National Flyball sub-committee

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Convenors Report 2022 **16 September 2022**

What's happening around the country?
We are delighted that after a year of uncertainties and many cancelled events, 2022 progressed mostly normal after Covid.

National Championships
NAPC hosted the KUSA Nationals event again as part of the NAPC bumper weekend which was very successful.

Sadly only 4 teams entered three of the bumper weekend shows. Six teams entered Nationals which was won by Cape Furr Fly posting the best time of 17,80s (which was recorded as a new South African electronic record). FBI Special Ops ran a best time of 17,90s finishing in second place and The Untouch-A-Balls coming third in a best time of 18,16s.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the organisers, sponsors, judges and especially Bobby Boyd for a great competition.

Titles and achievements
Congratulations to all the Flyball handlers and dogs who reached specific milestones this year by achieving FD, FDX, FDA, Champion, "Th One & Only" title or the prestigious Grand Champion title. These achievements only come about because of dedication, perseverance, commitment and not forgetting team work.

Champ, a Labrador owned by Jan Smit was the first dog to be awarded the Master Flyball award under the new regulatory changes for 3,000 points.

South African records
Cape Furr Fly posted a new South African record of 17,80s at the National championship on 01 May. FBI Special Ops broke this time on the 9th July and bettered the record to 17,70s and a day later, broke it again with a time of 17,44s. This time is the fastest ever recorded by any Flyball team in South Africa (the old hand-timed record was 17,48s of Team FBI SWAT in 2012).

Since then The Untouch-A-Balls have also run times of less than 18 seconds proving that South African teams are constantly improving and closing on the European and UK teams' times.

Flyball Open World Cup
The Flyball Open World Cup was held in Lommel, Belgium in May this year. Initially there was interest for a South African Team (Flying Foxes) to attend the event, but the cost and uncertainties of flights at the time prior to the event sadly saw the team withdrawing their entry. We hope that South Africa will be represented at the 2024 FOWC in Germany.

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Thank you

I would like to thank the respective Flyball sub-committees for their support, input, involvement and commitment during the past year. To every dedicated handler who ensures the sport is thriving, every club who hosted Flyball and every official (judges and stewards) we applaud you – thank you!

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