

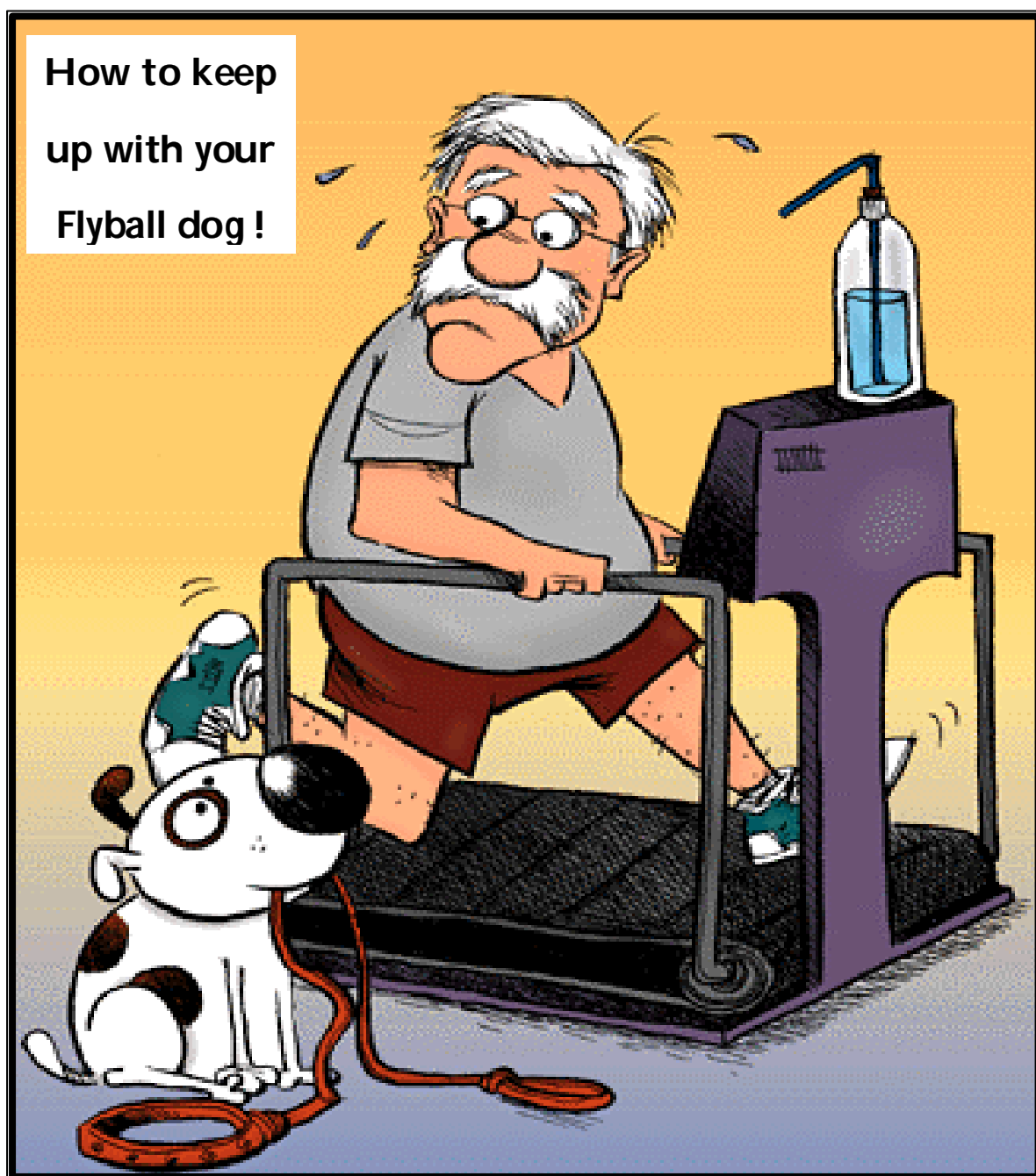
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**How to keep
up with your
Flyball dog !**



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Hello Flyballers

What do I like most about Flyball? Going to Tournaments of course. Running my dogs with my Team-mates, meeting with like-minded people and duelling with them in the racing lanes.

Since the last issue of the Flyball Record I have only been at home for three weekends and one of those was taken up with a Training Day for the interested handlers from enquiries I had received as a Regional Representative. My parents think it's hilarious when I visit them on Mondays with my non-existent voice, they know it's a Flyball voice and that I've had a good weekend.

As I also train beginners, amongst others, two evenings a week it only leaves Monday & Tuesday evenings to work on production and boy, do I burn the midnight oil.

I suppose what I'm trying to say is that if this issue is below par, forgive me. I do try. I, like all the Committee and others, are committed and loyal to the BFA but sometimes get 'snowed under' with the sheer weight of the task we have taken on.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with articles, Judges Reports etc. for this issue. Sometimes I really panic because I haven't received enough items, but yet again I've managed to fill twenty eight pages with your help.

I am sure most of you are aware that Claire (Mum), member of the Mad Mutts, owner of naughty Bobby has health problems. Everyone who is acquainted with Claire will know what a lovely lady she is and what's more she's a very good Box Loader (can't do without them). I am sure everyone in Flyball will want to wish her well.

Keep your news coming.

ED.

Some points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2002

REVISED RULES & POLICIES POST 2002 AGM

Revised copies of pages 14 & 19 had been issued on 24th May, the revisions to be operative from 17th June.

ANNUAL AWARDS

It was agreed that a new Non-Specific Breed Award would be introduced for 1st, 2nd & 3rd dogs (not covered by the five Breed Specific Awards) who individually gained the most Flyball points from 1st January – 31st December.

It was also agreed to review all Awards with a view to improve their quality.

FLYBALL POINTS

The Committee agreed that the poor and inadequate completion of Time Sheets by some Teams which, with the marked increase in the number of Tournaments this year, placed an unacceptable additional burden on the already heavy workload on our Records & Statistics Co-ordinator. The Secretary would write to all Team Captains advising them that it is their responsibility to ensure that their Team's Time Sheets are fully and accurately completed. Failure to do so would result in their Team's Flyball points being withheld for the Tournament in question.

LIGHTS

A quotation for six sets of lights had been obtained but was considered too high a number and excessively costly. Funds are available and the search for the 'right' set will continue.

STATS OFFICER

The need for a replacement Stats Officer was resolved by her sharing the workload with Sue Bell. Anne Johnson would be asked to take over the issue and control of Height Cards.

RELEASE OF DOGS

It was confirmed that within a four month period dogs may not be released/re-released back and forth between teams.

Next Committee Meeting Sunday 6th October 2002.

THE ROAD TO FLYBALL DOG

Here's a little story about me. My name is Sally and I'm with the Yorkshire Bouncers. My owners are Gaelle and Alison Harrison. I've been with the Yorkshire Bouncers since they began two and a half years ago. Now the story behind the Bouncers is a team of mixed dogs running for enjoyment where winning a race is a real thrill, never-mind a Division! After all this time I've finally just become a 'Flyball Dog'. I'm proudly the second dog in our team to become a 'Flyball Dog'.

Gaelle and Alison are so proud of me and they wonder what new glories the next two and a half years will bring.

Love SALLY x

s. Not forgetting THANKS to my Aunty Betty!

FLYBALL FORUM

The Forum has been very quiet since the A.G.M. Does this mean that most members are happy with everything? Don't forget there are only a couple more issues of the Flyball Record before the next A.G.M. so it is time to start airing the issues. You don't have to have access to the internet, just send your comments to me, for inclusion next time.

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COMP HEIGHT

There has all gone quiet following the A.G.M. Is everyone too busy training to spend any time on the discussion board? There's a question for you all: the maximum jump height was dropped to 14 inches for safety reasons which dogs needed this margin of safety in order to compete?

Alison Booth

I just couldn't help breaking my silence on this one. "The dogs that have not got a height dog on their team" of course, or was this a trick question?

June Bas

Not far wrong June. Teams who have a height dog do have that safety margin for the NON-HEIGHT dogs, but the poor height dog is jumping to its maximum height. In reality the only groups of dogs who benefit in my opinion are those that measure between 19 and 20.99 inches. In order to give all dogs racing that safety margin would mean we would have to change the rule about 4" lower than the shoulder height of the dog to 6".

Alison Booth

RULES OF RACING

There's a judging poser.

Team A gets a false start red light.

Re-start.

Team A and Team B get a false start red light.

Re-start.

Team B gets a false start red light and runs their 1st dog as 5th dog.

But both teams have had 2 false starts, so it would appear that Team A have had an advantage. I've never seen this happen before so..... I'd be interested in some opinions!

Nobody had any complaints, this just arose out of a discussion among ourselves, a sort of what if?

Val Currie

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

DEBBIE BAGG & AMY

ON GAINING THE B.F.A. SILVER AWARD

Amy was very ill at the end of the year 2000 and for several months was unable to compete and although well now Debbie still has problems with her so getting this award is very special.

ALSO

DOUG MERCHANT & MOSS FOR GAINING THEIR GRADUATE AWARD

Well done from all the PODS

ORDER COLLIE - Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

ACHSHUND - You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

OTTWEILER - Make me.

HI-TZU - Puh-leeze, dah-ling. Let the servants. . . .

I ALAMUTE - Let the Border collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy.

ACK RUSSELL TERRIER - I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

OCKER SPANIEL - Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

BOBERMAN PINSCHER - While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch.

OXER - Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

IASTIFF - Mastiffs are NOT afraid of the dark.

HIHUAHUA - Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

RISH WOLFHOUD - Can somebody else do it? I've got this hangover....

OINTER - I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....

REYHOUND - It isn't moving. Who cares?

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD - First I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...

LD ENGLISH SHEEP DOG - Light bulb? That thing I just ate was a light bulb?

TESTIE - Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs, I am not one of THEM
 o the question is, how long will it be before I can expect my light?

OUND - ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz

KNEBWORTH RESULTS - 5/6th May 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge Steve Whatley

1 st	Back on Track	17.23
2 nd	Barkshire Bandits	17.83
3 rd	Bad Dog Racers	17.87
4 th	Melton Rovers	18.44
5 th	Basset Hotdogs	18.74
6 th	The Jumping Jacks	18.50

DIVISION TWO – Judge Chris Fulford

1 st	Penant's Pack	18.19
2 nd	Buccaneers	18.60
3 rd	Dodgers	18.91
4 th	Bristol Ball-istics	19.44
5 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.16
6 th	Wolf Pack	20.01

DIVISION THREE – Judge Gwain Theobald

1 st	Springbok's	19.57
2 nd	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	19.50
3 rd	Bad Dog Mixture	19.78
4 th	K9ers	19.57
5 th	Basset Allsorts	21.51
6 th	The Knights	21.98

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Robert Henshall

1 st	Cracker Jacks	20.69
2 nd	Ball Busters	21.19
3 rd	Melton B's	23.35
4 th	Melton Foxes	21.37

NEWARK RESULTS – 11/12th May 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge Alison Booth

1 st	Melton Rovers	17.65
2 nd	Sheffield Speeders	18.15
3 rd	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.34
4 th	Lincolnshire Leapers	18.96
5 th	Blackpool Super Nova	18.95

DIVISION TWO – Judge Betty Potts

1 st	Wakefield Trickytykes	20.24
2 nd	Fylde Coasters	20.23
3 rd	The Northern Bytes	19.97
4 th	Border Patrol (UK)	21.31
5 th	Melton Foxes	20.10
6 th	Lincolnshire Little Leapers	22.17

DIVISION THREE – Judge June Bass

1 st	Sheffield Sprinters	18.87
2 nd	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.41
3 rd	The Killa Bytes	20.60
4 th	Whiterose Wagtails	21.60
5 th	Sallywags	22.10
6 th	Border Crossing	22.21

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Yorkshire Bouncers	24.56
2 nd	Greeny Grasshoppers	24.94
3 rd	Melton B's	25.06
4 th	Start-Rite Wizards	24.56



**CONGRATULATIONS
ON GAINING YOUR SILVER AWARD**



**RAY CLACK & BESS at Trafford Water Park 23.9.2001
&
EDYTHE CLACK & SALLY SPICE at Eastnor Castle 14.10.2001**

MY FIRST DAY RACING

Let's begin at the beginning. It's Saturday morning at a time I've heard of but seldom seen, it's 3.45am. Washed, dressed, breakfasted and ready to go by 5.15am, on time for once. Off we trot to collect my charge for the day, super hero Bob (not to be called Bobby or any derivative thereof – although Bobbly seems to be OK). Natalie is looking radiant in her Winnie the Pooh nightdress and jeans – she offers lead and those little plastic bags and we're on our way. Now it's a long drive yet uneventful, Thornton to Newark Showground. Carolyn, Sue and I pass the occasional comment between snoring (Carolyn wasn't snoring she was driving). Les, Daniella and Diane led the way in the shiny red transit van – because that's what Les does (don't even think of passing him, he owns the middle lane). We duly arrive and after several attempts to gain admittance, park up ready to rock and roll.

Now a little should be said about the circumstances we find ourselves in. I'm a box loader by choice and profession, not a dog runner or anything else, plain and simple box loading I know about. Suddenly I'm supposed to run first dog in the first team, no pressure! A little needs to be said about the lights but only a little. What a wonderful device they are and sufficiently inconsistent to keep you on your toes. One could develop a complex!

Well on with the racing, apparently we're fourth seed out of six, so anything above fourth and we're on target to become world champions (in our dreams). It should be mentioned that Sue was box loading and under pressure. She'd only box loaded once before in competition and dropped a couple of balls so she was worried. The rest of the team, Carolyn with Jed, Daniella with TJ and Les with Emma are old campaigners and this was just another race meeting to them (oh yeah). Diane from Blackpool Super Novas was there for the ride and to offer her expert advice (especially useful on the line – thanks for your help Diane). We had five races to complete and after the morning's proceedings we'd run three times and won three times and included in the wins was one against the Northern Bytes where we managed to overcome their super Yorkie (bullies). Bob read the lights perfectly and made me look as if I knew what I was doing. He doesn't need a handler he lines up perfectly well on his own and gives that final tug just as the lights are changing (I fell in love with that dog). The afternoon started well with another win and we were beginning to get big headed – one more win and we're first (unheard of). Then came the Tykes, well we tried and managed to come second (it was Les's fault for not pushing Emma). Sue threatened to make him walk home and beat him severely with an empty coke bottle (fortunately plastic). The upshot was there was three teams with four wins and a run-off was arranged (we would have come third on times). After some further tense racing we ended up second and I couldn't believe our (my) luck. Thanks to the Northern Bytes, Wakefield Tykes and not forgetting Betty Potts, our Judge, for a memorable and enjoyable day's racing. My first taste of racing has certainly left me wanting more and I can't wait for our dog Harvey to be ready to race. In the meantime it's back to box loading and a relaxed weekend at York next time out.

Thanks to Natalie for the privilege of running Bob, to the rest of the team for their support and encouragement and to Diane for her advice. We came home knackered but happy – more committed than ever to the wonderful sport of Flyball.

KEN ROWLAND (Fylde Coasters)

The difference between Dogs and Cats

A dog thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me...

They must be Gods!

A cat thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me...

I must be a God!



THANK YOU



On behalf of my Team, *Sheffield Speeders*
I want to Thank everyone who voted for us in the
“Most Improved Team of the Year Award”.

Also to all those people and Teams who have helped us on our way.
All our extra training has obviously paid off – and we’re still working on it!

LINDA POWELL

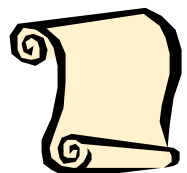
CRACKER

I’m writing Cracker’s entry in the magazine this time – she’s taking time out. What an up and down journey a dog’s life is and how an event or incident can put everything into perspective!

Last year Cracker and I had a brilliant season with the Flying Colours and then for an unknown reason Cracker started running out after collecting the ball from the box. This and other things contrived to us sliding down the Divisions and even running N.F.C. I changed jobs and couldn’t attend training much or be available to compete regularly, plus when I did, Cracker ran out. I really felt the pressure despite reassurances from my team mates. I actually stopped enjoying Flyball as the feeling when you see your dog run out is horrible. The doubt sets in as you are loading the car to travel to compete and I’m sure if my colleagues were honest they too were wondering “Will she, won’t she”.

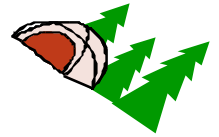
However, all this is now inconsequential as on Wednesday Cracker had a growth removed from her throat and as I sit writing this at the Daventry Tournament, with her sat at home, I realise in the general scheme of things, running out doesn’t matter!

Take care
Sue



CONGRATULATIONS

To *Julie and Rossi* on achieving **Flyball Dog**
To *Sandra and Poppy, Sue and Cracker* and *Martine and Billy* on achieving
Graduate Dog (Jane and Spud in hot pursuit)
And to ALL **FLYING COLOURS** because – to me – you really are –
SIMPLY THE BEST!
From your Captain – Bursting with Pride!



Dog Friendly?



Taking your dogs on holiday may defeat the purpose of actually having a *holiday*, but for some, putting dogs into kennels leaves worried owners with a permanent *have I left the gas on?* feeling.

We search high and low for animal friendly campsites and B&B's, so our four-legged friends are as comfortable and relaxed as we are (if not slightly more so).

Sites where dogs are welcomed are hard to find, Tai Lawr in Anglesey is an excellent holiday spot where you can be sure that a flyball box is never far away. Contact Peter and Delia – 01407816610 (unless of course you interpret holiday as any of the following: ... time off, break, rest, relaxation, mellowness, tranquillity, calm...).

Not that any of us have any free time in which to indulge in this unfamiliar leisure activity.



***"It's a little chilly,
so I've put an extra dog on your bed."***
*"It's a little chilly, so I've put an extra
dog on your bed."*

BRENTWOOD RESULTS – 11/12th May 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge Wayne O'Rourke

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	17.55
2 nd	PODlets	18.23
3 rd	Nuneaton Flyers	18.07
4 th	Wolf Pack	18.34
5 th	Mad Mutts	18.39
6 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.66

DIVISION TWO – Judge Anne Johnson

1 st	Maple Leafs	18.46
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istics	19.06
3 rd	Buccaneers	18.81
4 th	Nuneaton Bees	18.90
5 th	K9ers	19.34

DIVISION THREE – Judge Steve Whatley

1 st	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.58
2 nd	Bassett Allsorts	20.08
3 rd	PODlings	19.95
4 th	Barkshire Bandidos	20.47
5 th	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.81

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Penny Charlton

1 st	Chitchats	21.12
2 nd	Fun 4 Mutts	21.73
3 rd	Wolverines	23.75
4 th	Shooting Stars	22.36

STARTERS PAIRS Part One

1 st	Dudley & Cheyenne	11.68
2 nd	Riva & Jess	12.57
3 rd	Tassie & Skip	11.81
4 th	Jet & Daisy	14.21
5 th	Chess & Pharaoh	

STARTERS PAIRS Part Two

1 st	Tipsy & Fly	9.77
2 nd	Tess & Tika	11.29
3 rd	Fern & Twiglet	13.92
4 th	Sophie & Rosie	17.20
5 th	Zak & Bella	26.74
6 th	Meg & Leighton	

MIXED PAIRS

1 st	Sky & Layla	8.71
2 nd	Sally & Timba	9.64
3 rd	Breeze & Ben	10.47
4 th	Max & Poppy	10.25
5 th	Susie & Millie	10.21
6 th	Bonnie & Dee	10.64

MINI MAXI PAIRS

1 st	Zippa & Spice	8.81
2 nd	Toby & Dexter	9.12
3 rd	Bramble & Charlie	11.42
4 th	Tess & Tika	11.21
5 th	Ruff Stuff & Skip	10.74
6 th	Fern & Hattie	13.09

MINI CLEVER DOGS

1 st	Tikka	24.45
2 nd	Carrow	28.13
3 rd	Stella	28.58
4 th	Bramble	32.16
5 th	Fern	55.70

ABC CLEVER DOGS

1 st	Bonnie	21.17
2 nd	Max	22.11
3 rd	Kaiser	30.73
4 th	Daisy	24.89
5 th	Reiver	

CLEVER DOGS OPEN

1 st	Tweed	19.47
2 nd	Ben	20.13
3 rd	Link	21.77
4 th	Poppy	22.09

5 th	Tess	25.39
6 th	Dee	28.29
7 th	Fly	45.57
8 th	Max	

I would like to start with a long list of Thank you's to all those helping and supporting the Mad Mutts Show at Brentwood. **Thanks** to Modern Dog Sports for allowing us to host a round of the Clever Dogs. A really big **Thanks** to Martin Pollard and Taryn Timer for sponsoring the Clever Dogs some great prizes for those lucky enough to be placed

A massive **Thank you** to Sam Bawden, we all knew she was good at talking, but with the job of Compere in the Main Arena and at the Tournament, Michael Barrymore has some stiff competition. She really did make the display in the Main Arena, getting the crowd involved. Not overlooking those who helped us over in the Main Arena. As usual the work behind the scenes means that those out there get the applause, special **Thanks** to the Shooting Stars and the Maple Leafs and Kevin from the Chitchats and of course all those helping the Flyball Arena go so well.

It was a very pleasant weekend for us. 'All About Dogs' was the biggest Dog Show in the interest of dogs that we have seen and we are very grateful to Ron Dyer and the Essex Dog Display Team for the opportunity to participate. The ground was very good for racing and being on a football pitch made it so easy to set out. We checked it again, it was too easy.

We were very pleased to see the hard work pay off with the Fun 4 Mutts Team gaining second place in the Fourth Division. Good to see some of our people get rewards for their efforts at last. But, our top team told a different story. Having taken a 'shock' 2-0 lead against the Barkshire Bandits the latter then got themselves together and from the 'jaws of victory we snatched defeat' 2-3. Then the Nuneaton Flyers gained their first ever victory over us, much to the joy of their team and their supporters. Well done, much deserved. Come the afternoon, the only race we had won was against the kids in the Main Arena and even they took a leg off us. Always obliging those PODlets, 3-2 to us, but we had to work very hard with a re-jigged team. Great and hotly contested racing, as there was throughout the weekend.

Kevin from the Chitchats must have gone home for a good rest, he was game for everything. Although it has to be said that the dogs seemed to hold up better than he did.

It was great to see two old hands showing that they can still 'cut it', Tweed run by Andy Bawden winning the Clever Dogs Open. At the other end we had Topsy and Fly winning Part Two of the Starters Pairs with Jet, a very new (only about four lessons) but a promising dog, getting Fourth in Part One. It was a great success for us all round and once again **Thanks** to everyone who helped us achieve it.

ROY HISCOCK (Mad Mutts)

MYSTIC MEGAN

Hi there, my name is Megan. For 2½ years now Mum and I have been going to Agility and Flyball and boy do I enjoy it. At Agility Mum keeps saying "why don't you do it this way Meg?", but I like doing my own thing. When we do Flyball, she seems to think I should come back over the jumps as well as going down them, seems like too much hard work to me. Last year Mum took me to loads of competitions, but all we seemed to do was stand out on the side whilst all the other dogs had a go. I don't know why!

Then at the beginning of this year we went to a place called Market Harborough. Mum sent me for a practise I went over the jumps, but there wasn't a ball so I came back over the jumps to tell Mum. All I heard was "she's done it" everybody seemed so pleased and this time I didn't stand at the side I actually got to go with the other dogs. After that we went to Newark and believe it or not my team came first. Then Market Harborough again and I did really well.

Just when Mum thought I was getting the hang of this game, we went to Thame. This time I went over the jumps got the ball and (yes you've guessed it) did my old trick of coming back down the side (those jumps are far too time consuming on the way back).

Well, here's to the next time. Will I or won't I! Ladbrookes are taking bets.

VAL STEVENS (Wolf Pack)

PS A very belated THANK YOU to everyone who stopped and searched for me at Manchester. Yes, it was me not my big brother Merlin who decided to disappear.

KNAVESMIRE, YORK RESULTS - 25/26th May 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	18.00
2 nd	PODS	18.46
3 rd	Wakefield Tykes	18.62
4 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.24
5 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.24
6 th	Nuneaton Flyers	NFC

DIVISION TWO – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Sheffield Speeders	19.40
2 nd	Nuneaton Bees	19.41
3 rd	PODsters	19.38
4 th	Lincolnshire Leapers	19.99
5 th	Blackpool Super Nova	19.66
6 th	Flying Colours	22.51

DIVISION THREE – Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	Silver Rapidz	19.93
2 nd	PODantics	20.02
3 rd	Barkshire Bandidos	21.48
4 th	The Northern Bytes	20.40
5 th	Live Wires	20.82

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Dianne Halsted

1 st	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.07
2 nd	Sheffield Sprinters	20.57
3 rd	Fylde Coasters	20.63
4 th	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.59
5 th	The Killa Bytes	22.64

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Penny Charlton

1 st	Springers	22.17
2 nd	Whiterose Wagtails	22.11
3 rd	Crazy Catapults	22.68
4 th	Greedy Grasshoppers	23.98
5 th	Lincs. Little Leapers	NFC

DIVISION SIX – Judge Peter Roberts

1 st	Fylde Surfers	22.32
2 nd	Hillam Hot Dogs	23.28
3 rd	Yorkshire Bouncers	25.56
4 th	Nuneaton Cyclones	26.00
5 th	Zebedee Springers	26.26

Saturday - STARTERS Division One

1 st	Blackpool Quasars	22.24
2 nd	Fylde Hot Dogs	22.34
3 rd	Yorkshire Babies	25.54
4 th	Sheffield Starters	27.13

Saturday - STARTERS Division Two

1 st	PODS Perhaps	25.00
2 nd	Bytes Beginners	24.00
3 rd	Terry's Choc Mix	24.97
4 th	Wannabee Colours	28.74

Saturday - SINGLES

1 st	Ron with Oggi	4.15
2 nd	June with Gilly	4.59
3 rd	Irene with Fly	4.50

Saturday - PAIRS

1 st	Judy & Chica	Jean & Rogan	8.43
2 nd	Delia & Star	Peter & Duke	8.68
3 rd	June & Gilly	David & Chance	8.69

Sunday - STARTERS

1 st	Wire R Us	21.00
2 nd	Dog Friendly Flyers	21.86
3 rd	Sheffield Starters	21.43
4 th	Nova Next Generation	25.57

5 th	Beginner Bytes	25.05
6 th	Almost Rapidz	25.58
7 th	Whiterose Bushytails	27.43

What a brilliant new venue. So much room, ideal for the dogs to exercise freely. Congratulations Tykes on a lovely weekend despite the weather!! We had some brilliant racing and enjoyed ourselves. The Barkshire Bandits being the 'creme de la crème' at this Tournament. Congratulations.

The Tykes kept smiling throughout, although they had to contend with gales on the Friday when they were putting up the equipment. Sunshine and wind on Saturday, then rain all morning on Sunday followed by sunshine in the afternoon. Then we suffered a Hailstorm on the way home. We only needed snow to have ‘weathered’ a complete set.

JEAN (PODS)

SHARNFORD RESULTS 1st/2nd/3rd June 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	17.34
2 nd	Sheffield Speeders	18.34
3 rd	Nuneaton Flyers	18.38
4 th	Mad Mutts	17.94
5 th	Maple Leafs	18.24
6 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.45

DIVISION TWO – Judge Roy Hiscock

1 st	Nuneaton Bees	19.11
2 nd	Blackpool Super Nova	19.15
3 rd	Silver Rapidz	19.23
4 th	Bristol Ball-istics	19.35
5 th	Sheffield Sprinters	20.55

DIVISION THREE – Judge John Blackford

1 st	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.52
2 nd	Phoenix Flashbacks	19.08
3 rd	Fylde Coasters	20.26
4 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.34
5 th	The Northern Bytes	20.20
6 th	Running 4 Mutts	20.55

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Fredd Webb

1 st	Barkshire Bandidos	20.99
2 nd	Nuneaton Dodgers	19.73
3 rd	Greedy Grasshoppers	21.28
4 th	The Killa Bytes	21.67
5 th	Fylde Rollercoasters	23.08
6 th	Scallywags	23.85



DIVISION FIVE – Judge Penny Charlton

1 st	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	19.78
2 nd	Border Patrol (UK)	21.10
3 rd	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	25.41
4 th	Fun 4 Mutts	21.88



MULTIBREED DIVISION ONE – Judge David Long

1 st	Mad Bytes	19.15
2 nd	Rapidz Sortz	19.91
3 rd	Grasshoppers Multi	19.23
4 th	Fylde Pick 'n' Mix	20.35

5 th	Random Rapidz	20.77
6 th	Tykes 57	21.16
7 th	4 Mixed Mutts	21.68
8 th	Yorkshire Mixture	28.64

BROADLANDS 2nd/3rd/4th June 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge June Bass

1 st	Back on Track	17.27
2 nd	Bad Dog Racers	18.18
3 rd	Penant's Pack	19.21
4 th	Buccaneers	18.23
5 th	Bassett Hotdogs	18.88

DIVISION TWO – Judge Chris Fulford

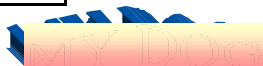
1 st	Springbok's	19.13
2 nd	Melton Foxes	19.46
3 rd	Test Valley Raiders	20.02
4 th	The Knights	20.87
5 th	Bassett Allsorts	21.74

DIVISION THREE – Judge Robert Henshall

1 st	Cracker Jacks	20.89
2 nd	Four Bad Dogs	21.11
3 rd	Melton Striders	21.30
4 th	Sleepless Knights	22.54
5 th	Malvern Missile Launchers	22.32

MULTIBREED – Judge Andrew Foster

1 st	Penant's Multi Paws	17.88
2 nd	Multi Jumping Jacks	18.99
3 rd	Chatterboxes	21.15
4 th	Multi Cracker Jacks	23.92



The one who listens when I talk, the one who cheers my lonely walk.
 The one who nuzzles when I cry, the one who comforts when I sigh.
 Who else could match my every mood, who else would feast on scraps of food.
 Who else would prompt this monologue, who else but you....

MY LOVING DOG

Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 7th July 2002

EED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
1	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.19
2	Back on Track	076D	17.23
3	Melton Rovers	035	17.65
4	Bad Dog Racers	053	17.65
5	Maple Leafs	049	17.67
6	PODS	015	17.79
7	Mad Mutts	054	17.94
8	Wolf Pack	050	18.01
9	Penants Pack	076B	18.19
10	PODsters	015F	18.20
11	Buccaneers	025	18.23
12	PODlets	015A	18.23
13	The Jumping Jacks	022	18.33
14	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.34
15	Nuneaton Bees	051A	18.41
16	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	18.47
17	Bad Dog Meecos	053A	18.48
18	Wakefield Tykes	046	18.51
19	PODlings	015D	18.69
20	Mad 4 Mutts	054D	18.71
21	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	18.74
22	Whinchats	030	18.77
23	Rapidz	082	18.78
24	Pawzitiff Pawz	072	18.79
25	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.81
26	Bristol Ball-istics	018	18.83
27	Blackpool Super Nova	063	18.86
28	Sheffield Sprinters	058A	18.87
29	Dodgers	078	18.91
30	Lincolnshire Leapers	062	18.96
31	Phoenix Flashbacks	056	19.08
32	Springbok's	008	19.13
33	Silver Rapidz	082A	19.23
34	Live Wires	069	19.24
35	Barkshire Bullets	017C	19.26
36	Maple Leaf Raggers	049A	19.27
37	K9ers	033	19.33
38	Melton Foxes	035B	19.46
39	Trying 4 Mutts	054G	19.49
40	W'borough Red Wellies	067	19.50
41	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	19.73
42	PODlers	015B	19.78
43	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	19.83
44	Test Valley Raiders	045	19.99

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
52	The Northern Bytes	027	20.31
53	Four Bad Dogs	053B	20.39
54	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	20.56
55	Wakefield Terrortykes	046A	20.59
56	Shooting Stars	001	20.65
57	Cracker Jacks	022E	20.69
58	Random Rapidz	082E	20.77
59	The Swifts	048	20.82
60	Stonechats	030A	20.83
61	The Knights	036	20.87
62	The Killa Bytes	027B	20.94
63	Yorkshire Bouncers	052	20.99
64	Border Patrol (UK)	023	21.10
65	Springers	041	21.12
66	Chitchats	030B	21.12
67	Snatch 'n' Grab	083	21.14
68	Chatterboxes	030C	21.15
69	Ball Busters	043	21.19
70	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	21.28
71	Melton Striders	035C	21.30
72	Malvern Missile Launchers	077A	21.34
73	Crazy Catapults	081A	21.35
74	Brat Pack	050A	21.44
75	Crazy Cannons	081	21.47
76	Crazy Crossbows	081C	21.58
77	Wolverines	050D	21.73
78	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	21.73
79	Scallywags	059	21.76
80	Lincolnshire Little Leapers	062A	21.77
81	PODextras	015H	21.94
82	Fylde Rollercoasters	038A	22.03
83	Border Crossing	023A	22.08
84	Sleepless Knights	036B	22.29
85	Munchers of Ouse	065B	22.52
86	Hillam Hot Dogs	086	22.75
87	Wizzers of Ouse	065A	22.86
88	Wired 4 Action	069A	23.23
89	Rapidz Responz	082D	23.24
90	Melton B's	035A	23.35
91	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	018C	23.43
92	Blackpool Quasars	063B	24.12
93	Nuneaton Cyclone	051B	24.54
94	Start-Rite Wizards	014	24.56
95	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	24.94

45	PODantics	015G	20.02
46	Bassett Allsorts	011	20.09
47	Running 4 Mutts	054A	20.10
48	Whiterose Wagtails	060	20.15
49	Wakefield Trickytykes	046B	20.24
50	Fylde Coasters	038	20.26
51	Flying Colours	064	20.29

96	Crazy Cadets	081B	25.71
97	Thor's Raiders	070	26.03
98	Zebedee Springers	041A	26.08
99	Yorkshire Racers	052B	26.11
100	Springers off Springs	041B	26.12
101	Wolf Cubs	050E	27.80

Current Seed Times (Multi Breed) - as at 7th July 2002

1	Penant's Multi Paws	076A	17.88
2	Multi Jumping Jacks	022C	18.85
3	Mad Bytes	054F	19.15
4	Bad Dog Mixture	053C	19.22
5	Grasshoppers Multi	055D	19.23
6	Tykes 57	046C	19.90

7	Rapidz Sortz	082C	19.91
8	Fylde Pick 'n' Mix	038C	20.29
9	Multi Cracker Jacks	022F	21.41
10	4 Mixed Mutts	054C	21.68
11	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	011A	23.10
12	Yorkshire Mixture	052A	25.98

THE B.F.A. DIARY 2002

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

August 3rd	Aston-by-Budworth Cheshire	NORTHERN BYTES	ST (Ltd 30 Teams)
August 4th	Aston-by-Budworth Cheshire		ST MB
	Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>		Cl.D – 2 nd July
August 3/4th	Nostell Priory–Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
	Contact – <i>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</i>		Cl.D – 1 st July
August 10/11th	Sharnford	NUNEATON FLYERS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Pam Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>		Cl.D – 13 th July
August 17th	Camperdown Country Pk.Dundee	CLATTO CLANGERS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Alison Moyes Tel. 01382 522509</i>		Cl.D – 27 th July
August 17/18th	Mere End Warks.	WOLF PACK	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Anne Johnson Tel. 0121 443 1535</i>		Cl.D – 20 th July
August 24/25th	Measham – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST OPEN
August 26th	Measham – Living Heritage		ST MB
	Contact – <i>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</i>		Cl.D - 26 th July
August 25th	Stoneleigh Warks.	PODS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Judy Parker Tel. 024 76404266</i>		Cl.D – 25 th July
Sept. 7/8th	Aston-by-Budworth Cheshire	THE NORTHERN BYTES	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>		
Sept. 14th	Philiphough Estate Selkirk	THE NORTHERN BYTES	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>		
Sept. 21/22nd	Eastnor Castle – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
Sept. 28/29th	Blake Hall – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 12 Teams)
Nov. 9/10th	Petersfield	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
Dec. 7/8th	Petersfield	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)

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

DAVENTRY RESULTS – 15/16th June 2002

DIVISION ONE – Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	Maple Leafs	17.67
2 nd	Barkshire Bandits	18.01
3 rd	Nuneaton Flyers	18.85
4 th	PODS	17.81
5 th	Mad Mutts	18.58
6 th	Bassett Hotdogs	18.95

DIVISION TWO – Judge Val Currie

1 st	Wakefield Tykes	18.51
2 nd	Nuneaton Bees	18.89
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	18.95
4 th	Wolf Pack	18.83
5 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.67
6 th	Dodgers	20.29

DIVISION THREE – Judge Robert Henshall

1 st	PODsters	18.87
2 nd	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.97
3 rd	Blackpool Super Nova	19.07
4 th	Bristol Ball-istics	19.59
5 th	Maple Leafs Raggers	19.95
6 th	Lincolnshire Leapers	20.02

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Vanessa Haith

1 st	Melton Foxes	19.54
2 nd	Barkshire Bandidos	20.32
3 rd	PODantics	20.03
4 th	Bassett Allsorts	21.82
5 th	Running 4 Mutts	20.72
6 th	The Northern Bytes	21.13

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Pam Harrison

1 st	Flying Colours	20.94
2 nd	Border Patrol (UK)	22.36
3 rd	Swifts	20.82
4 th	Sheffield Springers	21.05
5 th	Fylde Coasters	21.30
6 th	Killa Bytes	22.31

DIVISION SIX – Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	PODlers	20.75
2 nd	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.07
3 rd	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	22.28
4 th	PODextras	21.94
5 th	Fylde Coasters	22.75

DIVISION SEVEN – Judge Maria Brennan

1 st	Brat Pack	22.18
2 nd	Greedy Grasshoppers	23.59
3 rd	Wolverines	22.84
4 th	Shooting Stars	23.10
5 th	Fun 4 Mutts	25.14

PAIRS

1 st	Louise / Jive & June / Jack	8.56
2 nd	Steve/Darwin & Claire/Sam	8.56
3 rd	Diane/Holly & Trish/Storm	8.74
4 th	Trish/Storm & Joe/Todd	8.97
5 th	Doreen/Sweep & Helen/Riley	9.07
6 th	Ray/Bess & Edythe/Sally	9.13

SINGLES

1 st	Louise with Jive	4.15
2 nd	Graham with Macy	4.18
3 rd	Claire with Sam	4.27

4 th	Trish with Storm	4.28
5 th	Edythe with Sally	4.28
6 th	Debbie with Zac	4.28

JUDGES REPORT

It is always a pleasure to Judge at this great venue at Fords Sports & Social Club grounds and this weekend was no exception. I had been appointed Head Judge for the Tournament, the second of the BFA Summer Championships. The event was very well attended as one would expect, with Seven Divisions competing for places which may eventually bring them rewards in the placings for the Championships.

We were blessed with good weather throughout the weekend and the racing went along at a leisurely pace, especially on the Saturday when the organisers kindly allowed a two hour break to accommodate the Football Fanatics who were supporting our National Team in the world cup.

I judged DIVISION SIX on the Saturday which turned out to be a win for the **PODlers** closely followed by the **Nuneaton Dodgers** and a third place run-off between the **Bristol Ball-istic Missiles**, the **Fylde Coasters** and the **PODextras**, which the **Missiles** won, followed by **PODextras** and the **Coasters**. **Well Done**. A late finishing day, but good racing throughout.

On Sunday, **Vanessa Haith** from the Lincolnshire Leapers, was making her Judging debut and I was close by should she need guidance. After a nervy start, Vanessa soon showed she was up to the task and her confidence grew as things progressed.

I was charged with Judging Division One this day, which one could call the most competitive Division. The wild card from the pack were the **Maple Leafs** who I believe surprised everyone with a consistent display of racing, only losing to the **PODS** who in comparison were having an off day, losing out to the **Barkshire Bandits** and the **Nuneaton Flyers**. Credit to **Bassett Hotdogs** who appeared a little outclassed in this company but still put on a good show even though they failed to win one race and consequently finished bottom of the pile. The **Mad Mutts** struggled as well, the new flyball box not coming up to expectations and eventually having to be replaced. Credit to box loader **Mum**, who although in some discomfort didn't let the side down and loaded to the best of her ability.

So the final outcome after some tight racing was as per the results on the previous page. **PODS** finished Fourth, that's unheard of isn't it Jean? Bet the rosette suited your colour that day, never mind, it just goes to show that anything can happen in flyball and this result will have thrown the top spots for the Championship wide open and that's what we like to see. FLYBALL IS FUN, ISN'T IT !! Well done **PODS**, another great weekends racing.

HOWARD CAMPBELL (Greetland Grasshoppers)

TRANE JUDGE ABDUCTED at DAVENTRY FLYBALL EVENT

Who knows what really happened on Saturday 15th June at the **PODS Flyball Tournament**!

Just before re-convening for the afternoon session, Trainee Judge, Marie Brennan of the Flying Colours Flyball Team, visited the Clubhouse to 'spend a penny' and was set upon and seized by several assailants. She was bound, gagged and force fed dirty beer, big screen football and detained against her will for a very long time. Organisers searched the venue in an attempt to find Marie – who was due to judge the next Division – but found only her team mates who were mystified by her sudden disappearance.

Strangely, as soon as a football match, being shown in the clubhouse, was over, the victim was found slumped and dazed but able to complete her judging assignment.

Police would like to interview a number of suspects, many of whom were wearing pale blue T.shirts with some sort of logo like 'Mutt Mafia' and 'Shooter Stars' according to witnesses. The victim is now recovering in a Home for the Mentally Bewildered!!

No – seriously – what a brilliant day AND England won 3-0! CONGRATULATIONS to Delia, Peter, Jean, Neil, Val, Debbie and all the other **PODS** (sorry I don't know everyone's name) for a terrific event at a superb venue. Although we only managed two races in Starters – have to say, Jean and Neil made it such fun – we didn't care!!

For Flying Colours, it was the first time this year we were all out together (apart from Cracker who is recovering after a small operation – Get Well Soon Cracker). Having the luxury of so many pairs of hands and paws was wonderful and must have contributed to our first win in ages. The atmosphere and camaraderie was one of the best we have been privileged to be party to and certainly gave us everything we came into Flyball for.

I was delighted to be invited to judge Division Seven (which was a bit like Blackpool illuminations at times) and I am grateful to the PODS for the opportunity to learn this job. Despite a couple of hiccups, I really enjoyed it and would like to say a special Thank You to Howard and Roy for being my Guardian Angels and watching over me even when their own teams were racing. Thanks chaps!

Very well done to all the teams in Division Seven. You provided some very competitive and very entertaining racing. Some incredible potential in there. Watch out the top Divisions! If prizes were awarded for enthusiasm and commitment – every team would have received one. It was great to see one team working a Rottweiler called Kaiser, who began his day causing havoc trying to run with the other teams and doing ANYTHING but Flyball. To persuade him to complete successfully and consistently by the end of the day was no mean feat. (Mind you – we are talking about the Mutt Mafia Gang – would YOU argue?)

Hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did and look forward to seeing all those friendly faces (and their humans) again very soon.

MARIA BRENNAN(Flying Colours)

TRIPLE CELEBRATION FOR THE PODS AT DAVENTRY

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEAN MEEKING AND CHICA

The second PODS dog to receive the B.F.A. GOLD AWARD

It took CHICA three years to get her Silver Award and just eleven months to gain the 5000 points needed to reach her Gold Award. During those months she has to thank several handlers, Debbie, Judy, Delia, Steve and Jackie (G. Grasshoppers) who have all handled her in Tournaments as her mate Rogan is in the same team and run by Jean. Everyone seems to enjoy running Chica she's so easy. At 5½ years old, she has been a PODS first team dog since she was eighteen months of age.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE GREEN AND BLITZ

For GAINING the B.F.A. SILVER AWARD

Blitz, a cross breed was a rescue dog. Dave re-homed him when he was about eighteen months old. He was very quick to learn Flyball and he has always been one of the most steady and reliable dogs in the PODS team. He will run with any dog or in any position, he is never phased by anything.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for one day we were then bowled over by a further announcement, romance was in the air for the PODS.

Karen accepted Dave's proposal of marriage.

CONGRATULATIONS

TIBETAN TERROR

My name is Quin and I go in the bin – to look for food to eat
They feed me 'Light' to make me light – I would prefer just meat!

You've seen me on the Flyball runs – they call me the 'mobile mop'
That hurts my little feelings – my FASTEST is a trot!
I sometimes try to win a race but it's hard 'cos I'm so plump
And the only way I'll consider it is if Mum 'pays' me up front!

I'm just so cute with my flowing locks – really quite a Babe
Humans make a fuss of me but my dignity never fades
All I want is their sausages – or biscuits – or a bone
I'm really not that fussy – it all goes down the hole!

When I first trained I used to watch that Naughty Bobby chap
I liked his style and copied it – and was threatened with a slap!
How dull it is to play this game strictly by the rules
Much more fun to keep 'em guessing – and make Mum look a fool

Well, anyway, I'm a social gal and like to make new friends
So what's the fuss about doing this by running in both lanes?
Another game I love to play is 'Catch me if you Can'
Especially if we're on again and the team's in with a chance!

Oh – what a laarf to see my Mum come chasing after me
'Come here' she calls – but I've gone deaf – selective hearing – see?
Just when I thought I had it all sewn up – they pull this out of the hat –
A sister for me – faster than me – my God – I can't have THAT!

Now Kaos is young with a head full of fluff – of that I am quite sure
But if she gets the hang of it – will I be out the door?

Well – whatever goes in the Brennan house – there's one prevailing fact
The Mighty Quin is still in charge – 'cos with Kaos I've made a pact
If she gets good at the Flyball game and supercedes me there
I've promised not to beat her up – if her food with me she'll share!!

Here's lookin' at ya kids!!

QUIN – Tibetan Terror (Maria Brennan, Flying Colours)

Melton Rovers would like to apologise to Modern Dog Sports for putting the wrong telephone number on our schedule.

To buy or hire Flyball & Agility Equipment the phone no is - 01730 266633

OUR FIRST TOURNAMENT

Hello, *I'm Harvey*. I've just joined the PODextras and I thought I'd tell you about our experiences at our first tournament as none of us had ever been to one before. I'm a very laid back sort of chap (it must be from my Labrador mother's side of the family) and as far as I was concerned it was just another day that began with a car ride, although I had noticed that Mum had packed lunch which she doesn't normally do. Then we reached Daventry and when I saw all the rest of the team there I knew it could only mean one thing – Flyball. Yippee!

As the tournament was being hosted by PODS all our Owners were trying to look busy. Tara, the Labradoodle was helping her Mum collect water to put by the ringside so all the dogs could have a drink. Kally the Collie was excitedly barking her head off so that everyone would know where she was. Nothing unusual in that. Fly and Misty were very calm but their Mum was busy running score sheets backwards and forwards. Tanner seemed a bit in awe of all the brightly coloured fences and the special white houses that had been constructed over night around the ring but I think he was enjoying himself. My Mum went around telling everyone that I'd forgotten to pack my harness (which I hadn't – she had). Fly was very kind and leant me her extremely posh “see me in the dark” yellow one which made me, with my yellow fur, look like a guide dog in training and not a bit like a flyball dog.!

We were in Division Six and we all filed into the blue lane to race against our POD colleagues, PODlers. We did a few runs just to make sure we all knew where the box was and that we didn't mind all the people about and the lights and the big white house we had to run through. Kally and Tanner were finding everything so new and exciting and there was just so much to look at that they both forgot where the jumps were on the way back. Auntie Jean, the PODS Chief Wolf, chose which of the six of us would run (along with Steve, of course, who had been helping us with our training). We did brilliantly for a first attempt and came a very commendable Second!! We sat out for the next race and then raced against the Fylde Roller Coasters. We would have done really well in this race had Kally not spotted her grand-parents and rushed up to say hello before she remembered she was actually in a race! In one heat, I can't remember which one Tara thought she'd go and say hello to the Judges. Silly girl, she didn't even know them (at least Kally knew who she was talking to) but Tara is a Labradoodle and will chat anybody up.

We are a brand new team and haven't really had that many chances to all run together and as I generally go first I don't always get to see how the others are doing. This is because I don't like to give my Mum the ball back after I've had to rush off to get it but if we get a light and have to run again it is no good still having a ball in my mouth. So my Mum gives me a titbit saying “exchange is no robbery” and extracts the ball. Sometimes she gives me my favourite toy instead but I won't give that up either so she's no better off.

When we are training back at the field we can practise changeovers and runbacks but the one thing we just can't practice is the lights. My Mum was very concerned about the lights as I was first dog and she'd never seen them before. She kept muttering White, White flashing, 1st Orange, Go but to be honest I didn't even know they were there. In one heat she was trying to get me all keen so I obligingly leapt backwards and forwards barking in true “Wow don't I look excited” style that when she finally yelled Go, I was actually pointing in the wrong direction. All the other PODS people had told my Mum that unless she got a red light at some point she wasn't trying hard enough and luckily we actually managed to get one or two, which apparently makes us proper PODS.

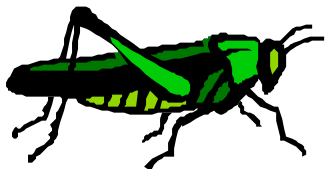
I sat in the car during lunch and Mum helped Aunty Jean time the Starters. She said this was great fun and that some of the dogs were real comics. After a short prowl around the exercise area it was back to the ring for a race against the Bristol Ballistics. Steve had had to leave, so unfortunately he didn't actually see our most brilliant race when it all actually came together. We ran like the wind, we were accurate did excellent changes and were just generally superb. ***We won that one!***

We really needed to win the last race too, against the Nuneaton Dodgers but we were getting a bit tired and there seemed to be some top dogs in our Division. We tried really really hard. Probably too hard in fact because one of us got a light and had to run again. But we were really enjoying ourselves and luckily came Second again!! (*Well it's better than saying we lost*).

When racing had finished for the day and they were handing out the awards we were all thrilled to find we were Fourth and we all received a lovely green rosette. We think we all did really well for a first tournament and Aunty Jean said she was very proud of us. ***Well done PODextras.***

It was a wonderful day and when we eventually got home I just climbed onto my Mums lap and slept all evening. I don't think she was impressed as I am a bit big for that. We are all really looking forward to our next tournament and I shall try to remember to pack my own harness in case Mum forgets.

Harvey (*with Mum, Sarah Allen, PODextras*)



CONGRATULATIONS
To



JACKIE CAMPBELL and FERN they have gained their **GOLD AWARD**

HELEN BUTTERY and JADE they have gained their **SILVER AWARD**

LYNNE WARE and BOB they have gained their **FLYBALL ADVANCED AWARD**

JACKIE CAMPBELL and POPPY they have gained their **FLYBALL GRADUATE
AWARD**

RACHAEL JONES and WILLOW they have gained their **FLYBALL GRADUATE
AWARD**

NEVILLE BARRETT and JONESEY, who we believe is the **first Sheltie** in British Flyball history to have achieved over 3000 Flyball Points and qualified for his **FLYBALL GRADUATE AWARD**

**FROM ALL at the GREETLAND GRASSHOPPERS
FLYBALL CLUB**

ARLEY MOSS FARM RESULTS- 22nd/23rd June 2002

DIVISION ONE - Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	PODsters	18.58
2 nd	Greetland Grasshoppers	18.74
3 rd	Nuneaton Bees	18.41
4 th	Blackpool Super Nova	18.86
5 th	Wakefield Tykes	19.01
6 th	Live Wires	19.81
7 th	Rapidz	20.35

DIVISION TWO - JUDGE David Long

1 st	Flying Colours	20.29
2 nd	The Northern Bytes	20.37
3 rd	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.70
4 th	Springers	21.12
5 th	Fylde Coasters	21.37
6 th	Greedy Grasshoppers	22.03
7 th	PODantics	20.31

DIVISION THREE - Judge Val Currie

1 st	Whiterose Wagtails	20.15
2 nd	Fylde Rollercoasters	22.03
3 rd	The Killa Bytes	20.94

4 th	Wired 4 Action	23.30
5 th	Zebedee Springers	26.08
6 th	PODlers	21.40

JUDGES REPORT

Well what can I say, just when everything is going pear shaped with Trafford Water Park, the Northern Bytes come up with this rural location in the heart of the Cheshire countryside. How splendid, plenty of room with wide open spaces.

Doreen had kindly invited me to be the Head Judge for the Tournament and it was very relaxed and enjoyable. So much so I didn't even have to do any judging but I still got a bottle of wine, thanks Ron.

The lanes were all set out upon my arrival and not taking any chances the flyball lanes were covered with gazebo's all the way from box to start. Didn't want to get caught out with the weather this year Doreen. After Dog measuring we finally got started around 10am and what about this, three seven team Divisions, "more races for all" said Ron, who was ever mindful of the travelling distances some teams have to undertake to compete. "Must make it worthwhile" he said. Cheers from the attentive gathering greeted this statement.

Great racing, everyone mucked in as usual with the various Line Judging, Box Judging and Scribe duties. In between the Sanctioned Races there were Starter Team competitions. Very well attended and becoming very popular at shows these days and rightly so. These are the life-blood of Flyball, where not only handlers and new dogs compete but also gives the opportunity for budding Judges Scribes etc. to try their hand without the pressure of the Sanctioned event.

Can't remember who won what, oh yes, that **Delia ROBERTS** from the **PODS** walked off with the new **WRINKLIES AWARD**. That's for the dog, not Delia!

Great Rosettes Doreen, nice and colourful, better than medals I think. **Well Done to the Northern Bytes** and may you have further success at this smashing venue.

HOWARD CAMPBELL (Greetland Grasshoppers)

WHAT DO YOU PREFER?

Teams divided into smaller Divisions therefore receiving more rosettes OR
Larger Divisions meaning more races.

Think about it. Talk about it. Then get back to me. ED.

MIDDLESEX SHOW RESULTS 22nd/23rd June 2002

DIVISION ONE - Judge Gwain Theobald

1 st	Back on Track	17.41
2 nd	Bad Dog Racers	17.65
3 rd	Wolf Pack	18.67
4 th	Bassett Hotdogs	18.47
5 th	K9ers	19.33

DIVISION TWO - Judge Nicola Jackson

1 st	Cracker Jacks	20.76
2 nd	Bassett Allsorts	21.02
3 rd	Four Bad Dogs	21.57
4 th	Whinchats	21.89

DIVISION THREE - Judge Steve Whatley

1 st	Wolverines	23.11
2 nd	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	23.10

4 th	Malvern Missile Launchers	21.90
5 th	Melton Striders	21.97

NEWBURY RESULTS - 29th/30th June 2002

DIVISION ONE- Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	17.19
2 nd	Maple Leafs	18.07
3 rd	PODsters	17.91
4 th	Wolf Pack	18.38
5 th	Nuneaton Flyers	18.81
6 th	Buccaneers	18.68

DIVISION TWO- Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Bristol Ball-istics	18.95
2 nd	Barkshire Bullets	19.26
3 rd	Trying 4 Mutts	19.49
4 th	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.27
5 th	Bassett Hotdogs	19.91
6 th	Mad 4 Mutts	19.27

DIVISION THREE - Judge Penny Charlton

1 st	Podlers	19.78
2 nd	Bassett Allsorts	20.09
3 rd	Test Valley Raiders	19.99
4 th	The Northern Bytes	20.31
5 th	Nuneaton Dodgers	20.66

DIVISION FOUR - Judge Nicola Jackson

1 st	Barkshire Bandidos	19.83
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.56
3 rd	The Killa Bytes	21.06
4 th	Brat Pack	21.44
5 th	The Knights	22.87

DIVISION FIVE - Judge Sue Goddard

1 st	Shooting Stars	20.65
2 nd	Wolverines	21.97
3 rd	Sleepless Knights	22.29

4 th	Bristol Ball-istics Scuds	23.43
5 th	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	23.84

I would like to THANK the Barkshire Bandits for a very good day's racing at this lovely venue at the Newbury Showground on Saturday 29th June.

In Division Three, we enjoyed some very close racing, so close it came down to a three way run-off for the first three places. The best of three heats against each other still proved inconclusive as we all won one race and lost one race so we had to resort to the fastest time in the run-offs. What a shame there can only be one winner, there was so little between us.

HILARY SKINNER & KIM (PODS)

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MY AMAZING AMY

“I’d like the boldest bitch, but one with not too much white on the face”. Five days later Amy arrived from Scotland in a cat basket. She was a rescue puppy, younger than I expected with very bandy back legs. I wondered what I had let myself in for! A strong compact very enthusiastic dog developed.

Amy went to Cranbourne Dog Training School where she progressed quickly and gained the ultimate, her Gold Medal. At Obedience Shows she did well but was easily distracted by prams and young children, always on the look-out for my son Shaun.

However, one cold, damp morning in January 1997 she discovered Flyball. After that initial embarrassing tournament at Luton, when, as a first time handler, my dog decided that the ball in the other lane was much better, she progressed well. A minor blip occurred when she changed the rules and decided she needed to go down the lane twice. This was corrected and she became a Barkshire Bandit. Now running in the first team she continued to collect rosettes and BFA certificates.

August 1998 saw her taking maternity leave (much to her disgust)! From her large litter of ten puppies I kept Taylor and Tyson. Spring 1999 and Amy was back in her role as a career woman. The first Bandit dog to gain her Silver Award.

Tyson learned the basics of Flyball in an afternoon but teaching him a technique whereby he would see his next birthday was to take a little longer. He had no concept about slowing down before slamming into the box or that the dog running down next should not be annihilated. After an apprenticeship with the bullets he joined his mother in the First Team.

June 2001 was time for a celebration, Amy achieved her Gold Award for 15000 flyball points. By October Tyson also had his Silver.

Taylor was also following in the family footsteps. As a young dog he was destined for the obedience ring but he didn’t see the point. At flyball training he was a danger to himself and everyone else. I had to teach him at home. He now runs for the Bandits but only a few runs as he wears himself out waiting to go. After this he can be found in the nearest source of water. He is now a Flyball Dog Advanced.

When Taylor became a Bandit, Amy was pushed out but Tyson was without a handler. He got passed around a bit but our captain, Penny, took on the job. With her expert eye she made him an anchor dog to be reckoned with. His title of ‘Dog of the Year 2001’ is all down to Penny. Thank You.

Early this year Amy had an accident which resulted in severe damage to her lower back and hamstrings. A hasty trip to the Wellback Clinic, in the New Forest, started her road to recovery. She was miserable and had to be crate rested for weeks. I was convinced she would have to retire but Amy had other ideas. Several more treatments from our Chiropractor ensured that at the age of six she was having a second puppyhood.

As noisy and mad as ever she’s a reliable member of the bullets. It’s sometimes easy to take her for granted but she is very useful for training new dogs and handlers because she knows her job. This makes her feel important.

It was a great shock when in May this year we were again up at the front during the prize giving. Andy gave Amy a lovely introduction before presenting her with the ‘Ice Blue Moon Award’ for 20,000 points. I was on a high for weeks! Andy’s famous dog Blue, had the award named after him as he was the first dog to go this far in flyball. Mo’s dog Tweed, who is a cleverdog expert as well, also achieved this. Amy is the third dog to join a very elite group. I’m so proud of her.

She is the dog who got me into flyball. We've had a lot of help from many teams over the past five years so a big Thank You goes out to everyone, especially the Barkshire Bandits who helped to make her 'My Amazing Amy'.

SUE CODDARD (Barkshire Bandits)

SAUL RESULTS- 6th/7th July 2002

DIVISION ONE - Judge Sam Bawden

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	17.46
2 nd	PODlets	18.38
3 rd	Wolf Pack	18.46
4 th	Bassett Hotdogs	18.74
5 th	Nuneaton Flyers	19.13
6 th	PODlins	19.97

DIVISION TWO - Judge Neil Meeking

1 st	Barkshire Bullets	19.42
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istics	18.83
3 rd	Trying 4 Mutts	19.57
4 th	Mad 4 Mutts	18.71
5 th	Nuneaton Bees	19.72

DIVISION THREE - Judge Pam Harrison

1 st	Barkshire Bandidos	20.05
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	20.03
3 rd	Brat Pack	21.54
4 th	Bassett Allsorts	20.66

DIVISION FOUR - Judge Penny Charleton

1 st	Wolverines	21.73
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	24.60
3 rd	Snatch 'n' Grab	21.14
4 th	Bassett Doggy Mix	26.22
5 th	Swift Fledglings	NFC

PAIRS - Saturday

1 st	Jive & Jack	8.53
2 nd	Kasey & Cassie	9.00
3 rd	Storm & Gill	9.53
4 th	Barney & Jade	9.54
5 th	Tess & Nellie	10.00
6 th	Rosie & Boots	11.59

SINGLES - Saturday

1 st	Jive	4.22
2 nd	Cassie	4.53
3 rd	Smudge	4.66
4 th	Kasey	4.69
5 th	Jade	4.84
6 th	Barney	4.97
7 th	Tigger	5.07

PAIRS - Sunday

1 st	Bess & Sally Spice	8.92
2 nd	Bobby & Molly	9.50
3 rd	Mutty & Reiver	11.35
4 th	Jenny & Ellie	12.77

STARTERS PAIRS - Sunday

1 st	Bobby & Molly	9.94
2 nd	Skip & Pepsi	10.92
3 rd	Nap & Ellie	11.90
4 th	Tia & Amber	16.84



SINGLES - Sunday

1 st	Sally Spice	4.47
2 nd	Bess	4.60
3 rd	Bobby	4.68
4 th	Sweep	4.91
5 th	Molly	5.13
6 th	Jenny	5.15
7 th	Reiver	5.18
8 th	Mutty	6.53

I would like to Thank everyone who helped the **SWIFT FLEDGLINGS** at their first tournament. Sam & Andy Bawden, Bobbie Perkins and everyone else who helped in the 'Human Wall' when Hal the Poodle and Holly Collie decided to change lanes.

The Honiton crowd are now really hooked and they Thank everyone for a wonderful relaxed day.

STEPHANE RENDALL

A lovely time was had by all at this lovely venue the Bristol Ball-istics had for their First Tournament. We had a lovely weekend which included a hilarious quiz on Saturday night. (The Bristol Ball-istics beat the Barkshire Bandits)!!! Everyone got sprayed with the winners champagne, well it was the British Grand Prix weekend as well as the Wimbledon Finals. ED.

NEW MEMBERS

Peter Collings	Crazy Cannons	Karen Hague	Bristol Ball-istics
Geoff Hollis	Crazy Cannons	Karen Atterton	Maple Leafs
Barbara & Christa Whiting	Clatto Clangers	Anthony Balcombe	Malvern Missiles
George Morris	Clatto Clangers	Helen Ward	Crazy Cannons
Kath & Gary Robson	Wakefield Tykes	Hazel Smith	Live Wires
Ben & Michael Denham	Wacky Racers	Margaret Addy	Greetland Grasshoppers
Roland White	Buccaneers	Moira Kelly	Cleddens Flyers
Mick Adams	Melton Rovers	Alastair Hoey	Cleddens Flyers
Kathryn Morgan-Lloyd	TBC	Gail Ross	Cleddens Flyers
Catherine Morgan	Yorkshire Bouncers	Mel Ely	Lincolnshire Leapers
Sophie Ellis	K9ers	Irene Shaw	Blackpool Super Nova
Toni Marsh	Shooting Stars	Helen Saxby	Border Patrol (UK)
Derek & Maureen Round	Wolf Pack	Rachel Holmes	Whinchats
Natalie Smith	Wolf Pack	David Rose	Melton Rovers
Janet Condra	Wolf Pack	Pam Gallaway	Rapidz
Doug Weller	Wolf Pack	Madaleine Hand	Madsway Action Pack
Richard Farnell	The Swifts	Sue Lawson	Lincolnshire Leapers
Tonia Carless	The Swifts	Jeanette Trueman	Greetland Grasshoppers
Joanne & Robin Wilson	The Northern Bytes	Sue Burke	Fylde Coasters
Jean & Ron Nield	The Northern Bytes	Derek Lammass	Bad Dog Racers
Tina Eason	PODS	Rachel Roberts	Maple Leafs
Sarah Allen	PODS	Debbie Chaplin	Dodgers
Linda & Matthew Hardwick	PODS	Tony Pearson	Red Dragons
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*Claire, one of our 'noo' PODS won First Place in the
"Cow Class" at the Royal Show.
CONGRATULATIONS (The mind Boggles).*

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