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EDITORIAL

by Karen de Wit



Another NALA year comes to a close and we are working to get ready for the Annual awards, Annual reports and financial statements. Thankyou to our NALA reporters—Ann, Mel, Pete, Sue, Linley and Elaine who have ensured a national feel to the magazine and kept us in touch with what is going on all over NZ. Thanks also to the results coordinators—Mike and Allan, probably the most sought after part of NALA! Also big thanks to Fiona our Treasurer, Carole who packs up all the magazines and results every month and Darryl who organises our wonderful library. Thankyou to all of you who supported NALA over the last year and more! Please read suggestions and ideas in this magazine for enhancing NALA and feel free to respond with your own ideas and opinions.

~ NALA REPORTS ~

Top 'Arf report – by Ann Kenny

Firstly my apologies for not submitting a report for the month of February. What a stressful and traumatic couple of months it has been. I had spoken too soon in the last report about Dad having managed to get through the summer without some major infection and between the jigs and the reels and cutting a convoluted story very short he's now living with my sister in Auckland, he's happy cos she spoils him.

Now enough maudlin'. From what I remember of the Cambridge show it was, as ever, sunny, bright, busy and efficiently well run. Huge numbers, lovely courses; and we didn't get there in time to get a spot under the trees – that would have to be a first. For some reason Tarah was running Graeme Jefferies Millie this weekend and *didn't she do well* with wins in Jumpers C and Novice 1. Zone 2 dogs mostly took the Jumpers B, Intermediate and Senior prizes, but I was very proud of Ani and Fitz who won a Starters and got 3rd in Novice 3, with Chris and Meg coming on line with a couple of placings. Philippa Stevens and her red kelpie Taz won Elementary A, got a 5th in Starters 1 and 6th in Jumpers C, so well done at Cambridge for Pip. The Saturday evening entertainment this year was watching Karen, Chelsea, Keri, Elaine and

Kristina run the Remon's dogs over a couple of courses trying out for the team to go to the Internationals. They will be travelling over without dogs and be given a dog to run in Europe. Good luck to Chelsea who won the Northern representative and of course to Kevin Burnett and the South Island representative Natasha Coulter. Fabulous show Cambridge, once again. A huge undertaking and such a popular show. Almost like a mini NDTA in summertime.

Hibiscus Coast -Well done to all Zone 1 placegetters, but especially well done to Norm on reaching 85 and still doing agility! Happy birthday for 21st February Normie.

In March we had the Tauranga show, which again I had to scratch from, and up here there was the Manukau Ag Ch, a ribbon trial at Norwest and at Akarana. I made it to 2 out of 3 of those, so that ain't bad.

The Norwest show were very generous with their ribbons, and I was pleased to get a 14th ribbon for dear old Ash, and it was a big surprise too, bless his heart. In AD Til arrived still in her work smock and raced around walking the course. She did a perfect run with Hiska for her first clear AD run, then rushed off back to work, guilty because they were busy and she'd left her workmates to cope while she came out to do doggie things. Sam Shrimpton's out there running Sterling these days, and it looks like she has her Mum's long legs, mingled with her Dad's fast ones. Just a bit more polish and that young kid will be giving Hayley Rohde a good run for her money. Elisha from Mangawhai did a nice run with her labby Geoffrey. Well done Eilisha – Not bad for some one who can barely read the numbers and is registered blind also.

At Manukau, I watched Elaine do an absolutely fabulous run with Knight for what turned out to be a win in Senior. Alan's little Miley also did well with a 7th in Nov-ice and a 3rd in Starters – not bad for a beginner. Another beginner and little pocket rocket that did well was Carol Bennett and Amity – won Starters and was 10th in Jumpers C. I just love watching those little poodles run. I see that Lucy Hewlett managed to scream her way around the Jumpers C course and not knock any rails for a 5th placing too. Nick doesn't get to compete often, but Edge is doing really well for him too when they can put it all together and came up with a 2nd in Intermediate. I didn't stick around for the prizegiving – Just looking at the Starters results though in terms of breed it goes: Toy Poodle, Working Dog, Toy Poodle, Sibe-bord, Golden Retriever, Working Dog, German Shepherd, Fox Terrier, Working Dog, German Shepherd. Allan can be pretty proud of himself for managing a mix of breeds and sizes like that in a Starters course.

And so, by the time you get this, most of the Zone 1 people will know that I have taken over from Alan Shrimpton as the Zone points collator as at 1.1.10. With the changes that are going to take place this year and all the remeasuring of dogs, please can you let me know by email if you are going to be dropping a height category. Cups are awarded not just to people who consistently do well at shows, but are

awarded on a height category, so I need to know what height category your dog is in. Most of them I know already, but it will be very confusing after July 1st. Just let me know if you are dropping down a category.

In the meantime, last evening...Cameron starts backing up the hallway and barking at whatever it was he could see through the cat flap. The other dogs weren't taking too much notice (most unusual!). I look through the glass pane, and there we have a young pig in the lobby/bathroom/laundry! So I shut the dogs inside and ran around the back to shut the other door, trapping it there. Turns out to be quite a friendly thing, but quite abhorrent of having a lead tied around its neck to drag it off to somewhere more appropriate – like a dog kennel. It winds up jumping in the bath and is so scared of the slippery surface in there that it stands stock still and I am able to get a noose around it – thanks to Fiona F's nice soft leads she made. The cavalry were called from up the hill and we managed to drag/push it into Hudson's kennel. Turns out it was the neighbour's wee pig, and although they deliberately have very little contact with it, it is forever getting out and following them around the place and is generally of a very friendly disposition. I like pigs. But another mouth to feed really would break the bank. Oh – and pigs like the red cabbages and corn in my garden, old dwarf beans, strawberries, wild bird seed and this one would follow me anywhere for a Tux dog biscuit. Yum. Yum. Yum.

Central Report—by Mel Mankelow.

Upper Hutt Champ

We thought at the last minute that we would try going to Upper Hutt for their champ show as last year we only managed a few hours there before I spent the next week in hospital. We arrived late Friday and went to the grounds to meet Nevenka and see if we could do anything to help out. Was great this year that we could park on the grounds around the ring unlike last year—makes things a lot easier with Callum.

The weather was good—a bit chilly but soon warmed up we had some interesting courses very challenging the Jumpers B was very different Sue Willis had a great run with Tonic getting a win and making it look easy she also came 2nd in the other Jumpers just pipped by Catherine and Fly. I have been watching that dog lately and they are doing some fantastic stuff together. Jill Payne was also in the ribbons with two 2nd places and a 3rd in the Starters also a win in Novice—she managed to take home Top Maxi Dog well done Jill also Dyson taking home Top Midi Dog. Keri Neilson had a great run with Bernie's dog Stevie in Novice to take home a win. Also must mention Debbie Middlemiss as some of you know she has just started running Vinnie her young dog she had some great runs with him and won jumpers C great job—she has to run a lot faster with this one.

Tauranga & The Mount Champ

After lots of planning our show is here Cam & Jane came on Friday night with little Hannah so good to meet another little agility baby. When we arrived on Sat Lou had brought a teddy each for the kids a girl for Hannah and a boy for Callum thanks so

much Lou we now have to take Louis to all the shows Callum just loves him.

We had some big entries but the show ran really well with some great courses from the judges. Fiona Goodall won Starters with Luna they are having some great runs now, also Debbie and Vinnie won Starters 2, Una had a great weekend with the Belgian's placing in both Starters with Kwila and a win and 2nd in Novice with Joker taking home Top starters and Novice dog. Debbie & Thanx also do well getting in the places now, I'm sure she is getting faster not sure how Deb is going to keep up. Charlotte had a great weekend with Chaos and Gun, another challenge for Gun and Chaos taking the Top Dog for the weekend. Kathleen Graham doing well in the Jumpers with a win and a 2nd place with Andi, Chelsea in the placings with all the dogs—well done—looks like Shift is going to be just as good as the rest of them.

We decided to run a YKC event both days of the show and we had over 30 entries

Tauranga YKC results	
Saturday 11yrs & Under	12yrs & Over
1 st Hayley Rohde & Knight	1 st Alice Cameron & Ace
2 nd Michaela Beasley & Rummur	2 nd Kathryn Martin & Volt
3 rd Zina Gota & Jacqui	3 rd Larissa Cherrie & Gemma
4 th Jayden Hishon & Scoot	4 th Julia Primrose & Bella
5 th Dael Summerhays & Croc	5 th Bridee Manning & Croc
Sunday 11yrs & Under	12yrs & Over
1 st Hayley Rohde & Knight	1 st Amanda McKennie & Rummur
2 nd Hayley Rohde & Roxy	2 nd Alice Cameron & Mille
3 rd Micheala Beasley & Rummur	3 rd Harriet Cameron & Millie
4 th Zina Gota & Jacqui	4 th Gemma Pouls & Toby
5 th Caitlin Frater & McRae	5 th Julia Primrose & Bella
6 th Sophie Tarry & Nessa	6 th Harriet Cameron & Asta
	7 th Bridee Manning & Croc

which is great we really need to encourage the younger people in the sport they all do such a great job, there were some great runs from the kids and you can see some of them are going to make top handlers. Well done to all of you !!!

C o u n t i e s Champ

Off for the Easter weekend to Counties

ties they had their normal Dash for Cash which is always a great event, also this year they had tunnelers another great event to watch. The weather was good



always makes a better show the courses were also nice, we had David Cook there from the south Island nice to have some different Judges along hopefully everyone made him feel welcome. The stars of the weekend were the Wilson's they took out most of the challenges and seemed in the top spots most of the weekend, Mark finishing by taking away the Dash for Cash just beating Alan & Rocket, very good to watch and lots of the mini dogs got through to the final which was great to see we did think it would be one of them that took home the cash, Dianne Stephens taking the cash for the highest qualifying Starters dog for the second year I understand. Jan and JJ managed to steal one of the 1st place challenges from the Wilson's with another great run from the Cricket such a cool pair to watch. The tunnelers event ended up going into the dark hours of Sat with Alice & Ace winning the Starters level and Marie Wales & Coal winning the open level, I ran Jason's Breeze and had a great run although just as we reached the end my legs seemed to stop running and down I went and rolled towards the finish line and we still managed to get placed was a great laugh.



On Saturday we had to say good bye to one of our old time Agility dogs, Martin & Trish Bush lost their beloved Kelly she was getting on in years and had not that long ago left the Agility ring, she was unwell on Sat and after a trip to the vets was decided to let her go. Kelly was such a great dog very friendly with people not so with some dogs, she was always the reliable old girl who would get the clear rounds she will always be remembered. Lots of love to Martin & Trish at this sad time.

On a better note Bailey became a proud father of 8 puppies, Quick delivered them all well over the course of Easter Sunday, Mum and babies all doing great, well done to the midwives Pete and Karen.

Lower North Report - by Peter de Wit

After the Upper Hutt agility champ at the beginning of the month there isn't much agility in March except for Kapiti ribbon event and in April there was a hunk of agility over Easter at Bulls on Good Friday and then Wanganui. Karen had entered Tana and Cee on the Sunday events, not wanting to spend days away from home with Quick's expected delivery date the week after Easter. However Quick started panting and temperature dropped on Saturday so Karen didn't go on Sunday but stayed home and helped puppies being born. There were 8 lovely puppies born (the scan showed 6 so we were a bit surprised with the extras!). There is a mix of boys

and girls and tris and black and whites. We will need 8 lovely homes for them but get at least 7 weeks to enjoy watching them grow!

Sounds like Wanganui was great fun, with a lot of people saying how much they and their dogs enjoyed the Dash for cash. Shona Butler and Tess did really well in their first outing, (Shona having been out of the sport for many years) getting Top maxi dog!!

Canterbury Tails

by Sue McKee & Teeza, Rez and Switch

CCOC 13/14th March 2010

I don't know about anybody else, but this year has gone so quickly. It's nearly a quarter of the way through, and I must admit I'm not looking forward to long, dark, cold evenings and soggy ground. We've even had a frost already this autumn. However CCOC managed to put on some stunning weather, after a cold snap swept through the South Island on the Friday beforehand with yucky cold southerlies and a downpour or two. Saturday dawned clear if a little cool, and it wasn't long before we were all discarding the sweatshirts and seeking shade. Sunday was 30 degrees so when you emerged out of the shade to run your dog it was like walking into an oven. Pity the poor judges having to stand around all day in that heat watching us all attempting to get round courses.

CCOC are a club that is a little down in numbers, but everyone helps out and they always look after their helpers, this year going so far as handing out chocolates to all those who helped. Thank you very much, I enjoyed my little chocolate pieces. On offer for all those who gained clear rounds were Easter eggs too, another nice little touch.

Can't remember much of the winners, placegetters except I did see Marg Colgan's winning run with Sassy in Novice, that little performance at the finish line when Marg almost lost her trousers gave those watching a bit of a laugh, and it obviously didn't hamper the dog's performance. Vanessa Trimble and her new Border Force won both Starters, so they're out already. An awesome little dog even if Rez doesn't think so. J Lisa and Zoom gained Top Dog over the weekend and Michael Barrett and Flick and I and Teeza gained the last clear rounds needed in ADX Advanced to get Gold.

Interesting looking at the results in Jumpers C where my youngster Rez got a clear round and came 9th out of 96 dogs. In a split class he would have come 2nd, as only one out of the eight dogs in front of him would now run as a maxi. I can't remember the exact numbers, but several of the "now maxis" that were in the top 8 will be going down a height and there were a couple of minis in there as well. Harley and Rez were the only dogs that will remain in maxi in that line-up.

March has been a quieter month in the top part of the South Island. It's been nice to spend a bit of time at home getting jobs done around the house. Catch you all next month.

Central Bark

By Linley Barrett, Cheyanne, Kliff and Fluke

Nelson Dog Training Club Ribbon Trial 6th March 2010

A funny ol' day. It started out a bit nippy and then threatened to rain. Its final decision was to kill us with heat in the afternoon. We had a couple of unwanted visitors in the afternoon. One being swarms of flying ants that attacked the call stewards, scribes and anyone who seemed yummy enough. They seemed to go from person to person. You would hear someone say, "They are not biting me" only to hear that person half an hour later complaining loudly about the onslaught they were receiving. Something we have never encountered before. The other unwanted visitor was of the cuter variety. This consisted of a neighbourhood kitten that kept doing a streak through the agility courses and showed the bravery of a lion. I think it even did a few tunnels. It was "saved" from the wolves on numerous occasions only to reappear again. Luckily it decided to stay at home when we moved to the ring furthest away from its home.

Nic Furby was our judge and he put on some really nice courses that gave the dogs a good blat. He did have a wee Jekyll and Hyde moment on his last Senior though. It was not that the course was difficult to negotiate; it was one of those courses that reused a lot of the equipment but in different patterns. I did tell him I thought I needed a GPS for the handler.

Results were mixed, our wee Annie and Sarah Cole won the first Starters taking her out for Ribbon Trials. Grant Pearce and Crocket got the other one. One of the Intermediates was dominated by the Blenheimites – not bad for the small wee band that came over the hill.

Blenheim Canine Training Club Ribbon Trial 7th March 2010

I sent a wee spy over the hill, as I was too busy to attend on the Sunday. They came back with the following. Beautiful sunny day. Agility, Obedience, RallyO and Jumpers all available, Farmer's market next-door meant coffee and ice creams were close by.

Plenty of public spectators enjoying the agility – clapping and laughing at some of the antics. Awesome courses. Natasha Neame featuring quite a few times with various different dogs and I see Sheryl Vincent and Brok took out the Jumpers B. Go Mr Brokkoli!

Down South report—by Elaine Pearce

March was fairly quiet with just two visits to Southland. One for their Champ show on 6/7 March and one for Southern Flygility Group's tournament on 27 March followed by a SDTC ribbon trial on the Sunday.

I had the honour of judging with Libby Ellery at the Champ show. A full on weekend for me with judging every second class, running dogs in all the others and doing a stint of measuring with David Cook as well.

Two dogs won out of starters, Ed Hunt and Ayela and Joanne Rennell and Ruffy. Ruffy won Starters 1 and 3 to make absolutely sure. Dianne Youthed's dog, Zoe handled by Elaine Youthed won into seniors with two Novice wins, a 3rd in the other Novice and a 3rd in Intermediate 1. Dianne is still recovering from a knee injury and subsequent surgery, she incurred at the North Otago Dog Training Club champ show in 2009 (the injury that is).

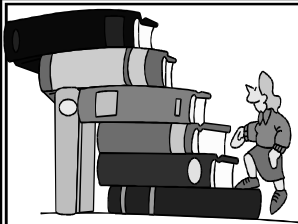
Hopefully we see you back competing soon Dianne.

David Cook got his first challenge with Zee, winning Senior 3. He also won Intermediate 1, was second in Intermediate 2 and a 4th in Intermediate 3. Way to go David, its amazing what a bit of training achieves :-))) Rose Lock got HRH Princess Ella's fifth challenge. Just that elusive 1st to go, Rose.

Weather was great for 95% of the weekend with only a brief shower of rain to cool everyone off. Top dog was a tie with David Cook and Zee and Elaine Youthed and Zoe and eventually went to David. Great results by these two teams.

The last weekend in March was the SFG tournament and SDTC ribbon trial. The ribbon trial saw some amazing entries for the southern most club in the country and its obvious that many people do their utmost to support Southland, so good on you.

Roy Thorndycraft, Joanne Rennell and Marie McDonald were the judges so thanks to those people for giving up their day especially Roy who travelled 2 and a half hours and had just one run with his dog. It was great fun and a lovely fine day to top it all off.

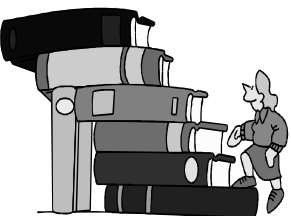


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END OF YEAR AWARDS.**Club Results.****Division One: Rotorua****Division Two: Otago****Division Three: Napier****Division Four: Mt Maunganui**

Rotorua nearly achieved a clean sweep, winning all but the last month in Division One! Congratulations to Chelsea and Quest on a great year, with only one score outside the top 15! Top maxi was Quest, top midi was India and top mini was Josh. Awards go to the top 50 this year. In addition there will be Club awards, and Starter awards. In Flygility there will also be individual and Club awards. The top 50 were:-

1	AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Working BC	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	41
2	GrAgCh Zoom FD	Heading Dog	Lisa Duff	Waimakiriri	79
3	AgGrCh India	Border Collie	Dianne Reid	Wairarapa	100
4	AgCh FDCh Flash	Heading Dog	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	116
5	J J Cricket	Heading Dog	Jan Murden	Mt Maunganui	142
6	Cheeky	Heading Dog	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui	154
6	Robbie ADXG	BC	Tina Mitchell	East BOP	154
8	AgCh Phanta ADXGBC		Heather Smith	Horowhenua	173
9	Josh ADXS	Min Schnauzer	Wendy McGhie	Wanganui	174
10	AgGrCh Tana	BC	Karen de Wit	Upper Hutt	186
11	AgGrCh FDCh Bree	Heading Dog	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	197
12	Sheeba ADXG	Kelpie.X	Campbell List	Hawkes Bay	212
13	Blake ADXG	Heading Dog	Julie McConkey	Cambridge	226
14	Tonic	Working SheepDog	Sue Willis	Taupo	238
15	AgGrCh Pippa ADXG	Hunt.X	Mark Barrett	Wanganui	267
16	Scandal ADX	BC	Dyson Beasley	Rotorua	273
17	AgCh Cassie	Border Collie	Nevenka Paterson	Upper Hutt	284
18	AgGrCh Kay J	BC	Anne Bevin	Otago	288
19	Jack	BC	Jason Hughes	Mt Maunganui	315
20	Jess	Collie x	Lisa Cross	Otago	335
21	AgGrCh FDCh Rocket JDX	Kelpie (ag)	Hayley Rohde	Counties	373
22	Cloud ADX	BC	Vannessa Machen	Nelson	375
23	AgGrCh Ali	Lab.X	Michelle Burggraaf	Mt Maunganui	404
23	Wilco	Border Collie	Norma Wilson	Waimakiriri	404
25	Rumur	BC	Dyson Beasley	Rotorua	411
26	Lexie	BC	Tim Conolly	Canterbury COC	421
27	AgGrCh Pete	BC X	Anne Bevin	Otago	424

28	Rogue	Border Collie	Graeme Lawson	Waimakiriri	436
29	Spy AD JD FD	Working Sheepdog	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	438
30	Shiloh	HeadingX	Bev Pocock	Mt Maunganui	450
31	Samson	Doberman	Colleen O'Connor	Hawkes Bay	459
32	AG CH Tui	BC.X	Anne Godfrey	Waimakiriri	469
33	GrFDCH Mya ADX JDX	BC.X	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	478
34	Bailey ADX	BC	Mel Mankelow	Mt Maunganui	504
35	Taz	Heading Dog X	Kim Loye	Central HB	514
36	Jodi ADX	pointer X	Eduard Hamster	Counties	531
37	Taya	Kelpie.X	Christine Henderson	Nelson	536
38	Zac	BC	Norma Wilson	Waimakiriri	539
39	Bindi ADX	Belgian Shepherd	Trish Bush	East BOP	542
40	Zham ADXG	XBreed	Amanda Benson	Tokoroa	548
41	Jet	BC X	Kris Butterworth	North Taranaki	565
42	Jenna ADX-G	Miniature Poodle	Bronwyn Morgan	Wanganui	576
43	FDCH Jordy ADX	Lab x	Barbara James	Wanganui	583
44	Senna ADXAG	Kelpie	Elaine Pearce	Otago	595
45	AgGrCh Cannon FD	BC	Fiona Ferrar	WAG	596
46	Sage	Lab	Natasha Kenny	Mt Maunganui	600
47	Quest	BC	Sue Willis	Taupo	604
48	Seka		Bill Stewart	Wanganui	620
49	Izzy	Min Schnauzer	Kathryn Snook	CCATS	654
50	Bode	Heading Dog	Petra Parkinson	East BOP	656

More than 830 dogs competed in the NALA series over the year, with about half competing 8 times or more. Well done everyone!

Club Results.

Promotion/relegation: two clubs will move up and two will move down in each division.

DIVISION ONE

Plc	Team	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1	Rotorua 1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2	Waimak 1	19	7	2	2	3	2	3	2	4	3	4	2
3	Mt Maunganui 1	25	6	4	5	6	3	5	3	2	4	3	1
4	Wanganui 1	34	3	9	3	5	7	4	4	5	5	8	5
5	WAG 1	36	10	3	4	7	4	6	8	9	2	2	10
6	Upper Hutt	37	2	5	9	2	8	2	5	8	7	7	7
7	Cambridge	42	11	6	7	4	6	9	7	3	11	6	3
8	Top DAWG	49	8	7	10	10	5	8	6	6	9	5	4
9	Nelson 1	65	5	8	11	11	11	7	0	11	6	11	6
10	Southland	66	4	10	8	9	10	11	9	7	10	9	11
11	Taieri	68	9	11	6	8	9	10	0	10	8	10	8

DIVISION TWO

Plc	Team	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1	Otago 2	18	2	5	7	4	7	2	1	1	1	6	2
2	East BOP	20	1	2	3	1	6	4	5	10	7	3	1
3	North Taranaki	221	8	4	1	9	2	1	3	7	2	2	6
4	Hawkes Bay 2	24	3	3	4	6	8	8	2	3	4	1	4
5	Sth Canterbury	25	4	1	2	8	4	6	10	2	3	4	5
6	Counties	31	6	8	5	2	1	7	4	5	5	9	3
7	CCATS	41	7	9	6	3	3	5	7	4	6	10	9
8	Central HB	47	9	7	8	5	5	3	6	8	8	5	10
9	Blenheim	61	0	6	9	7	9	9	9	6	0	7	8
10	Tauranga 2	73	5	10	0	10	0	10	11	0	9	11	7
11	WAG 2	1067	0	11	0	0	10	11	8	9	10	8	0

DIVISION THREE

Plc	Team	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1	Napier	16	1	1	1	1	5	0	9	1	5	6	1
2	Taupo	20	3	9	7	3	1	1	1	2	4	7	5
3	Horowhenua	26	2	6	2	2	7	10	5	3	8	2	4
4	North Shore 3B	33	7	3	4	9	10	7	6	4	3	4	2
4	Whangarei	33	4	2	10	8	3	5	0	7	1	3	9
6	Wairarapa	34	5	8	9	5	11	4	2	5	2	10	3
7	Mid Canterbury	37	10	11	3	4	2	6	4	6	6	9	6
8	North Shore 3A	42	8	4	5	0	6	2	8	8	9	1	8
9	Akarana	45	6	5	6	10	4	3	7	10	7	8	7
10	Hawkes Bay 3	59	9	10	8	7	9	9	3	9	10	5	0
11	Nelson 3	3040	0	7	11	6	8	8	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION FOUR

Plc	Team	Score	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D/J	Feb	Mar
1	Mt Maunganui 4	13	4	5	1	1	2	1	2	6	1	2	3
2	Wanganui 4	20	3	10	4	3	1	3	3	1	2	10	7
3	South Rangitikei	35	2	7	3	2	8	2	6	8	5	8	8
4	Canterbury COC	36	1	1	10	6	11	8	7	3	6	9	4
5	Mangawhai	44	0	11	8	14	9	6	5	7	4	4	1
6	Hawera	54	7	14	6	5	7	4	4	15	10	11	12
7	Go DAWG	57	8	6	11	8	4	14	0	12	3	7	10
7	Otago 4	57	0	0	14	12	3	9	10	4	9	5	5
9	Selwyn	62	10	16	7	7	5	11	11	5	11	15	6
10	Tokoroa	65	0	2	2	4	17	18	0	11	17	1	11
11	Dog Sport Rotorua	66	0	4	12	11	13	7	1	2	16	16	17

12 Otaki K9s	67	6	13	9	9	6	16	8	16	8	12	9
13 Waimak 4	73	0	17	16	16	12	5	14	14	7	3	2
14 CHB Orange Roughies	98	9	18	5	15	15	17	9	17	14	19	14
15 Norwest	102	0	9	13	17	14	10	12	13	15	17	16
16 Hawkes Bay 4	113	0	3	15	10	16	13	0	20	18	20	18
17 Tauranga 4B	115	11	15	17	0	0	15	13	18	19	13	13
18 Tauranga 4A	1070	5	12	0	13	0	12	0	9	13	6	0
19 North Taranaki 4	3066	0	8	0	0	10	0	0	19	0	14	15
20 Rotorua 4	5040	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	18	0

NALA STARTERS AWARDS.

There will be 10 NALA starters awards available this year.

NALA Starters awards are open to dogs that have run 8 or more agility link runs in the 2009-2010 year and were eligible for starters at Championship shows on 1 March 2010 (i.e. were a starter dog for the full NALA year).

If you think you are eligible then get in touch with your Club coordinator.

Club recorders - please send a list of eligible dogs to Mike Butler (mbutler@ihug.co.nz) by 30 April. Please let Mike know if no dogs in your club are eligible. It will save him chasing you for a reply later.

REMINDERS WHEN FORMING CLUB TEAMS.

Clubs may organise more than one team but the Club's second or third team must start in the fourth division, and handlers/dogs will run for the same team all year.

Where a Club has more than one Team in the competition, Senior dogs (at NZKC Championship level) or those with a clear round in ADX advanced must be included in the top team (this applies at the beginning of the year when Teams are first set up). New members (except for Senior dogs or dogs with a clear round in ADX advanced) may be added to any Club team.

NALA members who move during a competition year may have their score credited to whichever Club they choose.

Ideas for Link

We are looking at various ways to ensure that NALA and the Agility Link competitions remain relevant for people in this country. We would like to see continued participation and enjoyment which has occurred over more than twenty years, and therefore the NALA executive and all the people who assist with the competition have been brain storming various ideas.

The impetus for change comes from a variety of comments—that the existing series is too long, that if you miss a couple of months you may as well not bother, that Clubs have stopped doing Link or considered it due to the time to set it up, you only run one course and then have to put it all away, and that the top dogs are the only ones that gets awards.

We hope that you might consider these and make comments, but also that you might come up with some of your own for consideration in a survey that will be written and distributed later.

*Please send comments to Editor, 74A Kirton Drive, Upper Hutt or email kpdewit@xtra.co.nz. **by May 7th***

1. Offer two levels of competition, one aimed at about Elementary level and this would also be the one that the YKC do. This would enable the newer people at Clubs will be able to give it a go. The criteria for entry could mirror the NZKCAC criteria for Elementary. There could be monthly awards (or after 3-4 months) as these people would tend to move on and be able to compete in the Open competition. The course would be nested with the existing Link and would be the same as the one for the Juniors.
2. Add divisions for individual competition so that the different levels of dogs will not have to compete in an Open competition.
3. Make ribbons available to clubs to give out as rewards for the winner or most improved of Link on the night they run it.

4. Award to Monthly improvers.
5. More measurements on the courses. Make sure courses are not dependant on the length of the dogwalk or length of tunnels as they vary so much
6. No practicing on course, not even over one or two obstacles.
7. Rewards more frequently rather than once a year, and rewards that go to a range of people.
8. Encourage Clubs to give out a trophy to be held just for the month by the best starters/novice dog, best novice/intermediate dog and best overall dog. (take pictures to publish!)
9. Magazine – regular judges corners, training tips for both agility and flygility.
10. Promote the Library more.
11. What about less frequent competition (not every month) but more variety so that people can choose which ones they want to do instead of everyone doing the same thing.
12. Flygility – either a std or a challenge course but not both?
13. Alternate a Jumpers and an agility course each month instead of Jumpers 3 times a year.
14. Give 6 weeks to run the course, so that months will overlap – makes it easier to find a spare weekend, and also you could run two at the same time. This would make it like a mini-event/Ribbon event.
15. Introduce awards for different size dogs - micro/mini/midi/maxi. This will spread the awards around a bit.
16. Introduce a micro jump height which would reduce the height of the jumps, long jump and tyre for the smallest dogs.
17. Have less months than 11. Say do the summer/Autumn Jan to May have June and July off and then Aug to November. So there would be 9 months. That would mean less days to organise and make the one you have more interesting/fun. The comp could be best 6 from 9 scores.
18. Keep the annual competition, but add different & shorter competitions throughout the year. Suggestions
 - a. have the summer award for the months Jan/Feb/March,
 - b. allow people to make up their own teams with people from across the country and have a special teams competition in the later months of the year (Jan – March)

- c. pick 2/3 jumpers courses and best for those
- d. best over 2/3 agility courses,
- e. best dog in a particular breed (alternate these),
- f. Run a BC and anything but a BC (ABC) competition
- g. best AgCh, Best Non AgCh etc.

What do you think of these ideas? We would appreciate your feedback, and we would encourage you to submit other ideas that you may think of.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICES.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

Audited accounts will be available by end of April.

REMITTS:

If you wish to forward any remits for changes to the constitution please do so, to the SECRETARY by April 30th

NEW CLUB GRANTS:

A special one off grant of \$200 to all new Clubs that participate for all 11 rounds of the competition in their first full year. If you believe your Club is eligible for a new Club grant please write to the Secretary stating this by April 30th

CLUB GRANTS:

If you are interested in applying for a grant please contact the Secretary. Grant applications are due by end of April. A maximum of three Clubs may be awarded a special grant. Clubs applying for these awards shall give a project/reason for the application supported by quotes and plans. The decision will be made by the Central Council. Please contact the Secretary for an application form and information sheet.

NALA REPRESENTATIVES.

The NALA representative are responsible for producing magazine copy each month relevant to their Zone. They will receive and present the Annual awards, and form part of the NALA Central council. The NALA Representatives will have their subscriptions paid by the Association and all expenses for postage, toll-calls and stationery associated with their duties will be refunded by the Association. If you are interested in taking on this task please contact the Secretary/Editor

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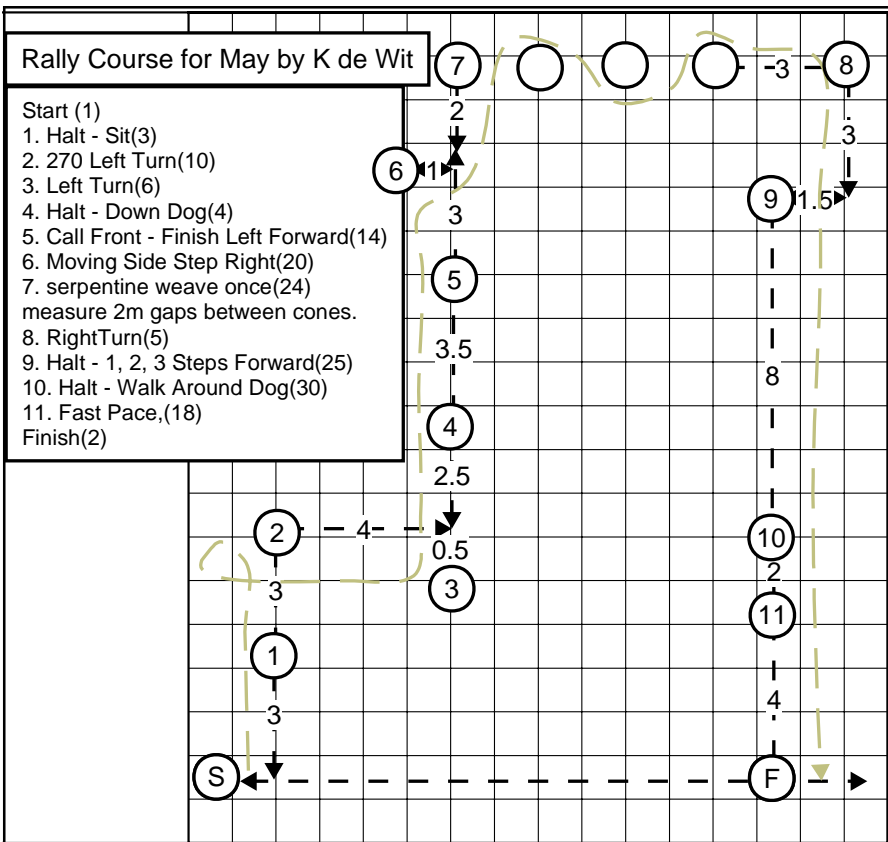
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HOW CAN YOU TAKE PART?

You can take part by either joining NALA or joining NZARO.

To receive the complete NALA magazine including the Rally-O supplement you must be a full member of NALA. To receive the Rally-O supplement only you need to be a member of NZARO. Any club member can judge. Anyone judging must make themselves familiar with the *NZARO Handbook*, a copy of which has been sent to all clubs. The handbook is available on the website www.nzaro.webs.com



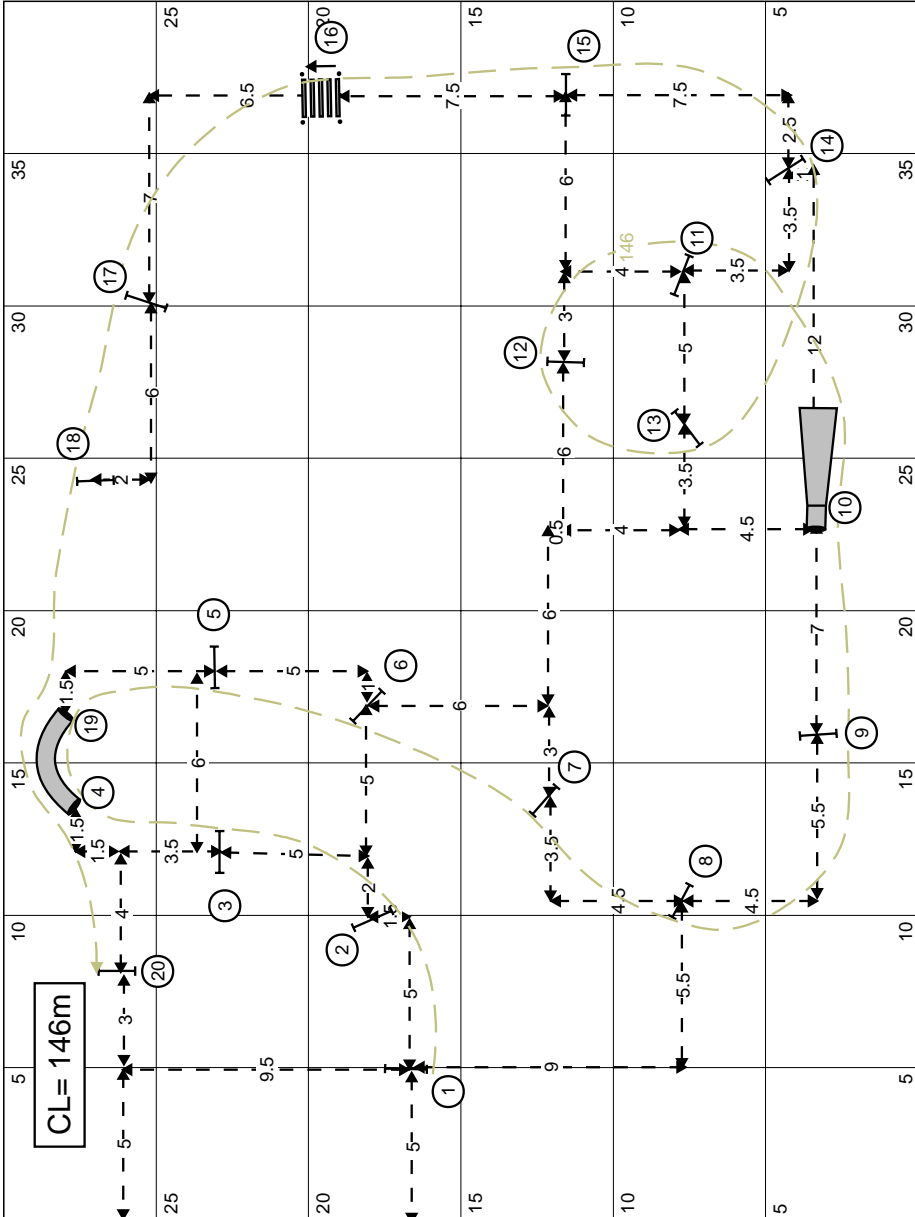
RALLY RESULTS.

Place	Club	Handler	Dog	Score	Time	Club Score	Time
1	Central ADTS	Jane O'Callaghan	Ruku	100	63.94		
	Central ADTS	Jan Voss	Pippa	100	68.09		
	Central ADTS	Jan Voss	Buzz	100	69.53	100.0	201.56
2	Feilding	Des Richards	Scooby	100	72.09		
	Feilding	Lynda Cummins	Pipi	100	63.55		
	Feilding	Linda Guinness	Diesel	100	68.77	100.0	204.41
3	WAG	Aimee Smith	Beau	100	60.40		
	WAG	Fiona Ferrar	Cannon	100	80.94		
	WAG	Fiona Ferrar	Sharky	100	81.60	100.0	222.94
4	Canterbury COC	Gay Bouterey	Angel	100	74.04		
	Canterbury COC	Colleen Philip	Holly	100	82.05		
	Canterbury COC	Meredith Evans	Cilla	100	86.76	100.0	242.85
5	North Taranaki	Paula Roberston	Skye	100	64.88		
	North Taranaki	Laurel Austin	Linden	100	93.93		
	North Taranaki	Paula Roberston	Jazz	100	98.17	100.0	256.98
6	Otaki	Noeline Wagener	Rumba	100	74.78		
	Otaki	Denise Mundy	Lex	100	74.88		
	Otaki	Helen Carter	Cracker	99	90.97	99.7	240.63
7	Hawera	Chris Moody	Laser	100	77.72		
	Hawera	Carol Galliers	Kimba	99	80.02		
	Hawera	Carol Galliers	Reece	98	88.14	99.0	245.88
8	Hawkes Bay	Dot Jannsen	Keller	100	72.75		
	Hawkes Bay	Bobby Dickerson	Amani	98	67.84		
	Hawkes Bay	Bobby Dickerson	Aruba	97	83.56	98.3	224.15
9	Norwest	Sandy McKenzie	Jura	100	60.27		
	Norwest	Ruth Thornburn	Harry	97	60.89		
	Norwest	Rosalind Walkington	Emma	97	63.09	98.0	184.25
10	CHB	Beverley Thomson	Topaz	99	109.84		
	CHB	Beverley Thomson	Jade	98	78.03		
	CHB	Shirley Parker	Bess	97	94.50	98.0	282.37
11	Otago	Diana O'Kane	Echo	100	79.00		
	Otago	Denise Lindsay	Tegan	94	88.00		
	Otago	Sarah Campbell	Lutek	94	89	96.0	256
12	Wanganui	Nikki McDowall	Breeze	99	76.06		
	Wanganui	Nikki McDowall	Gem	94	81.18		
	Wanganui	Betsy Gleeson	Flint	90	77.09	94.3	234.33

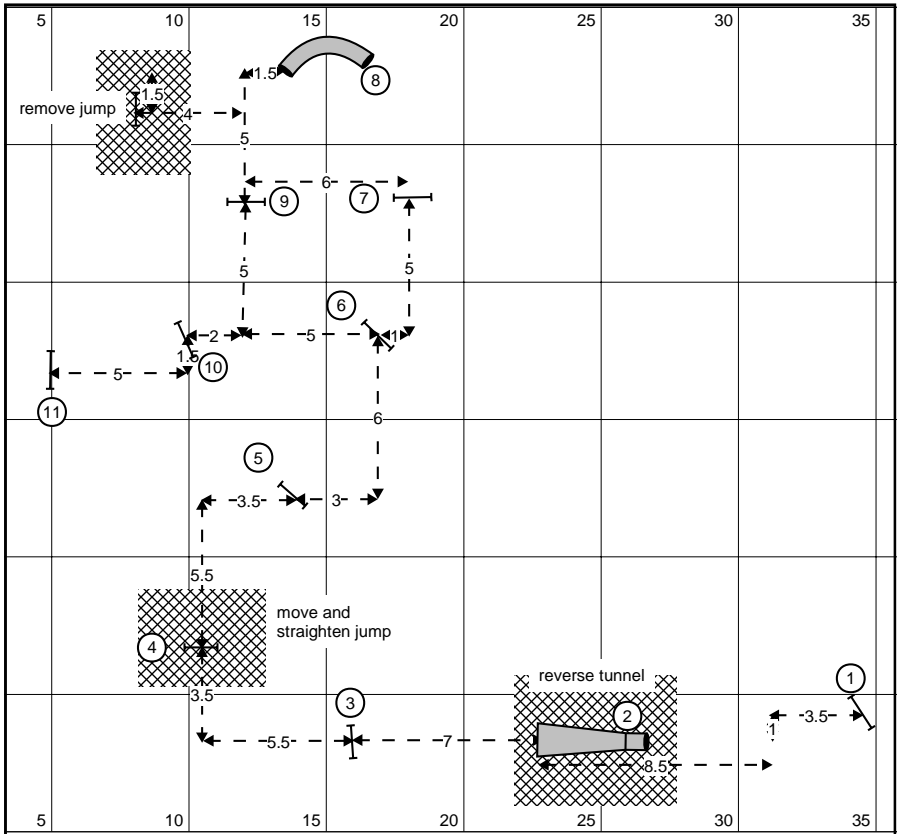
AGILITY LINK COURSE for May:- JUMPERS

CL = 146m

Plan shows recommended measuring wheel path



BEGINNERS COURSE.



AGILITY MOST IMPROVED THIS MONTH

Sheryl Vincent & Macey from Blenheim.
A leap from 437th to 79th!

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YKC Link has been a very successful event this year, with over 50 juniors getting in there and having a go. I would like to thank all people concerned for their time and effort in getting this event off the ground. It's great to also see the clubs north and south getting behind the young juniors so thanks to everyone for this. The section were split into division and ran very well.

With the new season starting I will be splitting the beginners section into two events 11 years and under and 12 years and over. Prizes this year will be from 1st to 3rd but I would like to see this grow for next year with more juniors running.

ON PAWS AGILITY has kindly sponsored this event yet again with a big thank you to Jason and Mel for this. The cost for this is only \$10 per year and I have the forms on the YKC site or you can come straight to me and I will email them to you. NALA is very kind in letting us put the results in their book and also a BIG thank you Karen de Wit for the courses.

You can Contact Nevenka@xtra.co.nz

NZKC AGILITY LINK

Experienced - 12-15 years

1	James Trimble	Simba	Waimak	33.11
2	Jessia Bruce-Jones	Beau	Selwyn dog school	35.12
3	Kris Butterworth	Jet	N/Taranaki	37.93
4	Jade Kelly	Jess	Waimak	38.04
5	Megan Loughridge	Charley	Canterbury	42.22
6	Stephanie McCarty	Bronte	Mount	45.92
7	Amy Hoogenboom	Molly	H/Bay	555
7	Jessia Bruce-Jones	Gem	Selwyn dog school	555

Experienced - 16-20 years

1	Chelsea Marriner	Quest	Rotorua	24.16
2	Chelsea Marriner	Shift	Rotorua	34.97
3	Hadassa Koessler	Lilly	Nelson	39.22
4	Bridee Manning	Croc	Tauranga	50.43
5	Kelsey McBeth	Ivy	Canterbury	56.61
6	Chris Moody	Laser	Hawera	61.46
7	Kelsey McBeth	Louie	Canterbury	69.4
8	Chelsea Marriner	Flash , Ike, Spy	Rotorua	555
8	Chris Moody	Ted E	Hawera	555
8	Sarah Stephenson	Eve	Canterbury	555

Experienced - 8-11 years

1	Hayley Rohde	Rocket	Counties	24.94
2	Hayley Rohde	Flare	Counties	24.99
3	Erin Ball	Claire	Mangawhai	28
4	Hayley Rohde	Kiss	Counties	47.88
5	Emma Trimble	Mille	Waimak	555

Beginners - Under 8's

Plc	Name	Dog	Club	Score
1	Skyla Paterson	Cassie	UH	11.72
2	Skyla Paterson	Gem	UH	16.65
3	Taehg Humphries	Kobe	Nelson	555
3	Paige Aukett	Paris	UH	555

Beginners - 8-11 years

1	Jayden Hishon	Scooty	Mount	16.87
2	Joshua Anderson	Rumble	H/Bay	18.05
3	Anton Jewiss	Ruby	UH	35.25
4	Anton Jewiss	Kilte	UH	555
4	Estelle Sandford	Molly	UH	555
4	Jess Mortimer	Kola	Nelson	555
4	Joshua Anderson	Beau	H/Bay	555

Beginners - 12-15 years

1	Jonathan Savage	Kobe	Nelson	11.53
2	Lauren Homer	Zac	Mount	21.33
3	Briani Gray	Tilly	Hawera	25.38
4	Dylan Anderson	Rocky	H/Bay	29.49
5	Larissa Cherrie	Gemma	Mount	33.94
6	Briani Gray	Misty	Hawera	555
6	Danielle Stevens	Emma	CHB	555
6	Danielle Stevens	Taz	CHB	555
6	Dylan Anderson	Samson	H/Bay	555

See course page 21

JUDGES CORNER

by Nick Chester

Jumpers B/A, Tokoroa CAE – January 10

I am enjoying judging and competing in B Jumpers. As judges are still coming to grips with what they are all about, these courses are offering handlers a lot of variety. In my opinion, Jumpers B should be a Novice/Intermediate level and jumpers A should be a Senior style course. I try to keep this in mind when I design the course and set it at a level that is achievable but challenging.

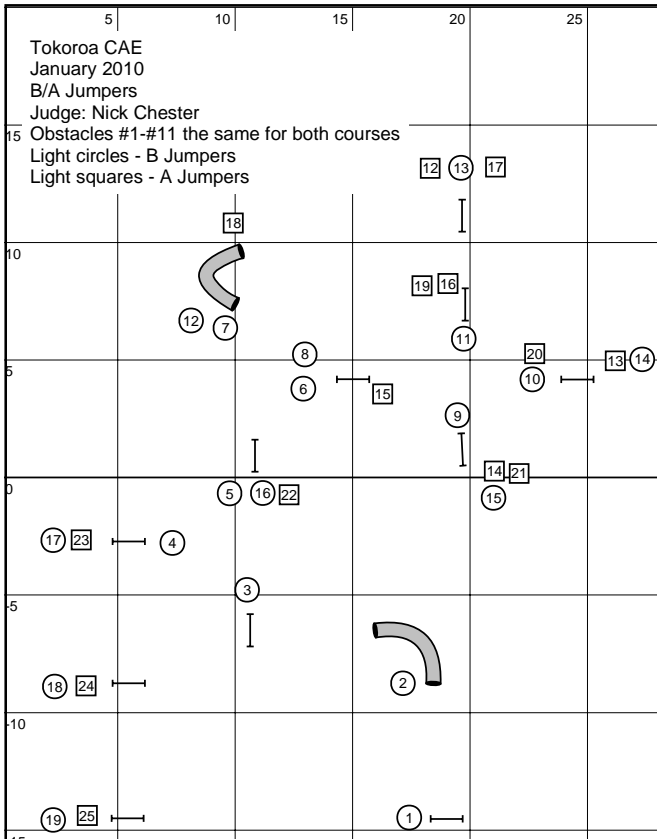
The course I used for Tokoroa is one I have actually used before. I used it as an “intermediate jumpers” in 2008, before the new standard jumpers became regulated. So I actually had a fair idea on how the course would run. I also gave myself the challenge of re-designing the course for A jumpers without moving any equipment, which is easier said than done!

Although I had not intended to, the course ended up having wings on every jump – thanks to Jason for providing these. I’m really glad I did, as not only did it make for quite a cool looking course, it also helped prove my point that dogs do seem to jump better when hurdles have wings – they seem to sight the jump much more clearly and jump with much more ease. As you will see, the course had a couple of 180 degree turns, and having the wings also made judging this course much easier for me as it made it very clear to see which hurdle the dog was jumping.

To be successful in this course, handlers really needed to utilise both front and rear crosses. Most people did a lead out to the tunnel at #2, then a front cross between 2 and 3. A rear cross between 5 and 6 followed by a front cross between 7 and 8 was the most common combination, and this worked well. The 10-

13 combination is a favourite of mine and one I use often. Most people tried a front or rear cross between 10 and 11, both worked fine. Then a rear cross somewhere between 14-16 was common, and this caused a few people to lose some time if they didn't make this cross at the right moment. I was really pleased with how this was handled and most dogs seemed to really enjoy the course. The event was won by Allan and Knight, in his first weekend back following a cruciate injury last year. Knight is an awesome dog to watch and it was certainly a worthy win.

I was successful in creating an A jumpers course with no movement of equipment – which was very satisfying! Perhaps the biggest challenge with some wing jumps is that they can be difficult to move around, so avoiding this was a plus. As the course plan shows, obstacles 1-10 remained unchanged from the B jumpers courses, and it was the addition



of some extra sequences following on from that. This required a bit of fancy footwork and quick thinking, which I'm pleased to say the 3 handlers and 6 dogs demonstrated well. Chelsea took the spoils but all dogs handled this course well, which is great!

Well done Tokoroa on another great show, the new venue is fantastic and I look forward to many more shows there.

AGILITY CLUB COMPETITION DIVISION ONE

1	Mt Mganui 1 76.203	J J Cricket	Heading Dog	Jan Murden	23.910
		Cheeky	Heading Dog	Deb Jackson	25.270
		Breeze	Collie X	Jason Hughes	27.023
2	Waimak 1 78.714	GrAgCh Zoom FD	Heading Dog	Lisa Duff	24.611
		Zac	BC	Norma Wilson	25.493
		Spice ADX	BC	Vanessa Trimble	28.610
3	Cambridge 84.240	Millie	BC	Graeme Jefferies	26.320
		Kodi	Heading Dog	Julie McConkey	27.920
		Blake ADXG	Heading Dog	Julie McConkey	30.000
4	Top DAWG 86.614	GrFDCh Mya ADX JDX		Rebecca Sidwell	21.224
		FDCh Seeka ADX JDX		Rebecca Sidwell	32.130
		Misty ADXG JD FDX		Rebecca Sidwell	33.260
5	Wanganui 1 87.396	Josh ADXS	Min Schnauzer	Shane McGhie	26.767
		Pippi	Vallhound	Jonna Gibson	29.660
		Jenna ADX-G	Min Poodle	Bronwyn Morgan	30.969
6	Nelson 1 93.357	Taya	Kelpie.X	Christine Henderson	24.660
		Cloud ADX	BC	Vannessa Machen	29.470
		Lilly	BC x	Hadassa Koessler	39.227
7	Upper Hutt 94.025	AgGrCh Tana	BC	Karen de Wit	24.835
		Kiltie	Beardie/BC	Darryl Jewiss	34.466
		AgCh Cassie	BC	Nevenka Paterson	34.724
8	Taieri 96.920	Bob	Boxer	Don Leckie	31.430
		Cheyenne	Sibord/BC x	Rosalie Lock	32.220
		Flack	Sibord	Barbara Lowen	33.270
9	Rotorua 1 97.150	AgGrCh FDCh Quest		Chelsea Marriner	24.160
		Grail	BC	Steve Chester	27.870
		Rumur	BC	Dyson Beasley	45.120
10	WAG 1 106.183	Sharky ADX FD	BC	Fiona Ferrar	24.564
		AgGrCh Cannon FD		Fiona Ferrar	36.384
		Jynx	Rigeback.X	Joanne Small	45.235
11	Sthland 107.015	Zoe	Farmdog	Diane Youthed	30.396
		Midge ADX	Jack Russell x	Joanne Rennell	37.047
		Kyte	BC	Rae Evans	39.572

DIVISION TWO

1	East BOP 71.590	Ohce ADX	Belgian Shepd	Martin Bush	22.560
		Bindi ADX	Belgian Shepd	Trish Bush	23.590
		Robbie ADXG	BC	Tina Mitchell	25.440
2	Otago 2 77.464	Flynn	Kelpie	Karen Grant	24.530
		AgGrCh Kay J	BC	Anne Bevin	26.262
		AgGrCh Jax	BC	David Cook	26.672

3	Counties 77.552	AgGrCh FDCh Rocket JDX	Hayley Rohde	24.940	
		AgGrCh ObCh Flare FDX TCQ JDX	Hayley Rohde	24.992	
		MJ	Kelpie	Marie Wales	27.620
4	Hawkes Bay 2 88.658	Sheeba ADXG	Kelpie.X	Campbell List	24.186
		Samson	Doberman	Colleen O'Connor	26.457
		Romar	Kelpie	T Tasman-Smith	38.015
5	Sth Cantry 90.160	Solo	BC	Natasha Coulter	27.036
		Jonty	BichonX	Natasha Coulter	27.143
		Benji	Min Poodle	Bronwyn Rumble	35.981
6	Nth Taranaki2 93.580	Spice AD	BC	Nadene Hoskins	27.589
		Mulga	X.Breed	Laurel Austin	30.041
		Song	BC	Rae Mayhead	35.950
7	Tauranga 2 97.857	Rocky ADX	Sheltie	Bernice Shearman	29.423
		Whittier ADX	Staffy	Nikki Craddock	32.661
		Lucky ADX	Foxy.X	Helen Moorhead	35.773
8	Blenheim 101.161	Tiffany	Toy Poodle	Jane Norton	32.955
		Macey	GSD	Sheryl Vincent	33.575
		Tricot	Heading Dog/BC	Natasha Neame	34.631
9	CCATS 101.265	Phoenix	BC	Margaret McBeth	30.196
		Grace	Min Schnauzer	Sandra McHugh	35.250
		Greta	MinSchnauzer	Sandra McHugh	35.819
10	Central HB 121.085	Taz	Heading Dog X	Kim Loye	34.746
		Xena AD	ACD	Kim Loye	43.074
		Tide	Huntaway x	Catherine Harty	43.265

DIVISION THREE

1	Napier 86.050	Jazzy	BC/heading dog	Kristina Beresford	21.560
		Andie	BC	Kathleen Graham	24.690
		Gemma	Heading Dog	Rebecca Holland	39.800
2	Nth Shore 3B 93.533	Hollie	BC	Cathy Clarkson	30.217
		MacKenzie	BC	Hayley Webb	31.121
		Brodie	Sibord	Kelly Daniel	32.195
3	Wairarapa 99.330	Zephyr ADX	Heading X	Karen Bealing	28.020
		Smudge	Huntaway-BC	Ana Workman	35.170
		AgGrCh India	BC	Dianne Reid	36.140
4	Horowhenua 100.352	AgCh Phanta ADXG, BC		Heather Smith	25.034
		Dice		Penny Nalder	35.328
		Zara	GSD	Suzie Wheatley	39.990
5	Taupo 100.413	Tehlulah	Toy Poodle	Christine Gabb	29.348
		Tonic	Working SheepDog,	Sue Willis	34.843
		Bella	cross	Julia Primrose	36.222
6	Mid Canty 101.370	Harley	BC	Caroline Sinclair	26.160
		Bud	Labrador	Tui Clucas	36.300
		Paddy	BC	B Thompson	38.910
7	Akarana 110.889	Skooter ADX	B.Terr	Brigid Slykerman	32.637
		Kelly ADXG	Min.Poodle	Marie Pearman	36.487

		MJ	Poodle	Marie Pearman	41.765
8	Nth Shore 3A	Charlie ADXG	Cav.K.C	Elaine Maisey	38.209
	120.404	Gigha ADXS	BC	Cheryl Ritchie	39.638
		Quinn	J/Russell/Sch	Tess Bayly	42.557
9	Whangarei	Average Joe	BC X	Bev Winn	36.160
	124.590	Tammy ADXS	JRT	Anne Cozens	44.120
		Fitz	BC X	Ani Van Sinten	44.310

DIVISION FOUR

1	Mangawhai	Lady	BC	Jinnie Gailey	25.370
	82.270	Claire	BC	Erin Ball	28.000
		Pearl	BC	Annette Flanagan	28.900
2	Waimak 4	Tee	BC/Foxi x	Lisa Duff	27.394
	93.227	Charley	Cross Breed	Kathryn Sutton	32.716
		Simba	G Retriever	James Trimble	33.117
3	Mt Mganui4	Cookie	Heading Dog	Sue Andresen	31.289
	96.632	Thanx	BC	Debbie McFarlane	32.327
		Silke	BC	Anne Proctor	33.016
4	Canty COC	Lexie	BC	Tim Conolly	27.014
	96.982	Tiza	Lab x Beardie	Robyn Sanders	30.213
		Sno	Heading Dog	Kristene Meaclem	39.755
5	Otago 4	Briar	Foxy/Heading Dog,	Karen Grant	26.710
	104.447	Zee	Heading dog	David Cook	30.221
		Benson	Jack Russell	Shayne Oliver	47.516
6	Selwyn	Trixie	Staffy x	Misha Baxter	26.500
	106.380	Rocky	Huntaway x	Misha Baxter	38.030
		Jag	BC	Carole Logan	41.850
7	Wanganui 4	Flick	Foxy/J Russell	Jenny Benson	30.100
	106.891	Heydoh	Swedish Valhund	Jonna Gibson	32.699
		Taz	Min Poodle	Bronwyn Morgan	44.092
8	Sth Rangitikei	Pollyanna	Sheltie	Rod Pearce	32.570
	107.420	Radar ADXS	Sheltie	Rod Pearce	34.070
		Hobson	Cav KC Spaniel	Wendy Taylor	40.780
9	Otaki K9s	Molly ADXG	Min.Poodle	Sharon Wagener	35.720
	114.850	ADFD Charlie	Spr.Spaniel	Lesley Lygo	38.940
		Touchaye	Min Poodle	Aprille McGee	40.190
10	Go DAWG	Banjo	Kelpie	Murray Cain	28.786
	116.652	Bosun	Foxy X	Wendy Osmond	42.025
		Rico	Am Cocker Span	John Fraser	45.841
11	Tokoroa	Jim AD	Huntaway	Amanda Benson	34.720
	127.650	Honey	GSD	Maree Boreham	42.150
		Zoe	LabxHuntaway	Rebecca Vaughan	50.780
12	Hawera	Tri ADX	Sheltie	Michelle Sowerby	38.100
	127.790	Chelsea AD	BC	Linda Smith	39.130
		Kandie		Ian Wooldridge	50.560

13	Tauranga 4B	Floss ADX	BC	Malcolm Ward	38.320
	133.546	Kelcie ADX	GSD	Anne Morrissey	44.795
		Croc	BC	Bridee Manning	50.431
14	CHB Orange	Toby	Beagle	Duncan Renner	36.797
	Roughies	Finn	Heading Dog X	Jill Payne	44.082
	142.363	Millie	Sheltie	Wendy Holmes	61.484
15	Nth T'naki 4	Trump	BC	Maree Butterworth	41.635
	144.969	Amber	BC	Denise Davis	49.973
		Mak	Beardie X	Isa Christianson	53.361
16	Norwest	Kozmo	Shetland S/dog	Sue Williams	40.083
	148.684	Bella	BCX	Colleen Lauder	49.438
		Jura	BC.	Sandy MacKenzie	59.163
17	Dog Sport	Bobby	BC	Jeff Parker	48.620
	Rotorua	Chan	Sharpei X	Raewyn Saville	61.880
	173.220	FD Lucy	TerrierX	Rosslyn Prichard	62.720
18	Hawkes Bay 4	Kim		Jacky Carbin	53.231
	177.810	Nelly	Labx	Ann Anderson	53.379
		Flint	BC/Aust Shep	Robyn Fargher	71.200



Flygility.. by Allan Rohde

MYA MY FRIESIAN - FLYGILITY GRAND CHAMPION

Owner: Rebecca Sidwell

Mya has become only the second dog to achieve the title of Flygility Grand Champion. The final points were gained at the Wellington Hurricanines tournament held in March 2010.

The title of Flygility Grand Champion is one that is gained with consistent performances over a long period of time. Mya has proven that she can perform consistently having competed at 33 tournaments since her first one in November 2004 gaining a total of 254 points at an average of 7.7 points per tournament.

Mya's points tally is:

Beginners – 7, Intermediate – 97, Open – 82, Advanced - 68, Total – 254

Mya was aged 7 years, 4 month, and 3 weeks old when she achieved the title. Well done Rebecca for your achievement.....

Holding the ball

Sometimes a dog doesn't always hold onto the ball and drops it on the recall.

I have seen this problem many times and it is usually the newer teams that have dogs that drop balls close to the last jump before the finish line. A few potential problems should be sorted out:

1. Let the dog run on it's own and make sure **all** the dogs and handlers are away from the racing lanes, I mean 20 yards away. See how the dog performs with **no** distractions.
2. Handlers often **face** their inexperienced dogs when they return. Using the above system, get the handler to run as fast as possible away from the dog, keeping their back facing towards the dog, until it crosses the finish line. Dogs that are chasing will often **hold** better and longer but the handler must have the confidence to run away without looking.
3. Many dogs drop balls (or anything else) because the owners allow the dogs to 'spit' out things which the 'dog' has trained the owner to pick up, and throw again. Never never never accept a retrieve article, except if it placed in your hand by the dog. This can take some time to retrain, but it will improve the dogs holding skills.
4. Train the dog in the following way. The handler and the handlers family must **ignore** the dog for at least half an hour before a 'hold' training session. When the hold training starts the dog is thrown an article (ball, toy, cardboard tube, anything it can pick up). When the dog picks it up the handler starts to 'talk' 'praise' and generally be communicative with the dog, **if** the dog drops the article, the handler becomes very quite and totally (within reason) ignores the dog. The dog will 'work out for itself' that holding an article 'turns' the handler 'on' and dropping it turns them 'off'. Use this system at least 2 times per day. Just before meals is often a good time to play this game.
- 5.

When the dog eventually starts to hold the article to get attention from the owners, instead of taking the article, start gently stroking and patting the dog on it's side. Only when the dog is holding the article for about 30 seconds and being praised, stroked and patted should you think about taking the article from the dog.

Next Challenge Course – May

The monthly courses can be downloaded from the files section of the NALA group. These can be accessed from the following web address:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NZAgility/files/Flygility/Monthly%20Courses/>

These have been uploaded as PDF documents and you should contact me if you require the courses in a different format.

Individual results ~ Standard Top 13

1	AgCh FDCh Flash	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	13
2	AgGrCh FDCh Bree	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	36
3	Sharky ADX FD	Fiona Ferrar	WAG	38
4	GrFDCh Mya ADX JDX	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	46
5	GrAgCh Zoom FD	Lisa Duff	Waimakiriri	63
6	FDCh Seeka ADX JDX	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	71
7	Indy	Mel Mankelov	Mt Maunganui	74
8	Cheeky	Deb Jackson	Mt Maunganui	81
8	Frodo	Jane List	Hawkes Bay	81
10	AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	105
11	Risky	Ngaira O'Rourke	Counties	113
12	Sheeba ADXG	Campbell List	Hawkes Bay	119
13	Spy AD JD FD	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	120

Individual results ~Challenge Top 5

1	AgCh FDCh Flash	Chelsea Marriner	Rotorua	13
2	AgGrCh FDCh Rocket JDX	Elaine Rohde	Counties	30
3	GrFDCh Mya ADX JDX	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	34
3	FDCh Seeka ADX JDX	Rebecca Sidwell	DAWG	34
5	Sharky ADX FD	Fiona Ferrar	WAG	36

ANNUAL RESULTS FLYGILITY Teams & Individual.

Standard team results

1	Rotorua	10	1 Counties	7
2	Counties	25	1 Rotorua	7
2	Hawkes Bay	25	3 Wanganui	18
4	DAWG	32	4 WAG	22
5	Waimakiriri	34	5 Hawkes Bay	23
6	Wanganui	35	5 North Taranaki	23
7	Mt Maunganui	43	7 Wairarapa	28
8	Wairarapa	68	8 North Shore	29
9	WAG	70	9 Dog Sports Rotorua	33
10	North Shore	72	9 Norwest	33
11	Central HB	75	11 DAWG	1012
11	Norwest	75	12 Otago	1034
13	North Taranaki	78	13 Mt Maunganui	2010
14	Southland	79	14 Southland	3012
15	Dog Sports Rotorua	83		
16	Otago	109		
17	Tauranga	121		
18	Otaki	138		
19	Hawera	4066		
20	Mangawhai	5051		
21	Nelson	6023		
22	Hib Coast	6032		
23	Cambridge	6033		
24	Tokorua	7003		

AWARDS 2010.

Individual Flygility awards will go top 13 for standard, and top 5 for challenge.
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Standard Flygility Team results — Challenge Flygility Team results

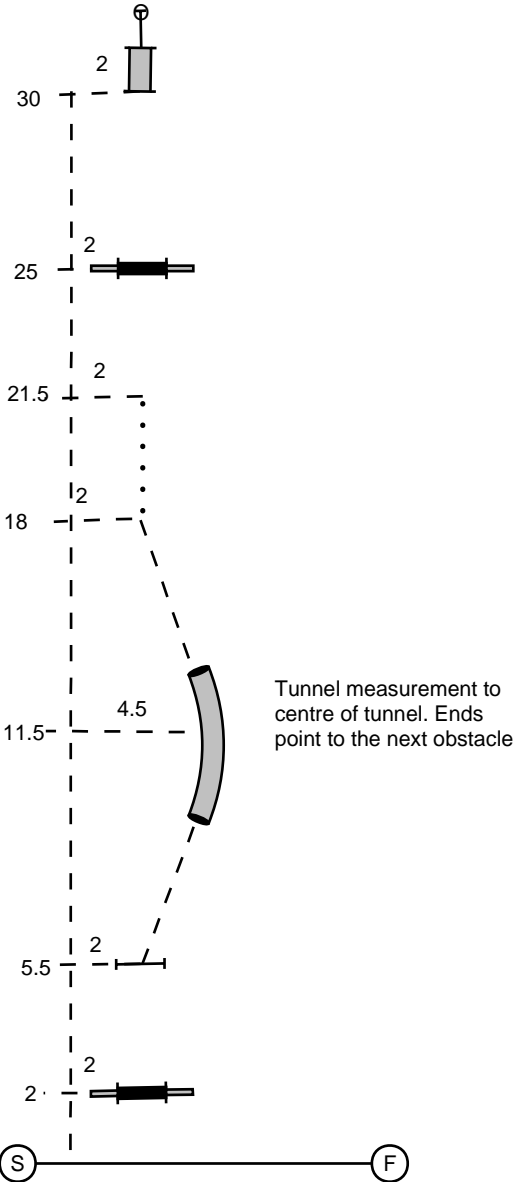
MARCH

1	Counties No Hoppers	33.427	1	Sulphur City Slickers (Rot)	39.250
2	WAG1	34.370	2	HAWkes Bay 1	42.278
3	Rotovegas Rebels (rotorua)	35.470	3	WAG1	42.980
4	Southland 2	37.500	4	Counties Oilers	43.043
5	Taranaki Team Tango	37.590	5	Rotovegas Rebels (rotorua)	44.910
6	Top DAWG	37.781	6	Taranaki Team Tango	45.190
7	Waimak 1	38.859	7	Wanganui Goldens	46.350
8	Wanganui Opals	38.910	8	Wanganui Opals	48.250
9	Sulphur City Slickers (rotorua)	39.070	9	Mt Maunganui	48.390
10	one (Chan, Bobby, Inka)	41.130	10	Counties No Hoppers	50.516
11	Counties Rockers	41.259	11	North Shore 2	55.760
12	North Shore 2	41.980	12	norwest 1	71.280
13	Mt Maunganui	42.000	13	Lucy, Chan, Midge	75.840
14	North Shore 1	42.540	14	Counties Flyers	79.284
15	Deputy DAWG	42.731	15	Wairarapa 1	105.880
16	Counties Kissers	42.807	16	Otago 1	128.040
17	Wairarapa 2	43.200	17	Wanganui Gems	145.410
18	Under DAWG	43.559	18	North Shore 1	150.610
19	norwest 1	45.630			
20	Hawkes Bay 2	53.205			
21	Counties Snackers	54.316			
22	Southland 4	56.370			
23	Counties Tipsters	58.715			
24	Wanganui Goldens	59.000			
25	Southland 3	60.150			
26	Southland 1	62.350			
27	Tga 1	71.179			
28	Tga 2	71.475			
29	Counties Trail Blazers	72.053			
30	Charlie, Diva, Cracka	76.830			
31	Two (Midge, Finn, Lucy)	88.340			
32	norwest 2	103.800			
33	Wairarapa 1	107.020			
34	Wanganui Gems	110.570			
35	Taranaki Juniors	115.290			
36	Southland 6	141.530			
37	Otago 1	200.660			
38	Wairarapa 3	555.000			
38	Hawkes Bay 1	555.000			

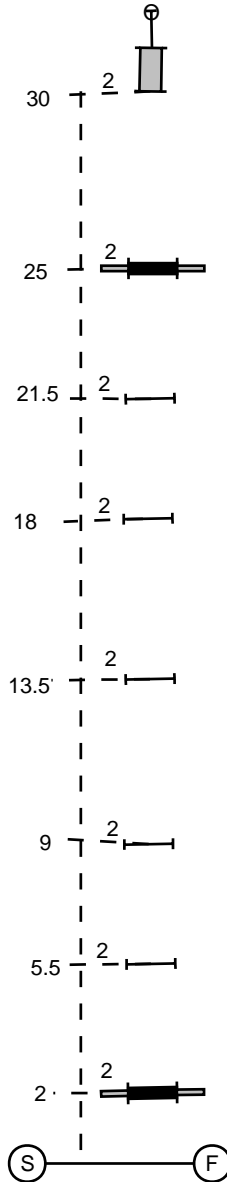
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