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AGILITY THIS MONTH

By Karen de wit

Agility and the internet

The learning opportunities made available for agility people these days is immense. I remember getting my first agility book “Dog Agility” by Peter Lewis (one of the men responsible for the first agility demos at Olympia) followed by Ruth Hobday books and videos. These days you can still buy books and DVDs on any of a million topics! You can also access a huge number of free online tutorials (Just spend a few hours on Youtube) as well as pay for online courses with the opportunity to interact with coaches on the other side of the world.

Podcasts are another area that seems to be developing a following – the opportunity to listen to a coach (and in some cases ask them questions) is another tool available to the keen agility trainer.

The most recent one I have listed to (rainy day/making dog toys!!) was by Sarah and Esteban of BAD DOG AGILITY titled “**How to work through mistakes in your training.**”

<http://baddogagility.com/episode-160-how-to-work-through-mistakes-in-your-agility-training/>

It's worth a listen. Some of the points they make are:

1. You need to know what you want to get out of a sequence, so if it doesn't run perfectly you will be ready to react (or not!). When training and something goes wrong you

should interrupt that session if it's something you want to work on. For example if your dog breaks its leadout and that is somewhat of a weakness then go back and reset. If the dog knocks a hurdle and he hardly ever knocks hurdles then don't worry, finish the sequence.

2. If the sequence goes well make it pretty obvious by rewarding convincingly!! If something goes wrong you don't need to dwell on it, just quickly give the dog the message by not rewarding it, and then line them up for another repeat. Basically give them a micro-break and then you can even reward them for something completely different such as eye contact, hand touch etc. You want training to be enjoyable for the dog so don't be punishing!
3. If the sequence goes wrong you can consider making it easier by eg. Changing the angle of approach, moving an off-course obstacle further way etc.
4. Non-reward markers are supposed to be neutral but it is pretty hard not to make them sound like a punishment.
5. The overall message was to ensure the dog's reinforcement rate is high so he wants to keep going.

This is #160 podcast so there are lots of other ones to go and listen to as well – great on a cold wet day when you don't want to go outside!!

Annual results: JUNIOR LINK

NALA 2016/17 Final Results

Beginners 11 years and Under

1 st /R	Niamh Lappin	Baz	CCATS	9
2 nd /R	Riley Andrew	Rojo	Mt Maunganui	19
3 rd /R	Niamh Lappin	Topsy	CCATS	25
4th	Holly Findlay	Ella	CCATS	38
5th	Danielle Cook	Toby	CCATS	45
6th	Kate Koller	Coco	CCATS	46
7th	Zack Lappin	Jake	CCATS	53
8th	Kate Koller	Magic	CCATS	55

Experienced 8-11 years

1 st /R	Katelin Drummond	Dude	Wairarapa	20
2nd	Brooke Little	Cricket	CHB	53

Beginners 12-20 years

1 st /R	Naomi Beechy	Candy	CCATS	18
2 nd /R	Megan Tansey	Swag	CCATS	19
3rd	Emily Koller	Halo	CCATS	20
4th	Emily Koller	Max	CCATS	29
5th	Mason Clark	Hemi	Hawkes Bay	34
6th	Mason Clark	Nitro	Hawkes Bay	54

Experienced 12-15 years

1 st /R	Erin Ball	Mist	Mangawhai	10
2 nd /R	Paige Aukett	Bobby	Upper Hutt	17
3 rd /R	Lauren Meyers	Miley	Mangawhai	26
4th	Erin Ball	Speed	Mangawhai	36
5th	Jorja Mullholland	Thane	Upper Hutt	41
6th	Lauren Meyers	Poppy	Mangawhai	56
7th	Margaret Lilley	Rider	Upper Hutt	68

Annual results: Veterans LINK

Small: 1st: Leo owned by Robyn Fargher

Medium:

1st: Chloe owned by Lynda Cummins.

2nd: Skip owned by Mandy Ward.

Maxi.

1st: Lace owned by Annette Flannagan

2nd: Ted E owned by Jo Moody.

Annual results: Games Link

NALA LINK GAMES RESULTS 2016-2017.

GAMBLERS: Results from all 3 gamblers.

Gamblers maxi

1	Ali	Maxi	Peter de Wit	UHDC
2	Thane	Maxi	Jorja Mulholland	UHDC
3	Wish	Maxi	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
4	Blaze	Maxi	Lynda Cummins	SRDTC
5	Zigzag	Maxi	Sue Andresen	Mt Maunganui DTC
6	Cash	Maxi	Wayne Turner	UHDC
7	Buddy	Maxi	Kat Bayne	UHDC
8	Zeba	Maxi	Wayne turner	UHDC

Gamblers medium

1	Cheeky	Medium	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
2	Finn	Medium	Karen de Wit	UHDC
3	Beta	Medium	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
4	Rojo	Medium	Malcolm Ward	Mt Maunganui DTC
5	Taco	Medium	Darren Lilley	UHDC
6	Inky	Medium	Mandy Ward	Mt Maunganui DTC

7	Ryder	Medium	Margaret Lilley	UHDC
8	Stacey	Medium	Wayne turner	UHDC

Gamblers small

1	Feergus	small	Ann Packer	UHDC
2	Smudge	small	Erin Mulholland	UHDC

SNOOKER RESULTS – from two Snooker classes.

SNOOKER MAXI

1	Ali	Maxi	Peter de wit	UHDC
2	Wish	Maxi	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
3	Zigzag	Maxi	Sue Andresen	Mt Maunganui DTC
4	Trix	Maxi	Hayley Andrew	Mt Maunganui DTC
5	Buddy	Maxi	Kat Bayne	UHDC
6	Cash	Maxi	Wayne turner	UHDC

SNOOKER MEDIUM

1	Cheeky	Medium	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
2	Beta	Medium	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
3	Epic	Medium	Fiona Denton	Mt Maunganui DTC
4	Finn	Medium	Karen de Wit	UHDC
5	Rojo	Medium	Malcolm Ward	Mt Maunganui DTC

SNOOKER SMALL

1	Holly	small	Jane Aukett	UHDC
2	Feergus	small	Ann Packer	UHDC
3	Faith	small	Sue Boyle	UHDC

BLACKJACK Results from 3 Blackjack classes.

BLACKJACK MAXI

1	Ali	Maxi	Peter de wit	UHDC
2	Typhoon	Maxi	Chris Moody	Hawera
3	Trix	Maxi	Hayley Andrew	Mt Maunganui DTC
4	Wish	Maxi	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC

5	Zigzag	Maxi	Sue Andresen	Mt Maunganui DTC
6	Buddy	Maxi	Kat Bayne	UHDC

BLACKJACK MEDIUM

1	Finn	Medium	Karen de Wit	UHDC
2	Rojo	Medium	Malcolm Ward	Mt Maunganui DTC
3	Fran	Medium	Linda Smith	Hawera
4	Beta	Medium	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
5	Queen	Medium	Sue Andresen	Mt Maunganui DTC

BLACKJACK SMALL

1	Holly	small	Jane Aukett	UHDC
2	Feergus	small	Ann Packer	UHDC
3	Bobby	small	Paige Aukett	UHDC
4	Evea	small	Kirsten Pierson	Hawera
5	Caesar	small	Clint Perkins	UHDC
6	Joey	small	Kirsten Pierson	Hawera

TRIATHLON – from all Gamblers, Snooker and Blackjack classes 2016-2017

TRIATHLON – MAXI

1	Ali	Maxi	Peter de wit	UHDC
2	Wish	Maxi	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
3	Zigzag	Maxi	Sue Andresen	Mt Maunganui DTC
4	Buddy	Maxi	Kat Bayne	UHDC

TRIATHLON MEDIUM

1	Finn	Medium	Karen de Wit	UHDC
2	Beta	Medium	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui DTC
3	Rojo	Medium	Malcolm Ward	Mt Maunganui DTC

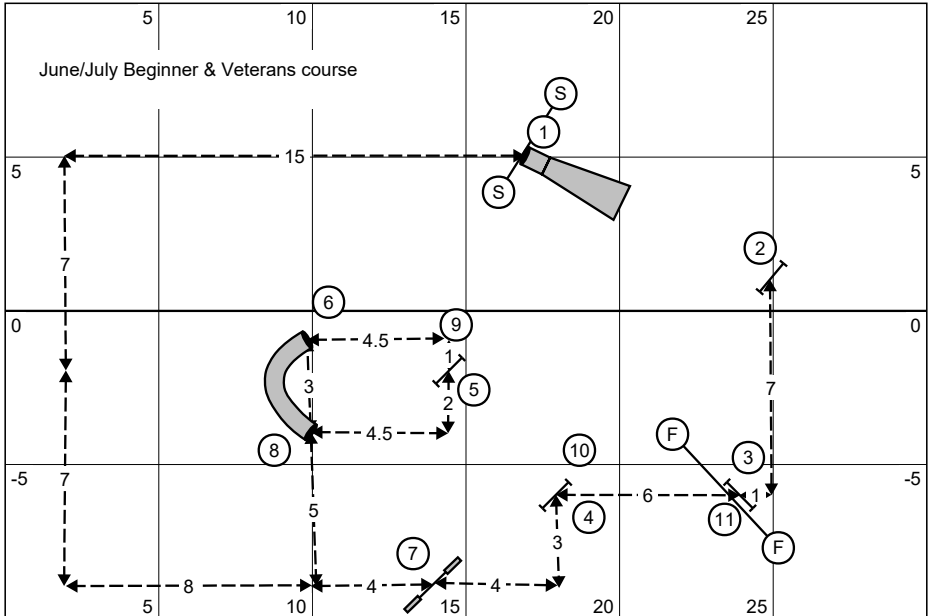
TRIATHLON SMALL

1	Feergus	small	Ann Packer	UHDC
2	Holly	small	Jane Aukett	UHDC

Ribbons will be awarded to all winners and runner-ups in each section.

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Junior LINK handlers & Veteran dogs

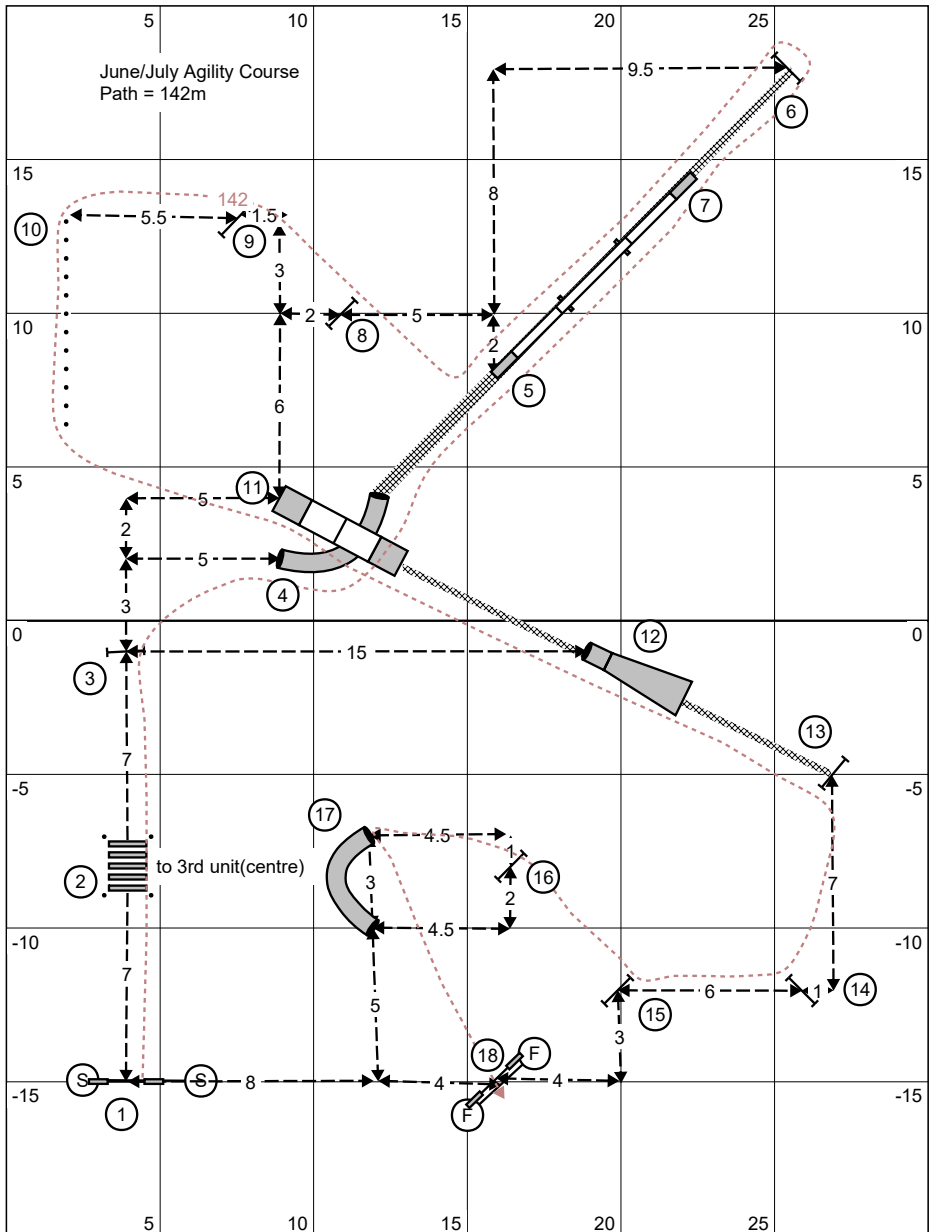


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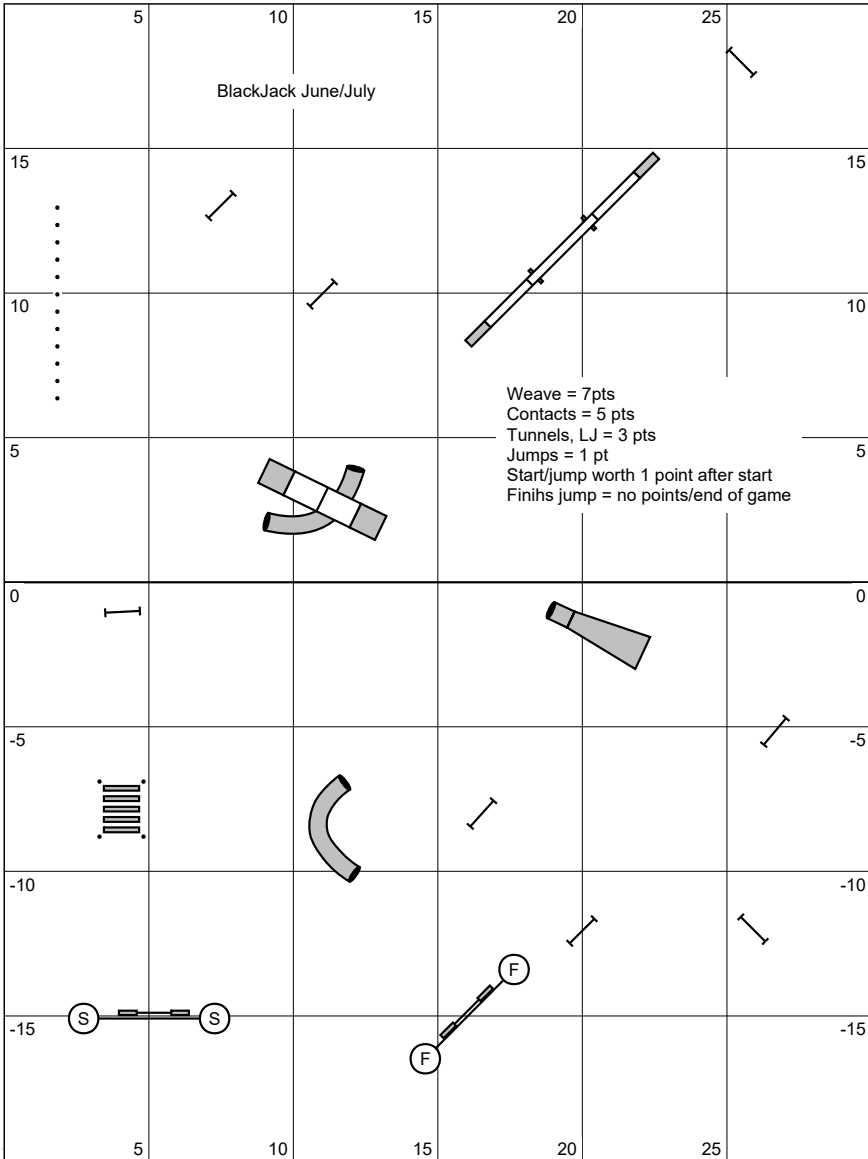


June/July Agility Course



June/July GAME: Black Jack

The aim is to score 21 points in as fast a time as possible.



New Zealand Association of Rally-O

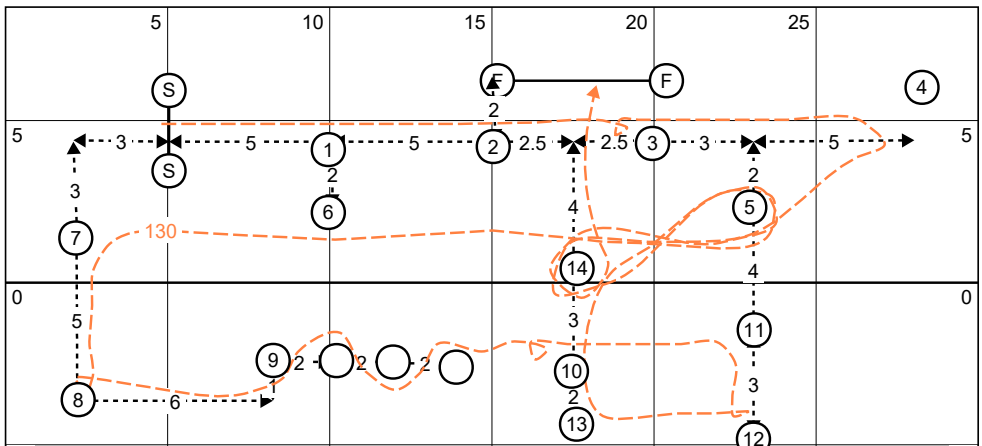
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If you have any interesting tips or articles about RallyO please feel free to share on this page E; kpdewit@xtra.co.nz

SIGNS

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Call front finish right forward | 8. 270 right turn |
| 2. Call front finish left forward | 9. serpentine weave once |
| 3. 360 right turn | 10. 360 right turn |
| 4. About turn right | 11. right turn |
| 5. NZARO figure of eight | 12. 270 left turn |
| 6. Moving down | 13. right turn |
| 7. Left turn | 14. NZARO figure of eight |



Annual Rally Results.

Congratulations to Mt Maunganui and Wanganui for being the top two clubs, and Fiona Denton top rally dogs. (Ribbons to 10th)

Place	Club	Apr	May	Jun-Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total, best 8
1	Mt Maunganui	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	9
2	Wanganui	2	2	2	3	1	2	4	1	2	1	4	13
3	Hawkes Bay	6	3	5	2	3	4	3	4	4	6	5	28
4	Sth Rangī	5	4	6	4	4	5	5	5	6	7	6	38
5	Upper Hutt	3	9	10	11		3	1	9	3	3	7	38
6	Canterbury COC	7	10	3	6	5	6	6	8	5	8	8	46
7	Wairarapa	8	6	9	10	6	10	10	7	7	4	3	50
8	Central ADTS	10	8	7	5	8	8	11	10	8	10	2	56
9	Sunshine Whk	9	7	11	8	9	9	7	2				62
10	Christchurch DTC		5	8	9	7	11	8					248
11	Feilding						7	9	6				422
12	Norwest	4		4	7								515

2016-2017 Annual NZARO/NALA Rally-O individual results

Place	Club	Handler	Dog	Total, best 8
1	Mt Maunganui	Fiona Denton	Epic	8
2	Mt Maunganui	Fiona Denton	Promise	30
3	Wanganui DTC	Betsy Gleeson	Flint	37
4	Mt Maunganui	Anne Proctor	Khia	38
5	Wanganui DTC	Betsy Gleeson	Suede	56
6	Hawkes Bay	Lorraine Lennox	Jantsee	72
7	Upper Hutt	Karen De Wit	Dee	73
8	Wanganui DTC	Betsy Gleeson	Brax	87
9	Mt Maunganui	Sue Andresen	Queen	93
10	Sth Rangitikei	Barbara James	Finn	98

Annual Flygility Results

Standard individual.

Plc	Dogname	Breed	Handler	Club	Score
1	Teasa ADX JD FD	BC	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	43
2	Seeka ADXG JDX J	BC	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	82
3	Buzz ADXG JAB	Australian	Chris Charlton	Counties	94
4	Bella ADXB JDX	BC	Lynn PILLETTE	North Taranaki	124
5	Dazzle UDX CD	Shetland S	Laurel AUSTIN	North Taranaki	139
6	Rebel	BC	Joanne Kilmister	DAWG	141
7	Fd CH Echo	x Breed	Nichola COLE	South Rangitikei	152
8	Pippa ADXB JD RN	BC	Colleen Lauder	Norwest	156
9	Brazil ADX JDX	BC	Dianne REID	Wairarapa	158
10	Bounce ADXS JDX	Kelpie (W)	Marie Wales	Counties	173

Teams (std)

1st: Counties (13 pts) 2nd DAWG (18 pts)

Challenge individual.

Plc	Dogname	Breed	Handler	Club	Score
1	FD CH Quick JD	NZ Heading	Margaret ANDERSON	Counties	19
2	Buzz ADXG JAB	Australian	Chris Charlton	Counties	22
3	Flick ADXG TCQ J	BC	Allan ROHDE	Counties	27
4	Blue JD	BC	Lynn PILLETTE	Nth Taranaki	35
5	Tasman	BC	Sharleen DRUMMOND	Wairarapa	49
6	QuBa ADXS JDX	NZ Heading	Colleen O'Connor	Hawkes Bay	58
7	Dazzle UDX CD	Shetland S	Laurel AUSTIN	North Taranaki	60
8	FdCh Pulse	NZ Heading	Sandra MOHEKEY	Sth Rangitikei	62
9	Diaz CDXS JD UD	BC	Rae MAYHEAD	Nth Taranaki	63
10	Rusty ADXG SNX	Poodle X	Stacie CLARK	Wairarapa	67

Teams (Challenge)

1st: Counties (5 pts) 2nd Wairarapa (8 pts)

AGILITY ANNUAL RESULTS.

Full results available on NALA Facebook page and website

Individual (ribbons will be awarded to top 10)

SMALL

1	Abby ADXG JDX SN	Lex CLARE	Hawkes Bay
2	Fern AD JDX	Caragh BRIGGS	Wairarapa
3	Rusty ADXG SNX	Stacie CLARK	Wairarapa
4	Viper ADXG JDX	Kathryn SNOOK	CCATS
5	Milly ADXS JDX	Caragh BRIGGS	Wairarapa
6	Holly CGCF ADXG	Jane AUKETT	Upper Hutt
7	Pipi JDX	Sandra McHUGH	CCATS
8	Zoe ADXG JDX JAS	Paul NEEDHAM	Cambridge
9	Dot AD	Jill PAYNE	Central HB
10	Ziggy ADXG JDG	Jenny D'ARCY	South Canterbury

MEDIUM

1	Joy ADXG JDX	Tina Mitchell	East BOP
2	Millie AD JDX	Graeme Jefferies	Cambridge
3	Vogue ADXG JDX	Paul NEEDHAM	Cambridge
4	Finn ADXG JDX JAX	Karen de WIT	Upper Hutt
5	Jazz ADXG JDX JA	Natasha Neame	Blenheim
6	Cheeky ADXG JDX	Deb JACKSON	Mt Maunganui DTC
7	Jamaica ADXG JAB	Dianne REID	Wairarapa
8	Breeze ADXS JDX	Annette Flanagan	Mangawhai DTC
9	Brazil ADX JDX	Dianne REID	Wairarapa
10	Beta ADXG JAX	Deb JACKSON	Mt Maunganui DTC

MAXI

1	Mist ADXB JDX RN	Erin Ball	Mangawhai DTC
2	Q ADX JD	Sheryl Vincent	Blenheim
3	Finn ADX JDX	Sandra GOODWIN	Blenheim

4 Rocky ADXG JAX FD	Paul NEEDHAM	Cambridge
5 Myer ADX JDX	Frazer Delamere	Mt Maunganui DTC
5 Wish	Deb JACKSON	Mt Maunganui DTC
7 Trix AD JD	Hayley Andrew	Mt Maunganui DTC
8 Blaze ADX JDX	Lynda Cummins	South Rangitikei
9 Kaizer ADXB JDX	Jane WEBLEY	Hawkes Bay
10 Rogue ADXG JDG	Trish Bush	East BOP

Teams - Winners were: Cambridge, Hawkes bay, Huntly and

Upper Hutt

DIVISION ONE

PlcTeam	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1 Cambridge	15	1	3	6	3	1	2	1	4	2	5	2
2 Mangawhai	23	8	4	1	7	4	1	4	5	8	1	3
3 Wairarapa	25	5	8	8	1	2	3	3	6	1	7	4
4 Blenheim 1	27	6	1	3	4	5	5	8	1	6	2	6
5 Mt Maunganui 1	28	4	7	5	2	6	7	2	3	3	3	7
6 Upper Hutt 1	36	2	2	7	5	3	4	9	8	9	8	5
7 Central HB	37	3	6	2	6	7	9	7	9	5	9	1
8 East BOP	43	9	9	4	8	8	6	5	2	4	6	8
9 Counties	53	7	5	9	9	0	8	6	7	7	4	0

DIVISION TWO

PlcTeam	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1 Hawkes Bay	13	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	2
1 Mt Maunganui 2	13	1	4	7	1	7	2	2	1	1	1	4
3 Selwyn	24	3	6	2	4	2	3	3	6	0	6	1
4 Nelson 2	25	4	2	4	6	3	4	4	2	5	2	7
5 CCATS	31	5	7	1	3	5	5	5	0	4	7	3
6 Sth Canterbury	42	7	5	5	5	6	6	0	5	6	5	5
7 North Shore	1039	6	8	0	0	0	0	6	7	2	4	6
8 Akarana	3025	8	3	6	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0

DIVISION THREE

PlcTeam	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1 Huntly	10	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1
2 Whangarei	15	2	2	0	1	1	3	3	4	1	3	2
3 Blenheim 3	21	3	4	2	4	3	4	2	1	3	4	3
4 Tauranga 3	30	12	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	3	0	1
5 Canterbury COC	30	19	4	3	3	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
6 Whanganui 3	60	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

DIVISION FOUR

PlcTeam	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1 Upper Hutt 4	21	1	6	3	5	2	4	2	2	5	6	2
2 Hawera 4	23	3	2	2	3	7	5	0	4	7	1	3
3 South Rangitikei	24	2	1	1	6	1	6	0	1	0	7	6
4 Norwest	27	7	5	5	4	5	1	1	5	2	5	4
5 Dog Sport Rotorua	28	8	4	4	7	4	2	4	3	6	2	5
6 CHB Orange Roughies	31	4	8	8	2	6	7	5	6	3	4	1
7 Tauranga 4	39	5	3	7	1	3	0	3	8	0	9	9
8 Nelson 4	103	9	9	6	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	8
9 APGSDL	104	8	7	9	0	0	0	0	7	4	8	7
10 Waimak	700	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Full results available on NALA Facebook page and website



FLYGILITY comment

by Raewyn Saville.

Mucking around at the Box

I suspect that I am not alone when I say I find it frustrating when my dog stuffs around at the Fly box. By and large I have been lucky and with a little bit of training and enthusiasm my dogs have gone straight to the box and straight back. Mostly they have been ball catchers with occasional misses. Although I had one dog Midge the Pigdog who had the eye of a well-bred sheepdog and would stand and eye the box poised and waiting for that ball to spring. Then finally hit the box catch the ball and return perfectly but too late of course. She was bad but nowhere near as entertaining as Christine Neilson's Pete. He would stand and eye the box with one foot poised over the plate for what seemed an eternity only to finally hit the box, grab the ball and return very rapidly. Unfortunately this behaviour impacted upon results as the dog in the other lane was home and dry often minutes before the return of Midge and Pete. The upside being of course that many, even quite slow dogs got their FD and FDX off the backs of our loopy mutts. I tried to train it out of Midge but funnily enough she only did it at Tournaments. At NALA and practice times she was picture perfect.

Now I have Chip who again when he is practicing will go straight to the box and straight back. But as he gets tired at Tournaments, he tends



to run up and hit the box low, not triggering the ball then come back and stand side on to the box and mess around trying to figure it out until he finally hits it the ball goes everywhere and he is late back.

So at the moment I have a Saturday afternoon fly class for about 15 dogs. Some of them are tiny, some of them have never learnt agility and some of them are seasoned troopers.

I decided that we would check the seasoned troopers and make sure that they can catch 10 balls in a row from the five meter mark. I have done this exercise ever since I had failed with Midge's box. One of my mistakes may well have been that I loaded the box myself when training her. This is fatal. Never self load the box.

The number of people learning fly who want to get a box of their own so they can muck around at home and get it totally wrong is epidemic and not to be encouraged. I always train the box with a loader. So the ten ball pickups need to be done rapidly. Go - Touch - Come - Drop/ Go - Touch - Come - Drop. Etc. Towards the end of ten the dog starts to make the mistakes that it makes when it gets tired at a tournament so then you have the chance to do the correction.

I walk the dog up to the non loaded box and get a stand exactly where I want the dog to be on the box. I reward him with a treat held at his nose up height. Then I send him to an unloaded box from 5 meters and as soon as he hits it I recall him for a game (either tug or a ball thrown backwards) The next step is to send him to stand on the box and get the loader to throw him a ball which he may or may not catch then recall him. He will hunt the ball if he hasn't caught it and get back as fast as he can for the game.

Because you are only working at five meters and without a fly hurdle the reward is quick so it keeps the enthusiasm high. My next act is to send him to the box and get the box loader to trigger the ball before he gets there so that he can speed up to catch it or he has to hunt it and get back for the game. I do the box

loader trigger three times. Finally we load the box and send the dog who triggers the box rapidly and comes racing back for the game. I am sure that by this point the dog is braced off that someone else is interfering with his box and he wants to get there and trigger that box before the lunatic loading the balls fires it ahead of time.. In any case what I have noticed with this system is that the dog is concentrating on his box and his ball and his loader and not looking around and distracted. We put out five or six boxes in a row with about six meters between them, then we work in pairs. We are all working at the same time with one of the pair loading for the other. For the new dogs it is a walk up on lead to stand on the plate and get a treat and then run away with their handler for a game. I insist that the new dogs need to be able to run the five meters off lead stand on the box turn fast and run back to their handler for games (or treats) before they move on to the next stage.

The two most important things for new dogs is that they will

a) Retrieve a ball and

b) Play some other game.

As long as we have that drive then we can move the dogs on quite quickly. For those who come to class with a weak pathetic game that the dog half joins in, by the time they have witnessed the club seniors playing manically with their dogs, they realise that it doesn't matter if they look stupid as long as their dog builds up enthusiasm for the work. Which is why I believe in training all levels of Flygility at the same time. The seniors act as mentors and guides for the new folk and those in the middle of their learning process for the sport.

So those five steps above are on the Flygility Game Checklist that each player is armed with and as they achieve each stage they can show me and then tick that one off and move on to the next step. I also like that everyone becomes a box loader. You can never have too many box loaders at a Tournament.

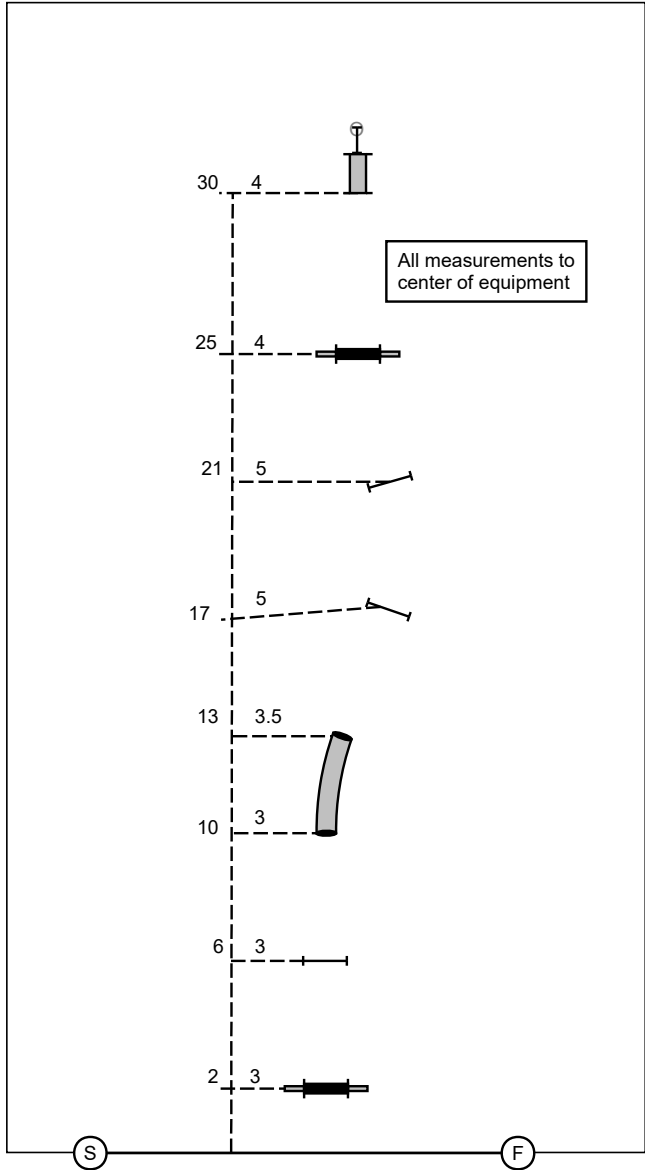
Today was week three of our Flygility Game Playing and we already have two strong fast dogs working with great precision and focus. We have five or six who will definitely be competitive especially minis, Papillion's and a Poodle and a Schnauzer. Two big dogs who are totally new to Dog Sports who have early promise, so my year to build up our Fly Team at Dog Sports is off to a great start. I must say that working in the daylight is very important to learning Fly. Night training of new dogs for Flygility in the past has never been wildly successful. Oh yes and Chip did five clean catches from the box in a row and never once looked like doing his stupid..... however we will see and I will continue to practice the five steps with him as I really want that frustrating box game of his to disappear forever.



Photo by Claire Smit: Caesar owned by Clint Perkins

FLYGILITY COURSE – JUNE/JULY

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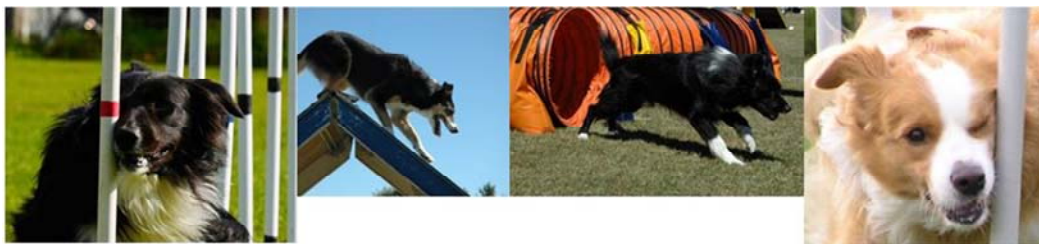
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