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NALA is 30 years old this year.

We are going to invite you all to a party!

Every month NALA will gift some \$\$ to a Club or two so that they can put on a celebration at the running of LINK at the club.

We would of course like to see some photos of you enjoying yourself whilst celebrating NALA's 30th!!!

November Happy Birthday NALA!

(Don't forget the pictures.)

EBOP DOC
South Canterbury DTC
Upper Hutt DTS

Can these club contacts email Malcolm with their Club's Bank account details and have a fun celebration on us!!



COMMENT THIS MONTH

By **Sandra Mohekey**

Why do we do it? Why? Why?

At a recent discussion about the planning of an up-coming tournament which involved three people, so not a particularly large or valid sample I admit, I suggested it could be a points only event. So, no ribbons to order, no worries about covering costs. After all, in fly the points make up the titles so the placings are of less importance. Especially since the same dogs can dominate every tournament they go to until age catches up with them.

The second person agreed. She didn't care about the ribbons either. The first few with a new dog are nice to have but after a while they are just things to find a place for where they won't catch dust – unless you want to create an elaborate art work or cover a blanket. Whilst I can admire those people who do create something special from their ribbons that's currently not top of my list of things to do when there is nothing else I need to do.

However the third person disagreed. She liked having ribbons and saw them as valueable symbols of her and her dogs' accomplishments (my words but her feeling.)



This leads me, in a round about way, to why do we compete? I can think of a few reasons, you can fill in the ones I miss. I think, however, there is never just one reason that is true for one person all the time, things change.

ONE

We compete to win. Unless you are a very jaded over-achiever, winning is nice. It makes you feel good to know that on that day, over that course, you

and your dog were the best. Of everyone who entered you rocked it the most.

TWO

We compete to improve. All the training in the world cannot replicate the atmosphere and conditions of an actual show. So if you are going to really test your training a show is the place to do it. You will find holes in your training but remember to also enjoy finding out what is going well. We tend to focus on the negatives – the missed contacts or dropped jumps. Notice those, take responsibility, and resolve to train. Don't blame your dog or the judge or the barking dog in the next ring or... But – and this is important if you are testing yourself in the ring – also notice the positives. Yes, got the lead out. Wow, my dog did his first 180 in the ring – the training is working. Only one jump down. Yay us.

Unfortunately, there will be plenty of people around who will criticise you. At a show where Arrow got a clear round in Jumpers C a “friend” needled me as I exited the ring with: “You bailed out on your blind cross.” And she was right, I did. I decided I wasn't going to make it and swapped to a rear cross, something I have put a lot of time into training because in a foot race to the finish line all my dogs can run to the finish line, turn around and run back and bark at me several times and still kick my butt. Her comment wasn't incorrect, per se, but it was wrong that that was all she said to me. Especially since it turned out that Arrow won that race and with it won out of C. On the same course her dog D'ed. A fact she explained very vocally by saying that it was a badly designed course. (Maybe that D was karma in action. I do hope so.) So, if you must criticise yourself when you find holes in your training, remember to also look for and celebrate the positives in yourself as well as others. Be a real friend to yourself as well as others.

THREE

We compete for points or CRs to get titles. This is still a way of winning but is more attainable to many of us than first placings.

FOUR

We compete for social reasons. We enjoy the atmosphere at shows. We enjoy meeting up with people. We like to socialise. And this is a great reason because this reason will not be affected by how well we do at a show. Or by our wins getting fewer as we or our dogs age. Choose the right people to hang out with and you can always have a good show.

And that's all folks, for now. If you can give me some feedback via FB on whether you read and enjoy or ignore and despise my musings that would let me know if they are worth the time I put in.

Happy competing and be kind to yourself and others.



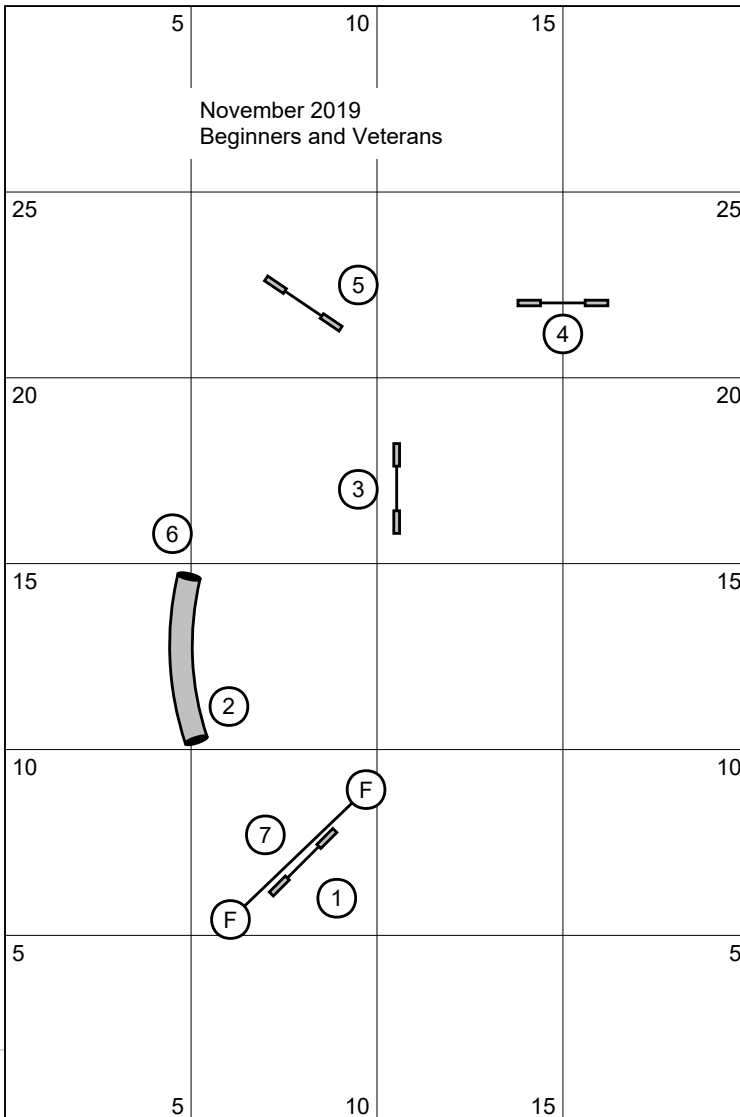
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










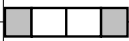
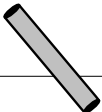
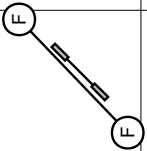

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November Game: Blackjack

5	10	15	20	25	30	35	25
BlackJack. Aim: Collect 21 points in as fast a time as possible. Start and finish jumps are worth zero points. Start jump is worth 1 point during course run. Finish jump stops scoring and time.							
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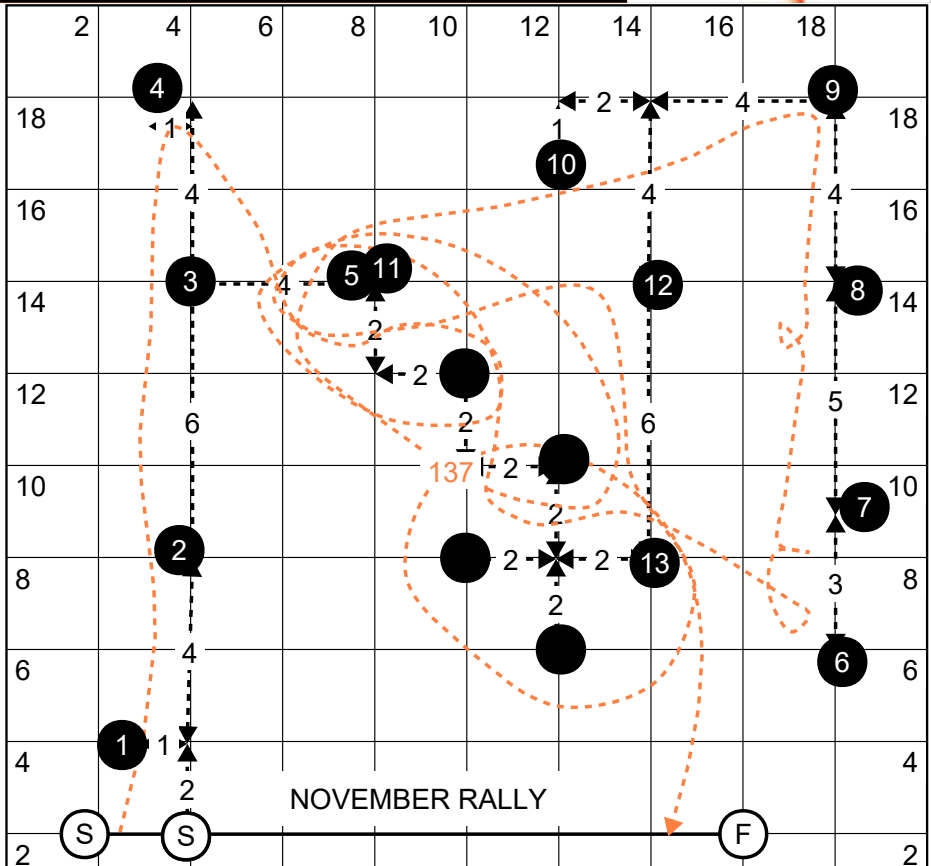
HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY NALA

From Whangarei



New Zealand Association of Rally-O

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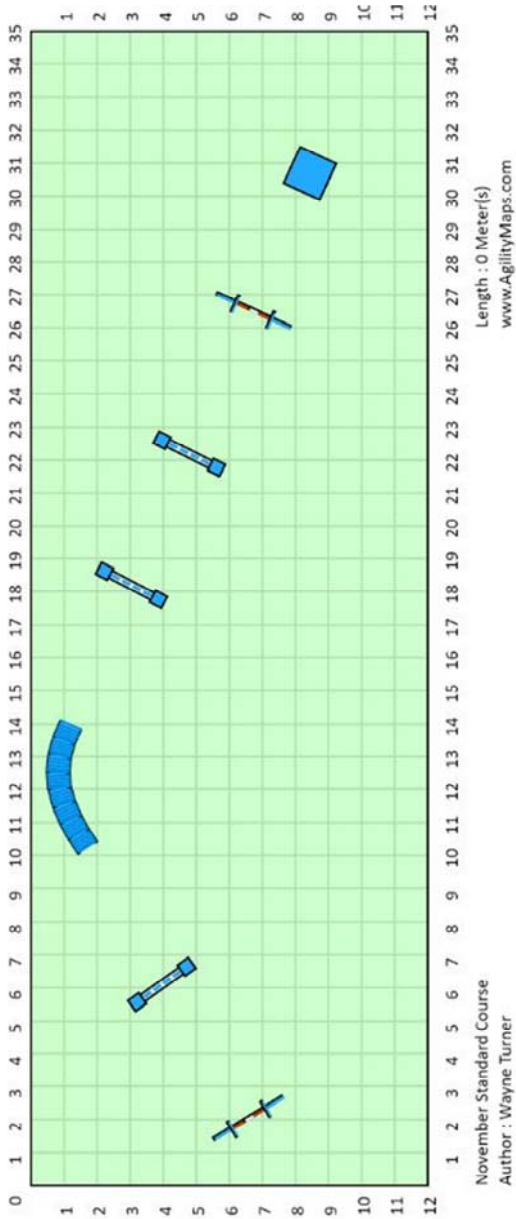


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| 1. Moving sidestep right (20) | 8. 360 left (12) |
| 2. Call front finish right halt (15) | 9. Left turn (6) |
| 3. Halt sit (4) | 10. Moving down (27) |
| 4. About turn right (7) | 11. Spiral right dog on outside (21) |
| 5. Serpentine weave once (24) | 12. right turn (5) |
| 6. 270 right (9) | 13. circle right dog on outside |
| 7. 360 right (11) | |

September RallyO team results

Plc	Club	Team	Score	Time
1	Upper Hutt	Peter de Wit & Sequel, Peter de Wit & Quick, Karen de Wit & Dee	100.0	337.350
2	Wanganui DTC	Christine Warren & Poppy, Glenn Armitage & Buddy, Christine Warren & Charlie	100.0	354.030
3	Wairarapa	Nicky Detheridge-Davies & Rufus, Donna Garrity & Birdie, Melanie Wyse & Pepper	100.0	373.870
4	Hawkes Bay	Chrissy Harris & Betty, Lorraine Lennox & Phoenix, Jackie Olley & Che	100.0	385.696
5	Sunshine Whk	Helen Barnes & Cookie, Maria van Beek & Buddy, Maria van Beek & Edison	100.0	408.090
6	Canterbury COC	Kathryn Sutton & Daisy, Yolanda Nuberg & Jessie, Helen Scott & Harry	100.0	411.980
7	Norwest	Rosalind Walkington & Fletcher, Diana Munford & Spud, Suzanne Van Dyk & Charlie	100.0	436.240
8	Dog Agility Wellington Group	Marian Holman & Chai, Wendy Osmond & Pip, Liz Barlow & Polly	99.7	416.620
9	CHB	Jo Steed & Hunta, Christine Harber & Lola, Beverley Thomson & Te	99.3	417.010
10	Central ADTS	Sonia Calvert & Sputnik, Johanna Mennell & Ruby, Sonia Calvert & Toto	99.0	350.000
11	Dog Sports Rotorua	Sue Andreson & Queen, Raewyn Saville & Chip, Debbie Trimbach & Benni	99.0	492.300
12	Blenheim	Taylor Rhind & Dustin, Yoshimi Kurosawa & Ocean, Jennifer Everest & Mindy	96.7	394.820

Flygility course - November



SEPTEMBER Agility Teams result

Division One

1	Upper Hutt 1	Sequel	Peter de Wit	20.58	63.38
		Ag & J Ch Finn ADXG JDX JAB GD	Karen de Wit	21.39	
		AG GR CH Ali ADXG JAB SNX GD	Peter de Wit	21.41	
2	Central HB	Izzy JDX	Joanne Little	23.392	72.845
		AG CH Loose ADX SNB	Kim Loye	24.401	
		Jinx	Lynette Sayers	25.052	
3	Nelson 1	Zsizsi JD	Lizzi Gillard	23.13	76.092
		Lia JDX ADX	Nartarsha Gorrie	25.065	
		Turbo ADXA Gold JDX	Nikki Steyn	27.897	
4	Blenheim 1	AG CH & J GR CH Jazz ADXG JDX JAB	Natasha Neame	23.884	78.579
		Finn ADX JDX	Sandra Goodwin	25.543	
		Peppy	Gillie Smith	29.152	
5	Wairarapa	Jay	Stacie Clark	21.888	80.69
		Tio JD	Elaine Herve	25.966	
		Zeus	Joyce Sutton	32.836	
6	East BOP	Lucy	Trish Bush	24.63	83.5
		Milly ADX JD	Alison Derbyshire	29.33	
		Larrie	Una Forrester	29.54	
7	Hawkes Bay	Lace JDX CGCG FD AD	Chrissy Harris	24.227	84.265
		Lucy	Denise Ockey	28.176	
		Ruby	Denise Ockey	31.862	
8	Mangawhai	Faze	Lauren Meyers	26.846	88.671
		Razzle ADXS CDX	Annette	27.943	

		JDX RA Pippa ADXB JD RN	Flannagan Colleen Lauder	33.882	
Division Two					
1	Tokoroa	Joss Vogue ADXG JDX Shelby AD JDX	Rochelle Jager Paul Needham Linda Martin	20.262 24.573 27.66	72.495
2	Cambridge	Minx Limit Gillie	Christine Lansdaal Lara Tompsett Julie McConkey	23.292 23.338 26.433	73.063
3	Huntly	Silver Pandaris AD JD George JD	Kim Orlando- Reep Kim Orlando- Reep Dr John Gates	27.351 29.393 29.572	86.316
4	Tauranga 2	Zest Kobi Swift JD	Jude Doyle Jocelyn Jensen Jude Doyle	23.658 32.054 32.334	88.046
5	CCATS	Tui Pipi JDX AG CH Viper ADXG JDX JAB SNX RA	Sandra McHugh Sandra McHugh Kathryn Snook	28.742 30.636 35.68	95.058
6	Mt Maunganui 2	Finch JD RN Paddy Chyka	Lis Proctor Justine Dale Gail Handley	30.421 32.269 34.588	97.278
Division Three					
1	Whanganui 3	Reni Dante Luka	Liz Rosewarne Karen Forrest Karen Forrest	6.01 29.26 45.27	80.54
2	Whangarei	Misty	Barbara Prout	26.35	85.46

		Smithy	Christine Fifield	28.254	
		Fleet	Christine Gillespie	30.856	
3	Nelson 3	Fox JDX	Diana Martin	22.775	89.306
		Fleur CGCS AD JD	Suzanne Gilbert	31.302	
		Ally	Yvonne Fraser	35.229	
4	Upper Hutt 3	Rider	Margaret Lilley	31.35	119.543
		FDCh Stacey	Wayne Turner	43.817	
		Taco	Darren Lilley	44.376	
5	Tauranga 3	Dottie	Rozie Dunford	38.515	129.507
		Jet	Kim Hammond	41.706	
		Bella	Irene Wallmannsberger	49.286	
6	DAWG	Chai	Marian Holman	32.541	135.775
		Skye	Sue Delahunt	35.658	
		Aria	Marian Holman	67.576	
Division Four					
1	Hawera 4	Belle JD	Judy Towers	29.893	99.114
		Little Miss Chatter Box	Diane Haydon	30.94	
		Typhoon JD	Chris Moody	38.281	
2	Dog Sport Rotorua	Chip	Raewyn Saville	28.69	102.2
		Sophie	Debbie Trimbach	29.44	
		Benni	Debbie Trimbach	44.07	



September Flygility team results

#	Team	Dog	Handler	Total Score
1	Taranaki BeeGees	Blue FDX AD JDX TT1 FD GrCh Willow ADXB JDX GD Kez	Lynn Pillette Sandra Banks Ella Sands-Fore	26.185
2	Counties Strike Attack	Daisy Strike Swift	Nicole Beaumont Di Stephens Allan Rohde	26.612
3	FDTC Meadowlarks	FDGRCH Echo FDGRCH Meggie FDGRCH Pulse	Nichola Cole Nichola Cole Sandra Mohekey	27.16
4	Taranaki Harlequins	FDCH Dazzle CDX WDX JD RN FD GrCh Grace ADXG CDX JDB FDCH Bella ADXG JAB	Laurel Austin Sandra Banks Lynn Pillette	29.395
5	Counties Real Dogs	Kruze JDX Rogue JD Star	Allan Rohde Di Stephens Marilyn Lambert	30.311
6	Taranaki Blazers	FD CH Storm JD Diaz CDXG JD UD RN Stella JDS	Sandra Banks Rae Mayhead Linda Chandler	31.324
7	Cambridge	Lace Maple	Sophie Tarry Ceri Tarry	31.52

		Minx	Christine Lansdaal	
8	Upper Hutt Triple S's	Shelby FDCh Stacey Sequel	Wayne Turner Wayne Turner Peter de Wit	31.69
9	Hurricaneines	Chai Teasa ADXS JDX FD Tank	Marian Holman Rebecca Sidwell Cherie Picking	33.392
10		Betty Chester Lace JDX CGCG FD AD	Chrissy Harris Peggy Scott Chrissy Harris	34.137
11	Upper Hutt Flying Spaniels	Cash JD FDCh Zeba Sky ADX-G JD RA	Wayne Turner Wayne Turner Gillian Cruickshank	34.85
12	NSDTC	Meg Winter Solo ADX JDX	Debbie Nilsson Sheeran Johnson Sonja Rosen	42.41
13	Dog Sports Rotorua 1	Milly Jade Pansy	Julie Sefton Pam Sharp Raewyn Saville	43.97
14	FDTC Friendly Fields	Arrow FDX Bella Holly FD	Sandra Mohekey Clint Banks Wendy Cole	63.75

A discussion on training of dogwalk and weave.

Whilst you may think these obstacles are completely different there are some areas of similarity. These are:-

- the dog interacts with the obstacle for a relatively long period of time
- There can be handler separation from the obstacle during this time.
- The obstacle occupies a long narrow space – the dogwalk is typically 30cm wide and 10m long and the weave is 6m long and approx. 30cm wide depending on the size of the dog.
- The dog must adjust its speed and angle of approach to safely negotiate the obstacle to avoid harm.

Whilst Judges will endeavour to set an approach to the dogwalk that is safe for dogs, the dog may veer off for many reasons and therefore needs to be able to recognise and adjust his speed/stride to get safely on to the obstacle.



In contrast there is no such restriction on weave pole placement relative to the previous obstacle, with entry level classes usually facing a straight line approach, but any angle at higher levels. A dog that does not decelerate and pick an appropriate approach angle risks breaking weave poles (which could snap off and go anywhere), and running into poles with its chest or shoulders or face/neck.

Approaches and how they differ.

1. **The straight runup** to each obstacle provides slightly different challenges.

Dogwalk – the dog barely needs to alter its stride/speed to ascend and traverse the dogwalk, unless it is asked to decelerate to a stopped contact at the end.

Weave – the dog needs to decelerate at the start of the weave in order to enter the gap (600mm between poles) which is narrowed with a straight line approach. The dog also has to turn to get the next gap correctly. The dog tends to accelerate out of the weave.

2. **The angled approach** gives a similar challenge for each obstacle.

For each obstacle the dog will need to decelerate to make the gap (in the case of the weave) or ascend the ramp (in the case of the dogwalk).

Advanced training requirements.

Advanced training of the obstacles requires the dog to be able to:-

1. Decelerate for a straight line weave entry
2. Decelerate for an angled weave entry
3. Decelerate for an angled dog-walk approach

How to train the angled approach.

Weave.

The obstacle itself sets the parameters for angled approaches as the dog has to go around the first pole to correctly enter the weave. Placement of an



obstacle before the weave in different places will alter the angle of approach to the weave and all the angles around the clock face should be trained.

Dogwalk.

The obstacle itself does not assist the dog to turn. The dog needs to be guided to turn correctly so that it gets on to the dogwalk travelling in a straight line, because an angled approach may result in the dog running over the edge of the ramp. This can be achieved by placement of cones, poles, barrels or similar. You need to experiment with the placement of these to ensure the dog's arc on to the plank is smooth and suits his body structure. Once the dog is safely running forward he can then accelerate to the far end of the obstacle. A verbal cue may be useful to remind the dog to make adjustments to speed and angle to get on the plank correctly such as many people use verbal cues to signal backsides or where a tight turn is required.



DIAGRAMS.

Figure one: straight approach to obstacles

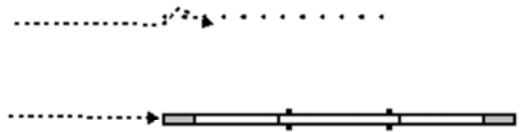


Figure 2: Barrels set up to assist correct approach to dog walk

approach to dog walk

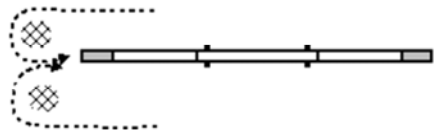
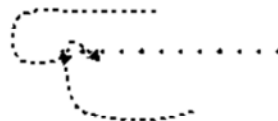


Figure 3: possible angled approaches

to weave



Jumpers in NZ.

Jumpers class was introduced ten years ago with the first event held by Upper Hutt on January 1st 2009.

In December 2019 Upper Hutt DTC will be holding a commemorative event with 4 x Jumpers on Saturday and then on Sunday will be holding Games classes – Jumpers Pairs just to complete a lovely weekend.

Entries now open.



