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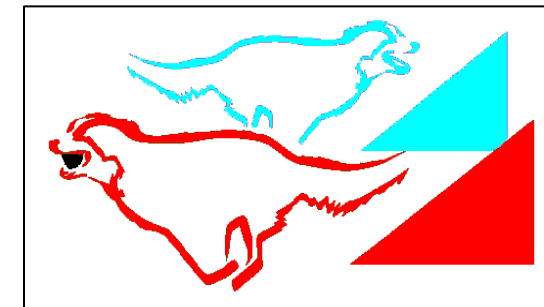
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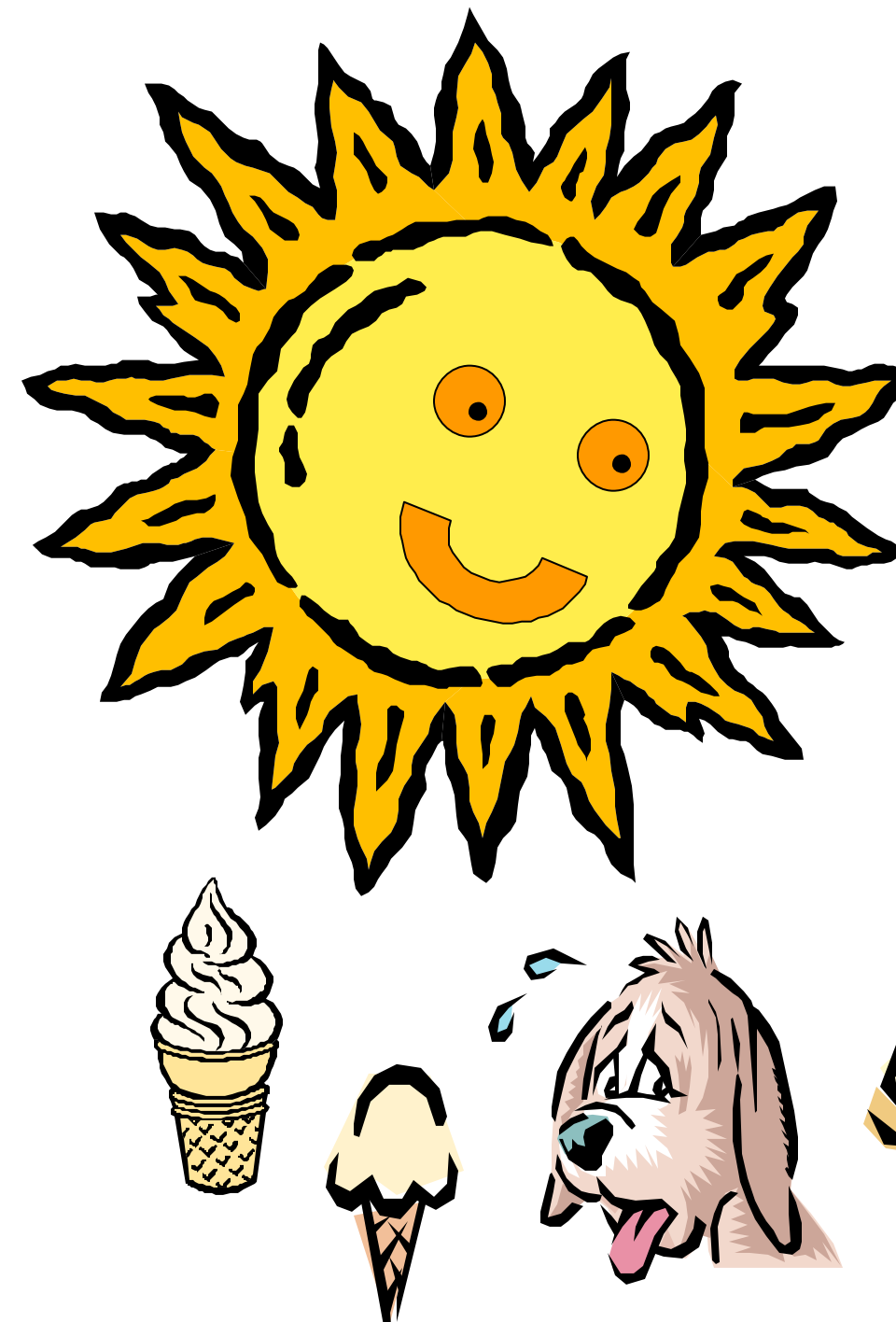
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 19th August 2001
at Southmoor Village Hall

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Hello Flyballers

My plea at the Daventry Tournament for items for your Flyball Record brought fantastic results and I am most grateful. If your contribution is not in this issue, be assured it will be in the future. *Please keep them coming in.* Cassie’s Story (Pt 3) will be held in abeyance. She’s a bit miffed about that, she thought she was getting famous, she doesn’t realise I only started it when I was desperate to fill a gap.

I would like to say thank you to Howard Campbell, he’s the one Judge I can count on, he *never* fails to send in a Judges Report.

Having had a few problems with my computer (I thought I’d lost everything), it brought to mind this rhyme, provided by a Team mate, Hilary Skinner.

THE TYPESETTER’S KNIGHT MAYOR

I have a spelling chequer
It came with my pea see;
It plainly marques for my revue
Miss steaks eye cannot see.

Eye strike a quay and right a word
And weight four it two say
Weather I am wrong or write-
It shows me straight away.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee four two late,
And eye can put the error rite-
It’s rarely, rarely grate.

I’ve run this poem threw it
I’m shore yore pleased to no ;
It’s letter perfect in it’s weight
My chequer tolled me sew.

Sauce unknown.

Hope I keep hearing from you.
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THE B.F.A. DIARY 2001

Key:-

Cl.D = Closing date for entry **ST** = Sanctioned Tournament **Prs** = Pairs racing **Sgl** = Singles Racing
MB = Multi Breed **Fun** = Fun Classes **St.T** = Starter Teams **Ltd** = Limited Entries

Aug. 25/27th	Measham Lodge Showground, Leics.	ST . Open (Ltd 24 teams) MB (Ltd 6 teams)
	Contact – <i>Modern Dog Sports</i> Tel. 01730 266633	CL.D – 12 th August
Aug. 26th	Stoneleigh, Warks	PODS ST . Open
	Contact – Delia Roberts Tel. 01407 810610, Mob.0850862872	CL.D – 26 th July
Sept. 8/9th	Newark Showground, Notts.	BORDER PATROL (UK) ST . Open
	Contact – Jan Scott Tel. 01636 893661	CL.D – 17 th August
Sept. 16th	Christchurch, <i>Dorset</i>	WHINCHATS ST .Open (Ltd 12 teams) MB (Ltd 6 teams)
	Contact – Sally Sanford Tel. 01202 476630	CL.D – 16 th August
Sept.15/16th	Newbury Showground, Barkshire	BARKSHIRE BANDITS ST .Open
	Contact – Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110	
Sept. 22/23rd	Trafford Water Park, Cheshire	NORTHERN BYTES ST. MB . Open
	Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 4940787	CL.D – 11 th Sept
Oct. 6/7th	Carlton Towers Game Fair, Selby	YORKSHIRE BOUNCERS ST . Open
	Contact – Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233	CL.D – 27 th September
Oct. 6/7th	Blake Hall, Essex	MODERN DOG SPORTS ST . Open (Ltd 12 teams)
	Contact – Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633)	CL.D – 23 rd Sept
Oct. 13/14th	Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire	MODERN DOG SPORTS ST . Open (Ltd 12 teams)
	Contact Anton Wittwer Tel.01730 266633	CL.D – 30 th Sept
Nov. 10/11th	Petersfield - Contact – <i>Modern Dog Sports</i> – Tel.01730 266633	ST . Open M.B.

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British Flyball Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**To be held at Southmoor Village Hall, Oxfordshire
on Sunday, 19th August 2001 commencing at 10.00am**

Notice is hereby given that the re-arranged Annual General Meeting of the British Flyball Association will be held at Southmoor Village Hall on Sunday, 19th August 2001, commencing at 10.00am. All current members are cordially invited to attend.

Nominations for membership of the Committee and all proposals incorporated in the Final Agenda are those received by the Acting Secretary on or before 1st March 2001. Extracts from this Agenda were published in the May issue of the Flyball Record.

Dog exercise area is available.

Directions to Venue

From the North, East and South:

Get on to the A34 and head towards Oxford.
Exit at the Botley Interchange and join the A420 westbound.
After about 7 miles turn left towards Kingston Bagpuize.
At mini-roundabout turn right signed Southmoor.
After 1 mile turn right at Crossroads Garage into Draycott Road.
Village Hall is second turning on the left.

From the West:

Go to Swindon and take the A420 towards Oxford.
At A415 Interchange turn right at roundabout.
Follow signs to Kingston Bagpuize as above.

If lost telephone Andy or Sam on 01865 820097

**For the full agenda please make sure you get a copy from your
Team Captain or Regional Representative**

CHAIRMAN'S SLOT

The overall growth of the BFA last year was 34%, with the number of Teams increasing by 16, and Sanctioned Tournaments numbered 23. A growth that has continued this year, despite the Foot and Mouth problems that we have encountered. This enabled us to keep the membership fees as they were. We have a business plan to purchase a set of lights for the BFA. This plan will be presented at the AGM. The accounts look healthy and are available to any member upon request, we thank Robert for all his time and effort in presenting them at each meeting.

A big thank you also to all those Show Organiser's who went ahead and planned Tournaments during the Foot and Mouth crisis, as well as those who actually held them. It takes almost as much time and effort in planning one as it does running one, so thanks to all of you who worked hard to get the BFA through a very difficult time. That said there have been some great shows this year so far, with many more to come, and The BFA Summer Championship looks to be as hard to capture as ever. We are seeing some very close racing in all Divisions.

IT’S A SMALL WORLD

On our holidays we went to Florida, Orlando actually, to do the Disney thing. Before we left we contacted Florida Air Express, asking them to order some midi balls for us to collect.

During our stay we went to Universal Studios and sat down to watch a programme called ‘Pet Planet Live’, a live animal actor show. The introduction began with a filmed promotion of the Pet Planet TV Channel in which we saw our very own *Mary Ray doing Heelwork to Music*. Also in the show was a cross between Scent Hurdling, Agility & Flyball. A race between two dogs (yes Collies), who ran in the Weave poles, over a jump, collected a Dumb-bell, returned back over the course and put it in the bucket. It took about ten seconds and the crowd loved it. We sat smugly saying to each other that thousands of miles away we had a dog that if you replaced the Dumb-bell with a Tennis Ball, could cut that time in half!

Unfortunately, FAX (a Flyball Team), had run a Tournament the previous week, we’d just missed it again, so the top teams had the Friday training session off. Never-the-less we travelled to Lakeland to collect the balls from Barbara who had received them from ‘[sitstay.com](#)’ and they cost us about a pound, saving us up to one pound-fifty each. Their training venue was very impressive. It was on an Industrial Estate, close to the local regional airport (hence the name), in the middle of woodlands, as everywhere is out there. It was two Warehouse units with the majority of the dividing wall removed, each unit had two air-conditioning units and was fully matted throughout.

Along the back was the Flyball run, next to it was the Agility course and in one unit there was an Obedience ring, no A.K.C. problems there then! All areas were divided by concertina trellis work, which was also used for netting the lanes. It was Starter training night and we soon found out they had the same training problems and the same answers as we had. For me the highlight was an eight month old Whippet, a very lively and very friendly puppy who wanted to say hello to everyone and in time we got the full treatment.

They had a training box, it was just a slope with high sides and rubber matted. Along the back was Velcro, easy for a tennis ball to stick on. Just observing, not nicking training tips!

One for smokers – smoking only outside as usual, there was a bucket for the butts, but it had a lid on with a hole cut in it. Given that it was very close to somewhere that contains things that many of us would have nightmares about, I always had a look in it before putting my cigarette and hand into it. Safety first! We thanked them for their hospitality and continued our hols.

During our stay we knew a ‘Dog Seminar’ was taking place in our hotel, run by Ian Dunbar, and we had seen many 4 x 4 vehicles with dog paws etc. all over them in the car park. When Mo, (our BFA Stats Officer) was sitting by the pool and saw a lady with a doggy t-shirt on, she spoke to her and remarked on how much she liked it. “I sell them on my Web site” she replied, yes you’ve guessed it ‘*sitstay.com*’. Apparently, many Europeans order balls to be delivered to their Hotel rooms when visiting America, so if you know of anyone going there it is worth asking them, you can save a lot of money.

ROY HISCOCK

Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 19/7/2001

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME	SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
1	PODS	015	17.16	38	The Mega Bytes	027A	20.35
2	The Rocketeers	034	17.28	39	Flying Colours	064	20.45
3	Mad Mutts	054	17.42	40	Wacky Racers	044	20.48
4	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.52	41	W’boro Red Wellies	067	20.54
5	Sam’s Supersonics	075	17.75	42	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	20.63
6	Melton Rovers	035	18.00	43	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	20.82
7	Wolf Pack	050	18.65	44	Genesis Jumpers	047	20.88
8	Tornadoes	004	18.73	45	Rugby Rapids	032A	20.94
9	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.73	46	PODlings	015D	21.05
10	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.78	47	Clatto Clangers	073	21.12
11	The Jumping Jacks	022	18.84	48	Hindlip Flyers	068	21.25
12	Bristol Ball-istics	018	18.89	49	Stonechats	030A	21.25
13	Dodgers	078	18.93	50	Test Valley Rogues	045A	21.31
14	Wakefield Tykes	046	18.97	51	Ball Busters	043	21.34
15	Blackpool Super Novas	063	19.01	52	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	21.39
16	PODlets	015A	19.08	53	Extra Pack	050C	21.60
17	Bad Dog Meecos	053A	19.19	54	Scallywaggers	059A	21.61
18	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	19.32	55	The Knights	036	21.78
19	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	19.36	56	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	21.79
20	Nuneaton Flyer Bees	051A	19.36	57	Wakefield Terrortykes	046A	21.82
21	Melton Foxes	035B	19.45	58	The Killa Bytes	027B	21.94
22	K9ers	033	19.51	59	Border Patrol (UK)	023	22.18
23	The Northern Bytes	027	19.51	60	Fylde Coasters	038	22.26
24	Whinchats	030	19.56	61	Brat Pack	050A	22.35
25	Maples Leafs	049	19.64	62	4 for Fun	018D	22.99
26	Test Valley Raiders	045	19.72	63	Wolf Cubs	050E	23.15
27	Phoenix Flashbacks	056	19.74	64	Wizzers of Ouse	065A	23.24
28	Springboks	008	19.80	65	Scallywags	059	23.62
29	PODsters	015F	19.83	66	Yorkshire Bouncers	052	23.75
30	Buccaneers	025	19.85	67	Clatto Buddies	073B	23.88
31	Rocket Reaction	034A	20.00	68	PODlers	015B	24.18
32	Sheffield Speeders	058	20.01	69	Clatto Cruisers	073A	24.39
33	Running 4 Mutts	054A	20.08	70	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	24.51
34	Melton B’s	035A	20.11	71	Wolverines	050D	24.69
35	Shooting Stars	001	20.17	72	Bristol Ball-istics Scuds	018C	25.16
36	Lincolnshire Leapers	062	20.19	73	Nuneaton Cyclones	051B	27.22
37	Bassett Allsorts	011	20.27				

HORS D’OGS

*¼ cup grated cheddar cheese, ¼ cup grated swiss cheese, 2 Tbsps vegetable shortening.
½ tsp brewers yeast, ½ cup toasted oatmeal.*

Combine cheeses, brewers yeast and shortening. Using plastic wrap, shape mixture into a log about 1” in diameter and 8” long. Roll log in toasted oatmeal. Refrigerate. Slice into ½ inch rounds & serve.

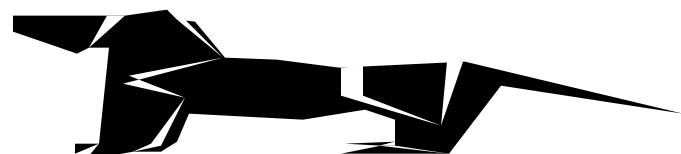
CRACKER'S LATEST

Well folks it's me (again)! I'm chilling out at home after a brilliant weekend at the Flyball Tournament in Daventry. I happened to notice a sign, which said articles were wanted for the next Flyball Record so this is my effort. I feel qualified to talk about *effort*, as that's what I put into my Flyball. I get so excited when my Mum says, "line up", I don't bark, well not much but I positively quiver. If you read the last newsletter you will know I'm one of the 'Flying Colours' and Daventry was our first competition outdoors without netting. The gang did so well at Ryton that we moved up to Division Five and apparently our Mums' were very pleased with us again as we all got big cuddles and big dinners and oh yes a RED Rosette each, (don't try and eat one guys 'cos they don't taste nice).

Anyway we all made lots of new friends, both canine and human, but the bestest bit for me was I got to stay in a bedroom with my Mum, Auntie Martine and Billy. When Mum and me competed in Obedience I slept in the car and she was in a tent, so it was luxury. Apparently my Mum did really well because she (or we) got 'a light' but I haven't seen it yet so maybe she's hiding it.

When I wrote my poem for the last edition I said there were eight of us, but water under the bridge and all that, we are now down to six. Just four of us will go and bring the ball straight back but we are all pulling together to bring the starters on. Watch this space, I think I can hear the sound of a lead being removed from the shelf and it might just be mine! Bye.

CRACKER



MUM'S VIEW

The little monkey – nicking my pen and paper whilst my back was turned. At least she's left me a space to add a few lines – how big of her!

I can well and truly confess to being bitten by the Flyball bug and I don't seek a cure. At an Obedience show at the weekend someone Cracker and I know asked where we were these days as we haven't been at any Obedience Shows for a while and was told we were around but seemingly getting into Flyball. This 'friend' laughed and said she thought we'd taken an easy option along that route. Well I can publicly state that in a handful of Flyball Tournaments I have had more fun and a bigger 'buzz' than I ever did on the Obedience circuit. Easy it isn't, great it is and long may it continue to be so. Cheers.

SUE BLYTH



T H A N K S

Billy, Bramble, Quinn, Spud, Cracker & Poppy would like to say **THANK YOU** firstly to the Northern Bytes for running Starter Courses which led to us discovering Flyball. Secondly to everyone who contributes in any way to put on Shows for us all to compete in. Thirdly, a special Thank you to Auntie Maria for co-ordinating everything, she really is a star.

THE FLYING COLOURS

your committee news

Main points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 20th May 2001

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER – Vanessa Haith was welcomed by the Chairman

TRAINING and EDUCATION

The 'Getting Started Package' is now finalised and ready for issue. The three additional sets of measuring hoops also now in hand will be allocated on a regional basis to ensure that a set is available at each Tournament. The Acting Secretary is now able to access the Website for the promotion of Training, Demonstrations and Fun Days.

SHOW SECRETARY

A revised version of the C.3 Form (Application for a Sanctioned Tournament) was approved and will be updated on the Website. Also a revised version of the 'Rules' for Show Schedules was approved. It was agreed that the name(s) of the nominated Head Judge(s) need to be notified to the Show Secretary at least 7 days prior to each Tournament.

HEAD JUDGES

An application from Robert Allan to become a Head Judge was considered and approved. Betty Potts will attempt to organise a Judges Seminar at Selby linked to an event. It was noted that certain Head Judges would need to attend a Judges Seminar before the end of the current 3-year period.

SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS –2001

The format for 2001 was again discussed and due to the limitations of Foot and Mouth, it would now be run over four Tournaments (unlimited) with the best of three results qualifying for a final position.

Tournament Venues & Dates will be:- **PODS** - **Daventry** **9th & 10th June**
Nuneaton Flyers - **Sharnford** **30th June & 1st July**
Wolf Pack - **Walsall** **21st & 22nd July**
Northern Bytes - **Trafford Water Park** **4th & 5th August**

In the event of a tie the following deciders will apply:

1. If one Team has competed in more Championship Tournaments than the other, 1 point shall awarded
2. The Team with the higher positioning in the Tournaments where they have both competed shall be awarded 1 point.
3. Run-off, if both Teams are present.
4. Toss of a coin.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The postponed A.G.M. has been re-scheduled for **Sunday 19th August** at Southmoor Village Hall, Oxfordshire.

Subsequent Committee Meetings will be organised after the A.G.M.

2ND SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP, SHARNFORD – 30th June/1st July 2001

READY.....STEADY.... BOB!

Twelve months ago we knew nothing about Flyball, then we saw an article in our local paper and our lives changed! Howard and Jackie Campbell had this idea and set up the first Flyball Training Club in our area and called it “The Greetland Grasshoppers”. We had intended to do Agility with Bob, our border collie, however after the initial training day, we were hooked, and Bob became a Flyball Apprentice.

Training started and Bob really enjoyed his training sessions. I was amazed at how quickly the Club members “gelled”. Howard and Jackie made everyone so welcome. The training is fun, even in the pouring rain, mud, and cold Need I go on? Everyone encourages one another and we always finish with a coffee, the odd biscuit (or two) and a chat. Then came the next step – COMPETITIONS.

Bob’s first encounter was the indoor competition at Ryton on Dunsmore. Bob was just a Flyball baby, but he gave his best. Ian, (Bob’s dad) was box loader and I was nervous enough for everyone. “Never mind” I thought, “we can watch for a while and learn”. No such luck! We were in the first race and to make it worse, for the first time, they were running two sets of two lanes. Bob pulled it off and didn’t let his team-mates down, we took the first leg in the red lane, running with Division Four. However, changing lanes proved too much, he lost the plot, ran out, totally confused. Later in the day he redeemed himself and was back on track, finishing with 135 Flyball points. I was thrilled. The Greetland Grasshoppers had performed for the first time and we came away with a first in Division Seven and a third in Division Four.

Last weekend we travelled to Daventry for our first outdoor experience. This should be a little easier (I thought); we train outside, in all conditions. However no one told me that camping in June could be so cold. When you are in bed, shivering at 3.00am – it is no joke, why was I doing this?? Needless to say the Flyball was great. Promoted to Division Three, the pressure was on, not that Bob noticed. As long as there was a ball in the box he didn’t care. I was so relieved when we got through the first two heats with no hiccups. Then we met the “Wolf Pack”. It was so close; after we won the first leg it went to two all. Each time the judge had to go to the timekeeper for a decision. It was all down to the last race. Fern, Jade, Bob and Dennis took their places. The Wolf Pack took it by 9/100ths of a second, securing first place in Division Three. Both teams had run their fastest times. Congratulations to the Wolf Pack, it was a great race. We were delighted, even in defeat (we had run our fastest time of 19.19 seconds!) But the Wolf Pack had better beware we’ll be back. We finished the tournament with second place in both Division Three and Six, very satisfying.

In between there were the pairs, singles and starters competitions. Bob ran pairs with Dennis (a border collie) and BJ (the Labrador with a tail that is just a bit too long for Bob’s liking!) - Good fun. We came home exhausted, but already looking forward to Trafford – must get a caravan soon!

Thanks to the PODS for organising both tournaments and to all the Grasshoppers for such great team spirit. But most of all thanks to Howard and Jackie, they made it all possible.

Lynne Ware (Greetland Grasshoppers)

DIVISION ONE

1 st	PODS	17.16
2 nd	Barkshire Bandits	17.52
3 rd	Rocketeers	17.28
4 th	Mad Mutts	17.42
5 th	Melton Rovers	18.37
6 th	Bristol Ball-istics	NFC

DIVISION THREE

1 st	Phoenix Flashbacks	19.74
2 nd	Blackpool Super Novas	19.28
3 rd	PODsters	19.93
4 th	Mega Bytes	20.44
5 th	Melton Foxes	20.69
6 th	Running 4 Mutts	20.76

DIVISION FIVE

1 st	Shooting Stars	20.17
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	21.83
3 rd	Border Patrol (UK)	22.18
4 th	Melton B’s	20.11
5 th	Scallywags	23.62
6 th	Killa Bytes	25.08

Saturday – STARTERS

1 st	Sheffield Starters
2 nd	Phoenix Flyers

Saturday – PAIRS

1 st	George & Gyp	9.20
2 nd	Bracken & Flynn	9.30
3 rd	Hope & Jay	9.64
4 th	Mire & Flynn	10.16

Saturday – SINGLES

1 st	Tia	4.40
2 nd	Hope	4.45
3 rd	Flynn	4.51
4 th	Typ	4.61

DIVISION TWO

1 st	Barkshire Bullets	18.78
2 nd	Nuneaton Flyers	18.73
3 rd	Wolf Pack	18.65
4 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.32
5 th	PODlets	19.12
6 th	Northern Bytes	19.72

DIVISION FOUR

1 st	Dodgers	19.37
2 nd	Nuneaton Flyer Bees	19.36
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	20.01
4 th	Bassett Allsorts	20.27
5 th	Lincolnshire Leapers	20.19
6 th	Greedy Grasshoppers	21.79

DIVISION SIX

1 st	Brat Pack	22.35
2 nd	Fun 4 Mutts	23.52
3 rd	Wolverines	24.45
4 th	PODlers	24.18
5 th	Ball-istic Scuds	25.16

Sunday - STARTERS

1 st	Jammie Dodgers
2 nd	Nomut Bytes
3 rd	Norfolk In Chance
4 th	Odd Bods
5 th	Dodging Disasters

Sunday - PAIRS

1 st	Rogan & Duke	8.67
2 nd	Bess & Sally Spice	8.70
3 rd	Tweed & Disney	8.73
4 th	Indy & Jimmy	8.80

Sunday - SINGLES

1 st	Zippa	4.13	4.13
2 nd	Sally Spice	4.13	4.20
3 rd	Rogan	4.16	
4 th	Jive	4.20	

AN OBSERVATION

- Q. What small task can make life less difficult for the Host of a Tournament?
A. Teams making sure they book in on time with their racing sheets completed clearly and correctly

HOW DID I GET THIS INVOLVED? (Friends can be a real liability!)

A while ago two friends decided it would be fun to start up a Flyball section at our local club. As a dedicated Obedience competitor, but a friend of one of these hopeful Flyballers, I was roped in to make up the initial numbers and I thought it would give my dog a bit of fun, away from the discipline of Obedience.

After a while things started to get”serious” and talk of teams started as they now had BFA boxes. At the time this Flyball rabble didn’t appeal so I reverted back to Obedience only and the quiet life.

Then just before Selby Tournament, April 2000, I received a panic ‘phone call “can your dog still do Flyball?” “We’ve got a competition in two weeks and no team and by the way it’s in Yorkshire and you will be away for two days!” OK – being a really good friend I roped two other people in as well, after all, why should I be the only one to suffer? Off we went to the club for a crash refresher course. We duly agreed to help at this **one** Tournament.

We arrived in Yorkshire with something vaguely resembling a group – no way could you call it a team – although we all looked very smart in our bright orange sweat shirts (now you know which team). After the initial terror of not having a clue what was going on, we had a really good time and came back with a Rosette. We didn’t know how we came to win, the scoring was a complete mystery.

So how did I get from agreeing to do one Tournament to now being a Team Captain, buying a caravan, picking a new collie pup from parents built for speed and helping to organise our first show? Should this Flyball game carry a warning that it’s very addictive, costs a fortune, uses up all your spare time and some that you don’t have to spare!

But – they are one of the friendliest group of people I have ever come across in the ‘dog world’ and while the Tournaments are fiercely competitive, the majority of people are very helpful. The teams are full of ‘Characters’ both human and canine. The humans get louder especially after a few beers on the Saturday night, the canines get louder during racing. May I take this opportunity to apologise, a lot of the noise comes from our team! In fact some other teams refuse to park near us now if they need their eight hours shut eye.

On reflection maybe this ‘friend’ did do me a favour after all – I have thoroughly enjoyed the last year and I am grateful that the **one** Tournament turned into a full summer and winter season and a complete new hobby.

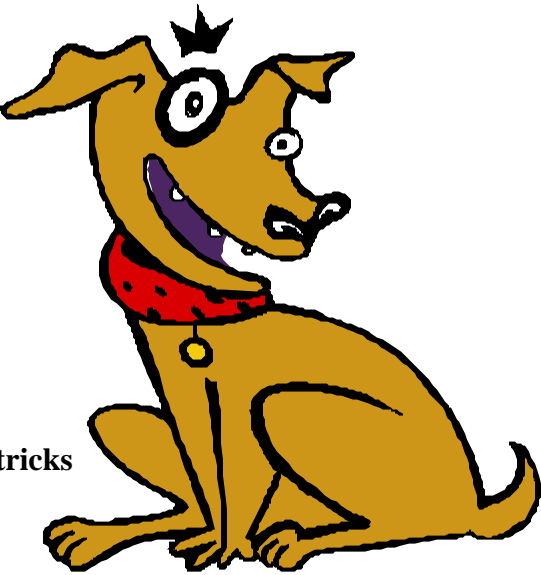
CHRIS THOMPSTONE (*Nuneaton Flyers*)

CONGRATULATIONS to the Nuneaton Flyers for a brilliant weekend on 30th June & 1st July. As Hosts for the first time we can only say **WELL DONE** to you all for a well organised Tournament and a great venue. It was obvious a lot of thought and hard work went in to make it so successful. We would also like to say *thank you* for Granny PODS electric wheelchair. Ninety seven year old Gladys is now zooming around the small holding in Wales, the only snag so far is that she is remembering her days cycling and keeps pulling on the brake instead of releasing it!

PODS

ANSWERS to the FAM OUS DOG EXPRESSIONS (M ay Issue)

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| 1 | DED | Dog eat dog |
| 2 | DITM | Dog in the manger |
| 3 | MDAE | Mad dogs and Englishmen |
| 4 | TQBFJOTLD | The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog |
| 5 | LSDL | Let sleeping dogs lie |
| 6 | ITDH | In the dog house |
| 7 | GTTD | Gone to the dogs |
| 8 | DT | Dog tired |
| 9 | IADL | It’s a dogs life |
| 10 | TTWTD | Tail that wagged the dog |
| 11 | TLITODY | There’s life in the old dog yet |
| 12 | YCTAODNT | You can’t teach an old dog new tricks |
| 13 | RCAD | Raining cats and dogs |
| 14 | ASDS | A shaggy dog story |
| 15 | HBIWTHB | His bark is worse than his bite |



ANOTHER PUZZLE FROM SALLY HOPKINS

My 1st is in SECOND and in RACE
My 2nd is in HEIGHT but not in PACE
My 3rd is in TEAM and in LEAD
My 4th is in SINGLES but not in SPEED
My 5th is in JUDGE and in BEGINNER
My 6th is in TENNIS BALL and in WINNER
My 7th is in BOX but not in BEAT
My 8th is in TRAVEL but not in HEAT
My 9th is in LANE and in LINE
My 10th is in START but not in TIME
My whole spells what flyballers try to get right
Although you need timing and very good sight!

A N E W W O R L D R E C O R D

A New World Record has been set at Kitchener, Ontario by **Rocket Relay**.

They raced a time of **1 6 . 0 3 8** in regular Division racing.

The video of the world record still needs to be verified by board members

CHARLIE'S TAIL?

When I was 11 months old I met a big (giant, would be more apt) black dog. We played together in the field. He came to my home with his human companions and we played some more in my garden. I let him play with my toys and bones. Then the day after we all went to visit him at his home. His human mum took us both for a lovely walk in the local woods. I did not go home that day - I thought I was on my holidays. I was having such a lovely time that I didn't notice my humans never came back for me. This was how I came to my new home, and boy, what a shock! I gained a big brother (and I mean BIG). No more biting, sitting on furniture, barking at everyone who came near. My one redeeming feature apparently was that I did come back when I was called.

I did not like anyone touching my collar; therefore, I would bite the hand that dared. I would bark at every other dog I met and back off into Mum's legs for protection. And food, well what can I say, I wanted it and was going to get it before it was even on the floor. My new Dad tasted really good, and I should know, 'cos I had plenty of bites out of him. I just loved stones and pebbles, they tasted good too and I was not about to give them up without a struggle and a bite.

Down, what's that? Never. If I lie down something awful will happen, no way was I going down. You come near me with this word and I will bite really hard. I just loved to carry the TV remote control, the paper, shoes, but the best one was the tea towel, 'cos I could make it flap all over the place. Never did understand why this was wrong-it was a great game. If anyone wanted the items back they had to get them out of my mouth, so I would run all over the place with whatever I had and then snarl and growl. Well what else is a dog supposed to do. My new family were very put out by some of my behavioural traits and decided I needed to learn a few manners. I thought my manners were fine. But here the training started.

Don't do this; don't do that, life was hell! Then I discovered that if I did not jump on the settee, I would get rewarded with a play, or a treat, this training malarkey was not so bad after all. I now give up my toys and balls a little quicker than before, well most of the time anyway. The best thing about life was all the outings I had, I have never had so much exercise in all my life. I frequently came home tired out, too tired to be up to any tricks.

Mum spent hours getting me used to having my collar touched and tugged and was always smiling at me. When she scowled I would try harder and then she would smile and praise me again. I only barked at dogs that came near me because I was afraid of what they would do to me, and I wanted them to go away. Now I am beginning to realise that this does not always work, and I am allowed to play with these dogs off lead. This is great, and my first friends are Missy and Brett, they are allowed to play with me, their humans understand that I am only nervous (mum says it is a lack of early socialisation – whatever that means).

My new mum took me to see flyball, and wanted me to hold a tennis ball. Not on your life, me put that thing in my mouth – oh no! Leave the safety of her legs – not on your nellie! I could not possibly go away from this safety zone.

So home we went, Mum got a thing that made a clicking noise, (I know now that it was a clicker) and taught me to pick up the tennis ball. I found it was not so bad after all. Then I decided I could chase it and bring it back. One day, she took my big brother and me to training, and I thought that if he could do it, so could I. Over the jumps, hit the box and collect a ball, over the jumps and back to mum for a reward – not too bad this Flyball.

TODD – Blackpool Super Novas

Hi everyone I'm Todd. I live with my Mum & Dad (Joan & Peter) and big brother JACK. Jack will be five in August and I will be three, they say we are a repeat mating (what ever that means). We have also got two puppies, thought they had just come for a holiday but they've been here over four weeks so looks like they are here to stay. Not bad really, getting to like them and having a bit of fun with them now, just so long as they realise that after Mum & Dad I'm the boss of the toys, and woe betide them if they try and take the one I'm playing with!

Now to Flyball, isn't it great folks, watched Jack training, just couldn't wait to be old enough to have a go. Then they said I was old enough to start training gently, I ask you, how can one train Flyball gently especially as I was so eager to be over those jumps and getting that ball. My big moment arrived (Stoneleigh last August). I was in a team, albeit a starter team, all lined up, full of excitement, I think I was third dog, off I go nothing could be easier, it was over in a flash, but no, another ball in the box in the other lane, I might as well get that as well, now for a lap of honour, then the disgrace, lead snapped on and out of the team. Big brother Jack back in. Talk of more training, why? I know how to do this Flyball, just don't want to stop.

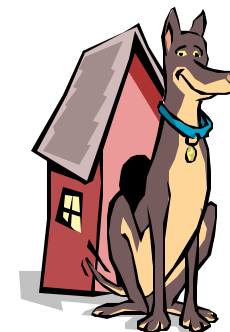
Winter arrived early and we started indoor training, this particular night Dad was having a go at handling me. Everyone lined up already for the off. Dad is standing there just talking to another human, all these tails and bums in my face, couldn't see the jumps, the box or the ball. Was getting really wound up and in my excitement I jumped forward and grabbed the first thing in my face, unfortunately it happened to be a human bum, poor Barbara she jumped sky high, was I in trouble, I really was sorry. I like Barbara, she's always been nice to me and poor Dad he got a real rocketing from Mum and told to stop talking and concentrate on his dog, thought it was only we dogs that lacked concentration according to the humans.

Last weekend it was down to Daventry. What a great weekend we had. Instead of staying in a Travel Lodge we went camping. A bit cold but we four dogs were lucky, we slept in a warm cosy car but for some reason poor Mum and Dad slept on the grass in a tent. What a role reversal, especially on a night the wind blew and the rain came down and wow, two claps of thunder. However, they said they had a great weekend and will be tenting again. We all came home happy and tired out. Thanks to all and see you again very soon.

P.S. Did you see me try to make a second run at the box and Mums terrific rugby tackle!

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THINGS WE COULD LEARN FROM A DOG



Never pass up the opportunity to go for a Joy Ride.
Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
Take naps and stretch before rising.
Run, romp and play daily.

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QUESTIONS

Points are awarded to the host team, which is fair enough, could the other teams that help out at these events be credited with proportional points to the value of help given i.e. Box Judging, Line Judges, Scribes and results recorders? This could result in more help being readily available and a possible rota of Team Officials being prepared to ensure equal opportunity for all.

Member of the Blackpool Super Novas

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A plea to all Show Secretaries, on behalf of all competitors. Please, please could you make available the racing schedule as soon as it is possible. I appreciate it can be a nightmare with late entries and other commitments but if it is a two day show it would be beneficial to know earlier, so that if you are a shift worker or you have family to consider you know which day your Division is racing and which is the ‘Fun’ day of your weekend. That way you can prioritise things as we don’t all have the luxury of freedom from restrictions.

## Member of the Fying Colours

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These questions come from relatively new teams to the sport of Flyball. Perhaps someone who has the experience of running a Tournament would like to answer their queries. I’m sure we would all be very interested. ED.

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# WE SHALL RETURN

I would like to thank the hosts at Trafford Water Park and the Teams competing in Division Four, for their patience, whilst we struggled through our first Tournament. We have all been there but it did not help when I received a telephone call on the Friday night to say two members and one dog would be unable to attend on the Saturday. As we had a ‘Flyball Dog’ in our team we were unable to enter the Starter competition.

We arrived on the Saturday with four dogs and three handlers. Not a good start. Fifteen minutes later we had a box loader (thank you Helen) and a fourth handler (thank you Jackie). Checking the running order I saw we were first on (thank you Doreen)!

Nothing went right, not even our ‘Flyball Dog’, Sadie (in fairness, she had not run in competition for twelve months). Dogs that had been so good in training decided they were not the slightest bit interested in Flyball. It was a good job we came prepared with our spray bottle; all we needed was a Burger van for Stanley to disappear to. I have decidedly gone off Dog Dogs.

At least we came away with two converts to Flyball and the friendliness of everyone who helped us. Our thanks to everyone, especially the Judge for his patience. Many thanks, *we shall return.*

## CAROL BRIDGMAN – Whiterose Wagtail s

Then they wanted me to pass another dog on the way for the ball, no way! I veered round in a banana shape so as not to go anywhere near the other dog. But I have learned that they are not interested in me, only in getting a ball for themselves. So now I can go in a straight line and get the ball back to mum a lot quicker, (only to get the reward quicker I might add). Then the humans in this game raised the jumps, well, I thought, you will not catch me out by that trick, and over I went.

One day our LEADER told mum that he wanted me in the team for a tournament, she nearly fainted. Heaven knows why. Off we went to Ryton very early one morning. There were a lot of cars in the car park, and my big brother kept barking and telling me that this was going to be great. I did not believe him as mum kept saying I had to behave myself. Don’t I always?

Then we went into this great big room, and all I could see were legs, human legs and doggy legs, everywhere I looked there were legs. Then we went to race against other dogs, strange dogs at that, “Oh dear”, mum thought, “what was I going to do?" Go visiting the other lane, pinch their ball, panic at all the noise, everything that could go wrong would go wrong. Now it was my turn to shock her, 'cos I behaved impeccably (oh yes I did!) I ran up to and over the jumps, got the ball, and I even brought it back to her without so much as a look at the other dogs.

This was my very first tournament and boy was it good! My big brother came **third** in Division Four, but we went two better by **winning** Division Seven, my Mum was so pleased, she said I was *wonderful*.

Now I’m left wondering if mum will ever take me to another tournament, I do hope so 'cos I really had a good time. So, here's hoping to see you all again at Daventry - I promise I will try to be good Mum 'cos I am a reformed character! Now, where is that remote control?

## Charlie and Christine Redfern ( GREEDY GRASSHOPPERS )

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ONE BROWN DOG

The office door closed, dulling the din from the kennels
“What do you want this dog for?” I was asked austere-ly,
“House dog, watch dog?” I looked at him, gaunt and quivering,
Amber eyes searching mine. “I want him,” I answered,
“For a friend.” They were satisfied then. They wrote on the paper..... ONE BROWN DOG

Cross-breed he is, not a mongrel. Some collie about him.
Surely a collie’s tail, all flaunting and plummy?
He still wags it only half-arc. He is doubtful and anxious,
Haunted by eight days’ divorce from the graces of living,
In a teeming world where he was a nameless unit..... ONE BROWN DOG

Joyous, fleet creature, graceful and ardent and golden,
Look at him now, as he skims the green like a swallow,
Or lies relaxed with a loving head on my instep.
“For a friend,” did I say? Well I know what riches of friendship
Were pledged by the three brief words on the Battersea docket – ONE BROWN DOG

A PODS-EYE VIEW OF RYTON – (Val Currie)

With all the new Primary Teams springing up, not being able to run all our own teams and because we had to cancel the Market Harborough Tournament, Peter and Delia came up with the scary idea of running two sets of racing lanes at Ryton on Saturday 28th April. It would be a first for everyone.

The hall was certainly big enough the space was there. Would we have enough personnel, we would need the support of many other teams. It would take some careful organising, but the PODS are pretty good at that. So, after checking with the BFA Committee that it would be in order, the decision was made. What was to be a mammoth task turned into a logistical nightmare!

We are all used to our own roles in putting a Tournament together and things carried on as normal, even though we knew that Peter & Delia were hell bent on moving to Wales. They’d found a ‘hovel’ (Delia’s word, not mine!) with lots of land, but needing massive work on the dwelling. But, as nothing concrete was happening, we blithely assumed that Ryton would just be another Tournament, a bit of extra work, but we could take it!

We’ve been given a moving date said Delia, the 27th April. That’s close I replied. The 27th April Delia repeated looking hard at me – the day before the 28th!! Oooooh whoops! That’s going to be dodgy, are we going to manage it? Yes, of course we would, *somehow*. Well, we all know how much Peter & Delia do, which we just take for granted, we were about to find out how much that was.

During the week before Ryton, there was much to-ing and fro-ing between Moulton and Anglesey, and we PODS were fitted up with more responsibilities, like carrying all the extra rolls of rubber and equipment we needed for running two racing lanes.

Friday night at 9pm found a hive of activity at Ryton, with much appreciated help from the Northern Bytes and various other teams supplying us with the odd roll of extra rubber and staying to help us set up. There were various Roberts vehicles established in the car park with everything in them (including the proverbial kitchen sink) which had to be sorted to get the equipment out for Flyball, but no Peter! He had managed to lose his keys to the car and was stuck in Northampton and had to call out the brake-down service for replacement locks. He eventually arrived at Ryton at 2am.

We think the Tournament went well, it certainly looked impressive and there was plenty of racing to watch, whichever way you looked and although there were a few hic-cups, like having to wait for Anne Johnson to finish Judging in Lane B because her team was due to run in Lane A and inevitably this happened to some handlers who had teams running in both lanes, but this was kept to the bare minimum due to some careful planning. The PODS themselves seemed to be working on auto-pilot. They worked, they raced, then worked again and just kept dropping into jobs when and where needed, Peter reckons he didn’t wake up ‘til mid afternoon. But, at the end of the day we couldn’t have managed without the help of our Judges and all those other teams, particularly the Northern Bytes and the Yorkshire Bouncers who took control of Lane B. *To everyone who helped (you know who you are) we say THANK YOU, give yourselves a pat on the back, we made history for Flyball!*

At the end of the Tournament we were all exhausted and we still had much to do in the clearing up stakes, not least organising which bits of PODS gear was going where, as the PODS were running a Tournament in Scotland the following weekend (*another First*). The van which Peter & Delia had hired was full to the gunwhales and there was a vast array of Roberts gear still lying around their caravan. The car park had that faint air of a new age travellers site, but it seemed there was little more to do now. We all wished Peter & Delia a good journey to their new life and melted away

TRAFFORD WATER PARK MULTIBREED 24th June 2001-07-06

DIVISION ONE Judge Wayne O’Rourke

1st	4 Mixed Mutts	19.93
2 nd	Multi Bytes	22.11
3 rd	Mega Bytes	23.34
4 th	Tykes 57	21.19
5 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	NFC
5th	Yorkshire Mixtures	NFC

Thank you to the Northern Bytes for hosting a wonderful weekend, we really enjoyed it, all that sun linked to a great venue. Well done to all that won and special thanks to the teams we raced against in the Second Division. BLACKPOOL SUPER NOVAS

NEW MEMBERS

Claire McDonald	Test Valley Raiders	Nigel Hancox	Nuneaton Flyers
Roy Pearce	Blackpool Super Novas	Maria Harvey	Springbok’s
Maurice Jenkins	Bad Dog Racers	Tina Whatley	K9ers
Jack Theobald	The Jumping Jacks	Paula Marsh	Springers
Melanie & Helen Salmon	Whiterose Wagtails	Isobel Tully	Clatto Clanger
Lynne & Ian Ware	Greetland Grasshoppers	Jillian Sawyer	Bassett Allsorts
Ray Pestell	Ball Busters	Emily Waddington	Springers
Kerry Leek	The Jumping Jacks	Tom Cox	Ball Busters
Claire & Linda Chapman	Yorkshire Bouncers	Alan Wood	Clatto Clangers
Martin & Vanessa Oman	The Jumping Jacks	Paul Stedman	Sam’s Supersonics
Pat & Terry Miller	Greetland Grasshoppers	Rita Crutchley	Ball Busters
Rod & Sue Goodwin	Nuneaton Flyers	Elaine Kirsopp	Ball Busters
Eiryl & Sarah Jukes	Wolf Pack	L Childs	TBC
Helen Walland	Wolf Pack	Chris Williams	Ball Busters
Joe Lucas	Nuneaton Flyers	Denise Young	Springers
Rachel Godfrey	Ball Busters	Christine Duncan	Clatto Clangers
Suzanne Gladstone	Nuneaton Flyers	Heidi Mendoza	Clatto Clangers
Rachel Jones	Greetland Grasshoppers	Simon Bothwell	Clatto Clangers
Joyce & Kenneth Forsyth	Greetland Grasshoppers	Irene Ford	Clatto Clangers
Wendy Stromberg	Yorkshire Bouncers	Michaela Kennard	The Jumping Jacks
Steve & Anthony Dawber	Springers	Raylene Collier	The Knights
Sonja Bailey	Lincolnshire Leapers	Laura Jones	Shooting Stars
Clare Brown	Lincolnshire Leapers	Michael Firth	Whiterose Wagtails
Valerie & Amy Ransom	Sheffield Speeders	Nick & Margaret Geaves	Sheffield Speeders

NEW TEAMS

Aardvark Barkers			
Dodgers			
Sam’s Supersonics	Williams Wizzers		
Penant’s Paw Power	Penant’s Multi Paws	Penant’s Pack	Penant’s Paws for Fours
Malvern Missiles	Malvern Missile Launchers	Malvern Guided Missiles	
			Malvern Maverick Missiles

TRAFFORD WATER PARK RESULTS – 23RD JUNE 2001

DIVISION ONE Judge Alison Booth

1 st	PODS	17.88
2 nd	Rocketeers	17.55
3 rd	Barkshire Bandits	17.88
4 th	Mad Mutts	18.21
5 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.36
6 th	Northern Bytes	19.64

DIVISION TWO Judge Mo Hiscock

1 st	Blackpool Super Novas	19.01
2 nd	Barkshire Bullets	19.08
3 rd	PODlets	19.31
4 th	Maple Leafs	19.64
5 th	Rocket Reaction	20.19
6 th	Wakefield Tykes	20.81

DIVISION THREE Judge Roy Hiscock

1 st	Dodgers	19.87
2 nd	Sheffield Speeders	20.67
3 rd	Mega Bytes	20.59
4 th	PODlings	21.48
5 th	Greedy Grasshoppers	22.88

DIVISION FOUR Judge Neil Meeking

1 st	Flying Colours	21.34
2 nd	Fun 4 Mutts	20.63
3 rd	Fylde Coasters	22.50
4 th	Killa Bytes	23.03
5 th	Whiterose Wagtails	NFC

A MULTITUDE OF MULTI BREEDS – DOREEN SMITH

Poodles, Terriers, Cross Breeds, Spaniels, Lurchers, Labradors, Goldies – all these and many more packed up their paws and tottered off to Trafford Water Park to show their paces in the first of the three John Beswick Multibreed Championship Tournaments held at the Northern Bytes Show.

The sun shone as Goldies raced Spaniels, Poodles pranced over the jumps, Yorkies vied with Shelties, Collies raced against Crossbreeds – triumphantly proving (if it needed to be proved) that you don’t need to be a collie to enjoy yourself at Flyball!

The winning team, 4 Mixed Mutts had dashed up from the ‘Deep South’ dragging their (unwilling?) owners with them. Once there they eagerly showed their paces, losing only one race in the entire competition. It was their misfortune that the team which managed to (temporarily) outshine their brilliance just happened to be the Multi Bytes – I believe that all the team (bipeds and quadrupeds alike) are still blushing at the very idea of being beaten by a team with a Yorkie in it. Really just how much humiliation can one take! It was perhaps unkind of the Yorkie to grin at them as she swaggered triumphant out of the ring with her fellow team mates.

Hopefully, the ‘4 Mixed Mutts’ went home with a big smile on their faces knowing that together they made a great team. Well done to Timber & Dino (Crossbreeds), Ted & Bobby (Jack Russells), Dax (Musterlander) and Tweed the WSD – few teams are complete without one!

The sponsors, John Beswick (manufacturers of fine animal sculptures), most generously provided gifts for all the teams which took part. Hopefully, everyone went home happy after a great day’s racing at what proved to be a popular new venue, with plenty of room for dogs to stretch their legs in beautiful surroundings.

Thanks to Wayne O’Rourke for ‘offering’ to judge the competition and also to everyone who took part and helped with scribing, box judging etc. It was great to see so many teams all ‘pitching in’ to help make the day a memorable one.

The next John Beswick Multibreed Tournament is on Sunday 5th August and the Northern Bytes are eagerly waiting to see which breeds will send a representative to race with them.

JUDGES REPORT – RYTON–on–DUNSMORE

Another first for the PODS. For the first time in this country, a Sanctioned Tournament has been run using four Flyball lanes.

When Peter & Delia first mentioned to me that this was what they intended to do at this venue, due to Market Harborough being over subscribed, I must admit I took the suggestion somewhat reservedly. I feared a calamity in at least one of the two racing lanes, due to whistle blowing etc., if you get my drift.

On arrival at the venue at 0730hrs, I reported to the organisers (PODS) and I was shown the layout by Peter, impressive were my first thoughts. Two sets of racing lanes, two sets of electronic lighting systems and there still appeared to be bags of room to spare. An excellent indoor venue for the last of the Winter Season.

Peter told me I would be Head Judge for the ‘A’ racing lanes in which Divisions 1-4 would compete. *Wayne O’Rourke* would be Head Judge for the ‘B’ racing lanes in which Divisions 5-8 would compete. I would be assisted by Judges *June Bass*, *Anne Johnson*, and *Kevin McNicholas*. Wayne would be assisted by *Penny Charlton* and *Anne Johnson*.

Start time was 0915hrs for the ‘A’ Lanes and 0930hrs for the ‘B’ Lanes, after the usual team briefings and measuring. The event got underway, bang on time with 44 teams competing. It wasn’t too long before one or two problems arose, the main one seemed to be Handlers being involved with a team in one ring and still competing in a team in the other ring. This inevitably led to delays in starting Divisions.

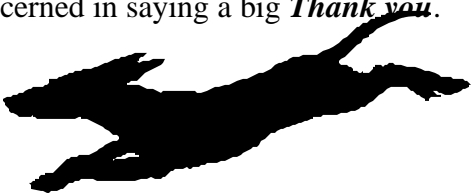
I judged Division Three, which contained some excellent teams. The outstanding Melton Foxes won all their heats to take First place. The Wolf Pack came Second and my old team The Wakefield Tykes were Third. Bringing up the rear were the Bassett Hotdogs, the below par Maple Leafs, who managed to win only one race all day and finally the Whinchats. I do not recall any problems in this Division of what I call seasoned campaigners, and the whistle in the other lanes turned out to be no problem at all.

Racing eventually finished around 1930hrs, a long day, but worthwhile, especially for our Grasshopper Teams who did exceptionally well in their first ever Flyball Tournament, and now look forward to more.

Overall I believe the four racing lane set up was a success, but how it would work outdoors I’m not quite sure, but it would be virtually impossible to cater for 44 teams without doing that, unless you ran from 0700hrs-2100hrs in the evening.

Well done again to the PODS and to Peter & Delia who did remarkably well considering they had moved house to Anglesey the previous day and must have been well tired. A lot of hard work goes into putting on a Tournament and I am sure I speak for all concerned in saying a big *Thank you*.

HOWARD CAMPBELL (Head Judge)



JUDGES REPORT – DAVENTRY 9th/10th JUNE 2001

RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE RESULTS – 28TH APRIL 2001

DIVISION ONE Judge Kevin McNicholas

1 st	Rocketeers	17.27
2 nd	PODS	17.59
3 rd	Barkshire Bandits	18.23
4 th	Melton Rovers	18.34
5 th	Bristol Ball-istics	19.36
6 th	Buccaneers	18.73

DIVISION TWO Judge Anne Johnson

1 st	Tornadoes	18.73
2 nd	PODlets	19.23
3 rd	Barkshire Bullets	20.02
4 th	Nuneaton Flyers	19.40
5 th	PODsters	19.37
6 th	Northern Bytes	19.87

DIVISION THREE Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	Melton Foxes	19.14
2 nd	Wolf Pack	20.47
3 rd	Wakefield Tykes	19.62
4 th	Bassett Hotdogs	19.84
5 th	Maple Leafs	20.70
6 th	Whinchats	19.56

DIVISION FOUR Judge June Bass

1 st	Blackpool Super Nova	19.97
2 nd	Red Wellies	20.54
3 rd	Greetland Grasshoppers	20.35
4 th	Rugby Rapids	20.94
5 th	PODlings	21.24

DIVISION FIVE Judge Anne Johnson

1 st	Nuneaton Flyer Bees	20.87
2 nd	Mega Bytes	20.16
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	21.35
4 th	Stonechats	21.25
5 th	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	21.39
6 th	Bassett Allsorts	21.84

DIVISION SIX Judge Penny Charlton

1 st	Phoenix Flashbacks	20.64
2 nd	Lincolnshire Leapers	21.25
3 rd	Rocket Reaction	20.87
4 th	Scallywaggers	21.61
5 th	Knights	22.92
6 th	PODlers	24.86

DIVISION SEVEN Judge Wayne O'Rourke

1 st	Greedy Grasshoppers	22.03
2 nd	Melton B's	21.81
3 rd	Fylde Coasters	22.26
4 th	4 for Fun	22.99

DIVISION EIGHT Judge Wayne O'Rourke

1 st	Flying Colours	22.30
2 nd	Yorkshire Bouncers	23.75
3 rd	Nuneaton Cyclones	27.22
4 th	Killa Bytes	26.69
5 th	Wolf Cubs	27.07

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GLASGOW VET COLLEGE RODEO RESULTS – 5th May 2001

DIVISION ONE Judge Neil Meeking

1 st	PODS	17.65
2 nd	Rocketeers	17.75
3 rd	PODsters	19.22
4 th	Blackpool Super Novas	19.42

DIVISION TWO Judge Neil Meeking

1 st	Clatto Clangers	21.12
2 nd	Rocket Reaction	20.00
3 rd	Clatto Barkers	23.88
4 th	Clatto Cruisers	24.39

*The dog makes no distinction between the great and the humble,
between the rich and the powerful
and those who have nothing to offer except their company.*

Once again another splendid weekend of Flyball at the Fords Sports & Social Club ground at Daventry, for this first round of the Summer Championship run by the PODS.

Division 6, 5 & 4 on Saturday, 3, 2 & 1 on Sunday, most teams contesting six races. I was again more than happy to act as Head Judge on the Sunday and to judge Division One. I was assisted by June Bass in Division Two and Sam Bawden in Division Three.

One particular idea by the PODS that did please me was the idea of separating the two racing lanes with a length of barrier netting down the middle. This started around the 35 feet mark to about six feet short of the back of the ring and this effectively prevented dogs interfering with the other team behind my back.

A mixture of sunshine and showers was the order of the weekend, but I believe we got more sunshine overall, although it was pretty chilly when that disappeared.

It was very interesting to note that just over one second was all that separated the top team in Division Three and the top team in Division One. The gaps appear to be closing quicker than ever before and therefore the Divisions are becoming more competitive, with hundredths of a second sometimes being the decider. It would have been virtually impossible to decide some races by the human eye.

Division One proved to be uneventful, apart from one Barkshire Bandits dog almost demolishing the final jump on the run up to the box, which caused the racing to be stopped for dog safety. Otherwise the racing was fast and furious, highly competitive, with the handlers of lead dogs having that look of grim determination on their faces as they were glued to the lights waiting for the off.

The eventful winners were the PODS with a fastest time of 18.04 and who were chased all the way by the Barkshire Bandits, finishing with a fastest time of 18.16. Brilliant Flyball racing by all the teams in this Division who fully deserve the status.

Also over the weekend was the Pairs & Singles and a Starter Team event which did not quite gel as intended, apparently some handlers still being involved in the main racing at the same time. Nevertheless, all's well that ends well.

We look forward to the next round of this BFA Summer Championship, hosted by the Nuneaton Flyers at Leicester, but once again Congratulations to the PODS on yet another brilliant event.

HOWARD CAMPBELL (Head Judge, Greetland Grasshoppers)

CHICA's SILVER AWARD

Chica at eighteen months & three days ran in her first Flyball Tournament at Sherborne on 14th June 1998. She gained her Silver Award of 10,000 points at Trafford Water Park on 23rd June 2001. It took just over three years, I wonder how long the next 10,000 points will take?

I would like to say a big thank you to Mo, our Stats Officer, and all our team mates, *THE PODS*, without whom this award would not have been possible.

JEAN MEEKING

JUDGES REPORT – FIRST SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP - DAVENTRY

It was my first appointment as a Head Judge, and I drew Div 6. This Division proved that the racing can be as close as any other Division. My decision as to who passed the line first was correct each time, but I needed the Line Judges confirmation many times. One leg being won by 0.02 of a second.

The outstanding leg was not the closest, nor the fastest. It was the Killa Bytes victorious 1 minute 37.07 seconds, but it took a couple of Team meetings to get there. Eventually they decided they did want this leg after all! This seemed to spark their supporters Club into action, the Northern Bytes Cheerleaders appeared over by the Red lane. I commented that they had me worried, would they turn around and show off some frilly knickers. I was warned not to dare them.

They appeared back over by the Blue lane later, their favourite Team completed to the roar of “Northern Bytes, Northern Bytes, RAH, RAH, RAH” with coloured ribbons as pom-poms. *The Flying Colours* certainly helped to make Flyball fun.

More resilient than a Tory Party leader, that’s the PODS. The PODlers had many problems, but did the right thing. Went NFC and got their Team to complete. Their dogs gaining competition experience, and working as a team. Well done! Thank you to all Teams in Div 6, I had a great time. There were a few hiccups over the weekend, but I am sure that like me everyone had a most enjoyable time, even if we didn’t finish the day as winners.

ROY HISCOCK

Dear PODS,
Thank you so much for the last weekend. The dogs and I enjoyed it very much. As a relative newcomer to Flyball I am having the time of my life, but do appreciate the incredible time and energy that must go into the organisation of an event.
Thank you all for your hard work.

GAYE JONES *Southsea, Hants.*

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Another exciting Flyball weekend at Daventry, despite the cold weather! Thanks to the PODS Team for arranging such a successful Tournament – it’s great to be back racing again. Although bottom of Division One, Bristol Ball-istics recorded their best time ever, with a sub nineteen second run. A great achievement for the team. Here’s to lots more Flyball racing.

JUNE WITH JACK *Bristol Ball-istics*

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

to

KATIE BASS *(Formerly Melton Rovers)*

and

GWAIN THEOBALD *(Jumping Jacks)*

They will be getting married on 8th SEPTEMBER in Melton Mowbray

GLASGOW VET COLLEGE RODEO

On paper we were going from the ridiculous to the sublime. The PODS, after hosting the Ryton Sanctioned Tournament with 44 teams one weekend, went up to Scotland to host a Sanctioned Tournament for 8 teams the following weekend. The only snag was there were only five PODS going, Delia, Peter, Michael, Jean & Neil. Neil would be Judging leaving four of us to run two teams, organise the laying out of the venue, operate the lights, paperwork, box judging, scribing etc. To cap it all we were to hold two training sessions on two consecutive days, before the Show date, to help the three Scottish Teams.

We received an absolutely super welcome from the Scottish Flyballers. They were all keen and eager to learn everything we could possibly teach them and they and their dogs worked very hard. When it came to running the Tournament we needn’t have worried. With the two Rocketeers teams and the Blackpool Super Novas who made up the eight teams in the Tournament, we all worked together doing every facet of running the Show, from operating the lights, to the paperwork, all of us learnt a lot.

The PODS would like to say a special thank you to Philip Jackson, from the Blackpool Super Novas, who Box Loaded faultlessly for both the PODS and the PODsters all day. Also to Alison Moyes and the Rocketeers who handled some of our dogs when our two teams had to race against each other.

We did the Double Eliminator Format and raced for most of the day, much to the delight of the Rodeo crowd who came to watch this exciting spectacle.

Immediately after the Tournament, the PODS moved further up the country to Dundee, where we ran another days training in yet another lovely venue. Our grateful thanks to Alison Moye for organising it all and also thanks for becoming the BFA Regional Representative for Scotland.

The PODS wish you many enjoyable hours of Flyballing and look forward to your first Tournament as Hosts.

THANKS FROM THE CLATTO TEAMS

What a breath of fresh air, true sportsmanship, I have nothing but praise for the organisers and participants of the Glasgow Veterinary Rodeo Tournament. Our thanks go to everyone for their helpful advice and encouragement from all the Clatto Club.

I must say a special thank you to Delia, Peter, Michael, Jean & Neil from the PODS for travelling up to Dundee for a training day and passing on their knowledge, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our members are now looking like a team and working together.

Because our club enjoyed themselves so much I am now being asked to organise our own Tournament as soon as possible, it seems the Flyball bug has bitten them. I am hoping that the other Scottish teams will catch on to what they are missing and that we will soon be having a regular event in Scotland.

Many thanks again
ALISON MOYES (CLATTO CLANGERS)

1st SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP, DAVENTRY 9/10th JUNE 2001

FLYBALL & HEELWORK TO MUSIC - BARBARA WHITAKER

Just want to let everyone know what a brilliant weekend the Blackpool Super Nova Flyball Team had at Coventry on the 28 April. We arrived to meet and greet everyone from both events, people we haven't seen for ages, so lots of gossip.

When we ran our first race, the tension was overwhelming. Our dogs on form as were our opponents, so the race was on, we eventually WON. Then our second race, again everything to race for and our dogs were up for it, we WON again. What a relief!

After racing we had a break whilst the other Divisions competed, so we shot over to watch the 'Heelwork To Music'. The hall was quite full and I was taken aback by the size of the ring. We watched the Starters. It certainly takes a lot of guts to get up in front of all those people, but the competitors looked very proud to display their routines.

We went back to run our last two Flyball races in a very determined mood (everything usually falls apart after lunch) but once again victory was ours and we secured an all time best speed of 20.10. We were delighted. The last team we were to race against was a proven fast team so we had to pull out the stops. The atmosphere was electric, the dogs raring to go, the humans worried. Off we went winning the first leg The second leg we got by a whisker (you think I am joking?) The last leg just had to go well. The dogs rose to the challenge, our change-overs were close, we had it in the bag along with an even better record time for us of 19.97. Cheers and jubilation, thank yous and well dones, good sportsmanship all round.

We could take a breath now and wind down so we returned to the Heelwork To Music hall to watch the Advance Class which was just gob smacking. The twists, the turns, the spins, the jumps and the humour was just riveting.

Back in the Flyball arena we were presented with our rosettes and applauded the other teams on their results. This was really a wonderful day which ended with an excellent steak dinner.

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DIVISION ONE Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	PODS	18.04
2 nd	Barkshire Bandits	18.16
3 rd	Mad Mutts	19.22
4 th	Tornadoes	19.06
5 th	Melton Foxes	19.45
6 th	Bristol Ballistics	18.89

DIVISION THREE Judge Sam Bawden

1 st	Wolf Pack	19.10
2 nd	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.19
3 rd	Maple Leafs	19.92
4 th	Mega Bytes	20.57
5 th	Running 4 Mutts	20.08
6 th	Phoenix Flashbacks	20.20
7 th	PODsters	20.20

DIVISION FIVE Judge Wayne O'Rourke

1 st	Flying Colours	21.39
2 nd	Melton B's	21.48
3 rd	Barkshire Bandits	20.82
4 th	Brat Pack	23.50
5 th	Shooting Stars	22.85
6 th	Bassett Allsorts	23.28

DIVISION TWO Judge June Bass

1 st	Nuneaton Flyers	19.11
2 nd	PODlets	19.08
3 rd	Blackpool Super Novas	19.43
4 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.41
5 th	Wakefield Tykes	19.68
6 th	Northern Bytes	19.75
7th	Bassett Hotdogs	20.16

DIVISION FOUR Judge Alison Booth

1 st	Nuneaton Flyer Bees	20.40
2 nd	Hindlip Flyers	21.27
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	21.00
4 th	Lincolnshire Leapers	21.64
5 th	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	NFC
6 th	Dodgers	NFC

DIVISION SIX Judge Roy Hiscock

1 st	Border Patrol	22.56
2 nd	Greedy Grasshoppers	22.65
3 rd	Killa Bytes	22.65
4 th	Wolverines	25.97
5 th	Nuneaton Cyclones	NFC
6 th	PODlars	NFC

Saturday - STARTERS

1 st	Pawzitiff Paws	19.22
2 nd	Norfolk in Chance	24.56
3 rd	Wolf Cubs	25.72
4 th	4 for Fun	26.13

Saturday - PAIRS

1 st	Star & Duke	8.56
2 nd	Rogan & Darwin	8.69
3 rd	Tweed & Zippa	8.76
4 th	Chance & Gilly	8.91

Saturday – SINGLES

1 st	Sally Spice	4.28 / 4.29
2 nd	Darwin	4.28 / 4.31
3 rd	Rogan	4.31 / 4.34
4 th	Mistie	4.31 / 4.35

Saturday (only) MINI MAXI

1 ST	Jack & Raff	9.25
2 nd	Grace & Pia	10.00

Sunday - STARTERS

1 st	Northern Bytes	25.08
2 nd	Jammie Dodgers	22.25
3 rd	Melton Fox Cubs	22.88
4 th	4 for Fun	23.79

Sunday - PAIRS

1 st	Fynn & Disney	9.07
2 nd	Layla & Spice	9.31
3 rd	Maddie & Bracken	9.64
4 th	Cracker & Spud	9.67

Sunday - SINGLES

1 st	Layla	4.34 / 4.40
2 nd	Zig Zag	4.34 / 4.43
3 rd	Jimmy	4.41
4 th	Cracker	4.44

3 rd	Timba & Bobby	10.04
4 th	Chance & Jazz	10.69