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## EDITORIAL

by *Karen de Wit*

Had a great time at NDTA. The weather was fantastic which always lifts spirits immensely! I love running my dog and had plenty of opportunities to do that, although I was a little upset on the third day to find him limping! However it came right and he ran in all classes entered. The only downer for me was the state of the grounds, uneven and full of horses hooves', just right for twisting ankles and dog's legs. We must ensure as much as is possible that at our major events the equipment used and the grounds used are the best we can get. There is nothing sadder than travelling for three days and spending a small fortune only to trip over in a hole while running a course and be out for the rest of the weekend. There were a number of injuries that I noted over the weekend and I hope none are long term.

The Agility Committee have put out a height proposal with a very short consultation period—only three weeks! By the time you read this magazine it will nearly be over. This will affect us all. Clubs will have to fork out many \$\$\$\$ to alter all their jumps, including the brush and the tyre. 40% of minis will have to jump higher, while everyone else jumps lower. If you are luckily enough to be in the “my dogs jumps lower” group then spare a thought for the little dogs that give it their best shot every weekend and will soon have to jump even higher! It does not equate with the Safety and Equity argument outlined on page one of the proposal. Couldn't a similar result have been achieved with fewer obstacle changes? Most people will agree that the littlest dogs needed to be helped but I am not sure we needed quite this amount of a shake-up with the attached price-tag!

## ~ NALA REPORTS ~

### Top 'Arf report – by Ann Kenny

WOOO HOOO!!! I have been trying for years, because I have very inconsistent runs in Link, and there we are, we get home from the NDTA and Taragh has attained Best Improved for the month of September. We never know on Link day where our dogs placed, so it is always surprise if we make it to the top three, but to be best improved as well..... must have been close a few times, but finally did it.

There were some shows in the Top 'Arf in October, however, as I was in the Bottom Bit for almost the entire month I cannot report on these shows. Well done to all Top 'Arfers who did well down at CHB and I hear that it was a fantastic show.

We went off on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and headed for Kumeu to attend Hibiscus Coast's inaugural Flygility tournament. Nigel didn't want to run a dog so he hung around like a spare cup of tea for most of the day. Flygility is an odd thing. There were huge entries Diana said, which seemed to please them all; in fact so many that some dogs had to run – and win – before they could get on the running order. It's just how it works. There seemed to be a long wait to have a go and then the heats moved on fairly quickly after that. I enjoyed it though, in spite of the showers, especially Christine's Pete getting to the box lickety split then taking all his time to trigger it. He eyes it up. It was the funniest thing. Pete did manage to win heats, and Christine found herself running both her dogs together in a heat. Chelsea sent Pete off for her while Christine ran Co in the other lane. Pete did his usual – Christine's directing Co in her lane and yelling "Pete hit the bloody box! – Co here, over, jump – Pete HIT IT – Co hurry up – Pete will you **Hit It**". Had us all in stitches.

After a stopover at Joanne & Bevan Dale's that night (thanks guys, great food, great company) we then travelled down to the South Island for the NDTA. If you haven't already, you can read about our journey on the blog [http://kennyskennel@wordpress.com](http://kennyskennel.wordpress.com), so I won't go into detail here, except to say that we had an absolute blast in the South Island – as well as the predictable Kenny sagas, with our "Luck of the Irish" outcomes.

### NDTA 2011 BRING IT ON!!!!

Our first show to attend was Mid Canterbury Canine Obedience Club Champ held at the A&P Showgrounds in Ashburton. It was the biggest show they had run and they had good numbers. What a neat bunch of people. It rained a bit on both days, more on Sunday, Monday was frosty but fine – of course once the show was over. Of the Top 'Arf people that were there, young Miss Tiffany Brown stood out as a real achiever with her B&W BC Kyla. She seemed to be collecting a ribbon for every class she ran – usually 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. I reckoned she had peaked a bit

too soon, with the NDTA coming up an' all, but she was to prove me wrong. It was cool catching up with young Melissa Stephen again. Melissa is currently studying at Lincoln University. She started at our club but is now MCCOC. She has a heading dog called Blue (looking not unlike Bruce's young Spark who featured in last month's report) and is the keenest dog I've seen in a while. Certainly Melissa did well with a 6<sup>th</sup> place in Novice with him. Cameron too managed a clear round in Starters and a 6<sup>th</sup> place, so I was very pleased with him. In one of Heather's courses, a blat course of jumps all evenly spaced at about 6m apart he bounce jumped pretty much every single one of them. Someone said as I left the ring – no wonder you can't keep up with him! Whoever it was – you GOT THAT RIGHT!!

After a few days touring around up in the High Country (so fabulous) we made our way to Mosgiel, where we stopped in one place for the longest time in the entire holiday – a whole 5 nights! What a fabulous show everyone in the South put on. Thanks to all Bottom Bitsets, and all the other South Island club members who helped them out. It was a huge undertaking for such a small band of people. The Taieri folk seemed to be the ones running most of it and taking the responsibility for organising – though the Southland Club with their striking royal blue and red shirts were very noticeable (we won't talk of wee Kevin from Selwyn being the Life and Soul of Southern Hospitality Entertainment on Sunday night!!

Many of these people were doing jobs like Call Stewarding, etc. With so much going on and so many different disciplines to have a go at it was a bit hairy getting the right dog to the right ring at the right time, so thanks to all those wonderful call stewards – and competitors too – who were so accommodating and just moved you down a bit if you weren't there. It was great to have call stewards who did accommodate and I know Diana appreciated this when it came to running Raven. Speaking of Diana and Raven, I saw one of her runs. She did a fab run in Starters 2, and deservedly won it. To say that Diana was over the moon might be understating it a bit.

Other high achievers were Rebecca and Ted who got a semi finalist ribbon in the Beginners Flygility on Friday – like the rest of us at Whangarei, we're only just starting to dabble in Fly now, so he did well. Ted also got a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Jumpers C1. Keri and Rain did exceedingly well in Senior and Intermediate gaining a number of placings, many of them 1<sup>st</sup>s which got them top Agility Dog. Last year Rain's son won the trophy, so a great stable (??) of dogs. Kennel perhaphs...

I was so pleased too, after such a long time between drinks that Taragh pulled out a 7<sup>th</sup> in Novice 1 and a 5<sup>th</sup> in Novice 2 (I stuffed her up a lost her a place in Jumpers C3 – I got lost – told you my memory was failing me a lot lately) and her son Cameron managed a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Starters 2. A THIRD!!! He's only been running less than 2 months and is not really ready for the ring, so I was thrilled with him.

In the Inter-Regionals, HZ5 finally came out on top, which is a huge achievement

for an area that is so sparsely populated (well, compared to the rest of the country). However, it was the other end of the country who won the Flygility Inter-Regionals. Well done HZ1!! A competition that went right down to the wire and won on the very last run possible.

From Whangarei, Rebecca and I managed to get into the finals on Monday afternoon with two dogs each (the best Whangarei members have ever achieved at NDTA Agility), Keri of course was in, Diane Stephens with Turbo, who also represented Zone 1 in Starters for the Inter-Regionals, Tiff & Kyla and Sue Connor and Duke also were well placed on points. In fact the Top 'Arf folks all made their presence felt, with *almost* everyone who went down getting one ribbon at least.



Keri Neilson and Rain (TOP DOG) , Chelsea Mariner and Peter de Wit did well at NDTA.

The journey home was uneventful, the low point being that I had to start thinking about our own show for next weekend. We had a great time for our first trip to the South Island, so long after I was so disappointed about having to can the last planned one in 2003 or 4. I certainly hope that it won't be another 30 years before I get back to the South Island again.

Bran, who was left with a friend for the 3 weeks we were away has grown into a dog and Nigel has to seriously think about and plan his training regime. I'll be back at work on Monday but with reduced hours..... What was it I was saying in the last report? It seems we can either have time or money, never both, often neither..... here we go again, but I am looking forward to Summer for a change and being able to put more into the young dogs especially.

## DOG STATUES– South Island and North Island



## Central Report—by Mel Mankelow.

### Nationals Fielding

We travelled on Sunday morning and just managed to get through the desert road before they closed due to the snow we were very lucky as so many people didn't make it through and ended up having to go all the way round. But almost everyone did make it. As soon as we arrived we went to the grounds to see if we could help out and all the mats were being lifted and all go to get everything ready for Agility.

The show was run really well lots of hard work from Mark and others made the show flow really well the atmosphere was great everyone had a great time the dogs all seemed to love the surface and there were some amazing runs.

We had some great results both days the winning Agility Team the Mighty Mounties 2 with Bev & Shylo, Jason & Jack and Sue & Tip with the Hawkes Bay Gunnas in a very close second with Daryl & Eye C, Debbie & Riddles and Cam & Sheeba. The teams event was great to watch had me on the edge of the seat would be great to see some more of these type of events at show's. The finals were also great to watch with Sue & Duke winning Starters what a pair and poor Sue thought Duke would be scared of the Indoor venue he proved as normal to be a star again winning 2 of the 3 Starters. Although he wasn't that keen on staying still for the picture must be camera shy. Polly & Zippy winning novice they are having some great runs now. Chelsea & Bree winning Intermediate and Peter & Quick winning Senior what an achievement for such a young dog, well done to you all.

Some other great results were from Deb Jackson & Cheeky in the placings in almost all her classes, also Lyn Peters winning Jumpers with Scamp what a run they had, also Trish & Bindi and Deb & Pleze in the placings. Well done also to Una for a second with Kwila in Starters. Jan & JJ winning the first jumpers and Jason coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Intermediate with Indi her only clear of the weekend. Kristina & Jazzy having some amazing runs as well just missed out in the final.

It's great to go to a show and be able to compete against the best dogs In the North & South Is-



**The Mighty Mounties**

lands and also good to be able to catch up with the South Islanders that we only seem to see once or twice a year.

There were some great runs over the two days and the venue was great so thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the Nationals such a good event was the big one for a lot of people who weren't travelling South for the NDTA. Must mention an AD run that was amazing Cam & Frodo can you believe he managed all his contacts and then knocked a rail at the end ...O Cam how many times are you going to do that!!!!

### CHB Champ

With some convincing from Jill we decided to go to the CHB show again this year it's always such a good show and being a special one off we went my last show until the bump is born, we even got a special prezzie from the CHB crowd I'm sure the baby will love it's ORANGE bib thanks guys it will be worn with pride.

Was also a bit of an emotional morning with the club letting off Orange balloons for the 10 years and also in memory of Kate I'm sure she was watching and smiling, they included in the entry bags some great orange bands which there were prizes for the best placed band ....I did get a bit worried about what Jason was planning on doing with his luckily he made a big K and stuck it on his head ... phew. There were also some made into masks and head bands and some people had them stuck on shoes.



Joint winner of the Kate Bibby trophy—Ross McBeth, with Jill Payne.

Steve, Susan and Roger were the judges of the weekend and they looked great with there orange Tutu's and Rogers wig always so much fun at CHB. The weather was great on Sat even a bit warm at times total change from the week before. The show ran well and they decided to have a team novelty event on after was great fun the winners were Daryl & Eye C, Jason & Jack, Debbie & Pleze and Cam & Frodo with the Midi's coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> with Dianne & India, Sue & Tonic, Jason & Indi and Heather & Phanta

Some great results from Tami Harvey with both her dogs she picked up lots of ribbons and even went clear in her first Novice run with Dude. Robyn Fargher coming 3<sup>rd</sup> with Flint in two of the Starters, Jill Payne coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice with Finn, Daryl and Eye C having some great runs and finishing the day with another

challenge. Deb McFarlane also winning the last Senior to take a challenge home, Jason had a great run with Jack in Senior only just behind Daryls time. Ross McBeth picking up some placings with his dogs his young dog is starting to do well. The star of the weekend had to be Cam & Sheeba getting 1<sup>st</sup> in two Intermediates and placed in all there other runs they managed to take out top dog of the weekend and very well deserved. They also had a special trophy this year which was the Kate Bibby Trophy, which was awarded to the CHB club member who had done the best over the weekend. This was jointly awarded to Ross McBeth and Jill Payne. Another great show this year CHB one of the best of the year.

### NDTA 2009

Although we didn't make it to the NDTA this year which was a shame it sounds like the show went well and looking at the results the North Islanders did us all proud. It's a long trip for everyone and really good to see so many of the North Island competitors in the high placings. Also a big well done to the team dogs this year, we had two very young dogs in the team you all did us proud. Well done to the South Island people who put all the hard work in not an easy task I would imagine.

Well that finishes my report for this month will be having a small break now to have our baby then be back competing myself very soon should be fun to watch.....

My profile this month is Fiona Hodgson who I'm sure we would all like to welcome back to the Bay of Plenty.

**Name:** Fiona Hodgson

**Age:** Double what it was when I started agility

**Club:** Life member of Napier DTC

**When did you first start doing Agility:**

Attended a training weekend in Rotorua in early 1989 having "played with bits of gear" with Nick Milsum prior to this.

**What attracted you to Agility:** Used to show jump and saw it as a hugely fun thing to do after an obedience show.

**What is your favorite show and why:** Love indoor shows because of the single ring and being able to watch all day and see



heaps of great runs. The Hawera indoor venue is always good fun as is the Mosgiel Equestrian Centre (if a little cold!).

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

Nero – Rottie – hugely enthusiastic – very fast (for his day) not many clears but taught me lots about having a ball and enjoying my day.

Robbie – BC – made senior finally – fast but very badly trained – finally attained ADX on his 44<sup>th</sup> attempt at 10 years.

Flame – BC – Robbie's son – great dog shame about the trainer – retired requiring just one challenge to complete his Grand Ag title. He starred in Super Dogs in 2000 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the series – and still wanders around here now aged nearly 14.

Fya – BC – Flame's niece – retired requiring one challenge for her Ag Ch. Fantastic little dog with great skills. I am very proud of the fact that she maintained her startline and contact criteria throughout her entire career.

Kindle – BSD (Terv) – just 2 now and starting out. A very deliberate dog who has challenged my training and I imagine will continue to do so.

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

**Highs**

\*Flame's first challenge winning senior in the mud in Invercargill (yes was worse than Palmerston last year)

\*Fya's contacts and the joy she ran agility with.

\*Taking Fya as part of the Paw-Blacks bunch to Adelaide in 2007.

\*Being part of the inaugural NZAC.

**Lows**

\*Having to retire Fya at only 8 due to a eyesight issue.

\*Being part of the inaugural NZAC.

**What other hobbies/ Interests do you have:**

\*Currently starting out in Western Riding after a riding break of 15 years.

\*Lounging in the spa pool at home with a glass of wine.

**What are you likes and dislikes in Agility:**

**Likes**

\*Judging a class when people are running on the edge and everyone watching is really getting into it.

\*Catching up with friends at shows

\*Seeing the next generation getting into the sport

\*Great judges setting great courses with flow appropriate to the levels being judged.

### **Dislikes**

\*People who due to their inadequacies in training or handling complain constantly at shows about anything and everything.

\*Harsh-handling

\*Competitors who forget that judges, committee members (including NZAC) and show officials are volunteers who are working hard for the whole sport.

\*Courses which are dangerous or pointless resulting in “lottery type” results.

## **Lower North Report - by Peter de Wit**

Since the last report I've been to three competitions, an Agility Ribbon comp in Upper Hutt, the Mid Canty Champ agility & jumpers and the NDTA in Dunedin.

The UH ribbon seems such a long time ago as so much has happened since then. This was the first time in our area that I can remember that an AD was held at a Ribbon instead of a champ. The club also trialled the mini dogs jumping at 290mm rather than the normal 380mm. Many of the dogs showed increased enthusiasm and speed, obviously relishing the lower heights.

Then we departed for our southern trip which took the remainder of the month. The Mid Canty comp was well attended by a group of people from all over the North Island. The A&P show grounds in Ashburton are huge and a great place to hold an agility event. Plenty of room for rings, cars, tents and still acres of space to exercise the dogs.

There were outstanding results for Rebecca. Seeka was 1<sup>st</sup> in Intermediate, and Mya picked up a challenge with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in senior. Congratulations to Karen and Tana who also picked up a challenge with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in senior. My Quick won two Jumpers B's to graduate to A and an Intermediate. The big surprise was 10.5 year old Cee winning a senior and picking up a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Intermediate. We decided she must like the air in Ashburton.

I must say thanks to Fiona F for bringing her tent to the show, as it rained all day on the Sunday and a tent was essential!

We stayed in Ashburton for a few days, doing some agility training with the Ashburton club and then moved on to Dunedin. The road there is soooo flat and straight! If only our roads in the NI were like that. We arrived in Dunedin about an hour quicker than we had estimated it would be, so had time to have lunch with our daughter Nicola before heading off to the airport to pick up Nevenka & Cassie.

The NDTA was blessed with 3 days of excellent weather and the excellent organising of Roy T and his team. There were heaps of competitions, too many to mention individually. The courses of Dave Jolly, the English judge were interest-

Dogs disappear into the lawn on arrival home from NDTA.



ing, I especially liked his Grade A Jumpers final course as it allowed the dogs to run at speed while still being a challenge.

Huge cheers and claps for Rebecca S, Kevin B, Mark B and Polly C for winning a final, it's a big achievement and you guys were fantastic. It is a shame that the finals are at the end and so few people stay to watch them. They were an excellent display of our best dogs and worthwhile watching.

Our area was well represented with heaps of people in the finals. Congratulations for making the finals to Nevenka & Cassie, Karen & Tana, Paul with Comet & Jade, Pete with Myne, Quick & C, Dianne & Hunter, Lyn & Jayme, Kevin and Antz, Louise & Bee, Rebecca & Mya, Shane & Ernie, Diane & India.

I must admit that by the end of the third day I was worn out from all the events, but then I was trying to run 3 dogs. If the programme is that big next year I think I might have to enter a few less events or get a mobility scooter :).

The interzone teams event went down to the wire again this year, with our team coming in a creditable second place. Well done team, Shane, Polly, Dianne & Nevenka you did a great job. It was interesting how the commentator tried to call it the "inter-region" teams event at the start, and gave up pretty quickly and resumed using "interzone". I have to agree, it is Obedience that has regions, Agility has stayed with 5 zones.

Finally on the NDTA, I can recommend the Reef restaurant in Dunedin, we ate there with Nicola and her boyfriend one night and the food was excellent. Try the prawns if you want a real treat.

As I write this, the proposal on height changes has been released, with comments to be to the AC by the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This is a ridiculously short timeframe, you will probably be reading this after the 23<sup>rd</sup>! Whether or not you agree with the proposal, I think the AC is not being fair to the agility community by allowing such a short time frame to respond. Many people not on the internet won't even know a proposal has been published! The AC should be running regional meetings to explain the proposals and to receive feedback face to face. The NZKC

executive meeting is in early December, so how much time are they giving themselves to seriously consider your responses before that meeting? Come on AC, the last changes had SIX months of consultation and another SIX months before they were implemented. Eight weeks from publishing the proposal to implementation is far too short and very unfair.

PS can I have my dogs re-measured please? :-)

## **Central Bark—by Linley, Cheyzany, Kliffy & Flukey**

Have not long returned from the great ‘Southern experience’! Dunedin Holiday Park looked like a small NDTA community with many of us filling up most of the units! Great to see so many Northies down there with some impressive teams in the Agility.

The Flygility on the Friday was well organised and I was rapt to win a few heats with the Kliffman. Just missed out on the semi finals. Hats off to Karen Grant for all the work she put in and also her helpers. It did get a bit hairy in the Agility section for a while with a few missing when I was call stewarding Senior 1. Quite a few guys were stuck in the Fly still. Chelsea M was amazing. Basically having to run one dog and then go and get another straight away. I was calling her next dog while she was still in the chute. But she handled it all in stride and still managed to get placings with Spy and Quest. Though she was starting to look a little pink from the running around.

The Nelson and Blenheim bunch did pretty well with most of us coming away with something. Congrats to Natasha Neame, Hadassa Koessler and Louise Marsh for making the finals.

Team day was fun with the loopy Nelson bunch ‘getting blue’. But it does seem to have lost some of its craziness as people have mentioned on the agility list. I think we might have been the noisiest in the crowd. I did try and ‘sick’ the Blue Dog onto the Penguin but he was a bit slow in making his move and by the time he did something, the Penguin knew it was coming and had organised a back up crew. This resulted in the Blue Dog losing his head at one stage but he managed to get back up as he had his own band of backers that jumped the Penguin in return. I tried to get some pics of the brawl but ended up just getting pics of a lot of people’s backsides!

Next on the calendar will be Blenheim champ event. That’s all from me for now. Don’t forget to have fun!

## Canterbury Tails—by Sue McKee & Teezsa, Rez and Switch

### Canty CATS ribbon trial

A wet day for this one, and the conditions certainly weren't ideal, but plenty of people turned up. I only ventured forth for the starters and elementary, and the dogs that had been there for quite some time were certainly a different (muddy) colour than they usually are. My dog somehow seemed to remain Persil white even after his runs, don't know how. As I only arrived as Novice was almost finished, not much to report on this one!

### Mid-Canterbury Canine Obedience Club champ event

Another wet weekend was forecast, but Saturday was pretty good overall, with Sunday being the wet day of the weekend. A full programme with jumpers and all the usual events as well, and some North Islanders competing on their way to the NDTA. Sunday was really quite unpleasant and cold, and it was good to get home to Christchurch where incidentally the sun was shining!

### NDTA - Dunedin

What can I say that hasn't already been said? Awesome venue, awesome organisation, awesome events - it was a little busy for most people over the weekend with early starts, flygility, rally-o, obedience, agility including gamblers and double jumpers. And the sun shone and it got too hot for some of the time ... but then it rained on Monday but weren't we all so lucky that it only happened on the last day. Don't know about anyone else but I spent the follow-



GO Zone 4!' From left is Claire Van der Hoeven, Grant Pearce, Hadassa Koessler, Linda Mortimer and then front is Linley Barrett.



ing day and the day after catching up on what must have been about ten loads of washing, thinking how much worse it could have been if it rained all weekend.

And then those of us who hadn't had enough agility at Labour weekend went to ...

Canterbury Canine Obedience Club Ribbon Trial 31 October

Held at the beautiful Marylands Reserve, CCOC put on their usual relaxed show, I was naughty and only took the young'un along and competed in Elementary and Starters, so was away nice and early to get back home so I could catch up on work - boring! But necessary when you have five days off the week before! Beautiful weather, great venue with lots of space to run dogs and trees to park under in the shade.

**Down South report—by Elaine Pearce**

Sincere apologies to all and especially to Elaine for missing out her last report, which is printed here.

A couple of champ shows were held in HZ5, both in Dunedin. The first was the Taieri Canine Training Club's indoor show at Mosgiel. Typically when you hire an indoor venue you get really nice weather and thats what happened.

There were two main highlights of that weekend, the first being the announcement of the historical Zone 5 NDTA team and the second Natasha Coulter making Travis up to an Agility Champion (see her profile).

The historical Zone 5 team is

Starters - Don Leckie & Bob, Novice - Caroline Rain & Pepper, Intermediate - Vicky Fox & Gem, Senior - Anne Bevin & Pete

Both David Cook and Anne Bevan ended up on equal points for Seniors and at the end of the day Anne has the spot. Not sure exactly how that was sorted as the last course of the day had been de-

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molished by the time the draw was noticed. Presumably David and Anne discussed it and Anne now has the spot.

The second highlight of the weekend was of course Natasha making Travis up to Ag Ch.

Natasha would like to give special thanks to Wayne Grant for arranging the hose that ended up down her trousers and Paul Remon for the firemans lift that got her across the arena, then onto the sawdust floor and also to little Jake Remon for the last container of water that helped wash some of the sawdust off. (Jake must be taking agility etiquette lessons from his father).

Don't we love our agility friends!!

The second event was the Otago Canine Training Club show at the end of the month. We did not hire an indoor venue and therefore did not have a nice weekend. Saturday was not too bad just cold and overcast but Sunday had heavy drizzle and wind and therefore mud and water on the ground. Somehow we need to make out to the weather gods that we have hired the indoor venue.

Unfortunately the weather resulted in some very cold, wet people including our poor judges Roger van Huenen and Libby Ellery and some very cold, wet dogs and therefore lots of scratchings. Always sad especially for the travellers.

Anne Bevan and Kay-J took out the top dog award. Karen Grant retired her little dog Ag Ch Jess ADXAG from standard classes at 12 years of age going out in style with a 4th and two 3rd's. Nice to retire your dog at your own club's show.

And believe it or not we had to have a run off for 3rd place in Novice 1 with both Shayne Oliver's 'Benson' (Jack Russell) and Brian Charles 'Chase'

(GSD) ending up on 39.088 seconds even with electronic timers. I don't think I have seen a run off since the ET came on stream although it probably has happened. Special thanks must go to Roger for his 205 metre Senior 1 course :-))).

**PROFILE: NATASHA COULTER.**

My name is Natasha Coulter. I am 42 years old (but look much younger :-))). I work for the Timaru police as a Detective. My partner is Geoff Allinson. Geoff kindly allows me to steal his dogs to train for agility. So far I've managed to pilfer Dudley, Luke and Jonty from him. I currently have 11 dogs, five of which I am competing at the moment, with another young one due to start soon.

I've been competing in agility for the past 14 years. I had not been involved in dogs sports prior to this but I have ridden horses for years. Both Geoff and I had done a lot of hunting and still have 4 horses. Years of jumping horses was certainly a big advantage when it came to learning how to judge a dog's stride and walk a course.

My agility career started with a lab x called Dudley, who was a bit of a late starter at 4 years old. Dudley became a champ at 8 years old, not long before he retired. After that I ran a variety of dogs before making Luke, Barney, Jonty and Travis up to Champ. Luke went onto Grand prior to retiring. Travis is my latest Champ and by far the hardest. He is very sensitive (I'm not). Our difference in personality became a bit of an issue, that took a long time to overcome. In the end I realized that I needed to concentrate on keeping him happy (regardless of what happened in the ring) and work on his confidence, instead of worrying about his performance.

When I stopped worrying, so did he! I try to play games with him that bring him out of his shell. That's why you'll see the big lump jumping into my arms prior to a run. Bit hard on the back but he really enjoys it. Having said all that, I've learnt more from training Travis than any other dog I have ever owned and I'm really pleased I have had the opportunity to own and run him. He is a very sweet dog.

The key for me has been spending individual time with each dog (not easy with sooooo many) and keeping things fun. I try to train most days but for short periods. We also spend a lot of time walking, rounding up cows and swimming in the creek. The thing I enjoy most about Agility is the people.

# New Zealand Association of Rally Obedience



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## The competition

1. Each month a course will be provided. Participants will be judged and timed. Participants will be ranked based on score, then time.
2. There will be an individual and a Club competition. The Club competition will be based on the total score of the Club's best three dogs and handlers.

At the end of the year there will be awards for prize-getters.

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## Rules and judging

Any club member can judge. Anyone judging must make themselves familiar with the *NZARO Handbook*, a copy of which will be sent to all clubs, and will also be available on our website [www.nzaro.webs.com](http://www.nzaro.webs.com).

All participants are scored by their marks over the time taken. Dogs are expected to move with the handler around the course and to follow the handler's commands to sit, lie down etc. Penalties are gained if the dog deviates from the handler's side, sits to one side if supposed to be in front, fails to lie down on the first command, etc.

## This month's training station

- (13) Call front—finish right-forward. While walking along the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (you can take several steps backwards as the dog turns). The dog sits in front. The handler asks the dog to go around to their right, behind them and moves forward, with the dog resuming the the left side position (the dog does not sit at their side). You need to ensure your dog sits in front, and keeps relatively close to you as they go around. Penalties apply for the dog being out of position (eg. crooked sits), resistant to respond, any extra foot movements by the handler once they have stopped.

- (25) Halt-10-2-3 steps forward. The team initially halts with the dog sitting beside the handler. The handler then takes one step forward and stops, the dog moving

## COURSE for DECEMBER

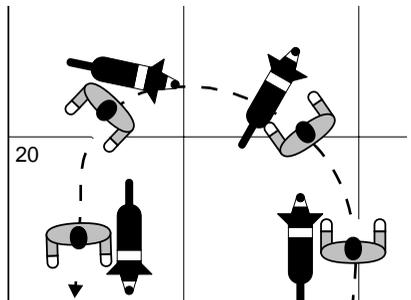
The dog/handler must be timed from start to finish and the time must be included in the results. The dog/handler must be scored as per NZARO rules.

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20	<p>Place the signs and numbers at the positions indicated on the course map. The dog and handler path is determined by the signs, they must perform the task with the sign on their right and slightly in front of them. Where a sign indicates a change of direction the task is done BEFORE the sign not past the sign. The dotted line shows the expected dog path. Have fun!!</p> <p>the S/F is at Jump 1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 360 right (11)</li> <li>2. Fast pace (18)</li> <li>3. Call Front, Finish right, forward (13)</li> <li>4. Right turn (5)</li> <li>5. Halt- walk around dog (9)</li> <li>6. Serpentine weave once (24) Set cones or poles at 2m intervals</li> <li>7. Left about turn (29)</li> <li>8. Serpentine weave once (24)</li> <li>9. 270 degree left turn(10)</li> <li>10. Halt - Down dog (4)</li> <li>11. 270 degree right turn (9)</li> <li>12. Heel -1-2-3 steps forward (25)</li> <li>13. Fast pace (18)</li> </ol>				
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with the handler and then sitting. This is repeated with the handler then taking two steps forward and halting, followed by three steps and halting. The team can be penalised for poor sit positions, incorrect number of steps, resistant to respond to requests to sit, tight leads etc.

### (29) Left about turn.

This is a really fun turn to teach! When the dog understands what to do it feels really cool! The handler's task is simple, they just do a 180 turn to the left, usually fairly tight turn almost on the spot. The dog at the same time as this is occurring must move around the handler to the right, finishing up on the handler's left side. Picture is stretched out to show stages.



## JUDGES CORNER by Nick Chester

This year I was very privileged to be invited to judge at the NDTA in Dunedin. The NDTA is undoubtedly the most prestigious event on the agility calendar, and being asked to judge there is a real honour.

Apart from standard classes, I was also one of the four inter-zone judges. Designing an inter zone course (or a finals or NAC course for that matter) takes a different skill set from an ordinary course. Hopefully I can illustrate this point through the design of the Novice course I used.

When designing an inter zone course, it is important to set something that is straightforward enough that it won't result in 5 D's/E's, but is still suitable to that particular level. In such situations, handlers are almost always very nervous, and just want to go out and run the course. They don't need the added pressure of an overly technical and tricky course to worry about too! However, it still needs to have the required difficulty for that level. With the Novice course I set, I still wanted to keep a nice open style of course, with a few subtle angles that, if handled in a straightforward manner, would lead to the course running very smoothly. The course only required 2 changes of side for the handler, and these were around either contacts or tunnels, which made making a cross less tricky. It had a weave that was approached at speed, which is something I wanted to test the dogs on. It also had a tunnel straight after a piece of contact equipment, as I wanted to test the dogs had really solid contacts, which is important at Novice level.

The other skill I wanted to test at interzone level was the dogs' ability to run on, which I designed into the course at the end. A dog that could run ahead would gain an advantage over others.

One other aspect of my course was a very tight standard course time of 38 seconds. The reason behind this was that I believe in a team event, a dog should not be able to take a very safe and slow route around the course and expect to win. This could be the case if someone was running last and knew all the other dogs had faults. If a normal course time was set, the handler could then take a slow and steady run around the course, with no risks, and still win. To me, this isn't in the spirit of the competition, and therefore a tight course time that requires a dog to move at pace is critical.

I'm very pleased to say that I didn't have any D/E's at all. Of the 5 dogs who ran the course, 3 had clear rounds, 1 had a missed contact and the other had time faults.

Polly and Zip from Zone 3 won the even, with Amanda and the other Zip from Zone 2 in second. Both were top runs and not much separated them. They both handled the course and the pressure of the event very well indeed. Amanda used front crosses at both open tunnels, which worked well. Polly used a front cross

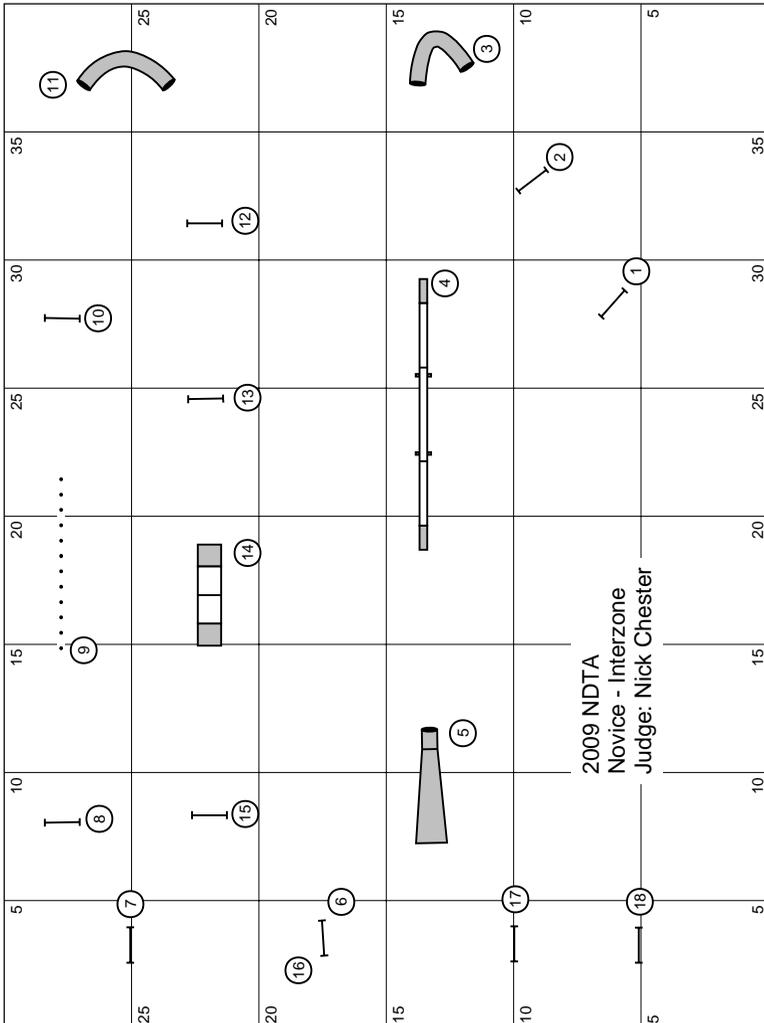
between #3 and #4, and a rear cross at the A-Frame (I think!)

Tess and Quinn also went clear for Zone 1 with a nice run (though a scary moment on the last rail where he looked like he might stop!).

Caroline and Pepper had a really nice run for Zone 5 with just one missed contact, but it was otherwise a very nicely controlled run.

The Zone 4 runner had a nice run too, but unfortunately came in overtime.

I felt all the handlers did a great job of handling the pressure, and handling the course! Well done to all competitors, making the team in itself is a big achievement and you all did your teams proud. Thanks again to the NDTA organising committee for having me down to judge. Bring on NDTA 2010!



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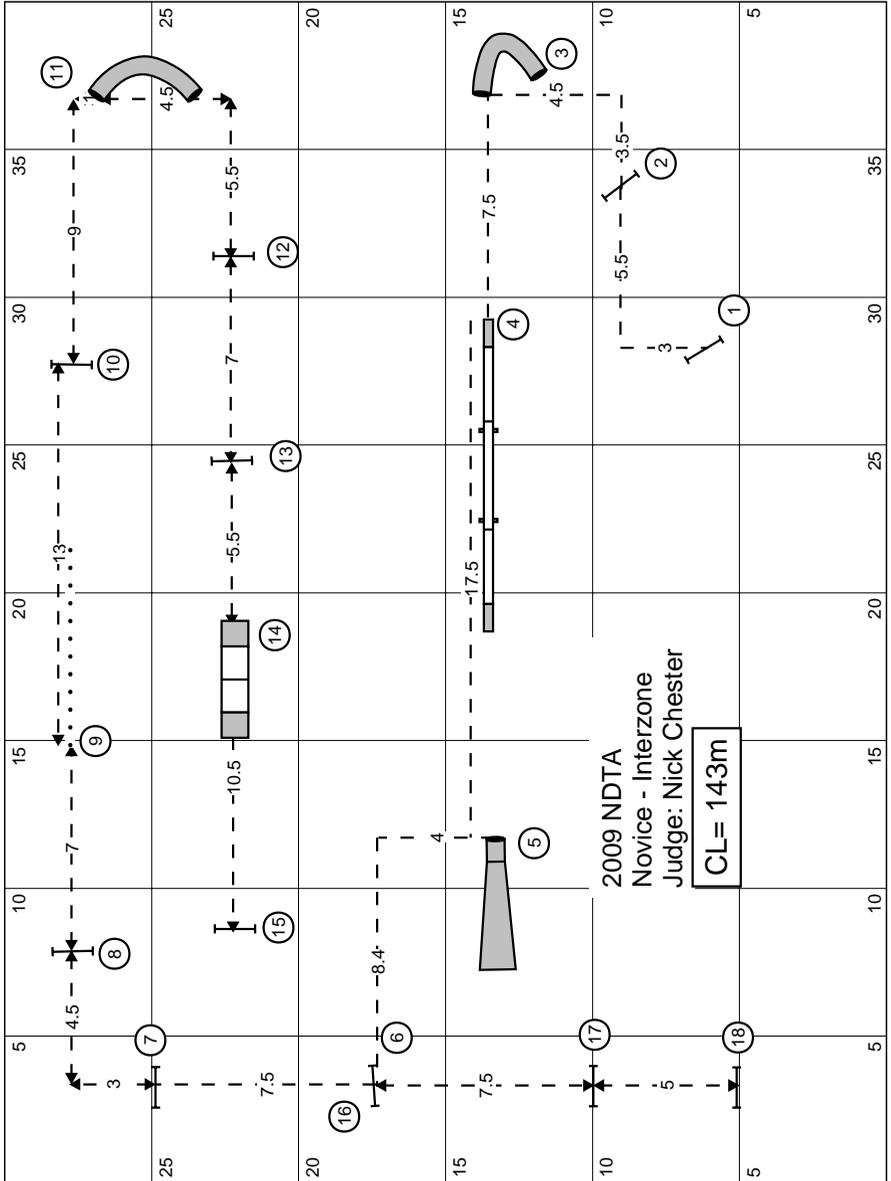
### **AGILITY MOST IMPROVED THIS MONTH**

Keri Wheaton from WAG and Sullie AD  
with a leap from 356th to 43rd!  
Well done!

# AGILITY LINK COURSE for December

## CL = 143m

Based on Nick Chester's Novice course at NDTA, thankyou for permitting us to use it Nick.





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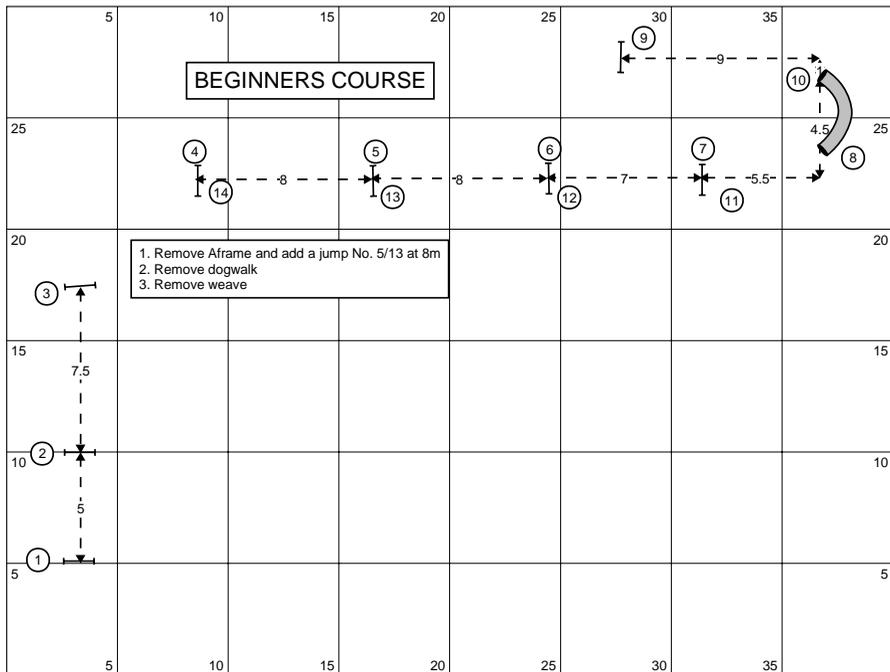




# NZYKC AGILITY LINK



Group	Name	Dogs Name	Club	Oct	
under 8s	Antonia Vole-Packer	Jed	UH	12.57	1
	Skyla Paterson	Cassie	UH	18.88	2
8-11years	Logan Reece-Heyward	Taya	Nelson	13.69	1
	Zina Gota	Jacqui	Mount	14.39	2
	Zane Paterson	Tana	UH	14.50	3
	Anecia Wilkie	Chip	H/Bay	15.94	4
	Kate Medcalf	Poppy	Nelson	21.09	5
12-15years	Lauren Homer	Zac	Mount	11.00	1
	Larissa Cherrie	Gemma	Mount	15.33	2
	Danielle Guiver	Poppy	Nelson	18.90	3
	Briani Gray	Misty	Hawera	30.94	4
16-24years	Tracy Hart	Jenna	Norwest	28.94	1
Experienced				Total	Rank
8-11years	Hayley Rohde	Rocket	Counties	32.17	1
	Erin Ball	Trish	Mangawhai	39.57	2
	Erin Ball	Claire	Mangawhai	51.96	3
	Nicole Robinson	Diva	Levin	82.58	4
12-15years	Kris Butterworth	Jet	N/Taranaki	31.32	1
	Stephanie McCarty	Bronte	Mount	39.41	2
16-20years	Chelsea Marriner	Flash	Rotorua	23.62	1
	Chelsea Marriner	Bree	Rotorua	23.84	2
	Chelsea Marriner	Quest	Rotorua	25.40	3
	Kelsey McBeth	Dazzle	Canterbury	52.92	4
	Bridee Manning	Croc	Tauranga	53.10	5
	Sarah Stephenson	Maddie	Canterbury	59.10	6
	Celine Lovejoy	JJ	Napier	62.66	7
	Celine Lovejoy	Zoe	Napier	64.08	8



## AGILITY CLUB COMPETITION DIVISION ONE

1	Rotorua 1	AgCh FDCh Flash AgGrCh FDCh Bree AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner	23.620 23.840 25.400	72.860
2	Waimak 1	GrAgCh Zoom FD AG CH Tui Wilco	Lisa Duff Anne Godfrey Norma Wilson	25.420 25.484 30.244	81.148
3	Mt M'gnu 1	J J Cricket Cheeky AgCh Nifty	Jan Murden Deb Jackson Deb Jackson	26.326 27.004 28.193	81.523
4	Wanganui 1	AgGrCh Pippa ADXG Josh ADXS FDCh Jordy ADX	Mark Barrett Shane McGhie Barbara James	26.030 27.160 34.190	87.380
5	Upper Hutt	AgCh Cassie AgGrCh Tana Trump	Nevenka Paterson Karen de Wit Sharon Hastings	29.590 31.440 37.190	98.220

6	Top DAWG	FDCH Mya ADX JDX	Rebecca Sidwell	27.759	101.589
		Cider ADXG	Angela Denton	31.610	
		Rapid ADXB FD	Mike Butler	42.220	
7	Cambridge	Asta AD	Tarah Hunt	32.245	102.286
		Kosima ADXG JD	Lou Baker	33.951	
		Opal	Janette Davis	36.090	
8	WAG 1	Sullie AD	Keri Wheaton	32.061	110.710
		Phantom	Lisa-cheri McKay	39.310	
		Macey	John Muir	39.339	
9	Southland	Beau	Jenna McCabe	28.589	114.635
		Pecan	Nicky Taylor	42.660	
		Kyte	Rae Evans	43.386	

## DIVISION TWO

1	Otago 2	AgGrCh Pete	Anne Bevin	28.369	88.833
		AgGrCh Kay J	Anne Bevin	29.397	
		Jess	Lisa Cross	31.067	
2	Hawkes Bay 2	EyeC	Daryl Hogg	27.541	91.379
		Samson	Colleen O'Connor	31.469	
		Polly	Annette Hildesheim	32.369	
3	Nth Taranaki 2	Razz	Clare Wellington	27.161	99.269
		Holly	Linda Chandler	34.610	
		Zoe	Ian Wooldridge	37.498	
4	Counties	MJ	Marie Wales	30.682	99.367
		AgGrCh FDCh Rocket	Hayley Rohde	32.170	
		Turbo	Di Stephens	36.515	
5	East BOP	Robbie ADXG	Tina Mitchell	28.530	105.560
		Ohce ADX	Martin Bush	33.870	
		Kwali ADX	Una Forrester	43.160	
6	Central HB	Tide	Catherine Harty	34.188	114.289
		Digger ADX	Jill Payne	38.658	
		Taz	Kim Loye	41.443	
7	CCATS	Alexandria	Steve de Haan	39.045	119.439
		Grace	Sandra McHugh	39.499	
		Izzy	Kathryn Snook	40.895	

8 WAG 2	Shakira AD	Susan McKay	29.722	120.156
	Nico	Keri Wheaton	39.188	
	Bullet	Lindsay Walker	51.246	
9 Blenheim	Tricot	Natasha Neame	41.697	126.694
	Brok	Sheryl Vincent	41.917	
	Tiffany	Jane Norton	43.080	
10 Sth Canterbury	Jonty	Natasha Coulter	40.358	129.045
	Trinny	Edith Coulter	41.759	
	Penny	Jenny D'Arcy	46.928	
11 Tauranga 2	Lucky ADX	Helen Moorhead	42.160	137.992
	Whittier ADX	Nikki Craddock	47.769	
	ADX Bronte	Norm Collison	48.063	

### DIVISION THREE

1 Taupo	Tonic	Sue Willis	26.180	87.115
	Quest	Sue Willis	28.985	
	Telulah	Christine Gabb	31.950	
2 Wairarapa	AgGrCh India	Dianne Reid	25.380	95.530
	Tessa	Sharleen Drummond	33.610	
	Smudge	Ana Workman	36.540	
3 Hawkes Bay 3	Rez	Nicola Chadwick	35.856	113.769
	Rocky	Ann Anderson	37.340	
	Leo	Robyn Fargher	40.573	
4 Mid Canterbury	Wicket	Alana Laird	34.340	117.560
	Tess	Tui Clucas	41.570	
	Harley	Caroline Sinclair	41.650	
5 Horowhenua	AgCh Phanta ADXG	Heather Smith	30.131	125.779
	Flip	Sharyn Sutton	43.583	
	Zara	Suzie Wheatley	52.065	
6 North Shore 3B	Hollie	Cathy Clarkson	33.110	127.370
	MacKenzie	Hayley Webb	42.590	
	Tashi	Kevin Crossley	51.670	
7 Akarana	Branson	Brigid Slykerman	41.550	132.440
	Kelly ADXG	Marie Pearman	44.120	
	Mahalia	Marianne Hornburg	46.770	

8 North Shore 3A	Charlie ADXG	Elaine Maisey	42.500	155.339
	Ella ADX	Bruce Anderson	56.400	
	Tala AD	Tess Bayly	56.439	
9 Napier	Dash	Kathleen Graham	37.890	164.630
	JJ of Carlyle AD	Celina Lovejoy	62.660	
	Zoe ADX Gold	Celina Lovejoy	64.080	

## DIVISION FOUR

1 Dog Sport Rotorua	High Voltage	K Martin-Greenwood	25.220	81.790
	Chaplin FD	K Martin-Greenwood	27.130	
	Delta	Judy Casey	29.440	
2 Mt Maunganui 4	Shiloh	Bev Pocock	30.739	94.895
	Scooty	Michelle Burggraaf	31.182	
	Jazz	Shelley Stewart	32.974	
3 Wanganui 4	Ernie	Wendy McGhie	33.380	117.190
	Taz	Bronwyn Morgan	40.530	
	Heydoh	Jonna Gibson	43.280	
4 Hawera	FlashADX B FDX	Debbie Towler	37.280	120.930
	Chelsea AD	Linda Smith	38.750	
	Tori	Debbie Towler	44.900	
5 Mangawhai	Trish	Erin Ball	39.570	126.820
	Lady	Jinnie Gailey	41.440	
	Pearl	Annette Flannagan	45.810	
6 South Rangitikei	Fifi ADXB	Silvia Rizzi	39.680	129.970
	Luke AD	Bridget Thompson	44.780	
	Maybe	Libby Ellery	45.510	
7 Canterbury COC	Lexie	Tim Conolly	39.990	136.460
	Henery	Robyn Sanders	47.080	
	Jessie	Karen Davis	49.390	
8 Otaki K9s	Annie	Fiona Brown	43.120	139.350
	Molly ADXG	Sharon Wagener	47.910	
	Touchaye	Aprille McGee	48.320	
9 CHB Orange Roughies	Finn	Jill Payne	39.217	140.899
	Toby	Duncan Renner	44.839	
	Poppy	Sharon Simonsen	56.843	

10 Otago 4	Marley	Mary-Rose Scoular	35.002	143.967
	Breeze	Teresa Walker	37.405	
	Holly	Michelle Cole	71.560	
11 Selwyn	Maddie	Simon Roydhouse	41.000	152.090
	Rocky	Misha Baxter	50.840	
	Murphy	Jo Chapman	60.250	
12 Norwest	Kozmo	Sue Williams	45.437	167.650
	Bella	Colleen Lauder	55.385	
	Rowan	Bruce Ronald	66.828	
13 Tauranga 4B	Jacqui	Rusty Jones	51.176	170.841
	Floss	Malcolm Ward	56.558	
	Croc	Bridee Manning	63.107	
14 Waimak 4	Ripp	Lisa Duff	52.137	190.097
	Tui	Louise Jamieson	61.576	
	Rez	Sue McKee	76.384	



## Flygility.. by Allan Rohde

Congratulations to the Area 1 (HZ1) team that won the inter region competition at the NDTA and picked up the Ian Gray trophy along the way. The team consisted of Risky/Ngaire O'Rourke, Kodi/Julie McConkey & Sharkey/Fiona Ferrar. From what I am told they made it hard for themselves by losing in the first round then having to fight their way back into the finals. Because the other finalist had not lost a life getting through to the final, Area 1 had to beat them twice in the final.

The individual flygility results were:

### Advanced Individual

Winner -Flash/Chelsea Marriner, Runner Up—Mya/Rebecca Sidwell

### Intermediate Individual

Winner -India/Diane Reid, Runner Up—Sharkey/Fiona Ferrar

### Beginners Individual

Winner -Trixie/Misha Baxter, Runner Up—Shift/Chelsea Marriner

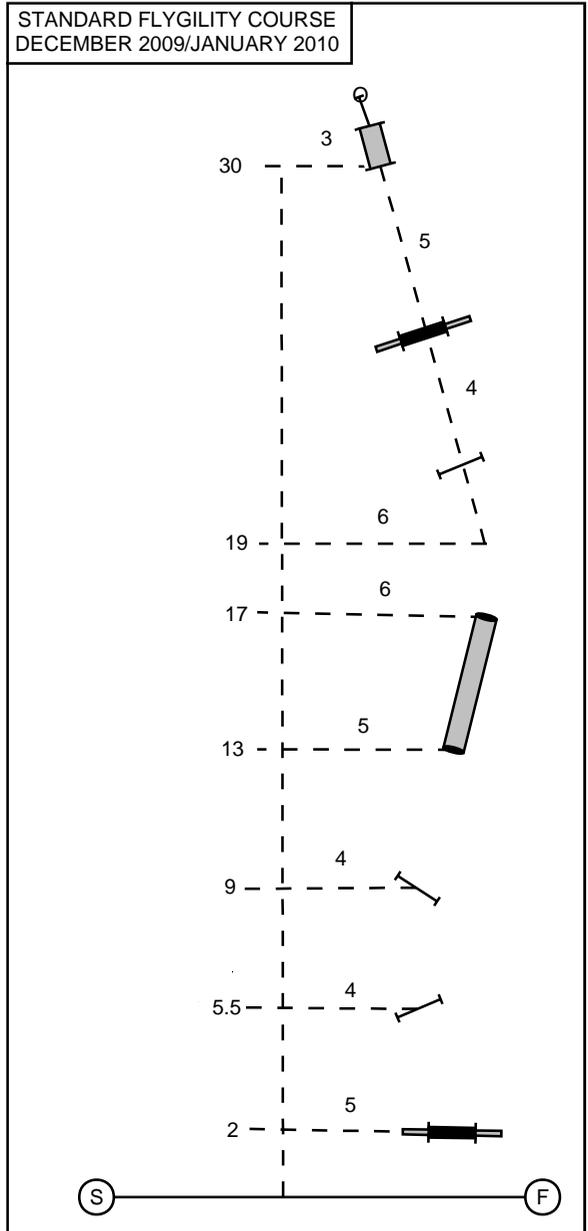
Well done to all who enjoyed the flygility this year. And well done to Karen Grant and her team for organising the flygility this year. And for introducing another exciting aspect to flygility (the inter area teams event)...

### Next Challenge Course – December/ January

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.





## Standard Flygility Team results, October 2009

1	Top DAWG	31.713	FDCH Mya ADX JDX/Rebecca Sidwell, FDCH Seeka ADX JDX, Ag Ch Bee ADXS FD JDX/Louise Williams
2	Risk Takers (Counties	32.702	AgGrCh FDCh Rocket/Elaine Rohde, Jewel/Allan Harrison, Risky/Ngaire O'Rourke
3	Coal Diggers	33.675	Roxy/Marilyn Lambert, Coal/Marie Wales, Sweeny/Ngaire O'Rourke
4	Wanganui Opals	33.890	Shaylar FD/Barbara James, Heydoh/Jonna Gibson, Ella/Steve Hessell
5	Hawkes Bay 1	34.332	Ch'lee/Jane Webley, Ringo/Dot Janssen, Sheeba ADXG/Campbell List
6	Sulphur City Slickers	34.470	AgCh FDCh Flash/Chelsea Marriner, AgGrCh FDCh Quest, McLeod/Paula Nixon
7		34.530	Cheeky/Deb Jackson, Breeze/Jason Hughes, AgCh Nifty/Deb Jackson
8	Wanganui Goldens	34.710	FDCH Jordy ADX/Barbara James, Yani/Silvia Rizzi, Pippi/Jonna Gibson
9	Southland 2	35.340	Lou Lou/Anita Kemp, Lulu/Rae Evans, Midge ADX/Joanne Rennell
10		35.390	Fly/Catherine Harty, Toby/Olwyn Johnston, Taz/Kim Loye
11	taranaki team tango	36.810	Cloud/Patricia Martin, Breeze/Rae Mayhead, Mulga/Laurel Austin
12	Waimak 1	37.262	AG CH Tui/Anne Godfrey, AgCh Teezsa FD /Sue McKee, GrAgCh Zoom FD/Lisa Duff
13	Counties Teddy Bears	37.760	AgCh FDCh Kiss/Allan Rohde, Elsa/Janine Smith, Teddy/Marilyn Lambert
14	North Shore 2	37.920	WT Ch FD Ch Laddie/Sheeran Johnson, Rocky V/ Claire Vivash, Ash/Annie Sail
15	Southland 1	38.310	Skipper/Dawn Barry, Iggy/Ingrid Christiaans, Bounce/ Rae Evans
16	Deputy DAWG	39.530	Kashi ADX/Diane Miller, Midge FD/Louise Williams, Misty ADXG JD FD/Rebecca Sidwell
17	Under DAWG	39.559	Toonie ADX FDX/Chris Ross, Jack AD FD/, Cleo FDX/Marian Holman
18	Hawkes Bay 2	41.200	Frodo/Campbell List, Rosa/Bill Craig, Samson/Colleen O'Connor
19	WAG1	42.370	Tammie ADX/Trisha Jackson, Shakira AD/Susan McKay, Sharky ADX FD/Fiona Ferrar
20	DSR 4	43.400	Bridie FD/Carolyn Mear, Boo/Raewyn Saville, Coby FD/Cynthia Caulfield
21	Otago 1	44.440	Breeze/Teresa Walker, Tegan/Denise Lindsay, Pepper/ Lynette Hayde
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25 Nth Shore 1	46.340	Bracken/Sheeran Johnson, Joe/Joanne Turner, Tashi/Kevin Crossley
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27 Otaki K9s	51.690	Cracka FD/Helen Carter, Charlie/Lesley Lygo, Ty/Denise Mundy
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