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# *Hello Flyballers*

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Sorry folks, the Flyball Record is back to black & white. The February Issue was sponsored by 'Butchers' hence the beautiful but very expensive coloured version. (*Keep it as a limited edition, in case we don't get another*).

I would like to take this opportunity to personally **THANK** Graham Nye, Roy & Mo Hiscock for all their help over the past three years. They have decided to relinquish their Committee duties (although Graham is still going to deal with the membership) and I will miss them, they were so helpful in getting to me the necessary data I needed for each issue of the Record.

I would also like to **THANK** all those members who have made contributions to the Flyball Record during the year. If I don't get enough material I go into panic mode and have to spend time, I haven't really got, to research and look for suitable pieces, or coerce my team mates to give me items. That's why it sometimes looks as if I'm favouring the PODS which of course I'm not. There are some sixty primary teams at the moment and if each team sent in one or two articles a year I'd be a very happy editor.

Please can I ask all Tournament Hosts to send a copy of their schedules to me, the editor. I am on the BFA Tournament Schedule Team List but for some reason some Host Teams feel I am not worthy. As Flyball Editor I'm supposed to be 'all knowing' - I'm not - but if I have the information to hand I can appear to be!

This year there are more Tournaments than ever in the BFA Diary so have a good time everyone.

**ED.**

*p.s.* Please don't forget to send me your news, stories, poems, pictures, judges reports, suggestions, anything doggie orientated you think your flyball friends will be interested in.

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# LET'S PLAY

Hi, I'm Skip and I would like to tell you about how me and my mates are enjoying this new flyball game. I have been playing at jumping over fences, running through tunnels, and racing precariously over narrow planks for a year now. Whilst I still don't understand why I have to swerve in and out of those sticks, I do so because my Dad explained that if I didn't he wouldn't get any of those coloured ribbons for the wall.

Anyway back to the point, my Dad explained that now that I am a novice agility dog I need to keep fit in the winter and that we are going to play a game called flyball. This seemed like a good idea as he explained that all I would have to do was run in a straight line (what no poles!!!) and jump over some very small fences to get a ball, and bring it back. I would also run around with some other dogs at the same time which is what I always do at playtime, oh and if I did it quickly he would get some more coloured ribbons for the wall.

We went to play for a team called the Yorkshire Bouncers and I was surprised that many of the dogs were a different shape to me. I couldn't understand why those with the floppy ears kept going off for food when there are balls to collect, still I was pleased that some of my new mates were small as it meant that I would not have to jump so high. My Dad however was not so pleased when he read in a magazine that a Judge said we always finished last, so Dad said I would have to train harder or he wouldn't get any more ribbons.

Well 4 months later after training hard me and my mates don't always finish last, in fact we have three 1<sup>st</sup> places and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place since November. Also, a nice lady Judge called Sam Bawden said we were the team of the division at Market Harborough in January. We are going to keep training hard and there are now some more dogs playing, most of which look like me. These include my housemate Flynn, but I am glad that my friends with the floppy ears will still play with me even though they prefer food to balls and don't run so fast.

Finally, I have just been told that my Mum will now be racing with me and that my Dad will stand at the back with a toy in his hand. He thinks this will make me run back faster, he hasn't realised yet that the ball in my mouth is more attractive than his toy, and that he does not get any ribbons for standing at the back shouting.

Must go now there are some sticks in the garden that I have to run through.

## SKIP & PAULINE SHARPE (Yorkshire Bouncers)

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## PETERSFIELD RESULTS – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Carla Banks

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Racers	17.32
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Buccaneers	18.60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	19.33
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	18.83
5 <sup>th</sup>	Test Valley Raiders	18.96
6 <sup>th</sup>	Snatch 'n' Grab	19.24
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	19.96

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Maurice Jenkins

1 <sup>st</sup>	Extrabuccs	20.12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ball Busters	21.11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bad Dog Chancers	20.69
4 <sup>th</sup>	Test Valley Rogues	20.33
5 <sup>th</sup>	Underdogs	23.11
6 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Wolves	20.79
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	21.69

## HOW to PREPARE for a NEW PUPPY

When you're getting ready to welcome a new member into the family it is always wise to prepare as best you can – this is particularly true in the case of a new canine, so here are a few basic recommendations.

1. Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
2. Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded in the blender.
3. Play catch with a wet tennis ball.
4. Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that is where the puppy will leave it, especially when you have visitors.
5. Jump up out of your chair shortly before the end of your favourite TV programme and run to the door shouting, "No, No do that OUTSIDE". Miss end of programme.
6. Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning and don't try and clean it up until you return from work in the evening.
7. Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying "Be a good puppy, go do wee wee, go and do wee, wee..... good puppy, now come in pleeeeeease".
8. Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothes all over the floor and drip some of the remaining apple juice on every piece.
9. Run out into the snow in your bare feet to shut the gate. *And finally*
10. Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the airing cupboard and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you get when the puppy falls asleep on your lap.

*Taken from Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation's Newsletter*

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### *A POEM FOR ALL DOG LOVERS*

*When GOD had made the earth and sky, the flowers and the trees  
He then made all the animals and all the birds and bees.  
When his work had finished, not one was quite the same,  
He said "I'll walk this earth of mine and give each one a name."  
And so He travelled land and sea and everywhere he went,  
A little creature followed Him, until it's strength was spent.  
When all were named upon the earth and in the sky and sea,  
The little creature said "Dear Lord, there's not a name for me."  
The Father smiled and softly said, "I've left you to the end,  
My name I'll turn from back to front  
And call you DOG, my friend.*

## THE JUDGES SEMINAR – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2003

We would like to Thank the organisers, Peter, Delia & Sam for a most enjoyable day at the B.F.A. Seminar held at Markfield. We found the whole time to be most informative and will be very helpful in the future. We enjoyed the hands-on approach to the day and now realise how difficult setting up the race lanes can be. We have watched others do it at our shows and thought it looked a *doddle* so we can only say sorry to those we under-estimated, although we think we will have to watch a few more times before we get the hang of it. (That's our story and we are sticking to it).

As for the Questionnaire, seventy questions to be answered over lunch. It seemed very daunting but we thoroughly enjoyed it and it started some very interesting discussions. The time flew by. Sorry it took so long Peter, but we learned so much from the questions and debating between ourselves.

Last but not least was the Judging Session. Using some of our less experienced dogs, some of the team dogs and some that always just play up a lot! Actually it looked very much like a typical Nuneaton training session, with dogs going in all directions and plenty of confusion and chaos. It was nice to see our box-loaders getting a telling off from Betty for doing it wrong, no-one told her that it was their brief to fault test the box-judges.

We so enjoyed ourselves we could have stayed longer (although the Nuneaton dogs wouldn't agree) and the lunch was excellent.

The highlight was receiving the attendance certificate, so *Thank You* all once again – when's the next one?

### MAUREEN GLADSTONE, PAMELA HARRISON, LOUISE SATCHWELL

## PETERSFIELD RESULTS – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2003

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Carla Banks

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Racers	17.41
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Test Valley Raiders	18.32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Buccaneers	18.86
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	19.10
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Jumping Jacks	18.39
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset Dynamo's	19.42

#### DIVISION TWO – Judge Kate Theobald

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dogs On The Run	19.12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.21
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shooting Stars	19.77
4 <sup>th</sup>	Snatch 'n' Grab	19.71
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	19.73
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Knights	20.04

#### DIVISION THREE – Judge Maurice Jenkins

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Chancers	20.97
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Buccaroos	20.80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	22.18

4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset Devils	21.59
5 <sup>th</sup>	Malvern Maverick Missiles	25.10

#### BEEFY BACON BISCUITS

1 10oz. Can of beef consommé	1/3 cup powdered milk
3 tbsp. Bacon fat	3/4 tsp. Baking powder
4 cups whole wheat flour	1 beaten egg

Combine dry ingredients. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well and knead. Roll out 1/4 inch thick and cut into shapes. Placed on a greased sheet. Prick with a fork. Bake for 40 minutes at 375 degrees F, 190 degrees C. Leave in the oven at lowest temperature to harden (at least 2 hours).

## NEWARK SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dianne Halsted

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	18.10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PODlings	18.58
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	18.89
4 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.10
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mad 4 Mutts	18.97
6 <sup>th</sup>	Greetland Grasshoppers	21.14

### DIVISION TWO – Judge John Blackford

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lincolnshire Leapers	19.91
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	19.97
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	20.38
4 <sup>th</sup>	Trying 4 Mutts	20.25
5 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	21.01
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Bytes	20.64

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Howard Campbell

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandidos	20.14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PODextras	20.63
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fylde Coasters	21.34
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fun 4 Mutts	21.64
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Killa Bytes	21.04
6 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Bushytails	21.37

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge David Long

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yorkshire Racers	21.30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greeny Grasshoppers	22.43
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Break-Aways	22.88
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Giga Bytes	22.46
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Coasters	23.89

## NEWARK SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Jess Humphries

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODS	18.02
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	18.79
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dodgers	18.81
4 <sup>th</sup>	PODantics	19.38
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.12
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	19.60

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Scott Harrison

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wakefield Tykes	19.36
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rapidz	19.77
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	19.95
4 <sup>th</sup>	Red Rose Rockets	20.09
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	19.62

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Betty Potts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Border Patrol (UK)	20.70
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Crazy Cannons	21.06
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nova Next Generation	21.67
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rapidz Responz	21.76
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	22.95

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Crazy Crossbows	21.83
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grey Wolves	21.65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolverines	23.19
4 <sup>th</sup>	Scallywags	23.57
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hillam Hot Shots	22.62

Well we have now completed another “first” for The Nuneaton Flyers, the two day indoor Tournament.

As usual things didn't go completely to plan. Some of our group arrived late-ish on Thursday ready to start the setting up, first thing on Friday. When we went to get the key we were told “Sorry you aren't booked to have the hall until 8.00am Saturday. Someone else is using it Friday afternoon and evening”. This would give us half an hour to set everything up! The receptionist wasn't very understanding of the situation this put us in, so, after I had finished my panic attack we fetched the Manager of the Showground and got it all sorted – not a good start and we hoped it didn't set the tone for the forthcoming weekend.

The weather was lovely with sunshine on both days but it was *very* cold, especially at night in the caravans, but Flyballers are either very hardy or very stupid and put up with anything with a smile. A steady intake of alcohol helped some members who claimed it was antifreeze.

I am pleased to say the racing was excellent on both days. On the Sunday the Bees had a very exciting set against the PODantics going to the fifth race which resulted in a dead heat (we lost the

Sixth leg)! The Flyers held their end up well on Saturday missing out on a higher place because of trying too hard and getting lights – but as they say – if you don't get the odd light you aren't really trying!!

Unfortunately our Dodgers team had to run NFC because of an injury and the Cyclones came sixth but enjoyed the day's racing as always.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Tournament as much as we did. I would like to thank all of you who willingly helped out with ring party duties, especially 'The Dodgers' who made a special journey to attend on Saturday to help. Also the PODS, Yorkshire Bouncers and Breakaways for the loan of the rubber matting.

## **PAMELA HARRISON**



### **JUDGES REPORT – NEWARK SHOWGROUND 15<sup>th</sup> February 2003**

A bright, dry, frosty and sunny start to this Winter Indoor Tournament held by the Nuneaton Flyers Flyball Team over two days at this popular venue.

Divisions 1 – 4 of Six Teams on both days, just goes to show how far the BFA has come in recent years. How our sport has grown, as popular as any other Dog Sport you can think of.

The only downside to this format is that you do tend to get teams competing in Divisions that they would not ordinarily be in and therefore you can lose the competitive edge and end up just running for points.

I know it is difficult when so many teams want to compete and there is a need to keep everyone happy. The only way around this problem that I can see is to have Divisions 1 – 8 split into two days but then the multi entered teams would not want to travel to the venue twice, especially where long distance is involved. So perhaps the PODS had the answer when they ran four lanes at Ryton on Dunsmore a couple of seasons ago. (What do you think) ?

Onto Saturday then. I was asked to Judge Division 3 which turned out to be as Paragraph Three, with Barkshire Bandidos (20.14) having a clean sweep. They only dropped one leg to Second place PODextras (20.63) who had one of the closest races of the day, narrowly beating the Fylde Coasters (21.34) three legs to two. This put the Coasters into Third Place.

Next came Fun 4 Mutts (21.64), then Killa Bytes (21.04) and finally the Whiterose Bushytails (21.37) who were not having the best of luck with dogs running out and only managed to win one leg all day.

*Thanks* to the tea girls and Stuart who kept the hot drinks coming to keep us warm in the freezing conditions. Also to our Head Judge, Neil Meeking, who kept a close eye on proceedings and sorted the lights when they needed an occasional adjustment. Most of all to Pam and her hordes of Nuneaton Flyers for putting on another enjoyable event. I'm sure Sunday proved just as popular.

## **HOWARD CAMPBELL (Greetland Grasshoppers)**

*“You enter into a certain amount of madness when you marry a person with pets”*

*Nora Ephron*

## THE FYLDE COASTERS TRAVEL TO NEWARK

Well what can I say, second competition of 2003 held by the Flyers at Newark. Sounds good so far. That's if Les has booked the accommodation! Cheap and cheerful he said, so that's what he got, £15 per person B&B. We set off in rush hour traffic!!! Yes rush hour on the M62. We must be nuts you're thinking, well I think we probably are. Luckily it was plain sailing with just the odd road works to slow us down. We arrived at Newark in 2hrs 40mins. That was the easy bit. We then had to find the Hilton, oops sorry the B&B. Carolyn and Dianne were leading the way (as they had the route map to the door) followed by Les and I in the big red bus. There we were travelling down a street full of semi-detached houses, no B&B signs to be seen. They stopped outside one of the houses and yes they were right, it was the B&B. A rather butch landlady showed us to our rooms. When we asked for breakfast at 7am it didn't really go down well, she said "I don't get up that early normally". She suggested she might manage 7.30am and we all agreed that would do. Well it was warm, clean and the breakfast was very good so we'll let you off this time Les.

We arrived at 8.30am at the showground and it was cold. If I said it was warmer outside than in you'd think no, never. Well trust me, if you don't, then you obviously weren't there. As I walked in to register the team (ok then, hobbled in) all I could see was people's breath, I don't think I have ever been so cold! With the teams registered and the paper work done it was time to race. Racing started promptly and we were 2nd on with the Surfers in Division 4. Dianne on the box and the team ready to race, hold on, wait a minute something's different. Bev (who likes life a little easier and is usually clutching the clip board) was in the line up ready to race Maddy. Why I hear you ask? Where's Carolyn? No - Carolyn was there racing Harvey. So who's missing? Well I thought you'd have guessed by now! It was Romeo, oops sorry Ken (well it was Valentine's weekend. I think you can fill in the rest!) So back to the line up - Bev had in practice volunteered to race Maddy (oh yes you did volunteer didn't you Bev!!!)

Emerys was start dog raced by Pamela (who is now wondering why she had volunteered to race, and was thinking where she could be nice and warm. Next was Maddy raced by Bev (now feeling quite nervous). Then Colin with Trudi who was actually barking (well I heard her once) and Carolyn with Harvey shouting "where's your bally? get your bally" and finally wow, off they went like pro's not a paw wrong, nice and steady. Second leg, quicker than the first but just beaten by the Giga Bytes. Out comes Trudi in goes Gnasher (Quincy, frothing at the mouth and barking like a Loony whilst levitating off the floor) a good run but still pipped at the post.

Race Two and all raced well, Trudi going like a train for that tuggie (no stopping her now) again just pipped at the post. Change of tactics by the manager - in comes the heavy artillery Buzz and Quincy and we steal a leg, and another, a win for the Surfers. Racing going great, the dogs performing well, the time getting quicker. Onto race Three, feeling confident, original line up Emerys, Maddy, Trudi and Harvey, we're in the lead two dogs down, oh no, Trudi doesn't fancy running in this leg and Harvey's weaving in and out of the jumps! Lights flashing on the other side as well, Trudi down, "oh no I'm not, I want to stand and take in the atmosphere". Harvey down again yep he's, oh no, weaving again. This is not agility Harvey! Why is everyone shouting? Still lights on the other side, Carolyn screaming "where's your bally Harvey?" "Mm can get back quicker if I miss out a few jumps and think it would save time (dad would be proud of me saving that time)". Come on Trudie, she's stopped, "mm ok, ok, am going for the ball". We finish with no time but manage to get them all down and back (phew that was hard work! Not sure who for, the dogs or handlers!) Yes, that was only the first leg! Harvey, Trudi out Buzz and Quincy in, we win three straight legs. Race Four, the original line up but Harvey's had enough, "I'm tired and where's my dad?" Buzz in and we were just pipped at the post so Trudi out Quincy in, oh no, Buzz running out taking after Harvey. Trudi back in. Did you follow that?? By the last race neither Trudi nor



Harvey are playing. They have better things to do like sitting on the substitute's bench. Fingers crossed for Buzz as he is back in with Quincy now back on form and we raced well coming in at 5th place.

The Coasters, now that's easier, only four dogs, racing in Div Three, ***Not Div 1 at a seed time of 18.87*** (I knew we'd make up that 4 seconds!) Ready to race, Jed as start followed by TJ, Holly and Emma, who, oh yes, Colin on the box and a good job he did too. (Couldn't quite hear you shouting Colin). Great starts by Carolyn and excellent racing by all the team but couldn't quite shake off the Barkshire Bandidos. Good time of 21.34 and all legs under 22 seconds, think of the points Carolyn and silver heading your way! Race Two and the Killa Bytes pushed us to the limits, won one, lost two, won two. Took it to five legs, the judge checking the times, both teams anticipating the result. We just pipped them at the post. Race Three, we took them by storm having three clear wins under 22 seconds (oh yes, Jed's got the silver now!) Race Four, a change of tactics Carolyn feels Jed's lagging wants to try him 4<sup>th</sup>. "Ok" I say, oh no, this is TJ's first time on the lights. I hate lights, all that timing and precision mmm and we're against the Podextras better get it right! Good start had a foot to play with so Christine assured me, we just lost by a nose. Same with leg two, so it's time to tighten up. Moved that foot forward and you guessed it, got a fairy light. Restart, all on the ball and Jed brought it home with a win. Same with leg four, think we've got them rattled guys? Took them to five legs. Holly and Emma not putting a paw wrong and keeping it under 22 seconds (100 points). Both dogs finish neck and neck, we wait for the judge and yes we lost but only by a whisker. Brilliant racing by both teams. The Coasters really getting it together and racing great. The order running well, able to change without any hiccups (good job you'd been practising fifth dog Carolyn!). The Coasters won Three and lost Two. A great day's racing coming in at 3rd Place, at last a rosette!

## DANIELLE MANN

### I DO IT MY WAY

I confess I cannot begin with FELLOW Flyballers, because difficult as it may be for you to comprehend, I have never stepped, let alone jumped, over a fence in a row leading to a flyball box. No, honestly I haven't but I live with two dogs who have and love it! The same two dogs have also written to you before, namely Cracker and Ellie. You see I thought whilst I have no desire for the former shared activity I reckon I can do as well as those two with the latter and readers this is it.

My wisdom, as I see it, in selecting very carefully any physical activity I partake of, comes with experience, for which I am blessed with plenty. I am in fact a thirteen year old and a self confessed expert in the art of '*when it suits*'. Humans can go and put the kettle on now. Right, let me pass my tips on. Essential to success is knowing when to display certain tendencies. These include feigning deafness when called, if you are investigating something interesting but not when paper rattles or a tin opens. Also you must not be able to focus on a dumbbell if asked to retrieve but be able to clock a favourite toy at a 100 metres (well maybe not that far). You mustn't indicate, your sense of smell can discern a scent-cloth yet show your skill to find a dropped titbit or similar morsel – are you getting the idea? Basically let your human think you are due for retirement and 'Hey' life is wonderful. Another good one is to wobble now and then and struggle if asked to move later than 7.00pm when the house is warm and the family are about. However, I personally overdid the 'arthritis bit' and ended up on medication. 'She' thinks gravy will disguise those pesky pills, but not from yours truly, super sleuth.

Welcome back humble humans, it's been nice chatting. Must go – I've sleep to catch up on!

## TESS (Housemate of two Live Wires)

## PETERSFIELD RESULTS – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Carla Banks

1 <sup>st</sup>	Test Valley Raiders	18.39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	18.92
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.21
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset Dynamo's	19.27
5 <sup>th</sup>	Buccaneers	19.18
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	20.06
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bad Dogs On The Run	19.36

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Maurice Jenkins

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rapidz	18.97
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Extrabuccs	20.34
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.37
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset Devils	22.01
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ball Busters	21.19
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Knights	20.99
7 <sup>th</sup>	Test Valley Rogues	21.22

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Lorraine Fulford

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rapidz Responz	22.04
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sleepless Knights	21.08
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	23.58

4 <sup>th</sup>	Dorset Diamonds	23.18
5 <sup>th</sup>	Malvern Maverick Missiles	23.54
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ball Buster Bandits	23.38

### IF A DOG WERE YOUR TEACHER – you would learn.....

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- When it's in your best interest – practise obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising. Run, romp and play daily.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wiggle your whole body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If it lies buried, dig until you find it.
- Be loyal.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout, run right back and make friends.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



### JACKSON'S THANK YOU

Hi, my name is Jackson and I'm a big bouncy Labrador. I got really sick in November/December last year and my Mum didn't think I was going to pull through. I had bruising down my spine that the vet thought might be a tumor and my liver and kidneys were playing up again (even though all the vets don't know what's wrong)! My Mum was really upset and stressed as she had exams on at the time (typical school).

I'd just like to say Thanks to all the members at Middlesborough and District Flyball Club (the crazy pink people) and especially Sandra Hardy, for all the help and support that they gave my Mum. Especially all the hugs and kisses that got sent, believe me I got 'em.

I'm happy to say I'm back playing Flyball and Agility and I'm definitely back to winding my Mum up! Hopefully for a long time yet. So watch out, I'm back and if you can't look after your sandwiches I'm more than happy to do it for you.

All my love (and sloppy kisses).

### JACKSON and Hazel Kitching

# Your Committee News

Points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2003

*There were ten main items on the Agenda of which I will print just a small part of the proceedings.*

## TRAINING & EDUCATION

Markfield Seminar was reported as a success with very good feedback from the participants. The venue at Markfield was good, the only problem appeared to be that dog exercising only allowed on lead. The possibility of running a weekend with one day 'Team Captains/Trainers' and a second day Judges Seminars in the autumn of 2003 to be investigated. Possible dates of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> October were discussed.

B.F.A. Banners are being produced and should soon be available to Tournament Hosts.

## HEAD JUDGES

Tournament Hosts take note – Applications to become Head Judges were received from Dianne Halsted, Penny Charlton, Val Currie and David Long. They were reviewed and approved.

## SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The 2003 Venues, Dates and Format were confirmed as follows:*

<u>Round</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Host Team</u>
One	31 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> June	York Racecourse	Wakefield Tykes
Two	14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> June	Daventry, Northants	PODS
Three	28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> June	Ashley, Cheshire	The Northern Bytes
Four	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> August	Sharnford, Leics.	Nuneaton Flyers
Five	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> August	Windsor Racecourse	Barkshire Bandits

### ***Format:***

The same as 2002 with the number of Rounds increased from four to five.

The same points system as 2002 with one less that the maximum number of Rounds scores counting at team level.

*i.e.* Any team competing in all five Rounds would forfeit their lowest score.

Teams must compete in a minimum of two Rounds to qualify for inclusion in the Final 'Divisional' placings.

Tied final points results to be decided by the faster time during the Championship.

## INSURANCE

Following Petplan's announcement that they will not renew any Club Insurance Policies from now on, **David Bowles (Wakefield Tykes)** has offered to seek an alternative for BFA Registered Teams. Thanks are due to him for his research and efforts to find a solution to the problem. He was given permission to send a note to all current member Team Captains on this subject.

## FOUR LANES OF 'MAYHEM'

The PODS are considering the possibility of running a Two Day, Four Lane Tournament at Newark in 2004 with the kind assistance of the Nuneaton Flyers.

## **BOX JUDGE, WHO ME? OK THEN, WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?**

Unfortunately this is the sort of comment that has introduced too many of us to the “most exciting” seat in flyball. You sit there for Division after Division, the teams are, “oh so perfect”, and nothing happens. (I will admit that my daughter once relieved me from my Box Judging duties because she noticed that I was dropping off to sleep). And that’s the first thing that should be in the ‘Box Judges notes’ – nothing will happen for ages, but when it does ***YOU ARE A JUDGE*** and the Head Judge will be looking to you for your interpretation of the incident. So you must remain alert! Flyball needs ‘*lerts*’ and when you’re in that seat, you’re it!!!!

The Rules; well I think I’ll say ‘Notes’ and be a little controversial with my list!

1. Are you positioned with a good view of the box loader, but not in a position that will distract or interfere with the dog (if you’re finishing your lunch), I think it could be considered interference.
2. Remember, if a ball bounces off you it is considered still ‘in play’.
3. You are meant to watch for violations in the lane you are Judging even if your team is running in the other lane.
4. On a cold day (it keeps the circulation going), help the team change the jumps to their correct jump height. Always have a quick look down the lane to check all the jumps are the same height, top slats are properly in place and jumps correctly aligned, it’s easy to make a mistake and you’d appreciate it being pointed out if it was your team.
5. ‘The Run’ – Each dog is to hurdle the four jumps in succession, trigger the box and return over all four jumps with the ball in its mouth. You are the only Judge with a box end view of this! Did it all happen correctly?
6. Box malfunction. I used to stand in front of the box and wave my arms, but by the rules I should have told the Box Judge and the heat is stopped (presumably by divine intervention!!).
7. Talking about intervention, I mentioned this a few months back, so you’ll all remember. If the ball bounces back into the cup as the dog tries to catch it, the box loader can reset the box and signal to the dog to push the pedal. All experienced Box Judges will know that this happens two or three times every tournament, so watch out for it all you trainees.
8. Before the start of each heat remember to keep an eye on the Judge, they may be waiting for a wave from you, indicating you are ready.
9. If there is an infringement and you give the Line Judge a wave, if you can see a fault light come on that’s fine, if in doubt, check after the heat. You could always ask them to wave back to show that they’ve seen you.
10. The loader should remain in an upright position behind the box, except when loading, and may only give verbal encouragement. (except for 7 above).
11. Ensure the dog triggers the box and takes the ball. If the dog arrives with a ball in it’s mouth, but exchanges it for the one in the box, this is OK. This can be a real challenger if the dog turns away from you on the box.
12. A dog can drop a ball on its run as long as it picks it up again before it crosses the next jump, read note 5 again.
13. Did each dog of that heat actually trigger the box?
14. Although it’s more a convention than a rule, is the bucket of balls behind the backboards. If a dog noses the ball off the box, they may find it easier to steal a ball from the bucket, rather than retrieve their ball. So a little bit of tidiness, could also win the race. Could be worth pointing out to a novice team.
15. Remember when you are sat there, you are the BOX JUDGE. If in any doubt, have a word with the line judge or the person stood in the middle, the Head Judge.

## NEW MEMBERS

Nicola Williamson	Greetland Grasshoppers	Daren Andrews	Live Wires
Jackie Smith	Break-Aways	Carol Ford	Live Wires
Michael Wilson	Dodgers	Jo Greenhough	Ace's High
Samantha Deegan	Border Patrol (UK)	Lynda Minich	Hillam Hot Dogs
Peter & Lynn Franklin	Ball Busters	Valerie Metcalf	Dorset Dynamo's
Darren Fieldhouse	Greetland Grasshoppers	Sue Smith	Buccaneers
Rachel & Mark Child	Break-Aways	Melissa Frewin	Dorset Dynamo's
Hannah Cook	Yorkshire Bouncers	Richard Holmes	Dorset Dynamo's
Sian Nicholas	The Jumping Jacks	Lyn Underhill	Escargoes
Spencer Brown	The Jumping Jacks	Beulah Cornes	Flying Colours
Melissa Moore	Border Patrol (UK)	Debbie Woods	Live Wires
Marion Bell	Bristol Ball-istics	Amanda Hunter	Live Wires
Christopher Farris	Sheffield Speeders	Sharon Sim	Ball Busters
Patricia Biricz	Whiterose Wagtails	Sharon Tyrrell	Crazy Cannons
Samantha Wright	Dog Friendly Flyers	Celia Anderson	Wakefield Tykes
Moira Chester	Dog Friendly Flyers	Andrew Denton	Flying Colours
Christina Griffith	Dog Friendly Flyers	Pamela Blamey	Snatch 'n' Grab
Michael Paradise	Test Valley Raiders	Jayne Mason	Break-Aways
Joanna Taylor	Whiterose Wagtails	Martin & Anna Dore	Bad Dog Racers
Craig Dawe	Whiterose Wagtails	James & Andrew Dore	Bad Dog Racers
Alan & Lynda Taylor	Whiterose Wagtails	Susan Holton	Red Dragons
David Vowles	Blackpool Super Nova	Carolyn Holtappel	Red Rose Rockets
Vicky Lawson	Lincolnshire Leapers	Nathan Holtappel	Red Rose Rockets
Joan & Mick Hodge	Four In The Fast Lane	Jade Greenwood	Red Rose Rockets
Alison Aubrey-Wilson	Whiterose Wagtails	Ken & Chris Goodall	Hillam Hot Dogs
Jakob Aubrey-Wilson	Whiterose Wagtails	Mark Hawthorne	Bad Dog Racers
Kim Heptinstall	Whiterose Wagtails	June Ramsdale	Crazy Cannons
Garry Cawson	Whiterose Wagtails	Daniel Moss	Crazy Cannons
Lizzie & Scott Merryman	Sheffield Speeders	Karen Green	PODS
Linda Cater	Four In The Fast Lane	Tim Stanbrook	Test Valley Raiders
Gemma Haycock	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	David Huntington	PODS
Eileen Wake	Four In The Fast Lane		



## NEW TEAMS

**Escargoes**

**Doncaster Belle Stars**    *Doncaster Northern Stars*    *Doncaster Swift Stars*    *Doncaster Mixed Stars*

**Four In The Fast Lane**

**Dog Friendly Flyers**    *Dog Friendly Racers*

**Daventry Bumbles**    *Daventry Stingers*

## MARKET HARBOROUGH RESULTS – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dave Long

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	17.81
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PODS	18.55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolf Pack	18.76
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	18.78
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	18.79
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	20.48

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Mark Ripley

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.28
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	19.71
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bandidos	20.05
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	20.82
5 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	20.14
6 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Bytes	20.74

### DIVISION THREE – Judge John Blackford

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODextras	20.69
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.62
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yorkshire Racers	20.94
4 <sup>th</sup>	Killa Bytes	21.54
5 <sup>th</sup>	Giga Bytes	22.96
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flying Colours	22.06

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Penny Charlton

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greeny Grasshoppers	23.12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wolverines	22.82
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nova Next Generation	22.41
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mega Bytes	23.16
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Cubs	29.95
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flying Reds	NFC

## MARKET HARBOROUGH RESULTS – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Ann Alcock

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODsters	18.34
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mad 4 Mutts	18.21
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PODlets	18.46
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	18.62
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.49
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.29

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Diane Hulsted

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODantics	19.73
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Live Wires	20.11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Red Rose Rockets	20.72
4 <sup>th</sup>	Training 4 Mutts	20.02
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Dodgers	NFC

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	Crazy Cannons	21.06
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Crazy Crusaders	20.97
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Border Patrol	21.34
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wires-R-Us	21.93
5 <sup>th</sup>	Break Aways	22.37
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Coasters	21.77

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	Crazy Crossbows	22.58
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	22.22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclones	22.24
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wires Connection	22.34
5 <sup>th</sup>	Break Necks	25.48
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Surfers	26.13

## JUDGES REPORTS – Market Harborough 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2003

What fun, what excitement, what grey hairs! Division Four is always INTERESTING and this day was no different as we had dogs that wouldn't go, dogs that wouldn't come and dogs that wanted to do it all.

The Crazy Crossbows were on top form and had a good tidy outfit running well. Ballistic Missiles welcomed back Betty & Alan with Jenny who won many legs on her speedy returns. Well done to Amba from the Cyclones for a brave effort as a new dog to the Nuneaton Teams. A few mistakes when she was tired at the end of the day but she will be a cracker when she's experienced.

Wire Connections, Break Aways & Fylde Surfers all learnt from mistakes and were able to enjoy the competition, even winning some heats. It was great fun judging such good Flyball racers.

### SAM BAWDEN

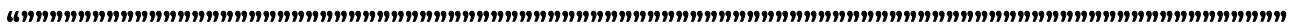
**DIVISION THREE – Market Harborough – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2003**

What a lovely Division to judge. All the teams were efficient and the box loaders were even anticipating my signals. Most of the races went to three legs, but for all that, racing was close. The final race was for the First Place decider between the two ‘pink’ teams and went to five exciting heats, leaving, the Crazy Cannons as winners but the Crazy Crusaders had the consolation of running the Divisions fastest time of the day.

Today was also my first appointment as Head Judge and in true PODS style I was given every opportunity to experience the duties of that position, knowing support was on hand should I need it. Thanks PODS.

The whole day’s racing went smoothly with no run offs and a prompt finish, which made clearing up a relaxed affair. My thanks to all the teams.

**VAL CURRIE**



**FLYBALL UPS AND DOWNS**

There must be something special about Flyball. I mean, for what other reason would you get up before four in the morning. Drive for hours through the worst weather conditions, come up against a closed motorway and get advice from your team which would land you in Bristol (a very nice city but a long way from Market Harborough). If you should ever need directions don’t ask us!

By hook or by miracle we arrived in time, very relaxed and ready to race. I still hadn’t had my caffeine fix. Now a little background is required. The Coasters were running a new dog and line-up, this should be good. The Surfers had six dogs, four of which had never raced at a sanctioned show before, just a few starter races last year. The potential for disaster was there for all to see.

Let’s start with the Surfers as they raced first. We started with Emerys, Maddy, Trudie and Harvey and do you know the first couple of legs were perfect (slow but perfect). Trudie then played her female card and we all had to wait - Trudie out and in comes Buzz producing a final clean leg. So we lost that race three one but all the dogs were running amazingly well. The rest of the Surfers’ races followed a similar pattern, Quincy came in and injected a bit of pace and a lot of excitement running fifth dog following Harvey (no one follows Harvey)! We ended the day with no race wins, a feeling of ecstasy, two run outs from Harvey, three legs won, the first points for four team members, five races lost and six happy dogs. I can relax now and enjoy some box loading. By the way Dianne did a smashing job on the box (the cards seemed to work).

The Coasters welcomed Holly into the team and looked forward with anticipation to Jed getting his Silver Award. Let’s get excuses out of the way first. Holly and Emma are just coming back from being spayed, they haven’t even practised since their operations. Jed has had his feet up in front of the fire too much over Christmas and Carolyn was running as start dog for the first time. TJ was the only one fully fit. The first race against the Live Wires went well, we won three-one (that’s 100 points – oh no it isn’t, the times were over 22 seconds). From that high point we didn’t manage a win although some close racing could have gone either way. The dogs ran well, passing was good and apart from one bloomer when Carolyn let Jed go before the light sequence started, starts were okay. The only problem was time but that will improve, won’t it Les.

We’ve never run so well and won so little. It’s my fault, I keep my rosettes on a notice board at work and had just taken them down in the Christmas housecleaning. When asked why I’d done it my smart ass reply was “to make room for this year’s”. Never-the-less we were all smiles on our way home, a great day’s racing and a bright light at the end of our tunnel and Jed will get his award next time!!!!!!

**KEN BOLAND (FYLDE COASTERS)**

## **DIVISION ONE – Market Harborough – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2003**

I was somewhat ‘thrown in at the deep end’ when Delia asked me if I’d Judge Division One. Up until this point I had only judged on one or two occasions and in lower divisions. I was very concerned that I’d either forget something vital or worst of all make wrong decisions. In the event I needn’t have worried, it was a real pleasure to judge those six teams.

The racing was of an excellent standard from all the teams in this division. Amazingly the top three teams had just 1/5<sup>th</sup> second separating them – less than a blink of an eye!

Everything went like clockwork except for the anchor dog of the Mad 4 Mutts team, who would insist on missing out the final hurdle to go and join the opposition. It was a brilliant little dog and if he (or she) had been more consistent they could have won the competition.

### **ANNE ALCOCK**

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#### **CHARLIE’S LATEST ADVENTURE at MARKET HARBOROUGH**

Mum up at the crack of dawn on a Saturday – can only mean one thing – FLYBALL!

Yep, harnesses at the ready, I put my head through and lift my leg in and Mum does the rest. Big brother does the same, car packed and we’re off. Much later we arrived at Market Harborough, lots of cars, that means lots of other dogs and lots of Flyball.

A quick trip onto the grass for – well you know – and then Flyball. Well it did not happen just like that ‘cos I had to go back in the car and big brother got out. Boy, was he excited, shouting all the way to the racing. He had a great time, he had been with Megan, Lily, Jonesey and Missy. He didn’t care whether they had won or lost he really enjoyed himself.

My turn at last, Bob, Jade, Poppy, the new boy Alfie and myself had such fun racing the other teams. We didn’t want to stop but the weather was good and we could go and play outside for a while. That photographer man Ian----- (I think he is Bob’s Dad) took pictures of all us dogs and a few handlers. Can’t wait to see them.

At the end of the day Mum went in for the presentations and came back with a red rosette for big brother, a red rosette for me and a fabulous green one with my name in the middle. As if that wasn’t enough she also had a lovely certificate in a silver frame for me. Yes, I had gained 10,000 points (not bad for a dog that wouldn’t pick up a tennis ball). Mum was overjoyed with this and carefully packed it into the car for the return journey.

On the long trip home I couldn’t sleep, so I kept sitting up to make sure we were going in the right direction. We had all had a brilliant time so THANK YOU everybody and all you dogs for a lovely day out.

#### **CHARLIE ( & Christine Redfern )**

THANK YOU to everyone who has anything to do with Flyball.  
Especially the Grættland Grasshoppers.  
Without you we would not have got that wonderful Certificate for Charlie.  
Who would have believed it when we first started that he would gain  
10,000 points and the B.F.A. Silver Award.

CHRISTINE REDFERN

*To all Tournament Hosts  
The PODS have purchased the lights from the Tornados.  
Any enquiries re booking them contact Jean or Neil Meeking  
Tel. 01604 585526 e.mail – meeking9s@btopenworld.com*





# British Flyball Association

## Annual General Meeting

Held at

Beoley, Worcs. on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Once again we must thank the members of the Wolf Pack for organising the venue and providing the Lunch. Approximately 85 members attended and for those who didn't make it, the minutes will be available on our Web Site or you can get them from our B.F.A. Secretary. For those who were there it was sad accepting the fact that Roy, Graham & Robert were standing down but we are very grateful to the new Committee for putting themselves at the 'sharp' end for the year 2003 to 2004.

For the second year the most contentious discussion was over the proposal to revert to the maximum jump height of 16". The long deliberation for and against was enthusiastic and sometimes quite heated but after the vote, the rule remains unchanged, with the maximum height at 14". At least until next year!!!

As the weather was good both dogs and handlers enjoyed the very adequate exercise area.

### THE B.F.A. COMMITTEE 2003-2004

Chairman	Peter Roberts	(PODS)
Vice Chairman	David Long	(Nuneaton Flyers)
Secretary	Penny Charlton	(Barkshire Bandits)
Treasurer	Betty Potts	(Yorkshire Bouncers)
Records & Statistics Co-ordinator & Show Secretary	Doreen Smith	(The Northern Bytes)
	Alison Booth	(Wakefield Tykes)
	Dianne Halsted	(Fylde Coasters)

Records & Statistics Co-ordinator  
& Show Secretary



### OTHER OFFICERS

Regional Representatives co-ordinator	Vanessa Haith
Membership Secretary	Graham Nye
Flyball Record Editor	Jean Meeking
Awards Secretary	Sam Bawden
Webmaster	Nigel Bouckley



### NEW VIRUS DISCOVERED

#### *C-Nile Virus*

Just got this from a 'reliable' source. It seems that there is a virus out there called the C-Nile Virus that even the most advanced Anti-Virus programs cannot take care of, so be warned!

It appears to affect those of us who were born before 1964!

#### *Symptoms of C-Nile Virus*

1. Causes you to send same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send to wrong person.
4. Causes you to send back to person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to wonder who all the people in your address book are!

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## OUR AMY

*Amy is the Bandits' star  
Always giving her best by far.  
In every race she gives her all  
Whether the jumps are big or small.*

*Fyson and Taylor are Amy's sons  
Between them they've produced our fastest runs.  
Although Fyson is a brainless thing  
Taylor's a whizz in the obedience ring.*

*Amy is our PLATINUM girl  
Who ends each race in a frantic twirl  
She really is the Bandits' queen  
As platinum points are rarely seen*

*Dear Amy and her special Mum Sue  
Without them what would our club do?  
The Bandits' Love them so very much  
We're so glad they're part of us!*

*Congratulations Amy on gaining 25,000 points from all the Berkshire Bandits*

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Our Vice Chairman gives his undivided attention to the meeting!



Our new Treasurer tries to balance the books by checking the sweeping up for any loose change!!!

## THE B.F.A. DIARY 2003

Key - C.I.D = Closing date for entry O = Open LO = Limited Open M = Multibreed LM = Limited\_Multibreed

<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eggborough</b>	Yorkshire Bouncers	<b>LO</b> (24 Teams)
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eggborough</b>	Yorkshire Bouncers	<b>LO</b> (24 Teams)
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eggborough</b>	Yorkshire Bouncers	<b>LM</b> (24 Teams)
	Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Romsey, Hampshire</b>	K9'ers	<b>LM</b> (12 Teams)
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Romsey, Hampshire</b>	K9'ers	<b>LO</b> (24 Teams)
	Contact – <i>Steve Whatley Tel. 01702 554213</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>York Racecourse Summer Champ.</b> Wakefield Tykes		<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Alison Booth Tel. 01977 795156</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>June 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sharnford, Leics.</b>	Nuneaton Flyers	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Daventry, Northants. Summer Champ.</b>	PODS	<b>Open</b>
	Contact - <i>Delia Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Nostell Priory, Yorks.</b>	Melton Rovers	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>June Bass Tel. 01664 500327</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>June 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Birtles Farm, Cheshire Summer Champ.</b>	Northern Bytes	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>July 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Askham Bryan, Yorks.</b>	Wakefield Tykes	<b>LO</b> (24 Teams)
	Contact – <i>Alison Booth Tel. 01977 795156</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>July 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saul, South Glos.</b>	Bristol Ball-istics	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Louise Perkins Tel. 0117 9565562</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stanlake Meadow, Twyford</b>	Barkshire Bandits	<b>LO</b> (24 Teams)
	Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Melton Mowbray, Leics.</b>	Melton Rovers	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>June Bass Tel. 01664 500327</i>		<b>CL.D</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Anglesey</b>	PODS	<b>Open</b>
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Anglesey</b>	PODS	<b>Multibreed</b>
<b>July 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Anglesey</b>	PODS	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Delia Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>		<b>CL.D</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Birtles Farm, Cheshire</b>	The Northern Bytes	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>		<b>CL.D</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>August 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sharnford Leics. Summer Champ.</b>	Nuneaton Flyers	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>August 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Windsor Racecourse Summer Champ.</b>	Barkshire Bandits	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Camperdown Country Park, Scotland</b>	Clatto Clangers	<b>Open</b>
	Contact – <i>Alison Moyes Tel. 01382 669892</i>		<b>C.I.D</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> July

<b>August 23/24/25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Measham, Surrey</b> Contact – <i>June Bass</i> Tel. 01664 500327	Melton Rovers	Open CL.D 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stoneleigh Country Fayre</b> Contact – <i>Judy Parker</i> Tel. 02476 404266	PODS ( <i>To be confirmed</i> )	LO (24 Teams)
<b>August 30/31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Odiham, Hants</b> Contact – <i>Sarah North</i> Tel. 01189 328821	Buccaneers ( <i>To be confirmed</i> )	Open
<b>September 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Birtles Farm, Cheshire</b> Contact – <i>Doreen Smith</i> Tel. 0161 494 0787	The Northern Bytes	Open CL.D 5 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>September 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>West Hougham</b> Contact – <i>Roger Aird</i> Tel. 01303 240584	Shooting Stars	Open CL.D 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grappenhall, Warrington</b> Contact – <i>Anne Alcock</i> Tel. 01925 267274	Live Wires	LO (24 Teams) CL.D 16 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>September 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paddock Wood, Kent</b> Contact – <i>Steve Whatley</i> Tel. 01702 554231	K9'ers	LO (24 Teams) CL.D 13 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>September 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eggborough</b> <b>Eggborough</b> Contact – <i>Betty Potts</i> Tel. 01757 703233	Yorkshire Bouncers Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (24 Teams) LO (24 Teams) CL.D 29 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>November 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Newark</b> <b>Newark</b> Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison</i> Tel. 01827 707293	Nuneaton Flyers Nuneaton Flyers	LO (24 Teams) LO (24 Teams) CL.D 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Would all Tournament Organisers please make sure they have approval from the Show Secretary before issuing Schedules.**

### **BELLE the BOUNCER**

My name is Belle and I am a member of the Yorkshire Bouncers and have been for nearly a year now. I really love Flyball and my Mum takes me to tournaments every month so I can meet up with my doggy pals and do some serious competing. When those lights change I really fly, well who wouldn't when I get some nice freshly cooked turkey just for fetching a ball back.

We went somewhere called Market Harborough the other week. Great tournament, lots of competition and racing. I think we did really well especially as the team only had four dogs so we were all ready for our bedtime on the way home dreaming of Flyball. Although we never got one of those nice fancy things that Mum puts on the wall, she said we did really well and Auntie Betty would have been proud of us.

After we had finished Flyball racing we had to wait for the results and also the certificates (she puts them on the wall too)! I don't really know what all the fuss was about but my Mum thought the wait was worth it 'cos I got my BFA Flyball Dog Intermediate and she was over the moon. I am the first ever Bouncer to get this certificate and in under a year too.

I want to THANK the Bouncers for helping me get this certificate and also my Mum, without her I wouldn't get to do what I love and do best. So thanks everyone and here's to the next certificate.

**BELLE (& Debbie Holding)**

## Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 15<sup>th</sup> April 2003

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
1	Bad Dog Racers	053	17.30
2	PODS	015	17.55
3	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.81
4	The Jumping Jacks	022	17.96
5	Test Valley Raiders	045	18.12
6	Mad 4 Mutts	054D	18.21
7	Melton Rovers	035	18.30
8	PODlings	015D	18.34
9	PODlets	015A	18.46
10	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.62
11	PODsters	015F	18.75
12	Wolf Pack	050	18.76
13	Dodgers	078	18.78
14	Buccaneers	025	18.79
15	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.79
16	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.79
17	Dorset Dynamo's	088	18.86
18	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	18.92
19	Rapidz	082	18.97
20	PODantics	015G	19.09
21	Nuneaton Bees	051A	19.09
22	Bad Dogs on the Run	053F	19.12
23	Bristol Ball-istics	018	19.21
24	Snatch 'n' Grab	083	19.24
25	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	19.28
26	Wakefield Tykes	046	19.36
27	Sheffield Sprinters	058A	19.62
28	W'boro Red Wellies	067	19.71
29	Blackpool Super Nova	063	19.76
30	Shooting Stars	001	19.77
31	Lincolnshire Leapers	062	19.91
32	Bad Dog Chancers	053D	19.92
33	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	19.97
34	Trying 4 Mutts	054G	20.02
35	The Knights	036	20.04
36	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	20.05
37	Bassett Allsorts	011	20.06
38	Red Rose Rockets	093	20.09
39	Live Wires	069	20.11
40	Extrabuccs	025A	20.12
41	Yorkshire Bouncers	052	20.14
42	Test Valley Rogues	045A	20.28
43	PODlers	015B	20.35

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
44	Maple Leaf Rockies	049B	20.37
45	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	20.54
46	Wakefield Terrortykes	046A	20.55
47	PODextras	015H	20.63
48	The Northern Bytes	027	20.64
49	Buccaroos	025B	20.66
50	Border Patrol (UK)	023	20.70
51	Wire R-Us	069B	20.71
52	Grey Wolves	050F	20.79
53	Yorkshire Racers	052B	20.94
54	Crazy Crusaders	081D	20.97
55	The Killa Bytes	027B	21.00
56	Yorkshire Leapers	052C	21.01
57	Crazy Cannons	081	21.06
58	Sleepless Knights	036B	21.08
59	Ball Busters	043	21.11
60	Fylde Coasters	038	21.34
61	Dorset Devils	088B	21.36
62	The Giga Bytes	027E	21.36
63	Whiterose Bushytails	060A	21.37
64	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	21.64
65	Nova Next Generation	063C	21.67
66	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	018E	21.69
67	Rapidz Responz	082D	21.76
68	Crazy Crossbows	081C	21.83
69	Extra Pack	050C	21.85
70	Flying Colours	064	22.06
71	Underdogs	085	22.07
72	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	22.22
73	Nuneaton Cyclone	051B	22.24
74	Wire Connection	069C	22.34
75	Break-Aways	090	22.37
76	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	22.43
77	Hillam Hot Shots	086A	22.62
78	Wolverines	050D	22.68
79	Dorset Diamonds	088A	22.85
80	Sheffield Sparklers	058B	22.95
81	The Mega Bytes	027A	23.16
82	Ball Buster Bandits	043B	23.38
83	Malvern Maverick Missiles	077C	23.54
84	Scallywags	059	23.57
85	Fylde Surfers	038B	23.89
86	Break-Necks	090A	25.48

## THE PEARL AWARD

**Blue** of the Buccaneers Flyball Team has become the first dog in the B.F.A. to receive the PEARL AWARD, 30,000 points, a great honour for him and his owners, Andrew and Liz Payne.

Blue has come a long way from the problem dog that he was eleven years ago. Blue came from the local dog warden who had found him wandering the streets (it took over a week for the dog warden to catch him). Andrew paid just £35.00 for the dog with the ice blue eyes. Blue had many problems when he first arrived, but perseverance and patience have worked wonders and Blue is now a much loved and loyal member of the family.

Blue tried Obedience and Agility before turning to Flyball, but although he enjoyed both Obedience and Agility he has excelled at Flyball. Blue has been on the cover of 'The Royal Welsh Show' programme and appeared on television during his long career both with the Vikings and the Buccaneers. He was the first dog to gain 20,000 points, and the award for gaining this was duly named after him.

Over the past eight weeks Blue has been very poorly. Hopefully he will go on to make a full recovery and once again be able to enjoy being part of a team. If he is able, he will share the odd half-day's racing with his stable mate Sheena. Retirement may well be on the cards for him and if so, he will once again become a full time family pet and companion.

**Sheena** of the Buccaneers was awarded the 'BLUE' award, 20,000 points, at the B.F.A. Annual General Meeting. A very proud moment for Andrew & Liz Payne, especially as the award was named after Sheena's stable mate Blue.

The only team and family to have two BLUE AWARDS –  
some achievement, I'm sure you agree.

## **A Sad Goodbye to 'Jess' Payne**



The little tri-coloured working sheepdog who took to agility 'like a duck to water', and took Andrew from Elementary to Senior in just six months. Jess was very much a one-man dog and Andrew was 'the apple of her eye', she would do anything he asked and always gave 110 + . She was well known on the agility circuit and was a finalist in the prestigious 'Royal Canine Masters' final; also qualifying twice for the 'Vitapet Golden Oldies' final, held at Stoneleigh.

Jess was a very fast agility dog and Andrew found it increasingly hard to keep up with her, so they tried their hand at Flyball. It was the start of a long career for them both.

Jess was the last surviving member of the 'original' Vikings Flyball Team. Her finest hour in Flyball was when she was a member of the Vikings Team that beat the Crufts winning team of the year, the famous 'Dartford All Blacks'.

Sadly time takes its toll and Jess was given sleep on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003, at the age of fourteen and a half.

Much missed by all who knew and loved her, the little tri-coloured Working Sheepdog with a heart of gold. **Sleep well Jess**

## WARRINGTON RESULTS – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2003

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODS	17.94
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PODsters	18.65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	18.79
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.37
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Tykes	19.41
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rapidz	19.94

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Howard Campbell

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	19.43
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PODantics	19.37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	19.64
4 <sup>th</sup>	Live Wires	19.35
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	19.99
6 <sup>th</sup>	PODlers	20.88

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Dianne Halford

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	20.36
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northern Bytes	19.62
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.15
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wires R-Us	21.53
6 <sup>th</sup>	Killa Bytes	21.30

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Alison Booth

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nova Next Generation	20.64
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fylde Coasters	19.79
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flying Colours	21.37
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	22.92
5 <sup>th</sup>	Giga Bytes	23.85
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wolverines	26.80

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Maria Brennan

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wire Connection	22.67
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peas in a POD	22.37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blackpool Quasars	24.54

4 <sup>th</sup>	Peta Bytes	36.50
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mega Bytes	NFC
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Surfers	NFC

## STARTERS

### Judge - Robert Allen/Hazel Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thors Paws	21.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Dragons	21.38
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wire Springs	20.09
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wires A-Live	20.45
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Starlets	27.77
6 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Nova	29.16

### Judge – June Hunter

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thors Raiders	22.27
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fylde Hor Dogs	25.70
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wannabee Colours	25.97
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Cubs	26.74
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Wires	25.33
6 <sup>th</sup>	Green Dragons	34.09

### THE LUCY LOCKET TROPHY

This is an idea we gained from June and Terry Hunter who belong to the T-Keilor Flyball Team in Australia and are both Judges over there. They were in the UK and were our visitors for the day and helped to judge one of our Starter Divisions.

*The competition is run at many Australian events and was awarded to the CLUB who has the highest percentage of wins on the day.*

*The Trophy is in memory of 'Lucy' who belonged to Jacqui Litherland. Lucy, who was seven, raced for the Live Wires top team until January this year. Two weeks after her last Tournament at Market Harborough she suddenly took ill and had to be 'put to sleep'. Jacqui's pet name for her was Lucy Lockett. She is missed but will never be forgotten.*

The RESULTS were:-



1 <sup>st</sup>	Thors Rovers	83%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	74%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fylde Coasters	70%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	61%
	PODS	61%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flying Colours	59%





## JUDGES REPORT - WARRINGTON 13<sup>th</sup> April 2003

I've never judged Division One before and I wasn't supposed to be judging today, but due to unforeseen circumstances Doreen Smith was running in Division Five while Division One was taking place. Some bright spark (Sam Bawden!) had worked out that I was the only Head Judge at the Tournament not running a dog in either of those Divisions.

I was asked whilst running my dog in Division Two, so you can imagine my brain wasn't exactly in gear for judging the next Division. To add to our problems we had difficulty finding folk to be Line Judges, as those who could, were running their dogs. Eventually, we compromised with some instruction given before handlers had to run their dogs. My grateful THANKS to those brave people, who although inexperienced, did their very best in difficult circumstances.

The Division was quite eventful, with the most distressing being a Rapidz dog breaking a leg/foot. PODsters kindly agreed to postpone that race until later in the day. The wind did it's best to uproot everything, with gazebos trying to go in all directions and we had one or two minor queries. However, there was some good close racing, with the lead changing during legs and some close finishes. Sheffield Speeders ran some good clean races and were always quick to be ready to run, finishing Third with a fastest time very close to the second placed team. The Tykes and Grasshoppers were closely matched with the Tykes last little dog putting in a splendid effort and sometimes crossing the line first.

Everything (as it was supposed to be) hinged on the last race between PODS and PODsters, with the PODS finishing First. PODsters and Rapidz completed their unfinished race from the morning with some change to the Rapidz team, what a brave lot they were. We were and of course still are most concerned for the injured dog and everyone in the Rapidz team. (Hope the baby hasn't decided to make an early arrival as a result).

### VAL CURRIE

## CONGRATULATIONS

**the first members of the PODS FLYBALL TEAM to reach 20,000 points**

**and the B.F.A. 'ICE BLUE MOON' AWARD**

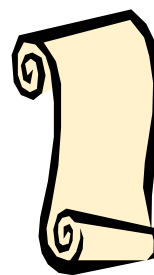
**Jean Meeking & CHICA achieved in January at Market Harborough**

**Peter Roberts & STARLITE achieved in March at Market Harborough**

**Our THANKS to Sam for the lovely cake and Val for the Champagne. Also to every member of the PODS Flyball Team for all their hard work and support. After all we couldn't have reached this goal without the rest of the team.**

*During the last six months other PODS have achieved the following Awards;*

Judy Parker & Bobby	gained B.F.A. Silver Award
Delia Roberts & Alice	gained FD Advanced
Vanessa Averty & Starsky	gained FD Intermediate
Peter Roberts & Ben	gained FD Intermediate
Tina Eason & Kally	gained FD Intermediate
Matthew Hardwick & Tara	gained FD Intermediate
Sarah Mabbutt & Tanner	gained FD Intermediate
Alison Bright & Blenheim	gained FD Intermediate
Val Currie & Smudge	gained FD & FD Intermediate



*Well done to Rogan, 2002 Flyball Dog of the year & Cassie Third place in Best WS/BC and the PODS Flyball Team for winning the 2002 Special Team Award*

## WHEN A WORM TURNS .....

Naturally we all have 'dizzy blonde' moments but this has got to be a classic.

One of our team, who for reasons of future credibility should remain anonymous, a few months ago bought two pups from a farm. Needless to say they had the usual infestation of worms and also a good few fleas. The fleas were dealt with immediately on arrival home, the worms proved a little more of a problem and as there were several other dogs in the house resulted in a **very** expensive trip to the Vets to treat them.

All appeared well until two days ago when on clearing up in the garden there was an enormous round worm present again..... full of righteous indignation that the treatment had not worked, the worm was collected, washed under the garden tap (I presume for presentation purposes), deposited in a plastic bag and an appointment demanded with the Vet.

The dogs were transported to the surgery, along with the worm. Naturally the Vet initially wanted to see the culprit in the plastic bag and on close inspection confirmed the dog had.....  
***eaten an elastic band!!!!***

Anyone interested in finding out who it was – just ask someone in orange and black and they will tell you!!!!

But not Pam because she will be embarrassed.

**Submitted anonymously by a member of the Nuneaton group so as to protect my place in the team.**

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to all members who sent in their 1<sup>st</sup> April renewals early as this eases administration considerably.

A reminder to those who may have overlooked their renewal, by the time you read these notes, it will cost them an extra £2.50 to re-join. Failure to include this joining/re-joining fee continues to be the single most frequent cause of delay in the processing of new and lapsed renewal membership applications.

### PRIMARY TEAM RENEWALS

A reminder to Primary Team Captains that failure to pay the £2.00 fee to retain their place on the Tournament Schedule List may result in them not being sent Show Schedules from May onwards.

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### CAN YOU HELP?

*Dale is eight years old and since the sad loss of his partner, Emma, four years ago, has spent all his time in a small compound. No grass (just gravel), one small tree and some old tyres to play with.*

*Has anyone got a long thin aquarium fitted out with jumps and a box to give our poor goldfish a bit of fun.*

**NEIL**

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	31 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> June	York Racecourse	Wakefield Tykes
	14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> June	Daventry, Northants	PODS
	28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> June	Ashley, Cheshire	The Northern Bytes
	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> August	Sharnford, Leics.	Nuneaton Flyers
	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> August	Windsor Racecourse	Barkshire Bandits
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