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Comment this month

By Karen de Wit

Dog owners are a minority in NZ, and those of us who pursue agility, rally and obedience etc are even more of a minority. A small minority actually attend clubs regularly. And an even smaller number become committee members, with few clubs having keen members clamouring to be on committees.

Clubs are quite delicate beings. Many rely on the efforts of a few to keep things running. Club funds go to a majority of uses including building and ground maintenance, rates and electricity, initiatives for instructors, other new equipment and supplies, even as basic as toilet supplies and paint!

Recent DogsNZ Agility committee initiatives requiring all contact gear in NZ to be standardised within two years goes in my opinion one step too far. This is in addition to recent purchases of wing jumps (and sandbags) and tunnels, including collapsible tunnels which are now "suspended". We replaced our tyres with hoop jumps that fall apart.

*With the popular advent of running dogwalks ramps of different lengths are frowned upon so the dogwalk is the obvious first port of call for standardisation. The Agility Committee has trivialised how easy this will be, and needs to front up with some hard cash to lighten the load on clubs. **(By the way NALA does give out grants on a regular basis, so get those forms in now)***

The seesaw can be cushioned without changing its length, the Aframe angle can be softened by adding some extra chain, and any standardisation required could be phased in by clear parameters for new equipment.

That doesn't count the time and effort required from club members. Whilst Working bees may be fun and a great Team building exercise, agility has been

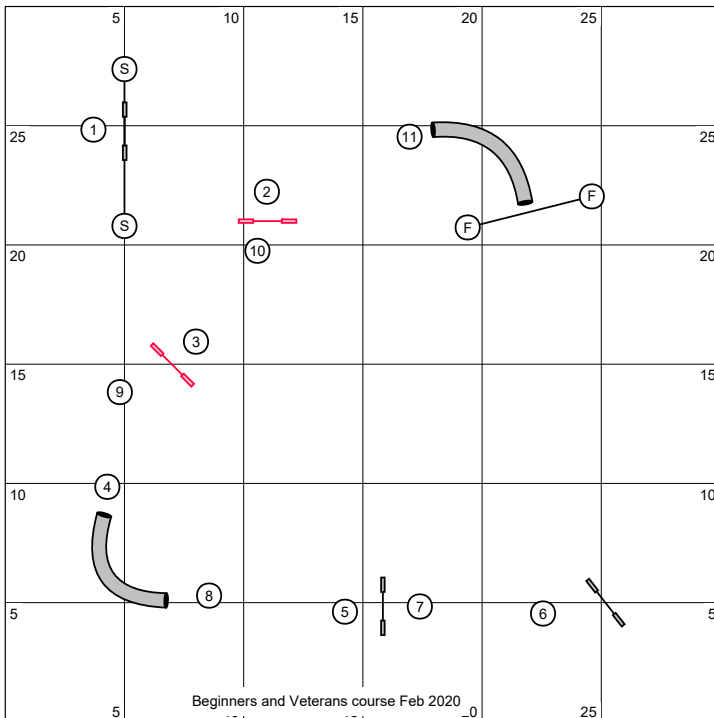
greedily taking up all the spare time for its own use, meaning that other things the club may like to do get put on the back burner.

Lets hope that you all have some time left to run your NALA Link courses this year!! **Would you like to contribute a comment for the month? Just email kpdewit@xtra.co.nz**

Feb Beginners/Veterans

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Feb Game: Snooker

	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
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35								35
30								30
25								25
20								20
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	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40

SNOOKER.
 S/F are simple jumps.
 Reds as marked.
 Coloured obstacles as marked.
 NB: Tunnels can be done in either direction in both opening and closing.
 In closing all other obstacles must be done in direction as marked.
 TOTAL: 50 seconds/scoring ends when 50 secs time is reached.

December Agility Teams

Division One

1	Upper Hutt 1	Ag & JGrCh Ali	Peter de Wit	22.14	78.725
		Smudge	Erin Mulholland	23.203	
		Sequel	Peter de Wit	33.382	
2	Wairarapa	PhamTim	Ana Workman	26.311	82.792
		Jay	Stacie Clark	26.842	
		Bandit	Joyce Sutton	29.639	
3	East BOP	Dusty	Melanie McClumpha	29.12	88.21
		Lucy	Trish Bush	29.5	
		Milly ADX JD	Alison Derbyshire	29.59	
4	Blenheim 1	Strike	Natasha Neame	26.524	94.781
		Peppy	Gillie Smith	33.279	
		AG CH & J GR	Natasha Neame	34.978	
		CH Jazz			
5	Nelson 1	Lia JDX ADX	Nartarsha Gorrie	30.213	100.304
		Bob JDX	Linda Humphries	30.877	
		Zsizi JD	Lizzi Gillard	39.214	
6	Central HB	AG CH Loose ADX	Kim Loye	27.259	100.674
		Jinx	Lynette Sayers	34.429	
		Izzy JDX	Joanne Little	38.986	
7	Hawkes Bay	Ruby	Denise Ockey	27.612	103.222
		Lace JDX	Chrissy Harris	37.61	
		CGCG FD Chester	Peggy Scott	38	

Division Two

1	Cambridge	Maple	Ceri Tarry	25.949	78.34
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		Gem Pip JD	Jill Morley Jill Morley	26.062 26.329	
2	CCATS	Tabasco AD CGCG JDX AG CH Viper ADXG JDX Pipi JDX	Candace Bobier Kathryn Snook Sandra McHugh	28.074 28.248 32.194	88.516
3	Tokoroa	Vogue ADXG JDX Rocky ADXG JAX FD Harley	Paul Needham Paul Needham Fran Thompson- Stevens	27.663 32.457 33.327	93.447
4	Mt Maunganui 2	Blaze JDX Jade Gypsy	Shelley Stewart Natasha Hoogstraten Alison Swinyard	27.352 33.522 33.708	94.582
5	Huntly	Silver Pandaris AD JD George JD	Kim Orlando-Reep Kim Orlando-Reep Dr John Gates	34.889 35.365 35.667	105.921
6	Tauranga 2	Snoop Dog AD JDX Maggy ADX JDX Kobi	Bernice Shearman Tania Greenwood Jocelyn Jensen	31.281 35.007 42.224	108.512
Division Three					
1	Whanganui 3	Dante Charlie Tera	Karen Forrest Nikki Watson Nikki Watson	31.03 37.81 48	116.84
2	Whangarei	Lily Fleet Smithy	Glenys Brown Christine Gillespie Christine Fifield	24.148 41.591 54.338	120.077

3	Tauranga 3	Molly Luna Shark	Nicky Crane Tania Greenwood Tania Greenwood	37.7 41.571 50.851	130.122
4	Nelson 3	Fox JDX Rio JD Ivy	Diana Martin Joanna Martin Kayla Crimp- Palmer	31.789 32.711 82.725	147.225
5	Blenheim 3	Dustin Elly Tui	Taylor Rhind Karina Greenall Claire Brooks	49.089 53.471 57.216	159.776
Division Four					
1	Dog Sport Rotorua	Sophie Pipa Benni	Debbie Trimbach Christine Hutchings Debbie Trimbach	34.34 44.84 59.19	138.37
2	CHB Orange Roughies	Hunta Tweed Lola	Jo-Anne Steed Katrina Alexander Christine Harber	50.202 59.496 74.406	184.104

New Zealand Association of Rally-O



Please ensure the course on the ground is the same as the plan, using a metre wheel to check distances. The overall distance should also be checked.

The sign should be placed where the number on the plan indicates and any separate numbers placed to the side on the right, with cones usually placed just behind (in the case of weaves etc).

. **The sign must be performed in a one metre square** to the front of the sign for turns in front and slightly to the left for straight line walking.

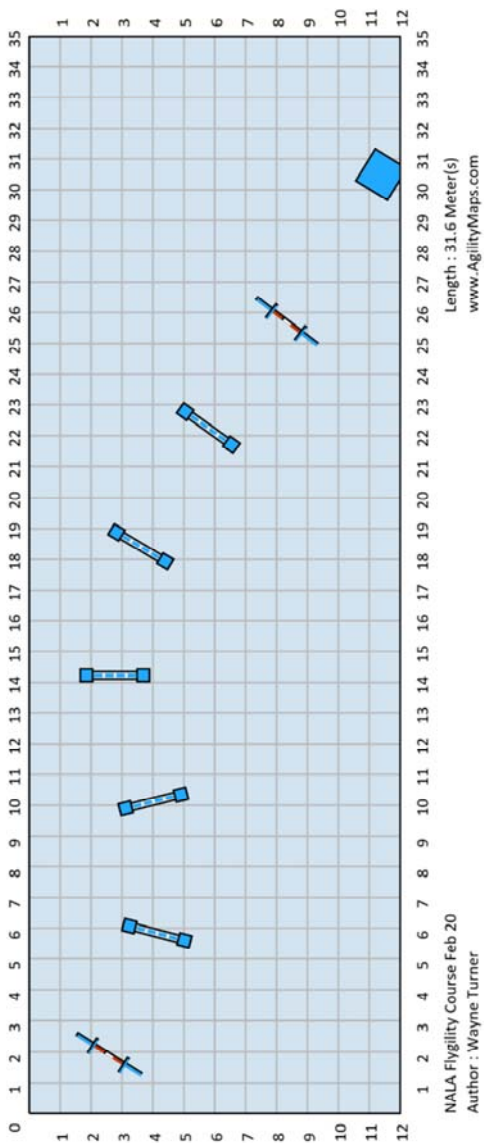


Rally LINK December 2019

Plc	Club	Team	Score	Time
1	Wanganui	Christine Warren & Poppy, Rhonda Campbell & Rebo, & Asti	100.0	204.060
2	Hawkes Bay	Lorraine Lennox & Troika, Chrissy Harris & Lace, Lorraine Lennox & Tempo	100.0	220.992
3	Upper Hutt	Peter de Wit & Sequel, Karen de Wit & Finn, Sue Boyle & Faith	100.0	229.470
4	Canterbury COC	Kathryn Sutton & Daisy, Helen Scott & Mac, Kathryn Sutton & Kira	100.0	233.540
5	Central ADTS	Sonia Calvert & Toto, Jan Voss & Maple, Sonia Calvert & Sputnik	100.0	258.920
6	Wairarapa	Melanie Wyse & Pepper, Nicky Detheridge-Davies & Rufus, Nicky Detheridge-Davies & Pipi	100.0	261.350
7	Sunshine Whk	Diane Rau & Pearl, Maria van Beek & Buddy, Helen Barnes & Cookie	99.7	230.560
8	Norwest	Rosalind Walkington & Fletcher, Karen Smith & Alfie, Jan Walter & Ness	99.7	284.400
9	CHB	Jo Steed & Hunta, Christine Harber & Jazz, Beverley Thomson & Broige	99.7	285.570
10	DAWG	Marian Holman & Chai, Marian Holman & Zephyr, Liz Barlow & Polly	98.7	287.500
11	Dog Sports Rotorua	Debbie Trimbach & Sophie, Lis Proctor & Finch, Raewyn Saville & Fae	97.7	280.700

Flygility course - February

Standard course



Team Flygility Results -December 2019

#	Team	Dog	Handler	Total Score
1		Breaz Maple Lace	Robyn Brettell Ceri Tarry Sophie Tarry	1.1
2	FDTC Meadowlarks	Arrow FDX FDGRCH Meggie FDGRCH Echo	Sandra Mohekey Nichola Cole Nichola Cole	31.06
3		Mindy Shadow Elly	Jennifer Bullas-Everest Wendy Champion Karina Greenall	33.28
4		Betty Chester Lace JDX CGCG FD AD	Chrissy Harris Peggy Scott Chrissy Harris	34.11
5	FDTC Friendly Fields	Holly FD FDGRCH Pulse Shadow FDX	Wendy Cole Sandra Mohekey Nichola Cole	36.84
6	Taranaki Harlequins	FDCH Dazzle CDX WDX JD RN FD GrCh Grace ADXAG JDB GD FDGRCH Willow ADXAB JDX GDX	Laurel Austin Linda Chandler Sandra Banks	37.436
7	Dog Sports Rotorua 1	KC Pipa Gypsy	Pam Sharp Christine Hutchings Dave Swinyard	37.85
8	Upper Hutt	Cash JD	Wayne Turner	38.66

	Bombers	Sequel Shelby	Peter de Wit Wayne Turner	
9	Taranaki Blazers	Stella JDS FD CH Storm AD JD Rollo	Linda Chandler Sandra Banks Rae Mayhead	39.654
10	Dog Sports Rotorua 2	Jade Chip Bobby	Pam Sharp Raewyn Saville Megan Hill	40.81
11	Upper Hutt Flying Spaniels	FDCh Stacey FDCh Zeba Sky ADX-G JD RA	Wayne Turner Wayne Turner Gillian Cruickshank	41.75
12	Dog Sports Rotorua 3	Sophie Molly Pansy	Debbie Trimbach Sue Warrender Raewyn Saville	42.62
13	North Shore	Solo ADX JDX Tszeb JD Winter	Sonja Rosen Sonja Rosen Sheeran Johnson	45
14	Taranaki BeeGees	Blue FDX AD JDX TT1 Dream Kez	Lynn Pillette Sandra Banks Ella Sands-Fore	48.296
15	Dog Sports Rotorua 4	Floyd Koda Bootz	Sue Warrender Tina Watt Christine Hutchings	62.37

There Is A Festival In Nepal Every Year That Thanks Dogs For Being Our Friends

Our dogs are called our best friends for a reason. These loyal furry animals love us unconditionally, adore our presence, are not demanding, and remind us to appreciate even the smallest things in life.

If you agree, I can suggest an event that you will gladly attend! People in Nepal have picked a special day to thank our four-legged companions for their friendship and loyalty.





Millions of Hindus celebrate “Diwali”, a “festival of lights”, every year in the fall.

What is specific to Nepal is this day during the celebration, called Kukur Tihar or Kukur Puja, which is dedicated to dogs.



The Tihar celebration lasts for five days, and the second day is the time for



worshipping
our favorite
pets, by
offering
them
delicious
foods,
adorning
them with

flower garlands, and marking them with “tika” on the forehead.

The red powder mark means that the animal is sacred being, and images of dogs honored in this way are heart-warming.

Note that the celebration does not involve dog pets only, but stray dogs are cherished in the same way as well.

The royal treatment of dogs is due to the belief that they are the messengers of Yama, the Hindu god of death, and it is a way to appease the god.

Moreover, canines are also mentioned in the Hindu text Mahabharata, in which Yudhishtira, the king of righteousness, didn't want to



enter heaven without his furry best friend.

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