

Safe for the moment, Santa made a mental note to put number 41's dog on his 'naughty' list.

# From the BFA Committee and Officers

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# Greetings Flyballers

When Jean decided she would like to retire from editing the Record, another member of our team suggested I might like to do it. At the time I was still teaching and really didn't feel I would have the time until I retired. Jean kindly agreed to carry on for a while if I was appointed, so here I am.

Most of you already seem to know me but perhaps don't know much about me. I was introduced to interesting doggie activities at Olympia (horse mad daughters!) while I was 'watching the bags' during non-horsey items. It was the first time I had seen any agility and I was hooked. However I didn't feel our aged red setter was suitable material for agility so it was a little while before I got started.

A few years down the line, my friend Audrey persuaded me to go to a training day organised by Peter and Delia. I told her I didn't want a 'hyper dog' but that day turned me into the 'flyball fanatic' that I am today!

It changed my life completely. I have met and made friends with so many wonderful people. Every weekend produces moments of hilarity and of course that all-important buzz of close racing.

The Summer Championship in September produced all those things I love most about flyball, fantastic atmosphere, helpfulness and the close racing in all the divisions.

I would like to thank all those folk who responded to my plea at Sutton Fields for more material. Don't forget my need for the next issue starts **now**. Don't leave it to the last minute, my folder awaits your contributions.

Finally, my eternal thanks to Jean and Neil for the help and support they have given me. How Jean managed her first issue on her own four years ago I'll never know. I am learning new skills all the time, get a real buzz when I achieve something new, but the air does go blue when I realise I don't know what I did to get there!



Ed.

## **OUR FIRST NIGHT UNDER CANVAS**

Usually we have to go to flyball shows and back in one day and do not get a chance to stay over.

But this year, at Saul, we got the chance to camp and took the opportunity. I thought it would be something different for us. I would not have to dash off home but could take the chance to relax and take in my surroundings.

On Saturday morning we set off. A tent, a sun lounger for a bed that I thought would be more comfortable, three dogs and me. Saturday was slightly wet but what's a couple of thunderstorms between friends, any way it was nice that we could take shelter in the tent. After flyball on Saturday evening Anne, Doreen and I strolled to the local pub for something to eat and a nice chat. It was a pleasant relaxing evening. On our return the site was quiet after the hubbub of the day and after walking the dogs round we all retired for the night.

Now at this point it may be well to mention that the sun lounger had not been used for sometime. It may well have struggled under my weight but mine and two dogs proved somewhat too much. Part way during the night I awoke to hear "ping" then "ping" and yet again "ping". Realisation slowly dawned that, not only was my bottom starting to sink slowly in the West but also as the lounger folded, my legs and head were looking forward to meeting each other in the not too distant future. Having extricated myself, the dogs were left to fend for themselves, I had to make us comfortable minus the lounger, which I succeeded in doing. Once again I retired for the night only to be hit by claustrophobia, I put this down to the folding lounger. So I rushed to open the tent and put my head out in the gently pouring rain.

Eventually I managed to get some well earned sleep. When I woke in the morning I found myself staring into two big laughing brown eyes looking at me saying "That was fun mum, can we do it again sometime?" Well may be Merlin.

Thank you Bristol Ballistics for an enjoyable, if eventful weekend.

VAL STEVENS (Wolf Pack)

## THE CHRISTMAS WATCHDOG

Tonight's my first night as a watchdog, And here it is **Christmas Eve**. The chil dren are sl eeping al L cozy upstairs, Whil e I'm guarding the stockin's and tree.

What's that now – footsteps on the rooftop? Could it be a cat or a mouse? Who's this down the chimney? A thief with a beard, And a big sack for robbin' the house?

I'm barkin', I'm growl in', I'm bitin' his butt. He howl s and j umps back in his sl eigh. I scare his strange horses, they I eap in the air, I've frightened the whol e bunch away.

Now the house is all peaceful and quiet again, The stockin's are safe as can be. Won't the kiddies be gl ad when they wake up tomorrow, And see how I've guarded the tree?!





## ANGLESEY RESULTS – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2004

### **DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith**

$1^{st}$	Maple Leafs	17.22
$2^{nd}$	Podsters	18.00
$3^{\rm rd}$	Molten Magnets	17.89
$4^{\text{th}}$	Molten Muzzles	18.54
$5^{\text{th}}$	Maple Leaf Raggers	18.71
$6^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Comets	19.57

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Sam Bawden**

$1^{st}$	Knutsford Gnashers	19.59
$2^{nd}$	The Killa Bytes	20.09
$3^{\rm rd}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.49
$4^{\text{th}}$	Thor's Rovers	20.61
$5^{\text{th}}$	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.57
$6^{\text{th}}$	Podlets	19.96
$7^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Pack	21.54

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Bob Haworth**

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$1^{st}$	Daventry Bumbles	18.49
$2^{nd}$	Molten Metals	19.66
$3^{\rm rd}$	Bassett Allsorts	19.43
$4^{\text{th}}$	Live Wires	19.98
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wire Springs	20.49
$6^{\text{th}}$	The Northern Bytes	20.10

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge Mick Neighbour**

$1^{st}$	Wires A-Live	20.02
$2^{nd}$	Sheffield Speeders	20.89
$3^{rd}$	Shooting Star Jokers	20.66
$4^{\text{th}}$	Brat Pack	21.52
$5^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Tailspinners	22.26
$6^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Pooches	22.77
$7^{\text{th}}$	Whiterose Curly tails	23.40

#### **DIVISION FIVE - Judge Andy Bawden**

$1^{st}$	Crazy Crossbows	22.16	
$2^{nd}$	Shooting Star Rebels	22.07	
$3^{rd}$	Fylde Rollercoasters	21.98	
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wire Connection	23.27	

$5^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Cubs	26.02
$6^{\text{th}}$	Peas in a Pod	23.25
$7^{\text{th}}$	Podlings	25.02

## ANGLESEY RESULTS 28th July 2004

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Robert Henshall DIVISION TWO – Judge Peter Roberts

$1^{st}$	Molten Magnets	17.74
$2^{nd}$	Maple Leafs	17.26
$3^{\rm rd}$	Daventry Bumbles	18.79
$4^{\text{th}}$	Maple Leaf Raggers	18.58
$5^{\text{th}}$	Podsters	18.22
$6^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Comets	19.77

$1^{st}$	Shooting Star Jokers	19.80
$2^{nd}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.17
$3^{\rm rd}$	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.87
$4^{\text{th}}$	Podlets	20.89
$5^{\text{th}}$	Sheffield Speeders	21.20
$6^{\text{th}}$	WolfPack	21.17

$1^{st}$	Molten Metals	19.81
$2^{nd}$	Bassett Allsorts	19.11
$3^{rd}$	The Northern Bytes	20.04
$4^{\text{th}}$	Molten Monarchs	19.88
$5^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Gnashers	20.22
$6^{\text{th}}$	Running 4 Mutts	19.79
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Cubs	26.55

#### DIVISION THREE – Judge Doreen Smith DIVISION FOUR – Judge Wayne O'Rourke

$1^{st}$	Knutsford Tailspinners	22.76
$2^{nd}$	Crazy Crossbows	22.06
$3^{rd}$	Brat Pack	22.63
$4^{\text{th}}$	Podlings	23.34
$5^{\text{th}}$	Whiterose Curly tails	24.35
$6^{\text{th}}$	Shooting Star Rebels	22.60

## ANGLESEY RESULTS 31st July 2004

#### **DIVISION ONE - Judge Andv Bawden**

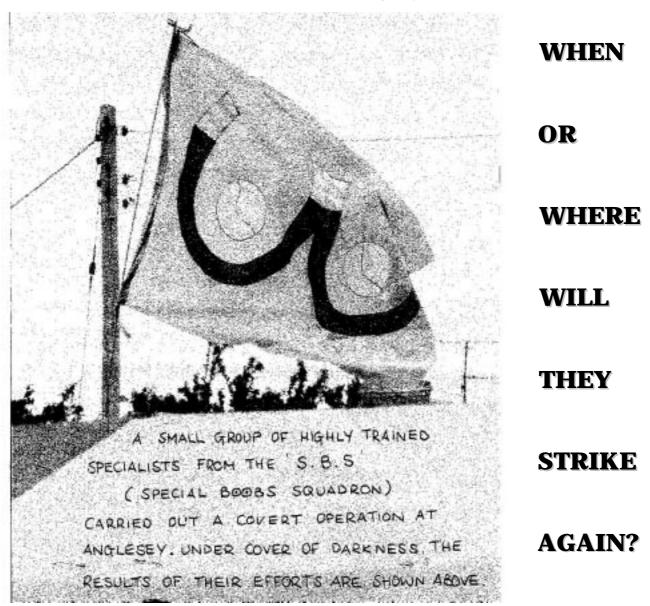
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$1^{st}$	Molten Magnets	17.79
$2^{nd}$	Podsters	18.30
$3^{rd}$	Maple Leafs	17.82
$4^{\text{th}}$	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.12
$5^{\text{th}}$	Daventry Bumbles	18.88

DIVISION I WO – Judge Steven Leek		
$1^{st}$	Molten Monarchs	19.16
$2^{nd}$	Running 4 Mutts	19.38
$3^{rd}$	Bassett Allsorts	19.01
$4^{\text{th}}$	Podlets	20.50
$5^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.51
6 <sup>th</sup>	WolfPack	21.10

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Val Currie**

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$1^{st}$	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.51		$4^{\text{th}}$	Shooting Stars	21.39
$2^{nd}$	Thor's Rovers	20.99		$5^{\text{th}}$	Podlings	23.11
$3^{\rm rd}$	Wolf Cubs	26.99		$6^{\text{th}}$	Peas in a Pod	25.98

The picture below has found its way into the hands of the Editor who is able to verify that it was indeed taken at Anglesey.



Flyballers who were at the Summer Championship at Daventry will have seen the results of a second daring operation by the S.B.S., an act that helped to promote the fantastic atmosphere at this event.

We are now able to report that the F.I.B.S. [Flyball Investigators - (Boob Section)] have highly trained field officers sniffing out the trail. At a recent Tournament a particularly keen-eared operative was able to eavesdrop on a very revealing conversation. This information has led the F.I.B.S to suspect that there is more than one S.B.S. perpetrator involved...

In order to protect the anonymity of the F.I.B.S. operatives, any further information should be sent to the editor@flyball.org.uk

## DID YOU KNOW?

Laughter boosts the immune system. No wonder flyballers are generally such a healthy lot!

## LOTHERTON HALL RESULTS – 31<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> August 2004

DIVIS	SION ONE – Judge Willia	n Whitele	y	DIVIS	SION TWO – Judge Bob Ha	worth
$1^{st}$	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.42		1 <sup>st</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	19.52
$2^{nd}$	Wakefield Tykes	18.72		$2^{nd}$	Red Rose Rockets	19.92
$3^{rd}$	Sheffield Speeders	18.82		$3^{rd}$	The Northern Bytes	20.03
$4^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Comets	19.17		$4^{\text{th}}$	Blackpool Super Nova	20.04
$5^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Outlaws	18.67		5 <sup>th</sup>	Doncaster Belle Stars	20.67
$6^{\text{th}}$	Dodgers	18.91		6 <sup>th</sup>	Rapidz	20.63
				$7^{\text{th}}$	Springers	21.40
DIVIS	SION THREE – Judge Hov	ward Cam	pbell	DIVIS	SION FOUR – Judge Mike '	Tidswell
$1^{st}$	Dog Friendly Flyers	19.39		$1^{st}$	Ruff Runners	20.16
$2^{nd}$	Knutsford Gnashers	20.24		$2^{nd}$	Blackpool Quasars	20.53
$3^{rd}$	Melton Foxes	20.54		$3^{rd}$	Crazy Cannons	20.78
$4^{\text{th}}$	The Killa Bytes	21.01		$4^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Chieftains	21.02
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wakefield Terrorty kes	20.53		$5^{\text{th}}$	Kellington Power Racers	21.51
$6^{\text{th}}$	Nova Next Generation	21.59		$6^{\text{th}}$	Whiterose Wagtails	21.73
$7^{\text{th}}$	Yorkshire Bouncers	20.93		$7^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Tailspinners	22.53
DIVIS	SION FIVE – Judge Peter	Vowles		DIVIS	SION SIX – Judge James Du	rrans
$1^{st}$	Flying Colours	20.76		$1^{st}$	Jammi Dodgers	21.24
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Coasters	21.46		$2^{nd}$	Doncaster Swift Stars	21.54
$3^{rd}$	Break-Aways (UK)	22.28		3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Riding Wizards	20.73
$4^{\text{th}}$	Melton B's	22.09		$4^{\text{th}}$	Greeny Grasshopper	22.70
5 <sup>th</sup>	Greasy Grasshoppers	21.56		5 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Curlytails	22.47
				$6^{\text{th}}$	Tykes Torpedoes	23.32
DIVIS	SION SEVEN – Judge Roge	er Talbot		DIVIS	SION EIGHT– Judge June	Bass
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$1^{st}$	Box Raiders	22.25
$2^{nd}$	Springers Off Springs	23.18
$3^{ra}$	Knutsford Pooches	21.43
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	22.40
$5^{\text{th}}$	Blackpool Nova	22.10
$6^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Oaks	24.14

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$1^{st}$	Gofours	24.24
$2^{nd}$	Hillam Hot Spots	23.44
3 <sup>ra</sup>	Flying Reds	23.94
$4^{\text{th}}$	Yorkshire Racers	24.64
$5^{\text{th}}$	Fylde Surfers	25.18
$6^{\text{th}}$	Whiterose Bobtails	33.12



## HANDY TRAINING HINT

Does your dog stop dead when you do?

Do you also do Agility with your dog?

Do you run up and down outside the lane beside your dog?

Flyball requires a different discipline, so get your boxloader to hold your dog while you go down the lane **over the jumps.** Call your dog from the start/finish line (the boxloader will release your dog) turn your back on him/her and run like h\*\*\* to the back of the ring. Remember your dog loves you and will want to follow you. Because your dog stops dead when you do, retrieving should be simple. (Unlike me trying to get Smudge! Anyone got a handy hint I haven't tried? Ed)

Could this become a regular feature? Problems or hints to the editor please.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Rachael Webster	Blackpool Super Nova	Naomi Fisher	Fylde Coasters
Julie Webster	Blackpool Super Nova	David Fisher	Fylde Coasters
Kristian Webster	Blackpool Super Nova	Robert Halley	Clatto Clangers
Andy McKay	Blackpool Super Nova	Gail Baker	Blackpool Super Nova
Gemma Fisher	Bristol Ball-istics	Pam Parsons	
	Yorkshire Bouncers		Pods Covert Cotonulta
Marilyn Gamble Carole Branton		Lesley Deegan Olivia Cadman	Covert Catapults
	Kellington Power Racers		Molten Magnets
Chris Branton	Kellington Power Racers	Lisa Edwards	Molten Magnets
Lee Raggett	Box Raiders	Carrie Webb	Greetland Grasshoppers
Jonathan Raggett	Box Raiders	Jane Allen	Molten Magnets
Frances Proudman	Flying Colours	Alex Payne	Molten Magnets
Emma Porter	Live Wires	Hollie Andrews	Molten Magnets
Joanne Taylor	Live Wires	Pamela Bowyer	Molten Magnets
Jenny Woods	Live Wires	Keith Bowyer	Molten Magnets
Martin Weekly	Daventry Bumbles	Gill Johnson	Molten Magnets
Kerry Johnson	Maple Leafs	Natasha Johnson	M olten M agnets
Liliane Shorthouse	Ace's High	Michaela Johnson	Molten Magnets
Anna Shorthouse	Ace's High	Lisa Macdonald	Molten Magnets
Nicol Fisher	Cheshire Set	Libby Richards	Molten Magnets
Steve Barker	Greetland Grasshoppers	Terence Holden	Wakefield Tykes
Paula Robson	Wakefield Tykes	Ellie Holden	Wakefield Tykes
Darren Smith	Wakefield Tykes	Elizabeth Joy	Underdogs
Shaunna Cartwright	Wakefield Tykes	Alan Jones	Pods
Martyn Tully	Tay side Roadrunners	Janice Jones	Pods
Adina Sibel	Yorkshire Bouncers	David Adams	Pods
Jo Crosswell	Fylde Coasters	Helga Adams	Pods
Pete Crosswell	Fylde Coasters	Steven Adams	Pods
Fiona Braund	Kellington Power Racers	Gillian Gardner	Four In The Fast Lane
Alice Rhynd	Tayside Roadrunners	Robert Gardner	Four In The Fast Lane
Carlo Paesano	Tay side Roadrunners	Lynda Carden	Carmarthenshire Chargers
Andrew Mein	Scallywags	Sam Carden	Carmarthenshire Chargers
Jackie Thompson	Fylde Coasters	Huw Carden	Carmarthenshire Chargers
Martyn Eubank	Live Wires	Tim Carden	Carmarthenshire Chargers
Andy Oultram	Live Wires	Rob Wynter	Pods
Kerry Courtney	Live Wires	Hilary Turnell	Buccaneers
Sarah Prince	Live Wires	David Neale	Buccaneers

#### NEW TEAMS

West Riding Wizards, West Riding Warriors Leeds Owlers, Barney Owlers, Barking Owlers, Screeching Owlets Cheshire Set, Cheshire Chasers, Cheshire Wheatsheafs, Cheshire Jumbles Carry On's, Carry on Regardless, What a Carry On, Carry on Racing Dolphins, Leaping Dolphins, Dancing Dolphins, School of Dolphins Marsh Cheetahs, Marsh Cougars, Marsh Lions



## HOLLYHURST FARM RESULTS - 7th & 8th August 2004

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doleen Shinth				
$1^{st}$	Barkshire Bandits	17.27		
$2^{nd}$	Molten Magnets	17.52		
$3^{\rm rd}$	Barkshire Bullets	18.96		
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Flyers	19.23		
$5^{\text{th}}$	Bad Dog Racers	18.13		

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Bob Haworth**

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$1^{st}$	Nuneaton Bees	18.94
$2^{nd}$	Molten Metals	19.35
$3^{rd}$	Molten Monarchs	19.28
$4^{\text{th}}$	Red Rose Rockets	19.76
$5^{\text{th}}$	Doncaster Northern Stars	20.23
$6^{\text{th}}$	Blackpool Super Nova	20.10
$7^{\text{th}}$	Daventry Bumbles	22.17

#### **DIVISION FIVE – Judge Dianne Halsted**

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$1^{st}$	Barkshire Bandidos	20.78
$2^{nd}$	Wolf Pack	21.17
$3^{\rm rd}$	Four Bad Dogs	21.53
$4^{\text{th}}$	Fun 4 Mutts	21.04
5 <sup>m</sup>	Knutsford Tailspinners	21.69
$6^{\text{th}}$	The Killa Bytes	23.47

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Penny Charlton**

$1^{st}$	Dodgers	18.79
$2^{nd}$	Sheffield Speeders	18.89
$3^{rd}$	Molten Muzzles	18.81
$4^{\text{th}}$	Trying 4 Mutts	19.04
$5^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Comets	19.46
$6^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	19.76
$7^{th}$	Sherwood Outlaws	19.11

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge John Blackford**

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$1^{st}$	The Northern Bytes	19.15			
$2^{nd}$	Molten Munsters	20.55			
3 <sup>ra</sup>	Knutsford Gnashers	20.09			
$4^{\text{th}}$	Rapidz	20.57			
$5^{\text{th}}$	Nova Next Generation	21.45			
$6^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Dodgers	21.20			

#### **DIVISION SIX – Judge Val Currie**

$1^{st}$	Jammi Dodgers	21.28
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Coasters	21.28
$3^{\rm rd}$	Knutsford Pooches	21.64
$4^{\text{th}}$	Brat Pack	22.84
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	24.71
$6^{\text{th}}$	Whiterose Curly tails	23.76

#### DIVISION SEVEN – Judge Scott Harrison

$1^{st}$	Wolverines	22.32	$4^{\text{th}}$	Fylde Surfers	25.20
$2^{na}$	Sherwood Oaks	22.70	5 <sup>m</sup>	Scallywags	24.06
$3^{rd}$	Wolf Pack	27.18	$6^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Cyclones	22.36

### MADDY'S STORY (a race report on Hollyhurst Farm)

Hi my name is Madison and this is my story. I'm writing this race report because the human members of my team can't decide whose turn it is.

I'm better known as Maddy and live with Carolyn and my brother Jed. It all started a few weeks ago. Jed and I were installed in our taxi ready for our Friday trip to the field to chase those lovely yellow balls, or so we thought. We ended up at Uncle Harvey's house where Ken and Carolyn loaded enough stuff to set up a small village and then we knew we were going flyballing.

Humans have no sense do they? I mean they set off at 4.00pm just about the same time as the rest of the world left work for the weekend. It's so boring sitting still in traffic, not only that but we had to listen to Jed whinge (he does this if we are travelling at less than 70mph). We finally got past Manchester and had a treat riding on the new toll road, Carolyn says you can go dead fast on there. Tea was served at something called motorway services. I got mine first as usual (after all I am the boss) and ate it very quickly just in case I could get a bit of the boys, no such luck! Carolyn and Ken went off and came back licking their lips, they must have found some food too. Off we went then and soon arrived at this really big field called Hollyhurst. There were lots of tents and caravans around but best of all, there was that netting which always has a flyball course inside it. I love flyball.

Don't humans need a lot of stuff when they go away for a day or two? There was the gazebo and all the bits and pieces that go inside it, then there was a tent, airbeds, sleeping bags, bags of clothes and the kitchen sink I shouldn't wonder. We had our vet bed, a couple of bowls of water and the back of our taxi (what more could you want)? After an exploratory run around, we curled up for a good night's sleep.

Morning came and we watched those nice Nuneaton people set up the ring, I was getting excited by now, it would soon be race time but the rest of my team had not arrived. They came just in time and Emma told me that she'd been past the same places a couple of times and Les had been using some words that she didn't know the meaning of. By the way Emma is my team mate who along with Quincy, TJ and as a last resort Rigsby (that boy is crazy) form the Fylde Coasters. My Brother Jed and Uncle Harvey were racing in the Fylde Surfers with Boogie and Emmy backed up by Steffi.

The weather was lovely and hot, so we got to wear our nice red towelling robes soaked in water and we kept getting splashed (I'm not too keen on the splashing bit). We played with some very good teams and the humans seemed pleased with our efforts although their concept of playing seems far too complicated, something about win and lose (what's lose?). I mean sometimes we win faster than the other winners and that seems to please them, we'll humour them as long as they keep bringing us to flyball. Apparently the Coasters came second in their division and the Surfers were fifth in theirs.

I should also mention that a couple of our new friends came along and raced over low jumps with the lanes netted in, they call this Starters. Pepsi and Poppy teamed up with Chloe and Steffi and were joined by Toffee from Bad Dog Racers. All had a great time and finished fourth.

### CAROLYN HIGGINSON (Fylde Coasters)







## FYLDE COASTERS AWARDS

Daniella Mann & TJ (Labrador, run by Bev Dyczka) Les Chapman & EMMA (WS) Carolyn Higginson & MADDY (Eng. Springer Span.) Daniella Mann & QUINCY (WS) Daniella Mann & BOOGIE (Rottie)

Derek Tomlinson & BONNY (BC) Les Chapman & RIGSBY (X Breed) Ken Rowland & HARVEY (Cocker Spaniel) Colin Dyczka & TRUDI (Boxer) Gold Award (15,000 points) Silver Award (10,000points) Flyball Dog Advanced (5,000 points) Flyball Dog Graduate (3,000 points) Flyball Dog Intermediate(1,000 points)

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to all team members on their milestone awards for 2004

## MANY, MANY THANKS

To all those flyballers who bought raffle tickets for the Greyhound and Lurcher rescue this summer, and to Howard & Jackie for lending us the much needed netting for the Doggie Olympics. With your generosity Courteous Canines Dog Training Club raised £1,300.00, an achievement of which we are very proud.

## **CHRISTINE REDFEARN ( Greetland Grasshoppers)**

## EGGBOROUGH POWER STATION RESULTS - 14th & 15th August 2004

#### **DIVISION ONE – Judge Dianne Halstead** $1^{st}$ Molten Magnets 17.71 $2^{nd}$ Nuneaton Flyers 19.06 $3^{rd}$ Sheffield Speeders 18.90 $4^{\text{th}}$ Molten Muzzles 18.93 5<sup>th</sup> Greetland Grasshoppers 19.08 $6^{\text{th}}$ 19.17 Dodgers

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Maureen Hendry**

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$1^{\text{st}}$	Dog Friendly Flyers	19.28
$2^{nd}$	Greedy Grasshoppers	19.79
$3^{\rm rd}$	Rapidz	19.49
$4^{\text{th}}$	Free Spirits	20.44
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wires A-Live	20.75
$6^{\text{th}}$	Nova Next Generation	21.16

#### **DIVISION FIVE – Judge Pamela Harrison**

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$1^{st}$	Crazy Chieftains	20.81	
$2^{nd}$	West Riding Wizards	20.98	
$3^{rd}$	Blackpool Quasars	21.19	
$4^{\text{th}}$	Break-Aways (UK)	21.16	
$5^{\text{th}}$	Kellington Power Racers	21.14	
$6^{\text{th}}$	Yorkshire Bouncers	22.11	

#### **DIVISION SEVEN – Judge Neil Frow**

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$1^{st}$	Nuneaton Cyclones	21.47
$2^{nd}$	Box Raiders	22.35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start-Rite Wizards	25.06
4 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Curlytails	24.70
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wire Connection	25.10

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Doreen Smith**

$1^{st}$	Sherwood Outlaws	18.75
$2^{nd}$	Crazy Comets	19.23
$3^{rd}$	Molten Metals	19.58
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Bees	19.07
$5^{\text{th}}$	Blackpool Super Nova	19.90
$6^{\text{th}}$	Live Wires	19.48

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge Ben Blythen**

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$1^{\text{st}}$	The Northern Bytes	19.08
$2^{na}$	Wire Springs	20.32
$3^{\rm rd}$	Ruff Runners	20.27
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.83
$5^{\text{th}}$	The Killa Bytes	22.56
$6^{\text{th}}$	High Spirits	20.90

#### DIVISION SIX – Judge Sally Mann

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	$1^{st}$	Fylde Coasters	21.86
	$2^{nd}$	Doncaster Swift Stars	22.04
	$3^{rd}$	Jammi Dod gers	22.56
	$4^{\text{th}}$	Tykes Torpedoes	24.09
	$5^{\text{th}}$	Greeny Grasshoppers	24.30
	$6^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Crossbows	24.24

#### **DIVISION EIGHT – Judge Bob Haworth**

$1^{st}$	Yorkshire Racers	23.52
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Surfers	24.07
$3^{rd}$	Dog Friendly Racers	22.89

## CONGRATULATIONS

Doncaster Bellestars wish to congratulate the following on their achievements:

Rita & Swift on their FDA (5,000 points)

Lois & Polly FDI (1,000 points)

Anne & Fly FD (200 points)

Well done from all your Team Members

**SOFAS:** are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

## CAMPERDOWN RESULTS -14th August 2004

**DIVISION ONE – Judge Alison Booth** 

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$1^{st}$	Tykes Titans	20.34		$4^{\text{tn}}$	Tayside Roadrunners	22.53
$2^{nd}$	Clatto Cruisers	21.31		$5^{\text{th}}$	Clatto Clangers	21.07
$3^{rd}$	Crazy Cannons	22.41				

## \*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL FLYBALLERS\*\*\*\*\*

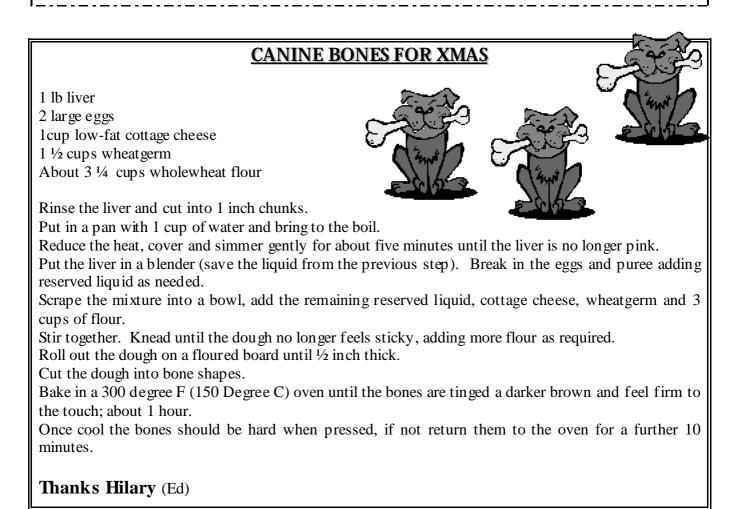
A new canine veterinary diagnosis has come to light. It is believed to have been thriving in the UK since 1994. Symptoms including loss of appetite during the weekend, short term depression (noticeably heavy sighing), rapid paw movement during sleep and hearing sensitivity to selected vocabulary such as "ready, ready", "fly" and "ball".

The diagnosis is FLYBALLITIS, apparently caused by the development of flyball stimuli. The latest case has been reported by the Live Wires in Warrington, Cheshire. One height dog, called Chloe who is currently already resting up with 16 stitches to her side, suffered "flyballitis" for three days during their home tournament at Sutton Fields. This was mainly due to over-exposure to the atmosphere from the sideline.

LESLEY CURNOW (Live Wires)

## <u>THANK YOU</u>

**LYNNE COUSINS & REX** would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the help and encouragement over the last four years to get **REX** his **FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE**, especially Carol and all members, past and present, of the **WHITEROSE FLYBALL TEAM**.



## What is the difference between Father Christmas and a warm dog?

Father Christmas wears a whole suit, a dog just pants!

## WHITEWATER RESULTS - 21st & 22nd August 2004

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Nigel Bouckley

$1^{st}$	Barkshire Bandits	17.28
$2^{nd}$	Maple Leafs	17.03
$3^{\rm rd}$	Molten Magnets	17.53
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bad Dog Racers	17.73
$5^{\text{th}}$	The Jumping Jacks	18.06
$6^{\text{th}}$	M ad 4 M utts	17.05

#### DIVISION THREE - Judge Lorraine Fulford DIVISION FOUR - Judge Penny Charlton

$1^{st}$	Molten Metals	19.47
$2^{nd}$	Molten Munsters	20.14
$3^{rd}$	Barkshire Bandidos	20.27
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.76
$5^{\text{th}}$	Fun 4 Mutts	20.49
$6^{\text{th}}$	Cracker Jacks	20.40

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Julie Carney**

$1^{st}$	Molten Muzzles	18.55
$2^{nd}$	Bad Dogs On The Run	18.53
$3^{rd}$	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.10
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istics	19.31
$5^{\text{th}}$	Bassett Allsorts	19.41
$6^{\text{th}}$	Trying 4 Mutts	20.03
$7^{\text{th}}$	Barkshire Bullets	19.74

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$1^{st}$	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.32
$2^{nd}$	Wolf Pack	21.33
$3^{rd}$	Ball Busters	20.14
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bassett Jelly Babies	21.82
$5^{\text{th}}$	Ace's High	24.59

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To June Smele and Jack on being the first Ball-istics to gain the Platinum Award.

It's been tough recently as injury has prevented June from running Jack herself but such is Jack's ability and total love of flyball that other Ball-istics have been able to run him for her. He continues, at ten years of age, to run his heart out for flyball.

## STONELEIGH RESULTS - 29th August 2004

#### **DIVISION ONE – Judge Dave Long**

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$1^{st}$	Barkshire Bandits	17.70
$2^{nd}$	Molten Magnets	17.93
$3^{\rm rd}$	Molten Marvels	18.53
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Bees	19.30
$5^{\text{th}}$	Barkshire Bullets	19.55

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Penny Charlton**

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$1^{\text{st}}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	19.78
$2^{na}$	Podlets	19.36
$3^{\rm rd}$	Melton Striders	20.86
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.42
$5^{\text{th}}$	Molten Munsters	20.33
$6^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Pack	20.98

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Stuart Harrison**

$1^{st}$	Dodgers	18.97	
$2^{nd}$	Molten Metals	19.37	
$3^{rd}$	Molten Muzzles	18.76	
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Flyers	19.38	
$5^{\text{th}}$	Molten Monarchs	20.01	
$6^{\text{th}}$	Snatch 'n' Grab	19.61	

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge Peter Roberts**

$1^{\text{st}}$	Jammi Dodgers	21.05
$2^{na}$	Covert Catapults	21.54
$3^{rd}$	Melton B's	21.04
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wolverines	21.59
$5^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Cyclones	21.38

#### **DIVISION FIVE – Judge Scott Harrison**

$1^{st}$	Brat Pack	22.99		4
$2^{na}$	Peas in a Pod	23.12		
$3^{rd}$	Grey Wolves	25.46	•	

$4^{\text{th}}$	Scallywags	25.17
$5^{\mathrm{m}}$	Molten Meteors	NFC

## **B.F.A. MILESTONE AWARDS FOR THE MAGNETS**

from April to September 2004

## The **JADE AWARD** (35000 points)

Jean Meeking & CHICA

Only the second dog to achieve this accolade

At the Anglesey Tournament on 25<sup>th</sup> July

## The **<u>PEARL AWARD</u>** (30000 points)

Steve James & DARWIN Val Currie & MISSY Neil Meeking & CASSIE Jean Meeking & ROGAN

## The PLATINUM AWARD (25000 points)

Val Currie & MISSY Steve James & DARWIN Neil Meeking & CASSIE Jean Meeking & ROGAN Judy Parker & BOBBY

The ICE BLUE MOON AWARD (20000 points)

Dave Green & **BLITZ** 

The GOLD AWARD (15000 Points) Val Currie & SMUDGE Debbie Bagg & AMY

The **SILVER AWARD** (10000 points) Val Currie & SMUDGE Mary Braybrook & MILLIE

FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED (5000 Points)

Katie Mabbutt & CHARLI Jean Meeking & **RIVA** Judy Parker & MILLY Simon Scott & JADE Lynda King & DUSTI

FLYBALL GRADUATE (3000 points)

Judy Parker & **MILLY** Jean Meeking & **RIVA** Lynda King & **DUSTI** Doug Merchant & OSCAR Simon Scott & **JADE** Jackie Duplock & **ELLIE** Claire Davis & MISSIE Catherine Lloyd & BRONTE Nigel Thompson & RUSTY

> FLYBALL INTERMEDIATE (1000 points) Jackie Duplock & ELLIE Catherine Lloyd & **BRONTE**

> > FLYBALL DOG (200 points) Katie Mabbutt & **KUMI**

## CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE

#### BRIDLEDOWN, DOVER RESULTS – 28th & 29th August 2004

**DIVISION ONE – Judge Keith Thorp** 

$1^{st}$	M ad 4 M utts	17.03
$2^{nd}$	Trying 4 Mutts	19.26
$3^{rd}$	Shooting Stars	18.32
$4^{\text{th}}$	Shooting Star Jokers	21.40

I	DIVISION TWO – Judge Fredd Webb		
	$1^{st}$	Fun 4 Mutts	21.49
	$2^{nd}$	Ace's High	23.51
	$3^{rd}$	Ball Busters	21.00
	$4^{\text{th}}$	Ball Buster Bandits	24.66
	$5^{\text{th}}$	Shooting Star Rebels	24.45
	$6^{\text{th}}$	Underdogs	23.82

## BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## DAVENTRY 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2004

#### **DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith**

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$1^{st}$	Barkshire Bandits	17.15
$2^{nd}$	Maple Leafs	17.18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Molten Magnets	17.36
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bad Dog Racers	17.61
$5^{\text{th}}$	The Jumping Jacks	17.74
$6^{\text{th}}$	Podsters	18.15

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Peter Roberts**

$1^{st}$	Sheffield Speeders	18.81
$2^{nd}$	Dodgers	18.81
$3^{rd}$	Nuneaton Bees	18.58
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wakefield Tykes	19.15
$5^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istics	18.59
$6^{\text{th}}$	Daventry Bumbles	18.96

#### **DIVISION FIVE – Judge Penny Charlton**

$1^{st}$	Doncaster Northern Stars	19.13
$2^{nd}$	Red Rose Rockets	19.93
$3^{rd}$	Blackpool Super Nova	20.21
$4^{\text{th}}$	Rapidz	20.34
$5^{\text{th}}$	Bad Dog Meecos	20.53
6 <sup>m</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.23

#### **DIVISION SEVEN – Judge Chris Fulford**

$1^{st}$	Jammi Dodgers	20.99
$2^{nd}$	Crazy Cannons	21.25
$3^{rd}$	Nova Next Generation	20.81
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Pack	20.59
$5^{\text{th}}$	Break-Aways (UK)	21.67
$6^{\text{th}}$	The Killa Bytes	23.06

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Dave Long**

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$1^{st}$	Maple Leaf Raggers	18.76
$2^{nd}$	Molten Marvels	18.51
3 <sup>ra</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	18.51
$4^{\text{th}}$	Molten Muzzles	18.57
$5^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Outlaws	18.70
$6^{\text{th}}$	Bad Dogs on the Run	18.77

#### DIVISION FOUR - Judge Wayne O'Rourke

$1^{st}$	The Northern Bytes	19.02
$2^{nd}$	Bassett Hotdogs	18.97
$3^{rd}$	Nuneaton Flyers	18.96
$4^{\text{th}}$	Molten Monarchs	19.62
$5^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Comets	19.26
$6^{\text{th}}$	Molten Metals	19.45
$7^{\text{tn}}$	Podlets	20.74

#### DIVISION SIX – Judge Dianne Halsted

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$1^{st}$	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.65
$2^{nd}$	Knutsford Gnashers	20.58
$3^{rd}$	Yorkshire Leapers	20.87
$4^{\text{th}}$	Barkshire Bandidos	20.53
$5^{\text{th}}$	Blackpool Quasars	20.84
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.91

#### **DIVISION EIGHT – Judge Betty Potts**

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$1^{st}$	Nuneaton Cyclones	21.42
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Coasters	21.97
$3^{rd}$	Knutsford Tailspinners	21.62
$4^{\text{th}}$	Doncaster Swift Stars	23.35
$5^{\text{th}}$	Brat Pack	23.98
$6^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Crossbows	23.55

#### **DIVISION NINE – Judge Alison Booth**

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$1^{st}$	Wolf Cubs	24.82	41
$2^{nd}$	Wolverines	21.42	51
$3^{rd}$	Sherwood Oaks	24.50	61

4th	Yorkshire Racers	24.33
5th	Fylde Surfers	24.35
6th	Scallywags	25.31



## JUDGES REPORTS

It was a pleasure to judge Division Eight. All the teams were prompt in arriving and ready for racing often before time. The inter team atmosphere was pleasant and good-humoured. The help and support from the experienced ring party was also much appreciated.

#### **BETTY POTTS** (Division Eight)

The best thing about this year's Summer Championship was that teams from all corners of the country came together. Divisions contained closely matched teams, ensuring some really tight racing. We certainly had that in this division.

With all the teams split by less than a second, (apart from the new looking **Killa Bytes**, who were learning quickly) it was nip and tuck all the way. The **Jammi Dodgers** came through at the end, although I'm not sure how, as they always seemed to go two nil down before roaring back to take the race three to two.

Dog of the day must have been **Ocha** (hope I got that one right, Nova's). **Ocha** had an altercation with somebody's bumper during the lunch break, but after a quick clean up by their in house vet was raring to go again in the afternoon.

Thanks to all in Division Seven for making it such a pleasure to judge, especially my excellent line and box judges.

#### CHRIS FULFORD (Division Seven)

For me the Summer Championship at Daventry proved to be one of those weekends of flyball that I will long remember for all the right reasons.

I had the privilege of judging Division Six. This was very enjoyable as the whole division was well matched with the best times on the day only ranging from 20.53 for the **Barkshire Bandidos** who came overall fourth to the 20.91 of the **Wakefield Terrortykes**, who came overall sixth. Well done and thanks to all my ring party without whose support I could not do my job.

Hopefully the Summer Championship has now been put back on course and will long continue as a demonstration of excellence and good sportsmanship.

#### **DIANNE HALS TED** (Division Six)

A new format, the Tournament run by the Committee and to top it all the B.F.A. Tenth Anniversary. I had the largest division to judge with seven teams taking part but what good racing it was.

With all the teams fighting for that first place it seemed, as the day went on, that it could have gone any way. Unfortunately for the **Podlets** it wasn't to be their day but they had put up a good fight. The final race between **The Northern Bytes** and **Nuneaton Flyers** was very close; two legs each, so it was down to the last leg. On went the start lights; it was time to push those changeovers to the limit. **Nuneaton** pushed that bit too hard, on came the light, giving the winning leg and the division to **The Northern Bytes**, congratulations to them.

Well done to the humans and the dogs. My line, box judges and scribes also deserve a big thank you.

#### WAYNE O'ROURKE (Division Four)

This year's final had just about everything. A new format gave all the teams entering an equal chance of winning their respective divisions. There was a good atmosphere with friendly rivalry and banter evident in all the divisions. Every division was closely matched, providing us with some excellent racing throughout the weekend. We were blessed with two glorious days of sunshine, although it has to be said, at times it was a little too hot.

Congratulations to all who took part, making it a truly memorable weekend.

The initial feedback seems to confirm that a majority of members prefer this system.

Our special thanks to all of the Molten Magnets for providing the venue and most of the equipment, it would have been extremely difficult without their help.

**DAVE LONG** (Division Two and Chairman)

## THE B.F.A SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

## **SNIPPETS from the WEB and OTHER COMMENTS**

Home safe after the Long Hot Summer (Championship). Had a great weekend. **DAVID BOWLES** 

Thanks Committee - it was a great weekend. The **COASTERS** and **SURFERS** from the **FYLDE** really enjoyed the racing on Saturday

The **YORKSHIRE BOUNCERS** would like to thank the BFA Committee for a great Summer Championship at Daventry. The racing all weekend was great and the weather wonderful.

Brilliant weekend. Despite the number of divisions the atmosphere was very relaxed. And this year, winning a division felt very special, whereas in previous years it seemed to be a matter of pure luck. Please use a similar format in future years. So 'Thanks, Committee, for a truly great weekend.' from **THE WOLF PACK** 

I would like to thank the BFA Committee for all their hard work for this year's Summer Championship. This year it felt as if we had got somewhere, as we could see the racing and understood the format, whereas in other years it was extremely confusing.

We all had a fun day and thoroughly enjoyed the racing.

Many thanks to Chris our excellent judge who was ever patient. When we were ready and the other team weren't, he double-checked we were still ready before starting the race which was a real bonus. **KATEBRAZUKAS( Crazy Cannons)** 

Congratulations to the BFA Committee for all their hard work for this year's Summer Championship and congratulations to the Barkshire Bandits on winning a hard fought Division One - which, in my view, was raced in "good-humoured" sportsmanship with a little "banter". Well done. **EMMA LEIGH** 

The committee felt that all the racing was very close in all divisions and the atmosphere made this truly a very special show. I too felt that Division One was a hard fought division and the racing was the best it has been all year, with the trophy only being decided on the final 5th leg of the day, and could have gone either to the Maple Leafs or the Barkhire Bandits. As we have had some good feed back on this format, the Committee will run it again next year. Thanks to all competitors for making this year's Summer Championship a really special show.

#### PENNY CHARLTON

What a *BRILLIANT* weekend! Many, many thanks to the BFA Committee (especially Penny) for organising the Summer Championship in this new format.

We, the Molten Magnets, had the honour of hosting this event at our venue in Daventry, basically because we are in the middle of the country and the ground we use can hold a large event. However, everyone on the Committee, with their teams, contributed in some way towards the organisation and provision of equipment. They also helped with the setting up and clearing away. So although we were 'at the helm' so to speak and contributed all day with the organisation of the racing etc. on the Saturday we were only 'on call' if required on the Sunday.

We had five teams running on Sunday, two in Division Four, two in Division Two and the Magnets in Division One. We didn't win any of the divisions but every team had some really good, close racing and were very happy with the results. We felt it was a much better way for the Summer Championship to take place.

Thank you once again to the BFA Committee, we appreciate all your hard work.

JEAN MEEKING (Molten Magnets)

### THE GOLDEN GIRLS

Not the Florida-based girls of course but the newly crowned golden girls of the **Bristol Ball-istics: Louise and Jive. Congratulations Lou** to you and **Jive**, the dog with the social graces of a piranha! You took her on at a year old with no idea of her overwhelming dislike of most things canine.

But flyball became her passion (she grasped the basics within three weeks) and probably her saviour. Over the years she has proved herself to be an amazingly consistent start dog for the first team. I'm so proud of you both.

Just my luck to miss the celebrations at Daventry (what did happen to the cake Lou?).

Louise has also excelled as Captain not only in her tireless running of team training, keeping everyone informed from week to week with what's going on but in her amazing organising of our Saul Tournaments.

Many of you will remember that just one week after last year's show Louise married Jon. This year a house move was imminent but still she knuckled down to all the preparations that made the show such a success.

This is of course a biased view but what the heck. She's my daughter and I love her.

### BOBBIE PERKINS (Bristol Ball-istics)

### THANKS

Many thanks to Sheffield Speeders for the lovely framed photo, card and cake. You certainly kept that a secret! I understand my movements were being watched with military precision, with walkie-talkies deployed on the day, so I would be kept in the dark until the presentation. It worked!

Gaining 20,000 points means a lot of racing, every second of which **JAY** has been passionate about. My thanks go to my team mates and dogs, past and present, boxloader, helpers and fellow competitors who have all been essential to Jay and me reaching this landmark

Receiving the award at Daventry topped my day as Speeders came first in Division Three of the Summer Championship.

#### LINDA POWELL (Sheffield Speeders)

#### **ONETRACK MIND?**

One of our newer members sent her other half to take the child to the childminder. Some little while later the phone rang. It was the childminder wondering why the child had not arrived. Light dawned in our erstwhile member's mind as she rang her other half's mobile. 'Where are you?' There was a deafening silence. 'You're at the vets aren't you?'... Yes, he was parked outside! (Where else do you take your child? Ed.) There was a brief silence at the end of this story then 'At least the child won't get Parvo virus!' came from an avid listener.

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## LAINDON RESULTS – 5th September 2004

DIVISION ONE – Judge Fredd Webb

$1^{st}$	Running 4 Mutts	18.93	$4^{\text{th}}$	Shooting Stars Jokers	21.06
$2^{nd}$	Shooting Stars	19.31	$5^{\text{th}}$	Extrabuccs	21.51
$3^{rd}$	Ace's High	21.71	$6^{\text{th}}$	Underdogs	25.81

## PADDOCK WOOD RESULTS – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September 2004

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Carla Lammas

$1^{st}$	Barkshire Bandits	17.25
$2^{nd}$	Bad Dog Racers	17.53
$3^{\rm rd}$	The Jumping Jacks	17.46
$4^{\text{th}}$	Maple Leafs	17.47
$5^{\text{th}}$	Barkshire Bullets	18.72

#### DIVISION THREE – Judge Chris Fulford

$1^{st}$	Maple Leaf Rockies	20.36
$2^{nd}$	Barkshire Bandidos	20.61
$3^{rd}$	Ball Busters	22.08
$4^{\text{th}}$	Extrabuccs	23.84

#### DIVISION TWO – Judge Penny Charlton

$1^{st}$	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.01
$2^{nd}$	Bassett Allsorts	19.51
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cracker Jacks	19.48
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bad Dog Meecos	20.57

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge Gail Wright**

$1^{st}$	Ball Buster Bandits	22.91
$2^{nd}$	Ace's High	20.69
$3^{\rm rd}$	Bassett Jelly Babies	22.90
$4^{\text{th}}$	The Flap Jacks	23.75
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Cubs	25.00

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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

- 1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed out than usual and will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
- 2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
- 3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
- 4. They may bring a large tree into the house, set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans so there are some things you need to know:
  - Don't pee on the tree.
  - Don't drink water from the container that holds the tree.
  - Mind your tail when you are near the tree.
  - If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or have your name on them, don't rip them open.
  - Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree.
- 5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to visit during this season. These parties can be great fun but they also call for some discretion on your part:
  - Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans.
  - Don't eat off the buffet table.
  - Beg for goodies subtly.
  - Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa.
  - Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach.
- 6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:
  - Observe all the rules in 4 for trees that may be in other people's houses.
  - Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house.
  - Tolerate children.
  - Turn on your charm big time.
- 7. A big man with a white beard and very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. DON'T BITE HIM!



A few points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2004

#### **Committee & Officer Positions**

Dave Long	Chairman
Chris Fulford	Vice-chairman &
	Disciplinary Officer
Penny Charlton	Secretary
Betty Potts	Treasurer &
	Disciplinary Officer
Dianne Halstead	Show Secretary &
	Assistant Treasurer
Doreen Smith	Stats Officer
Judy Parker	Assistant Show Secretary
Wayne O'Rourke	Publicity Officer
Alison Booth	Member

Peter Roberts Sam Bawden Graham Nye Sue Bell

Val Currie

Training Co-ordinator Award Secretary Membership Secretary Regional representatives Co-ordinator Flyball Record Editor

#### **B.F.A.** Lights

Martin Pollard's lights were tested at Whitewater, fault lights have been constructed. The lights are now in use.

#### **Teams Running NFC**

The rule regarding teams who go NFC during racing was clarified. In this instance the team would lose all the points gained so far and also any places gained. However a team who are forced to withdraw a dog, would retain anything gained up to that point. Naturally to retain their position/points the team must present themselves at the ring for any remaining races.

#### **Show Secretary**

Dianne reported that the Diary is getting filled for next year.

Judy is getting show schedules on the web. Organisers are to be informed that if a schedule is to be posted on the web, it must be forwarded in Word or Acrobat.

#### **Membership Secretary**

The membership secretary has reported that the current membership is 958 with 76 teams on the schedule list.

#### History of the Association

It was decided that the B.F.A. should have a History of the Association page on the website. This needs to be started whilst we still have members who remember the 'old days'. Wayne will pull together the initial ideas. This will then be added to each year depicting achievements during that year.

#### Young Competitor Award

As a trial this will start in January 2005 initially encompassing dog handling and box loading. Age groups to be 7-11 and 12-16 inclusive, taking the age of the handler during that year. At each tournament the handler must nominate the dog and/or team they will box load for. Both child and dog must be paid up members. Full details will be published at a later date.

#### Summer Championships

Feed-back from the membership has been good. Next year's Championship will be held at Daventry on  $20^{\text{th}} \& 21^{\text{st}}$  August with similar qualifications to this year and 54 teams competing on the day. Nine shows to be attended for qualification. Fees £15 per team – camping £5 for the weekend.

#### **Time Sheets for Lights**

The time sheets for lights with timers on one side are now available on the web.

# WYEVALE, BLACKPOOL RESULTS – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September 2004

DIVIS	SION	ONE-	Judgel	Doreen	Smith	
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$1^{\text{st}}$	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.56
$2^{nd}$	Wakefield Tykes	18.80
$3^{rd}$	Cheshire Set	18.98
$4^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Outlaws	18.84
$5^{\text{th}}$	Molten Magnets	19.16
$6^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Comets	19.26
$7^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Eagles	19.24

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Dianne Halsted**

$1^{st}$	Zebedee Springers	20.33
$2^{nd}$	Wire Springs	20.16
$3^{rd}$	Blackpool Quasars	20.17
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wires A-Live	20.29
$5^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Gnashers	20.51
$6^{\text{th}}$	Springers	21.06
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#### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Scott Harrison

$1^{\text{st}}$	Fylde Coasters	20.71
$2^{nd}$	Cheshire Chasers	21.54
$3^{\rm rd}$	Barney Owlers	20.71
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nova Next Generation	21.41
$5^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Tailspinners	22.01
$6^{\text{th}}$	Greeny Grasshoppers	23.18

#### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Bob Haworth**

$1^{st}$	Red Rose Rockets	19.78
$2^{na}$	Blackpool Super Nova	19.72
$3^{rd}$	Live Wires	20.17
$4^{\text{th}}$	Nuneaton Kestrels	19.79
$5^{\text{th}}$	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.17

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge David Long**

$1^{st}$	Kellington Power Racers	21.08
$2^{nd}$	Nuneaton Ospreys	21.61
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Crazy Chieftains	21.11
$4^{\text{th}}$	West Riding Wizards	23.22

#### DIVISION SIX – Judge Pamela Harrison

$1^{\text{st}}$	Blackpool Nova	21.46
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Surfers	22.59
$3^{\rm rd}$	The Giga Bytes	21.84
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wire Connection	22.97
$5^{\text{th}}$	Springers Off Springs	23.21
$6^{\text{th}}$	Crazy Crossbows	24.64
$7^{\text{th}}$	Yorkshire Racers	23.60

## JUDGE'S REPORT

This was a very enjoyable event for me, especially being the first (hopefully not Len's last) tournament to be held in my hometown of Blackpool. It was a shame that Blackpool lived up to its reputation of Breezy Blackpool (no it wasn't Hurricane Frances) and that we had a few drops of rain! I must say I did feel very guilty going home to my nice warm bed on the Saturday. Every credit must go to the Red Rose team for doing everything they could to ensure we had some very good racing. I think Alan Titchmarsh would be proud of the team with the amount of new turf they laid during the tournament.

Division Three, the Division I judged, had some very close racing in sometimes very difficult conditions; well done to all teams and especially the overall winners - the **Zebedee Springers**. I do want to thank the flyballers for accepting my decisions with good grace and to thank the line judges, box judges and scribes, who I think were all from Fylde Coasters, for their help and support. To top off the weekend Len even managed to arrange a flypast from the Red Arrows – go on other show organisers, beat that one! What I want to know is what he will do to better it next year!

Congratulations to Pam Harrison on doing a grand job at her first time as Tournament Head Judge.

#### DIANNE HALSTED

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#### DIDN'T WE HAVE A LOVELY DAY (the day we stayed by the seaside)

For the first time in my flyballing career, I woke up in my own bed with the sun streaming through the window, even though the sun bit was short lived. After a leisurely breakfast we set off on the short journey to Wyevale. Carolyn did her best by taking the M55 route and the dogs know that the M55 means - FLYBALL. It's a good job I don't need a wig, for it certainly wasn't wig-wearing weather. One Red Rose gazebo had already gone and the new one had to be abandoned. I don't know if anyone noticed but the Coasters gazebo stood proudly all day becoming a welcome shelter to all of Les'

invited guests. It was a shame that the starters competition had to be cancelled, we had some keen new people there and it would have been an ideal opportunity to get some first hand experience for them without travelling miles.

The mighty Coasters were first to race and after a bit of a stare from Carolyn for getting the jumps wrong we were ready to race. The Coasters ended the day with four wins, their fastest time of the season and one of those new Red Rose Rosettes.

When it came to the Surfers turn to race I wondered if Harvey would play flyball, or silly dog entertaining the crowd. He ran out in his warm-up run as usual, causing my blood pressure to rise and reducing my hair further (I had a full head of jet-black hair before flyball). I needn't have worried, he ran faultlessly. The surfers finished by winning four out of their six races, a marvellous result for this often laughed at team (well, they are entertaining).

The main difference in the afternoon was the weather. Whilst the morning had been bright and breezy, the afternoon became increasingly wet and windy. Harvey went down the lane, turned and met the wind driven monsoon in the face. He closed his eyes and walked sedately back down the side of the lane. At the same time the lights packed in and racing was stopped. Flyball was replaced by a new sport, push the car, as everyone decided that the place to be was not on a peaty field in a downpour.

Pam decided racing should be completed, the racing lanes were moved to a less wet part of the field, and the show went on.

The presentations took place – inside the garden centre. Coasters had earned a first place in their division with Surfers gaining a hard-earned second place in theirs.

So it was that a soggy set of 'soldiers' slipped off to our soft sofas and sang silent songs of salutation to the season of illuminations. Thanks Rockets, you're stars.

#### KEN ROWLAND (Fylde Coasters)

# ILLUMINATING!

For no better reason than I was going to visit my daughter and granddaughters in Liverpool anyway and Judy fancied the idea of seeing the illuminations (plus just a small matter of playing flyball) the Molten Magnets took a team of two handlers and four dogs to the Red Rose Rockets first Tournament. Now any fool can see that this is a possible recipe for disaster but undeterred we had a practice and decided that with help we could do it.

We arrived at Wyevale Garden Centre in the pouring rain and it was immediately clear that there was no way we could erect my tent for Judy to use. Now being a garden centre there was a display of garages that looked pretty inviting so, camp bed in hand, Judy set up her temporary home in one of them.

After a visit to McDonalds the next task was to see the illuminations, no small feat as the signposts took us in what seemed to be entirely the wrong direction. No traffic until... everything came to a standstill. Guess what! Yes, the police were manning the junction and giving priority to those already on the main road. About an hour later we finally turned onto the front but it was worth the wait as we drove slowly along enjoying the spectacle.

Sunday morning was fine and the ground had dried out in the strong wind overnight. So whom do you turn to when in need of help? Why fellow flyballers of course. Nuneaton Flyers quickly gathered a box loader, extra handlers and someone for the line plus a Sherwood Outlaw to hold Missy while I called Smudge back. They were always there for us, Pam took it upon herself to make sure that I didn't have to struggle with two dogs anxious to get into the ring (Smudge having tripped me up during practice the previous Tuesday with resulting knee damage). The dogs naturally took advantage of the situation; getting up to unusual mischief but we had a great day and ended up fifth.

Our thanks to all our helpers and to the Red Rose Rockets for a super Tournament. We're working on other Magnets to join us next time.

VAL CURRIE (Molten Magnets)

## SUTTON FIELDS RESULTS – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2004

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$1^{st}$	Molten Magnets	17.89
$2^{nd}$	Podsters	17.84
$3^{rd}$	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.21
$4^{\text{th}}$	Molten Muzzles	18.48
$5^{\text{th}}$	Cheshire Set	18.61
$6^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Outlaws	18.60

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dianne Halsted

#### **DIVISION THREE – Judge Doreen Smith**

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$1^{st}$	Ruff Runners	19.48
$2^{nd}$	Wires A-Live	20.28
$3^{rd}$	Blackpool Quasars	20.21
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wire Springs	20.57
$5^{\text{th}}$	Kellington Power Racers	20.73
$6^{\text{th}}$	Knutsford Gnashers	20.20

#### **DIVISION FIVE – Judge Peter Roberts**

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$1^{st}$	Springers	20.78
$2^{nd}$	Flying Reds	21.10
$3^{\rm rd}$	Knutsford Tailspinners	21.64
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wolverines	21.60
$5^{\text{th}}$	Greeny Grasshoppers	24.54
$6^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Oaks	24.57

#### DIVISION TWO – Judge Sue Allen

$1^{st}$	Blackpool Super Nova	19.48
$2^{nd}$	Live Wires	19.24
$3^{rd}$	Molten Metals	20.00
$4^{\text{th}}$	Rapidz	19.36
$5^{\text{th}}$	Turbo Tykes	19.82
$6^{\text{th}}$	Podlets	20.24
$7^{\text{th}}$	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.30

#### **DIVISION FOUR – Judge Howard Campbell**

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$1^{st}$	Zebedee Springers	19.83
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Coasters	20.67
$3^{rd}$	Nova Next Generation	20.25
$4^{\text{th}}$	Thor's Rovers	20.82
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Pack	21.11
$6^{\text{th}}$	Barney 'Owlers	21.07

#### DIVISION SIX – Judge Val Currie

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$1^{st}$	Wire Connection	21.85	
$2^{nd}$	Peas in a Pod	22.18	
$3^{rd}$	Killa Bytes	22.05	
$4^{\text{th}}$	Fylde Surfers	22.14	
$5^{\text{th}}$	Springers Off Springs	22.74	
$6^{\text{th}}$	Flying Blues	23.10	

## JUDGES REPORT – SUTTON FIELDS, CHESHIRE – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

First of all I would like to compliment the Live Wires for putting on a well organised Tournament. The usual attention to detail in the form of the small programme cards was a great help, in particular to Judges noting results for their eventual reports, (those of us that take the time to complete one that is).

Also the second ring for starter teams proved a winner and would be welcomed at other future tournaments. It provided the best of both worlds and still ensured that the show finished at a reasonable time for flyballers to travel home.

Onto Division Four, I had the pleasure of judging this one, a seven team Division so plenty of racing was had by all. I was a little surprised that only two races out of the twenty-one went to the full five legs, but they were cracking races. In the morning session, the race between the Barny Owlers and the Nova Next Generation who came from behind to win three to two, with the other in the afternoon, again featuring the Nova Next Generation, this time against the Fylde Coasters who just shaded it, after Les tried to steal Red Light Ron's crown.

The Zebedee Springers from Huddersfield have come on leaps and bounds and looked to be well accomplished brushing aside every team in the Division by three straight legs to come first with a fastest time of 19.83secs. There was little to split the rest really, Fylde second, Nova third, Thors fourth (when they eventually got their act together). Wolf Pack came fifth and the cheerful Barny Owlers sixth. Seventh place went to the non-competing West Riding Wizards.

#### HOWARD CAMPBELL (Greetland Grasshoppers)









### LIVE WIRES TOURNAMENT REPORT

In the week leading up to the event we had had horrendous weather with gale force winds and heavy rain. We had visions of our previous event in April when our party tent was ruined by similar gusty conditions. Fortunately we had the foresight to have the grass cut and had made provisional markings for the main ring on the Sunday and Monday. It was simply impossible to do anything for a couple of days. We were relieved when on Thursday afternoon the weather brightened up and we were able to complete ground preparations. Then at last, on Friday the wind dropped and that afternoon we were able to erect all our equipment.

Come the weekend Saturday was expected to be extremely wet and blustery but conditions for the start of Division Six turned out to be dry with only a slight breeze. Later for a time it became wet and windy (during the morning session of Division Four) but this subsided to leave us with a fine dry and bright day. We had three open Divisions (Four, Five & Six) in the main ring and in the 'fun' ring ran a starters division (of eight teams), plus pairs and singles events throughout the day. Both rings were fully occupied on both days. On Sunday it was a damp start but improved by the hour and provided excellent racing conditions. We had a similar programme with another eight team starter division, more pairs and singles and the top three open divisions competing in the main ring. It was very pleasing that, after all the rain we had had earlier in the week and on Saturday morning, the ground held up very well. During each day we didn't need to move the racing lanes in either ring which was pretty remarkable. A bit of sand on the open runs on Saturday morning was all that was necessary and racing continued virtually unhindered.

The fun ring was well used each day. It was a bonus for the 'starters' teams to be able to use a set of starting/timing lights and in their own ring. We were extremely pleased to welcome teams from Ramsey, Isle of Man (Ramsey Raiders and Runners) to our tournament. In the last issue of the Flyball Record it was reported that during May 2004 a few members from Live Wires went over to teach Ramsey DTC the rudiments of this dog sport. We were warmly welcomed to the island and had a super weekend, so we were only too pleased to provide accommodation for them so they could race in our tournament – their first. They soon got into their stride and were not overawed.

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#### SUTTON FIELDS Singles & Pairs Results –25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2004

_	SINGLES Saturday (20 entries)				
	$1^{st}$	JessThor's Rovers	4.10		
	$2^{nd}$	Scooby Sherwood Outlaws	4.18		
ſ	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deisel Sherwood Outlaws	4.26		
	$4^{\text{th}}$	MarbleSherwood Outlaws	4.35		
	$5^{\text{th}}$	NinaLive Wires	4.38		
	$5^{\text{th}}$	NellSherwood Outlaws	4.38		

#### PAIRS Saturday (56 entries)

$1^{st}$	Scooby/DeiselSh.Outlaws	8.93
$2^{nd}$	Nell/Jamie Sh. Outlaws	9.46
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeep/RubyLive Wires	9.64
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mistie/ReeceLive Wires	9.65
$5^{\text{th}}$	Stan/BrynSpringers	9.66
$6^{\text{th}}$	Storm/MollyLive Wires	9.95

#### SINGLES Sunday (10 entries)

$1^{st}$	EthanRamsey Raiders	4.49
$2^{nd}$	JeepLive Wires	4.52
$3^{rd}$	GinLive Wires	4.62
$4^{\text{th}}$	StormBlackpool Super Nova	4.63
$5^{\text{th}}$	JessKellington Power Racers	4.70
$6^{\text{th}}$	JakeRamsey Raiders	4.71

#### PAIRS Sunday (21 entries)

$1^{st}$	Scooby/DeiselSh. Outlaws	8.49
$2^{nd}$	Gin/GypLive Wires	9.30
$3^{rd}$	Ethan/MeganRamsey Raiders	9.66
4 <sup>th</sup>	Zac/JeepLive Wires	9.82
$5^{\text{th}}$	Rosie/JemLive Wires	10.65
$6^{\text{th}}$	Badger/ChewieRam. Raiders	10.75

#### **SUTTON FIELDS STARTERS RESULTS – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September 2004** SATURDAY – Judges Joan & Peter Vowles SUNDAY – Judge Mike Tidswell

$1^{st}$	Thor's Rangers	21.34
$2^{nd}$	Ramsey Raiders	21.55
$3^{rd}$	Podangles 1	22.41
$4^{\text{th}}$	Ramsey Runners	21.66
$5^{\text{th}}$	Shooting Wires	22.14
$6^{th}$	Podangles 2	23.83
$7^{\text{th}}$	Fylde Hot Dogs	25.88
$8^{\text{th}}$	Wanabee Colours	23.86

$1^{st}$	Wire Sparks	20.29
$2^{nd}$	Ramsey Raiders	20.64
$3^{rd}$	New Rapidz	23.60
$4^{\text{th}}$	Ramsey Runners	23.86
$5^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Saplings	23.05
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Explosion	23.71
$7^{\text{th}}$	Podangles	21.88
$8^{\text{th}}$	Perros	27.23

### THE THREE LEGS DID IT!

With less than three months of training since our weekend introduction to flyball by the Live Wires in May, we were encouraged to enter our first Tournament. Our day started long before dawn (yes, there are two 4 o'clocks in any one day!) as we prepared to head for the Isle of Man ferry terminal for our 7am sailing, each hoping that the BFA didn't dope test handlers as most would have tested positive for copious amounts of travel sick pills! Three and a half hours and a reasonable crossing later we arrived at Runcorn to be greeted by Anne and Geoff Alcock and the other members of the Live Wires.

None of us had ever been to a tournament before let alone taken part so we had no idea how our training had progressed or quite what to expect. We had been given email support from Anne (thank you for your endless patience) but otherwise had trained (metaphorically speaking) in the dark! Two members of Live Wires, Lesley and Gordon, showed us the ropes in our first couple of races and we were off. In no time at all our dogs were racing and so was the adrenalin! The training fell quickly into place and we were astounded to find that the Ramsey Raiders had won two of their three starters races and the Ramsey Runners won all three. This meant that the two teams were racing each other in the afternoon's run offs and we were thrilled to finish the day with the Raiders in second place with the Runners hot on their heels in fourth. Wow, what a buzz!

Saturday night gave us a chance to relax with the Live Wires and celebrate the day's success, not to mention enjoying a fantastic buffet, and of course, ask some of the thousands of questions that had already sprung to mind. How did we go about training for open races, what division did you start in, how could we improve performance at the box, were we better with a single hole box or should we consider the double version...?

Sunday saw us a little better prepared and ready to race again. This time both teams won each of their three races, with the Raiders gaining a personal best of 20.69 seconds. They went on to compound this success with Ethan winning the individuals and Jake coming sixth. In the pairs Ethan and Megan came third, closely followed by Badger and Chewie in sixth. Despite being mentally and physically weary (for several of the dogs this was their first trip over the water and their first dog show of any kind) the teams went on once again to gain second place for the Ramsey Raiders and fourth for the Ramsey Runners by the end of the day.

Tired but triumphant we reluctantly left the tournament to head back to Liverpool for the sailing home. We cannot thank Anne and everyone from Live Wires enough for their fantastic support and hospitality and also all the other flyball teams for their interest and encouragement. We have achieved our first goal and have learned much from it so hopefully our next foray to the UK will be better still. Our next goal? Well, I guess it has to be to eventually host our own tournament but for the time being in the immortal words of the Terminator 'We'll be back'!!

#### DEBBIE MARTIN (Ramsey DTC, Isle of Man)

The Lucy Lockett Trophy					
	(For the team	wit	h the highest percentage wins o	over t	he weekend)
$1^{st}$ $4^{th}$			Springers69.60%		
$4^{\text{th}}$	Live Wires63%	$5^{\text{th}}$	Thor's Rovers 62.90%	$6^{\text{th}}$	Molten Magnets 60.70%

## **RYECROFT FARM RESULTS – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004**

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Bob Haworth

$1^{st}$	Molten Magnets	18.18
$2^{nd}$	Sherwood Outlaws	18.22
$3^{rd}$	Cheshire Set	18.57
$4^{\text{th}}$	Sheffield Speeders	18.46
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wakefield Tykes	18.66
$6^{\text{th}}$	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.24

#### DIVISION TWO – Judge Sally Mann

$1^{st}$	Nuneaton Kestrels	18.72
$2^{nd}$	Rapidz	19.09
$3^{rd}$	Crazy Comets	19.05
$4^{\text{th}}$	Live Wires	19.09
$5^{\text{th}}$	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.34
$6^{\text{th}}$	Doncaster Belle Stars	20.14

#### DIVISION THREE - Judge Howard Campbell DIVISION FOUR - Judge Mike Tidswell

$1^{st}$	Blackpool Super Nova	19.90
$2^{nd}$	Blackpool Quasars	19.94
$3^{\rm rd}$	Zebedee Springers	19.98
$4^{\text{th}}$	Flying Colours	20.00
$5^{\text{th}}$	Wire Springs	20.06
$6^{\text{th}}$	Wires A-Live	20.19
7 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	20.64

**DIVISION FIVE – Judge Alison Harrison** 

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Springers

Fylde Coasters

Blackpool Nova

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Greeny Grasshoppers

#### $1^{st}$ Crazy Chieftains 20.59 $2^{nd}$ Thor's Rovers 20.71 $3^{rd}$ Kellington Power Racers 19.87 $4^{\text{th}}$ Wakefield Terrortykes 20.81 $5^{\text{th}}$ Cheshire Chasers 21.08 $\overline{6}^{\text{th}}$ Carry Ons 22.23

#### DIVISION SIX – Judge Irene Shaw

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$1^{st}$	Wire Connection	22.00		
$2^{nd}$	Fylde Surfers	22.30		
$3^{\rm rd}$	Yorkshire Racers	22.56		
$4^{\text{th}}$	Springers Off Springs	22.64		
$5^{\text{th}}$	Flying Reds	23.07		
$6^{\text{th}}$	Giga Bytes	21.95		

#### HEAD JUDGE'S REPORT

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The final Northern Bytes Tournament of the year turned out to be as good as any this year. The weather was kind to us despite the unsettled forecasts and the entire racing was finished both days before the rain set in.

It was my privilege to be invited back again as Head Judge; the only minor problem was an unnoticed 'break out time' that almost crept through but for the eagle eye of Vera as usual doing her stuff with the paperwork in the awning.

I judged **Division Three** to kick off the weekend's racing. There were seven teams competing and I have to say that this was probably the closest run division I have ever judged; eight of the twenty-one races going to five legs with a tied leg occurring in the **Wire Springs v Flying Colours** race. The **Blackpool Teams** had a super day winning this division with their **Super Nova Team** and a 19.90sec best time followed by the **Quasars** with a best time of 19.94secs. Next came **Zebedee Springers**, a fast improving team, who now appear to have mastered the change-overs. In fourth place came that ever smiling bunch of ladies/girls from the **Flying Colours** followed in fifth and sixth places by the **Wire Springs** and **Wires A-live** teams from Runcorn. Finally, bringing up the rear, were the **Yorkshire Leapers** who, despite problems, always take the sport in a light-hearted manner. The teams in this division were a pleasure to judge, no arguing, no getting upset, just plain flyball fun and a credit to the sport – well done!

The tournament was made up of predominantly Northern Teams, although it was nice to see our friends from the Midlands competing. The **Molten Magnets** and the **Nuneaton Kestrels** both went away with spoils from the First and Second Divisions respectively.

It was also a pleasure to see so many of our old friends in the sport receiving their 'Ice Blue Moon' and 'Platinum Awards'. Well done to those people.

#### HOWARD CAMPBELL (Greetland Grasshoppers)

## THE B.F.A. DIARY 2004

Key $-$ <b>Cl.D</b> = Closing date for entry	$\mathbf{O} = \mathbf{Open} \ \mathbf{LO} = \mathbf{Limited} \ \mathbf{Open} \ \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Multibut}$	eed $\mathbf{LM} = \text{Limited}$ Multibreed
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January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Maidstone, Kent	Ball Busters	LO (24 Teams)
	Contact – Debbie Collins Tel. 016	<i>689 607556</i>	CL.D 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anglesey, N. Wales	Pods	LO (24 Teams)
	Contact – Peter Roberts Tel. 0140	7 810610	CL.D 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.
February 5/6 <sup>th</sup>	Selby, Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (36 Teams)
	Contact – Betty Potts Tel. 01757 7	703233	CL.D 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Anglesey, N. Wales	Pods	LO (24 Teams)
	Contact – Peter Roberts Tel. 0140	7 810610	CL.D 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Newark, Notts	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (24 Teams)
February 13 <sup>th</sup>		y enter either Sat. or Sun.	CL.D 12 <sup>th</sup> .Jan.
	Contact – Pamela Harrison Tel. 0		CL.D 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
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March 20 <sup>th</sup>		y enter either Sat. or Sun.	
	Contact – Judy Parker Tel. 02476	6 404266	CL.D 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb
March 25/26/27 <sup>th</sup>	Carlton Towers, Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	Open
March 28th			LM (24 Teams)
	Contact – Betty Potts Tel. 01757 7	703233	CL.D 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
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April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Portway, W. Midlands	Wolf Pack	LO (18 Teams)
April 30 <sup>th</sup> /May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cheshire. T.B.A	The Northern Bytes	LO (36 Teams)
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cheshire. T.B.A	The Northern Bytes	М
May 7/8 <sup>th</sup>	Prissick Base, Middlesboro'	Crazy Cannons	LO (36 Teams)
May 20 <sup>th</sup> /21st	Sutton Fields, Cheshire	Live Wires	LO (38Teams)
May 28/29th	Arley Country Fair, Cheshire	Cheshire Set	LO (42 Teams)
May 28/29th	Eggborough, Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (48 Teams)
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Eggborough, Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	M
June 4/5th	Tabley Game Fair, Cheshire	Cheshire Set	LO (42 Teams)
June 11/12 <sup>th</sup>	Daventry, Northants	Molten Magnets	LO (54 Teams)
June 18/19 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Rugby Club, Warks	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (54 Teams)
July 2/3 <sup>rd</sup>	Askham Bryan, Yorks	Wakefield Tykes	LO (36 Teams)
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Portway, W. Midlands	Wolf Pack	LO (24 Teams)
July 9/10 <sup>th</sup>	Ryecroft Farm, Cheshire	Cheshire Set	LO (42 Teams)
July 16/17 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire. T.B.A	The Northern Bytes	LO (36 Teams)
July 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	Eggborough, Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (48 Teams)
August 6/7 <sup>th</sup>	York Racecourse, Yorks	Wakefield Tykes	LO (42 Teams)
August 13/14 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Rugby Club, Warks	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (54 Teams)
August 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup>	Daventry, Northants. Summer C		54 Teams
August 20 /21 August 27/28 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire. T.B.A.	The Northern Bytes	LO (36 Teams)
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire. T.B.A.	The Northern Bytes	M
August 29 August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Stoneleigh, Warks	Molten Magnets	LO (24 Teams)
September 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	Sherwood Forest, Notts	Sherwood Outlaws	LO (24 Teams)
September 17/10 <sup>th</sup>			, , ,
September 17/18 <sup>th</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sutton Fields, Cheshire	Live Wires	LO (38 Teams)
November 12/12 <sup>th</sup>	Portway, W. Midlands	Wolf Pack	LO (18 Teams)
November 12/13 <sup>th</sup>	Newark, Notts Tournament Organisers please mal	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (24 Teams)

Would all Tournament Organisers please make sure they have approval from the

Show Secretary before issuing Schedules.

## FLYBALL FOLKS ARE GREAT

We were at Ryecroft Farm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and had just completed our first race. As we watched the following two teams a dog hit my leg, hard, (I think it was Darwin who really wanted Rogan), I just felt this excruciating pain in my knee. As I went into the throes of passing out (well it was only 9.30am in the morning and I wasn't really awake), I felt hands holding me up then easing me into a chair to swoon gracefully, the ground was muddy so I was very grateful for that.

From then on and for the rest of the day I was continually looked after. Ice pack, bandage, tubi-grip, pills, potions and a walking stick appeared voluntarily to help me get back on my feet. Obviously I couldn't run my dog Rogan (I could barely stand) so Val gave up running her dog Smudge to concentrate on Rogan – Val's good as first dog, sorry handler – with me sitting in a chair at the back of the ring doing the calling. Even then there were members from other teams helping me out.

I would particularly like to thank Ryan & Amanda from the Sheffield Speeders and Sally from the Yorkshire Bouncers who were so kind and checked on me at intervals throughout the day. Also to all the other folk who helped me during my 'fainting' mode and the Northern Bytes for their patience when I held up the racing.

How lovely, kind and helpful Flyball folk are.

JEAN MEEKING (Molten Magnets)



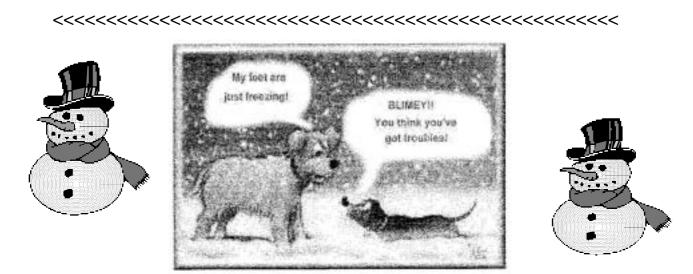


## **PUPPIES**

It is interesting to see how many height dogs are being used and I'd like to share a 'moment'. I was walking through the camping area (at the Sutton Fields Tournament) when I spotted two puppies, tethered for safety, but playing rough and tumble as only puppies can. I stopped and enjoyed watching their exuberance when one of them followed by the other popped their heads under the bottom of the tent. A well-known voice said "Hello boys". I smiled and realised those two were destined for a super flyball future. They say 'breeding will out' and the rich tan markings indicated their father was a special, sweet lad from the far North and their Mum resides in - well I'll leave you to guess where! Suffice it to say we will probably get to know these boys as they develop. Watch this space!

*P.S.* Breeze will now bring a ball back. No mean feat, but when you think she is ten months old it can hardly rate as accelerated learning.

### SUE BLITH (Live Wires)



# Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 26<sup>th</sup> October 2004

TIME 19.69 19.76 19.80 19.82 19.82 19.83 19.87 19.94 20.00 20.05 20.06 20.07 20.14 20.14 20.14 20.19 20.20 20.22 20.25 20.27 20.32 20.34 20.34 20.38 20.41 20.42 20.49 20.53 20.53 20.56 20.59 20.62 20.62 20.64 20.64 20.67 20.69 20.70 20.71 20.73 20.78 20.90 20.92 21.04

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME	SEE	D TEAM	TRN
1	M ad 4 M utts	054D	17.03	45	Doncaster Belle Stars	096
2	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.15	46	Red Rose Rockets	093
3	Maple Leafs	049	17.18	47	Shooting Star Jokers	001A
4	Molten Magnets	107	17.20	48		055A
5	The Jumping Jacks	022	17.46	49	Turbo Tykes	046J
6	Bad Dog Racers	053	17.53	50		041A
7	Podsters	015F	17.86	51	Kellington Power Racers	105
8	Molten Muzzles	107D	18.07	52		063B
9	Sherwood Outlaws	102	18.22	53	Flying Colours	064
10	Shooting Stars	001	18.32	54		078B
11	Bristol Ball-istics	018	18.42	55	Wire Springs	069E
12	Dodgers	078	18.44	56		107F
13	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.46	57	Melton Striders	035C
14	Molten Marvels	107C	18.51	58	Ball Busters	043
15	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.51	59	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	018E
16	Bad Dogs on the Run	053F	18.53	60	Wires A-Live	069F
17	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	18.56	61	Knutsford Gnashers	117
18	Cheshire Set	120	18.57	62	Springers	041
19	Nuneaton Bees	051A	18.58	63	Nova Next Generation	063C
20	Wakefield Tykes	046	18.66	64	Barkshire Bandidos	017D
21	Nuneaton Kestrels	051F	18.72	65	Maple Leaf Rockies	049B
22	Maple Leaf Raggers	049A	18.76	66		046L
23	Running 4 Mutts	054A	18.86	67	Melton Foxes	035B
24	Daventry Bumbles	099	18.88	68	Four Runners	040
25	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.96	69	Barney Owlers	119A
26	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	18.97	70	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C
27	The Northern Bytes	027	19.02	71	Fun 4 Mutts	054B
28	Bassett Allsorts	011	19.03	72	Wakefield Terrortykes	046A
29	Trying 4 Mutts	054G	19.04	73		053A
30	Crazy Comets	081F	19.05	74		052
31	Live Wires	069	19.09	75	Crazy Chieftains	081E
32	Rapidz	082	19.09	76	<i>y</i>	050D
33	Doncaster Northern Stars	096A	19.13	77		060
34	Molten Monarchs	107A	19.16	78		053B
35	Nuneaton Eagles	051D	19.24	79	0	052C
36	Dog Friendly Flyers	098	19.28	80	<b>X</b>	038
37	Molten Metals	107E	19.36	81		094
38	Podlets	015A	19.36	82	U	078A
39	Cracker Jacks	022E	19.48	83	5	070
40	Free Spirits	112	19.55	84		118
41	Snatch 'n' Grab	083	19.61	85	5	081
42	Ruff Runners	115	19.67	86	<i>y</i>	112B
43	Blackpool Super Nova	063	19.68	87		050
44	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	19.68	88		035A

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89	Clatto Clangers	073	21.07	114	Carry On's	121	22.23
90	Cheshire Chasers	120A	21.08	115	Box Raiders	103	22.25
91	Flying Reds	064A	21.10	116	Whiterose Curlytails	060B	22.39
92	Break-Aways(UK)	090	21.16	117	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	018C	22.40
93	Clatto Cruisers	073A	21.31	118	Tayside Roadrunners	089	22.53
94	Nuneaton Cyclones	051B	21.38	119	Yorkshire Racers	052B	22.56
95	Knutsford Pooches	117B	21.43	120	Springers Off Springs	041B	22.64
96	Blackpool Nova	063A	21.46	121	Sherwood Oaks	102A	22.70
97	Extrabuccs	025A	21.51	122	Brat Pack	050A	22.83
98	Doncaster Swift Stars	096B	21.54	123	Dog Friendly Racers	098A	22.89
99	Covert Catapults	114	21.54	124	Ball Buster Bandits	043B	22.91
100	Greasy Grasshoppers	055C	21.56	125	Flying Blues	064B	23.10
101	Nuneaton Ospreys	051E	21.61	126	Podlings	015D	23.11
102	Knutsford Tailspinners	117A	21.64	127	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	23.18
103	Tykes Torpedoes	046 I	21.81	128	Gofours	110	23.26
104	Bassett Jelly Babies	011C	21.82	129	Hillam Hot Spots	086E	23.44
105	The Giga Bytes	027E	21.84	130	The Flap Jacks	022G	23.75
106	Wire Connection	069C	21.85	131	Underdogs	085	23.82
107	Red Rose Racers	093B	21.91	132	Scallywags	059	24.06
108	Fylde Rollercoasters	038A	21.98	133	Sheffield Sparklers	058B	24.71
109	The Killa Bytes	027B	22.05	134	Wolf Cubs	050E	25.00
110	Crazy Crossbows	081C	22.06	135	Start-Rite Wizards	014	25.06
111	Shooting Star Rebels	001D	22.07	136	Grey Wolves	050F	25.46
112	Fylde Surfers	038B	22.14	137	Knight-Mares	036C	26.34
113	Peas in a Pod	015 I	22.18	138	Whiterose Bobtails	060C	33.12

## MULTIBREED SEED LIST

1	Tykes 57	046C	19.45
2	Bytes Hotchpotch	027G	20.03
3	Rapidz Sortz	082C	20.29
4	Bytes Blend	027 I	20.32
5	Yorkshire Mixture	052A	20.47
6	Grasshoppers Multi	055D	20.58
7	Dog Friendly Mix 'n' Match	098B	21.14

8	Mixtykes	046D	21.63
9	Random Rapidz	082E	22.51
10	Whiterose Aristocrats	060D	22.58
11	Fylde Pick 'n' Mix	038C	23.40
12	Yorkshire Allsorts	052D	24.44
13	Fylde Go4's	038D	25.30



## PORTWAY, BIRMINGHAM RESULTS - 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004

$1^{st}$	Molten Magnets	17.20
$2^{nd}$	Molten Muzzles	18.07
$3^{\rm rd}$	Dodgers	18.44
$4^{\text{th}}$	Running 4 Mutts	18.86
$5^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istics	18.42
$6^{\text{th}}$	Sherwood Outlaws	20.24

DIVISION TWO - Judge Sam Bawden

$1^{st}$	Molten Metals	19.36
$2^{nd}$	Bassett Allsorts	19.03
$3^{rd}$	Molten Monarchs	19.16
$4^{\text{th}}$	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	19.68
$5^{\text{th}}$	Greedy Grasshoppers	19.82
$6^{\text{th}}$	Blackpool Super Nova	19.93

#### DIVISION THREE - Judge Howard Campbell DIVISION FOUR - Judge Val Currie

$1^{\text{st}}$	Molten Munsters	20.07
$2^{nd}$	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	20.14
$3^{\rm rd}$	Jammi Dodgers	20.05
$4^{\text{th}}$	Wolverines	20.62
$5^{\text{th}}$	Nova Next Generation	20.80
$6^{\text{th}}$	Wolf Pack	20.92

$1^{\text{st}}$	Brat Pack	22.83
$2^{na}$	Whiterose Curly tails	22.39
$3^{\rm rd}$	Gigabytes	21.94
$4^{\text{th}}$	Gofours	23.26
$5^{\text{th}}$	Grey Wolves	24.70

### JUDGE'S REPORT

We had great stuff from the small band of Wolf Packers, nice location, great 'pub grub' and a good days flyball racing with not a raindrop in sight.

I judged Division Three, which produced some excellent racing. The Molten Munsters shared a blend of youth and experience to come out top of this Division with a fastest time of 20.07secs. The Jammi Dodgers looked to be going quite well until the third dog's handler kept getting lights, allowing the slick moving, enthusiastic Bristol Ball-istic Extraset to move above them into second place with a fastest time of 20.14secs. Next came Wolverines in fourth place, whose claim to fame for the day was beating the Munsters in the last race. Nova Next Generation just managed to get it all together for their last race of the day coming in fifth leaving the host team Wolf Pack to bring up the rear.

The lights used at this venue appeared to have a slower start sequence than the BFA lights used by many flyballers this year. Consequently there was an abundance of 'red' lights by the lead dog handlers who had to go up to five feet further back than they were used to. At the end of the tournament some teams had run their fastest ever times over what could not be described as a 'playing field' surface. (I think some of the dogs liked the springy surface. Ed).

Well done to the Wolf Pack for all your efforts, I hope to join you again next year.

#### HOWARD CAMPBELL (Greetland Grasshoppers)

(Ed's note: As a lead dog (oops handler) myself, I find I have to adjust at each tournament, and sometimes from lane to lane!)

## **BRISTOL BALL-ISTICS FASTEST EVER TIME**

JIVE, JACK, ABBY and MOLLY recorded the Ball-istics fastest ever time of 18.42secs. at Portway on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**WASTEBASKET**: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes and old sweet wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.







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### ...AND FINALLY

The Summer Championship Tournament this year was part of the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations. Fifty-five teams took part to find the overall winners in each of nine divisions. The racing proved to be close in all the divisions and congratulations must go to all the division winners for a very hard fought competition. I judged Division Five and what a great division it was.

This show was open to teams who had competed at nine or more Tournaments over the summer, with the top seeded six teams qualifying by right. As I had to go down to teams that had only entered three tournaments, those six teams would have qualified anyway.

I would like to thank the rest of the Committee for helping to put on the Tournament and also for all the hard work they do throughout the year behind the scenes, trying to improve and make Flyball even more fun for you all to enjoy.

PENNY CHARLTON (BFA Secretary)

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