

Canberra X-Factor Express

November 2006

Committee News

Flyball Box, we have sent Box 2 off to QLD for a holiday and a rebuild, so hopefully for the new year we will have our 2nd box at the newer style.

Jumps, we have a full set of jumps in the shed that need some TLC, if you have some time and would like to take them home to see if you can restore them, please let someone on the committee know and have fun.

Jump covers, we also have a full set of new jump covers that need to be finished, if you also have some time and would like to do these please see Kylie.

We still have a position vacant on the committee if you have a bit of spare time and would like to have a say on flyball contact Kylie.

Flyball end of year BBQ and fun comp

Flyballer's end of year BBQ and Fun comp, is on again Sunday Dec 10th, at 3.30pm please let Paivi know (e-mail Paivi.Torronen@DEWR.gov.au) if you can attend or assist in anyway, cost is \$5 per person including sausage sizzle and prizes. See further flyer for more information.

Training last day Dec 10th, no training Dec 3rd due to CDC Christmas Party

Summer training with Chris will continue, see further on.

Recent Competitions

Flyball Frolic – 12 November 2006

The aim of the competition was to promote our sport at CDC grounds, but unfortunately the poor weather in the morning did reduce the numbers in classes.

We did however attract some new faces, hopefully they will put there names down on our small waiting list.

Team Reports

Team 1 – Chris Henry, Captain



Team 1 – Clare & Brodie, Peri & Alex, Paivi & Cola, Kylie & Billy, Gill and Tansy

The Flyball Frolic competition got off to a shaky start due to cool and rainy weather (the forecasted 27 odd seemed a long way off as I sat in a cold, wet line stewards chair) and small turn out for the obedience classes we wanted to show off to.

Despite the weather, racing went ahead as planned. Team 1 had put in some decent times in practice with Lucy, Brodie, Alex and Cola being our fastest lineup and Billy rounding out our 5 dogs. Unfortunately Lucy had to be withdrawn after a minor knee injury and was replaced by the still super quick Tansy.

Our competition in division 1 were two teams from Norwest, who were running quick and clean as usual. Unfortunately Cola wasn't feeling comfortable in the ring, and while still more composed than previous comps, was not running at full speed. Cola ended up sitting out most heats, and the remaining 4 dogs never broke 22 seconds all day. Team 1 raced well and in good spirit, but struggled to win heats against the polished Norwest teams and finished the day 3rd out of 3 teams

Team 2 – Sharon Haines, Captain



Team 2 in action – Clare & Jock, Kylie & Beau, Lesley & Dharma (behind Kylie), Barbara & Jenna (ready to start) with Cathy & Buddy sitting it out at the back.

Team 2 was in the second division and the team members were Jenna, Dharma, Jock, Buddy and Beau. Jenna who has been resting up until this comp was the height dog and ran very consistently all day. Hopefully, Jenna was not too sore the next day. Dharma and Jock also ran most races with the two older team members Buddy and Beau alternating. Buddy was awarded the Judge's pick for the Division for being one of the oldest dogs competing in the division at the comp. The fastest time was 22 ? seconds and the team was placed 4th in the division.

Team 4 – Gill Atkin, Captain



Team 4 - Steve & Kellie (and Ebony), Gill & Rocket, Barbara & Jenna, Pavi and Midi

Team 4 ran in the third division and the team consisted of Kellie, Ebony, Rocket, Mitch and Midi. This was one of the first comps with Kellie was competing with faster dogs and a couple of times decided to say hello to the dogs in the other team and was yellow and red carded. However, Steve worked hard to regain her focus. All the other dogs ran consistently and took it is turns to sit out. The fastest time was 24? seconds and the team was placed 3rd in the division.

Team 5 – Jess McNamara, Captain



Team 5 – Peter & Russ, Sam & Maddie, Barabara (Box loader), Peri & Kya, Lesley (ball shagger), Jess (Captain), Donna & Robbie, Cathy & Bidgee, Steve and Toby

Congratulations to X 5. Every dog in this team ran exceptionally well. The team was made up of Robbie, Russ, Maddie, Kya, Toby and Bidgee. This was a special comp for this team as it will be our final comp with Maddie who will be leaving us as Sam is expecting her first child (best wishes to Sam). We ran really well all day looking as if we were going to get first place, but in our last race of the day, there was a delay (caused by the other team,) causing our dogs to spend a fair while in the sun. Unfortunately, the extra wait combined with the heat caused some of the dogs to become a little confused and we were unable to complete the final heat resulting in a tie, pushing us back into second place. However, I believe this to still be an excellent result, and a fantastic final comp for Sam and Maddie as well as a great comp for Bidgee who has returned after a break. Bidgee's long break did not seem to have effected her memory and she ran beautifully all day not crossing once. We had a truly awesome best time of 25 seconds, Congratulations to all the dogs, we'll get'em next time!

Peter Dunnett

'The run that counts'

The dogs had raced valiantly

We were holding down first place

We had the best time, the title was ours to take

Only Tugg Torpedoes were the team we needed to beat
Two out of three would do it. The title would be ours
How we lost the first no one knows
the second was ours like clockwork
then only one to go
the race was delayed, the sun came out and the dogs went to ground
It was a draw, we failed to win what is known as
"The run that counts"

Flyball Demonstrations

Dogs day out demo – 19 November 2006

The Dogs day out at Lake Ginninderra was the venue for our latest demo. Our regular demo attendees were again out in force with Alex, Kya, Toby, Kellie, Ebony (with Molly cheering her on), Dharma, Midi and Jenna all in attendance. The surface was dry and dusty as is the norm around Canberra at the moment, but luckily the lake was nearby and fine for swimming.

The day had a really relaxed and friendly atmosphere and we shared the ring with a couple other fine exhibitors, who entertained the crowds with a mini agility run setup by the RSPCA, K9 freestyle dancing, and the regular competitions to keep the crowds involved.

We ran three 20 minute demos through the day which suited the dogs in the hot weather. I think the best part of the day was the end of each demo when they went for big swims in the lake with all the other dogs (and even a few people!). With Lucy out of action, Chris was there to box load, but without Carolyn the job of second box loader was up for grabs. We had high requirements for any replacements (preferably human, at least one arm). Thankfully for the first demo Brianna did a fine job. For the second CDC regular and Peri and Chris' friend Bron helped out. And for the final demo we enlisted the Dogs day out head spruiker. After a crash course in box loading he performed admirably, and later we spoke about how he kept zoning out and forgetting to load the balls. Something I'm sure all box loaders can relate to!



Packing up at the end of the demo

All in all it was a fun day in the sun and, we got some interest from potential flyballers out in the crowd

Friday 24 November 4.30 – 9.00pm at the school fete for St Clare of Assisi in Condor.

As you can see by the reports the demos are great fun, and a great training tool for yourself and your dogs, the numbers attending are getting lower. If we end up getting any less numbers we are going to have to cancel the demos, which is not good for the team or the club. We look bad to the community. So if you can support a demo please contact lesley.

If you can attend one or more of these demos please email lesley.pothan@dha.gov.au.

Demonstrations are an important part of Flyball providing positive publicity for the sport that we all enjoy so much. New dogs as well as experienced dogs are welcome to attend demos as it allows new dogs to get used to performing in different surroundings with different smells and noises.

Upcoming X-Factor Competition

AUS Day – 26 Jan 07

It is usually one of our main competitions to start the year off, next year we have a clash with Sydney holding a comp. Kylie won't be available due to family commitments. If someone would like to organise either a local small comp or demonstration please let Clare Ellis know ASAP.

Canberra Show 24th and 25 Feb 07

If you want to be in a team for the Canberra Show please let Chris know by Dec 31st, so we can commence training as early as possible.

Susan Garrett Visit 20-21 March 2007

Susan is coming From USA for 11 days to CDC to promote dog training. She will be covering the following topics on the dated below.

Obedience 17th, 18th and 19th March

Agility 20th and 21st

Agility 23rd, 24th and 25th

The flyball part of the visit has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Information is available at the club with full payment due by 1st December. ONLY 16 dogs are allowed to participate, so if you interested in participating with your dog please check that positions are still available.

An alternative is to be an auditor, (observer). Cost is \$80 for non-CDC members and full payment is due by 1st December. Discounts apply for CDC members and instructors.

If you would like more information on Susan please visit her webpage:

www.clickerdogs.com

Web Page

Don't forget to look at the CDC web page for Flyball updates.

<http://www.actcdc.org.au/classes.asp?com=F>

Upcoming Comps

Look on the AFA web site for further details.

Sun 13 Jan 2007	Bass Coast Show, Wonthaggi	Vic
Fri 26 Jan 2007	RACV Australia Day Flyball Celebration	Vic
11 Feb 2007	Berwick Highland Gathering	Vic
Sat & Sun 24 & 25 Feb 2007	Canberra Royal Show	ACT
Sun 18 Mar 2007	"Hounds in the Hills" at Castle Hill Show	NSW
Sun 25 Mar 2007	"The Running of the Balls" at Orange Pet Expo	NSW
Sun 20 May 2007	RSPCA Flyball Romp (Commonwealth Park)	ACT
Fri, Sat & Sun 8-10 Jun 2007	2007 National Australian Flyball Championship - Redcliffe	QLD

Please let Clare know if you wish to go to ANY competition.

Summer Training Times

With the arrival of Daylight Saving Time on 29 October flyball training times switched to the Summer Timetable as follows:

Wednesday

Flyball Training	7pm – 8pm
Competition Flyball	8pm – 9pm

Sunday

Introduction to Flyball	4pm – 5pm
Intermediate Flyball	4pm – 5pm
Competition Flyball	5pm – 6pm

If you are unsure what class you belong in please speak to an instructor or contact Chris.

Beginners please call or SMS Jess 0413247342

Competition practice will continue as needed over the summer to prepare for upcoming competitions.

Chris and Co will be continuing classes over the Christmas Break if you can attend please let Chris know so he can plan his classes.

Flyball Contact List and E-mails

E-mail is one of the main methods of communication used by Flyball outside of class time. Chris coordinates our contact list. If you have not received any e-mail or your address has changed please let Chris know, by e-mail is best. Please include the following: Dog's name, breed, Female/Male, de-sexed Yes/No, AFA CRN (if available) and contact phone numbers (Hm, Wk, Mob).

If you have an issue to take up with the committee, please e-mail the appropriate committee member or Kylie as Convenor.

OUTSTANDING CHOCOLATE MONEY

A few of you took boxes of snakes off me a short while ago for raising money for the club. I still have 2 outstanding monies could you please pass the money onto Kylie or Sharon.

CDC annual Awards and End of Year Dinner

3rd December 2006

**5.00 PM Tickets for Spit Roast Dinner \$20 Adults & \$10 Kids (under 10)
BYO Drinks**

Tickets can be purchased at the front office or from the CDC shop.

No dogs allowed unless they are getting an award, if so they must be crated and remain quite.

If you would like to join the flyball table please pay at the office and let Kylie know, so we can make up a table or 2.

Committee Contact Details

Please use e-mail as your main way of contacting the committee or speak to us in person. Only use the phone if it is urgent.

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HAPPY RACING!

MOST OF ALL MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all!!