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Sleepless Knights

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Hello Flyballers

When the May Issue of the Flyball Record came back from the printers I read it in it's entirety for the first time and immediately noticed a few errors (I'm sure you saw more) and recognised the fact that the proof reading needs to improve and of course there was that feeling that one or two items could have been more polished and improved upon – but I have to accept that this always happens in hind sight.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to offer their compliments after my first issue especially Betty Symonds from Bristol Ballistics, she wrote her congratulations and sent them on a lovely postcard of Somerset. It makes the hard work and sleepless nights worthwhile.

With the first Issue put to bed, I looked forward to starting the next one, thinking I would be inundated with correspondence from the membership, with news views and opinions – I was very disappointed - I received just one letter with a suggestion. Not one reply to the request from the PODS Team for opinions on the cost and venues for the Indoor Racing in winter (May Issue Page 6), only one Judges Report, nothing else at all. What happened! We really do need some feed-back from the membership, there are lots of questions being asked by the Committee in this Issue, please help us to make this *your Flyball Record*.

I've tried to collate all the results up to going to print (26th July), unfortunately Nostell Priory 15th/16th July haven't arrived promptly with the Stats Officer so are missing.

At this point I would like to THANK Lorraine Fulford, Roy & Mo Hiscock for keeping me up to date with Membership, Committee News and Results. Bless the Email.

Hoping to hear from you – Jean (Ed)

Just a reminder: The only current BFA PO Box is:-

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Your Committee

News

The Main Points Arising from the Annual General Meeting (Held 18th April 2000)

JUMP HEIGHTS

The maximum jump height was reduced to 14 inches, this was changed purely on the grounds of dog safety.

The minimum height remains at 8 inches.

BREAK OUTS

The 'Break Out Rule' was amended, it will only cover those Teams entering a submitted time. It will not apply to seeded Teams.

Other rules were changed, mainly administration, tightening to avoid a re-occurrence of the problems affecting our sport last year. A full copy of the new BFA Rules and policies are available through your Team Captain, Regional Representatives or the BFA website. Rule changes are now being issued with a start date from which the rule(s) become valid.

MEMBERSHIP

The BFA will move to a single renewal date next year, 1st April 2001. Current members will be given a grace period of one month to re-join, after which they will incur a re-joining fee of £2.50. New members will be charged a joining fee of £2.50. Memberships for all new or re-joining members will be charged pro rata after 1st April 2000.

TEAMS

There will be, from 1st April 2001, an ACTIVE TEAM LIST. This is to aid Show Organisers and only those teams who pay £1.00 to remain on the BFA Active Team List will receive Show Schedules. At present Show Organisers have to send a schedule to all BFA registered teams, many are not active and would not go to the show anyway. The Active Team List will reduce time, effort and overheads considerably. The Fee should be paid with membership renewals.

It will now cost £10.00 to register a Primary Team and four Secondary Teams.

The BFA is to start a database of Teams willing to take new members, any team wishing to be included should write to the PO Box. If included, enquiries in their area will be forwarded to them.

There is to be a re-appraisal of the points allocation system, we would like to hear from anyone with views on this subject. Ideas to the BFA Secretary please.

BFA MEMBERS AWARDS

All Awards are based on the collection of Flyball Points gained in the year, with the exception of the BFA Special Team Award (based on shows hosted, attended etc). Whilst all these prestigious awards are well earned, the BFA also needs to recognise the elite dogs in our sport as well.

Some of the best dogs are not seen at every show throughout the year, this could be due to financial or work constraints of their owners, thus eliminating them from being able to gain any award offered by the BFA. The Committee will this year introduce a new Members Award, and Most Improved Team Award.

The following criteria will be used for the Members Award:-

All Regional Representatives, BFA Head Judges and Officers will be asked to nominate three dogs they believe to be the finest Flyball dogs competing in our sport that year. The results will then be collated and the six most nominated dogs will go forward onto a list for the BFA Members Award. The nominations will then be sent to all Team Captains/Managers who, hopefully with input from Team Members, will list the nominated dogs in order of preference. The nominated dogs handlers/owners will be invited to attend the AGM where one of the nominations will be presented with the award.

The Most Improved Team of the Year will run in the same way.

NEW POINTS AWARD

There will also be a new Award for attaining 3,000 points, for those dogs who find it a long way from 1,000 to 5,000 points. This will be called the Graduate Award. It will be backdated to those requesting it, and automatic for those yet to attain it.

HEAD JUDGES

Andy Bawden is to head a panel to look into a procedure to grant Head Judge status. *He wishes to hear from anyone with comments on this subject.*

FOREIGN VISITORS

A Primary Team has been created to allow visiting teams to compete at BFA Sanctioned Tournaments.

Any team from overseas will be named as a secondary team and have the right to win, but will not be awarded points.

BFA PROPERTY

Does anyone have any knowledge of the whereabouts of any BFA property? Our Asset Register is incomplete, we know there are items out there, e.g. some Flag Poles. If you could offer any information it would be appreciated.

NEW STARTER PACKS

We are looking into creating new Starter Packs to advertise BFA to new Members/Teams etc. We want to make a video about the BFA, to show the equipment used and training methods. **Are there any members with video footage to offer? All donations gratefully received.**

BFA SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

The BFA Summer Championship 2000 is different this year. It will run over three events, Daventry, Congleton and Althorne. The following format will be used to establish the final placings:

Points will be awarded as if all the teams are in one big division, e.g. If there are 6 teams in Division 1 their points would be (1st) place 100 points, (2nd) 98, (3rd) 96 (4th) 94 (5th) 92 (6th) 90 and (1st) place in Division 2 would get 88 points (2nd) 86 and so on throughout the Divisions. It means it does not matter if you are in a different division at the next Championship.

Only the best two results will be taken, so if you miss one of the events it will not matter.

| e.g. | Team | Event 1 | Event 2 | Event 3 | Total |
|------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | WW | 0pts | 100pts | 96pts | 196pts |
| | XX | 100pts | 94pts | 0pts | 194pts |
| | YY | 88pts | 98pts | 94pts | 192pts |

After the final event Teams will then be divided into five divisions of equal numbers or as equal as can be e.g. 33 teams – 5 Divisions of 6, 6, 7, 7, 7 .

The BFA Summer Championship Trophy and Seven Medals will be awarded on the day of the last event. BFA Divisional Shields and Seven Medals will be awarded to each divisional winners on the day of the last event.

- Tie Breakers:
1. Fastest time of any three Tournaments.
 2. Head to head over the three events.
 3. Head to head run off, if both Teams present.
 4. Coin toss.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

The committee wish to thank the membership for their support last year and at the AGM, the Committee Members remain the same as last year except for Betty Potts from the Yorkshire Bouncers and Graham Nye who has been co-opted on as Acting Secretary. We welcome them both.

BFA COMMITTEE 2000-2001

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------|---|
| Roy Hiscock | - Chairman | Doreen Smith | - Regional Reps Co-ordinator & Acting Show Secretary |
| Robert Henshall | - Treasurer | Andy Bawden | - Disciplinary Sub Committee |
| Peter Roberts | - Training | Betty Potts | - “ “ “ |
| Graham Nye | - Acting Secretary & Team & Membership Secretary | Alison Booth | |

THE B.F.A. DIARY 2000

Key:-

Cl.D = Closing date for entry ST = Sanctioned Tournament

Prs = Pairs racing. Sgl = Singles Racing. MB = Multi Breed

Fun = Fun Classes. D = Demonstration

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|-------------------------------|--|--|
| August 19/20 th | Althorne, Essex Third Summer Championship Maureen Hiscock – 01708 557812 | Mad Mutts Cl.D 5 th August ST, Open |
| August 26 th | Charlton Park Robert Henshall – 01793 762709 | Bassett Allsorts Cl.D 16 th August ST, Open |
| August 27 th | Stoneleigh, Warks Peter Roberts – 01604 648085 | PODS Cl.D 7 th August ST, Open |
| September 17 th | Christchurch Sally Sanford – 01202 476630 | Cl.D 1 st Sept. Limited, M |
| September 23/24 th | Congleton Doreen Smith – 0161 4940787 | Open |
| November 18 th | Judges & Head Judges Seminar | |

STORM

Our deepest sympathy to Peter, Delia and Michael Roberts
for the loss of their Border Collie, Storm.

Storm, a two and a half year old gentle and loving Collie,
did not deserve the cruel illness that afflicted his young life.

He will be sadly missed by all who were enriched by the
privilege of knowing him and by the Flyball Team who
especially mourn a tragic loss. We will remember a happy
and fulfilled Collie who always enjoyed life to the full.

Rest in peace Stormy.

THE LONLINESS OF A BOX LOADER

(A follow up on from the last issues 'Lonely Box Loader at Training')

Have you ever noticed, the only time a Box Loader is remembered is when they forgot

to – (a) **Load the Box**

(b) **Put the Ball in the wrong hole**

The racing has stopped, there's a problem at the other end (where the team is), the Box Loader doesn't know why, and they certainly can't hear anything. Never mind, the racing is about to restart. The Judge is looking at you to see if you are ready, the race is started - hang on - the dogs are coming down in a different order!

Now, if you think and react quickly and know intimately which way each and every dog in the team turns, you have a chance of loading the Box correctly. It doesn't do your nerves any good, but you cope. The real problem occurs when you are loading for a team of dogs you are not familiar with. All goes well to begin with, the team have signalled the way you should load the balls and then..... out of the blue the team run their reserve dog (without informing the Box Loader) and 9 times out of 10 that dog would prefer the ball in the other hole.

Whoever came up with the two and three hole box has a lot to answer for, it was much easier with the one - holer it kept the blood pressure down.

Box Loaders are a breed apart. Many don't get the chance to run a dog and take great pride in the part they play, they have to concentrate and work efficiently with the team. They also have to be patient, very broad shouldered and philosophical when they get yelled at by that very same team.

If you've never been a Box Loader at a Show, perhaps you should try it, then you would understand the above sentiments exactly.

PODS FLYBALL TEAM

present

FLYBALL

at the

TOWN & COUNTRY FESTIVAL

National Agricultural Centre Stoneleigh Warwickshire

August 26th – 27th – 28th 2000

SATURDAY 26th August - FLYBALL FUN EVENTS

SUNDAY 27th August - BFA SANCTIONED FLYBALL

MONDAY 28th August - FLYBALL DEMONSTRATIONS

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HOT DOGS in CARS

Our main concern so far this Summer has been to stop our cars floating away in the floods. But as I write this the sun is starting to break through and by the time you get this you could be suffering from a hose pipe ban.

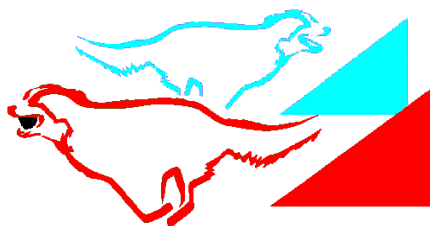
I make every effort to keep our dogs cool and keep their water topped up

BUT

what happens if someone thinks they're looking hot? I'd be much happier if they contacted me rather than call the police or show organiser to break a window.

So here's a little idea to show that BFA members always think about their dogs.

Cut it out and put it on your windscreen



**British
Flyball
Association**

If you are concerned about my dogs welfare

Please call my mobile

A NEW “Girls” EXPERIENCE

I really don't know how I had the temerity to start Flyball at my less than young age and then form a new team 5 months after my dog Ceri's first race in competition and then one year after that first race, with the newly formed team the Yorkshire Bouncers put on a Sanctioned Show. With a lot of help from Alison Booth, BFA Regional Rep. and John Verity (even less experienced but a very practical supporter) the new team agreed to this and they had not even seen a tournament or raced their dogs.

The tournament at Selby Game Fayre was a success and much appreciated by the spectators according to my friends and neighbours who are not accustomed to lying. We have been invited by the Game Fayre organisers to appear again next Easter along with a promise of a number (note not just one) of toilets within easy reaching distance.

Head judge Peter Roberts and the PODS team were a tower of strength throughout the weekend. They had kindly allowed the Yorkshire Bouncers to learn a bit about the various jobs beforehand, when they attended their first Tournament at Market Harborough, with six dogs, two of whom thought it was a great social outing and not to be taken too seriously. A big thanks to all who gave help and support in so many ways, not forgetting competitors without whom no venture is successful.

The day after and these old bones are a little sore, but the mind is contented that it has still functioned reasonably well. A well deserved siesta was granted on the day after the tournament, before preparations for the next event begins.

I can recommend the experience to everyone as long as you can persuade others that you are not quite crazy.

BETTY POTTS (Yorkshire Bouncers)

**I left this space for your article,
but you didn't write it
and then you didn't send it to me,
so now no-one can read it.**

WEMBLEY HERE WE ARE !!!

My tribute to the PODS Flyball Team, Superstars of the first London International Tattoo 2000.

The PODS Flyball Team set off for London at 6am on the Spring Bank Holiday Saturday. This was the first ever International Tattoo to be held in the Capital and we were there. Finding the Wembley Arena was fairly easy although some of us circled Wembley Stadium foolishly thinking that here was the perfect piece of grass to exercise the dogs. Brazil and England put paid to that on the Saturday and Gillingham and Wigan on the Sunday. How inconsiderate of 44 men and thousands of Football Fans to selfishly deprive our dogs of their exercise area !!!

The Car parking proved difficult, along with the Honda Imps we made the **Star Dressing Rooms**, i.e. the **Car Park**, our own by transforming it into a Gypsy encampment with 40 kids, 40 motorcycles and 19 Dogs. Well it was not so bad we had 2 Caravans, 2 Motorhomes and 2 Dog Vans, the kids had their Coach and we could manage fine.

The equipment was carried to the arena, we were to follow the Honda Imps in the Rehearsals but thankfully not the performance. The Imps started up their bikes and Missy thought she was in Heaven. The chase was on, thank God she was on lead. The noise had the opposite affect on Lizzie she looked so miserable. The rest of the dogs exercised their vocal cords in tune with the revving, except for Freddie. He was just ten weeks old and had never seen a bike before let alone 40 of them. What a Trooper, he simply turned turtle in appreciation and widdled in the air !!!

Guess what, it was raining as we emerged from the arena, this would be the pattern of the weekend with some torrential downpours, still we would get our names in the Guinness Book of Records for how many dogs and people you can pack into a Motorhome. The dogs had to be walked no matter what and the park was some ten minutes away, pity about the pitch just next door.

It was time to change for the Performance. Our ladies changed in the Vans, and the men made do with a very damp area of the car park and you could see the immaculate Gurkhas thought they were completely mad as well as totally indiscreet.

The echoes of "A Life on the Ocean Way" died down and our gang ran out into the darkness of the arena. By the time I got there the rubber was laid and the jumps in place. Poor Roger, our compere, didn't have time to finish winding up the crowd, the dogs were on and the team had surprised themselves with their slickness. The racing, need I say it, was superb and the Teams, thanks to Delia's planning, were perfectly matched. Two all and a nail biting finish with the Shooting Stars taking first place to rapturous applause. Once again the dogs had done us proud.

During the interval the dogs were taken up to the concourse and what a splendid PR job they did. Everyone thanked us for the wonderful performance, people couldn't

understand how the flyball maniacs had suddenly turned into quiet, well behaved dogs, and young Freddie became the Star of the Show and allowed all and sundry to fuss and pet him.

The Finale was superb with the Massed Bands and Choirs, even if the dry ice was a bit thick. The Team emerged through the fog for the community singing and Sunset. No one had thought to mention the fireworks. Luckily there were no bangers just a quick spray of pretties accompanied by loud hisses. It was over before the dogs noticed and Freddie slept peacefully on.

We gathered on the Sunday with hordes of Football Fans, only outnumbered by the Police. Our performance was at 2p.m. and the Sunday Audience were treated to Flyball at it's very best. Two all and everything again hinged on the final race. The dogs ran their socks off and left Chris and Judy, our line judges, gaping in disbelief. I knew we were in trouble as no chequered flag had gone up. Roger asked who'd won, I just shrugged my shoulders, I hadn't a clue, there really was no separating them. He got the message and we held our breath, we were already running over time, what would we do? "There's no separating them," he said to the crowd "Dead Heat, we'll just have to do it again". The roar went up as the dogs lined up, the arena was alive with excitement. At least the crowd was happy for a re-run even though our producer may have been cursing. Once again the teams were almost level but the Red Rebels got it by a nose, literally the tip only. It had certainly been an exciting event

As on the Saturday we all went to the concourse to mingle with the public. Once again the dogs were a great hit and, for the second day running, we were responsible for delaying the start on the second half. We bumped into the Music International Maestro himself, Norman M. Rogerson, MBE etc. Fearing his wrath at the overrun I felt it necessary to apologise profusely. Whilst I pulled my forelock and bowed and scraped Norman just looked amused. He wasn't a bit bothered, he was pleased with the exciting performance and promptly invited us back to Birmingham in November.

The Finale came all too soon. The dry ice was not so thick and we managed to march in two nearly straight lines. We all sang lustily and the last post was played. The Fireworks went off and Freddie wet Sue's Shirt. We waved goodbye to the Crowd and London's first International Tattoo but I have a feeling that we will be gracing the Car Park's Star Dressing room again next year.

PAT HARTE (*The Judge*)?

THE HUMANS: Peter Delia Debbie Tony B Tony R Val Dave Chris
Sue Pauline Jackie Judy Dennis Jim Eileen

THE F/B DOGS: Star Lizzie George Annie Tasha Jess Blitz Amy Missy Chica

THE GROUPIES: Raffles Freebie Buttons Bliss Corrie Rogan Bonnie Gemma

THE STAR: Young Freddie

HEAD JUDGES REPORT from MOBBERLEY CHESHIRE 24th/25th JUNE 2000

It all began in the quaint village of Mobberley, Cheshire on a morning which was damp, raining and misty (typical English Summer). As we pulled onto the village school car park, we could see the gazeboes, then the orange barrier netting and the two racing lanes set out in what appeared to be the school sports field.

It was to be the first Sanctioned Flyball Tournament held by the Northern Bytes Flyball Team. I had been invited to be Head Judge for the day and I duly reported to Ron Edge, joint organiser with the ever smiling Doreen Smith. On to the course Ron and I went to check the lanes etc. which were on a slight uphill gradient 15 ft. apart, then I saw the Electronic Lighting System, brand spanking new, obvious quality and a sight to behold "The Northern Lights" in all their glory.

As I checked the measurements I was aware of being scrutinized by an audience of inquisitive young cows from an adjoining field, curious to say the least and probably wondering "Can we do that"?

Ron gave me a run down on the day's schedule, and then after measuring was completed we were on our way. TWO divisions starting with Division 2 which was judged by myself with Betty Potts (Yorkshire Bouncers) judging Division 1. By now the rain was steadily coming down, the participants were on the field and we were off, race after race hotly contested and already being 30 minutes behind schedule it was further compounded by teething problems on the new light system, and of course the lanes had to be moved over after a while for dog safety.

Hence no lunch break, but the day did brighten up and become drier later in the afternoon. The good racing continued and finally concluded around 6pm, much to the relief of a worried Ron and Doreen.

Division 1 was won by the consistent ROCKETEES with the WAKEFIELD TYKES a close second, and recording a new fastest time in the process, another team worthy of a mention are the SCALLYWAGS, new to racing in this company and gaining the fastest time of the day, well done.

Onto to Division 2 and the fast improving FYLDE COASTERS took the top spot with a confident display, and only around half a second separating the fastest times of the top four teams.

Well done to the Mad Mutts, our BFA Chairman Roy Hiscock, wife Mo and family for their enthusiasm in travelling all the way from Essex to celebrate Doreen's first Sanctioned Tournament and although finishing 7th in Division 1, they got their reward by winning the Open Pairs on the Sunday, which also featured the Starter Teams and Mini/Maxi Pairs.

Again a damp, wet start to the day but brightening up later. Overall a great weekend and good racing. A lot of Credit goes to the Northern Bytes as a Team, and especially to the hard working Ron Edge, one BYTE who did a lot of barking and who really worked his socks off to make this event the success it truly was.

We all look forward to Congleton and we know that the lessons learnt from this weekend can only be built upon to make things even better. Well Done the Northern Bytes.

HOWARD CAMPBELL (Wakefield Tykes)

MOBBERLEY RESULTS - 24th/25th June 2000

DIVISION ONE Judge – Betty Potts

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1st | Rocketeers | 19.16 |
| 2 nd | Wakefield Tykes | 18.78 |
| 3 rd | Wolf Pack | 19.35 |
| 4 th | Northern Bytes | 19.80 |
| 5 th | Scallywags | 18.60 |
| 6 th | Nuneaton Flyers | 20.14 |
| 7 th | Mad Mutts | 21.47 |

DIVISION TWO Judge – Howard Campbell

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Fylde Coasters | 21.94 |
| 2 nd | Mega Bytes | 22.03 |
| 3 rd | Sheffield Speeders | 22.32 |
| 4 th | Scallywaggers | 22.50 |
| 5 th | Brat Pack | 23.16 |
| 6 th | Wakefield Terror Tykes | 23.51 |

MOSSEND, BRACKNELL RESULTS – 18th JUNE 2000

DIVISION ONE Judge – Wayne O'Rourke

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Barkshire Bandits | 19.10 |
| 2 nd | Red Dragons | 19.89 |
| 3 rd | Bristol Ball-istics | 20.73 |
| 4 th | Maple Leafs | 20.91 |
| 5 th | Bassett Hot Dogs | 20.77 |
| 6 th | Test Valley Raiders | 21.66 |
| 7 th | Bad Dog Racers | 18.16 |

DIVISION TWO Judge - Gwain Theobald

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Barkshire Bullets | 19.27 |
| 2 nd | Wolf Pack | 20.12 |
| 3 rd | Winchats | 20.66 |
| 4 th | Mad Mutts | 20.42 |
| 5 th | Buccaneers | 20.60 |
| 6 th | Test Valley Rouges | NFC |

DIVISION THREE Judge – Wayne O'Rourke

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Wacky Racers | 21.76 |
| 2 nd | Stonechats | 22.52 |
| 3 rd | Bassett Allsorts | 21.82 |
| 4 th | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 24.10 |
| 5 th | Green Dragons | 28.24 |
| 6 th | Bad Maple Mutts | NFC |

FIRST SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP – DAVENTRY 10th/11th JUNE 2000

SINGLES – SAT.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 ST | Peter & Star | 1 st | Sue & Tyson |
| 2 nd | Gill & Blizzy | 2 nd | Val & Missy |
| 3 rd | Audrey & Hookie | 3 rd | Penny & Misty |
| 4 th | Michael & Lizzie | 4 th | Laura & Acer |
| 5 th | Sarah & Molly | 5 th | Sue & Amy |
| 6 th | David & Chance | 6 th | Sarah & Joey |

SINGLES – SUN.

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 st | Sue & Tyson |
| 2 nd | Val & Missy |
| 3 rd | Penny & Misty |
| 4 th | Laura & Acer |
| 5 th | Sue & Amy |
| 6 th | Sarah & Joey |

PAIRS – SATURDAY

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 ST | Debbie & Amy / Jean & Chica |
| 2 nd | Dave & Blitz / Steve & Darwin |
| 3 rd | Jackie & Fern / Eileen & Jess |

PAIRS – SUNDAY

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 ST | Fiona & Tia / Laura & Acer |
| 2 nd | Sue & Tyson / Penny & Misty |
| 3 rd | Judy & Chloe / June & Bonnie |

FIRST SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS cont...

STARTERS – SATURDAY

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Melton Foxcubs |
| 2 nd | Davos |
| 3 rd | Sunnyside |
| 4 th | Baby PODS |

STARTERS - SUNDAY

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Flat Tyres |
| 2 nd | Davos |
| 3 rd | Melton Foxcubs |
| 4 th | Baby PODS |

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Lorraine Fulford

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Border Patrol | 22.57 |
| 2 nd | Brat Pack | 23.46 |
| 3 rd | Tricky Tykes | 23.46 |
| 4 th | PODlars | 24.10 |
| 5 th | Wakefield Terrortykes | 24.38 |
| 6 th | Nuneaton Flyer Bees | 24.44 |

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Anne Johnson

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Nuneaton Flyers | 20.42 |
| 2 nd | Mega Bytes | 21.16 |
| 3 rd | Sheffield Speeders | 21.28 |
| 4 th | Bassett Allsorts | 21.43 |
| 5 th | Melton B's | 21.10 |
| 6 th | PODlins | NFC |

DIVISION THREE – Judge Lorraine Fulford

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Barkshire Bullets | 19.83 |
| 2 nd | Bristol Ball-istics | 21.21 |
| 3 rd | Mad Mutts | 20.43 |
| | Bad Maple Mutts | NFC |
| | Buccaneers | NFC |

DIVISION TWO – Judge Betty Potts

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 st | PODlets | 19.49 |
| 2 nd | Northern Bytes | 19.82 |
| 3 rd | Wolf Pack | 19.64 |
| 4 th | Red Dragons | 19.43 |
| 5 th | Maple Leafs | 19.98 |
| 6 th | Scallywags | 19.78 |

DIVISION ONE – Judge Wayne O'Rourke

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|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 st | PODS | 18.04 |
| 2 nd | Melton Rovers | 18.76 |
| 3 rd | Bad Dog Racers | 18.00 |
| 4 th | Rocketeers | 18.29 |
| 5 th | Barkshire Bandits | 18.74 |
| 6 th | Wakefield Tykes | 18.98 |

To the Editor, for the F/B Record

A very big THANKYOU to Peter, Delia and all of the PODS for such a great weekend, 10th/11th June. The weather was good, the racing exciting and the organisation brilliant – here's to the next one Peter.
FLYBALL RACING IS FUN.

June Smele with Jack
Angie Howe with Dodger
BRISTOL BALL-ISTICS

MURPHY'S LAW

'If we did a two-day show, it would be just like running a one-day one but more relaxed'. Thus was the PODS First Summer Championship launched. What hadn't been calculated was 'Murphy's Law'.

Sadly, Peter & Delia's dog, Storm, was having fits and they had to leave what they were doing from time to time to attend to him. Having had little sleep they were extremely tired into the bargain.

We gathered Thursday evening to set up and were doing well when we were told "There's a cricket match on tomorrow you can't use that space until after 8p.m". That space was where we had started marking out the camping!

Our minds were rapidly re-organising the camping when "There's a football match at 4p.m. on Sunday on that pitch, oh and the Gun Club may be here on Sunday morning! Groaning inwardly we imagined a number of dogs being spooked and the racing being ruined.

Undaunted we soldiered on, moved Peter & Delia's caravan which was on the cricket boundary line, (we didn't want 95 year old Gladys being hit for six).

Darkness fell and a few PODS were still chatting when the next message came over "The cricket match and Gun Club had been cancelled". Too late to go back to plan A, we just hoped folks wouldn't mind camping in two areas.

Saturday was very bright but also very breezy, so the lights decided to sulk and go on strike. A fair bit of time was lost trying to coax them back to work. Eventually they needed protection from the elements to ensure their co-operation. There were separate racing lanes for the Pairs & Singles which would run for most of the day, it's funny how when the queue was at it's longest the helpers had to go off to race in their own division. This happened on both days, was there some kind of homing signal causing this phenomena?

Saturday evening's entertainment drew a good crowd of hungry people. Dennis was great, thank goodness, as 'diners' almost collapsed from starvation due to the long wait. I suspect the caterers had to nip off down to Waitrose for more supplies, then prepare & cook the meals. Micro-waving surely doesn't take that long.

Sunday was another beautiful day with some exciting, close racing and fast times. The lights were in a better mood so we were able to run the Pairs Finals in the main ring. These too were very close, thank goodness for electronic timing!

At the end, everything seemed to vanish in the twinkling of an eye, thanks to all the helpers. Thanks too to the Wolf Pack without whose help the Pairs and Singles ring wouldn't have managed. Plus of course all those 'invisible helpers' who appear and do a job when needed, then melt away again when their stint is over. Last but certainly not least, our thanks to the Judges for their hard work throughout the weekend.

Looking back, Sunday seems to have been a bit tame in comparison with the other days – perhaps THAT is what was meant by being more relaxed.

VAL CURRIE

WALSALL SUMMER SHOW

This was the first Flyball Sanctioned Show for the Wolf Pack and it was a great success. The Venue was lovely and there was a very happy atmosphere all weekend and the racing was brilliant with many very close runs.

Friday was a scorcher and thoughts turned to hot dogs and shortened races, but on the Saturday we woke up to a cloud covered day and the basking, dog shattering heat stayed well away, giving us great racing conditions.

John-Lucas Brown and I shared the Saturday judging, John had the rip roaring racing of Division Two, whilst I had the very enjoyable Division Three. Congratulations to all seven teams, you gave us all some excellent racing, with certain teams adding a high degree of entertainment. I was pleased to see the hard work the teams were putting in to iron out problems. Thanks and congratulations to you all, special mention to the Brat Pack, running a show and winning a division is not easy, also 4 For Fun, 4 the fun you gave us.

Sunday, good weather again, possibly with a slightly higher chill factor. I picked the short straw to judge Starters, only kidding. I'm glad the dogs were fenced in, maybe we can fence in the handlers too next time. Joking apart, this was as it should be, a mixed bag competition, from dogs that had only just met a Flyball Box, to those who will be racing up the divisions soon. Again a pleasure to see the way many of you used this time in the ring to correct errors, so pleasing to see teams ecstatic when they actually finished a race, not bothered about the result. Thank you teams.

Can't finish without a thank you to all those who put in time on the 'mike', to keep the public informed about what was going on. Someone hogged the 'mike' for most of Sunday afternoon, and gave us classics like " won by a nose hair"!!

Thank you to Anne and the Pack for your invitation.

Neil Meeking

WALSALL RESULTS 22ND / 23RD JULY 2000

STARTERS

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 st | Dorridge Dodgers |
| 2 nd | First Bytes |
| 3 rd | Bristol Funsters |
| 4 th | Dorridge Disasters |

PAIRS

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------|
| 1 st | Fern & Jade | 9.09 |
| 2 nd | Chance & Gill | 9.21 |
| 3 rd | Acer & Tia | 9.25 |
| 4 th | Gill & Ellie | 9.46 |

MIXED PAIRS

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 st | Mindy & Bonita | 9.59 |
| 2 nd | Tara & Tex | 10.28 |
| 3 rd | Dodger & Joey | 11.63 |
| 4 th | Solomon & Poppy | 11.98 |

DIVISION THREE – Judge Neil Meeking

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 st | PODlers | 21.76 |
| 2 nd | Brat Pack | 22.90 |
| 3 rd | Wakefield Terrortykes | 23.32 |
| 4 th | Nuneaton Flyer Bees | 23.00 |
| 5 th | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 23.53 |
| 6 th | Killa Bytes | 22.81 |
| 7 th | 4 For Fun | NFC |

DIVISION TWO – Judge John-Lucas Brown

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 st | Nuneaton Flyers | 19.84 |
| 2 nd | Mega Bytes | 20.68 |
| 3 rd | Bristol Ball-istics | 21.28 |
| 4 th | Bassett Allsorts | 23.34 |
| 5 th | Bassett Hotdogs | 21.31 |
| 6 th | Melton B's | 21.99 |
| 7 th | Scallywaggers | 21.60 |

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|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 st | PODS | 18.09 |
| 2 nd | Melton Rovers | 18.43 |
| 3 rd | Wakefield Tykes | 18.35 |
| 4 th | Barkshire Bandits | 18.71 |
| 5 th | PODlets | 18.86 |
| 6 th | Wolf Pack | 19.47 |
| 7 th | Northern Bytes | 19.50 |

Anne Johnson – The Wolf Pack

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| SEED | TEAM | TRN | SEED TIME |
|------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Bad Dog Racers | 53 | 17.70 |
| 2 | PODS | 15 | 18.04 |
| 3 | The Rocketeers | 34 | 18.29 |
| 4 | Scallywags | 59 | 18.60 |
| 5 | Barkshire Bandits | 17 | 18.74 |
| 6 | Melton Rovers | 35 | 18.76 |
| 7 | Wakefield Tykes | 46 | 18.78 |
| 8 | Tornadoes | 4 | 18.96 |
| 9 | Tornadoes Too | 4A | 19.11 |
| 10 | Barkshire Bullets | 17C | 19.27 |
| 11 | Wolf Pack | 50 | 19.35 |
| 12 | Red Dragons | 37 | 19.43 |
| 13 | Podlets | 15A | 19.49 |
| 14 | Maple Leafs | 49 | 19.64 |
| 15 | The Northern Bytes | 27 | 19.80 |
| 16 | K9ers | 33 | 19.80 |
| 17 | Test Valley Raiders | 45 | 20.12 |
| 18 | Nuneaton Flyers | 51 | 20.14 |
| 19 | Mad Mutts | 54 | 20.42 |
| 20 | Springbok's | 8 | 20.51 |
| 21 | Bassett Hotdogs | 11B | 20.52 |
| 22 | Bristol Ball-istics | 18 | 20.53 |
| 23 | The Mega Bytes | 27A | 20.57 |
| 24 | Buccaneers | 25 | 20.63 |
| 25 | Whinchats | 30 | 20.66 |
| 26 | Melton Bs | 35A | 20.81 |
| 27 | Rocket Reaction | 34A | 21.00 |
| 28 | Ball Busters | 43 | 21.14 |
| 29 | Pheonix Flashbacks | 56 | 21.18 |
| 30 | Green Dragons | 37A | 21.23 |
| 31 | Sheffield Speeders | 58 | 21.28 |
| 32 | Bassett Allsorts | 11 | 21.43 |
| 33 | Four Runners | 40 | 21.47 |
| 34 | Fylde Coasters | 38 | 21.50 |
| 35 | The Knights | 36 | 21.71 |
| 36 | Podlings | 15D | 21.72 |
| 37 | Nuneaton Flyer Bees | 51A | 21.75 |
| 38 | Wacky Racers | 44 | 21.76 |
| 39 | Katies Cruisers | 22A | 22.42 |
| 40 | Stonechats | 30A | 22.52 |
| 41 | Border Patrol (UK) | 23 | 22.57 |
| 42 | Tornadoes Free | 4B | 22.80 |
| 43 | Brat Pack | 50A | 23.16 |
| 44 | Melton Foxes | 35B | 23.19 |
| 45 | Start-Rite Wizards | 14 | 23.22 |
| 46 | Wakefield Terrortykes | 46A | 23.24 |
| 47 | Wakefield Trickytykes | 46B | 23.46 |
| 48 | Rugby Renababes | 32B | 23.80 |
| 49 | Podlers | 15B | 24.10 |
| 50 | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 18B | 24.10 |
| 51 | Yorkshire Bouncers | 52 | 25.26 |
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NEW MEMBERS (from May 2000)



Chris Thompsonsone with Corrie – Nuneaton Flyers
The Long Family with Buddy, Ellie & Flynn – Nuneaton Flyers
Fiona & Hannah Barsby from Leics with Tia & Bliss
Anne Carlisle with Chole from Wakefield
Claire Simkin with Moss & Fox from Market Harborough
Carol Woodward with Sam – Start Rite Wizards
Stephen Holyoak with Bucket from Market Harborough
Miss D Pitchford – Bassett Allsorts
Janet & Dennis Tredgett with Buster – Yorkshire
Caroline Booth with Josh – Border Patrol (uk)
Mick Chambers with Bryn Brith – Knights
Helena Deakin with Kizzie – Start-Rite Wizards
Vicky Langley with Paddy from Upton Wirral
Vanessa Haith with Roo from Keelby
Elaine Jones with Tex – Red Dragons
Thomas Townsend with Tess – Fylde Coasters
Douglas Merchant with Moss – PODS
James Brown from Leicestershire
Barbara & Beth Passey from Tamworthy
Melanie Lewis – Barkshire Bandits
Steve & Gwen James with Darwin – PODS
Mary & George Gowing with Ken – Buccaneers
John Young with Zara – Springers
T R Mears with Jamie – Scallywags

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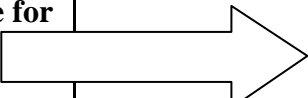
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Due to unforeseen circumstances, Chris & Lorraine Fulford have had to relinquish their duties as Show Secretary & Team/Membership Secretary.

We can only ***THANK*** them most sincerely for all their effort and hard work as BFA Officers. They will be sadly missed.

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> | K9ers             | 19.77 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Mad Mutts         | 20.67 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Shooting Stars    | 24.07 |

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