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**Proposed 2002 Summer Championship Dates**

*June 15/16<sup>th</sup> – Daventry*  
*June 29/30<sup>th</sup> – Newbury*  
*July 28<sup>th</sup> – Anglesey*  
*August 10/11<sup>th</sup> – Sharnford*  
*with a fifth 'up north' to follow*

**Best Four of the Five Championships to count and an extra point  
for attending the Fifth**

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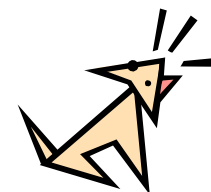
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**A VERY IMPORTANT DATE  
FOR EVERY MEMBER**



THE  
BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION

A. G. M.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2002**

**THE VILLAGE HALL, BEOLEY, WORCS.**

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# Hello Flyballers

## Welcome to the year 2002.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the BFA Committee & Officers to wish the membership a very *Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year*.

The beginning of 2001 was very depressing with the restrictions imposed by the Foot & Mouth epidemic, with the A.G.M. and many Tournaments being cancelled and re-organised. Even the weather played its part with the last of the Summer Championship having to be abandoned and re-scheduled with only some of the teams able to attend and complete. But, at the end of the day it's only the humans who get frustrated, the dogs don't care why and where they run, they just enjoy it.

Throughout all the problems thrown at them, our Committee have coped tremendously well making decisions as quickly and efficiently as possible (considering they are scattered all over the country), for this we must offer our grateful thanks for all their hard work.

2002 has already started with some good competition at the indoor event at Market Harborough. Two days of racing with teams only competing on one of the days meant that forty-six different teams were able to run in relative comfort. This formula seems to have been met with approval. Our calendar this year is already very full. There are some sixty days of Sanctioned Flyball events booked, so look carefully at the Diary Dates.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the BFA Annual Awards and THANK YOU to everyone who has sent contributions to the Flyball Record.

Please let me have your input with plenty of news, views and ideas.

*ED.*

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Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 3-1-2002

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
1	PODS	015	17.34
2	Back on Track	076D	17.47
3	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.51
4	The Rocketeers	034	17.77
5	Mad Mutts	054	17.85
6	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.03
7	Melton Rovers	035	18.26
8	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.48
9	The Jumping Jacks	022	18.53
10	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	18.59
11	Bad Dog Meecos	053A	18.60
12	Maple Leafs	049	18.85
13	Pawzitiff Pawz	072	18.88
14	Dodgers	078	18.92
15	Penant's Pack	076B	18.93
16	PODlets	015A	18.94
17	PODlings	015D	18.96
18	The Mini Bytes	027C	18.98
19	The Northern Bytes	027	19.07
20	Wolf Pack	050	19.08
21	Lincolnshire Leapers	062	19.09
22	Nuneaton Bees	051A	19.11
23	Bristol Ball-istics	018	19.12
24	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	19.19
25	Barkshire Bullets	017C	19.26
26	Buccaneers	025	19.28
27	Blackpool Super Nova	063	19.31
28	K9ers	033	19.32
29	Running 4 Mutts	054A	19.38
30	PODsters	015F	19.45
31	Whinchats	030	19.61
32	The Mega Bytes	027A	19.64
33	Rocket Reaction	034A	19.65
34	Springbok's	008	19.70
35	Melton B's	035A	19.74
36	Test Valley Raiders	045	19.75

MULTI BREED - as at 3-1-2002

1	4 Mixed Mutts	054C	19.42
2	Bad Dog Mixture	053C	19.68
3	Penant's Multi Paws	076A	19.91
4	Grasshoppers Multi	055D	20.38
5	The Killa Bytes	027B	20.40
6	Fylde Pick 'n' Mix	038C	20.44

SEED	TEAM	TRN	TIME
37	Fylde Coasters	038	19.77
38	Stonechats	030A	20.00
39	Wakefield Tykes	046	20.04
40	Flying Colours	064	20.08
41	Test Valley Rogues	045A	20.22
42	Melton Foxes	035B	20.24
43	Shooting Stars	001	20.30
44	Bassett Allsorts	011	20.31
45	Lincolnshire Little Leapers	062A	20.40
46	Wizzers of Ouse	065A	20.45
47	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	20.48
48	Live Wires	069	20.75
49	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	20.81
50	Border Patrol (UK)	023	20.88
51	Wakefield Terrortykes	046A	21.11
52	Wacky Racers	044	21.16
53	Ball Busters	043	21.22
54	Chatterboxes	030C	21.41
55	Malvern Missiles	077	21.47
56	Katies Cruisers	022A	21.69
57	Springers	041	21.71
58	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	21.77
59	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	21.89
60	Scallywags	059	21.94
61	Munchers of Ouse	065B	22.15
62	Wolverines	050D	22.21
63	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	018C	22.71
64	Extra Pack	050C	22.88
65	Malvern Missile Launchers	077A	22.90
66	Crazy Catapults	081A	23.22
67	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	23.38
68	Crazy Cannons	081	23.80
69	Wired 4 Action	069A	24.36
70	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	25.33
71	Mad 4 Mutts	054D	26.40
72	Yorkshire Bouncers	052	28.49

7	Variety Pack	050B	20.76
8	Multi Bytes	027D	21.03
9	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	011A	21.90
10	Tykes 57	046C	22.82
11	Yorkshire Mixture	052A	25.80
12	Just for Fun	018A	26.13

Chairmans Slot

ROY HISCOCK

Another year gone! A very Happy New Year to you all, looking forward to seeing you again at this year's forthcoming Tournaments.

2001 seemed like a disaster at the start and for many it was, but our Sport came through it stronger than ever before. We have gained more new members, new teams and more shows and are expecting the same in 2002.

It doesn't seem long since the last Annual General Meeting (it was late after all) but already we are planning for 2002. The Agenda will be out soon, so ask your Team Captain for a copy. Discuss proposals within your Team or look on our Website's discussion board. We need to have an understanding of the implications of the proposals before going to the meeting. We need to make the right decisions on the day and to understand why we voted as we did.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2001 Annual Awards. The PODS and the Barkshire Bandits shared the Summer Championship and the Barkshire Bandits are winners of the Team of the Year, Dog and Bitch of the Year, Working Sheepdog of the Year and Cross Breed of the Year. They made an almost clean sweep of the awards, as did the Northern Bytes in the year 2000.

The Special Award was closely contested between the Barkshire Bandits, the PODS and the Northern Bytes. In the end the Northern Bytes clinched it. Mainly due to the successful Multi Breed Tournaments they ran during the year. Ironical that they have just gone through a team separation, hope that means twice as much effort for Flyball this year.

I cannot write this without a special mention to Christine, Charlie and BJ of the Greetland Grasshoppers, running for nothing but fun, always happy and helpful, epitomizing Flyball as it should be. Who got the recognition for that with First and Second for her Labradors in the Breed Specific Award. I know she will be thrilled to receive this accolade, but would still run for fun anyway.

Well done everyone and a big *THANK YOU* for such an exciting year.

The Committee are very grateful to every BFA Member for your support and comments during the year, please keep it up. We rely on the membership input to steer the British Flyball Association in the right direction. Let's look forward to another bumper year during 2002.

Somewhere a little dog doth wait; it may be by some garden gate.  
With eyes alert and tail attent – You know the kind of tail that's meant –  
With stores of yelps of glad delight to bid me welcome home at night

John Kendrick Bangs

**RULE CHANGES FROM THE 2001 A.G.M - Held on 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Following the BFA Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2001, the Rules and Policies have been amended to reflect the proposals approved at that meeting together with changes made by Committee since the last issue.

**These Rules and Policies become operative on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2001.**

**Amendments were made to**

**7.1 Section 1 - Committee and Officers** to clarify rules and duties.

**7.2 Section 4 - Sanctioned Competition 7.2.1 - Rule 4.1 Requirements (f)** All Entry Forms must be submitted direct to the BFA Registered Host Team of a BFA Sanctioned Tournament.

**7.2.2 Rule 4.1 Requirements (g)** A Tournament may be limited but to no fewer than four BFA Registered Teams and no more than 50% of the entries may be from any Team with the same Team Number (e.g. 0015, 0015A, 0015B, 0015C). Multiple entries from the same team are to be treated as individual entries from each team (i.e. Front Runners A team, Front Runners B team and Front Runners C team are treated as three different entries).

- (a) The closing date for entries of a LIMITED Tournament must be at least 28 days before the date of the show.
- (b) As soon as the Tournament is full all further applications may be placed on a reserve list and the Host Team must advise all Teams immediately of the status of their entry. All entries are to be taken strictly on date of receipt.

**7.3 Section 5 - Rules for Competition .7.3.1 Rule 5.2** Teams Add a new section between (e) & (f) ‘Overseas Guest Teams must only include non UK resident dogs.’

**7.3.2 Rule 5.5 Judges** ‘Judges to wear a Black and White Rosette provided by the BFA when judging at Sanctioned Tournaments’.

**7.3.3 Rule 5.13 Jumps (b)** The tops of the jumps are to be flexible/breakable **AND** protected with foam or soft material.

**7.4 Section 6 - Flyball Points. 7.4.1 New Rule 6.3 Points Queries.** It is the responsibility of Team Captains and Members to check points allocated to their Dogs in good time and they will therefore have SIX months from the date of any Sanctioned Tournament to lodge queries concerning these points with the Records and Statistics Co-ordinator. After this period enquiries will only be considered at the Committee’s discretion. In such cases an administration fee of £10.00 must accompany the enquiry.

**7.5 Section 8 - Annual Awards.7.5.1 BFA Members Award - The BFA Members Award** is to be discontinued - the 2000 winner to retain the Trophy.  
The **Most Improved Team Award** would be continued in 2001. The method of selection would be that all Primary Team Captains would be asked to nominate three Teams, excluding their own, in order of preference. Guidelines would be issued as necessary to assist them in their choices. The winner would be calculated from the returns.  
*For a draft copy of the A.G.M 2001 minutes, ask your Team Captain or contact Graham Nye. They are also on the Website – Secretary’s page.*

August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trafford Water Park	NORTHERN BYTES	ST (Ltd 30 Teams)
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trafford Water Park		ST MB
	Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>		CLD – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
August 3/4 <sup>th</sup>	Nostell Priory–Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
	Contact – <i>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</i>		CLD – 1 <sup>st</sup> July
August 10/11 <sup>th</sup>	Sharnford	NUNEATON FLYERS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <i>Pam Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>		CLD–27 <sup>th</sup> July
August 17/18 <sup>th</sup>	Dundee	CLATTO CLANGERS	ST
	Contact – <i>Alison Moyes Tel. 01382 522509</i>		
August 24/25 <sup>th</sup>	Measham – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST OPEN
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Measham – Living Heritage		ST MB
	Contact – <i>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</i>		CLD-26 <sup>th</sup> July
Sept. 21/22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eastnor Castle – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
Sept. 28/29 <sup>th</sup>	Blake Hall – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 12 Teams)
Nov. 9/10 <sup>th</sup>	Petersfield	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
Dec. 7/8 <sup>th</sup>	Petersfield	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)

**MAD JACK’S RESCUE**

You’ve guessed I’m Jack. I’m a black & white. From a puppy I used to live with a lady who had to go to work every day. Every other morning I pulled this lady’s pram up a hill, she say’s it good for you, build you up. Then I stayed home for hours and hours, played with my toys, chewed the kitchen and chased my tail. I was only twelve months old when my owner said, “Sorry Jack you’ve got to go, I can’t cope, you are wrecking the home”, I thought, ***What Home!***

My owner had a word with a man with a green van. He came round our street every week. Sometimes he waved; sometimes he stopped and patted my head. This nice man and his wife came for me one day. They took me to their house and I met three more black & whites. Old Jed, Tess and Jill. Two ladies whoopee what’s this caper!! Slept with them first night.

Next morning awake 7 o’clock, got to go for a walk. This new lady put me on some sort of a long rope. I try to run, love to run, can’t run. A week goes by. This nice man says, go on let him go, I’ll catch him. Corr blimey, no rope, no pram, Geronimo, I’m off. Dad says I love to run but please come back when you are told. Come on – why should I?

A month later my old friend Jed gets very poorly. Sadly for us all he has gone now. Dad says lets take Jack to Flyball, he loves to run, Jill’s good at it, she will teach him. Wow! What’s this? All these dogs chasing a ball, must have a go. My turn came, looks easy. Four jumps grab me a ball out of this box thing, takes all of three runs to learn. This lady Alison shouts “Time him”, somebody else shouts “Four point Five!” Dad goes ballistic. I spot another ball in a box, that’s mine, that other dog can’t catch me. Must be doing well everybody’s shouting Mad Jack and start chasing me, good game this. I overhear them later saying “We’ve got to have some Mad Jack catchers to stop him going up the other lane”, who are they trying to kid. Mum says “I need some control”. Dad’s black and blue from rugby tackling me at flyball. So off I go with Mum to obedience class. What’s this? More dogs! When I do it right Mum says “Good boy” a lot. I must be doing all right Mum shows Dad this shiny cup thing. “Won Pre-beginners!” she says. Dad’s started calling me Jackie Boy now. I liked Mad Jack better. I’m two years old now, I’m crazy for Flyball; I love my obedience, what’s next? I think my Mum and Dad like me, I like them, I’m sure I’m really home!!

**JACK** (and *David Bayston, Wakefield Tykes Flyball Team*)

## 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

<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Petersfield, Hants	JUMPING JACKS	ST (Ltd 20 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Gwain Theobald Tel. 013220278073</b>		Cl.D – 15 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Market Harborough Leisure Centre, Leics.	PODS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</b>		Cl.D – 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Market Harborough Leisure Centre, Leics.	PODS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</b>		Cl.D – 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>March 30/31<sup>st</sup></b>	Carlton Towers	YORKSHIRE BOUNCERS	ST OPEN
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Carlton Towers		ST MB
	Contact – <b>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</b>		Cl.D – 9 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>March 30/31<sup>st</sup></b>	Thame – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Thame – Living Heritage		ST MB
	Contact – <b>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</b>		Cl.D – 1 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Warrington	LIVE WIRES	ST (Ltd 15 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</b>		Cl.D – 16 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Glasgow	CLATTO CLANGERS	ST (Ltd 10 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Alison Moyes Tel. 01382 522509</b>		Cl.D – 1 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>May 4/5<sup>th</sup></b>	Eggborough	YORKSHIRE BOUNCERS	ST OPEN
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Eggborough		ST MB
	Contact – <b>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</b>		Cl.D – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May 5/6<sup>th</sup></b>	Knebworth – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</b>		Cl.D – 5 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May 25/26<sup>th</sup></b>	York	WAKEFIELD TYKES	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Alison Booth Tel. 01977 795156</b>		
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sharnford, Leicestershire	NUNEATON FLYERS	ST OPEN
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sharnford, Leicestershire		ST MB
	Contact – <b>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</b>		Cl.D – 18 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June 2/3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Broadlands – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 24 Teams)
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadlands – Living Heritage		ST MB
	Contact – <b>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</b>		Cl.D – 1 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>June 15/16<sup>th</sup></b>	Daventry	PODS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</b>		Cl.D – 13 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June 22/23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Middlesex – Living Heritage	MODERN DOG SPORTS	ST (Ltd 12 Teams)
	Contact – <b>Anton Wittwer Tel. 01730 266633</b>		Cl.D – 24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>June 22/23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Trafford Water Park	NORTHERN BYTES	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</b>		Cl.D – 21 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>June 29/30<sup>th</sup></b>	Newbury Summer Show	BARKSHIRE BANDITS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</b>		Cl.D – 8 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>July 6/7<sup>th</sup></b>	Askham Bryan	WAKEFIELD TYKES	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Alison Booth Tel. 01977 795156</b>		Cl.D – 15 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July 6/7<sup>th</sup></b>	Saul, Gloucestershire	BRISTOL BALL-ISTICS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Bobby Perkins Tel. 0117 9831029</b>		Cl.D - 8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July 13/14<sup>th</sup></b>	Melton Mowbray	MELTON ROVERS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>June Bass Tel. 01664 500327</b>		Cl.D – 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>July 20/21<sup>st</sup></b>	Mossend, Slough	BARKSHIRE BANDITS	ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</b>		Cl.D – 1 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Anglesey	PODS	ST MB
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Anglesey		ST OPEN
<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Anglesey		ST OPEN
	Contact – <b>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</b>		Cl.D – 27 <sup>th</sup> June

# your committee news

Main points arising from the Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2001

There were sixteen items on the Agenda of which I will pick just a few.

### ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE DUTIES

<b>Chairman</b>	Roy Hiscock	<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Vanessa Haith
<b>Secretary</b>	Graham Nye	<b>Treasurer</b>	Robert Henshall
<b>Show Secretary</b>	Alison Booth	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Graham Nye
<b>Regional Representative Co-ordinator</b>	Vanessa Haith		
<b>Training &amp; Educational Officer</b>	Peter Roberts		
<b>Disciplinary Sub Committee</b>	Andy Bawden, Robert Henshall, Betty Potts		
<b>Safety Sub Committee</b>	Andy Bawden, Peter Roberts, Doreen Smith		

### CONFIRMATION of NON-COMMITTEE DUTIES

<b>Webmaster</b>	Nigel Bouckley	<b>Awards Secretary</b>	Sam Bawden
<b>Flyball Record Editor</b>	Jean Meeking	<b>Records &amp; Statistics Co-ordinator</b>	Maureen Hiscock

### TRAINING & EDUCATION

As the ‘Getting Started Package’ may change, due to the intended introduction of a ‘First Contact’ Leaflet, it cannot as yet be finalised.

We now have five sets of Measuring Hoops in existence. Roy Hiscock, Peter Roberts, Doreen Smith, Anton Wittwer and Betty Potts all have sets. A set should thus be readily available at every Tournament.

A Judges Seminar is being run on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2002 at Buriton and another in the North in the Autumn.

### HEIGHT CARDS

It was agreed that Rule 5.7 (d) would be amended to remove the two references to the word ‘Final’ preceding ‘Height Card’ and ‘Jump Height Cards’.

### DECLARED TIMES

It was agreed that the final sentence of Rule 4.5 Seeding (prior to the ‘NOTE’) should read: ‘A declared time, to be used as the seeding time, may be submitted by the Team Captain at least 10 days prior to the Tournament, to be accompanied by a written justification for the change which may be referred to the Committee’.

### SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2001/2002

The rules would remain the same. The number of Tournaments and their venues would be organised and considered at the next meeting in March 2002.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

For the record, it has been agreed that an additional BFA Title be introduced called the ‘Platinum Milestone Certificate’ for dogs receiving 25,000 Flyball Points.

### A.G.M. DATE

The Annual General Meeting was scheduled for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2002.

# EGGBOROUGH

It has to be said; Yorkshire Bouncers tournaments are always memorable! The October 6/7<sup>th</sup> tournament at Eggborough was as eventful as ever - starting with the fact that it wasn't meant to be at Eggborough at all! But, due to the Carlton Towers estates shooting commitments, the Selby Game Fair had to be cancelled at short notice - and thanks to Betty, working on the old maxim that it's not what you know but who you know, we ended up at Eggborough again. No problem there. Eggborough is a wonderful venue, close to the motorway and with a superb clubhouse at our disposal. It's just a pity that the kitchen was closed for refurbishment (no Sunday lunch, then!) and that somebody with more horsepower than sense had decided to churn up the land by driving up and down over it. Still, never mind, the Bouncers are indefatigable! Thanks to assistance from the newly formed Bouncers Support Unit (the mind positively boggles) my husband in disguise! everything was sorted, more or less, for Saturday's start.

Only an hour late in starting, not too bad, eh? Racing seemed to go quite well really from where I was (stuck in the tent with the paperwork). Division 5 provided some entertainment, it must be a world record, winning a race with a time of over 67 seconds, good old Bouncers!! - but everyone was reasonably happy, and we dished out prizes and certificates galore.

Sunday dawned fair (put up six magpies from the road on my way there, what does that mean?) and we cracked on - the forecast was not good. As well as being in sole charge of paperwork (such responsibility), Sunday marked my debut as judge. I have to say that I enjoyed it (even down to sharing the communal whistle - thanks to whoever owned it, must get my own!), but have you noticed how head judges are like buses? Never one there when you want one, then they come along in threes! (Sorry, Doreen, I KNOW you only went to the loo!) What is the ruling on two dogs from the same team going down the same lane at the same time anyway? Due to the fact that there were loads more starter teams on Sunday (nice to see) we ran pretty late into lunchtime, and then the weather started to take over! The Bouncers Support Unit spent most of the afternoon hanging on to the tent to stop it taking off, and I got drenched when I left my paperwork to enter Sally in the singles and pairs.

Thanks to wonderful help and support from everyone there, everything was whipped down and put away in record time - so quickly that I still hadn't finished writing out all the certificates when we started the presentations!

I hope that everyone got home safely - and drier than I was! Thanks to Doreen as Head Judge, all the others who were persuaded/conned into judging, to all the teams who turned up to compete, and then helped. To all the ever-hardworking members of the Yorkshire Bouncers, and to Betty for landing us all in it again, and ensuring that we had yet another successful tournament - after all, what better way is there of celebrating a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday - **Happy Birthday, Betty!**

**ALISON HARRISON** (*Yorkshire Bouncers*)

## EGGBOROUGH RESULTS 6/7<sup>th</sup> October 2001

DIVISION ONE			DIVISION TWO		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	17.68	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	19.47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	18.57	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Greetland Grasshoppers	20.23
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.05	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lincolnshire Leapers	19.65
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	18.48	4 <sup>th</sup>	Flying Colours	20.37
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Bytes	19.56	5 <sup>th</sup>	The Mega Bytes	19.64

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When you fit these words in the right order in the grid above, the smiley face squares will spell something Flyballers try hard to avoid.

ANSWER TO THE ‘**WORK IT OUT**’ QUIZ IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE WAS  
**ROUND ROBIN**

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3<sup>rd</sup>        June 2002 Multi Breed Competition

Closing Date 18<sup>th</sup> May 2002

10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> August 2002 Open Flyball Competition

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## **Programme**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2001**

Sanctioned Multibreed  
 Starters Flyball  
 Single & Pairs



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Sanctioned Open Flyball  
 Practice Ring for dogs who are not running.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

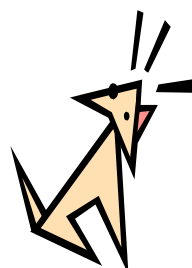
Rest Day for relaxing, & walking on local beaches Etc.  
 Evening - Steak Barb B Q  
 Entertainment

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Dog fun events, Flyagility challenge & Sheep dog demonstration

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Sanctioned Open Flyball



Thursday & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Free days  
 Flyball & Agility Equipment available for practice.  
 (Dogs new to kit under trainers supervision only.)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** are the dates of the Northern Bytes Tournament  
 Teams may wish to travel to that venue on the Friday afternoon.

## **DIVISION THREE**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fylde Coasters	19.77
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Live Wires	20.75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wizzers of Ouse	20.45
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lincolnshire Little Leapers	20.40
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Terrortykes	21.11

## **DIVISION FOUR**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	20.81
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Border Patrol (UK)	20.88
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Killa Bytes	22.14
4 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Catapults	23.22

## **DIVISION FIVE**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Springers	21.71
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nuneaton Dodgers	25.36
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Crazy Cannons	23.80
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	28.49

## **BLAKE HALL RESULTS – 6/7<sup>th</sup> October**

## **DIVISION ONE**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	18.08
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melton Rovers	18.27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	K9ers	19.89
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	18.92
5 <sup>th</sup>	Buccaneers	19.63

## **DIVISION TWO**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Springbok's	19.70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Penant's Pack	20.04
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	20.59
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	20.28

## **NEW MEMBERS**

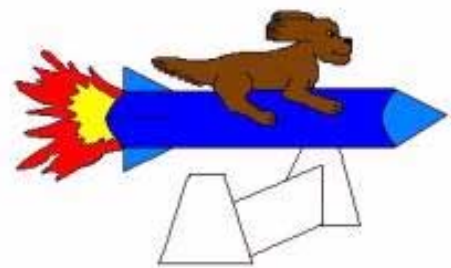
Emily Aldous	Dino's Dynamics	Christine McLaughlin	Hindlip Flyers
Michael Locke	Dino's Dynamics	Fredd Webb	Mad Mutts
Angela Nichols	Dino's Dynamics	Mandy Willis	Malvern Missiles
Sue Pidduck	Dino's Dynamics	William Hopkins	Malvern Missiles
Paula Francis	Shooting Stars	Pat & Katy Richards	Malvern Missiles
Susan Dore	Bad Dog Racers	Sophie Simpson	Malvern Missiles
Sandra Carter	The Northern Bytes	Jacqui Tucker	Penant's Paw Power
Lesley Curnow	Live Wires	Jill & Peter Cave	Nuneaton Flyers
Paul Hawes	Live Wires	Beverly & Trevor Emery	TBC
Denise Wright	Live Wires	Dawn Merrell	Whinchats
Sue & Brian Hartley	Penant's Paw Power	Jenny & Katie Wright	Rapidz
Amanda Pettitt	Wolf Pack	Janice Pickup	Rapidz
Fiona Lowhon	Lochaber Flyers		

## **NEW TEAMS**

**Rapidz**      **Silver Rapidz**      **Spanish Rapidz**  
**Rapidz Sortz**      **Rapidz Responz**



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## MALVERN MISSILES FLYBALL TEAMS

## EASTNOR TOURNAMENT

Ten of the fifteen members of the Malvern Missiles attended their first Show in October at nearby Eastnor in Herefordshire.

They would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made it such a friendly and above all a constructive weekend.

*Many thanks to:-*

- The Judge of Starters, Division Three and Cleverdogs, also everyone at Modern Dog Sports for the extremely helpful advice and boundless patience at our ignorance.
- Anne Johnson, Ray & Edith Clack of the Wolf Pack for their help and invaluable experience when we needed it most.
- All those friendly Flyballers who gave us all so much encouragement and complimented our dogs, who only began training this summer.
- Lastly a very big THANK YOU to Rosemary Tappin, who travelled up from Oxfordshire for the weekend, for believing in us so much that she entered Phoebe (mother of my Jet & wife of Storm) in our Team and gave us so much help and support to all of us. We couldn't have done it without you.

My advice to anyone new to Flyball, wondering when to take the plunge and enter a Tournament is to go along and have a go, even if you do have to declare yourself Not For Competition! You may be initially stunned by all the noise and excitement, but both handlers and dogs learn so much in such a short time and come away thoroughly addicted to this wonderful sport.

## SALLY HOPKINS

### EASTNOR CASTLE RESULTS - 13/14<sup>th</sup> October 2001

#### DIVISION ONE

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Rocketeers	17.91
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	18.11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melton Rovers	18.48
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	19.08
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Northern Bytes	19.40
6 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.30

#### DIVISION TWO

1 <sup>st</sup>	K9ers	20.01
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dodgers	19.55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melton Foxes	20.27
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	19.69
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bad Dog Meecos	19.90
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	22.36

#### DIVISION THREE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Penant's Pack	18.93
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	21.04
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rocket Reaction	21.35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Test Valley Raiders	21.18
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mad 4 Mutts	26.40

#### DIVISION FOUR

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Killa Bytes	22.58
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Scuds	24.09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Just for Fun	26.13
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	26.76

#### 2001 Bitch of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mistie	Barkshire Bandits	7951
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ellie	Barkshire Bandits	7808
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tara	The Northern Bytes	6983
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bonita	The Northern Bytes	6862
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Spice	Wolf Pack	6333
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bess	Wolf Pack	5918
7 <sup>th</sup>	Megan	Barkshire Bandits	5801
8 <sup>th</sup>	Misty	The Northern Bytes	5713
9 <sup>th</sup>	Abby	Bassett Allsorts	5619
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie	The Northern Bytes	5234
11 <sup>th</sup>	Amy	Barkshire Bandits	5050
12 <sup>th</sup>	Fern	Greetland Grasshoppers	4918
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Ann	Mad Mutts	4666
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jade	Greetland Grasshoppers	4643
15 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Springs	Barkshire Bandits	4612
16 <sup>th</sup>	Chica	PODS	4582
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bonny	Melton Rovers	4529
18 <sup>th</sup>	Zippa	Mad Mutts	4471
19 <sup>th</sup>	Starlite	PODS	4330
20 <sup>th</sup>	Deefa	Mad Mutts	4231
21 <sup>st</sup>	Cassie	PODS	4174
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Barley	Bassett Allsorts	4122
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sweep	Wolf Pack	4035
24 <sup>th</sup>	Hattie	Maple Leafs	4002
25 <sup>th</sup>	Misty	Melton Rovers	3594
26 <sup>th</sup>	Blizzy	Melton Rovers	3494
27 <sup>th</sup>	Poppy	Barkshire Bandits	3477
28 <sup>th</sup>	Holly	Blackpool Super Nova	3465
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tasha	Dodgers	3396
30 <sup>th</sup>	Missy	PODS	3347
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ellie	Nuneaton Flyers	3308
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Heidi Baby	Melton Rovers	3200
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Tess	Blackpool Super Nova	3144
34 <sup>th</sup>	Jazz	Melton Rovers	3132
35 <sup>th</sup>	Timba	Mad Mutts	3103

#### 2001 Dog of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tyson	Barkshire Bandits	7386
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mork	The Northern Bytes	7285
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tex	The Northern Bytes	6830
4 <sup>th</sup>	Taylor	Barkshire Bandits	5771
5 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar	Barkshire Bandits	5605
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tug	The Northern Bytes	5441
7 <sup>th</sup>	Py	The Northern Bytes	5119
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tweed	Mad Mutts	4630
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jimmy	Melton Rovers	4624
10 <sup>th</sup>	Darwin	PODS	4484
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rogan	PODS	4383
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reilly	Wolf Pack	4308
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bazil	Bassett Allsorts	4307
14 <sup>th</sup>	Monty	Bassett Allsorts	4256
15 <sup>th</sup>	Acer	Nuneaton Flyers	4010
16 <sup>th</sup>	Monte	Nuneaton Flyers	3935
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bobby	Mad Mutts	3850
18 <sup>th</sup>	Duke	PODS	3668
19 <sup>th</sup>	Chance	Wakefield Tykes	3563
20 <sup>th</sup>	Robbie	Nuneaton Flyers	3556
21 <sup>st</sup>	Scamp	PODS	3536
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ozzie	Melton Rovers	3519
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob	Greetland Grasshoppers	3417
24 <sup>th</sup>	Blitz	PODS	3282
25 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie	Greetland Grasshoppers	3268
26 <sup>th</sup>	Jay	Sheffield Speeders	3187
27 <sup>th</sup>	Todd	Blackpool Super Nova	3010
28 <sup>th</sup>	Flynn	Nuneaton Flyers	2900
29 <sup>th</sup>	Gyp	Sheffield Speeders	2859
30 <sup>th</sup>	Harvey	Blackpool Super Nova	2778
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ben	Barkshire Bandits	2747
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Blue	Buccaneers	2734
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Milo	K9ers	2644
34 <sup>th</sup>	Moss	Wakefield Tykes	2528
35 <sup>th</sup>	Jack	Blackpool Super Nova	2512

#### 2001 Team of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup>	017	Barkshire Bandits	24404
2 <sup>nd</sup>	027	The Northern Bytes	22944
3 <sup>rd</sup>	027A	The Mega Bytes	20058
4 <sup>th</sup>	050	Wolf Pack	19892
5 <sup>th</sup>	054	Mad Mutts	16733
6 <sup>th</sup>	015	PODS	15860
7 <sup>th</sup>	017C	Barkshire Bullets	15736
8 <sup>th</sup>	035B	Melton Foxes	14088
9 <sup>th</sup>	011B	Bassett Hotdogs	13960
10 <sup>th</sup>	035	Melton Rovers	13739

11 <sup>th</sup>	051	Nuneaton Flyers	13659
12 <sup>th</sup>	055	Greetland Grasshoppers	13465
13 <sup>th</sup>	063	Blackpool Super Nova	12397
14 <sup>th</sup>	046	Wakefield Tykes	10888
15 <sup>th</sup>	025	Buccaneers	10608
16 <sup>th</sup>	049	Maple Leafs	10460
17 <sup>th</sup>	051A	Nuneaton Bees	10338
18 <sup>th</sup>	034	The Rocketeers	10083
19 <sup>th</sup>	078	Dodgers	9163
20 <sup>th</sup>	058	Sheffield Speeders	8891

## ‘NERVOUS’ to ‘NERVELESS’

My name’s Taffy. Mum tells me I’m a Working Sheepdog, but I’ve never seen sheep and I do think I might be frightened of them. I have always been very nervous but I want all my friends to know that Flyball has changed my life completely.

When I came to live with my Mum and older brother, Jake, Mum taught me to do stays and retrieves which I really enjoyed. I could never get the hang of heelwork though.

Mum worked with me to try and overcome my fears and eventually she took me to an Obedience Show at York Racecourse. It was a disaster. I was so bad with my nerves she had to carry me up the steps. Mum played with me but I was having nothing to do with that, she was very upset and said she’d never go to another show again.

Never-the-less, we both tried for a couple of years, but I really didn’t get much better. Then one day, at our Club, with the help of Vanessa, I started a Flyball Class. Well that was it, I came out of my shell, everyone said I was a different dog. I loved every minute of it!

After a few weeks, Vanessa entered us in a competition, this was indoors. Panic, panic, all that noise, men with hats on etc. etc. Mum didn’t think I would cope, I showed her, she needn’t have worried, all I wanted to do was bring that ball back to her. We didn’t win any rosettes at that first competition but we gained lots of new friends and we learned an awful lot. Everyone was so friendly and helpful.

Now, because my Mum is enjoying Flyball as much as me, she says she’s going to get a new little brother. I hope she’ll let me show him how it’s done! I’ve had a word in her ear and told her I’d like a Border Collie/Bearded Collie cross and she’s agreed with my choice. Now we just have to find one. Do any of my new Flyball friends know of any that may be born in the next few months?

Lastly, I’d just like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone in the Flyball world, for all their help and encouragement. All the best in our Sport

**TAFFY & *Mum, KATHY WYKES***

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**For further details**

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### 2001 English Springer Spaniel of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jed	Fylde Coaters	2115
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spike	Penant’s Paw Power	1592
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roo	Lincolnshire Leapers	1186
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jini	Whinchats	423
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie	Yorkshire Bouncers	71
6 <sup>th</sup>	Togo	Mad Mutts	2

### 2001 Cross Breed of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellie	Barkshire Bandits	7808
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tyson	Barkshire Bandits	7386
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tex	The Northern Bytes	6830
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Spice	Wolf Pack	6333
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17 <sup>th</sup>	Chewbacca	Buccaneers	2483
18 <sup>th</sup>	Dino	Maple Leafs	2350
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tykey	K9ers	1988
20 <sup>th</sup>	Billy	Flying Colours	1920
21 <sup>st</sup>	Spud	Flying Colours	1920
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Foxy	Penant's Paw Power	1798
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stella	Maple Leafs	1626
24 <sup>th</sup>	Pia	Mad Mutts	1194
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie	Whinchats	1182
26 <sup>th</sup>	Nelly	Bristol Ball-istics	1121
27 <sup>th</sup>	Megan	Greetland Grasshoppers	1119
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bridie	Greetland Grasshoppers	1118
29 <sup>th</sup>	Tizzie	Mad Mutts	1087
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mo	The Northern Bytes	1041
31 <sup>st</sup>	Jet	The Jumping Jacks	966
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Muffin	Test Valley Raiders	939
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim	PODS	924
34 <sup>th</sup>	Storm	Bad Dog Racers	906
35 <sup>th</sup>	River	Springbok's	868
36 <sup>th</sup>	Megan	The Northern Bytes	858
37 <sup>th</sup>	Badger	Bassett Allsorts	770
38 <sup>th</sup>	Hassle	Penant's Paw Power	757
39 <sup>th</sup>	Maskell	Bassett Allsorts	642

### 2001 Best of the Rest (Miniature Poodles)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jazz	Wakefield Tykes	1298
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pip	Melton Rovers	1101
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonty	Wakefield Tykes	507
4 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar	Live Wires	50
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie	Yorkshire Bouncers	26

### 2001 B. C. / W.S. of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mistie	Barkshire Bandits	7951
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mork	The Northern Bytes	7285
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tara	The Northern Bytes	6983
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bess	Wolf Pack	5918
5 <sup>th</sup>	Abby	Bassett Allsorts	5619
6 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar	Barkshire Bandits	5605
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tug	The Northern Bytes	5441
8 <sup>th</sup>	Fern	Greetland Grasshoppers	4918
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Ann	Mad Mutts	4666
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tweed	Mad Mutts	4630
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jimmy	Melton Rovers	4624
12 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Springs	Barkshire Bandits	4612
13 <sup>th</sup>	Chica	PODS	4582
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bonny	Melton Rovers	4529
15 <sup>th</sup>	Darwin	PODS	4484
16 <sup>th</sup>	Zippa	Mad Mutts	4471
17 <sup>th</sup>	Rogan	PODS	4383
18 <sup>th</sup>	Starlite	PODS	4330
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reilly	Wolf Pack	4308
20 <sup>th</sup>	Bazil	Bassett Allsorts	4307
21 <sup>st</sup>	Monty	Bassett Allsorts	4256
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Deefa	Mad Mutts	4231
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cassie	PODS	4174
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sweep	Wolf Pack	4035
25 <sup>th</sup>	Acer	Nuneaton Flyers	4010
26 <sup>th</sup>	Hattie	Maple Leafs	4002
27 <sup>th</sup>	Monte	Nuneaton Flyers	3935
28 <sup>th</sup>	Duke	PODS	3668
29 <sup>th</sup>	Misty	Melton Rovers	3594
30 <sup>th</sup>	Chance	Wakefield Tykes	3563
31 <sup>st</sup>	Robbie	Nuneaton Flyers	3556
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Scamp	PODS	3536
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Ozzie	Melton Rovers	3519
34 <sup>th</sup>	Blizzy	Melton Rovers	3494
35 <sup>th</sup>	Holly	Blackpool Super Nova	3465
36 <sup>th</sup>	Bob	Greetland Grasshoppers	3417
37 <sup>th</sup>	Tasha	Dodgers	3396
38 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie	Nuneaton Flyers	3308
39 <sup>th</sup>	Heidi Baby	Melton Rovers	3200

# A DOG’S DAY RACING!!!!

Did you ever have one of those days when you just knew that nothing was going to go right, when your high score at Solitaire was 50 and the sky is dark and full of doom. Well in hindsight we should have known, the signs were there.

The day began loudly in our house with the clanging chimes of the cursed clock announcing four o’clock (are there really two of them in a day) and was repeated in various homes across the Fylde. The Coasters were racing today. Things began to stir, frantic gathering of last minute essentials, only just remembered and a hurried gulp of a too hot drink. Final packing complete (mustn’t forget the bacon again) we set off at 5:00a.m., bright eyed and bushy tailed, well the dogs were anyway.’ One lane Sweep’ was late, he had some feeble excuse, which nobody believed.

I should perhaps at this point introduce you to the team, as I’ve just mentioned there was One lane Sweep, Storm the Destroyer, Ready-Jeddy-Go, and the dynamic duo Eminemi and TJ the Dark Crusader, there were assorted humans in supporting roles but they don’t want to be named and who can blame them. The journey was uneventful, if broken (several comfort stops were required), that is until we arrived in the vicinity. It is quite amazing how four vehicles can end up on three separate car parks, whilst supposedly in convoy.

Somehow we all met up and started making ourselves comfortable. Now one of the main requisites for comfort is a chair, just unlock the roof box and get them out and we’ll all relax and have a brew before we start. ...Hmmm, I wish I’d brought the kitchen table - the keys were on it! Several hours later after help from fellow competitors, the police (whose help was solicited by Tricia’s pleading line “can you help us break into a car?”) and finally with a hacksaw blade, we were sitting comfortably. In the mean time the dogs (our heroes) were killing themselves laughing and just couldn’t take things seriously for the rest of the day. Race one: no problem. Eminemi rested his huge head on his paws and was grateful to lie and watch. His mates performed magnificently especially TJ. Sweep who was in his favourite lane and all was well. Well that’s as good as it got that day.

Race two: big problem. ‘One lane Sweep’ wasn’t in his favourite lane and decided that Eminemi had rested long enough. This is a good time to mention that Emerys (Eminemi), TJ and Daniella all live and play together and are the best of friends. One ball will do fine between them.) Can you then imagine the fun they have running in the same team and playing with the same ball? So now we have Sweep playing his own game and chaos trying to control two playful Labs. I personally know of a box loader whose sides were aching watching the antics of Daniella and Les racing the dynamic duo. Storm and Jed raced well enough but seemed to be not taking things very seriously. We came second.

Race three: oh dear. ‘One lane’ was back on his favourite side and we settled down for some serious racing. He got confused so the dynamic duo came back. The result was as previously – second place.

Race four: things can’t get worse. They did. Storm the Destroyer took centre stage. As you all know hurdles are made for jumping over, Storm will show you a different use. If you run as fast as you can, build up a good head of steam, then don’t waste time jumping, you get the resulting pile of tinder that a good Boy Scout could make a roaring fire with. I think his best run demolished three hurdles – three out of four ain’t bad. For the concerned amongst you, he was quite unhurt and after a fuss, when he was wrapped in a blanket, (looking very much like ET), and fed some rescue remedy, raced well at Measham the following day. Still, result of race 4 - We came second again.

who were suffering from a dog shortage and had to run Rosie, the Yorkshire Terrier, as anchor dog. Subsequently they only won one heat in their last race against the PODlings, who faulted trying to squeeze every 100<sup>th</sup> second out of their time.

The Division ran without incident with the **PODlings** sweeping the board to become outright winners, followed by the **Dodgers** as runners up (nice fleece tops), the **Bristol Ball-istics** were Third. In Fourth place were the **Mad Mutts**, who by their standards had a disappointing day, having been the No.1 seed. The **Wolf Pack** finished Fifth and the **Northern Bytes** Sixth.

Overall a good days racing carried out in a manner which does Flyball proud. The event was well organised as usual and the proceedings concluded by around 6.00p.m., which is not bad after a 10.00a.m. start. This was probably due to the lights NOT playing up as so often happens outdoors. ***Well done everyone, especially to the Line Judges, Box Judges and Scribes.***

## HOWARD CAMPBELL (Head Judge – Greetland Grasshoppers)

### THE BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

The following results are the accumulation of all the points gained during the year 2001 and go towards the B.F.A. Annual Awards which will be presented to the recipients at the Annual General Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2002.

These statistics have taken many, many hours to calculate into their various permutations and for this we must offer our thanks to out Statistic Officer, **Mo Hiscock** who works unstintingly all year to gather and collate all the points gained by our dogs.

There are 325 B.C’s / W.S.’s, 96 Cross Breeds, 4 Spanish Water Dogs, 6 English Springer Spaniel’s, 11 Labrador’s, 15 Jack Russell Terriers, 5 Poodles. In total there are 243 Dogs and 269 Bitches so you can understand that I cannot possibly list them all. The Complete listing will however be put on our ***Website*** – [www.flyball.org.uk](http://www.flyball.org.uk)

2001 Jack Russell Terrier of the Year			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bobby	Mad Mutts	3850
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Milo	K9ers	2644
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Binnie	Bad Dog Racers	2643
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ted	Maple Leafs	2386
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ruff Stuff	Bristol Ball-istics	1554
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jaffa	Bad Dog Racers	1131
7 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie	Bassett Allsorts	684
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bramble	The Jumping Jacks	637
9 <sup>th</sup>	Poppy	Wolf Pack	606
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sooty	Whinchats	306
11 <sup>th</sup>	Spud	Maple Leafs	190
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nelson	Penant’s Paw Power	175
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bob	Maple Leafs	150
14 <sup>th</sup>	Battie	Bristol Ball-istics	115
15 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Eddie	Bassett Allsorts	9

2001 Labrador of the Year			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie	Greetland Grasshoppers	3268
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BJ	Greetland Grasshoppers	1596
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TJ	Fylde Coasters	1489
4 <sup>th</sup>	Freddie	Penant’s Paw Power	1337
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lucas	Bad Dog Racers	651
6 <sup>th</sup>	Emerys	Fylde Coasters	570
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mac	The Jumping Jacks	401
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nena	Penant’s Paw Power	281
9th	Sebastian	Springers	192
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fern	Crazy Cannons	61
11 <sup>th</sup>	Dusk	Fylde Coasters	10

2001 Spanish Water Dog of the Year			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bonita	The Northern Bytes	6862
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Azor	The Northern Bytes	1871
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bramble	Border Patrol (UK)	814
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cote	The Northern Bytes	50

## MARKET HARBOURBOROUGH RESULTS

**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> January 2002**

## DIVISION ONE – Judge Howard Campbell

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODlings	18.68
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dodgers	19.24
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.42
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Mutts	19.23
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	19.32
6 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Bytes	20.58

## DIVISION TWO – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODsters	20.01
2 <sup>nd</sup>	W'borough Red Wellies	20.44
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greetland Grasshoppers	20.20
4 <sup>th</sup>	Killa Bytes	22.13
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wizzers of Ouse	22.34
6 <sup>th</sup>	Running 4 Mutts	20.58

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Roy Hiscock

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODlers	20.53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fylde Roller Coasters	20.67
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brat Pack	21.91
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	21.72
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Knights	21.57

## **DIVISION FOUR – Judge Doreen Smith**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Greedy Grasshoppers	22.81
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wolverines	22.34
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolf Cubs	24.41
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	27.41
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fylde Surfers	24.95

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January 2002**

## DIVISION ONE – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODS	17.95
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	19.13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	18.35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Melton Rovers	18.34
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	20.04
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.74

**DIVISION TWO – Judge David Long**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rapidz	19.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheffield Speeders	19.96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flying Colours	20.51
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	20.47
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lincolnshire Leapers	19.74
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Tykes	20.22

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Phoenix Flashbacks	20.01
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melton Foxes	20.73
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Border Patrol	21.56
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Terrortykes	21.77
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	22.45
6 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Dodgers	NFC

## DIVISION FOUR – Judge Andy Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	Border Crossing	24.90
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barkshire Bandidos	21.33
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rapidz Responz	23.68
4 <sup>th</sup>	Melton B's	23.68
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclones	26.25
6 <sup>th</sup>	Scallywags	NFC

# JUDGES REPORT MARKET HARBOROUGH – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2002

The start of the new Flyball Season kicks off with another first for the PODS. A double Tournament run over two days indoors. The first of the Winter League Season.

The Saturday was well attended with 22 teams in Four Divisions and I understand there were 24 teams on the Sunday.

As far as Saturday went I judged **Division One**, with Sam Bawden, Roy Hiscock and Doreen Smith judging the following Divisions respectively.

'The liner up' looked a little unusual with some teams, who would more often than not, run in the Second Division. However, the racing still proved to be competitive, apart from the Northern Bytes

Race five: the crowning glory. Jed was steady and the rest did their best to entertain the crowd with a display of how not to race. Yes, second again.

Some days you get a dog that decides he doesn't want to play by BFA rules and you'd call that "all in the game". Some days you can get two dogs who don't want to play and you'd call that a conspiracy. When you get three dogs who don't want to play you'd call that a mutiny and when four dogs play their own game you'd call that a "dogs day racing"!

**KEN ROWLAND** (Fylde Coasters)

## PETERSFIELD RESULTS – 10/11<sup>th</sup> November 2001

## DIVISION ONE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Back on Track	17.51
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	17.69
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Jumping Jacks	18.70
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	18.59
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.47
6 <sup>th</sup>	Buccaneers	19.87

## DIVISION TWO

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Meecos	19.32
2 <sup>nd</sup>	K9ers	19.57
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.12
4 <sup>th</sup>	Penant's Pack	19.61
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	19.18
6 <sup>th</sup>	Test Valley Raiders	19.88

## DIVISION THREE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Test Valley Rogues	20.22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bad Dog Mixture	19.68
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whinchats	20.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ball Busters	21.22
5 <sup>th</sup>	Stonechats	21.33

## DIVISION FOUR

1 <sup>st</sup>	Melton B's	20.20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katies Cruisers	22.03
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Killa Bytes	20.40
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	21.90
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics Scuds	22.71
6 <sup>th</sup>	Malvern Missile Launchers	22.90

## PETERSFIELD RESULTS – 8/9<sup>th</sup> December 2001

## DIVISION ONE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Back on Track	17.47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	17.51
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Jumping Jacks	18.53
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Rocketeers	17.83
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.26

## DIVISION TWO

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Meecos	18.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	K9ers	19.32
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	19.31
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Tykes	20.32
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rocket Reaction	21.18

## DIVISION THREE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Buccaneers	19.28
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melton B's	19.74
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Penant's Pack	18.99
4 <sup>th</sup>	Test Valley Raiders	19.75
5 <sup>th</sup>	Springbok's	19.86
6 <sup>th</sup>	Whinchats	19.87

## DIVISION FOUR

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	19.79
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	20.31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Killa Bytes	20.50
4 <sup>th</sup>	Malvern Missile Launchers	21.47
5 <sup>th</sup>	Katies Cruisers	21.69
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ball Busters	21.48

## CASSIE’S STORY (Part Three)

I had a lovely third birthday just after Christmas and had been with my new family (my fifth home) for five weeks when I went to my first Flyball training with my new Mum & Dad.

I was put in Raffle’s big cage but I could feel Chica & Rogan trying to contain their excitement and we watched the humans carrying heavy black rubber & other equipment inside this big building. But – when we got inside, there before me were two Flyball Lanes! I was beside myself. Some of the other dogs were barking and I naturally joined in, in my inimitable high pitched squeal.

I managed to go up and down the lane perfectly but wasn’t sure who or where I was supposed to run back to so I went over to the excited barking dogs on the opposite side and joined in with them. “Back to basics for you” I was told as my Dad retrieved me, and from then on I was kept under strict control and never allowed to run riot at the back. Another bad trait of mine was shown up that day when I was put back into the van. I was still very ‘hypo’ and hearing the other dogs yelping and enjoying themselves made me continually scrabble with my feet tearing up Raffles’ carpet. Needless to say I now have my own travelling cage and NO CARPET. They’ve tried rubber mats, cardboard and paper, but at Flyball Tournaments and training I tear them up. I’m okay other times, but dogs barking just turn me on.

A couple of weeks later I ran for the PODlets at the Market Harborough Tournament and never put a foot wrong but I’m sure I was the only dog who’s Dad dived on them and cuddled them close ‘till the race was over, it was quite embarrassing!

My training continued but I was soon made to realise that my demented barking was interfering with my concentration. So, to cut down on my manic behaviour when lining up to race, a soft muzzle was placed over my mouth until it was time for me to run and I was made to look at the ball in the box instead of screaming and looking at the other dogs. I put up a bit of a fight, I wanted so badly to bark, but after three or four runs I decided silence was the better course of action. I occasionally forget myself and when we’re actually racing for real, my Dad let’s me bark a bit but when I’m told “Cassie quiet” in that stern voice, I know I’ve pushed my luck. Although they no longer use the muzzle I have to be good ‘cause it’s still hanging up with the leads’!

Now, I came to my new home with a bit of a reputation for being a ‘dominant bitch’. Now what that means is I don’t go out looking for trouble but if pushed I **NEVER EVER** back down. There so happens that we have three other dominant bitches in our group. A lovely sleek black crossbreed called Missy, Fly, a rescue, parentage unknown and another Border Collie called Corrie who looks like me, same shape, similar markings and would you believe it, way back, comes from the same lines as me. We’ve all got the same problem and we’ve had a few scraps (usually over a ball), but fortunately our squabbles are few and when we are running Flyball we are fine and my Mum and Dad are pleased that when running with strangers’ dogs I never cause any trouble.

During January 2001 I got to run with the Daventry Wasps Flyball Team on the ‘yellow peril’. It came about because Amy, one of the dogs in the team was very, very ill, so ill that the humans used to talk about her in very subdued voices. As the only dog who had not run in any other team I was brought in as a reserve. Crufts, apparently, was supposed to take place in March, but it was postponed until May because of the ‘Foot & Mouth’. I didn’t understand this, I only know it gave Amy time to get well and fit again and we suddenly stopped going to the woods or along the canal. We only went to the local Park and the only Flyball we got was indoors. Still my mates and I didn’t care, give us a patch of grass and we can keep fit just chasing balls.

At the end of May I was taken with Chica to this huge building full of dogs and people for my first Crufts experience, would this be my chance to shine???

In my opinion the changing of the max jump height, was a good move in the interests of the dog, and it would have been nice to see the rest of the world follow suit, but it has made a bit of a mockery of the world rankings, because if we have not got a height dog we are not playing the same game.

*J Bass*

The rule has discouraged people from getting the smaller dog for Flyball, but the height dog still has its place, we (Mad Mutts) run at 14 because we have a 14 inch height dog, and have earned our place in the world rankings, yet many assume it is because of the rule change. In fact we would benefit from a change back to 16. Finding a small fast dog is an art, one that could dwindle because of the rule but will never disappear because of the value of a GOOD height dog. The change certainly disadvantages the height dog, there will always be a place for the fast height dog, and almost all of the fastest Teams in this country use them. How far away from NAFA rules can we stray, they are the rules that are recognized and accepted worldwide.

*Roy Hiscock*

When I started competing in Flyball with Wakefield Optimists we never had the luxury of a height dog and yes, I would say that our dogs often did struggle and we were never very fast. It was very noticeable that the main effect was that our times slowed dramatically through the day. When we introduced a height dog this changed, we weren't a great deal faster but we did have more consistent times. The small dogs don't appear to struggle over the jumps, in fact (JUNE PAY ATTENTION) Jazz, who runs at 8" can run over bigger jumps and is in fact slightly faster initially over 12" than 8". I wonder if any of the teams with smaller dogs have tried running them over smaller than 8", it would be interesting to find out if this does make a difference. The main problem as I see it is that we are not in line with the NAFA rules and placings on the world rankings may not be correct.

*Alison Booth*

## Summer Championship

Whilst appreciating the fact that all teams regardless of speed can take part in and have a chance of winning something, I do find it frustrating that unless you are in the first division whether you win any of the other divisions is very much a matter of luck. Take our third team; they won Division 5, and we were really pleased. BUT had they come one place HIGHER at any of the Championship Tournaments, then instead of WINNING Division 5, they would have come LAST in Division 4. This does not feel very satisfactory to me. There must be a better way of doing it. For instance, why not hold the Summer Championships over one long weekend notifying the membership well in advance (previous summer?). That way we would know whom we were competing with for a given division. And over a long weekend, each division could run twice. This is just an idea to start the discussion. I am sure that other people have lots of good ideas.

*Anne Johnson*

Firstly an explanation, the summer championships are over a series of shows because the BFA is charged with promoting and encouraging participation in our sport, a one off show does not do this. A series of 4 or 5 does. Those winning something go away very happy. There are those who do not and are more disgruntled than when it was winner take all, no one else getting anything. The winner being the fastest in the first division. It is a bit of a lottery outside the first division, granted. I agree that we should look for other ideas, but a one off raises many questions. Who runs it? There would be disagreements over which show organiser runs it. The BFA do not run shows, the committee would have to delegate jobs to those who already have tasks to do, and not necessarily as experienced as those that do this already. Do we still have divisions in a one off? A series ensures that your team can average their placing according to their performance and not rely on doing well on one or two days. One weekend, lame dogs, coming into season, breakdowns and illness are all risks that may mean that the best Team do not win. Does anyone have any ideas that could replace the method that we have already, and are planning for this year already?

*Roy Hiscock*

June is right, the administration of such an event would be a nightmare, who says that it is a collie cross or not, how do you define a collie cross. There could be all sorts of protests, during racing. If crosses are allowed, someone somewhere will probably come up with a Team of them. I run dogs in all divisions, of all speeds, and have a collie that only makes our third team, sometimes doesn't even get in that. I enjoy the lower divisions more than the first, they are less serious, but I get no less sense of achievement running in them. I am as proud of my cross breed that took two years and much help to train (runs in the third Team sometimes) as I am of the Collie that runs in the first Team that took to Flyball naturally. Some dogs are slower than others, that is a fact of life. I assume that many do not share your "doomed" theory, otherwise they would not bother. But they do compete against Teams of similar level, and the racing is just as good, and as close, and it means just as much.

*Roy Hiscock*

I am in total agreement with June & Roy but I would like to add that it is not always the case that a team of collies are faster. I have a slow team of collies, suitable for div 4 or 5 and I also have a multi breed team that would probably make a good division 1 team. I don't understand why you think that collies are faster and better at flyball. This may be the case in agility because of the turns and twists that other breeds struggle with but I find that in flyball if a dog can run fast and is taught the correct box technique then there is no reason why they can't run the same times as a collies. In my club I find that the right body shape and mental attitude is more important than the actual breeding of the dog. In my opinion in flyball all breeds are equal. The reason for there being more collie teams out there is because they are quicker and easier to train than other breeds. My advice is to encourage people to train their other breeds harder and to beat the collies, not to create an easier competition for them to win.

*Kate Theobald*

When you talk about the right body shape and mental attitude, do you mean the handler or the dog? Because if you are referring to the handler (THATS ME OUT!!!!).

*June Bass*

Not only you June, lots of Flyballers are just mental, with attitude. You have to be to drive those distances in our weather with barking over the radio. And as for body shape, our team couldn't jump 14 inches let alone 16 if they had my shape. But as we are that mad, maybe someone might want to put on a fun competition and see what response it gets.

*Roy Hiscock*

## JUMP HEIGHT

Two years ago the BFA reduced by two inches the jump height for dogs of 20 inches or over. I believe that the jump height should have been reduced for all dogs not just for dogs of 19 inches or over. For, if it is not safe for dogs of 20 inches to jump 16 inches and those of 19 inches to jump 15 inches, then surely it cannot be safe for dogs of 18 inches to have to jump 14 inches. And remember, the smaller the dog the higher, in proportion to the dog's height, is the jump.

My second reason for believing that we should change this rule is the way it affects height dogs. Use of height dogs has always been a legitimate technique for increasing the speed of a team by lowering the jumps. But by allowing the larger dogs to jump 14 instead of 16 inches we have reduced the effectiveness of the mini dogs and skewed the game in favour of teams running only full height dogs. This is an issue that I do not think was ever considered when the maximum jump height was changed.

*Anne Johnson*

I don't disagree with you Anne but I have a couple of observations to make regarding jump height. In the past I have seen teams without a height dog, struggling over 16 ins. jumps, but I never saw a small dog struggling over 8 ins. jumps.

The more we change our rules (taken from the original N.A.F.A. rules) the further we are getting away from the possibility of competing against the rest of the world in the future. As proved by our agility friends not so long ago, if we don't play their game all the time, how can we expect to beat them.

When we arrived at this 'Crufts' place we found Chica's best friend Amy and Missy were there. Skye was supposed to be part of the team but apparently she was 'indisposed' (the humans said 'in season') so I was to take her place. It was very, very busy and noisy with dogs everywhere. A lot of our PODS friends couldn't be with us. They had to perform at the London Tattoo hence the fact that we only had four dogs in the Team with no reserves. Still, we were all going to do Flyball, just different sorts. The humans seemed to be getting very nervous, you can tell because they kept going off to something called the 'loo'. Then when they took us out for a walk they kept on about 'toilet quickly' or 'bend your back', it got on our nerves a bit, after all one can only go so many times.

After hanging around on these benches for hours we finally went into this arena with green carpet and two Flyball lanes, brilliant! We had two runs which we won, then we had to go out, but apparently we had 'Qualified' for Sunday's semi-finals, we managed to get four more runs then that was it. It seemed a lot of palaver for just six runs. The same happened on the Sunday, we won again, clean as a whistle, we were through to the Finals. To make it even better, our other team with PODS in it got to the Finals as well.

On the Monday we were back again, our fourth day on the trot, and to cap it all we didn't get to them Flyball lanes until 7.00pm. Once again we ran like a dream, beat the Fair City team in two straight runs. Then we ran against the other PODS apparently this was the 'Final of the Finals', to us dogs it was just like training, we're always running against each other. Anyway **we won**. You could tell by the jumping up and down of our Mums & Dads (*and they say **WE** get excited*). Mind you all us dogs got lots of hugs and kisses and I know that Pam (the lady who bred me) was very pleased to see me do so well and my Mum & Dad couldn't quite believe I had run so perfectly, without making a single mistake.

Back to real Flyball and I improved by leaps and bounds. I am so adaptable now I can run in any position and in any team although apparently I make a good first dog and usually run in the second team. I'm not quite fast enough for the first but I don't care, the mad, crazy boys, Darwin, Rogan & Duke, run in that one, they're nutters.

I've been everywhere this year. Down south, up north, even to Scotland and of course Wales. We had a lovely holiday in Anglesey. My Mum and Dad were so surprised to see me swim. The beaches were wonderful and I love swimmig I'm just like a fish. I've run in the Tattoos at Birmingham and Cannock and I've run in lot's of Tournaments. I haven't had a fight for months, there's no need, I'm too busy. Everyone's my friend, even Corrie tolerates me and most of all I always get plenty of tennis balls to chase.

My Mum says I'm maturing nicely and have become as trustworthy as Chica and to prove how good I've become I have been accepted as a ***PAT dog (Pets for Therapy dog)***. Mum just has to send the paperwork through and I get to wear this bright yellow coat and I get specially insured, just like a piece of jewellery. My Dad says I am a jewel 'cause I sparkle all the time'. We have special plays together, just him and me. I'm allowed to go upstairs and wake him up in the mornings and when he comes home from work we go upstairs again without the others and have a 'mad moment' running from one bedroom to another along the landing.

I've been in my new home with my five brothers and sisters just over twelve months now, I've had my fourth birthday and I'm a fit, healthy, happy dog and I won't be looking for any more families.

**CASSIE (PODS)**

*My neighbour has two dogs. One of them says to the other, "Woof!" The other replies, "Moo!" The first dog is perplexed. "Moo, why did you say Moo?" Second dog says "I'm trying to learn a foreign language."*

# FIRSTS FOR THE PODS & BRITISH FLYBALL IN 2001

We the PODS have had a very busy year during 2001 and many **FIRSTS**!!

We managed to host the Market Harborough Tournament in January, before the effects of the Foot & Mouth epidemic with all it's problems caused us to cancel the second Market Harborough Tournament in March. Crufts was cancelled too and it was a very depressing time for everyone. But, at the end of April, at Ryton, we hosted the very **FIRST** Tournament with ***Two sets of racing lanes, Eight Divisions and Forty Four Teams***. The organisation was mind boggling, we had to beg borrow and (almost) steal everything from equipment to helpers. The day was controlled bedlum, but with typical Flyballers help from other teams and just a few hiccups it was an impressive **FIRST** for British Flyball.

The very next weekend it was, on paper, a case of going from the ridiculous to the sublime, forty four teams to eight (including two of our own), the PODS were hosting the very **FIRST** B.F.A. Sanctioned Tournament in Glasgow, Scotland. The snag, we only had five PODS to supervise the whole Show, but true to form when it came to running the Tournament every single member of the Teams involved worked together in every capacity and we enjoyed a brilliant, happy day of Flyball and the Scottish crowd loved it too. The PODS also moved up country to Dundee and gave a Flyball Training Day, another **FIRST**.

In May we had a problem with Crufts being re-scheduled. It was to take place the same week-end as the London Tattoo where the PODS were once again due to perform. We had two teams qualify for Crufts, so the PODS would be stretched to their limit but with the help of other Flyball Teams, we were able to participate at the Tattoo and still managed to come **FIRST** and second in the Crufts final.

In June, we hosted the First Summer Championship for 2001 in Daventry and another Tournament at Stoneleigh in August.

Another **FIRST** for the PODS was performing at the Festival of Remembrance Tattoo at Cannock in aid of various Charities. Having presented British Flyball at the London Tattoo in May and due to participate in the Birmingham Tattoo in November, for the fifth year running, we were used to these very large arenas with an audience of 7000 plus, so the Cannock Tattoo was a bit of a shock. This was a Leisure Centre with the main audience of about a thousand people only two yards away with another three rows of seating down both sides, which meant the dogs would be running straight into the spectators legs or wheelchairs (not a good idea). Also our start line of thirty five foot was level with these legs! We set to and made a gap in the seating (the width of the rubber), it wasn't easy as all the seats were joined together, but at least we then got an extra ten foot run back, albeit disappearing literally into the crowd. The dogs were great, took it all in their stride and didn't put a foot wrong, the audience were impressed, it must have looked good! As usual, we did our meet and greet the people bit in the interval and the dogs were treated like real Stars.

Lastly, and another **FIRST** for the PODS and British Flyball was our Anglesey Christmas Show on 15<sup>th</sup> December at the Anglesey Showground. Only ten teams (well it was a long way to go just before Christmas) but never-the-less a thoroughly enjoyable day. With a Double Elimination format we had plenty of racing and once again everyone helped everyone else.

## Flyball Forum

At the Anglesey Christmas Tournament, the editor of The Flyball Record and I had an interesting discussion about Multibreed Tournaments, and I realised that I quite often get involved in discussing various issues at shows as, I am sure, do a lot of other people.

However, these issues are rarely brought out into the open for general debate, except at the AGM, by which time it is really too late (I, at least, need time to consider all the arguments and points of view). We both agreed that there should be an open Forum where everyone can air their views and ask the pertinent questions. This would allow serious (and non-serious) discussion of the various issues before the AGM, thus encouraging more informed decision-making. We hope that this will become a regular part of The Flyball Record and the Discussion Web Page on the BFA Website.

In order to take part you can either post your contribution to me, email me or post direct to the Web Discussion page in the Flyball Forum section. These items will appear in the next edition of The Flyball Record (space permitting). However, both the editor and myself reserve the right to edit or withhold items if they contain material which is likely to offend. Please remember that some people find it difficult to express their opinions publicly. If this Forum is to contain the full range of opinion within the BFA then it is important that we respect other people's points of view even when we disagree, and that we phrase that disagreement politely and constructively. But please, if you have any opinions about anything to do with Flyball, contribute to the ongoing discussion or start your own discussion topic. Open discussion can only be good for the game.

The contributions below come from the BFA Web Site, where they can be found within the Rules and Policies Section of the Discussion Board.

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## ABC TOURNAMENTS

Multibreed Flyball is beginning to take off in this country, thanks in no small measure to the Northern Bytes. But it is still very difficult for most Team Groups to field a team of four different breeds which means that most non-collies are having to compete against those fast, ball-obsessed, work-addicted black and whites (or even red and whites, merles or tris). However there are an awful lot of non-collies around, many of them Crosses, who, whilst they may not run as fast as the collie, always give of their best, along with their handlers. They don't get into the Multibreed, because only one is allowed, and they are doomed forever to run in the Team Groups second or third teams. Isn't it time we gave them a chance to shine in their own tournament? Sanctioned ABC (Anything But a Collie) Flyball, where the whole team can be Crosses or Jack Russells or Springers or any mix of non-collies, would give them and their handlers a chance to shine and bring credit to their team group in a tournament which will only carry prestige if it is sanctioned. What do you think?

***Anne Johnson***

I think that dogs or handlers should not feel "doomed" to be on a second or third team. All my teams members firstly feel privileged to be a member of the B.F.A. Secondly they feel privileged to be a part of any of the teams, and I feel that a 1st, 2nd or even 3rd in division six is just as satisfying as the same placings in division one. I have some 4 sec. Collies on my teams but I also have some 7 sec Collies, I also have some 4+ sec. non-collies.

I think that Multibreed is brilliant and I am not against ABC. But how can this be controlled? Do we say "no collies or collie crosses"? How can we tell if it is a collie cross or not?

Speaking personally, "are you paying attention Alison!" I don't think a team of P.P.P.Poodles would stand a chance against a team of Dobies!!!

***J. Bass***

**CHARLIE'S TRAFFORD EXPERIENCE** (CHARLIE'S JOURNAL)

It’s Friday evening, the sandwiches are made and the flask is out waiting to be filled, I guess we are going out tomorrow. Yippee!

*Very* early the next morning me and big bruv woke Mum up. We thought it was time we went, but she just thought we needed to do, *you know what*, she let us out and then went back to bed. She’d forgotten, so we tried again to no avail and went sulkily back to bed. However, at somewhere near 6 o’clock she did get up and off we went, but only as far as the local Country Park where Mum donned her wellies. We met some friends and went all over the long grass and got very wet, did we have fun. Back to the car, surely we can’t be going home already! I refused to get in, but in the end I was unceremoniously *put* in the car. Still I was all wet and lovely and off we went down the motorway. We always go down the motorway, don’t think Mum knows any other roads (Whoops – I never said that!)

We finally arrived just as I nodded off. Big bruv said he thought we might be chasing tennis balls again, as he had seen the harnesses in the back of the car. He was right as usual, here we were in this big field, full of cars, tents and things, lovely I thought. We were having a bit of a romp in the adjacent field (no water to go in and that was a shame ‘cos I like water) when a whistle went. We were off, but Mum thought differently, and as my brother went back to her (he’s a goody, goody sometimes) I thought I’d better do the same.

We were put back in the car for what seemed like hours, then it all started – it was definitely a Flyball day. We ran and ran, got back in the car, ran again, back in the car. It seemed everytime we got comfy in the car Mum would come and take one of us, (oh let it be me), but it would be my big brother and I would have to wait by myself. Nothing to look at as the car was covered with some silver shiny thing. By the end of the day, we were all warm and tired. We went home for tea. I ate mine quickly to make sure no-one else got it and then I went to sleep to dream of this lovely day.

The next morning and we were up early and off we went again. This time I knew what was in store because I had seen the harnesses and we must have gone back to the same place as I recognised the big tent where all the humans get together and sit around when they’ve put us dogs into the cars.

Another wonderful day of running with all my team mates. Although the best bit was being allowed to run with Fern and Jade (they are the clever ones, ‘cos they run in another team that goes much faster than me). What an honour and they helped me to get another prize and this time there were biscuits to be eaten. I also met a new dog Sam (I thought my brother was big – Sam makes him look small). Sam and I had a few woof words to say to each other, we both got told off. For the rest of the day I ignored him, pretended he wasn’t there. He passed me with his nose in the air, I passed him looking straight at Mum.

There were no dirty puddles for me today but I celebrated our Teams fourth place rosette by diving into this paddling pool that just happened to be there. I managed to wet quite a few legs by doing my digging water trick and then just for fun had a good shake amongst a lot of people (you should see them move). I’d had a wonderful day and arrived home plum tuckered out and starving. After tea I settled down for a good old-fashioned kip and I was allowed to stretch out on the sofa. Yes, after all this time of not being allowed on it, here I was stretched at full length, well if you want it for yourself you have to stretch out, don’t you?

**CHRISTINE REDFERN** (*Greetland Grasshoppers*)

So, for the **PODS** and **British Flyball, 2001** brought the **FIRST** double racing lanes at Ryton, the **FIRST** Sanctioned Tournament in Scotland, a **FIRST** Tattoo at Cannock and lastly the **FIRST** Sanctioned Tournament in Wales.

To keep the **FIRSTS** going in **2002** the PODS are hosting two Double Weekend Sanctioned Events where teams enter either Saturday or Sunday (not both), therefore giving more teams the chance to run indoors.

These innovations don’t come easy, every member of the **PODS** team has to work very hard to continually organise and host these various events and every **POD human** deserves a medal, *but in turn every other team who has assisted us in any way also deserve our unreserved THANKS.*

**ANGLESEY CHRISTMAS SHOW – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2001**

**DIVISION ONE Judge – Andy Bawden**

1 <sup>st</sup>	PODS	18.25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PODlings	18.96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PODsters	19.68

**DIVISION TWO Judge – Ann Alcock**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mini Bytes	18.98
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flying Colours	20.30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mega Bytes	20.00

**DIVISION THREE Judge – Maria Brennan**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Live Wires	20.79
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Killa Bytes	21.37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wired for Action	24.36
4 <sup>th</sup>	Extra Pack	22.88

**STARTERS Judge - Sam Bawden**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Flying Colours	22.82
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	26.92
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scots Pack	28.53

**A MEANING OF LIFE**

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2” in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full? They agreed it was. The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else.

“Now” said the professor, “I want you to recognise that this is your life. The rocks are the important things – your family, your health, your children, your dogs – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have time for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children, take time to get medical check-ups, enjoy your dogs at Flyball. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, tidy the garden. Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

But then... A student took the jar which the other students and the professor agreed was full, and proceeded to pour in a glass of beer. Of course the beer filled the remaining spaces within the jar making it truly full. Which proves – *that no matter how full your life is, there is always room for a beer – your life will not be completely full without a beer.*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2002

***ALL current memberships will fall due for renewal on:***

*1<sup>st</sup> April 2002.*

It is coming up for that time again and although it may be early to issue a reminder on this subject, a separate one-off ***Renewal Application Form*** is enclosed with this issue of the ***Flyball Record*** ready for use in a few weeks time.

***Will Primary Team Managers especially note the need to add a £2.00 fee for each Primary Team to the cheque covering their membership if they wish to retain their Team's place on the 'List of Teams to automatically receive Tournament Schedules' from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002. (Secondary Teams are automatically covered by this payment).***

In accordance with the Business Plan outlined and approved at the AGM in August 2001, the Joint and Family categories have been merged and the Single and Joint Membership Fees have been increased to:

**Single £12.00**  
**Joint £18.00**

The limitation on voting rights previously related to the 'Family' will, in future, apply to Joint memberships where they cover more than two members residing at the same address.

Renewals after the end of April will, of course, require the addition of the £2.50 Lapsed Charge. Completed Forms and Cheques covering the Fees should be sent to:

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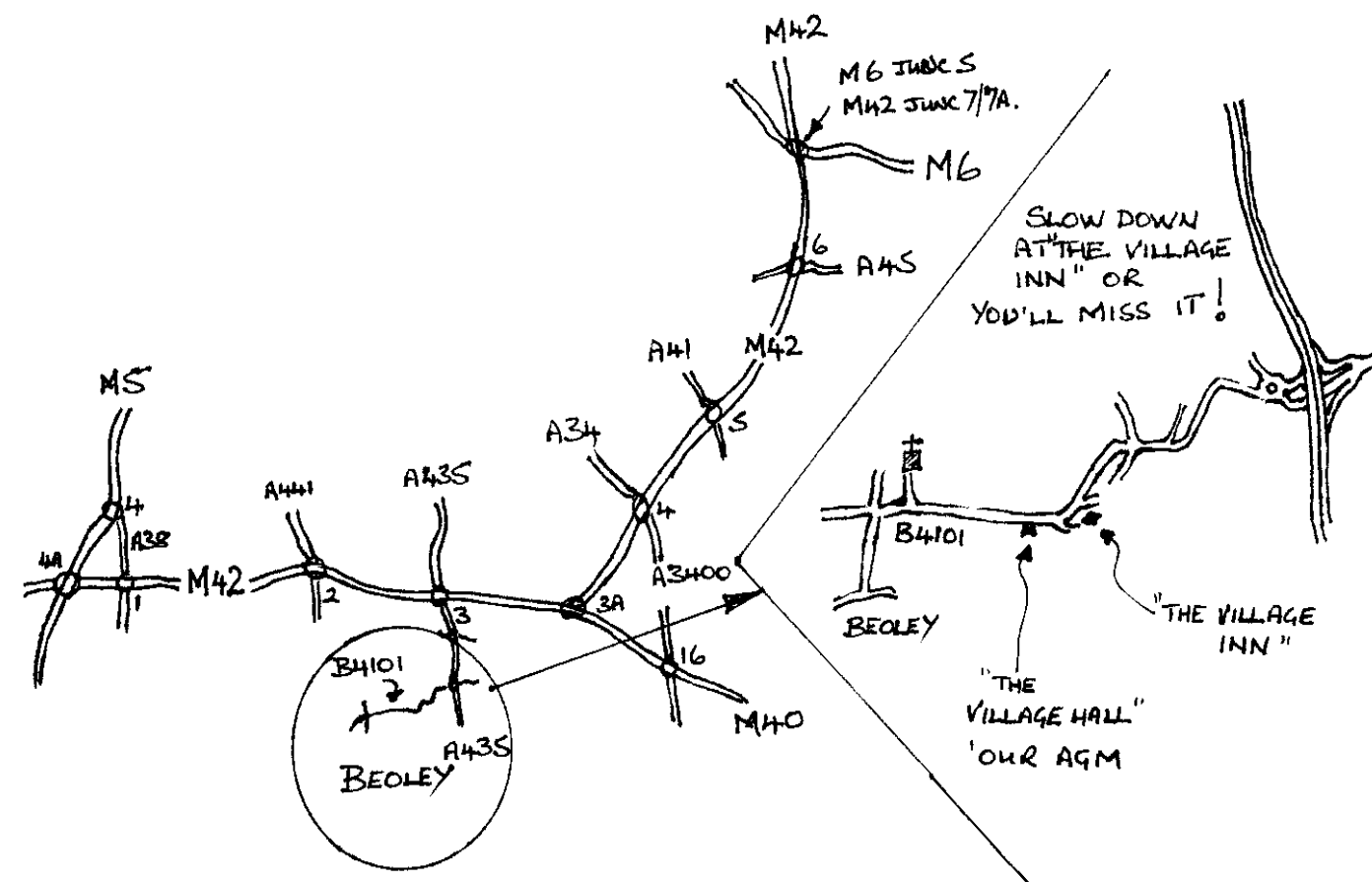


# British Flyball Association

## Annual General Meeting

**To be held at The Village Hall, Beoley, Worcs.  
on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2002 commencing at 10.00am**

***Nominations for membership of the Committee and all proposals for inclusion in the Agenda must be received by the Secretary on or before 7th March 2002.***



This map, in conjunction with the A.G.M. insert, should help you find your way.  
Don't forget to order your lunch through Ann Johnson Tel. 0121 443 1535  
or e-mail. [Abryher@thewolfpack.freemove.co.uk](mailto:Abryher@thewolfpack.freemove.co.uk)

Remember the AGM is the place you can discuss things that are on your mind.

I must say that I am concerned about the new EU directive No 456719.

***In order to meet the conditions for joining the Single European currency, all citizens of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland must be made aware that the phrase “Spending a Penny” must not be used after 7<sup>th</sup> April 2002. From 8<sup>th</sup> April 2002 the correct phrase to be used is “Euronating”***

However, the AGM should really be reserved for Flyball related matters but as the AGM is also a gathering of friends, there is always a chance to chat at lunchtime. So if anyone else has any EU directives they are worried about !!!!!!!