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AGILITY THIS MONTH

By Karen de wit

Letter to the Editor:

Hello All,

I read Karen's editorial in the May Magazine and it echoed the thoughts I have had for some time. I feel that people at the top are losing touch with those starting out. These newbies are not always young and fit, they may take time to learn the simplest things, well, the things that seem simple to those of us who have been around a bit longer.

I can remember when the right hand weave was introduced and despite, or perhaps because I was on my first agility dog, I had Snow doing right hand weaves before anyone else in the club. I am still proud of that given the calibre of Hawke's Bay's senior handlers.

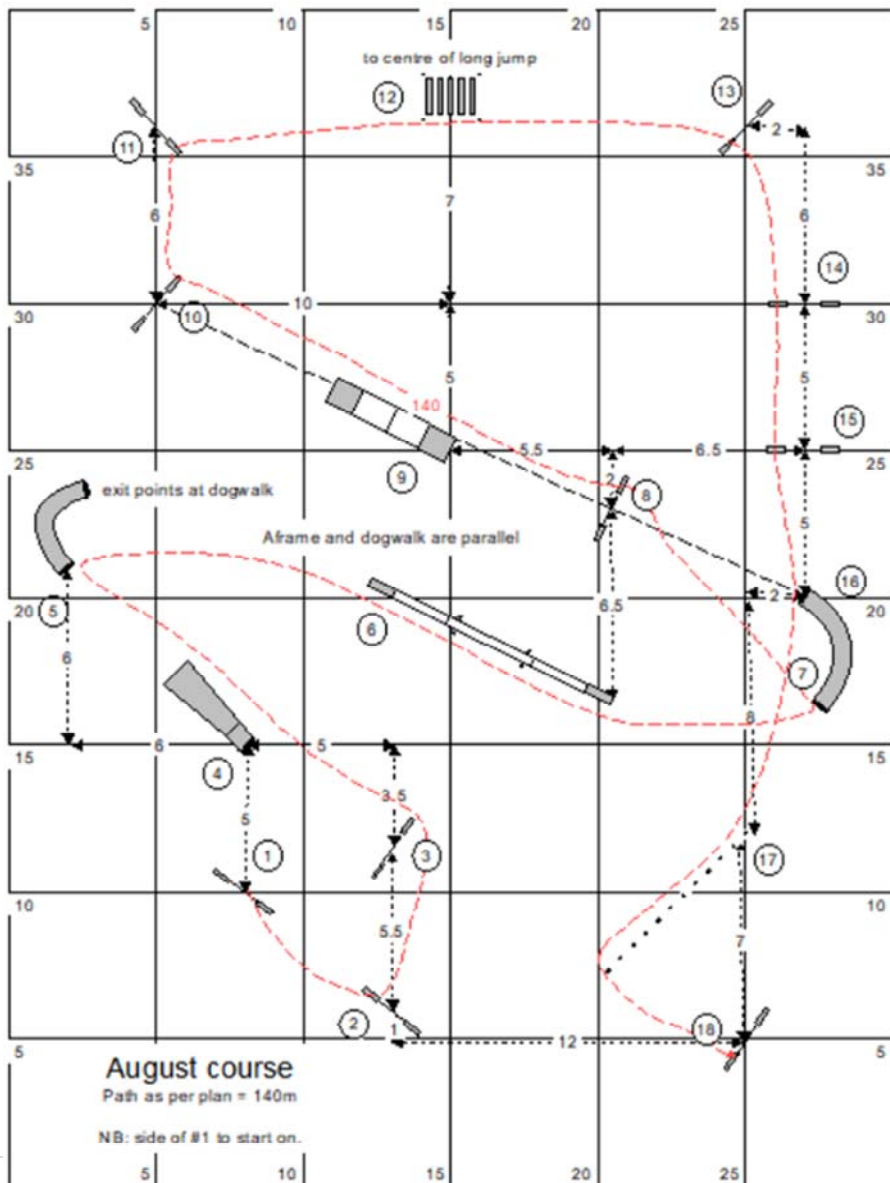
Now think about it all you people who are on the AC, who have taken away no-fault weaves in Starters, who want faulted weaves in Elementary A for God's sake. Even Elementary is harder than it was, so how is this encouraging newbies. That first piece of cardboard is such an achievement for many of us.

I know we can't all be Paw Blacks, but we are losing the fun part and that is really why many people get hooked. I hear on the grapevine that some people feel Games should be kept strictly as novelties, but they can be a great intro, now that everything else has got harder. This is a sport, not a business and we need new people and new dogs. 1 pole is not inviting, it is hard to judge at speed and frankly, young dogs need to learn to cope with all the excitement in the ring and don't need the added difficulty. Now I shall crawl back into my shell.

Have fun, Jacky Carbin

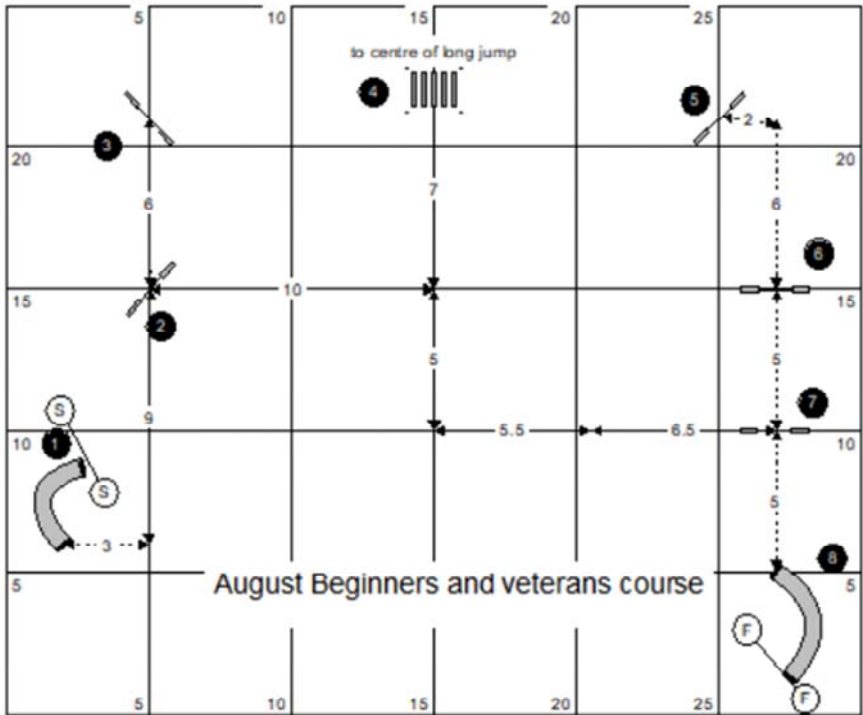
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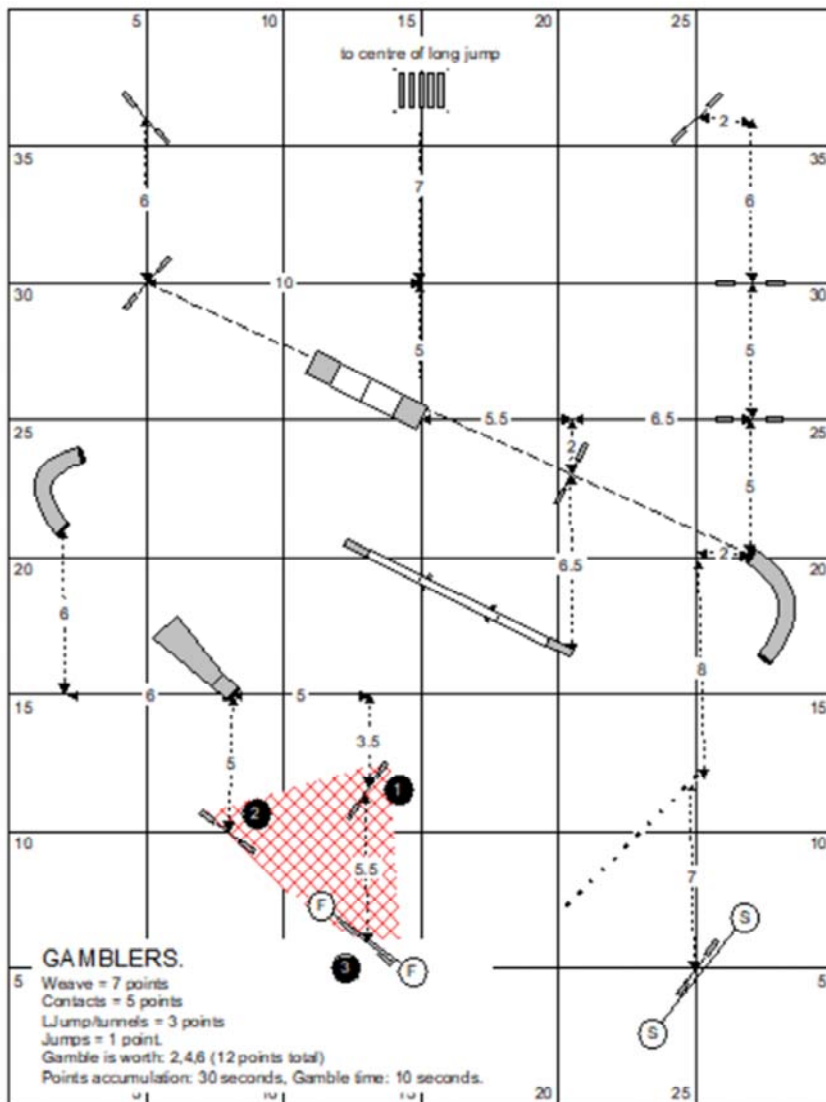
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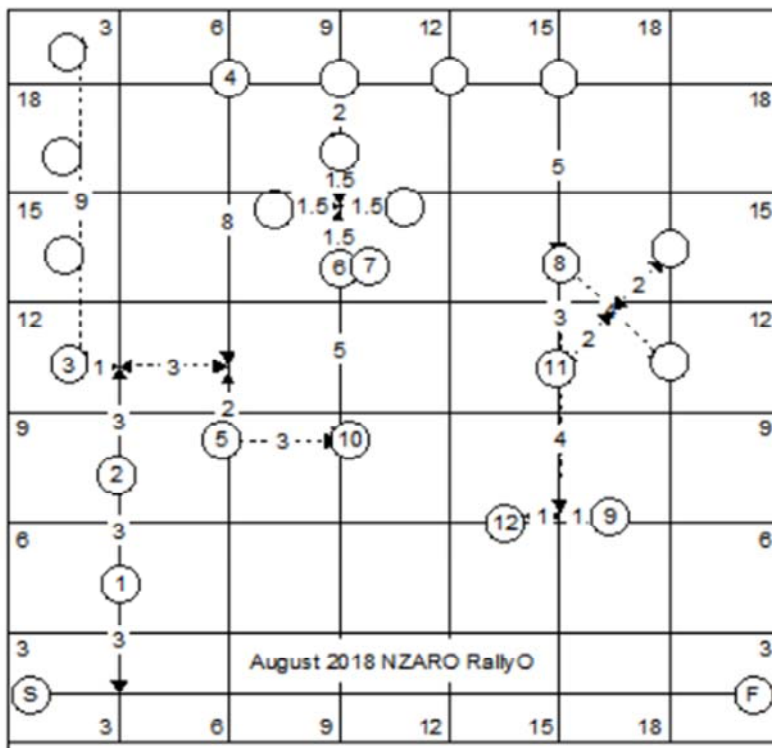
Junior LINK handlers & Veteran dogs



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GAME: GAMBLERS





Rally signs.

1. 360 left
2. 360 right
3. serpentine weave once
4. weave twice
5. left about turn
6. circle right
7. left turn
8. Figure of eight
9. 270 left turn

10. right turn
11. circle left dog on inside
12. Halt sit walk around (pause)

RALLY-O CHALLENGE.

Starts next month.

FLYGILITY THANKYOU!!

NALA would like to thank Raewyn Saville and Debbie Trimbach for at least four years of providing Flygility members with courses and comments each month. It was very much appreciated and we hope you will keep having fun with your own dogs.



FLYGILITY COMMENT – Sandra Mohekey

To everyone who finds the time to read this - hi, kia ora, good day.

I have volunteered (for want of a better word) to co-ordinate the Nala Flygility. It is a good thing I can enter this electronically as my writing arm is still a bit sore from being twisted very high up behind my back at the Hutt tournament. (Karen is stronger than she looks.) I cannot promise to share any accumulated wisdom such as we have come to expect from the last holder/s of this office (not sure I have any) but I will *try* to raise a few issues, share some information, and occasionally entertain you. (Karen, just use the standard disclaimer about the views of the columnist not necessarily reflecting the views of the Nala organisation.)

So, who am I? (Feel free to skip this part. Go to the next paragraph.) I live in Zone 3 and compete as actively as I can in flygility and agility. I am owned by four maxi dogs: Niko, a heading dog/BC cross; Pulse who is a heading dog; Arrow who is a lurcher; and my “baby” heading dog Bowen who is my tallest dog and a bit barking mad so not working yet. I have competed in agility for over 20 years and in fly for about 10. I usually love my sports. I love everything from training with friends, to moaning about and discussing the weather or the handling options at shows , to gaining individual achievements including titles and CRs and even just bits of a course I handled well. When I sat down to write this first column (during a large mass meeting I had to attend – thank goodness for pen and paper) I knew I had a few ideas about what I wanted to say (this will surprise no one who knows me) but wasn’t sure anyone would want to read it. But, what the heck. Read it, don’t read it. Agree, disagree. Speak up, shut up. Maybe I can stimulate some thinking in others. Maybe I can just clarify my own.

At an informal dog sports meeting I was at a few months ago (not a group of which I am a member) people were urged by an administrator to remember why we were involved in our sports. We were told: “We do this so our dogs can have fun.” This was given as an explanation for a general and noticeable lack of support or appreciation from the admin for most club members. Well, I thought about that statement and actually, no., I don’t. If I want my dog to have fun I will take them for a walk, or to a beach or a river for a swim, or I will play ball with them, or play hide and seek, or call “Go” and watch them race each other, or do some training exercise which they enjoy. There are hundreds of things my dogs find fun and the afore-mentioned I also think are fun.

Some of my dogs also like chasing things such as sheep and hares (Arrow), and rolling in cow shit, rolling in sheep shit, rolling in rabbit shit (Niko), eating cow, sheep and rabbit shit (Arrow and Niko) and barking at me (Bowen - Pulse is the angel child). These things I personally do not think are fun. Especially having to deal with the aftermath. But if I did just want my dogs to have fun I could just take them to an empty sheep paddock and say go for it – roll and eat to your hearts’ content. If I left the sheep in the paddock Arrow would be even happier.

I do not need to pay club fees or NZKC fees or association fees or entry fees or pay for training or buy agility or flygility equipment or buy sports shoes or clothing or pay for travel or accommodation in order for my dogs to have fun. I do not need to spend a lot of time training my dogs or other people’s, or running fly tournaments, or judging at fly, or helping out at agility shows, or doing public demonstrations of my sports, or co-ordinating veterans’ results for Nala, or being in charge of the flygility newsletter, or writing flygility reports for Nala, or competing in all kinds of weather, in order for my dogs to have fun. Speaking confidentially, I do not think my dogs appreciate any of those things. So I totally disagree with that person and can confidently say they do not speak for me.

I compete in flygility and agility so *I* can have fun *with* my dogs. A big part of that is that I love my dogs and I think they give me love back so I like spending time with my dogs - sometimes I use sport as an excuse to myself not to do housework or administration tasks. Training also makes me take exercise in order to exercise and work the dogs and because it is fun I get more exercise than I might otherwise. It makes me laugh, and feel happy; it challenges me and I feel good when I overcome a challenge. And if I don't overcome the challenge at least I am working on my resilience. Another part of dog sports that I find fun is gaining titles and getting better results and getting congratulations and feeling good about whatever I have achieved. Still another part of that fun is learning to work dogs of different personalities or different strengths and getting to know them, and other people's dogs, as individuals. I like discussing my dogs, and others people's dogs, and just dogs generally and outside of dog groups there aren't a lot of opportunities for that type of discussion – strangely enough if I discuss dogs at work people's eyes glaze over – yet I am expected to admire endless apparently cute baby photos. Weird, huh? I'd take my Niko opened two doors and a window to get out to eat cat food story over their baby cried when I put its hat on story any day.

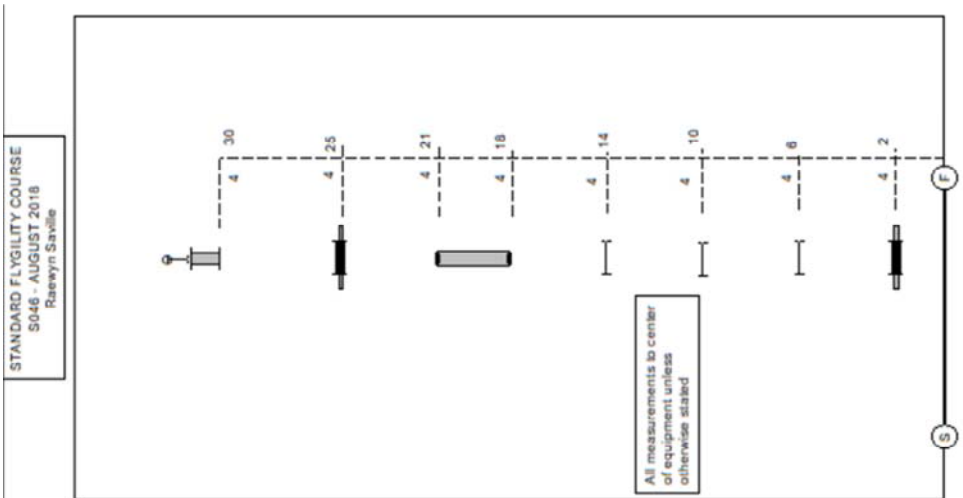
There are many things I haven't mentioned but if you are in charge of a dog club or a group or a team and think it doesn't matter if the members are having fun or not because they are only doing it to make sure their dogs have fun, think again. For me, if I stop enjoying what I am doing, for whatever reason, I will stop doing it. (Except if they are paying me.) My dogs will still have fun. I live near a lot of paddocks full of sheep shit.

I also think my sports should be fun for my dogs and I have put time and training into ensuring that all of them, despite their different personalities, enjoy their sports. But that's a different discussion.

Where do my thoughts leave me? I need to step up and appreciate those who put their hands up to do stuff on a local, regional or national level;

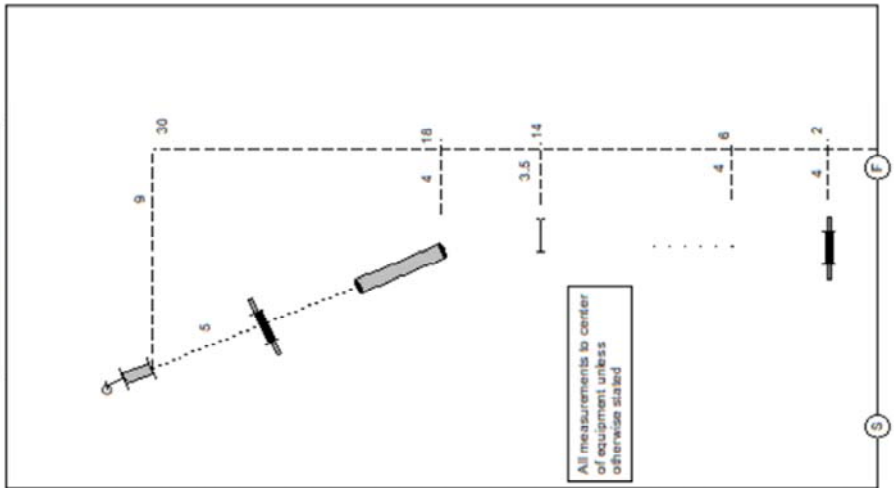
from putting up poles at a show to running a national association - and everything in between. I admire Karen for the huge amount she has contributed to agility and Nala. I admire those who serve on committees and manage shows and put up their hands to help with our sports. And I do not say so enough. Thank you Karen for Nala. Tuki tuki group – good on you starting up a brand new fly group. A big thank you to all those clubs who continue to run tournaments even when the numbers are low and even when others eagerly put their hands out for the funds you raise but never turn up to help. Thank you national organisations. A big thank you to Raewyn for her years of contributions to flygility; your wisdom continues to guide us. And thank you to all of you who continue to support our sports because your efforts mean *I* can continue to have fun *with* my dogs.

Flygility Courses Standard



Challenge

CHALLENGE FLYGILITY COURSE
C022 - AUGUST 2018
Raeann Saville



...KILLED ANOTHER STUFFED ANIMAL
TODAY... MAN, IT WAS SWEET!!!
GOT THE SQUEAKER OUT AN' EVERYTHING!!



May Snooker Results, top 10

MAY 2018 SNOOKER								
MAXI								
1	Che	Maxi	Jackie Olley	HBDC	24	27	51	43.66
2	Thane	Maxi	Jorja Mulholland	Upper Hutt DTC	16	27	43	30.86
3	Maestro	Maxi	Joanne Allan	EBOP	13	27	40	45.29
4	Lucy	Maxi	Trish Bush	EBOP	12	27	39	30.25
5	Geeva	Maxi	Frazer Delamere	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	12	27	39	31.61
6	Blaze	Maxi	Shelley Stewart	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	9	27	36	29.60
7	Sea	Maxi	Jan Murden	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	9	27	36	30.07
8	Ali	Maxi	Peter de Wit	Upper Hutt DTC	12	14	26	26.93
9	Prada	Maxi	Una Forrester	EBOP	15	5	20	38.19
10	Cash	Maxi	Wayne Turner	Upper Hutt DTC	15	5	20	41.53
MEDIUM								
1	Jacobi	Medium	Amelia Gower	Gisborne Dog Training Club	22	27	49	48.88
2	Rider	Medium	Margaret Lilley	Upper Hutt DTC	19	27	46	43.765
3	Finn	Medium	Karen de Wit	Upper Hutt DTC	12	27	39	28.548
4	Lace	Medium	Chrissy Harris	HBDC	12	27	39	34.356
5	Fizz	Medium	Ben Paddon	EBOP	12	27	39	38.65
6	Misty	Medium	Chrissy Harris	HBDC	12	27	39	40.223
7	Joy	Medium	Tina Mitchell	EBOP	10	27	37	35.06
8	Splash	Medium	Jan Murden	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	9	27	36	41.722
9	Soda	Medium	Jacky Carbin	HBDC	14	0	14	42.234
10	Taz	Medium	Michelle Burggraaf	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	9	0	9	35.331
SMALL								
1	Holly	small	Jane Auket	Upper Hutt DTC	24	27	51	45.631
2	Billie	small	Kim Nicol	Upper Hutt DTC	19	27	46	34.525
3	Fergus	small	Anne Packer	Upper Hutt DTC	15	27	42	41.802
4	Shuffle	small	Robyn Fargher	HBDC	14	27	41	40.004
5	Millie	small	Alison Derbyshire	EBOP	13	27	40	38.16
6	Dazzle	small	Alison Derbyshire	EBOP	10	27	37	34.37
7	Finch	small	Lis Proctor	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	10	27	37	34.548
8	Kahli	small	Mandy Ward	Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club	9	27	36	43.288
9	Lulu	small	Kim Nicol	Upper Hutt DTC	17	0	17	47.664
10	Quinn	small	Jane Auket	Upper Hutt DTC	10	5	15	38.258

Agility Team Results - May 2018

Division 1					
1	Wairarapa	Brazil ADX JDX	Dianne Reid	20.093	61.462
		Jay	Stacie Clark	20.548	
		AG & J GR CH Jamaica	Dianne Reid	20.821	
2	Blenheim 1	AG CH & J GR CH Jazz	Natasha Neame	19.391	63.756
		AgCh Q ADXG JAX SNX	Sheryl Vincent	21.691	
		Finn ADX JDX	Sandra Goodwin	22.674	
3	Huntly	Teal ADXB JDX	Kim Orlando-Reep	21.074	67.006
		Bella	Clint Banks	22.135	
		George JD	Dr John Gates	23.797	
4	East BOP	Edge	Sue Whitwell	20.19	67.13
		Tayghen JDX	Martin Bush	20.47	
		Milly ADX JD	Alison Derbyshire	26.47	
5	Hawkes Bay	AG&J CH QuBa ADXS JDX	Colleen O'Connor	19.177	68.439
		Ag Gr Ch J Ch Abby ADXG	Lex Clare	23.938	
		Anka	Jane Webley	25.324	
6	Mangawhai	Breeze ADXS JDX RE	Annette Flannagan	21.22	71.072
		Belle ADX FD	Carol Taylor	22.695	
		Faze	Lauren Meyers	27.157	
7	Mt Maunganui 1	Khia CGCG ADXG CDX JDB	Anne Proctor	23.02	77.615
		Queen Myer ADX JDB	Frazer Delamere	23.6	
		Tazi	Michelle Burggraaf	30.995	
8	Central HB	Dot AD	Jill Payne	25.216	85.808
		Taku AD JD	Chris Ross	30.205	
		AG CH Loose ADX SNB	Kim Loye	30.387	
9	Upper Hutt 1	AgCh Holly CGCF ADXG JAB	Jane Aukett	27.837	86.441
		AG GR CH Ali ADXG JAB	Peter de Wit	28.09	
		Thane	Jorja Mulholland	30.514	
Division 2					
1	Cambridge	AgCh & JCh Spark ADXG	Julie McConkey	22.635	74.406
		Lilly ADXG JDS JAX	Robyn Brettell	24.742	
		Sam	Cheryl Pierce	27.029	
2	Sth Canterbury	Gem	Tracey Page	25.606	82.379
		Ziggy ADXG JDG JAS SNB	Jenny D'Arcy	26.29	
		Jay JDB	Shelley Sisson	30.483	
3	Nelson 2	Hanna JD AD	Lizzi Gillard	26.077	85.548
		Gerry JD	Sarah Cole	27.828	
		Maggie AD JDX	Lola Anderson	31.643	
4	North Taranaki 2	Bella ADXS JDX	Lynn Pillette	23.636	89.453
		Blue JDX TT1	Lynn Pillette	31.111	
		Stella JDX	Linda Chandler	34.706	
5	Tauranga 2	Kobi ADXG JDG SNX	Jocelyn Jensen	25.996	97.749
		Fern JD	Jocelyn Jensen	35.459	
		Chilli ADXB JD	Bernice Shearman	36.294	
6	Mt Maunganui 2	Paddy	Justine Dale	29.255	100.907
		Blaze JDX	Shelley Stewart	33.653	
		Splash	Jan Murden	37.999	

Division 3					
1	Tokoroa	Vogue ADXG JDX Rocky ADXG JAX FD Zoe AgCH ADXG JAS	Paul Needham Paul Needham Paul Needham	20.866 23.096 23.59	67.552
2	Whangarei	Aro AD JD Bilbo ADXB JDX Radar AD	Christine Fifield Anne Cozens Christine Gillespie	23.712 24.953 26.198	74.863
3	North Shore	Lola JD Cassidy ADXG JDX FDX Ella	Florence Purves Jacqui Wigmore Inah Mundy	22.055 25.705 27.386	75.146
4	Blenheim 3	Peppy Tex Strike	Gillie Smith Yana Hansen Natasha Neame	24.407 27.39 31.722	83.519
5	Tauranga 3	Oliver Heidi AD Jet	Kate Audas Helen Fabling Kim Hammond	29.074 32.057 43.815	104.946
6	Upper Hutt 3	Bobbie ADX JDX RN Rider Monty	Paige Aukett Margaret Lilley Trix Jaggi	31.027 38.429 53.378	122.834
7	Whanganui 3	Mikie JD Buddy RE Lucy	Bill Stewart Glenn Armitage Bruce Lacey	41.13 41.8 47.36	130.29
Division Four					
1	Dog Sport Rotorua	Storm JD Jessie James JDX ADX Sophie	Christine Longton Christine Longton Debbie Trimbach	20.19 23.257 29.72	73.167
2	Hawera 4	Moss FDCH JD AD Typhoon JD Little Miss Chatter Box	Diane Haydon Chris Moody Diane Haydon	20.594 23.965 31.301	75.86
3	Nelson 4	Bob JD Shilo JD Hype	Linda Humphries Rachel Cunningham Claire Smith	22.464 27.13 27.744	77.338
4	Gizzy	Jacobi AD Flo Breaker	Amelia Gower Amelia Gower Adele Williams	22.93 34.36 36.39	93.68
5	CHB Orange Roughies	Whio Willow Tweed	Kay Griffiths Julie Goodwin Katrina Alexander	27.275 34.614 35.966	97.855

Team Flygility Results -May 2018

1	The Strike attack	Cougar AD JDX Sneaky JD Strike	Marilyn Lambert Elaine Rohde Di Stephens	28.801
2	The Young Guns	Daisy Kruze Star	Nicole Beaumont Allan Rohde Marilyn Lambert	30.354
3	Meadow Larks	FD Ch Meggie FD Gr Ch Blaze ADXG JDX RA Holly FD	Nichola Cole Lynda Cummins Wendy Cole	30.69
4	Friendly Fielders	Arrow FDX FDGrCh Echo FD Ch Fya ADXB JDX	Sandra Mohekey Nichola Cole Lynda Cummins	30.73
5	Kaipara K9s	Mauí FD Faze Orca CGCB FD	Lorna Chapman Lauren Meyers Lorna Chapman	31.78
6	Wairarapa 1	Blast ADXG AG & J GR CH Jamaica ADXG JAB SNB FdCh Tasman ADXG JDX JAX SNX	Ana Workman Dianne Reid Sharleen	32.48
7	Hawkes Bay 1	Cherchez JDX CGG-S Chester Treason JD	Jacqueline Olley Peggy Scott Campbell List	32.571
8	Paddock Parties	AgCh FD Gr Ch Niko ADXG JDX Byrne Shadow FDX	Sandra Mohekey Lynda Cummins Nichola Cole	32.65
9	In The Fly Zone	Moss FDCH JD AD Belle JD Little Miss Chatter Box	Diane Haydon Judy Towers Diane Haydon	33.2
10	Hawkes Bay 2	Lace JD CGCB Misty CGCG ADX JDX RN FDX AG&J CH QuBa ADXS JDX	Chrissy Harris Chrissy Harris Colleen O'Connor	33.9
11	The R B R's	Rogue JD AG & J GRCH FDCH Bolt Roma	Di Stephens Elaine Rohde Natalia Beketova	34.98
12	Dog Sports Rotorua 2	Chip Storm JD Boston	Raewyn Saville Christine Longton Christine Hutchings	35.1
13	Taranaki BeeGees	Dazzle UDX CD JD FD GrCh Willow AD JDX GD Blue JDX TT1	Laurel Austin Sandra Banks Lynn Pillette	35.944
14	Taranaki Harlequins	Gympie JD RN FDX FD CH Grace ADXS CDX JDX Bella ADXS JDX	Laurel Austin Sandra Banks Lynn Pillette	43.769

15	Mighty Misfits	Big Bad Wolf Cooper Sam	Judy Towers Kirsten Pierson Diane Haydon	44.55
16	The Big & Littles	Dasha CH Gator JD Piper AD JDX	Natalia Beketova Natalia Beketova Nicole Beaumont	45.754
17	Dog Sports Rotorua 1	Jessie James JDX ADX Meg Pipa	Christine Longton Katie King Christine Hutchings	48.21
18	Kaipara Muppets	Breeze ADXS JDX RE Belle ADX FD Lass JDX RN	Annette Flannagan Carol Taylor Colleen Lauder	48.91
19	Wairarapa 2	Brazil ADX JDX Spy ADXB JDX Whizz ADX JD	Dianne Reid Sharleen Debbie Paterson	61.251
20	Taranaki Hardcore	NZ CH Hazel RN FD Storm Tuk	Emma Doucette Sandra Banks Sarah Clements	61.683

Flygility Challenge-May 2018

1	The Strike attack	Cougar AD JDX Sneaky JD Strike	Marilyn Lambert Elaine Rohde Di Stephens	35.321
2	Meadow Larks	AgCh FD Gr Ch Niko ADXG JDX FD Ch Meggie FD Gr Ch Blaze ADXG JDX RA	Sandra Mohekey Nichola Cole Lynda Cummins	36.94
3	Taranaki BeeGees	Dazzle UDX CD JD FD GrCh Willow AD JDX GD Blue JDX TT1	Laurel Austin Sandra Banks Lynn Pillette	40.409
4	Hawkes Bay 1	Cherchez JDX CGG-S Misty CGCG ADX JDX RN FDX AG&J CH QuBa ADXS JDX	Jacqueline Olley Chrissy Harris Colleen O'Connor	40.695
5	Wairarapa 1	Blast ADXG Brazil ADX JDX Spy ADXB JDX	Ana Workman Dianne Reid Sharleen Drummond	41.58
6	Friendly Fielders	FDGrCh Echo Holly FD FD Ch Fya ADXB JDX	Nichola Cole Wendy Cole Lynda Cummins	42.72
7	Wairarapa 2	AG & J GR CH Jamaica ADXG JAB SNB Misty JD FD Whizz ADX JD	Dianne Reid Sharleen Drummond Debbie Paterson	57.673

RallyO Team Results, May

1	Wanganui DTC	Christine Warren & Poppy, Christine Warren & Charlie, Glenn Armitage & Buddy	100.0	201.800
2	Upper Hutt	Jane Aukett & Holly, Peter de Wit & Sequel, Karen de Wit & Finn	100	249.41
3	Wairarapa	Elaine Herve & Tio, Nicky Detheridge-Davies & Rufus, Elaine Herve & Anzac	100.0	253.650
4	Hawkes Bay	Lorraine Lennox & Phoenix, Chrissy Harris & Lace, Chrissy Harris & Misty	100.0	259.170
5	Canterbury COC	Kelly Walker & Gael, Kathryn Sutton & Daisy, Kelly Walker & Kep	100.0	261.140
6	Sunshine Whk	Helen Barnes & Cookie, Maria van Beek & Buddy, Trish Funnell & Bryn	100.0	274.110
7	Central ADTS	Jan Voss & Maple, Jan Voss & Halley, Rachel Hamilton-Williams & Scout	100.0	287.400
8	Norwest	Sarah Ridley & Keara, Karen Smith & Alfie, Karen Smith & Lottie	98.0	365.890
9	Dog Sports Rotorua	Debbie Trimbach & Benni, Debbie Trimbach & Sophie, Raewyn Saville & Chip	92.33	354
10	DAWG	Wendy Osmond & Gunna, Wendy Osmond & Pip, Mike Butler & Toby	91.0	323.920

Congratulations to Helen Scott & Mac and Kelly Walker & Gael, who achieved 9th and 10th place respectively in the 2017-2018 NALA (National Agility Link Assn) competition in the NZARO Rally-O individual section. Mac was also top dog in our Club version of Rally-O Link for 2017.

Some
annual
award
winners.

