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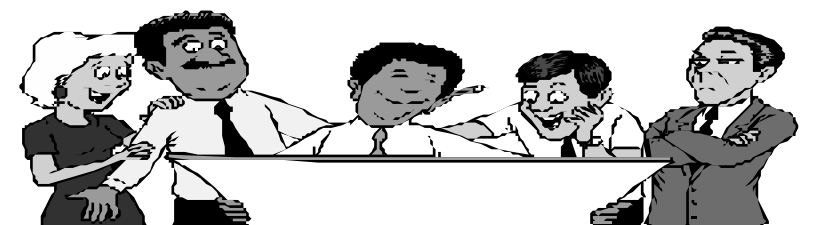
Sunday 1st April



Venue



Wythall Community Hall  
Birmingham



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# Greetings Flyballers

It was strangely warming that the November issue of the FR caused such a furore on the discussion board. At least I know that some members at least do read the magazine. It's worth pointing out that the FR by its very nature is *always* produced in retrospect thus the inclusion of items referring to the (shhh summer championship). It's also interesting to note that very few of our members actually use the discussion board and some would prefer to air their views in the magazine. The November issue contained personal views on a variety of subjects and hopefully that is what makes it interesting to read.

It hardly seems five minutes since the last AGM but here I am again endeavouring to encourage members to attend. Those present at the AGM make the decisions and maybe you won't agree with them but it's too late grumbling after the event. You'll still have to live with them. If you attend, at least you'll have the opportunity to make your views known. You'll find your *membership renewal form* inside your envelope, please note there's no 'days of grace' you need to pay *before the 1<sup>st</sup> April* or incur the £2.50 joining fee.

The printing costs of the FR have remained the same for the two years I have been Editor and also for most of the time Jean was Editor – thank goodness for Jean's excellent record keeping. I was able to persuade the printers to keep the increase to an acceptable level, but even so there was a big increase in the cost. In order to try to balance this a bit the Committee has decided to see if members would like to receive their record by email. On your *membership renewal form* (included with this issue) there is a question regarding this. Don't forget to circle the 'YES' if you are happy to have yours by email. It will probably be sent in PDF format and I'll be looking at the possibility of doing this in A5 format between issues, however I make no promises. (Another steep learning curve – at least I'm keeping my ancient brain active!)

Last, but not least, please keep your items coming in I really enjoy receiving them. Don't forget your email subject line needs to include **FR.**

Ed.



# CHAIRMAN'S SLOT

## Hello and Happy New Year to all Flyballers.

By the time you all get to read this edition of *The Flyball Record* the 2007 season will be well underway. With the new season comes a new points system giving more points to dogs in a team running over 22 seconds. A new points system has been a hot topic for a number of years.

On one side of the coin you have the members who feel the disparity of points between those teams running above and below the 22 second mark is too great and discourages handlers of less athletic or older dogs. Milestone awards take months or indeed years to achieve instead of sometimes weeks with faster teams.

Those against the change often argue that to change the system will devalue the achievements of those great pioneering dogs of the past. As there were very few shows to attend in the early years, Silver and Gold awards were the norm for high achieving dogs competing in the nineties. Of course trying to compare dogs from different eras is nigh on impossible. It's like trying to compare Stanley Mathews with George Best; unless they're competing against each other it is one's own opinion that makes the decision.

One thing without doubt is that flyball in this country would not have grown so quickly without the introduction of a points system to reward competing dogs and handlers. While some members would happily race their dogs without receiving points, there are also many members for whom receiving points and gaining awards is a very important part of their sport.

The coming months will see how this change will affect the number of dogs achieving awards and indeed the impact on the BFA financing the increased number of awards, if this proves to be the case. It's no secret that the BFA has a healthy bank balance and if this is the way the membership wishes to spend its money, then more will be spent on awards. After all it's your money.

Chris

## PORTWAY RESULTS – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Louise Bolger

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mansfield Marnicks	17.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Running 4 Mutts	17.62
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northants Falcons	17.80
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Magnets	18.02
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gofours	18.04
6 <sup>th</sup>	Live Wires	18.35

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wires A-Live	19.13
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	18.80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Molten Meteors	19.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Set	20.39
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Formula One	18.77
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Tricks	20.31

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Jacqui Litherland DIVISION FOUR – Judge Catherine Locke

1 <sup>st</sup>	Molten Metals	19.78	1 <sup>st</sup>	Leamington Royals	19.68
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doncaster Belle Stars	19.40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	20.59
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	19.57	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolf Pack	20.70
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Knights	20.68	4 <sup>th</sup>	The Swifts	20.75
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	19.72	5 <sup>th</sup>	Leaping Herts	21.31
6 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Aways (UK)	21.55	6 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	21.71

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Shaun Burrows

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kiddy Monsters	20.20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FourPaws Racing	20.79
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Northants Eagles	21.04
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Magic	21.10
5 <sup>th</sup>	Midshires Mud Pack	21.10

### DIVISION SIX – Judge Terry Condra

1 <sup>st</sup>	Scally wags	23.11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brat Pack	23.28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	23.82
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Cubs	22.09
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gofour Yellowbellies	22.35
6 <sup>th</sup>	Terrierists	24.31

### DIVISION SEVEN – Judge Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	Malmesbury Monks	25.17	4 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Wolves	30.07
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FourPaws Running	25.39	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun 4 Mutts	27.52
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beating Herts	28.32	6 <sup>th</sup>	Urban Wolves	75.14

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Samantha Branscombe West Riding Wizards	Martin Hill Hucknall Torkards
Laura Pacey Molten Magnets	Jennifer Capewell Hucknall Torkards
Rachael Sutton Kellington Power Racers	Brian Grundell Whiterose Wagtails
Myra Wright Lomond Raiders	Julie Huggins Yorkshire Bouncers
William Weir Lomond Raiders	Rebecca Liversidge Greetland Grasshoppers
Jason Smith Lomond Raiders	Davynia Wylie Live Wires
Ian Mellor The Northern Bytes	Sian Bates Shooting Stars
Joanna Mellor The Northern Bytes	Alex Rawlings Covert Catapults
Sue Fielding Doncaster Belle Stars	Shirley Parsons Covert Catapults
Jayne Stanton Wilmslow Wild Dogs	Pauline Wynn Covert Catapults
Camilla Stanton Wilmslow Wild Dogs	Debbie Wynn Covert Catapults
James Pyett The Northern Bytes	Claire Sheldon-Battle Soxon Sprinters
Clare Taylor The Northern Bytes	Geraldine Sheldon-Battle Soxon Sprinters
Maureen Putt Sturminster Flyers	Tracey Shenton Pods
Frank Armstrong Sturminster Flyers	Laura Moore Covert Catapults
Matthew Bunday Monday Niters	Tracey Moore Covert Catapults
Sue Moger Dog Friendly Flyers	Chris Moore Covert Catapults
Jane Morley Hucknall Torkards	Brenda Ainscough Leeds Owlers
Elaine Stott Hucknall Torkards	Christine Hinks Kellington Power Racers
Robyn O'Brien Ace's High	Melissa Carney Underdogs
Andy Worrell Maple Leafs	Jennifer Ward-George Valley Hound Dogs
Charlotte Carpenter Mad Mutts	June George Valley Hound Dogs
Louise McCulloch Live Wires	John Ward Valley Hound Dogs
Anthony Allan Live Wires	Alison Crouch Whiterose Wagtails
	Lynne Wilson Sherwood Outlaws

### **NEW TEAMS**

**The Doghouse**, *Doghouse Smash'n'Grab*, *Doghouse Fast'n'Furious*, *Doghouse Hit'n'Run*

**Soxon Sprinters**, *Soxon Runners*, *Soxon Joggers*

**Sturminster Flyers**, *Sturminster Turbo's*

**Free Wheelers**, *Free Wheelers Fast'n'Furious*, *Free Wheelers on Fire*, *Free Wheelers Clamped*

### Leamington Royals Awards

Congratulations to all the members of the team for achieving the following awards during 2006.

Well done also for a first great year of competing

#### **Flyball Dog** (200 points)

Jo Birkbeck & **Megan**

Karen Colls & **Snoop**

Jo Hyslop & **Ronny**

Theresa McLeod & **Brie**

Douglas Nethercleft & **Jesse**

Carol Vaughan & **Adi**

#### **Flyball Dog Intermediate** (1000 points)

Karen Colls & **Snoop**

Jo Hyslop & **Ronny**

Carol Vaughan & **Adi**

## SHOULD I HAVE...



**A DOG**



**OR A CHILD?**

### Thanks to the Greetland Grasshoppers

Thank you to all the members of the **Greetland Grasshoppers** for their continued support and boundless enthusiasm that has resulted in **Bob** being awarded his Ice Blue Moon (not bad for a guy who retired once due to arthritis and dodgy hips), also **Stella's** Silver.

**Lynne Ware** (Greetland Grasshoppers)

### **AN ELKHOUND BLOOD DONOR?**

Yes, my six-year-old Norwegian elkhound "Ravenstone Nyzaz Pie" is a registered blood donor and has recently saved the life of a Border Collie!

It all started when I read a request for canine blood donors in our local Veterinary Centre's newsletter. So when I took our two elks for their annual jabs at the beginning of December I volunteered them. Pie was accepted but her mum Aino was deemed to be too old at eight years of age. The criteria at our vet practice is for dogs to be between the age of one to eight, to weigh twenty kilogrammes or more, to be in good health, to be up to date with vaccinations, not pregnant, not to have ever travelled abroad and very importantly to be good natured.

I was advised that Pie might be called upon to donate once a year, never in the middle of the night or anything dramatic as they keep a supply of blood stored for a month in the fridge for emergencies.

But within two weeks I received a call asking for Pie to donate the next day so off we went. Pie was full of excitement, as she loves going to the vet. The procedure took about twenty minutes starting with a bit shaved clean on the neck, followed by a needle into the jugular vein. She had to sit very still while she donated 500 ml (just under a pint). After the donation she tucked into a big bowl of food and returned home full of self-importance and none the worse for wear.

The next day a Border Collie was in for a routine spay operation but was found to have a huge abscess that had to be removed along with her spleen. This resulted in a large loss of blood. The vet phoned and told me that the subsequent transfusion of Pie's blood saved the Collie's life and she was making a good recovery.

What a great feeling to know that Pie had helped another dog. Oh, and if you are wondering why the practice only recently started asking for volunteers, it was because up until now they had always relied on donations from the vets' and staff's own dogs, but their numbers had dwindled recently. So if asked don't hesitate. One day your dog may need help from a donor.

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## MAIDSTONE RESULTS – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge John Percivaldi

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	17.54
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bad Dog Racers	17.93
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maple Leafs	18.31
4 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	18.74
5 <sup>th</sup>	Maple Leaf Riggers	19.35
6 <sup>th</sup>	Shooting Stars	19.58

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Jason Baker

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Meecos	19.55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barkshire Bandidos	20.07
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bambinos	20.40
4 <sup>th</sup>	Underdogs	20.92
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ace's High	20.56
6 <sup>th</sup>	Racing Herts	20.79

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Penny Charlton

1 <sup>st</sup>	Maple Leaf Stampede	20.07
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ball Busters	20.09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Knights	21.32
4 <sup>th</sup>	FourPaws Racing	22.11
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shooting Star Jokers	23.13
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ace's Win	22.83

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Maurice Jenkins

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shooting Star Rebels	22.29
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ball Buster Bandits	22.98
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hotshots	24.25
4 <sup>th</sup>	FourPaws Running	25.61
5 <sup>th</sup>	Underdogs Too	25.71
6 <sup>th</sup>	Beating Herts	27.69

### A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet.

"My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him? "

"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him"

The vet picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth.

Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? Because he's cross-eyed? "

"No, because he's really heavy "



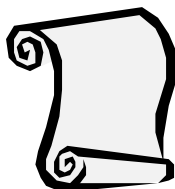
## BREAK-AWAYS (UK) AWARDS GAINED IN 2006

### GOLD AWARD

**BRIDIE** & Valerie Rothlisberger-Jones - 18th June

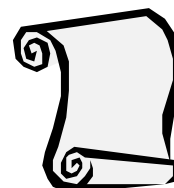
### SILVER AWARD

**ANNIE** & Helen Saxby - 24th June



### FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED

**MURPHY** & Carol Brooks - 18th March



### FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE

**KELLY** & Joan Antoine - 16th April

**LOTTIE** & Helen Saxby 25th November

### FLYBALL DOG

**KIZZY** & Stan Matheson - 27th August

**LOTTIE** & Helen Saxby - 3rd September

## THE LONELINESS OF A LONG DISTANCE BOX JUDGE

We hear the loudspeaker crackle away and the disjointed voice of the show organiser desperately pleading for a Box Judge so the show can go on. We are not looking at a 9 o'clock in the evening finish to the day.

But who are these Box Judges and what is their purpose in life?

From the **Box Loader's view**, it is someone who happens to be sat on a chair next to them so they have someone to talk to between races and maybe help with jump heights and recovering lost balls.

From some of the **Division Judges' view**, it is someone they must have according to the rules of Flyball. So, as long as someone is sat on the chair fifty-one feet away, all is well.

From some of the **Line Judges' view**, who the devil is that up near the box with that large umbrella waving their hand about?

From some of the **Box Judges view**, it is a chance to sit down in the racing arena, watch the racing and maybe get a free cup of coffee or cold drink and sometimes have a bit of a nap. Yes, the last comment is true because it happened to me when I was division judge and the Box Loader had to wake the person up.

As a nominated and practising Flyball Head Judge I believe that *all* the officials nominated to help the Division Judge are as *equally important* as each other for the smooth and fair running of the division, so let us remind ourselves about the job.

Yes, the Box Judge is sat away from the action at the start line but can the Division Judge see what is happening at the box and is the Box Loader obeying the rules?

Has the dog dropped a ball after operating the box on the way back to the handler?

Has the dog brought a ball up to the box and collected the correct ball out of the box?

Has the box malfunctioned or was it a mistake made by the Box Loader?

Is the box correctly located on the box line?

All these points above are part of the **Box Judges' role** so let the **Box Judge** be a part of the **Division Judging Team**.

**Divisional Judges** – make yourself known to the Box Judge and ensure that they are aware of the Rules regarding the Box Loader etc. Make sure that they are ready prior to racing. You ask the Box Loader, why not the Box Judge?

Watch for signals from the Box Judge for infringements or faulty boxes.

And last and by no means least at the end of the Division go up and thank them for their efforts.

**Line Judges** – keep your eye on the Box Judge for signals. The Division Judge may have missed it.

**Box Loaders** – do not expect all of them to help in setting jump heights, recovering balls etc. They are there to officiate not to be your lucky.

**Box Judges** – Yes you are away from the action at the start line and it can get quite lonely as nobody comes to talk during the change of team breaks. You can get quite cold and sometimes quite wet, but keep observing what is going on in the lane you are judging and clearly signal infringements.

Acknowledge the Division Judges signals to ensure that you are ready. By all means have your coffee or cold drink or help in changing jump heights etc. but please do not go to sleep or your picture could feature in future editions of The Flyball Record and then we would all know. (I'm afraid I don't pay paparazzi, but love to receive funny or embarrassing photos! Ed.)

**John Verity** (Dog Friendly Flyball Team)



# Your Committee News

*A few points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006*

**Update on Lights** – The few remaining problems are being looked into to try and iron them out. A recent survey showed that no members asked had any issues with these lights. The Committee is investigating the possibility of having timers on both sides and whether it is possible to have a spare timer box in case of faults and getting a frame for setting up the start gates at the required distances.

**European Championships 2007** – Although the BFA will be running this tournament, the Berkshire Bandits and Maple Leafs will be the main organisers. (Since this meeting Loseley Park in Guildford has been confirmed as the new venue. Ed.)

**Summer Championship 2007** – At present no teams have come forward to host this event. It was agreed that as the event should be for the fastest teams in the country, there would be no qualifying shows but this would be open to review. Initially the top 54 teams on the seed list would be invited to attend, going down the list until all the places are filled should some teams decline the invitation. It was also agreed to look into the possibility of running a three-day event in order to take more than 54 teams.

**Judges Seminars** – (Oswestry and Newark schedules are out. Ed.) Wayne is liaising with Graham to put on another judges seminar at Wantage Leisure Centre in February.

**Postal vote for Committee members** – In order to keep to the Rules and Policies it was agreed that if it was necessary to hold a postal vote then no voting slips would be opened until the day of the AGM.

**Declared Times and Break-out Rule** – This has been discussed at the last two meetings and it was agreed that a change was needed. Therefore all teams that submit slower times than their seeded time will now break-out if they run ½ a second faster than that time.

**Points postal vote** – It was agreed to publish the break down of the recent postal vote. It was also noted that it was disappointing that such a low return had been received.

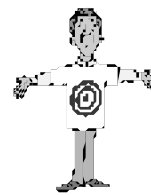
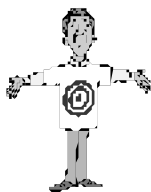
Total slips issued	1268
Total slips returned	458
Total slips counted	439
Total slips void	19
Total slips not returned	810
Total votes for change	339
Total votes against change	100



**Membership Secretary's Report** – The total membership as at 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006 is 1445. Teams for schedules are now 96.

**Finances** – As there has been a large increase in the cost of the Flyball Record, it was suggested to see how many members have email facility and if they would be happy to receive theirs by this method. Any member who would rather have it by post can still receive theirs in this way.

**Show Secretary's Report** – Judy confirmed with the Committee that she was advising any Tournament Organisers that have their show over subscribed by the first day's post to put all entries into a hat and pull out the number of teams required for their show.





## **Matters arising since the last meeting**

**Measuring hoops** – New measuring hoops are being designed but there has been a hold up with the supply of the prototype.

**DSC Report and Recommendations** – Following a recent complaint, the Committee are looking into non-members competing in Starter competitions. Anne is also looking at designing new forms for use in starter competitions only.

**Clarification** was discussed that head judges, according to the rules, do have the power to reduce racing to the best of three due to inclement weather conditions and a slight amendment to the rules was needed.

**It had been observed** that some Tournament Organisers don't always abide by the BFA Rules and Policies. It was discussed that head judges and Committee members should be encouraged to keep an eye on this and fill in an incident form which should be sent to the BFA secretary.

**Netting in the run back area** – There have been some concerns about the use of this following a few incidents that have occurred while this has been used. No action would be taken at this time.

**Junior Handler Award** – The Junior Handler forms have been amended and will be in use in 2007. This is in order to take the responsibility of the supply and posting back, away from the Tournament Organiser and onto the juniors.

**Head Judges** – It was confirmed that any candidate wishing to become a Head Judge must have been a member of the Association for three years before starting to complete the logbook.

**Junior Line Judges** – No age limit would be set, but Head and Division Judges can determine if the junior is capable of performing the job correctly. It is advisable that juniors under 14 should not sit together but have an adult alongside them.

**Interference** – As some judges were not applying this rule correctly, a slight change to the rule 5.17(h) was needed.

**Box Loaders** – All competitors including box loaders should be members of the Association. As there has been some confusion a slight change to rule 5.7(a) is needed in order to clarify the situation. The box loader is part of the team for insurance purposes and thus should be a member.

**Seeding Times** – A letter has highlighted that some divisions are being won by teams running two seconds faster than any other team in their division. Despite the change to the break-out rule the Committee felt this would not stop teams running under a different team name. It was suggested that teams running on their seeded time could be subject to break-out if they run one second faster than their seed time but the Committee would monitor the situation with the present rule change and review it at a later date.

**Date of the next meeting** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2007



He's snoring. I can't sleep.

## WALTHOF CENTRE RESULTS – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Paula Merryman

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gofours	18.53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Magnets	18.41
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Live Wires	18.24
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Marnicks	18.36
5 <sup>th</sup>	Red Rose Rebels	18.67
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Mixups	19.50

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Shaun Burrows

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wire Sparks	19.35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wires A-Live	19.64
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	19.31
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Metals	20.26
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kellington Power Racers	20.26
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Tricks	20.86

### DIVISION THREE – Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cleveland Whirlwinds	19.35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Monarchs	20.32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grasshopper Gems	19.60
4 <sup>th</sup>	Red Rose Rascals	20.43
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Springs	20.86
6 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Aways (UK)	20.88

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Anne Alcock

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kellington Krawlers	20.99
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whiterose Bushytails	21.86
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	22.75
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gofour Yellowbellies	23.09
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Bytes	23.26
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Shooters	26.58

### Head Judge's Report

I would like to say a big thank you to the Sheffield Speeders for allowing me to be Head Judge at their competition in October. It was my first in my new capacity as a Head Judge and it was a nice and easy indoor tournament, as I knew it would be, due to the good organisation of their competitions.

There was just one minor hiccup with the lights right at the end of Division Three when Doreen was judging. As there was only one more race in that division it was agreed to finish with people watching the lines for crossovers. Thanks to the Red Rose Rockets for their patience while we decided what to do. I'm happy to say Ryan sorted it out very quickly. Thank you also to Doreen on giving me a few tips on dog measuring and to all my Judges and ring parties who also did a great job.

**Roger Talbot** (Kellington Power Racers)

## WALTHEOF CENTRE RESULTS – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Alison Harrison

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doncaster Belle Stars	20.03
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barney Owlers	19.47
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melton Foxes	19.76
4 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Rapidz	19.97
5 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Chieftains	19.86
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	21.21

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Ryan Mills

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zebedee Springers	20.80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doncaster Southern Stars	20.87
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Racing Colours	21.32
4 <sup>th</sup>	Melton B's	21.73
5 <sup>th</sup>	Springers Off Springs	23.17
6 <sup>th</sup>	Barking Owlers	21.49

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Robin Holding

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	22.18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	West Riding Wizards	22.57
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wilmslow Wild Dogs	23.29

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting Colours	23.52
5 <sup>th</sup>	Doncaster Eastern Stars	24.51
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lomond Raiders	23.52
7 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Rockets	25.19

## Learn to bite your nails!

It sounds disgusting, mmm tastes great, and even better will leave a good mess on the carpet. It might even prevent your human from purchasing nail clippers and clipping them for you.

It may start as clipping your nails but unless your human has received training, you *could lose a leg!*

## Why Own A Dog?

Why own a dog? There's danger you know  
You can't own just one, the craving will grow  
There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein lies the danger  
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is so funny, and two are no trouble  
The third one is easy; the fourth one's a honey  
The fifth's delightful; the sixth one's a breeze,  
You find you can live with a house full with ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare?  
They're really quite easy, oh but the hair.  
With dogs on the sofa, and dogs on the bed,  
And crates in the kitchen, It's no bother, you've said,  
They're really no trouble; their manners are great,  
What's just one more dog, what's just one more crate?

The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty,  
The floor is all footprints, the furniture is dusty,  
The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care?  
Who minds a few nose prints, and a little more hair?

So let's keep a puppy, you can always find room,  
And a little more time for the dust cloth and broom,  
There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add,  
The thought of a cutback sure makes you sad.

Each one is so special, so useful, so funny,  
Between the vet and the grocery you spend all your money,  
Your folks never visit; few friends come to stay,  
Except other dog folks, who live the same way.

Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too,  
But your weekends are busy; you're off with your crew,  
There's dog food and vitamins, and training and shots,  
And entries and dog shows which all cost a lot.

Is it worth it you wonder? Are you caught in a trap?  
Then your favourite dog comes and climbs in your lap,  
His look says you're special, and you know that you will  
Keep all of the critters, in spite of the bill.

With thanks to **Valerie Rothlisberger-Jones** (Break-Aways Flyball Teams)



### **All dogs display special skills in alleged understanding**

Dogs are able to listen as intently as a highly paid therapist.

They offer unconditional support and non-judgemental attention, all for free.

***AND THEY NEVER TALK BACK!***

## SELBY COLLEGE RESULTS – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Bob Haworth

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dog Friendly Flyers	19.04
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mansfield Marnicks	18.65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	18.82
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.41
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gofours	18.71
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Formula One	19.67

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Dianne Halstead

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barney Owlers	19.24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kellington Power Racers	19.76
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cleveland Whirlwinds	19.74
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	20.40
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Eagles	20.61
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Kestrels	20.67

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Betty Potts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kellington Krawlers	20.70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mansfield Tricks	20.23
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Techni Colours	21.70
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Quasars	22.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nova Next Generation	22.19
6 <sup>th</sup>	Carry On's	20.69

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Maria Brennan

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barking Owlers	20.98
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gofour Imps	20.98
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclone	21.50
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Bytes	22.40
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dog Friendly Sprinters	22.16
6 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Bushytails	22.76

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Dave Long

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bishop Burton Brainiacs	24.14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dog Friendly Racers	23.56
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whiterose Bobtails	24.51

4 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Bytes	25.87
5 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool White Dwarf Stars	25.23
6 <sup>th</sup>	Carry On Regardless	25.01



**Quiet pride will carry you further than boasting.**



## SELBY COLLEGE RESULTS – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge William Whiteley

1 <sup>st</sup>	Live Wires	18.77
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Crazy Chieftains	19.17
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doncaster Belle Stars	19.37
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Sparks	20.01
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Chasers	19.96
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	20.24

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Alison Booth

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yorkshire Runners	19.71
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wires A-Live	19.49
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fylde Coasters	20.98
4 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Aways (UK)	20.86
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Springs	20.95
6 <sup>th</sup>	Blaxton Blades	22.44

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Alison Harrison

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thorne Troopers	20.59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doncaster Southern Stars	20.63
3 <sup>rd</sup>	West Riding Wizards	20.95
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Rollercoasters	21.22
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thorne Trotters	24.97
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	21.78
7 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	22.77

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge John Verity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	21.66
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Box Raiders	24.36
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wired 4 Action	24.68
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Surfers	23.77
5 <sup>th</sup>	Doncaster Eastern Stars	24.13
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Rockets	24.86

## People who love dogs too much

It is essential to keep avid dog lovers well away from rescue centres.

These centres offer appealing animals to 'good homes'. Dog lovers are unlikely to overcome the urge to rescue at least one.

## Out of the mouths of babes...

(Have your tissues at the ready!)

Being a Veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer.

I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt that Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time that I wondered if he understood what was going on.

Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life – like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The four-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

With thanks to **Judy Parker** (Molten Magnets)



## NEWARK SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mansfield Marnicks	19.31
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cleveland Comets	18.65
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	19.19
4 <sup>th</sup>	Northants Falcons	19.30
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dog Friendly Flyers	19.65
6 <sup>th</sup>	Running 4 Mutts	19.24

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Bob Haworth

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Swifts	20.80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Covert Catapults	21.15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday Niters	21.60
4 <sup>th</sup>	Midshires Mud Pack	21.96
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kellington Krawlers	24.39
6 <sup>th</sup>	Northants Eagles	24.01

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge John Proctor

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dog Friendly Racers	23.78
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grey Wolves	25.20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hotshots	23.79

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.01
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kellington Power Racers	20.58
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cleveland Whirlwinds	20.79
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	22.12
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Tricks	20.55
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kellington Sapphire Blue	20.73

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doncaster Northern Stars	21.48
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nuneaton Kestrels	21.16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dog Friendly Sprinters	22.01
4 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Necks	21.90
5 <sup>th</sup>	Daventry Buzzers	22.62
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Bytes	23.25

4 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Evens	23.54
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun 4 Mutts	28.68
6 <sup>th</sup>	Urban Wolves	NFC

## Dogs have exceptional hearing

They are able to hear high-pitched whistles that we can't. Of course, when standing right beside us they can't hear the shouted '*stay*' but strangely enough they will hear us opening a packet of biscuits from two miles away!

## NEWARK SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gofours	18.27
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Magnets	18.54
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Molten Meteors	18.96
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	18.98
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.02
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wellingborough Red Wellies	19.49
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Formula One	19.44

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doncaster Southern Stars	19.36
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gofour Yellowbellies	21.16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thorne Trotters	22.95
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	22.20
5 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Curlytails	22.83
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclone	22.47

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Louise Bolger

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Metals	20.06
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	20.59
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Munsters	20.91
5 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Racers	20.22
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Eagles	NFC

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Shaun Burrows

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	21.79
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doncaster Eastern Stars	22.88
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellingborough Red Bulls	23.29
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	23.53
5 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Bobtails	27.56
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Rockets	25.52

# HI FOLKS, IT'S HARLEY HERE

## (LOOK MUM NO NETTING)

As you know, I've never been one to brag, but I just have to tell you about my promotion. I am now running with the big boys and girls in the open - how good is that? My debut began at Newark in November with the Break-evens. Mum took me into this long building, full of dogs and people and the noise was deafening. We pushed through the crowd and WOW there were dogs in here doing flyball - "CAUTION, EXCITEMENT OVERLOAD!" When they had finished, it was our turn to go in.

Hmm, something looks different. Where's the netting? The jumps look higher to me. I did the run back to mum with no problem and waited in line as usual. I always used to run first, but now I was third, what's going off here then? When it was my turn, mum gave me a bit of space after the other dog had passed and let me go. Don't know what she was worried about, I did it didn't I? I ran all the legs and did it right.

I was going great guns and mum was well chuffed. That was until I threw a wobbly when we ran against the next team. I ran down the side of the jumps and decided to watch the other lane. The whistle blew and I was carted off - ho hum back to the drawing board!

Later in the day I ran again and I only made one little mistake and mum was well chuffed. To make it even better we came fourth and I got my first points and a rosette.

However ...

At Doncaster I ran with the Break-Aways, but I did a naughty thing and it was all mum's fault. She tried to do a tighter changeover and I bottled it. I ran out the side door and up the outside. I had run perfectly in the red lane on our first runs, but I got a bit confused when we went in the blue lane and thought I had to get the ball from the red lane's box. Would you believe it - the last dog had gone anyway and pinched the ball!

Oh dear - how embarrassing - pulled out again! I did redeem myself though and ran perfectly for the rest of the day. I know mum was so pleased with me, as she bought me a new tuggy and a big juicy chew.

I'm looking forward to Sheffield next and will do my best, so I can get even more toys and chews.

See you soon,

Luv **Harley** (Break-Aways)





# British Flyball Association

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**To be held at Wythall Community Hall, Wythall Park and House,  
Silver Street, Wythall, Birmingham, B47 6LZ.  
On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, commencing at 10.00am**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Flyball Association will be held at Wythall Community Hall, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, commencing at 10.00am. All current members are cordially invited to attend.

Nominations for membership of the Committee and all proposals for inclusion in the Agenda must be received by the Secretary on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.

Nominations for Committee can be posted on the website via the Secretary's page. All proposals for inclusion in the Agenda must be sent in writing by post or e-mailed direct to [secretary@flyball.org.uk](mailto:secretary@flyball.org.uk)

As the AGM is on 1<sup>st</sup> April, renewal prior to the due date of 1<sup>st</sup> April is advisable for members wishing to attend and vote. Renewals will NOT be accepted at the AGM.

Dog exercise area will be available.

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### Directions to Venue

Leave M42 at Junction 3.

Take the A 435 towards Birmingham.

At the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit, signposted Wythall and Hollywood.

Silver Street is 2nd turning on left (approx half a mile from roundabout)  
opposite Sun Pub and Darren Blower Estate Agents.

Wythall Park is on the right. The drive is opposite Wilmore Lane.

A map of the Location will be posted on the Website associated with this Notice

**For more information phone Penny Charlton (BFA Secretary)  
01753 620110 or mobile 07708458742**

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### Catering Arrangements

Arrangements have been made for the provision of a hot buffet style meal (with vegetarian option) at a cost of £3.50 per person. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Wolf Pack' and must be with Anne Johnson by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at the latest to book a meal.

Tear off this slip and send it with your cheque to:

**Anne Johnson, 60 Avenue Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7TJ.**

I require .....meal(s), .....vegetarian meal(s).

I enclose a cheque for £..... (at £3.50 per person).

Name: ..... Telephone No: .....

For further details of Food:

contact Anne on 0121 443 1535 or e-mail [abryher@WolfPackFlyball.co.uk](mailto:abryher@WolfPackFlyball.co.uk)



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1ST APRIL 2007

**ALL current memberships will fall due for renewal on 1st April 2007.**

Once again it is coming up to renewal time and a separate one-off Renewal Application Form is enclosed with this issue of the **Flyball Record** ready for use by 1st April. **As the one month's grace no longer applies, early renewal is advisable for all members. Renewals will NOT be accepted at the AGM.** Please note that **New** members added to this Form at the time of renewal incur the £2.50 Joining Fee (per Form, not per new member).

**The £2.00 fee for inclusion of Primary Teams on the 'List of Teams to receive Tournament Schedules' have been discontinued as these Schedules are now available from the Website. However existing information on currently active Teams and their contact points will be retained in this format.**

**Please remember to complete the section at the foot of the Form requiring continued agreement to abide by the Association's Current Rules & Policies and Code of Ethics, ensuring it is signed and dated. Failure to do so will result in the Form being returned for completion before your membership can be renewed.**

**If you would like to receive future copies of the FLYBALL RECORD via email please circle the word 'YES' in the relevant section.**

Annual Fees remain at current year's levels:

**Single   £12.00                  Joint   £18.00**

The limitation on voting rights continues to apply to Joint memberships where they cover more than two members recorded as residing at the same address.

All Team Captains are asked to make certain that New Member Applications and Lapsed Member Renewals after 1st April 2007 are made on the normal Membership Form, available from the Website or the Appendices to their Rule Book and **NOT** on copies of the one-off Form.

Although the membership fees reduce month by month from the end of April, renewals after **1st April** (not the end of April as in previous years) will, of course, require the addition of the £2.50 Lapsed Charge. Completed Forms and Cheques covering the fees should be sent to:

**British Flyball Association  
PO BOX 109  
PETERSFIELD  
GU32 1XZ**

Any queries, please contact Graham Nye on:

Telephone: 01730 828269    E-mail: [membership@flyball.org.uk](mailto:membership@flyball.org.uk)

## THE B.F.A. DIARY 2007

Key – Cl.D = Closing date for entry O = Open LO = Limited Open M = Multibreed LM = Limited\_Multibreed

<b>Feb 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Newark Showground, Notts</b> Seminar for trainers & team captains Contact – <i>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	BFA Committee	LO (24 teams)  CLD 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Feb 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Newark Showground, Notts</b> Judges Seminar Contact – <i>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	BFA Committee	LO (24 teams)  CLD 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Mar 17/18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Waltheof Centre, Sheffield, Sth. Yorks</b> Teams may enter either Sat or Sun Contact – <i>Paula Merryman Tel. 01246 414816</i>	Sheffield Speeders	LO (24 teams)  CLD 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Apr 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wythall Park Community Hall, Birmingham, West Midlands</b> AGM	BFA Committee	All members welcome CLD 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar
<b>Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 7/8<sup>th</sup> Apr 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carlton Towers, North-Yorkshire</b>  Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	Yorkshire Bouncers	Starters LO (48 teams) M CLD 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mona Showground, Anglesey</b>  Contact – <i>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	Pods	Starters LO (30 teams) Fun Events CLD 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>Apr 7/8<sup>th</sup> Apr 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rose &amp; Crown, Portway, West Midlands</b> Contact - <i>Anne Johnson Tel. 0121 443 1535</i>	Wolf Pack	LO (54 teams) Starters CLD 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 8/9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Frimley Lodge Park, Frimley Park, Surrey,</b> Contact – <i>Chris Fulford Tel. 01329 311780</i>	Bad Dog Racers	Starters LO (48 teams) CLD 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>May 5/6<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Drax Sports &amp; Social Club, Nth-Yorks.</b> Kellington Contact – <i>Roger Talbot Tel. 01977 661209</i>	Power Racers	LO (42 teams) M CLD 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>May 5/6<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mottram St. Andrews, Macclesfield, Cheshire</b> Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0789</i>	The Northern Bytes	LO (48 teams) M CLD 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>May 5/6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ford Sp &amp; Soc. Club, Daventry, Northants</b> Contact – <i>Sam Bawden Tel. 01865 820097</i>	Mad Mutts	LO (48 teams) CLD 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>May 12/13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Prissick Base, Middlesbrough, Nth. Yorks</b> Contact – <i>Charlie Berry Tel. 01642 875117</i>	Crazy Cannons	LO (42 teams) CLD 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>May 19/20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sutton Fields, Nr. Runcorn, Cheshire</b> Contact – <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>	Live Wires	LO (48 teams) CLD 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>May 26/27<sup>th</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eggborough, Nth. Yorks.</b>  Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (48 teams) M CLD 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>May 26/27/28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Loseley Park, Guildford, Surrey</b> European Championship 2007 Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>	BFA Committee	LO (TBC)  CLD 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>June 2/3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire</b> Contact – <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>	Cheshire Set	LO (42 teams) CLD 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>June 9/10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Newark Showground, Notts</b> Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (48 teams) CLD 11 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June 16/17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Daventry, Northants</b> Contact – <i>Judy Parker Tel. 02476 404266</i>	Molten Magnets	LO (48 teams) CLD 18 <sup>th</sup> May

June 23/24 <sup>th</sup>	Cantley Park, Doncaster, Sth. Yorks Contact – <i>Robin Holding Tel. 07711 608115</i>	Doncaster Belle Stars	LO (54 teams) CLD 18 <sup>th</sup> May
June 23/24 <sup>th</sup>	Frimley Lodge Park, Frimley Green, Surrey Contact – <i>Chris Fulford Tel. 01329 311780</i>	Bad Dog Racers	O CLD 24 <sup>th</sup> May
June 30 <sup>th</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Penny Farm, Blackpool, Lancs Contact – <i>Len Titterington Tel. 01253 762116</i>	Red Rose Rockets	LO (48 teams) CLD 29 <sup>th</sup> May
July 7/8th	Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire	Cheshire Set	LO (42 teams)
July 28/29th	Eggborough, North-Yorkshire	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (48 teams)
July 28/29 <sup>th</sup>	Tai Lawr, Bryngwran, Anglesey	Pods	LO (48 teams)
July 31st Aug 1st	Tai Lawr, Bryngwran, Anglesey	Pods	LO (48 teams)
Aug 4/5 <sup>th</sup>	Eastham, Wirral, Merseyside	Dolphins	LO (48 teams)
Aug 11/12 <sup>th</sup>	Mottram St Andrew, Cheshire	The Northern Bytes	LO (48 teams)
Aug 18/19 <sup>th</sup>	BFA Summer Champ. Daventry, Northants	BFA Committee	LO (54 teams)
Aug 25/26 <sup>th</sup> Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tatton Park, Cheshire	The Northern Bytes	LO (48 teams) M
Aug 25/26 <sup>th</sup> Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Drax Sp & Soc Club, Nth. Yorks	Kellington Power Racers	LO (42 teams) M



**Congratulations to the Valley Hound Dogs  
on achieving their awards in 2006.**

*Flyball Dog*

*Flyball Dog Graduate*

*Zoot and Imogen Stockton*

*Taffy and Pam Parsons*

*Kim and Jackie Williams*

*Tumble and Penny Stennings*



*Well done everyone*



## NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE RESULTS – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Howard Campbell

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cleveland Comets	17.85
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gofours	18.07
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	18.15
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Magnets	18.20
5 <sup>th</sup>	Red Rose Rebels	19.45
6 <sup>th</sup>	Red Rose Rockets	19.61

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Bob Haworth

1 <sup>st</sup>	Podlets	19.06
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Rose Rascals	19.49
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doncaster Southern Stars	19.47
4 <sup>th</sup>	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.80
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Coasters	20.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	19.23

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Dave Long

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thorne Trotters	21.11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greeny Grasshoppers	23.02
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sherwood Oaks	21.66

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Len Titterington

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	18.94
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Metals	20.38
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cleveland Hurricanes	19.89
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cleveland Whirlwinds	20.18
5 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	20.57
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.33

### DIVISION FOUR – Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yorkshire Racers	20.14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blackpool Quasars	21.40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nova Next Generation	20.25
4 <sup>th</sup>	Midshires Mud Pack	20.76
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclone	21.33
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Rollercoasters	21.52

4 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool White Dwarf Stars	24.35
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Surfers	25.30

### Judge's Report

This was another classic from the Doncaster Belle Stars team at this great indoor venue - on grass. For the second year the grass was laid and was again a resounding success. Five divisions were squeezed into the day that finished at 6.30pm, not bad going. No problems were encountered with the lights that I was aware of.

The festive spirit abounded with a tree lit up in the corner and many flyballers wearing Xmas attire to join in the fun. There was a great food van on site and a really friendly sporting atmosphere with teams thanking each other for great racing, long may it continue.

I was invited to Judge Division one, which provided some classy racing, but as with most of these single day indoor tournaments there is always a bigger gap between top seed and bottom. In this particular case the Red Rose teams drew the short straw, only to be compounded with two teams in this division.

The racing started at a cracking pace with the **Gofours** surprisingly beating the **Molten Magnets** 3-0, and going on to trounce everyone else until late afternoon when they were abruptly stopped in their tracks by the splendid **Cleveland Comets**, a joy to watch, who only conceded two legs all day. Second place went to the previously mentioned **Gofours** one of the most improved teams of the year with a fantastic anchor dog; what a box turn. Third place went to the **Nuneaton Flyers** always a great sporting team, undone by the **Comets** and the **Gofours** at the end. Fourth Place went to the **Molten Magnets** who seemed a bit out of sorts with Jean struggling on the lights eventually handing the job to Judy. Val's dog was in one of those 'I will come back when I am ready' moods. Fifth and Sixth places went to the **Red Rose Rebels** and the **Red Rose Rockets** respectively. Neither won a race all day between them, until they came up against each other. The race ended in carnage with dogs running from one lane to another, what you might call interference, but spirits were high and you have got to laugh about it, right Len? Anyway Trish and Natalie got Landmark awards at the end and pressies from the club to make up for any disappointment.

All the teams were given a little present at the end no matter what position they finished, would you believe it - 'pigs ears' and plenty of teams thought they qualified for that one.

Great fun, great show, keep it up Belle Stars, we all look forward to your next one.

**Howard Campbell** (Greetland Grasshoppers)



## Head Judge's Report

A Christmas festival of Flyball is the only fitting description for this event with most of the competitors and their dogs getting into the spirit of it all. As Head Judge I had an easy ride this time with good sportsmanship being observed by all. Doncaster excelled again with their 'indoor grass' surface to race on that held up very well despite the weather and again the organisers of the tournament ensured that it all ran smoothly.

Judging Division Three was eventful with Andrea's silly boots not to mention her dog's even sillier boots and there was some good tight racing. The only down side was the unfortunate accident involving two dogs from Sheffield. I hope that the dogs are OK and will be back racing in 2007.

Thank you to Doncaster for asking me to judge and my own personal thanks to all the other judges, for keeping their divisions running smoothly, all the people that helped with the ring parties and all the people that assisted in getting the arena back to normal after racing was finished.

**John Verity** (Dog Friendly Flyers)

### NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE RESULTS – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006

#### DIVISION ONE – Judge Antony Cain

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dog Friendly Flyers	18.37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Live Wires	18.57
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mansfield Marnicks	18.01
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	19.24
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barney Owlers	18.75
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Formula One	19.05

#### DIVISION TWO – Judge Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wire Sparks	19.41
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wires A-Live	19.32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Crazy Chieftains	18.92
4 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Cannons	19.07
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Chasers	19.66
6 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Rapidz	20.24

#### DIVISION THREE – Judge John Verity

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doncaster Northern Stars	21.44
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barking Owlers	20.20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Sparklers	20.85
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Tricks	20.69
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	20.30
6 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Aways (UK)	22.18

#### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Anne Alcock

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dog Friendly Sprinters	21.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	20.68
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Northern Bytes	22.29
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hillam Hot Dogs	22.45
5 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Cadets	22.34
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	22.86

#### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Maureen Hendry

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doncaster Eastern Stars	22.48
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whiterose Bobtails	22.40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dog Friendly Racers	23.57

4 <sup>th</sup>	Wired 4 Action	23.57
5 <sup>th</sup>	Whiterose Curly tails	26.75
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Rockets	25.74

### Important Reminders

Don't forget to renew your membership *before* April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no longer any 'days of grace'.

On your renewal form there is a new facility you may wish to choose. If you would like to receive your Flyball Record via email, please circle the '**YES**' on the form. Don't forget this will probably be A4 size and in PDF, certainly at the beginning. So if you prefer to have the A5 booklet you may need to be a little patient while I explore 'the ways and means'. Any advice will be gratefully received!

**Ed.**

## The Magnets 10<sup>th</sup> Birmingham Tattoo

The trailer was packed, the dogs were brushed and the uniforms were pressed to perfection, something the Magnets don't do very often, for the team was about to make their tenth appearance at the Birmingham Tattoo. Needless to say we had been given the first rehearsal slot at 8.30am so that meant getting up at some unearthly hour. You would have thought after ten years we'd know the way but this year we had to come off the motorway a junction earlier due to road works. No problems, the diversion was well sign posted until, that is, the Police interfered by blocking the route and creating a further diversion. Forced up a side road I found myself in Birmingham City Centre. Panic set in as I drove about searching desperately for a sign and wishing I had bought myself a Sat Nav. Finally there was a sign to the Jewelry quarter, which I knew was near to the National Indoor Arena (NIA). The arena loomed out of the gloom and thankfully most of us did make it on time though it seemed everyone had taken different routes.

Rehearsal time was limited and most of ours was spent measuring out but all the dogs got a run despite us being hassled by Leroy Grubb the Arena Director. Time is of the essence for rehearsals and Leroy expects us to do it all in half an hour. He has little understanding of how long it takes to measure out accurately, well you have to have the start lined up don't you! The dogs and handlers all had their legs crossed by the end of the rehearsal and everyone fled to the park or the toilets depending on whose need was greatest. Back in the dressing room, cages were erected and the dogs were settled in whilst we hung up the uniforms and laid the rations out. As usual we had enough to feed the entire cast!

We'd just settled down to a nice cup of tea when Leroy arrived to disturb the peace. He carried a large box and little did we know this was to be the start of our nightmare. Like a magician producing a rabbit from a hat he produced a beautiful Waterford crystal bowl, of epic proportions, and a polished wooden plinth to be presented to the Team winning the overall competition. Leroy had donated the trophy for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in memory of his mum, Dot Vincent, who had her first dog in 1939 and was never without a dog for the rest of her life. As she said, and I think most of us would agree, dogs are the most loyal and best companions that anyone could ever have. The team stared in horror as Jean struggled with the words "Magnificent...beautiful...how lovely"- she refrained from adding, "Oh God it's breakable!!!" Leroy departed after giving strict instructions that the Trophy was now our responsibility; we should insure it, have a wooden box made to protect it and see it was safely delivered to the arena on time. As an aside he also added that it was returnable if we did not attend the Tattoo. It seemed that our future was taken care of; didn't he realize that a lot of us are quite elderly now? My eyes glazed over and I had the vision of us, as octogenarians, trying to run our dogs, with all the accoutrements that being ancient brings, such as hearing aids, walking sticks, wheelchairs and increased dementia. (I say increased as most of the team has trouble remembering their own names now!)

Like rabbits in headlights we just stood there staring at the Trophy clutched in Jean's arms. "Help me get it back in it's box before it gets broken. We must find somewhere safe to put it," she cried in desperation. "How the b\*\*\*\*\* hell are we supposed to get it to the arena when we've got to get the kit on and manage all the dogs?" Nobody had an answer to that question. The Trophy was put away; the safest place was the draining board in the back room where no dogs were allowed. "If it survives this Tattoo who's going to keep it for the year?" Jean inquired. No volunteers came forward; everyone was too busy examining their shuffling feet.

Time ticked slowly away while we waited for the performance. Between exercising the dogs, eating and, for us oldies, taking those vital naps we struggled with the problem of how to get the Trophy to the other side of a very big arena both intact and in time for the performance. Help was at hand however as Roger, our compere, arrived and was foolish enough to volunteer. There were audible sighs of relief as it would not be one of us that dropped it! Time to brief the Army Cadets, who were to help us with the kit, and to introduce three of them to the dogs they would be handling, representing the Charity Pets As Therapy, whilst the said kit was laid out. Our three handlers were given a plentiful supply of tit bits and handed their charges. Lucy and Mere would do anything for food and pranced happily around for their handlers. Not so Morse however. He had performed brilliantly last year but was adopting an "I've done this all before and I'm not sure I want to co-operate" approach. His handler

struggled to get him under control and although he would sit on command his bum had no sooner touched the floor than he was off again dragging her from pillar to post. One could only hope she had the strength to restrain him through the performance.


Final preparations were made, a quick wash and brush up and two tons of make up to fill the wrinkles. The team donned their uniforms whilst I went to get dressed up. Acting as Judge always proves costly and, on this was our tenth year, I had purchased a black and silver top to bring some glamour to the role. The top looked good under my black trouser suit, however it felt like a brillo pad. Neil complimented me on my appearance and then ruined it by pointing out that every time I moved the dogs got showered in silver glitter. I was moulting and could only hope the top would survive two performances and leave me some skin on my back! We set out for the wings with the dogs all wearing flashing collars and the, by now, liberal sprinkling of glitter. Roger took charge of the delivery of the Trophy to the other end of the arena where it was apparently going to be on display during the competition. One could only hope it would be well away from the racing.

The Cadets and their dogs took centre stage under the spotlight in an otherwise dark arena. Morse behaved well, due to the tit bit glued to the end of his nose, whilst Roger talked about the Charity and then explained Flyball Racing and urged the audience to support their teams. The lights went up and the dogs came in, their barking drowned by the cheers of some eight thousand people. Racing began; the teams had been carefully matched and succeeded in getting to two all. Two dogs were changed for the final leg. Val's Missy was up against the audience's favourite "Tiny Tim" alias Jean's Riva. It was close I can tell you but Tiny Tim went like lightning and won the leg by a head. The dogs went off to thunderous applause, the rubber was dragged out and we made our way back to the dressing room completely forgetting to collect the blasted Trophy. Reliable Roger however brought it back.

**Day two and more instructions from Leroy.** A repeat performance but at the end we were to gather for the presentation of the Trophy to the winning Team. I could read the teams minds, each individual was thinking how they could surreptitiously throw a race to avoid having to handle the Trophy. I only added to the agony of the Team Captains by pointing out that whoever was handed the prize would have to be very careful as the bowl wobbled a bit on it's base. "We'll have to blue tack it," said Jean adding "whoever wins, remember to wipe the sweat off your hands before you touch it." Everyone had a simultaneous vision of the Trophy shooting out of the Captain's hands like a bar of soap that did nothing for already frayed nerves.

Sunday is always a more relaxed time at the Tattoo where we get to mingle with some of the other performers. My favourites this year were a group I had watched in rehearsals and also in the evening performance. The group was from Loughborough. Most of them were dog lovers and one of them was a veterinary nurse, which could come in very handy if bits of crystal had to be removed from paws. Only one of them was actually Chinese but all were fascinated with the oriental culture and their dragon dance, gracefully performed to drums, gongs and cymbals, chasing away negative energies. The huge dragon swooped, darted and flew across the arena chasing a pearl. He writhed and twisted in intricate movements that left you wondering how his handlers didn't get tangled up. The real star of the show was, however, the Lion. Our dogs had to be kept well away from this colourful cat who climbed a precarious set of poles, the tallest being some twenty foot high. On tiny circular platforms the Lion performed spectacular acrobatic feats and even sat down to scratch his ears or wink at the audience. The two guys in the costume had amazing balancing skills and were to steal the show on both days of the Tattoo.

Performance time neared and panic reigned for Roger was nowhere to be seen. I raced off to the production room and in a flurry of cascading glitter pleaded with Ian to help with the damn Trophy. He agreed to take it down for us, I suspect just to get rid of me and the glitter, the latter now brightening his smart evening suit. Trophy gone we could concentrate on the racing and the dogs certainly gave it their all. Level pegging left the competition on a knife-edge. If yesterday's losing team drew level we were in for a race off. Tiny Tim and Missy were brought on for the final leg and the audience went mad as the start lights came on. The teams were off, first one dog leading then another. They were certainly racing their hearts out. It all came down to those last two and the cheering was deafening as "Tiny Tim" came home first.

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I smiled to myself at the look of smug satisfaction on the losing team's faces, they'd not have to handle the Trophy, this privilege would be Jean's and I just hoped she remembered to wipe the sweat off her hands. The arena plunged into darkness; no one had thought to tell the lighting men of the presentation. The speeches went on and suddenly the lights went up dazzling Jean just as the Trophy was handed to her. No, disaster didn't strike for she had been quick witted enough to have Riva (Tiny Tim) in her arms. This of course prevented her from doing any more than putting one hand on the gleaming bowl in gracious acceptance. Standing there whilst the photos were taken she had a sly grin on her face, she wasn't daft, she had made absolutely sure she couldn't hold it!

Back in the dressing room we all subsided for a welcome cup of tea. There was only one more problem to overcome and that was who would volunteer to look after Dot's fine piece of crystal until next November. Nobody was exactly jostling for the privilege. We were saved by the arrival of the Security Liaison Officer, Chief Inspector (retired and retarded) our very own compere Roger Hayward. "I'll look after it for you if you like" he said innocently. No one needed to be persuaded and the crystal was handed over swiftly before he could change his mind. The Magnets had once again had a wonderful time and the dogs had done us proud with two days of superb racing. Tired but relaxed we set off for home with nothing more than the wooden plinth. No harm could come to that could it????????

**Pat Harte** (Molten Magnets)

## CONGRATULATIONS to the **MOLTEN MAGNETS**

For the following **B.F.A. AWARDS** gained from June to December 2006

The **DIAMOND AWARD** (60,000 points) - **Jean Meeking & CHICA**

The **SAPPHIRE AWARD** (50,000 points)

**Judy Parker & BOBBY**    **Neil Meeking & CASSIE**  
**Val Currie & MISSY**        **Jean Meeking & ROGAN**



The **JADE AWARD** (35,000 points) - **Val Currie & SMUDGE**

The **PEARL AWARD** (30,000 points)

**Jean Meeking & RIVA**        **Judy Parker & Milly**        **Debbie Bagg & AMY**

The **PLATINUM AWARD** ( 25,000 points) - **Mary Braybrook & MILLIE**

The **GOLD AWARD** (15,000 points)

**Lynda King & DUSTI**        **Jean Meeking & TYLER**        **Claire Evans & SAM**

**FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED** (5,000 points)

**Catherine Lloyd & BRONTE**    **Tony Bagg & GRIT**

**FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE** (3,000 points) - **Olivia Cadman & DASHA**

**FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE** (1,000 points) – **Olivia Cadman & MOLLIE**

**FLYBALL DOG** (200 Points) – **Laura Pacey & GIZMO**



**WELL DONE EVERYONE**



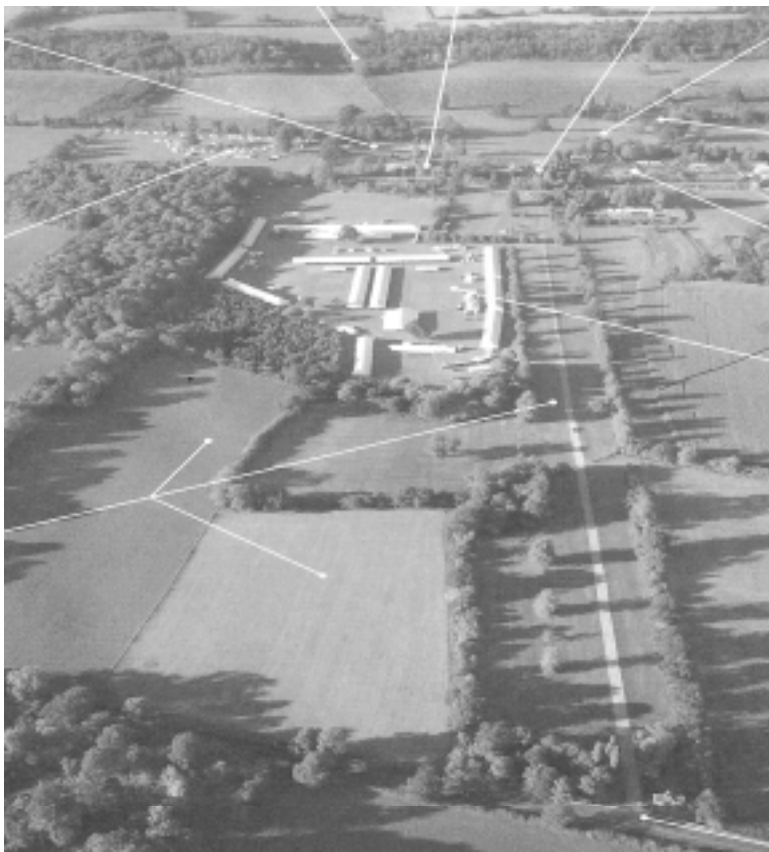


# THE 2007 EUROPEAN FLYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

To be held at  
**Loseley Hall, Guildford, Surrey May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

British Flyballers have this unique opportunity to spend the Spring Bank Holiday in these beautiful surroundings befitting such a prestigious event hosted by the British Flyball Association. **Eighty-four teams** (possibly more) will be taking part and there are no qualifying criteria. You will be able to mingle not only with your well-known friends but also to meet new (possible) friends from across the water. Perhaps new ideas or solutions to problems will come to light.

**Loseley Park (GU3 1HS)** is just to the south of Guildford with access to the site off the B3000, which links the A3100 (Guildford to Godalming road) with the A31 (Hogs Back) via the A3 (London to Portsmouth Road). The M3, M4 and M25 are within easy reach.



Camping is available from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Forge Meadow (where you can see all the marquees) will be the camping site with the field just below where the flyball, evening marquees and entertainment will be situated.

## **Factors which may affect the flyball run time of Kennel Club registered Border Collies**

Research in the area of flyball is scarce but some parallels may be drawn from equine and human athletic research. The jumping performance in horses is influenced by age, breed, size, sex, neutering, experience, class of competition, weather, arena surface and rider's experience. The performance of a Flyball Border Collie (BC) may also be influenced by a number of similar variables. This study aimed to investigate whether the following factors were significantly correlated with the speed of a Kennel Club (KC) registered BC Flyball run:

- Sex Height of the dog at the withers
- Neutering Experience of the dog
- Age Experience of the Owner
- Number of previous attempts/runs the dog had made on a course

The study was conducted at indoor training and competition events over five separate dates between October and November 2004. To limit biological variation the study only included KC registered BC aged over 18 months experienced in using the Boomerang box (having used the equipment at least 30 times previously). The dogs were run on a set Flyball course. The hurdle height was set at 14 inches. The Boomerang box and course dimensions met the British Flyball Associations criteria, as stated in The British Flyball Association (2004) Official Rules and Policies.

The run time of the dogs was recorded at training sessions when real races were simulated to limit the variation between training and race time. Dogs were required to jump four hurdles, trigger the Flyball box using a paw thus releasing a tennis ball, which the dog caught in its mouth and returned to its owner over the same four hurdles in reverse order. When the dog reached the start/finish line with any part of its body, the run was completed. This sequence of event was known as run time. False starts, box malfunctions, failure to clear hurdles in the correct order, unclean ball retrievals or runs where the rules were infringed upon were not included in the study. It was felt that a high number of runs would increase the occurrence of fatigue so all the dogs were timed on their first few runs. The owners completed a questionnaire detailing the dogs' physiological detail and experience in the sport. The dog's height at the withers was also measured.

## **DISCUSSION OF RESULTS & CONCLUSION**

Males run times were faster than females. This agreed with equine research that male horses may be faster and more successful than females. The apparent advantage that the male dogs had over the females, in terms of run time, may be related to factors such as conformation, stride length and gait quality, all of which were not analysed in this study.

Entire dogs were faster than neutered dogs. As the heights of the entire dogs increased, their run times were faster. As the heights of the neutered dogs increased, their run times were slower. Again agreeing with equine research; neutered male horses possibly made better racing candidates. This research indicates neutering of both sexes made the dogs slower and was not an advantage. The sample sizes for the entire dogs in both the female and male populations were small, five and seven respectively. For this reason owners should not discount neutering in a quest to formulate the perfect Flyball dog, as neutering has many health and behavioural benefits.

Older dogs were slower than younger dogs, which contradicted equine research. Flyball dogs are likely to be comparatively older than horses used in the equine research, as horses are commonly competed at high levels until being retired at a young age. Many dogs in the sample population were between the ages of one and a half years and eight years of age. This may highlight an area of bias in the sample population.

As the height of the dog increased, so did the run time; shorter dogs were faster than taller dogs. Male dogs were significantly taller than female dogs, irrespective of neutering status. Unfortunately this was the only statistically significant result within the study. Neutered male dogs were taller than entire male dogs. There was no difference in the female dogs' heights with regards to neutering status. Male

dogs being taller had a higher centre of gravity than females. Drawing parallels with equine literature, it could be suggested that taller dogs possibly cleared the hurdles with less effort and therefore are faster than shorter dogs. Taller dogs may still clear the hurdles with less effort, but being taller still slowed the dogs run time so height was not an advantage.

Increased experience of the dogs was correlated to an increase in run times. This correlation was likely to be inaccurate, as experienced dogs in the sample were significantly older and older dogs were shown to be slower. An increase in the owner's experience was correlated to an increase in run times. This result may be inaccurate, as experienced owners tended to have experienced dogs that were significantly older and the older dogs were shown to be slower.

As the run number increased, the dogs ran faster. This indicated warming up helped improved run time. Warming up may have made the dog faster and/or improved jumping technique improving run time. Pre-stretching of the leg extensor muscles has been shown to increase human jumping heights. It was also possible that the dogs became accustomed to the course and environment allowing them to focus more on their run.

It must be considered that significant correlations and differences were hard to identify as variables were interacting with one another, possibly some variables were dependant upon others. Age, sex, neutering status, height, experience and warming up have been shown to affect the Flyball performance of a BC, although not all significantly. The influence of different conformation, race pace and surface composition are other possible sources that may influence performance.

This research aimed to establish a basis for further research into the previously unexplored area of Flyball and to identify factors that may be used to select potential Flyball dogs to be trained, improve the selection of existing Flyball dogs and allow breeders to select animals which possess desirable Flyball traits from which to breed.

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**DEBBIE HARPER VNS, V.N**

## **NOTICE: LOST or STOLEN or STRAYED**

### **NELLIE the ELEPHANT seems to have been MISLAID**

From Bad Dogs to Ball-istics she travelled on  
Then to sweet Bassetts, but now where's she gone?

Has she been dumped in someone's bin

Hoping she'll never be seen agin?

Or onto a landfill has she been thrown

Bruised and battered and all alone?

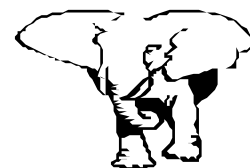
Maybe in a car she's lurking unseen

Is she hiding with you? Please don't be mean.

With baited breath we'd like to discover

The whereabouts of our Nell – let's know if you have her.

**Ed.**



## Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 27<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
1	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.54
2	Running 4 Mutts	054A	17.62
3	Northants Falcons	151	17.80
4	Cleveland Comets	140	17.85
5	Bad Dog Racers	053	17.93
6	Mansfield Marnicks	124	18.01
7	Gofours	110	18.07
8	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.15
9	Molten Magnets	107	18.20
10	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.28
11	Maple Leafs	049	18.31
12	Dog Friendly Flyers	098	18.37
13	Molten Muzzles	107D	18.49
14	Pods	015	18.52
15	Shooting Stars	001	18.56
16	Maple Leaf Ragers	049A	18.56
17	Live Wires	069	18.57
18	Red Rose Rockets	093	18.66
19	Red Rose Rebels	093A	18.67
20	Barney Owlers	119A	18.75
21	Wires A-Live	069F	18.79
22	Bristol Ball-istics	018	18.80
23	Hampshire Harriers	132	18.91
24	Nuneaton Kestrels	051F	18.92
25	Crazy Chieftains	081E	18.92
26	Nuneaton Bees	051A	18.94
27	Molten Meteors	107B	18.96
28	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.98
29	Mansfield Formula One	124F	19.05
30	Crazy Cannons	081	19.07
31	Podlets	015A	19.15
32	Delinquent Dolphins	122D	19.22
33	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	19.23
34	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	19.30
35	Doncaster Belle Stars	096	19.31
36	Grasshopper Gems	055H	19.34
37	Wire Sparks	069H	19.34
38	Yorkshire Racers	052B	19.35
39	Doncaster Southern Stars	096D	19.36
40	Podlings	015D	19.37
41	Ace's Rapids	094B	19.39
42	Wellingboro Red Wellies	067	19.49
43	Red Rose Rascals	093C	19.49
44	Bad Dog Mecos	053A	19.55
45	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	19.57
46	Cheshire Chasers	120A	19.58
47	Maple Leaf Stampede	049D	19.66
48	Leamington Royals	139	19.68

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
49	Yorkshire Runners	052F	19.71
50	Bassett Allsorts	011	19.72
51	Barkshire Bambinos	017E	19.73
52	Kellington Power Racers	105	19.76
53	Melton Foxes	035B	19.76
54	Extrabuccs	025A	19.78
55	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	19.80
56	Cleveland Hurricanes	140B	19.89
57	Valley Hot Dogs	129B	19.89
58	Ball Busters	043	19.91
59	The Knights	036	19.99
60	Fylde Coasters	038	20.00
61	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	20.01
62	Molten Metals	107E	20.06
63	Doncaster Northern Stars	096A	20.16
64	Cleveland Whirlwinds	140A	20.18
65	Wolf Pack	050	20.19
66	Barking Owlers	119B	20.20
67	Kiddy Monsters	145	20.20
68	The Swifts	048	20.21
69	Spanish Rapidz	082B	20.24
70	West Riding Wizards	118	20.25
71	Nova Next Generation	063C	20.25
72	Mansfield Tricks	124A	20.28
73	Sheffield Sprinters	058A	20.30
74	Molten Monarchs	107A	20.32
75	Bad Dog Frustration	053G	20.36
76	Nuneaton Cyclone	051B	20.39
77	Cheshire Set	120	20.39
78	Blackpool Super Nova	063	20.40
79	Carry On's	121	20.42
80	Podsters	015F	20.43
81	Wire Springs	069E	20.52
82	Ace's High	094	20.56
83	Kellington Hurricanes	105B	20.58
84	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	120B	20.59
85	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	018E	20.59
86	Thorne Troopers	125	20.59
87	Nuneaton Eagles	051D	20.61
88	Kellington Spitfires	105G	20.66
89	Underdogs	085	20.69
90	Kellington Krawlers	105F	20.70
91	Red Rose Ravers	093E	20.72
92	Kellington Sapphire Blue	105D	20.73
93	Midshires Mud Pack	138	20.76
94	Racing Herts	134	20.79
95	FourPaws Racing	142	20.79
96	Leaping Herts	134A	20.80

## Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 27<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
97	Zebedee Springers	041A	20.80
98	Thor's Paws	070C	20.80
99	Leaping Dolphins	122A	20.83
100	Hampshire Hogs	132C	20.84
101	Sheffield Sparklers	058B	20.85
102	Break-Aways (UK)	090	20.86
103	Knutsford Tailspinners	117A	20.90
104	Molten Munsters	107F	20.91
105	Molten Magic	107H	20.93
106	Gofour Imps	110A	20.98
107	Buccaroos	025B	21.00
108	Dog Friendly Sprinters	098C	21.00
109	Northants Eagles	151A	21.04
110	Marsh Cheetahs	123	21.07
111	Thorne Trotters	125A	21.11
112	Covert Catapults	114	21.15
113	Gofour Yellowbellies	110D	21.16
114	Fylde Rollercoasters	038A	21.16
115	Wilmslow Wild Dogs	150	21.22
116	Doghouse Smash 'n' Grab	154A	21.23
117	Wire Flash	069G	21.24
118	Shooting Star Comets	001E	21.26
119	Racing Colours	064F	21.32
120	Mansfield Tantrumz	124B	21.37
121	Blackpool Quasars	063B	21.40
122	Valley Hound Dogs	129	21.47
123	Wired 4 Action	069A	21.48
124	Podlers	015B	21.52
125	The Northern Bytes	027	21.54
126	Monday Niters	144	21.60
127	Wolf Cubs	050E	21.63
128	Sherwood Oaks	102A	21.66
129	Techni Colours	064K	21.70
130	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	018F	21.71
131	Melton B's	035A	21.73
132	Brimblecombe Boomerangs	113C	21.73
133	Whiterose Bushy tails	060A	21.86
134	Break-Necks	090A	21.90
135	Barkshire Boleros	017F	22.14
136	Hotshots	153	22.14
137	Ball Buster Bandits	043B	22.17
138	Wilmslow Jackals	150A	22.20
139	Yorkshire Leapers	052C	22.20
140	Shooting Star Rebels	001D	22.29
141	Crazy Cadets	081B	22.34
142	Whiterose Bobtails	060C	22.40
143	Sherwood Outlaws	102	22.41
144	West Riding Wizzers	118B	22.42

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
145	Four Bad Dogs	053B	22.42
146	Springers	041	22.44
147	Blaxton Blades	133	22.44
148	Hillam Hot Dogs	086	22.45
149	Doncaster Eastern Stars	096E	22.48
150	Daventry Buzzers	099B	22.62
151	Urban Wolves	050H	22.76
152	Scallywags	059	22.76
153	Podextras	015H	22.81
154	Whiterose Curlytails	060B	22.83
155	Ace's Win	094A	22.83
156	Ace's Dominos	094E	22.87
157	Marsh Cougars	123A	22.92
158	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	23.02
159	Shooting Star Jokers	001A	23.11
160	Knutsford Momentum	117C	23.15
161	Springers Off Springs	041B	23.17
162	Brat Pack	050A	23.28
163	Wellingboro' Red Bulls	067B	23.29
164	Lomond Raiders	126	23.52
165	Sporting Colours	064J	23.52
166	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	23.53
167	Break-Evens	090C	23.54
168	Timber Wolves	050G	23.54
169	Dog Friendly Racers	098A	23.57
170	Snatch 'n' Grabits	083A	23.60
171	Underdogs Too	085A	23.77
172	Fylde Surfers	038B	23.77
173	Sheffield Shooters	058C	23.90
174	Carry On Regardless	121A	23.96
175	Bishop Burton Brainiacs	148	24.14
176	Chocolate Bytes	027K	24.15
177	Terrierists	054H	24.31
178	Blckpl White Dwarf Stars	063D	24.35
179	Box Raiders	103	24.36
180	Doncaster Dinky Stars	096F	24.67
181	Yorkshire Rockets	052E	24.86
182	Kellington Crusaders	105A	24.99
183	Malmesbury Monks	128	25.17
184	Grey Wolves	050F	25.20
185	The Killa Bytes	027B	25.32
186	Hucknall Torkards	152	25.38
187	FourPaws Running	142A	25.39
188	Valley Odd Dogs	129A	25.72
189	Peas in a POD	015I	26.45
190	Dancing Dolphins	122B	26.57
191	Beating Herts	134C	26.80
192	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	27.52
193	Wilmslow Dingos	150B	28.72

## ANGLESEY SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Antony Cain

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pods	18.83
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Live Wires	19.34
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wires A-Live	18.92
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Sparks	19.46
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.47
6 <sup>th</sup>	Delinquent Dolphins	19.41

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Anne Alcock

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doncaster Belle Stars	19.88
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Podlets	19.48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Valley Hot Dogs	19.89
4 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Rapidz	20.42
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kellington Power Racers	19.82
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Chasers	20.90

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Brenda Holland

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carry On's	20.42
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wire Springs	20.52
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclone	20.39
4 <sup>th</sup>	Leaping Dolphins	22.03
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kellington Hurricanes	20.80
6 <sup>th</sup>	Podlings	20.42

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Tony Hodge

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	20.59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Valley Hound Dogs	21.47
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wire Flash	21.70
4 <sup>th</sup>	Podlers	21.52
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wired 4 Action	22.70
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dancing Dolphins	26.57

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Roger Talbot

1 <sup>st</sup>	Timber Wolves	23.54
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Podextras	23.76
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Valley Odd Dogs	25.72

4 <sup>th</sup>	Peas in a POD	26.45
5 <sup>th</sup>	Carry On Regardless	24.67



## THE KNIGHTS AWARDS 2006



### FLYBALL DOG

**Jasmine** with Jon Cleaver  
**Hattie** with Lin Abbott

**Sasha** with Karen Parker  
**Jade** with Gill Allen

**Bronwen** with Jo Tidmarsh  
**John Smilie** with Sam Keaney

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**Tonto** with Lu Potter

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### FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE

**Flicker** with Luce Green

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