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EDITORIAL

by Karen de Wit



FIRST CLASSES SPLIT BY HEIGHT!!

I was fortunate enough to be part of NZ agility history—in attendance at the first event under the new split height rules. This was at New Plymouth and it was, fittingly enough, a jumpers x 6 weekend. Humour for the weekend was provided by John Muir, Noeline observed *“A real highlight was watching John Muir judging Jumpers B and micro toy poodle “Penny” and Carol Bennett. He had come prepared and held up a pair of binoculars “pretending” to be judging via them. A real scream! And Carol took it all in good fun too.”*

It appears that the overall opinion from the weekend was “Brilliant!” Even those who had previously not been favour of splits had changed their minds when the new midi dogs started to perform! Interesting to note that those dogs whop had knocked bars as maxis still knocked bars as midis, which was somewhat disappointing for those handlers! Also interesting to note that the talk around the mini/micro camps had turned to placings instead of cardboard. The tiny dogs appeared to be jumping much better and running faster, none more so than a very tiny Papillon. The difference between winning minis, midis and maxis was not very much, with the best dogs in each group looking good! Overseas the midi class is the fastest and this appears to be also the case so far. The maxi class went a whole lot faster than normal, and those with two or more dogs in that class had to be a lot more organised to be on time for their run, the same situation applying for minis.

Some commented that it would be nice if clubs let competitors know to how many placings the ribbons/award will go to as it is a bit hard to work out especially when some classes are split and some are not!

Top Ärf Report—by Anne Kenny.

Well the drought broke the day after I submitted the last report. It seems it has been raining steadily ever since. Club night has been cancelled more often than there has been Wednesdays in the month, but, in spite of lower temperatures the grass *is* growing and it could be said that winter in the north so far has been relatively mild.

There was no report from Zone 1 last month; there were absolutely no shows on in Zone 1 in May. I am sure there were Zone 1ers doing us proud in the Bay of Plenty, though as I didn't go I can't really report on them. In June is it a happier story though, with a number of Ribbon Trials kick starting some new handlers who have no doubt been learning and training throughout the summer. Poor newbies, to get a taste of what a real show is all about without jumping in boots and all and going Champ is to go to the Ribbon Trials, which are invariably held in the soggy winter.

It felt a bit wintry in the paddock at Te Hihi for the Counties Ribbon Trial, but there was a pretty good turnout really, even if the showers should have been renamed drenchings and the sou'west wind cut across the paddock chill-drying any who had been caught in it. Clearly though the farm dogs didn't mind the weather; Kim managed a 1st and a 6th with Spider and her mate, Scud. Wee Caitlin ran Mum's dog Ziggy in Jumpers B and got a 3rd, so the Relko dogs are doing pretty well and it was nice to see Ani in Fitz in 2nd place. Iris Walker isn't doing bad this year with that lovely little chocolate border collie she has and won starters. I have a bit of catching up to do with Iris, young B has been doing quite well for her all year.

Some of the runs were done in some torrential downpours, and I had to feel sorry for Kathryn and Luke who got to do one of their runs in the pouring rain, only to have the shine merrily away by the time the next person lined up and took off. But it was nice to see Julie-Anne back in the ring, even if I didn't recognise her; she has swapped that great big German Shepherd for a nippy zippy little border collie cross who even managed a 4th place in Elementary A.

At North Shore the following day the weather had taken its toll on the grounds again. You would think that grounds on a slope like that would drain away nicely and be consolation for having to run uphill. Alas, no, there always seems to be a boggy bit right where you really *have* to put in an essential front cross. In Senior, Taragh skidded right past the third element of a beautifully put together serpentine, which she should have taken easily, but she did go to the tunnel and not the

jump as planned – thanks Charlotte – just like the choice wasn't there.

It was almost exclusively North Shore in the line up for Elementary B, so hopefully a few more hooked competitors; at least they have a beautiful North Shore ribbon to take home to their families and, I'm sure, big smiles on their faces. Roy Davis is one newcomer that caught my attention – 3rd in Starters and 1st in Novice.

It was noticeable that Mangawhai put in a good showing at the prizegiving at both Counties and the North Shore shows, with Annette almost keeping up with Jinnie and all her dogs. In Intermediate there wasn't a border collie to be seen until Tarah and Asta in 6th place. Risky the heading dog took it out, Paul and his GSD Diva, Marie and her poodle Kelly, Pippa and her kelpie Amber, and Karyn and her bearded Blue making up the ones in the middle. Darren won senior with Adam..... now just to get that win at a Champ Show Darren and one of those precious blue pieces of card.

At least it was a bit sunnier at North Shore. The following weekend was Cambridge and WAG. I didn't get to Cambridge, but I am told the weather was a bit balmy that day. Family commitments kept me away from that show, but I did make it to WAG; again another day sloshing around in mud. In fact I stood at the entries table wondering whether I should bother entering given that I had a severe case of laryngitis from a chill caught the previous weekend, and running around in that weather really probably wasn't the best idea for me. However, I looked out at the sheets of rain pouring down and watched Nick and Keri et al putting out equipment and felt sorry for them, so I entered. But even then I thought I might just do the first couple of runs and go home, I did stay in the end, and mighty glad I did.

At Cambridge, just looking at the results it looks like the Ohutu dogs did very well, with Scud coming 2nd in Starters and Jinnie picking up a 6th. Jinnie also picked up a 3rd, 4th & 10th in Novice, with her daughter Erin getting the 8th place. Aaron picked up a 1st in Jumpers C to match the 1st he got in Novice the previous week. It's a long time between drinks for Rebecca with Ted, but he did manage to keep all the rails up for a 2nd place in Jumpers B.

At WAG, between the heavy, cold rainshowers Bruce Ronald did a really lovely run in Starters with Josie and came up 2nd. Shirley won Novice with Mac and also beat me and Cameron in Jumpers C, but not quite quick enough for Della and Dash who must have blitzed it cos Mac and Cam – get it – were damn fast. So many thought that Cameron had won it. Sarah and Shar, Marie and Coal and Julie and Kodi were the winners in Intermediate, Senior and Jumpers B.

Only two people managed a clear round in the ADX Advanced course; not surprising, I didn't like it much, either, and it's hard for the little dogs or dogs who don't like getting their heads wet in the floppy tunnels which is about the only

time they were out over both the weekends.

Later on this week I learned that Shirley's husband Roy had died on that Sunday. I am sure that I can say that all of us send our condolences to you Shirley, and say to you that we are a good community of people, if there is anything anyone can help with, just sing out.

Central North report—by Mel Mankelow

The month started with the Gisborne Show was looking forward to it this year as I missed out last year although we only had two dogs running we were taking a set of gear for them to use. Getting ready to leave on Friday when I noticed Jack had managed to rip his nail almost off, so after a trip to the vet and a small op to remove the nail we decided it wasn't worth the trip with only one dog to run, so thanks Martin & Trish for taking the gear for us hopefully we will make it next year, so not sure on results sorry guys.

Cambridge & WAG Ribbons

Also didn't go to these ribbons either been a nightmare month with dogs at the vets it always seems to happen that way. Have got some results so will say a well done to a few Lis Proctor & Teal back in the ring winning Starters & 5th in Novice at Cambridge Also Sue & Elle winning Novice, Anne & Silke 2nd. Sunday Natasha & Sage 2nd in Senior and Martin & Ohce 2nd in Jumpers with Ngairé & Risky a close 3nd. Also seeing some baby dogs starting there Agility will be great to see how they progress

Boys Trip to Waimak Indoor Champ By Jason Hughes

As most of you know after months of planning we were off on our boys trip South, we had over 20 names down at the beginning but in the end only 8 of us ended up heading South for our big weekend. Bevan Dale was meeting us down there and Lyn had to pull out at the very last minute which he was totally gutted about and even has his name down already for next years trip.

Allan and I had to arrange to change our dogs due to injuries so Rocket went in place of Flare and I had to take Indi with both of my dogs unable to go. So the trip started out on Thursday with me collecting Dyson from his place in Rotorua then we met Allan in Taupo, we then drove over to Hastings to pick up Cam and Johnny. We killed some time while we waited for Johnny to finish work and it was then that we informed Dyson that if he got the last senior clear round he required to make Rumor up then he would be going in Cam's swimming pool on our return to his house.

We then travelled down to Lloyds house in Wellington to stay the night and the beer went down nice that night with the wonderful dinner he had cooked us all. Shane stayed at Lyn's place that night to look after his dogs and met us all at the port at 7.30am to catch the ferry, the cards came out on the ferry and this proved to be the start of many very competitive card games over the weekend.

We drove down to Christchurch and booked into the camp grounds, off to the

supermarket to stock up and we came out with plenty of the amber nectar to keep us going, Chinese take-away and back to play cards, drink and plan our attack for the Waimak show.

We set off nice and early Saturday morning to get there in plenty of time as we had know idea where we were going, Shane had his stat-nav so we were sorted or so we thought, it was only after we stopped behind Shane at the traffic lights the could see he didn't have it on so how were we going to find out way we thought, then Paul and Mia drove by so we followed them to the grounds and then took the micky out of Shane and Lloyd for not having the Stat-nav on. There we met up with Bevan, Joanne and Kirstin who had made the trip south also

It was good to catch up with everyone that we would normally only see at he Nationals or the NDTA. What and fantastic venue the Show was held at, the aim for the weekend was to get a clear round, Dyson to get his last clear round in senior and for us to try and beat Lisa and Zoom. The later one proved to be a very tough task in the end and it only happened as Lisa let Phil run Zoom in the last Intermediate which Allan and Knight won.

The pressure was right on Dyson with his first Senior run with us boys giving him load of stick and everyone watching only for Roo to miss her weave entry. We put no pressure on him in the next Senior and that seemed to do the trick as he took it nice and steady holding all his contacts to go clear and to be met with us with buckets of water on the finish line soaking him in his drive roll over the ring rope.

Shane with both his dogs, Alan with Rocket and Cam with Sheeba were the pick of the boys for the first day along with Kirstin and Karisma getting some good placings with only Indi and I not managing a clear round.

Dyson ended up getting it big time at prize giving with water, flour, eggs, treacle, rolled in the mud then dragged onto the horse poo pile then hosed down with freezing water, he was in he dog cages on the way home as he hummed.

It was out with the Waimak crew on Saturday night, a great night was had by all and even Louise managing to talk us all into coming down for the Wanaka show in January if she can get it sorted out.

There were a few sore heads the next morning as it was a late one so it was slow to get going before we set off for another great day. There were some more great runs by all and the pick of the day had to be Lloyd with Lilly and his 3rd in senior and it ended up with Allan and Knight winning the last Intermediate and Rocket coming runner up top Dog behind Lisa and Zoom. Joanne and I being the only ones not to get a clear round from the weekend so we had to run around the top deck of the ferry in our underwear on the trip home. The rest of the North Islanders did extremely well picking up a total of 26 ribbons in total from the weekend. All the boys had some great placings in the end so there were some



happy chaps on the trip home.

The icing was put on the cake when we got back to Cam's to throw Dyson into the 10 degree swimming pool, he did put up quite a struggle to get out of the van though in the end he went - quality end to the trip.

I would just like to thank Paul, Mia, Lisa, Phil, Teresa, Heather and the rest of the Waimak crew for a wonderful time and we will be back for next years show and also to all the boys for a great weekend and looking forward to next years trip already.

Napier Champ

Winter has certainly arrived the thermals all packed we headed off to stay with Cam & Jane so only had to take half the usual amount of baby things, really cool having another baby to go and stay with also great excuse to go shopping for the kids !!.

We arrived on the grounds to the worse mud I have even seen at Napier, cars sliding and getting stuck lots of people on hand pushing the cars out of the mud, the rain set in about 10 ish and got gradually worse, we decided we would leave about 11am not good weather to have two babies out in so back to the fire we went. I think a few people had the same idea, real shame but the conditions were not good. Well done to the club for keeping the show going also thanks to the 4wd club for pulling everyone out at the end of the day. We decided to come back again on the Sunday as the weather was going to be better, choosing carefully where to park so we wouldn't get stuck, the grounds held out well only one ring was a bit wet. Kerri was having a great run with Sharky before she slipped into the mud I am surprised more people didn't fall over although there were a few near misses. Think the video maybe on you tube !!! I usually hand out the NALA ribbons at this show but as the weather was so bad and lots of people went home I thought I would hold off until the Tauranga & Rotorua Jumpers shows so I haven't forgotten you all I must say that the ex Zone 2 always seem to have so many places in the top 50 so well done guys.

Profile for the Month: Debbie Middlemiss

Age: nearly 21 x 2 and a bit.

Club: Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club

When did you first start doing Agility? 1993

What attracted you to agility? I spent considerable time in domestic obedience with a naughty GSD, I think Daryl took pity on me and suggested I start agility, I had no idea what agility involved and the first obstacle my GSD did was a full height A Frame!

What is your favourite show and why? Such a hard question, probably Waiarapa, I love autumn and Carterton is just beautiful in autumn, there's plenty of room to run the dogs and we've created a Saturday night traditional dinner,

walking into town, drinking eating and talking shit. J

However EBOP and Hutt are a close 2nd. (Also shows in autumn....ummm)

How many dogs have you done agility with and what success have you had with them?

Cassey: AD, retired at 8 yrs (only competed for 2 years) beat Fiona Ferrar at the NDTA 1995 in novice! And she still won't let it go.

Ellie: ADX retired at 8yrs after winning into senior, her puppies were gorgeous!

Stryda: ADX early retirement just before his 6th birthday, won into senior, made a fool of us both in wonder dogs, gotta love him really!....

Hearing someone say "Oh my God I've got Stryda in my spilt!, I have no chance of winning" – he was in starters at the time and was on the brink of a win, (before splits were abolished)

Riddles: ADX, My favourite..... 1 challenge..... 5 more to go.

Vinchenzo, aka VinVin: won outa jumpers C and outa starters. Crazy lad.

What have been the high and low points in your agility career to date?

Low points: Retiring Stryda at such a young age

High: Riddles getting top dog at DAWG, when an NAC final was on,so all the big guns were there. Chelsea and Bree were 2nd. J

What other hobbies/interests do you have?

Eating food, drinking wine, face booking, gardening believe it or not!

What are your likes and dislikes in agility?

Dislikes:

People that don't train their dog, then take their disappointment out on the dog, when an error is made, often it's simply that the dog just doesn't understand.

Training the people who come along to club and expect miracles from their dog when they're not prepared to put any foundation work in.

Likes:

Achieving a goal or two on a course, like a tricky handling manoeuvre.

Being surrounded (mostly) by great positive people, I've made life long friends with fellow competitors! It's great.

Being part of a sport that is proud to see 3 New Zealanders successfully compete on the international stage! We're doing something right with this sport in little wee NZ!



Lower North Report - by Karen de Wit

Well winter has really hit now, so much rain that the lawn is looking like a lake and the tiled kitchen sports a brown dog foot design! Dogs are spending most of the day inside, and we race

outdoors during rare dry patches to toilet, train, feed the chickens and get veges from the garden. In saying that we had a dry week or so while our kids were home which was terrific—Jono and Nic come home please, the rain has returned since you left!!

In June/July there seems to be plenty of events, which while very tempting also seems a little silly given the weather, OK to go indoors like DAWG this month, but Napier's outdoor event proved what rain can do to a grassy field, and we had to get towed out on day one like most of the competitors. The dogs however mostly do not seem to mind, and although there is the occasional slipup they cope amazingly well with the wet and the mud. The pups came to Napier too and Ali got away from Pete and had her first run through an agility course!

The June Hawera indoor show saw Jenny Benson doing well with both her dogs Flick and Shade and Wendy Taylor also picking up some placings with Cincinnati. Heather Smith also won a Senior.

Anne Packer and I took Tana, C, Quick and Jed to New Plymouth's surprise Jumpers, and probably the biggest surprise was the amazingly great weather!! This club is set in the bottom of a bowl-like area and everyone/thing could really have floated away, but didn't! First split height classes too, so a milestone event!

Jane, the Club president said *"I would like to thank everyone who attended our*

Surprise Event I hope you enjoyed yourselves and went home with fond memories if nothing else. The Surprise ending up being the weather, who would have thought at the beginning of the week (when the grounds were



View from tent, Napier.



literally duck ponds) that we would be wearing short sleeves and drinking iced water.

I would especially like to give a big THANKYOU to our judges who put out some awesome courses and were so generous with their assistance. To the people who rallied round and helped with scribing, lead running , etc etc a massive thank and at your shows if you see any of our members standing around doing nothing grab them to help you. A special thankyou to Sharon and Noeline who worked the scoreboard all weekend.”

She also made comment about the indoor event, asking if people would be willing to pay an extra dollar or so to enter (and help the Club break even) and I am sure the answer was a unanimous YES! Not sure that entries need to go up over all though, as the extra entry numbers should offset any increased costs, and even though the splitting of classes by height will create extra work it does not have to cost any more to the Club.

BIG Congrats must go to Sharleen Drummond and Miss Tassie From Drumm Inn, from Wairarapa, running as a midi in both split and non-split Jumpers C classes (3 out of 6 were split) they achieved FIVE wins and a second!! Wow, that is a magnificent result.

Looking forward to the DAWG indoor event this month, apparently Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Jumpers C are all split on Saturday!

Central Bark by Linley Barrett

Thanks to Sue and Karen for putting my girl's pics in the last mag. 16 years is a long time to have someone in your life and some dogs are one person dogs and she was one of them. My heart goes out to poor Fiona H who lost her girl just days after I lost mine. She would have felt more ripped off as Fya was taken before time.

Nelson Dog Training Club 5th June

Judges – Danny Gottlieb, Ron Frater and Irene Lock. It was quite a nice day weather wise! Kathy K was our manager and if you know her, she runs a tight ship! I had the added bonus of my girl Chey printed on the clear round certificates and I was lucky enough to get one from the Kliff man. Everybody got ‘poodled’ in Jumpers C by Jane Norton’s right slipper (Tiff) and the other slipper (Theo) took the Novice. We had a bit of a Northern invasion and Kirsten Graves got the Starters with her Goldie. Rebecca Sidwell and Mya cleaned up the A and also the Intermediate. B went to Lisa and Jet – not sure if this was the winning one into A or not but I think it was. But most notable would have to be Nick and Speed taking the Senior – congrats on your challenge guys!

Blenheim Canine Training Club 6th & 7th June

Ok, we were warned by the weather man but still! Wet, cold and muddy! I drove to Linda’s house and then continued the rest of the way to Blenheim in her

car – proudly saying that I had brought every wet weather piece of gear that I owned with me. On arrival I realized I had left it all in my car back at her place! Great venue – a vineyard complete with mini lake! Unfortunately the numbers dropped due to the weather but this made classes run quicker – thank god! By the end of day one I was a tad miserable due to very wet cold legs and feet. Day two was a lot kinder rain wise but it had poured down over night and the previous day's parking spots were not an option. Most of us vacated to higher ground. I must commend the Blenheim guys for organizing the location at the last minute and the hot food and drink was amazing. I can't remember much about results, just certain wee things that happened throughout the weekend. I don't recall any competitors falling over but a certain judge did. While she was spinning around trying to see a contact zone? A few Retrievers and a Brittany visited the duck pond on the way round the course. I was surprised that I did not lose my Cattle Dog water freak that way too, but no she just went judge and spectator visiting instead.

So sorry no results stayed in my brain except that Rebecca Sidwell and Mya took the Top Dog Trophy for the combined show results of Nelson and Blenheim, apparently by a country mile. Well done!

Waimak Indoor Event

Had to make my way to this again cos the Kliffy boy loved it so much last time. He remembered too – dragged me all the way into the building on arrival! Numbers were huge! I can guess that Sue has covered this event though in her report. I look forward to having a couple of months of training and staying at home for a change. My baby dog, Fluke, sure needs it! Nelson people generally go into hibernation during July. Cheers from Linley, Kliff and Fluke

Canterbury Tails by Sue McKee, Teezsa, Rez and Switch

Nelson/Blenheim Queen's Birthday events

Nelson managed to provide us all with a dry, if not stunningly sunny, day on the Saturday, but boy did we suffer on Sunday and Monday in Blenheim. Poor Blenheim club had had to change venues at the last minute due to Athletic Park being too soggy, and we were all looking forward to being at Yealands Estate vineyard. What an awesome venue it would have been too, if it was not pouring down with rain pretty much the whole time, and darn cold. Lots of room to run the dogs, and to top it all off a lake for the gundogs to run into. At least two Goldies and a Brittany succumbed to the temptation of ducks and water, abandoning their agility runs to the delights of quacks and pond water, and I think there was another dog who also ran in, but not sure on that one. But just to prove that mini (soon to be micro) dogs can do anything Jane Norton's white poodles got some brilliant results, with I think Tiffany gaining two? Challenges over the weekend. They may need a bit of a wash on the heavy duty cycle to get their coats clean again though! Also over the weekend Phil Johnson and Jet won their way into Jumpers A, so congratulations to them. Numbers are slowly growing in A.

Waimakariri Indoor Triple Champ and Jumpers

A lovely day on Saturday, warmish and no rain, but we were all glad on Sunday that the venue was indoors. Thanks must go to Rae Evans for alerting me that it was hailing(!) and that Switch was stuck outside in her crate, and for the loan of a warm dry bay in her trailer for poor little Switchie.

Some nice runs by newbie dogs with not so newbie handlers, Louise Marsh and Fly having some good runs and also Roselle Bremmers is back on the scene with her new dog, Quiz, who took out one of the Starters events and was trying hard not to win out on her first weekend of competition. Lisa Duff and Zoom were back on form after a slight blip at Blenheim/Nelson, and took out the Top Dog trophy. Good to see the North Islanders down, and congratulations to Dyson Beasley for making his dog up to Champion, with the subsequent tar and feathering that took place. Hate to think what will happen when he gets Grand!

CCOC Ribbon Trial

Wasn't here for this one, but after a miserable wet week I hear that the weather turned on a beauty and it was sunny and warm. We've been having some really miserable, cold wet weather down this way, so winter is definitely making its presence felt.

Otago Dog Training Club Indoor jumpers x6

This is starting to become an event on the calendar not to be missed. Six attempts at getting round jumpers courses, indoor venue so no worries about the weather, and of course the awesome catering, with the friendly kitchen staff, Rosie's Kitchen culinary delights including the famous Brownie.

Our judges gave us a variety of courses, all enjoyable, and another dog and handler combo Lisa Cross and Jinx going up to A. We had all been warned that it could be a long day on Saturday, but the team ably led by Wayne and Karen Grant had it all washed up ahead of time. Great to see the Young Guns from Waimak showing us oldies how to do it, with Jade Kelly and her new dog Kip in the running at one stage for Top Dog in Jumpers C, and several others gaining high placings and clear rounds. The live updates on the computer screens in the viewing arena, and the teams all added to the atmosphere. Look forward to this event next year.

No report from me next month as Rob and I are off to Egypt, South Africa, Dubai and Phuket. It's a good time to go as there is not much on in agility at this time of year and it would probably be raining anyway! While I'm away the new height regs will come into force, so that will be an interesting experience for those competing at shows in July. By the time I get back it will be old news.

Down South report—by Elaine Pearce

June had the Taieri Canine Training Club ribbon trial the week before the Otago Canine Training Club jumpers event x 6 both held at the Equestrian Centre.

TCTC Ribbon Trial Sorry cannot find results anywhere and I only stayed for a short time.

OCTC Jumpers Event

Some really interesting but fun courses from Bernadette Thompson and Irene Lock. The A courses really proved that the dogs currently in that class are great teams and certainly deserve to be there. Lisa Cross won her dog Jinx into A and David Cook won his dog Zee into B. Jinx being a Senior dog started in B but David's Zee wasn't so he has another 2 wins in B to go. I am sure that will happen pretty quickly though.

It was great to see so many Waimakariri members down especially with all their Young Guns. Sorry YKC is a bit muddled at the moment so I cannot include the results here but the YKC members were really great and showed up some of the oldies.

This year one of our committee members had the great idea to run a Club Teams Competition and we ended up with 30 teams. This was ultimately won by Southland Club's team "Two point four dogs" made up of Joanne Rennell and Ruffy, Carolyn Rain and Pepper and Nicky Taylor and Pecan so well done to you all.

Top dog B was won by Lisa Duff & Tee on 38 points and C was won by David Cook & Zee on 30 points.

It was a very long day on Saturday but everyone seemed in good spirits (helped no doubt by the yummy Lasagne dinner) right to the end. The Equestrian Centre is a great venue for winter shows but we are hampered by the fact we can only run one ring at a time and the huge increase in entries (C by 25%) took us somewhat by surprise. The popularity of jumpers has certainly grown over the 18 months since it was introduced.

There were computer monitors mounted around the building, so you could watch each dog's result as it was posted and see the placings as the class progressed. It gave some people a huge thrill to be in the lead, even if it was only for a few dogs.

As normal the catering was excellent, so thank you to Rose, Barbara, Anne and their helpers.

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TRAINING SPOT.

Welcome to NALA's Agility Training spot. This will feature some reprints and some new articles. Please feel free to write in with your own comments, suggestions and requests for topics.

“Games to keep dogs busy inside”.

Well, the weather is pretty bad, wet and wild and cold,, so chances are pretty low that you can get outside and do some training. So what things could you train inside that might be useful later on when the weather picks up and you want to compete outdoors?

Positional exercises.

These teach the dog about the various parts of its body. Some are just plain cute (what's wrong with that) and others have some use.

Wave.

This is a pretty cute thing to teach. Once your pup/dog can sit reliably you can try this. Hold a hand full of food just by your dog's nose as it sits. The dog will get frustrated, try to nose the food from your hand, maybe even try to prize your hand apart with its feet, but eventually it will lift a foot off the ground. Mark THIS with a clicker and give a piece of food from your hand. Repeat. The dog will become more confident and more reliable at lifting its paw up so aim for the highest paw you can get (touching your hand). Use the same hand signal, with no food. Mark and reward.

Add a word and then the hand signal, the dog's paw should come up. Reward. Then they will start to offer the paw in different situations. Gradually fade out the obvious hand signal and either just use the word, or add a different hand signal, such as an invitation to

shake or to high five etc.

Sit-down-stand.

A great exercise sequence, teach the dog to sit, down and stand by verbal and hand signal and then vary them. Different muscles are required when the dog goes from a sit to a down as opposed to from a down to a sit etc.

Steps and walk backwards.

Walking backwards is great to teach back end awareness, and adding steps is an extension of this. A number of ways to teach dogs to walk backwards (some do it naturally as they try other behaviors so mark it with a clicker). You can reward the dog between its front legs and as it looks up at you to get another treat it will take a step backwards, so mark and reward. You can teach them to go to a mat, another way of teaching backing up.

Weave between legs

Agility exercises.

Lead outs.

Sit/wait, down./wait and stand/wait are all great for lead outs. Add handler movements and distance and any other distractions you can think of!!

Box work/target work

Teach a hand target, a mat/lid target, a box target or a mat target, easiest to do using food and shaping. Hand targets start with a piece of food in the hand and progress to the hand itself, or to a piece of carpet or lid held in the hand. These are then placed on the ground. The dog is encouraged to run to them and the handler is faded from the picture. Add a mat or a box if using this methods. Add steps and you have foundation contact behavior!

Good luck with the indoor training and lets hope the weather clears up soon!

RALLY RESULTS.

1	Wanganui	Meg Hansford & Musca, Barbara James & Jordy, Barbara James & Shayla	100.0	273.700
2	Central ADTS	Jan Voss & Buzz, Jane O'Callaghan & Ruku, Jane O'Callaghan & Scuba	100.0	291.850
3	Selwyn	Kelly Walker & Maddie, Janine Johnson & Leroy, Kelly Walker & Gael	99.7	283.620
4	Otaki	Fiona Brown & Muffin, Noeline Wagener & Rumba, Denise Mundy & Lex	99.7	326.850
5	Mt Maunganui	Fiona Goodall & Primrose, Fiona Goodall & Lunar, Sue Andresen & Tip	99.0	263.910
6	Cambridge	Christine Neilson & Co, Graeme Jefferies & Millie, Steph Holmes & Rosie	99.0	276.350
7	Feilding	Elise Marriott & Fat Albert, Linda Guinness & Samuca, Linda Guinness & Sake	99.0	306.280
8	Hawera	Janie Worthington & Solly, Carol Galliers & Kimba, Carol Galliers & Reece	99.0	365.430
9	Central HB	Dani Stevens & Pepsi, Beverley Thomson & Jade, Olwyn Johnston & Toby	98.0	192.910
10	North Taranaki	Paula Robertson & Skye, Paula Robertson & Jazz, Laurel Austin & Linden	98.3	327.560
11	Otago	Margaret Latimer & Polka, Denise Lindsay & Tegan, Yvette Coutts & Cyndah	97.7	364.590
12	Norwest	Maree Green & Ted, Sandy Mackenzie & Jura, Joan Macfarlane & Chester	96.7	312.341
13	Tokoroa	Gina Boreham & Skye, Maree Boreham & Honey, Gina Boreham & Shine	95.7	337.910
14	Canterbury COC	Gay Bouterey & Delta, Robyn Sanders & Tiza, Robyn Sanders & Wouldhe	95.0	329.150
15	Mangawhai	Ellizia Cleave & Jeffrey, Erin Ball & Claire, Annette Flanagan & Pearl	88.7	322.690

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Guess the dog or person each month from the picture. A picture will be used that has appeared in the previous 12 months or so in the Link magazine. You will be asked a question about the photo and given an email address to respond to.

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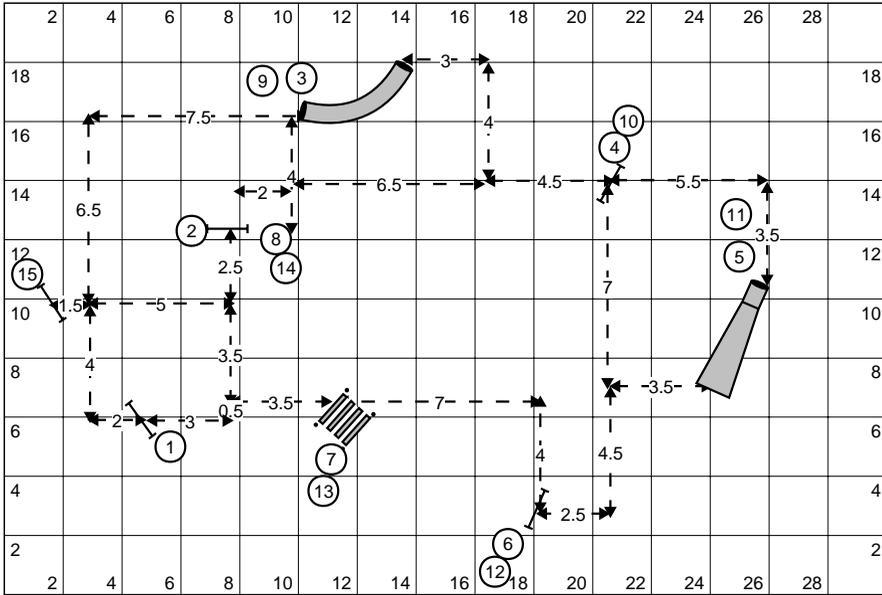
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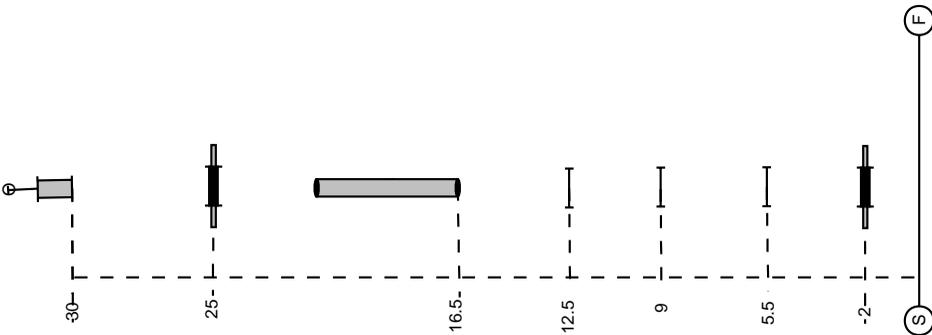
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BEGINNERS COURSE.



FLYGILITY COURSE—standard



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Beginners - Under 11's

Plc	Name	Dogs Name	Club	Time
1	Antonia Vole-Packer	Jed	U/Hutt	9.21
2	Sinead Doherty	Indi	Mount	9.93
3	Jake Remon	Meg	Taieri	10.63
4	Sinead Doherty	Bailey	Mount	10.72
5	Logan Heywood	Taya	Nelson	11.06
6	Paige Aukett	Kite	U/Hutt	13.38
7	Paige Davis	Opal	Cambridge	14.87
8	Megan Jones	Tessa	Waimak	14.90
9	Jess Mortimer	Kaz	Nelson	20.56
10	Skyla Paterson	Cassie	U/Hutt	21.39
10	Megan Jones	Rogue	Waimak	21.39
11	Sian Remon	Meg	Taieri	21.93
12	Jake Remon	Jiggy	Taieri	22.07
13	Logan Heywood	Roko	Nelson	22.13
14	Brittnee Johnston	Indi	Waimak	25.15
15	Nicole Davies	Amber	North/Taranaki	25.81
16	Skyla Paterson	Tana	U/Hutt	38.06
17	Sian Remon	Jiggy	Taieri	53.83
18	Grace Alder	Widget	CHB	555
18	Grace Alder	Molly	CHB	555
18	Estelle Sandford	Molly	U/Hutt	555
18	Jess Mortimer	Kola	Nelson	555
18	Zane Paterson	Tana	U/Hutt	555
18	Nicole Davies	Scarlett	North/Taranaki	555

Beginners - 12 years and over

Plc	Name	Dogs Name	Club	Time
1	Anton Jewiss	Kiltie	U/Hutt	13.18
2	Gareth Brouwer	Jackson	Waimak	14.20
3	Dylan Anderson	Rocky	H/Bay	15.91
4	Danielle Stevens	Finn	CHB	20.89
5	Joshua Anderson	Rumble	H/Bay	33.19
6	Danielle Stevens	Pepsi	CHB	34.17
7	Dylan Anderson	Jazzy	H/Bay	45.41
8	Joshua Anderson	Beau	H/Bay	555
8	Anton Jewiss	Ruby	U/Hutt	555

Experienced - 12-15 years

Plc	Name	Dogs Name	Club	Time
1	Krystal Whitter	Diesel	Hawera	26.38
2	Megan Loughridge	Cassie	Waimak	30.76
3	Amy Hodgenboom	Molly	CHB	33.84
4	Megan Loughridge	Charley	Waimak	34.73
5	Lauren Homer	Zac	Mount	39.99
5	Bart Lind	Ice	Taieri	42.32
6	Briani Gray	Heidi	Hawera	46.75
7	Kerry Remon	Jiggy	Taieri	47.00
8	Joe Tompsett	Katie	Cambridge	555
8	Emma Trimble	Milli	Waimak	555
8	Emma Trimble	Levi	Waimak	555
8	James Trimble	Simba	Waimak	555
8	James Trimble	Flash	Waimak	555
8	Briani Gray	Princess Tilly	Hawera	555
8	Briani Gray	Tori	Hawera	555
8	Nicole Robinson	Diva	Horowhenua	555

Experienced - 16-20 years

Plc	Name	Dogs Name	Club	Time
1	Chelsea Marriner	Quest	Rotorua	22.13
2	Kris Butterworth	Jet	North/Taranaki	27.89
3	Chris Moody	Flash	Hawera	29.66
4	Chelsea Marriner	Spy	Rotorua	30.37
5	Chelsea Marriner	Bree	Rotorua	30.65
6	Gemma Pouls	Toby	Cambridge	37.59
7	Bridee Manning	Croc	Tauranga	48.06
8	Chris Moody	Laser	Hawera	61.65
9	Chris Moody	TedE	Hawera	63.31
10	Chelsea Marriner	Ike	Rotorua	555
10	Chelsea Marriner	Shift	Rotorua	555
10	Chelsea Marriner	Flash	Rotorua	555
10	Shanice Clements	Zee	Hawera	555
10	Shanice Clements	Trudy	Hawera	555

AGILITY CLUB COMPETITION DIVISION ONE

1	Mt Maunganui 1	J J Cricket	Jan Murden	20.781	63.401
		Jack	Jason Hughes	21.210	
		Breeze	Jason Hughes	21.410	
2	Otago 1	Zee	David Cook	22.455	68.178
		AgCh ADX Jess	Lisa Cross	22.701	
		AgGrCh Pete	Anne Bevin	23.022	
3	WAG 1	Sharky ADX FD	Fiona Ferrar	20.160	69.090
		Breeze	Joanne Small	24.370	
		Edge	Nick Chester	24.560	
4	East BOP	Ohce ADX	Martin Bush	21.630	70.150
		Bindi ADX	Trish Bush	22.340	
		Joker JD	Una Forrester	26.180	
5	Rotorua 1	AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Chelsea Marriner	22.130	75.370
		Rumur	Dyson Beasley	22.870	
		Spy AD JD FD	Chelsea Marriner	30.370	
6	Top DAWG	AgCh Bee ADXS FD JDX	Louise Williams	22.572	77.150
		Rapid ADXS FDX	Mike Butler	25.315	
		FDGrCh AgCh Mya ADXB JDX	Rebecca Sidwell	29.263	
7	Waimak 1	AG CH Tui	Anne Godfrey	22.625	78.829
		Wilco	Bruce Wilson	26.641	
		AgCh Teezsa FD ADX	Sue McKee	29.563	
8	Cambridge	Ace	Alice Cameron	20.940	80.060
		Blake ADXG	Julie McConkey	28.030	
		Jake	Ceri Tarry	31.090	
9	Nelson 1	Lilly ADX	Hadassa Koessler	26.232	81.618
		Cloud ADX	Vannessa Machen	27.208	
		Sky	Joelene Rushbrooke	28.178	
10	Upper Hutt	AgCh Cassie	Nevenka Paterson	23.780	83.122
		AgGrCh C	Peter de Wit	28.367	
		Paris	Jane Aukett	30.975	
11	Nth Taranaki 1	Sonic	Jenny Laird	23.161	84.046
		Jet	Kris Butterworth	27.897	
		Mulga	Laurel Austin	32.988	
12	Wanganui 1	Jenna ADX-G	Bronwyn Morgan	29.948	94.327
		Seka	Bill Stewart	30.957	
		AgGrCh Pippa ADXG	Mark Barrett	33.422	

DIVISION TWO

1	Hawkes Bay 2	EyeC	Daryl Hogg	21.625	69.735
		Sheeba ADXG	Campbell List	23.059	
		Riddle	Debbie Middlemiss	25.051	
2	Taupo	Tonic	Sue Willis	20.120	73.232
		Quest	Sue Willis	24.280	
		Tehlulah	Christine Gabb	28.832	
3	Central HB	Fly	Catherine Harty	22.226	75.216
		Taz	Kim Loye	23.911	
		Xena AD	Kim Loye	29.079	
4	Blenheim	Tricot	Natasha Neame	23.305	75.332
		Tikeila ADX	Natasha Neame	25.872	
		Mistique	Stephanie Hayes	26.155	
5	Sth Canterbury	Qwest ADXG	Graeme Parr	24.043	77.303
		Roam	Natasha Coulter	26.049	
		Travis	Natasha Coulter	27.211	
6	Counties	Knight FDX JDX	Hayley Rohde	22.218	77.798
		AgGrCh FDCh Rocket JDX	Hayley Rohde	27.271	
		MJ	Marie Wales	28.309	
7	Taieri	Kellie	Richard Powley	25.250	77.820
		Quay	Ruth Thorndycraft	26.160	
		Bob	Don Leckie	26.410	
8	Whangarei	Meg	Christine Fifield	26.130	87.360
		Zito ADXB	Rebecca Roper	27.130	
		Osska	Anne Cozens	34.100	
9	CCATS	AgCh Bess ADXG	Jo Chapman	26.363	91.194
		Zara ADX	Leanah Magon	31.671	
		Trixie	Dot Mote	33.160	
10	Napier	JJ of Carlyle AD	Celina Lovejoy	22.990	94.640
		Zoe ADX Gold	Celina Lovejoy	35.490	
		Abby	Lex Clare	36.160	
11	Southland	Lulu	Rae Evans	35.705	116.72
		Kyte	Rae Evans	37.797	
		Midge ADX	Joanne Rennell	43.226	

DIVISION THREE

1	Wanganui 3	Muskca Shaylar FD Ernie	heading dog Border/heading Min Schnazuer	Meg Hansford Barbara James Shane McGhie	26.385 80.732 26.768 27.579	
2	Mt Maunganui 3	Thanx Silke Scooty	BC BC HeadingX	Debbie McFarlane Anne Proctor Jayden Hishon	25.324 81.841 27.367 29.150	
3	WAG 3	Momo Shakira AD Nico	BC BC J.R.Terr	Stacy Hobson Susan McKay Keri Wheaton	23.310 84.550 27.120 34.120	
4	Mid Canterbury	DJ Saffey Tess	Border Collie Border Collie Lab	Heather Broomhall Nina Arps Tui Clucas	24.990 86.610 28.700 32.920	
5	Tauranga 3	Breez Lucky Deci	ADX ADX ADX	BC Foxy.X Heading dog	Jocelyn Jensen Helen Moorhead Marion Pope	23.610 86.755 30.980 32.165
6	Wairarapa	Zephyr Sam Roxy	ADX ADX ADX	Heading X Schnauzer X Foxy x JR	Karen Bealing Stacie Clark Stacie Clark	25.150 87.090 30.280 31.660
7	Horowhenua	AgCh Phanta Flip Dice	ADX ADX ADX	GBC Beardie x Beardie x	Heather Smith Sharyn Sutton Penny Nalder	23.910 92.388 31.628 36.850
8	South Rangitikei	Fifi Radar Niko	ADX ADX ADX	B Sheltie B.C.	Silvia Rizzi Rod Pearce Sandra Mohekey	29.870 95.280 32.630 32.780
9	North Shore 3A	Charlie Ted-E-Bear Ella	ADX ADX ADX	G Cav.K.C BC.X Terrier x	Elaine Maisey Doreen Webb Bruce Anderson	30.912 97.664 33.267 33.485
10	North Shore 3B	bessie Lily Bertie	ADX ADX ADX	border collie Cav.K.C Fox Terrier x	Roy Davis Elaine Maisey Ros Saffer	29.715 102.612 34.965 37.932
11	Akarana	Branson Kelly AD Tempest	ADX ADX ADX	Border Terrier Min.Poodle Whippet.X	Brigid Slykerman Marie Pearman Aimee Cadman	33.110 109.574 36.447 40.017

DIVISION FOUR

1 Hawera	Diesel	Lab x Spaniel	Krystal Whitter	26.38083.790
	ADX Bronze FDX Flash	Basenji Foxi Cross	Debbie Towler	28.630
	Zoe	BC x Foxy	Ian Wooldridge	28.780
2 Waimak 4	Charley	Cross Breed	Kathryn Sutton	25.02084.820
	Doogle	Spoodle	Helen Lappin	29.548
	Quiz	BC	Roselle Bremmers	30.252
3 Hawkes Bay 4A	Chip	BC	Peggy Scott	28.78787.752
	Ringo	Kelpie	Dot Janssen	29.452
	Pixi	Huntaway	Lisa Gatfield	29.513
4 Mangawhai	Claire	Border Collie	Erin Ball	28.78096.440
	Dodge	Collie x	Della Welch	31.160
	Trish	BC x	Erin Ball	36.500
5 Canterbury COC	Loot	Huntaway x	Doug Vaughan	32.283103.601
	Lexie	BC	Tim Conolly	35.025
	Angel	English Setter	Gay Bouterey	36.293
6 Selwyn	Jag	Border collie	Carole Logan	27.660107.780
	Rocky	Huntaway x	Misha Baxter	29.090
	Caz	Huntaway x	Simon Roydhouse	51.030
7 Tauranga 4A	Tulli	Schnauzer	Shelley Clark	31.549110.163
	Chase AD	Border Collie X	Jocelyn Jensen	33.340
	FeeBee	Jack Russel X	Helen Moorhead	45.274
8 Otaki K9s	Molly ADXG	Min.Poodle	Sharon Wagener	33.880114.130
	Annie	Australian Shepherd	Fiona Brown	37.880
	Lex	Polish Lowland Sheepdog	Denise Mundy	42.370
9 North Taranaki 4	Mak	Beardie X	Isa Christianson	32.959118.110
	Jasper	Dalmatian	Rachel Phillips	42.348
	Amber	BC	Denise Davis	42.803
10 Tokoroa	Jim AD	Huntaway	Amanda Benson	38.500123.600
	Skye ADX FD	Kelpie X	Gina Boreham	40.750
	Ben AD	Huntaway SpSp X	Amanda Benson	44.350
11 Otago 4	Holly	Huntaway	Michelle Cole	33.632125.866
	Briar	Foxy X Heading Dog	Karen Grant	44.220
	Marley	Collie x	Mary-Rose Scoular	48.014
12 Dog Sport Rotorua	Bobby	Border collie	Jeff Parker	45.810147.720
	Pride	Sheltie	Jane Nunn	48.970
	Boo	Foxy x	Raewyn Saville	52.940

13CHB Orange Roughies	Toby	Beagle	Duncan Renner	35.455156.841
	Ramble	Shetland Sheepdog	Wendy Holmes	56.273
	Millie	Sheltie	Edward Holmes	65.113
14Norwest	Zoe	Tibetan Terrier x	Karen Smith	37.540187.580
	Teddy	S Wheaton Terrier	Karen Smith	74.700
	Boston	Labradoodle	Jessika Simone	75.340

Flygility results—standard course

Plc	Team	Total	Dog	Handler
1	Top DAWG	29.074	FDGRCh AgCh Mya	Rebecca Sidwell
			ADXB JDX	Rebecca Sidwell
			FDCh Seeka ADX JDX	Anne Packer
2	Sulphur City Slickers (Rotorua)	30.560	Jed ADX FD	Chelsea Marriner
			AgCh FDCh Flash	Chelsea Marriner
			Shift	Chelsea Marriner
3	Counties Cruisers	30.826	Spy AD JD FD	Chelsea Marriner
			Knight FDX JDX	Allan Rohde
			Jewel	Allan Harrison
4	Mount 1	31.310	Risky	Ngairé O'Rourke
			Cheeky	Deb Jackson
			Indy	Mel Mankelov
5	Rotovegas Rebels (Rotorua)	32.690	Cookie	Sue Andresen
			Ike FDX	Chelsea Marriner
			McLeod	Paula Nixon
6	Counties Royals	33.355	AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Chelsea Marriner
			King	Chris Richardson
			AgCh Windi FDX TCQ	Elaine Rohde
			Jess	Joan Holyoake

7	Waimak 1	33.734	AG CH Tui GrAgCh Zoom FD Tee	Anne Godfrey Lisa Duff Lisa Duff
8	Counties Flyers	34.502	Abbey-Gail Coal AgGrCh FDCh Rocket JDX	Chris Richardson Marie Wales Elaine Rohde
9	Hawkes Bay 1	34.784	Ch'lee Sheeba ADXG Ringo	Jane Webley Campbell List Dot Janssen
10	Wanganui Opals	35.250	Shaylar FD Ella Heydoh	Barbara James Steve Hessel Jonna Gibson
11	WAG1	35.530	Sharky ADX FD Phantom Baxter	Fiona Ferrar Susan McKay Michelle Hodges
12	Deputy DAWG	36.196	Kashi ADXaS FDX Cleo FDX Rapid ADXS FDX	Diane Miller Marian Holman Mike Butler
13	Counties Tip Tops	37.448	Elsa Tip ADXB, FD Todd	Janine Smith Margaret Anderson Nicole Beaumont
14	Manga Flyers	37.780	Claire Lace AD Dash	Erin Ball Annette Flannagan Della Welch
15	Nelson 1	39.740	Meg Kliff ADXB Tessa Mae	Imogen Howlett Linley Barrett Dot Parsons
16	North Shore 3	39.760	Bracken Ash Rocky V	Sheeran Johnson Annie Sail Claire Vivash
17	North Shore 1	39.860	WT CH FD CH Laddie Missy Dash	Sheeran Johnson Diane Davenport Kay Ungemuth

18	Wanganui Goldens	40.630	FDCH Jordy ADX Molly Pippi	Barbara James Bruce Lacey Jonna Gibson
19	Taranaki Team Tango	40.750	Breeze Cloud Mulga	Rae Mayhead Patricia Martin Laurel Austin
20	Under DAWG	41.905	Rico Jack AD FD Toonie ADX FDX	John Fraser Chris Ross Chris Ross
21	North Shore 2	42.720	Joe Tashi Shiloh	Joanne Turner Kevin Crossley Claire Vivash
22	Mad DAWG	46.892	AgCh Bee ADXS FD JDX Zephyr FDX Hunter AD FD	Louise Williams Marian Holman Diane Miller
23	Counties Robbers	47.712	MJ AgCh FDCh Kiss Robbie	Marie Wales Allan Rohde Nicole Beaumont
24	Otaki 2	52.000	ADFD Charlie Smarty Lex	Lesley Lygo Aprille McGee Denise Mundy
25	Taranaki JRS	53.780	Jade Rosie Song	Jill Sorensen Patricia Martin Rae Mayhead
26	Upper Hutt Aces	55.010	Cy-4 FD Jete' Quiz ADXG FDX	Kathryn Bayne Blair Hastings Kathryn Bayne
27	Wairarapa 1	55.790	AgGrCh India Tasman Mr Gee	Dianne Reid Sharleen Drummond George Workman
28	Team 1	57.720	Chan Bobby Bridie FD	Raewyn Saville Jeff Parker Carolyn Mear

29	Nelson 2	59.470	Molly Poppie Kola ADX	Imogen Howlett Michelle Griffiths Linda Mortimer
30		59.780	Fly Toby Poppy	Catherine Harty Olwyn Johnston Eileen Blake
31	Tga 2	69.910	Rocky ADX FeeBee Jade	Bernice Shearman Helen Moorhead Norm Collison
32	Tga 1	89.190	Deci ADX Tulli Lucky ADX	Marion Pope Shelley Clark Helen Moorhead
33	Otaki 1	93.470	Twist Floosie Diva	Denise Mundy Lesley Lygo Noeline Wagener
34	Team 2	130.780	FD Midge FD Lucy Bailey	Raewyn Saville Rosslyn Prichard Sharon Mear
35	Wairarapa 3	139.200	Smudge Zephyr ADX Sam	Sharleen Drummond Karen Bealing Stacie Clark
36	Wanganui Gems	163.500	Peanut Gem Samual	Richard Steele Julia Crouch Richard Steele
37	Wairarapa 2	238.690	Milly Molly Mandy Roxy Tessa	Caragh Briggs Stacie Clark Sharleen Drummond

FLYGILITY COURSE
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Flygility.. by Allan Rohde

The NZFDA AGM was completed in the first week of July. Both Raewyn Saville (Secretary) and Cynthia Caulfield (Treasurer) stood down this year. They had been in the respective jobs for two years and I thank them for their efforts over those two years. Cynthia is still going to be involved in the running of the association as she has taken on the Zone 2 representative position and I am sure Raewyn will continue to be involved in the sport through DogSports Rotorua. I had a moment of madness and put my name in the hat for the Secretary/ Treasurers position and because there were no other mad people I got the position. Having said that, I am quite looking forward to the coming year as I have a few ideas I would like to put forward and I know there are a few others out there with ideas on how to improve the sport. More details will follow in the next NZFDA newsletter.

One of the issues that the NZFDA had to address at the AGM was the height dogs should run on. As I said last month there were basically two camps, those that want the current heights to stay and those that want to follow the agility heights. There was a remit for each camp but neither remit got passed. Although the remit supporting the adoption of the agility heights had a clear majority, it did not reach the two thirds majority required to pass it into the rules. The remit supporting the previous heights regime had slightly more against then for.

Because both of these remits failed, the rules as they stand now mean dogs will run flygility in the same height groups as they run agility. The anomaly being that there is no mention of micro dogs in the NZFDA rules and the AGM agreed that micro's should run with the mini height group.

The tournament held over the AGM weekend was run at the agility heights and it was noticeable that some of the dogs had a much better time of things. I would not go so far as to say that any particular dog got such an advantage as to outperform the others. In fact, the dogs that were doing well under the old heights did just the same with the new heights – whether they stayed at the same height or ran at a lower height. I know one tournament is too soon to come to a proper conclusion so we will just have to wait and see what happens in the future..

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