

# AUSTRALIAN FLYING TIPPLER UNION

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In an amazing Flying Tippler Debut and competing in the company of some of the world's best International Tippler flyers new member Abdul Hai creates Australian Flying Tippler History on his first AFTU official fly attempt.  
See the full story inside this issue



The Furious Five with a very proud Master Shi-Fu



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2010 -INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL TIPPLER FLY**

The First ITF (International Tippler Fly) held on Sunday, 18/4/2010 was a two fold day. We had the inaugural International Tippler Fly and the AFTU official Fly where a new Australian record was achieved and this will always be remembered by Tippler flyers from Australia and around the World.

I would like to make mention here that the ITF (International Tippler Fly) was the 'brain child' of none other than Frank Otta and Davey Warrener. Frank and Davey came up with the idea of the ITF and what a good fun event it turned out to be. Folk like Michael Beat, Haki Dauti and myself thought it was a brilliant idea and so did many other flyers from around the world.

The main concept of the fly was that it would be really nice to have an International Tippler Fly where everyone from around the globe could participate and it would be a fly for friendship, using proper flying rules based on those being used by the NTU and other Tippler flying clubs in different countries.

These rules were collated and ironed out by the committee to meet the specific needs of the fly. I would like to convey my personal thanks to Davey Warrener and Frank Otta for taking on the massive task of finalising the Fly Rules by which the IFT was governed. Many tedious hours of "thinking" were spent to reach the final product.

Co-ordinating something of the scale of the ITF was not going to be an easy task by any stretch of the imagination. I would also like to thank two friends of the ITF committee, David Strossmayer for his help in providing Serbian and Croatian translations and Mehdi Tchavoshinia for providing the German translation.

Both these gentlemen did such a fine job with the translation of the rules which indeed was a big help in the smooth running of the ITF Fly.

The organising committee received both negative and positive comments on the issue, however the positives far outweighed the negatives and the (ITF) fun event started to roll down the track to fruition. Everything was thought out, discussed and proceeded with in a very professional manner. The Fly Sheets were simply outstanding. The creation of the ITF website by Michael Beat and the information it contained made registration and result reporting extremely easy for all participants.

The website was a dream come true for everyone. Thank you, Michael Beat. In addition, the response from around the globe was fantastic. Everyone knew it was going to be a fun event, a fly for friendship and that was exactly how the day eventuated. History was being created on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 and all those who took part in the fly are now part of that History.

For myself personally, just to know and feel the excitement of my fellow AFTU members who were taking part in the fly, was music to my ears. Listening to the various phone calls that I was receiving all through the day and reading a minute by minute description of each members progress being relayed via the internet during the fly was an added bonus.

Yes, we lost a few birds on the day and had some injured as well, but we participated in a fantastic event with other flyers from around the globe. I, for one, can tell my grandchildren that I flew in the same event – on the same day - with some of the world's finest Tippler men, legendary flyers such as Manny Fenton, Davey Warrener from the U.K and of course Frank Otta from the Czech Republic.

All in all, the ITF was embraced with open minds by all participants, irrespective of what part of the Globe they were on. The vibes and comments filtering in have been very encouraging indeed. It was a fly for friendship, it was a fly that got everyone who was involved, buzzing.

Can't wait for the next ITF fly in September 2010.

Our Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest members, we hope you enjoy your stay with us and continue to share our passion of competition English Flying Tipplers.

## SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2010 - AN AFTU DAY TO REMEMBER

For all AFTU members, it was also a day that heralded a new Australian Record of 9 hours and 16 minutes achieved by one of our newest members, Abdul Hai from Sydney.

Two of our members took the opportunity to participate in an official AFTU fly on the same day as the ITF. Rupert Braganza from Melbourne, and Abdul Hai from Sydney. Unfortunately, Rupert's birds were attacked by the falcon 14 minutes after release. One of his birds was chased down on to an overhead electric wire near his home. Rupert immediately took a DQ. A few minutes later however, the same bird took to the air and joined the blue bar: an hour later these two birds were joined by the third, a saddle, and went on to fly 8 hours and 36 minutes. Bad luck Rupert, at least your kit lives to fly another day. Good luck with them in the next AFTU Official Fly. Here is Rupert's description of his fly :

" I had flown 3 young birds.

1. Grizzle (could be male) AFTU 09 ring #219
2. Blue Bar(" " Hen) AFTU 09 ring #220
3. Blue Saddle back (" Hen)AFTU 09 ring #221

The kit was flown at 6.26 am and they straight away gained height, within 12 to 14 minutes they were attacked by a female Peregrine the kit split and it chased the Grizzle which came speeding down and landed on the electric wire next to my house. A few minutes later it took off and was joined by the blue bar and within an hour the saddle joined them, although I DQ'd myself, I let them fly as friends were coming to watch. The kit flew for 8 hours and 36 minutes before I dropped them without any problem after the BOP attack. They have survived another day. "

The icing on the cake for the AFTU was the achieving of a new Australian record by Abdul Hai. Hai flew a kit of 5 blue bars, and his fly was timed by Mick Hoskins, a member of the AFTU. His Kit went on to fly 9 hours and 16 minutes. Hai is a wonderful human being and a very dedicated Tippler man. Well done Hai - a great achievement mate. The AFTU is ever so proud of you and what you have achieved.

Here is Hai's Fly described by Mick Hoskins who was his timer on the day:

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mick Hoskins [mailto:corvy@optusnet.com.au]

**Sent:** Monday, 19 April 2010 8:56 PM

**To:** danny4919@westnet.com.au

**Subject:** Fly Report Log Of Events

### AFTU Official Fly Report 18/4/2010

Timer : Mick Hoskins

Arrived at loft @ 05:15

05:30 Set up timers desk and laptop computer.

05:40 Synchronized Timers watch with ITF Time and Date website link.

05:50 Coffee and final discussion on rules of Fly

06:00 Checked loft - checked Kit for readiness

06:10 Checked Kit ring numbers of Kit to be flown - Entered ring numbers on ITF and AFTU official Fly sheets

06:15 Final check on Kit birds condition

06:19 Released Kit - Temperature - 14.3 degrees - Humidity @ 99%

06:23 Kit flying in very tight circles above roof top until daylight increases .

06:40 Kit now moving between low / medium height and in increasing circles

07:19 1 hour mark reached - kit very, very wary until full daylight

08:19 2 Hour mark - After a very careful start to the fly Kit is flying at varying heights  
Temperature - 16.8 degrees - Clear Blue sky

08:44 Kit split by one of 2 very large Racing Bird flocks operating in nearby vicinity.

08:57 Kit has regrouped and are flying at a lower height

09:24 Kit moving to higher altitude and kitting well

09:41 Light aircraft overhead but birds still kitting well

09:53 Synchronized Camera with Timers watch as was operating on daylight saving time

10:19 4 Hour mark - Temperature - 22.3 degrees - wind SSE @ 6 knots - clear blue sky

11:00 Kit flying lower - Temperature - 23.4 degrees - wind - ESE @ 6 knots

11:30 Temperature - 26.4 degrees - wind - N @ 4 Knots

11:40 Kit flying low and raking close to loft

12:25 6 Hour 7 minutes mark reached - Kit flying low - Temperature @ 22.6 degrees - Humidity - 59%  
wind NNE @ 9 knots

12:55 Falcon hovering at height but moving away - Kit raking away - Temperature - 24.8 degrees - wind @  
9 knots

13:13 Kit returning at safe height - travelling fast and low

13:30 Temperature - 26.2 degrees - wind - ENE @ 6 knots

14:00 Temperature 25.5 degrees -wind N @ 11 knots - Humidity @ 56 %

14:25 8 hour and 6 minutes mark reached - Kit flying low overhead and in very good formation

15:24 Falcon attack - Kit split

15:29 Kit has regrouped and flying around loft - One bird showing for landing

15:35 Time called - 9 hours 16 minutes recorded

15: 36 Droppers released

15:37 First bird down

15:38 Second and third bird down

15:39 Fourth and Fifth bird down.

#### Timers Report :

Kit sensed when danger was imminent - never panicked when under attack - resumed when danger of Falcon passed. All in all it was a very smart fly by a very impressive Kit

Regards, Mick Hoskins.

## AFTU Fly Report

FLYER	Flyer must complete report in its entirety.	TIMER	Blank if flying Honor System
Name	ABDUL HAI	Name	MICHAEL HOSKINS
Address	LOT 3, 6B BRINGELLY RD	Address	38 ELAROO AVE
City, State.	KINGSWOOD NSW	City, State.	PHILLIP BAY NSW
Post code	2747	Post Code	2036
Phone #	0414822443	Phone #	02-93117803

SYSTEM	Official	Honor	SERIES	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	
FLY DATE	Month 4	Day 18	Year 10	FLY #	1	2	3	4

Cloud Cover	NIL	Temp. Range	14.3	Wind Speed	0
Humidity	99%	Barometer		Sunrise	06:19
Release Time (latest 10am)	06:19	Time of Dropping Signal	15:35	Sunset	17:29
Time Last Bird Trapped	15:39	Total Time Flown	9 hours 16 minutes		

Ring ID	Sex	Color	Time Each
04 AFTU 123	CHY	i.e. Grizzle	Bird Down
09-408	YB	B/BAR	15:57
09-410	YB	B/BAR	15:58
09-415	YB	B/BAR	15:58
09-424	YB	B/BAR	15:59
09-426	YB	B/BAR	15:59

# AFTU



Are bands identical after fly?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
Were birds sighted every hour?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N
Did the kit split over hour?	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N
Any reason for disqualification?	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N

If disqualified, state the reason.
N/A

Flyer Signature [Signature] Timer Signature [Signature]

Please provide some comments. Date 18-04-2010

Note: Rings must be recorded before release and after trapping. Send completed report to the Secretary.

Thus ended a great day for Abdul Hai, one that I am sure he and the rest of the AFTU members will never forget. In closing I would like to thank each and every member who took part in the ITF, and the AFTU fly, remember my friends, to get the best enjoyment out of our sport we need to fly our birds, so keep the flame burning and lets participate in all our AFTU flies, when ever they are scheduled. Please also remember the ITF that will take place in September 2010, I am sure it is going to be another good day for all those who take part in it.

Happy Flying to one and all .

Danny McCarthy  
President AFTU (Australian Flying Tippler Union)





## A Short Tribute to the two Club Patrons of the AFTU

### Harry Shannon and Davey Warrener



Cast an eye over the cover photo of the report of the AFTU's Inaugural Show in Melbourne and the two most impressive things that stand out a country mile in the photographs are the two trophies our Club had on show.

That they got most attention throughout the day was no surprise as they represent Winners, more aptly they represent in a small but very appreciative way, two real Winners whose name they carry proudly.

The "Harry Shannon Perpetual Shield" and the "Davey Warrener Young bird Cup". These trophies represent more than just the prize for taking out the best fly of each of our Series.

They represent our club member's way of saying "Thank You" to two of the Tippler World's finest gentlemen. They represent the generosity of two men who have gifted to the Australian Tippler sport, two of the finest strains of Flying Tippler in the world today, the Shannon and the Hughes families.

These Tippler families represent nothing less than a lifetime of dedication and excellence, of persistence and long hard work.

Harry and Davey both insist we have the bloodlines in this country equal to the best in the world and they are right. Patiently, they await the day they hear of an official double digit fly from Downunder.

*From a thinking Tippler's perspective our results would confirm that their life's work and passion which is reflected in both their families of Tipplers have the ability to survive and thrive on every continent in the world in any generation and well into the future.*

*This is called a legacy, not only to two Champion Tipplermen, but to two Champion human beings.*

Members, take a look at the smiles on our two Patrons above, these smiles show that they have complete faith in us, they are smiles in waiting, waiting to hear of the big one down under.

As a great Tippler Club to belong to, let's give our Cup Flys this year, our very best efforts and really extend those smiles from ear to ear.

## Letter To Danny from Hai

Hi Danny,

I have been meaning to write to you, but was tied up with my studies.

I will try and express how I felt about being part of AFTU and being able to take part in ITF as best as possible.

I have been flying and competing with rollers for few years as a member of the Sydney Performing Roller Club, (SPRC), coming 4th in last years Nationals.

Before I got involved with rollers I had some Serbian Highflyers, some Budapest and some Tipplers. These birds were collected from a few different fanciers in Sydney, I would rather call them feather merchants. All they were interested in was making a quick dollar. No real commitment to the sport, hence below average birds. I managed to fly some of these for 3+ hours, but that was it. So I quit the Tipplers and got involved with rollers as this club has quality birds.

Late last year, as usual I was still talking Tipplers with the roller boys and one of our members mentioned the name Mick Hoskins and this person remembered that Mick had some quality tipplers. I chased this guy for Mick's number as I always looked for good Tipplers. Eventually, I got through to him mid to late last year. I signed up immediately.

I remember receiving a call from yourself and then also a call from Rupert. I was impressed, then I was sent some Tipplers. Within a couple of months of joining the AFTU Mick and I made a trip to Melbourne, where I saw John Cox fly his birds. They stayed up for 7 hours or so. Again I was impressed.

All this time, after talking to you guys I just wanted to fly some good tipplers. I have made several calls to yourself and to the other boys trying to get more and more information on Tipplers. Being in Sydney, my only easy contact was Mick, here I want to mention how much time Mick has given me. He actually helped on a lot of different occasions to set up the tippler loft. He brought all his tools and spent hours with me working on the loft. I was very thankful to him and was very happy to be the part of a club whose members were so helpful.

This club only has one agenda and one agenda only, TO PROMOTE ENGLISH FLYING TIPPLERS.

Then I heard about the ITF, wow what an opportunity. I focused all of my energies on participating in this historic event. Up until now I don't have any breeding pairs set up in my loft. But I started breeding from one pair and managed to use fosters and get 5 rounds out of one pair. Now I had one family of birds and I was assured by the club that these are fantastic birds.

I started training them and the results were constantly progressing. The ITF fly was coming close and I was running out of time to have a balanced kit which can do a few hours. Here I want to add that I work 6 days a week, I study part time twice a week 6 to 9pm classes and have a young family. But I made time, they say if there is a will there is a way.

I find it hard to describe how I was feeling about taking part in this Fly, like a little kid with excitement. My wife was very supportive all the way, she even painted the loft for me.

And Finally it was Saturday the 17th, I had taken the Monday and Tuesday off from work so I could prepare the birds. I could not sleep that night, finally, it was 5 am, time to get the birds ready. Mick Hoskins who was the judge for this fly, was at my place before 5 am. Another mention of a sacrifice made by Mick, he had some family plans for this weekend but he postponed them, I am grateful for that.

At last, after the rings checks a kit of 5 blue bars (all brothers - aged between 3 to 6 months) was liberated at sunrise, which was 6:19 am in Sydney. They started off absolutely brilliant, they flew a few rounds very low and close to the loft before they started drifting away. In a few minutes time, they were like dots in the clear blue sky. I was not sure how long these birds were capable of staying on the wing.

The Australian record held by Mr Winchester was 8:28 minutes. This was a 6 year old record. At this stage I was just happy to see the birds working in the sky. They flew brilliantly, it felt like they were mindful of what they were doing. I was mentioning to Mick that we have till around 8:30 am before the two racer guys liberate their kits for a training fly. Now I am talking about massive kits, each would have 300 birds.





It was 8:30 and they were up in the sky, and as usual they started coming in the direction of my kit of 5. They tried again and again to scoop my kit. The 3 older cocks stayed put and didn't mix, but for a few minutes they managed to get the two young Cocks to join them. But luckily they were back soon and started flying again as a kit of 5. This show went on for another hour before the Racers were done training.

When it came close to midday the kit start climbing up and up, this attracted a Peregrine. As soon as the birds realised the presence of a BOP they came down and started flying low and long, raking like the racers. At no stage this kit of 5 panic. Mick was truly amazed with this show of control, the birds stayed low for the next few hours but continued to rake and during that time we spotted 3 different BOP in the air.

After the sky was clear they started going up and again. This is amazing to watch, as they turned into dots and started hovering almost on top of the loft. It felt like they just got a burst of energy from somewhere. Now, its early afternoon, and I started to think that this kit has come to the 7 hour mark, is it possible that they can stay up for another couple of hours, but I was not too confident.

Between 1 and 2 pm the kit showed that they had plenty of energy in them. The reason why I say that because the wind picked up a bit and their speed changed and they were flying faster than before. It looked like they were getting into the groove, and coming down was the last thing on their minds. We both were hopeful by now that if the sky stayed clear, this kit will break the record. And my word they broke that record with comfort and ease.

On the 9th hour they still had not shown any sign of weakness, but suddenly they got ambushed. The Peregrine who had been in the vicinity earlier, had returned.

He came in low between the trees and chased them, he could not touch any of them as they took off. They regrouped within 10 minutes and started flying again, but I noticed now they were not looking as good as before. They were coming low looking for the droppers, one of them showed me the sign, more or less saying, "if you don't drop me now, I will drop by myself".

I made a very quick decision and informed Mick that I am letting the droppers out. At this stage I had the best interest of the birds in my mind.

The signal to drop was given at 15:35. The last bird dropped at 15:39. All birds were in the loft within a few minutes for the official ring check. They still had plenty of energy left in them.

This was an amazing experience and I would like to Thank the club and it's members for their support.

Proud to be a part of this club.

Regards, Hai



FURIOUS FIVE ON THE WAY TO SETTING THEIR RECORD FLY

**Nine AFTU members participated in the IFT fly – their names and results are as follows:**

**Con Leonidas**

**3 birds flown**

Grizzle  
Lite Print  
Lite Print

AFTU 09 178  
AFTU 09 527  
AFTU 09 529

**Time flown – 2 hours 19 minutes**

**John Cox**

**4 birds flown**

Silver Grizzle  
Blue Bar  
Print  
Print

AFTU 09 458  
ANPA 09 8764  
ANPA 09 8765  
ANPA 09 25305

DQ 1 bird dropped to a tree: the other three flew till 8.30 a.m.

Falcon attack, 2 birds were chased back to the loft: last bird returned 10.30 a.m.

**Dan McCarthy**

**3 birds flown**

Blue Bar Lovatt Cock  
Red Hughes/Pollette Cock  
Red Mottled Heaton Hen

AFTU 09 129  
AFTU 05 127  
AFTU 08 334

**Time Flown – 3 hours 3 minutes**

**John Gasper**

**3 birds flown**

Grizzle  
Light Print  
Light Print

AFTU 09 309  
AFTU 09 312  
AFTU 09 311

DQ Birds released at 9.00 a.m. – automatic DQ – should have been released at 6.39 a.m.

**Time Flown - 1 hour 30 minutes**

**Fred Barany**

**3 birds flown**

Bronze Grizzle  
Dark Check Grizzle  
Dark Check Grizzle

ANPA 09 9484  
AFTU 09 283  
ANPA 09 9501

DQ 60 minute rule. Kit split – 1 bird last seen 8.37 a.m. did not rejoin kit for remaining fly

**Time flown - 3 hours 18 minutes**

**Tarandeep Singh (Bonny)**

**3 birds flown**

Blue Bar  
Light Print  
Light Print

AFTU 09 582  
AFTU 09 588  
AFTU 09 581

DQ Falcon attack – 1 bird chased and landed two streets away from loft

**Time flown – 3 hours 47 minutes**

**Rupert Braganza**

**3 birds flown**

Grizzle (could be male)  
Blue Bar(" " Hen)  
Blue Saddle back (" Hen)

AFTU 09 219  
AFTU 09 220  
AFTU 09 221

DQ Falcon attack – 1 bird dropped on electrical wire

**Time flown – 14 minutes**

**Abdul Hai**

**5 birds flown**

Blue bar	AFTU 09 408
Blue bar	AFTU 09 410
Blue bar	AFTU 09 415
Blue bar	AFTU 09 424
Blue bar	AFTU 09 426

**Time Flown – Australian Record 9 Hours 16 Minutes**

**Karim Cooper**

**5 birds flown**

DQ – Falcon attack

**Time flown – 10 minutes**

**Aidan McIlhatton**

Although Aidan registered to participate, he could not do so due to his kit being destroyed by the Falcons two or three days before the ITF.

**Chris Francis**

I am told did fly in the ITF, but I have not received any information from him on the Fly as he does not have a computer.

As I have not heard from **Nathan Brown, Aldo Skender and Hassan** I am not sure whether or not they took part in the Fly.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN RECORD HOLDER**





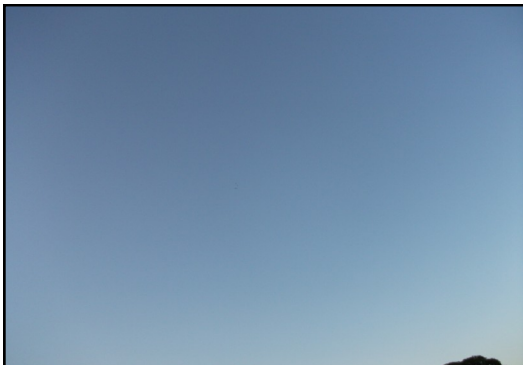
## Pictorial Record of Hai's Record Breaking Fly

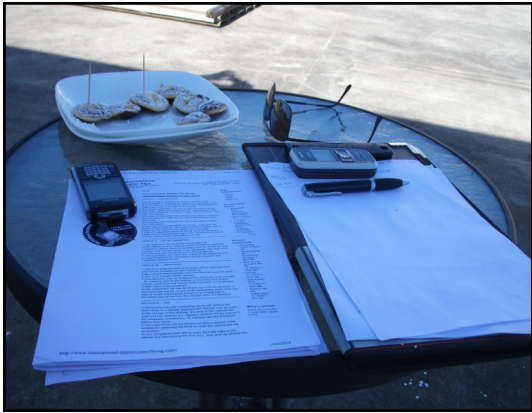


**FURIOUS FIVE AT FIVE**



**CHECKING RINGS PRIOR TO LIBERATION**













**Australian Flying Tippler Union  
Inaugural Show  
Melbourne Young Bird Pageant**



Club Members proudly promoting English Flying Tipplers at the Pageant are from L to R  
Rupert Braganza, Mick Hoskins, Danny McCarthy, Tarandeep Singh, John Cox, also present but not in the photograph was Fred Barany.









It was an historic day when the Presidents of the AFTU and the NTAA agreed that both clubs should show unity for the good of the sport here in Australia.



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