of Flyball in Australia and I ask all our members to support it. The crowds are very enthusiastic and it is great fun running on artificial surface in a ring that is too small. Laughter is a guarantee.

It is with regret that I have tendered my resignation from the position of NSW AFA representative. I have taken a new employment opportunity in Canberra and am moving to the ACT in October (look out down there!). Unfortunately it means that I must also give up my position on the AFA committee. I made a commitment when I took on this position that I would help get more comps up and running in NSW and I think, with the help of others, we have achieved that. I would like to thank all those clubs and individuals that have helped me in my time as NSW rep and who continue to promote the growth of flyball in NSW. Please extend your support to whoever takes on this position as they endeavour to support you, and to advocate on behalf of flyball in NSW. Once again thanks everybody for all your help.

Cheers

Trent Shepherd – NSW Regional Representative  
Go Faster Go.

## Queensland Regional Report

Since July, Queensland clubs have hosted two competitions – “Flyball (almost) by the River”, organized by the Flyball Fanatics at the El Salvadore Soccer Club at Fairfield on 27 August and another comp at the Mount Gravatt showground, hosted by Awesome Pawsome on 10 September.

“Flyball (almost) by the River” was opened by the CEO of RSPCA Qld, Mark Townsend. Mark is very keen for the RSPCA to be associated with a sport like Flyball as it promotes responsible dog ownership and addresses the issue of obesity in dogs. Local Brisbane City Councilor, Helen Abrahams, also attended, as did one of the Council’s Animal Management Officers and both were most impressed by the high level of organization and professionalism of the sport. The day was capped off by the eating of a spit-roasted lamb, ably cooked by the El Salvadoreans, who are a delightful group of soccer-loving people (who also love having us share their facilities for flyball comps) and the AFA Annual General Meeting! So now you all know what the background noise to your telephone hook-up was all about – a bunch of well-oiled El Salvadoreans celebrating their soccer successes.

Queensland AFA members are now well represented on the national committee as follows:

- President – Steve Pitt (Awesome Pawsome)
- Secretary – Rosie Milton (Awesome Pawsome)
- Treasurer – Vicki Kennelly
- Qld Rep - Julie Ivison (Flyball Fanatics)
- Committee – Ann Coburn, Liz Hollingshead and Jane Trezise (all Flyball Fanatics)

Future competitions are planned for October – “Dogtoberfest” hosted by the Calamvet Flyers (9 October) and November – “Annual Night at the Races”, hosted by Pine Rivers (12 November)

Before November, however, Pine Rivers club have been asked to do another demo at the Pine Rivers Shire Council’s “Outside and Alive Festival”. This is the third time the local council has asked them to participate in the festival and they are happy that the council keeps asking. The festival is all about getting people up off their

backsides and getting out and about and enjoying the Pine Rivers Shire. Flyball is all about getting people off their backsides and getting out and about with their dog, so flyball fits the criteria for the festival.

The Pine Rivers’ Club has had some recent good news and bad news. In July, Jan Curtis, who runs Shelley and Whisky, both Australian Terriers, was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. After a rush to hospital and initial chemo, she is doing well. Jan is currently undergoing the second chemotherapy treatment (she needs to have three treatments in total) but is in good spirits. She can’t wait to have it all over with so she can get on with her life, which includes flyballing with Shelley and Whisky. Congratulations to Emma and Lee Naylor on the birth of their first child, Jacob Leo, who was born on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Emma and Lee run Lara, a black Labrador who just loves flyball and is one of the original Pine Rivers flyball dogs. Mum, Dad and son are all doing well. This means that the Pine Rivers Flyball (human) breeding program is now underway, but they still have a bit of catching up to do when compared to the Calamvet Flyers and Flyball Fanatics. Flyball racing truly is a family sport and Calamvet and the Fanatics prove that at each and every comp. It looks like the next generation of flyball handlers is secure.

The Homeless Hounds finally won their first event since losing Jack the ACD who went to the USA last year leaving a big hole in the team. They won division 3 at the last competition at Mt Gravatt, with new faces Czar-make-my-day the German Shepherd and Sirius the sweetest pixie-faced border collie each contributing clean and full runs to the team's fastest time of 27-point-something seconds. A few box loader miscommunications threw a spanner in the plans (the box loader was borrowed from the Pine Rivers Team coming in second place...just a co-incidence). Rosie the spoodle ran well (not being too blonde on the day), and Mr & Mrs Reliable (Jasper the cocker spaniel and Bladey the smiling Staffie) did not miss a beat, and Zac give-me-space the ACD was the best tail-ender. We are still HOMELESS by the way, and open to offers.

Queensland’s newest club, Suncoast Fundogs is very new to flyball, having only 4 dogs (only 2 have done comps). They currently don’t have enough

dogs for a team due to injury & pregnancy but will no doubt come back fighting next year.

Julie Ivison  
Queensland Regional Representative

## South Australia Regional Report

Thank you to all the teams who travelled over to SA to compete at the Royal Adelaide Show. The day went smoothly for once. The racing was close in some of the heats and there seemed to be a bigger crowd than last year, I think this was because the weather was quite good. Racing was on time and the day was over by 4:30pm. I hope all the interstaters had a safe journey home.

I would like to Congratulate Dover Gardens Dog Club on their first Flyball Competition. They ran really well considering they had only been training as a group for a few months and had only run against another club/team once during a mock competition training session. I tried to help them out as best I could by giving them DVD's of PDODC's previous competitions but you cannot construct the atmosphere of a Competition. They were a bit worried how their dogs would go with all the other dogs and the crowd, but the dogs did not put a foot wrong. I think they ran really well - they did win one race after all. Mike (the Captain) seemed quite preoccupied at times but managed to muddle his way through. I would really like to THANK Ballarat, Bellarine, Keilor, Croydon & Para District for stepping in and helping Dover when they needed it. You all showed them what Flyball is all about and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We all look forward to competing against them in the near future.

Catherine Saberton  
SA State Rep.

## Victorian Regional Report

This is my first report as Victorian Regional Representative so I thought that I should provide a brief introduction.

I share my life with three Labradors (Guinness (9), Quigley (6) and Sarnia (3)) and have just bred my first litter with Sarnia and Quigley, sending

nine fantastic little pups into the big wide world. You will generally see my dogs totally out of control at the end of a competition because they have been crated all day whilst I am busy as a competition organiser or Judge.

My involvement with the AFA began in 1998 when I started racing Guinness and have been a Judge since 1999. Even though Guinness retired in 2000/2001 from injury (not flyball related), I have continued to Judge as well as being an active member of the "Croydon Rockets". One of my great pleasures is event organisation (competitions, demonstrations and social events).

My main reason for wishing to nominate as "Vic Rep" is to ensure that there is an open communication channel between the AFA Committee and the Victorian members. This is something that many people have commented is lacking. Secondly, it is time to put back into the sport for all AFA members as this sport has given me years of enjoyment and great friendships. There is plenty of opportunity for growth for this fantastic sport and I look forward to the challenges of the next twelve months.

Please feel free to contact me by email ([vic@flyball.org.au](mailto:vic@flyball.org.au)) or by telephone on 03 9735 0541 or 0414 922 823.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all flyballers to thank Eric van Zuyden for his major commitment to flyball. I have some big shoes to fill, but am buoyed knowing that I can call on Eric for support.

Things have been a bit quiet in Victoria due to the winter break from regular competitions, but the season is now up and running with a large number of competitions scheduled for the coming months. So, watch this space for further news.

Congratulations to Julie Walker for recently establishing the Albury-Wodonga Flyball Club. A successful competition (Siesta Sprint hosted by CDC) was held in August and hope that this will encourage more local members to join now that they have seen the fun that can be had. This area provides a great growth opportunity for flyball and is a good half-way point for competitions for Victoria and NSW/ACT competitors.

Thanks go to all who were involved in the recent filming for “Melbourne Weekender” with Dr Katrina Warren. Members from all over Victoria provided 30 dogs for the filming of the TV segment and a great day was had by all that were involved. We are now eagerly waiting to see what will go to air and what will land up on the cutting room floor!!!

Other than competitions, the next major demonstration of flyball will be at the Melbourne Pet and Animal Expo (Feb 3-5) to be held at Caulfield Racecourse. Please mark these dates in your diaries and let me know if you would like to be involved.

Happy Flyballing!!!

Emma Le Cras

Victorian Regional Representative

## NSW Member - Only

The AFA is now putting out a call for nominations for a new NSW Regional Representative. At the end of this newsletter is a nomination form for anyone interested in nominating for this position. Below are the duties a Regional Representative is expected to perform in their position. Also refer to page 9 of this newsletter for more duties under the heading ‘Regional Representatives’

### 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.

## Competition Results

### Siesta Sprint, Albury - 13 August 2005

#### Division 1:

- 1st - Croydon Rockets Scientists - 19.57
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bellarine Bandits - 20.205
- 3rd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - 20.060
- 4th - Ballarat Eureka - 20.134
- 5th - Canberra X Factor 1 - 20.531

#### Division 2:

- 1st - Bellarine Buccaneers - 22.242
- 1st - Berwick Bladerunners - 23.041
- 2nd - Croydon Rocket Blasters - 23.43

#### Division 3:

- 1st - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - 23.43
- 2nd - T'Keilor Laidbacks - 23.54
- 3rd - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 23.22
- 4th - Canberra X-Factor 2 - 24.59
- 5th - Croydon Rocket Space Cadets - 31.71

### Barking Mad at Panthers - 14th August 2005

**Division 1:**

- 1st - Parramatta Pandemonium - 19.041
- 2nd - Sydney Psychos - 20.521
- 3rd - Norwest Thunderdogs A - 21.091

**Division 2:**

- 1st - Parramatta Pawpedoes - 23.886
- Non-comp - Norwest Thunderdogs B - 23.337

**Division 3:**

- 1st - Road Runners - 25.769
- 2nd - Powerpaws - 25.886
- 3rd - Mismatched Mutts - 24.650
- Non-comp - Norwest Thunderdogs C - 30.109

**Sunset Claws Flyball - 20 August 2005****Division 1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Canberra X Factor 1 - 19.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pandemonium - 19.12
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Canberra X Factor 2 - 20.25
- 4<sup>th</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 1 - 20.47

**Division 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> K9 Krusaders - 24.06
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Canberra X Factor 3 - 22.84

**Division 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Belconnen Speeding Bullets - 24.13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Canberra X Factor 4 - 23.79
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 2 - 24.82

**Division 4**

- 1<sup>st</sup> X Factor Extreme - 29.41
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Belconnen Chocolate Bullets - 37.81

**Surf 'N Turf - 3 September 2005****Division 1:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thunderdogs 1 - 18.005
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Canberra X Factor 2 - 19.406
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pandemonium - 18.098
- 4<sup>th</sup> Canberra X Factor 1 - 19.279
- 5<sup>th</sup> Were Sandbaggers too - 20.576

**Division 2:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sydney Sandbaggers - 21.111
- 2<sup>nd</sup> K9 Krusaders - 22.052
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pistols - 22.769
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thunderdogs 2 - 22.751

**Division 3:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pawpedoes - 23.580
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Canberra X Factor 3 - 22.371
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 23.914
- 4<sup>th</sup> Canberra X Factor 4 - 22.34
- 5<sup>th</sup> South Coast Dishlickers - 23.898
- 6<sup>th</sup> St George Dragon Slayers - 26.10

**Division 4:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leaps & Bounds Roadrunners - 24.306
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Power Paws - 28.853
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Belconnen Beach Bullets - 26.593
- 4<sup>th</sup> Canberra X Factor 5 - 29.703

**Flyball on the Oval - 10 September 2005****Division 1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Awesome Pawsome One
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Flying Fidos

**Division 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Awesome Pawsome Two
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dare Devils

**Division 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Homeless Hounds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Little Devils
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Flyball Fanatics
- 4<sup>th</sup> Calamvet

**Adelaide Royal Show - 10 September 2005****Division 1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Croydon Rocket Scientists - 19.412
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballarat Eureka - 20.08
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bellarine Bandits - 20.136

**Division 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Para Shooters - 21.20
- 2<sup>nd</sup> T'Keilor Sunrises - 21.71

**Division 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - 24.02
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Para Troopers - 22.498
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 23.205
- 4<sup>th</sup> Para Gliders - 26.359
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fly'd Over - 25.5

**Paws in the Park - 11 September 2005****Division 1**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pandemonium - 18.425
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 1 - 18.230
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Canberra X-Factor 1 - 19.80
- 4<sup>th</sup> We're Psychos Too - 20.460

**Division 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sydney Psychos - 19.925
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 2 - 21.041
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pawpedoes - 24.066

**Division 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Canberra X-Factor 2 - 22.548
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragon Slayer - 22.382
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Roadrunners - 23.226
- 4<sup>th</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 23.625
- 5<sup>th</sup> Norwest Thunderdogs 4 - 27.341

## Calendar of Events

### AFA Sanctioned Competitions

Date	Competition	State
1 Oct 05	Best Friends Flyball Retreat, Yarram	Vic
2 Oct 05	Irish Flyball Fling (Belconnen)	ACT
9 Oct 05	Pet's Day Out, Frankston	Vic
9 Oct 05	Logan, Brisbane	Qld
9 Oct 05	DOGTOBERFEST	Qld
22 Oct 05	Euroa Flyball Euphoria	Vic
6 Nov 05	Flyball Frolic, Hall Markets Canberra	ACT
12 Nov 05	Dandenong Show	Vic
27 Nov 20	Pet & Pony Expo, Rosebud	Vic
3 Dec 05	Ballarat	Vic
14 Jan 06	Bass Coast Agricultural Show, Wonthaggi	Vic
26 Jan 06	RACV Australia Day ( <i>sanction pending</i> )	Vic
26 Jan 06	Australia Day, Canberra ( <i>sanction pending</i> )	ACT
25&26 Feb 06	Canberra Royal	ACT
5 Mar 06	Ringwood Highland Games ( <i>sanction pending</i> )	Vic
9 April 06	Gundaroo Races ( <i>sanction pending</i> )	NSW
19 Mar 06	Orange ( <i>sanction pending</i> )	NSW
2 Sep 06	Kioloa Surf 'n Turf ( <i>sanction pending</i> )	NSW
17 Sep 06	Holroyd PetFest	NSW

### Flyball Demonstrations

Date	Event	State	<u>AFA or club?</u>
25 Sep 05	Dogs Breakfast, Brisbane	QLD	<u>club</u>
2 Oct 05	Bringadogalong Day" held by Guide Dogs of Victoria. (Time: 12noon - 4.00pm, Venue: Yarra Bend Park, Westfield Reserve, off Heidleberg Rd, Clifton Hill)	Vic	<u>club</u>
9 Oct 05	Great Big Animal Open Day	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
16 Oct 05	Central Coast Pet Expo, Wyong Racecourse	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
Oct 23 05	Nillumbik Pet Expo - Shire of Nillumbik, Main Hurstbridge Rd, Diamond Creek.	Vic	<u>club</u>
Nov 4 - Nov 6 05	Sydney Pet Expo Flyball Demonstration, Rosehill Gardens Race Course.	NSW	<u>AFA</u>
5 Nov 05	"Twilight Family Fun Fair", Manchester Primary School. (Time: 3.00pm - 8.00pm, Venue: Monomeith St, Mooroolbark)	Vic	<u>club</u>
20 Nov 05	"The Dogs Breakfast", Assistance Dogs Australia. (Time: 8.30am - 11.30am, Venue: Princess Park, Carlton)	Vic	<u>club</u>

## "DOGTOBERFEST"

*Sunday 9th October, 2005*

*Host Club* - Calamvet Flyball

*Comp Secretary* - Andrea Otley

*Address* - PO BOX 4148, Forest Lake,  
QLD 4078

*Contact phone numbers:* 07 3304 7240 BH  
07 3879 2395 AH  
0413 173 608 Mobile

*Email* - [calamvetflyball@hotmail.com](mailto:calamvetflyball@hotmail.com)

*Entries close* - Friday 30th September, 2005

*Entry fee* - \$60 per team  
(please make cheques payable to Calamvet  
Flyball)

*Location* - Meakin Park Sports Ovals  
(Softball and Hockey Field near Clubhouse),  
Meakin Road, Slacks Creek

*Vetting* - 7:30am

*Racing Starts* - 8:30am

## Pet's Day Out Flyball Competition

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2005*

Ballam Park, Cranbourne Rd  
Frankston

*Check-in 8.00 - 8.30*

*Racing Starts 9.00am*

*Further details - contact*

*Trevor Nicholls*

*0417 054 281*

*or [trevor@reho.com](mailto:trevor@reho.com)*

*Hosted by*

*Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc.*

## "The Great Big Animal Open Day"

### Flyball Demos

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2005**

**Venue:** large grassed area adjacent to  
North Ryde Vet Hospital  
384 Lane Cove Rd North Ryde

**Time:** 11:00am to 4:30pm

**Duration:** 3 flyball demos of about 30  
minutes each throughout the day.

**Format:** This will be a  
demonstration of the sport of  
flyball open to all AFA members.  
Experienced Flyball dogs will be  
invited to race in teams.  
Opportunity will be provided for  
beginner dogs to perform recalls  
& head to head racing.

"The Great big animal open day",  
we don't know how many elephants  
they were expecting?! (ha! Ha!).  
The Metropolitan Practitioners  
Branch of the Australian  
Veterinary Association is  
promoting this event. They have  
booked Harry Cooper and Steve  
Austin and about 30 stalls with  
pet products etc.

**For information** contact Glenn  
Pritchard 0414 870 693



## ACT COMPANION DOG CLUB

### “Flyball Frolic” Competition

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005 -

Hall Markets, Gladstone St off Victoria St Showgrounds main oval

Check in: 7.30am - Racing start time: 8.30am

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

Entries close: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005

Food available at the market stalls, this is one of Canberra's Largest markets, and is hot so please remember to bring along shade, water, & protection for you dogs from the public (crates).

# Blast From The Past – “The Flying Times” Edition Number Nine - Excerpts

AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION

## “THE FLYING TIMES”

No 9 – 2 January 1998

Happy New Year to all! I hope that your Christmas was a happy and safe one and that 1998 brings much happiness and success.

Well the competitions are coming in thick and fast so the summer break will soon be over. I hope that your pooches didn't enjoy too much Christmas cheer! (I say as two beady eyes stare at me through bloated cheeks)! A great way to lose weight after Christmas.....become a Novice handler!

### CRN Numbers

CRN or 'Competition Racing Number' is on your AFA Membership Card.

When your team/club is submitting entry forms for a competition, please remember to complete the CRN Numbers section on the form.

It is imperative that this number appears, with the expiry date, on the entry to show AFA Membership and also to ensure that your dog gets the points it deserves.

You must be an AFA member to compete at an AFA sanctioned competition.

### Measuring Your Dog

It is up to the team and each individual to ensure that your dogs are accurately measured to prevent being penalized at a competition.

Team Captain, remember it is part of your responsibility at a competition to ensure that your team is always jumping the correct height.

Any dog running under 16" at a competition is to be measured before the competition commences. Please ensure that you make your dog available for measurement prior to racing.

### **First Aid**

Just a thought for those who are or are thinking about hosting a competition. Someone competent in First Aid can be handy in the case of an accident.

The St John's Ambulance is a voluntary organisation who is able to supply first aid officers for sporting fixtures. You should be able to find them in your local telephone book.

### **How do I receive my AFA TITLE?**

Last newsletter we talked about how points toward titles are achieved. This time we are going to explain how to receive your title.

At the completion of each competition the AFA receives details of those who have received points towards their title at that event. The points are accumulated and as each person and their canine pal achieve a new title it will appear in this newsletter. There will be a small form attached which you fill in and return with a Cheque/money order for \$5.00, the cost of the title certificate. The list will be updated in each newsletter.

Those that have achieved their FD title (20 points) are as follows: (in order)

Geoff Ryan and Ben – 28A  
Vicki Kennelly and Monty – 3A  
Joan Ryan and Teddy – 29A.  
Kelvin Drummond and Rina – 46A  
Catherine Alexander and Jyoti – 66A  
Alison McCann and Buddy – 74A  
Dee Scott and Isaac – 65A  
Justine Figg and Charlie – 55A  
Jackie Wassell and Kuta – 76A

Linda Beer and Splinter – 60A  
Ann Goode and Wylie – 59A  
Terry Hunter and Guinness – 100A  
Tamara Brown and Claudia – 64A  
Sandra Crowley and Koonunga – 88A  
Andrea Stunden and Jet Girl 110A  
Frank Green and Blaze 112A  
Nerida Winter and Ben 10A  
Ray Williams and Jedda 45A.  
Joanne Harris and Barney 109A

Those that have also earned their FDX title (100 Points) are as follows: (in order)

Geoff Ryan and Ben – 28A  
Vicki Kennelly and Monty 3A  
Joan Ryan and Teddy 29A  
Kelvin Drummond and Rina 46A  
Catherine Alexander and Jyoti 66A  
Alison McCann and Buddy 74A

Please find at the bottom of the newsletter the form to be returned. Watch this spot next time for the new title achievers!

### **Results**

On 30 November 1997 Queanbeyan Flyball held its annual Flyball competition in conjunction with the local festival. Though the weather was warm, the lovely shady trees on the banks of the river made it an ideal spot for the competition. Competitors came from the ACT, Queanbeyan and Keilor Victoria. Word has it that the effort on behalf of the Victorians was double considering they suffered three flat tyres and car trouble. The results of the day are as follows.

#### **Open Division 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Hoon Squad – 22.69  
2<sup>nd</sup> T-Keilor Slammer – 22.84  
3<sup>rd</sup> Power Paws Red – 24.60

#### **Open Division 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Power Paws Wagtails – 25.77  
2<sup>nd</sup> Psychomutts – 28.35  
Power Paws Minis – 32.97  
4<sup>th</sup> Flying Dog Squad – 31.43

### **Visiting Us Flyball Instruction**

The AFA extended an invitation to Lonnie Olsen to come to Australia during 1998.

At this stage things are looking very positive. If your club is interested in utilising some of her time here in Australia, please contact the AFA urgently. This is an opportunity not to be missed as she has been involved in Flyball since its early days as has much experience not only in flyball but also obedience and is associated with both Karen Pryor and Terry Ryan.

### 1998 Canberra Royal Flyball Spectacular

Come to the first "weekend" of competition in Australia, to be held at the Canberra Royal on 21 and 22 February 1998 (two separate competitions). The Canberra Royal is always an enjoyable and popular event, this year promises a huge weekend of Flyball racing, which is sponsored by PAL and the Australian Veterinary Association (ACT Division). Being a two day event, this provides a great opportunity for achieving Flyball titles in one weekend.

As the weather can be hot in February, racing will take place in the morning on both days. A get together on the Saturday night for a BBQ or similar is being planned.

There is a variety of accommodation available, both camping and motels. There are also a number of local competitors who are happy to billet visiting teams.

The weekend promises to be a huge spectacular.

### Croydon Dog Obedience Club Flyball Competition

On 22 March 1998 at the Red Earth Festival, Mooroolbark, Victoria, Croydon Dog Obedience Club will be hosting an AFA Sanctioned Flyball Competition that sound sure to be nothing short of enormous, with prizes to match!

The Red Earth Festival is on the THE popular events in Mooroolbark and therefore this is a great opportunity to show flyball to the general public. Flyball is an exciting spectator sport and what better placed to have a competition but out with an audience to cheer you on!

There is still time to get your team/s together and start practicing. You will find a flyer and

entry form attached, so send it in and "we'll see you there!"

CRN	Points
863A	193
875A	23
876A	193
877A	230
878A	11
880A	5
889A	0
890A	0
892A	71
423B	8875
344B	152
719A	1105

CRN	Points
840A	1
841A	909
845A	1
849A	1267
850A	309
851A	674
852A	6
855A	7
857A	117
858A	2135
861A	284
863A	850
864A	20

CRN	Points
707A	1068
814A	675
815A	108
816A	220
817A	13
818A	135
821A	280
822A	0
823A	2675
833A	291
705A	1606
837A	955
838A	29

CRN	Points
787A	854
789A	40
791A	1387
795A	35
795B	930
795C	19
797A	30
798A	2114
801A	10
802A	1
803A	64
804A	0
810A	5

CRN	Points
754A	1132
757A	2421
758A	232
761A	1010
762A	840
766A	304
767A	5990
769A	1898
771A	3366
772A	708
779A	0
780A	40
785A	1409

CRN	Points	CRN	Points	CRN	Points	CRN	Points	CRN	Points
1B	0	253A	30127	395B	147	520A	118	611A	1453
1C	14664	254A	7080	396A	11902	521A	6783	617A	55
3C	311	262A	6791	400A	361	524A	38	619A	8314
28A	9065	262B	4521	400B	299	526A	111	620A	925
29A	11346	266A	482	405A	259	526B	338	623A	6224
44B	14788	266C	0	407B	3008	530A	454	625A	60
44C	910	271A	7575	419A	1712	531A	2637	625B	0
58A	2007	271B	612	421A	1437	532A	2029	630A	321
59A	3159	277A	9616	423A	13371	533A	302	633A	756
60A	7206	284B	4036	431A	362	534A	7	634A	281
60B	6298	285A	379	431B	290	535A	1898	634B	607
60C	388	286A	216	433A	15	535B	678	657A	108
67B	244	286B	3449	435A	556	536A	1712	658A	2251
67E	1744	286C	11	435B	481	536B	1887	659A	3702
68B	7921	296B	341	437B	368	541A	66	660A	5276
68C	18	297A	4907	441A	5578	542A	6019	660B	1276
72C	0	299A	885	443A	2836	543A	685	665A	1061
74A	8028	299B	16	443B	702	544A	367	666A	6779
74B	5224	304A	12214	444A	5625	547B	0	668A	929
80B	4997	304B	3315	447A	4110	548A	5648	669A	1376
80D	125	315A	8704	450A	2	548B	5076	670A	237
87A	103	319B	1880	456A	49	549A	8071	674A	81
88A	2890	326A	9049	459A	193	549B	12	675A	858
88B	10073	326B	75	461A	11093	551A	60	679A	152
92C	12301	328A	1140	462A	1673	552A	8159	680A	1420
92D	12640	330A	249	462B	4295	552B	87	685A	42
97B	4149	330B	121	463A	200	553A	1840	686A	1470
100A	5656	333A	13811	464A	7087	553B	3	688A	1016
100B	4595	333B	662	464B	3130	554A	907	689A	183
113B	0	334A	2186	467A	2	554B	8951	690A	1131
115A	13180	336A	28239	472A	1736	556A	3058	692A	668
115D	14589	288A	1787	472B	4618	557A	938	696A	79
128B	6438	338A	4333	472C	3084	558A	4714	700A	13
153C	11537	340A	806	478A	7154	559A	9202	700B	3641
136A	6577	342A	2117	478B	368	564A	9100	702B	5
147B	2949	342C	728	479A	715	569A	7294	703A	1837
150A	11804	344A	506	480A	2410	569B	5568	704A	0
150B	3279	348A	9066	483A	641	571A	9344	706A	1336
150C	46	351A	2741	485A	2096	571B	1220	713A	5279
163A	168	357A	2073	485B	21	572A	3500	714A	364
163B	138	358A	11	488A	120	572B	1945	715A	1536
178A	37840	359A	286	489A	6947	576A	1363	717A	1073
178B	15219	360A	14	491A	927	577A	933	718A	86
182A	15030	366B	1676	491B	0	577B	438	718B	1
186A	624	368A	32	492A	596	577C	54	719B	408
187A	547	369A	0	492B	1805	578A	147	724A	4226
187B	1753	369B	57	493A	235	584A	207	727A	857
190B	7746	371A	559	493B	3208	591A	75	731A	611
201B	8146	371B	3	496A	169	592B	555	736A	42
204A	621	372A	6614	501A	228	592C	633	738A	278
215B	183	372B	0	508A	3473	593B	344	740A	3890
215C	1530	374A	8246	509A	583	594A	723	741A	52
234A	4143	375C	5876	510A	801	595A	1723	742A	118
239D	11080	375E	1992	510B	898	597A	612	745A	581
244A	7921	378A	8248	510E	351	597B	228	749A	2116
244B	9461	378B	1339	510F	159	598A	5600	749B	1674
247A	6521	384A	150	513A	6298	600A	7891	749C	627
248A	21	385B	553	515A	3113	601A	9745	750A	2116
250A	6472	387A	623	515B	902	608A	278	751A	2220
251B	9154	387B	0	516A	9648	609A	0	752A	198
251C	1292	395A	8505	519A	3780	610A	2490	753A	1084

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## Nomination Form for the Committee of the AFA Inc. for 2005/2006

I \_\_\_\_\_ **Member Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Full Name of AFA Member making nomination)

**nominate** \_\_\_\_\_ **for the position of**  
(Please Print Full Name of Nominee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Nominated Position – NSW Regional Representative)

**on the committee of the Australian Flyball Association Inc.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(AFA Member making nomination)

**Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Full Name of Seconding AFA Member)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(AFA Member seconding Nomination)

I \_\_\_\_\_ **Member number** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Full Name of Nominated AFA Member)

**assent to my nomination for appointment to the above position on the AFA  
Committee and will abide by the AFA Constitution and AFA Rules & Policies.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nominated AFA Member)

**Nomination Forms must be received by mail to The Returning Officer at the below address  
on or before Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2005.**

**The Returning Officer, Australian Flyball Association Inc., PO Box 4054, Raceview, QLD  
4305.**

# The Little Springer Trophy Winners

## (Novice Club of the Year Award)

