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**Let's fly to all those Tournaments**



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## *Hello Flyballers*

With the agreement of the BFA Committee, Val Currie, my team-mate has agreed to become the new editor of the Flyball Record. Val retires in July and will have more time then. As an avid flyballer, with years of experience as a teacher and a good sense of humour, I know she is ideal for the job in hand.

This will also make the transition much easier. I will complete the May and August Issue, we will work together on the November Issue then Val will take over completely for March, with my help and support at hand.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BFA Committee and particularly Penny who took so much trouble in getting the lovely gift of a life size model of a Jack Russell Terrier (so like my own), it was presented to me at the AGM. I really do appreciate the very kind gesture.

I would also like to thank the membership for all their contributions over the last four years but please, please keep them coming.

**ED.**

**THE BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOC.  
10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**As part of this anniversary your Committee has arranged for a special Car Sticker to be included with your Flyball Record.**



# WHY OWN A DOG?

Why own a dog? There's a danger you know,  
You can't own just one, for the craving will grow.

There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein lies the danger.  
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is no trouble and two are so funny.

The third one is easy, the fourth one a honey.

The fifth one is delightful, the sixth one's a breeze,  
You find you can live with a houseful with ease.



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

The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty,  
The floor is all footprints, the furniture all dusty.

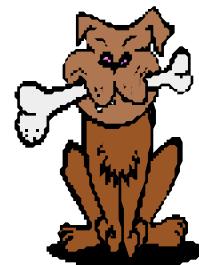
The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care?

Who minds a few nose-prints and a little more hair?

So let's keep a puppy, you can always find room,  
And a little more time for the dust-cloth and broom.

There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add,  
The thought of a cutback sure makes you sad.

Each one is so special, so useful, so funny,  
The vet, the food bill grows larger, you owe money.



Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay,  
Except other dog folk, who live the same way.

Your lawn has now died and your shrubs are dead too,  
But your weekends are busy, you're off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots  
And entries and travel and motel which cost lots.

Is it worth it, you wonder? Are you caught in a trap?  
Then that favourite dog comes and climbs in your lap.

His look says you're special and you know that you will,  
Keep all of the critters in spite of the bill.

But winters a hassle, the dogs hate it too

But they must have their walks though they're numb and you're blue.

Late evening is awful, you scream and you shout

At the dogs on the sofa that refuse to go out.

The dogs and the dog shows, the travel, the thrills  
The work and the worry, the pressure, the bills.



The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life.  
They're charming and funny and offset the strife.

# **British Flyball Association**

## **Annual General Meeting**

Held at Beoley, Worcs. on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2004

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 98 members present. Slightly more in numbers than last year but still less than a sixth of the full membership. Anne Johnson and the Wolf Pack team were thanked for arranging the venue , refreshments and lunches.

Everyone attending witnessed the end of an era when Peter Roberts stood down after ten years service to the BFA Committee. Peter received a standing ovation when he was presented with a framed drawing of two of his dogs for all his contributions to Flyball over the past twelve years.

The new Committee are going to be very busy just sorting out all the proposals and agreements made during the A.G.M. but if anyone wants a copy of the minutes they will be available on the Web Site, or you can obtain them from the BFA Secretary.

***It was agreed to amend the maximum jump height from 14" back to 16".***

It was passed to the Committee to decide when to implement the new 16" maximum jump height. This means that everyone will need to update their measuring hoops to accommodate the extra height and everyone with dogs between 14" & 16" will need to get their dogs measured and carry height cards.

***The 'Break Out' rule*** came under discussion and a majority of the members voted in favour of a change to this rule, the committee will decide on the wording. The Annual Awards were also discussed but it was pointed out that the Awards were due for revision for 2004 anyway but the proposal for a 'young competitor award' had unanimous support and will be implemented after committee discussion.

A unanimous decision re section 5 rule 5.1 regarding ***Amateur Competition*** will be deleted as being obsolete and outdated.

As well as the accolade to Peter Roberts, floral baskets & chocolates were presented to Joanne and Robin Wilson for their help to Doreen as Stats Officer and flowers to Sam Bawden for her efforts as Awards Secretary. Chocolates were given to the Wolf Pack Team for booking the Venue and providing food for the day. Gifts were also presented to Graham Nye for all his hard work as Membership Secretary and to Jean Meeking in appreciation for all she has done over the past four years as Editor of the Flyball Record.

### **The B.F.A. COMMITTEE 2004 – 2005**

Vice Chairman	<b>David Long</b>	Nuneaton Flyers
Secretary	<b>Penny Charlton</b>	Barkshire Bandits
Treasurer	<b>Betty Potts</b>	Yorkshire Bouncers
Records & Statistics Co-ordinator	<b>Doreen Smith</b>	The Northern Bytes
Show Secretary	<b>Dianne Halstead</b>	Lancashire Weavers
Regional Representatives Co-ordinator	<b>Alison Booth</b>	Wakefield Tykes
Publicity Officer	<b>Wayne O'Rourke</b>	Maple Leafs
	<b>Chris Fulford</b>	Bad Dog Racers
	<b>Judy Parker</b>	Molten Magnets



### **OTHER OFFICERS**

Webmaster	Nigel Bouckley
Training & Education	Peter Roberts
Membership Secretary	Graham Nye
Editor – Flyball Record	Jean Meeking
Awards Secretary	Sam Bawden



# BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS for 2003

## **Border Collie/Working Sheepdog of the Year**

Sue Allen & Tara	The Northern Bytes
Judy Parker & Bobby	Molten Magnets
Steve James & Darwin	Molten Magnets

## **Crossbreed of the Year**

Ron Edge & Oggie	The Northern Bytes
Val Currie & Missy	Molten Magnets
Doreen Smith & Budgie	The Northern Bytes

## **Bitch of the Year**

Ron Edge & Oggie	The Northern Bytes
Sue Allen & Tara	The Northern Bytes
Neil Meeking & Cassie	Molten Magnets

## **Dog of the year**

Judy Parker & Bobby	Molten Magnets
Steve James & Darwin	Molten Magnets
Jean Meeking & Rogan	Molten Magnets

## **Team of the Year**

The Northern Bytes
Pods/Molten Magnets
Barkshire Bandits



## **Multibreed Team of the year**

Bytes Hotchpot
4 Mixed Mutts
Tykes 57

## **First Breed Specific – Jack Russell Terrier**

Ron Spink & Dylan	Wakefield Tykes
Alison O'Rourke & Ted	Maple Leafs
Kerry Hiscock & Bobby	Mad Mutts

## **Second Breed Specific - Labrador**

Christine Redfearn & Charlie	Greetland Grasshoppers
Danielle Mann & TJ	Fylde Coasters
Katie Mabbett & Charli	Molten Magnets

## **Third Breed Specific – English Cocker Spaniel**

Doreen Smith & Snitch	The Northern Bytes
Jenny Lamidey & Holly	Rapidz
Sally Sanford & Lark	Dorset Dynamo's

## **Fourth Breed Specific – English Springer Spaniel**

Carolyn Higginson & Maddy	Fylde Coasters
Vanessa Haith & Roo	Lincolnshire Leapers
Carolyn Higginson & Jed	Fylde Coasters

## **Best of the Rest Breed Specific-Minature Poodle**

Alison Booth & Jonty	Wakefield Tykes
Jan Davis & Jack	Mad Mutts
Hannah Mitchell & Bramble	Dorset Dynamo's

## **Best of the Rest Non Breed Specific -**

### **Nova Scotia DTR**

Robin Wilson & Kelly	The Northern Bytes
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## **The British Flyball Association Summer Championships**

**Open tournaments are nearly a thing of the past with the growth of Flyball in the Country. Unless there are two tournaments on the same weekend most shows will have to be limited otherwise these shows will be over subscribed and racing will suffer due to not having enough time to accommodate all teams entered.**

**The committee has decided that the format for the Summer Championships will have to be changed from the previous years.**

**We have decided that all teams that compete at nine shows over the Summer starting from the Easter weekend through to and including the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> August will qualify for the finals held at Daventry on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> September. This will be limited to the top 54 teams and if there are not enough teams that have competed at the nine shows this will then be open to teams that have competed at eight, seven, six, five, and so on until each place has been filled. The finals will be free to enter but a nominal charge will be applied for anyone camping during the weekend. All teams that qualify for the finals will compete according to their seed times in divisions to find the results of the Summer Championships.**

## ANGLESEY RESULTS – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	Podsters	18.34
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northern Bytes	19.83
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Live Wires	20.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Podlets	20.36
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rapidz	20.75
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Springs	21.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	Killa Bytes	20.89

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Ann Alcock

1 <sup>st</sup>	Flying Colours	20.95
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doncaster Northern Stars	22.05
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thors Rovers	20.48
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peas in a Pod	22.27
5 <sup>th</sup>	Giga Bytes	22.10
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mega Bytes	25.48

### DIVISION THREE – Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wires Alive	21.97
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wire Connection	22.26
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Podlers	24.15
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Cubs	22.76
5 <sup>th</sup>	Flying Reds	25.48
6 <sup>th</sup>	Podextras	30.38

### DONCASTER BELLESTARS FLYBALL TEAM –

*-would like to CONGRATULATE the following on their achievements brought about by a lot of hard work and determination:*

**Stuart & Bryn, Matthew & Flo, Tracy & Badger, Rita & Bliss** all gaining their *Flyball Dog Award*. There are also belated Congratulations to **Heather & Meg** on her *Flyball Dog Award* although this I hope will soon be the Flyball Dog Intermediate Award.

It is almost the first anniversary of Doncaster Bellestars when I had this crazy notion of setting up a team for my town. It has been an experience for me and a lot of hard work. There have been highs and lows and without the members I am not sure we would have made it this far. I have had a lot of encouragement from many other teams and would like to thank them enormously. Their advice and patience has been invaluable.

I also want to thank the members for all their hard work, support, determination, turning up for training in the rain and shine; the list is endless, but without them our team would not exist.

There are two people who have been with me since the start and without them Bellestars would not be here. One is my husband, Robin, who does all the fetching and carrying of the equipment when I am sure he would sometimes rather be still in bed! He has supported the club enormously and given up a great deal of his working hours as well as spare time (what is that ?!) to ensure it all runs smoothly. The other is Molly. She has been a rock and a constant source of advice, an ear to bend and someone who has shared everything. I am sure that many times she wondered how on earth she ever got involved, but she believed in me and what we were aiming for. That, I am proud to say has been achieved.

We started with two completely new dogs and my own and there were times when both myself and Molly wondered if we would ever get a team to race but we did. Thanks to the owners' fascination and sheer determination to compete in this great sport we have been successful.

Thank you does not seem enough but I hope that all the members know that each and every one is valued and thanked for their part in our first year. We have some fantastic Club Members all of whom share a common goal; that is that their dog has fun as well as themselves.

All that is left for me to say is – here's to many more years of good racing.

**DEBBIE & BELLE**

**BEAR**  
**May 2002 to February 2004**

*Bear, you were too good to be true and I'm still desperately missing you.  
You brought me nothing but happiness and joy, so thank you, my baby boy.  
I'll never forget our short time together, you're always in my heart forever.*

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I'm devastated and shocked to have lost such a young dog so suddenly but I hope that his death can prevent anything like this happening to anyone else. Bear died from eating the husk of a corn-on-the-cob. It managed to stay in his stomach for three weeks before presenting any outward signs. Bear developed Septicaemia, caused by the sweetcorn husk going mouldy in his stomach and nothing could be done, it was too late. He died within six hours of me realising there was a problem!

*For those of you who knew Bear will know that I have lost a special dog.*

**SARAH JAMES (Mad Mutts)**

**ADVICE to WOMEN**

If you want someone who will bring you the paper without first tearing it apart to remove the sports section, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone willing to make a fool of himself simply over the joy of seeing you, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never says it's not quite as good as his mother made it, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone to scare away the burglars, without a lethal weapon which terrifies you and endangers the lives of your family and all the neighbours, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't give a damn about football and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone who is content to get up on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he snores, **buy a dog.**

If you want someone who never criticises what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, with breasts or without, who acts as if every word you say is especially worthy of listening to and loves you unconditionally, perpetually, **buy a dog.**

But, on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home and leaves hair all over the place. Walks all over you, runs around all night, only comes home to eat and sleep and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness,

**Buy a cat.**

**HILARY SKINNER (Molten Magnets)**

## NEWARK RESULTS – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dave Long

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	18.04
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.57
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wellingborough Red Wellies	19.68
5 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Bytes	20.03
6 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Meteors	19.63
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Knights	20.84

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Val Currie

1 <sup>st</sup>	Molten Metals	20.38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Killa Bytes	20.39
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bandidos	20.70
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	20.97
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rapidz	21.06
6 <sup>th</sup>	Giga Bytes	22.26
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mega Bytes	21.95

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Breakaways	21.81
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wolverines	22.97
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wellingborough Red Arrows	22.76
4 <sup>th</sup>	Forest Arrows	26.27
5 <sup>th</sup>	Break Necks	28.95
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	NFC

### JUDGES REPORT Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February

This was a seven-team division, a long time since I've judged one. Despite the teams being well organised and racing close and exciting, it seemed to take a very long time for the 11 morning races to finish. The Bandidos had a box problem in race 4 and had to resort to their 'old' box. By the end of the morning it was very close and an interesting afternoon was promised.

As the Northern Bytes had three teams in this division, they had their hands full changing dogs. Their organisation was excellent and at no time was I kept waiting. However, the sheer physical effort took its toll on Robin, who, by the end of their last race, was running on steam power, literally. As he took off his cap, a cloud of steam was seen to escape, was this a secret weapon? We had a three way run off which ended with the same situation, as so often happens. Perhaps we need to look at a more satisfactory way of placing teams when this happens. Any ideas anyone? Molten Metals just beat The Killa Bytes, with the fastest times being just 0.01 apart. The three way run off was decided on the fastest time in the run off with Barkshire Bandidos 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wolf Pack 4<sup>th</sup> and Rapidz 5<sup>th</sup>. The Giga Bytes beat their 'team' mates into 6<sup>th</sup> place although the Mega Bytes had a faster time.

### Val Currie (Molten Magnets)

## NEWARK RESULTS – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge John Blackford

1 <sup>st</sup>	Molten Magnets	18.13
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wakefield Tykes	19.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	19.38
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Marvels	19.06
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	20.22
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wakefield Terror Tykes	20.46

### DIVISION TWO – Judge William Whitely

1 <sup>st</sup>	Crazy Cannons	19.93
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Rose Rockets	20.74
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sherwood Outlaws	19.67
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bored Crossing	20.45
5 <sup>th</sup>	Four Runners	21.07
6 <sup>th</sup>	Daventry Bumbles	20.25

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Louise Satchwell

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blackpool Super Nova	20.07
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	19.63
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Molten Muzzles	20.39
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doncaster Northern Stars	19.71
5 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Crossbows	20.61
6 <sup>th</sup>	Red Rose Rockets	NFC

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Neil Meeking

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nova Next Generation	21.42
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Border Patrol	21.79
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wakefield Trendy Tykes	22.28
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doncaster Swift Stars	25.19
5 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Crossbows	26.20
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mix & Match	NFC

## **Head Judge's Report Newark Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

An unusual occurrence at Newark, the sun shone and it was warm for most of the day! I think this has to have been the hardest work I have done as a head judge. The morning started with difficult decisions having to be made and out came the trusty rule book to help me. As racing progressed there was more to come and I decided to enlist the aid of another head judge in order to make sure I had made a fair decision for both the team involved and the tournament organiser. I was very impressed with everyone involved, they remained calm and followed the code of ethics throughout.

I was then able to relax and observe a good day's racing. As usual the Nuneaton Flyers had run a well organised, enjoyable tournament.

### **Val Currie (Molten Magnets)**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

*To all the Tykes who have achieved their milestone awards*



DAVID & CHANCE - *Ice Blue Moon Award*

RONNIE & DILLON - *Silver Award*

ANDREA & BUFFY - *Silver Award*

ALISON & JONTY - *Silver Award*

KATH & ECHO - *Silver Award*



Also **WELL DONE** to CELIA & her Golden Retriever SKYE who is now a *Flyball Dog*

**From All your Team Mates in the TYKES**

#### **POSTAL PROBLEMS**

I have recently had 'dialogue' with Royal Mail, not that it did me any good. They were not incredibly helpful but I did get to let off steam. Our postal service has been somewhat erratic since the fire in the local sorting office about eight months ago. At first we just accepted it but the last misdemeanour was the 'straw that broke the camel's back'.

The last schedule I received had a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp but took five days to get to me so I did some checking. The schedule from Essex to Anglesey, posted Thursday evening arrived Saturday morning. Essex to Northampton, posted Thursday evening arrived Tuesday morning with the envelope stamped twice, hence the discussion with Royal Mail. I was told ordinary post is 'not traceable' and there is *not a guaranteed delivery service* even for 1st class post. The *aim* of Royal Mail is one to two *working* days for 1<sup>st</sup> class and three to five *working* days for 2<sup>nd</sup> class, so doesn't include Saturday & Sunday. Also, apparently some post goes through two sorting offices (which must happen to us) instead of a direct route.

It may help if schedules were sent out early in the week e.g. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday then I wouldn't have to incur the non working days, but who knows, Royal Mail are a law unto themselves.

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Talking of Post has brought to mind a rule in our BFA Official Rules and Policies number **2.3 Voting**.

'In general those current BFA members present at the AGM will decide all items that require a vote. However, if in the opinion of the Committee, an item in question is considered of sufficient importance that it should be decided by the whole membership, the Committee reserves the right to hold a postal vote of ALL current BFA members, following the AGM'.

For three years the Jump Height Rule has been on the agenda at each AGM and it will undoubtedly be back again next year. Perhaps by applying this rule, a true feeling of the whole membership would be established.

**JEAN MEEKING (Molten Magnets)**

## NEW MEMBERS

Stephen & Margaret Gore	Pods	Vanessa & Paul Leyland	Red Rose Rockets
Sara Mann	Melton Rovers	Nikki Snowdon	Kellington Power Racers
Andrew & Keitha Bainbridge	Dog Friendly Flyers	Alison Moore	Nuneaton Flyers
Becky Allen	Four Runners	Stephen Cope	Nuneaton Flyers
Wanda Coogan	Buccaneers	Nicky Ripper	Pods
Joyce Hulls	Yorkshire Bouncers	John & Joan Nevitt	Pods
Alan & Frances Smith	Yorkshire Bouncers	Rosie Parry	Pods
George & Lilla Wheatley	Yorkshire Bouncers	Kate Nicholas	Live Wires
Jane Howe	Whiterose Wagtails	Jennifer Townsend	Dog Friendly Flyers
Nick Towndrow	Whiterose Wagtails	Monica Brickell	Dog Friendly Flyers
Angela Tomkins	Ball Busters	Candy Hanby	Dog Friendly Flyers
David Long	Carmarthen Chargers	Stuart Milton	Wolf Pack
Paul Chandler	Carmarthen Chargers	Philip Antcliffe	Springers
Ginny Conway	Carmarthen Chargers	Lynne & Ronald Richards	Ace's High
Karen Stewart	Dog Friendly Flyers	Kenneth Townhill	Pods
Sara & David Pearson	Start-Rite Wizards	Gemma Kittle	Dorset Dynamo's
Derek Deakin	Start-Rite Wizards	Gemma Brunt	Doncaster Belle Stars
Tim Noble	Four in the Fast Lane	Sam & Tim Sugden	Greetland Grasshoppers
Kayley Lunt	Ace's High	Tracy Sugden	Greetland Grasshoppers
Alex Wilson	Live Wires	Heddwyn Davies	Dorset Dynamo's
Jeremy Daniel	Springers	Ray Steele	Blackpool Super Nova
Diane Boardman	Springers	Helen Smith	The Jumping Jacks
Martin & Sherry Undrill	Gofours	Kerry Sugden	Box Raiders
Gemma & Brett Undrill	Gofours	Paul Brown	Box Raiders
Kim Hollis	Kellington Power Racers	Jo & Dave Hughes	Wakefield Tykes
Becky Laramee	Kellington Power Racers	Stephen Babb	Snatch 'n' Grab
Helen Reast	Kellington Power Racers	Barry Townrow	Gofours
Brian Wild	Kellington Power Racers	Sue & Emma Eaton	Shooting Stars
Helena & Christopher Pigott	Gofours	Lynda, Mike & Kay Smith	Barkshire Bandits
Samantha Vosper	Ace's High	Ron Chester	Box Raiders
Susan Dooney	Blackpool Super Nova	Eunice Townsend	Box Raiders
Leanne Szostak	Springers	Derek & Kathleen Tomlinson	Fylde Coasters
George Hall-Lambert	Yorkshire Bouncers	David Hinz	Thor's Rovers
Graham Hall-Lambert	Yorkshire Bouncers	Ann Horner	Sherwood Outlaws
Robert Merryman	Sheffield Speeders	Jessica Mills	Crazy Cannons
Julie Elliott	Whiterose Wagtails	Michelle & Tia Davies	Ace's High
James Campbell	Whiterose Wagtails	Natalie Ward	Dodgers
Lynn Ward	Crazy Cannons	Claire Butterworth	Fylde Coasters
Mike & Angela Bolton	Thor's Rovers	Margaret & John Palin	Pods
Becky & Mollie Hilbert	Sherwood Outlaws	Laura Byrne	Dorset Dynamo's
Shanelle Collier	Sherwood Outlaws	Chris Clements	Buccaneers
Steve Greenstreet	Sherwood Outlaws	Susan McDermott	Live Wires
Maxine Segall	Sheffield Speeders	Matt Ward	Live Wires
Leah Rumsey	Dog Friendly Flyers	Sue Andrews	Live Wires
Mandy Richards	Doncaster Belle Stars	Maddie Gardner	Wolf Pack
Lin Abbott	The Knights	Tony Goodyear	Aardvark Barkers

## **NEW TEAMS**

**Danum Hurricanes**

**Carmarthenshire Chargers, Carmarthenshire Chasers, Carmarthenshire Cadets**

**Gofours, Gofour Imps, Gofour Pixies, Gofour Elves**

**Lancashire Weavers, Lancashire Spinners, Lancashire Lads 'n' Lasses, Lancashire Hotpot**

**Free Spirits, Rogue Spirits, High Spirits**

**Brimblecombe Barkers, Brimblecombe Bouncers**

**Covert Catapults, Covert Clangers**

## **INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS**

The following information and comments are mainly intended to help new members and teams understand the problems that we have when organising competitive Flyball events. Although this is a personal observation and not from a team, I know that most other teams who are running Tournaments have the same problems.

Teams who are not in a position to run competitions may not realise that it is not always possible to meet the requests that are made for running on a particular day of a two or three day Tournament.

The division in which you compete is determined by seed or declared time. The organiser is governed by those times and can only decide how many teams run in a division and which days a particular division runs. It therefore follows that if two teams or more want to run on different days but are in the same division, there is nothing the organisers can do that will satisfy all the teams. Organisers are not being awkward when they are not able to give a team their choice but they do try to accommodate as many as possible.

Another problem is when teams withdraw after the running orders have been posted. This causes extra work trying to reorganise the divisions so that not only can the competing teams run on the same day as on the original running order but so that the divisions are of at least six teams.

If teams withdraw at the last moment, you may be the team that travels a long distance to find that you are only running against three or four teams in your division. This detracts from the enjoyment of the days racing for the remaining teams.

The situation has become worse in recent times, with more teams asking for a particular day for competing and for teams withdrawing. That leads me on to my observation part.

One of the main reasons I joined the Flyball fanatics was that the problem with the other dog sports of Obedience and Agility was the individuality and lack of camaraderie. Most competitors in those events want to turn up, take part, and if not in a winning position, go home. When I came into Flyball at the end of the last century (makes it sound a long time ago) I was encouraged by the friendly and helpful attitude of other people and other teams.

How many Flyballers want to get to the Tournament, run as soon as possible, then get off home? Some will, but do the majority want to return to the attitude of most of the obedience and agility competitors. I realise that some people have different requirements to others. Due to work or family commitments some cannot make every day. Some may not want to commit even a whole day.

The format of running a two day event as two separate sanctioned tournaments has also been tried on some occasions. Although this eliminates some problems I think it creates its own problem in as much as it sometimes detracts from the quality of racing. Teams that would have been closely matched in a division if it were one sanctioned show are separated, causing more three legs to nil racing.

My observations are only my own personal feelings. May we long continue to be individual and varied human beings and run Flyball events in varied ways to give us the choice.

**RON EDGE (Northern Bytes)**

## MARKET HARBOROUGH RESULTS – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Joanne Wilson

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bad Dog Racers	17.59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barkshire Bandits	17.83
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Flyers	18.89
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	18.96
5 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Meteors	18.92
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Hotdogs	20.20

### DIVISION THREE – Judge Pam Harrison

1 <sup>st</sup>	Flying Colours	20.49
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Metals	20.54
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Molten Muzzles	20.66
4 <sup>th</sup>	Barkshire Bandidos	21.29
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bad Dog Meecos	20.90
6 <sup>th</sup>	Killa Bytes	23.00

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Sam Bawden

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheffield Sprinters	19.36
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bad Dogs on the Run	19.28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barkshire Bullets	19.44
4 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Bytes	20.26
5 <sup>th</sup>	Red Wellies	20.42
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bassett Allsorts	21.11

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Penny Charlton

1 <sup>st</sup>	Break-Aways	21.03
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Arrows	21.04
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Cyclones	22.33
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mega Bytes	22.86
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Pack	21.64
6 <sup>th</sup>	Giga Bytes	25.79

### DIVISION FIVE – Judge Peter Roberts



1 <sup>st</sup>	Brat Pack	23.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wolverines	23.43
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jammi Dodgers	23.17
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wolf Cubs	24.20
5 <sup>th</sup>	Break-Necks	27.77
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flying Reds	24.95



## MARKET HARBOROUGH RESULTS – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dave Long

1 <sup>st</sup>	Molten Magnets	17.96
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molten Marvels	18.47
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nuneaton Bees	19.04
4 <sup>th</sup>	Podsters	18.49
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tykes	19.03
6 <sup>th</sup>	Melton Rovers	18.90

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Louise Satchwell

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bristol Ball-istics	19.32
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Live Wires	20.22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yorkshire Leapers	20.34
4 <sup>th</sup>	Molten Monarchs	20.44
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Knights	20.59
6 <sup>th</sup>	Daventry Bumbles	20.71

### DIVISION THREE – Judge William Whiteley

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bristol Ballistic Missiles	20.47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wire Springs	21.11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melton Foxes	21.16
4 <sup>th</sup>	Podlings	23.57
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wire Connection	24.28
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Racers	NFC

### DIVISION FOUR – Judge Doreen Smith

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wires Alive	22.23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melton B's	21.97
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sleepless Knights	23.83
4 <sup>th</sup>	Scallywags	24.36
5 <sup>th</sup>	Podlers	NFC
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yorkshire Bouncers	NFC

Can I please **THANK** the Molten Magnets for raising the sum of £178.00 for **SECOND CHANCE RESCUE**. The thanks come right from my heart and is so very much appreciated. We close down puppy farms amongst other work we do and at the moment have quite a few very sick puppies in and the money has come in very timely. Thank you all.

***Rescue one 'till there's none.***

## **MARKET HARBOROUGH**

The last of the Winter Tournaments with all 54 teams running. This has got to be the best Show we have organised, with barely a hiccup in sight. This was mainly due to the efficiency of the ‘New’ Magnets blending happily and well with the ‘old’ Pods and Magnets and the full co-operation of all the Flyball Teams.

Running five divisions of six teams on the Saturday is always a concern but we were ahead of time all day and I think everyone appreciated the fact that we kept going without a break and so finished at a reasonable time. The same could be said for Sunday. We were cleared away and out of the hall earlier than usual, which the staff of the leisure centre were pleased about as they had another event that evening.

We enjoyed the company of two Americans, Doug and Vicky, from the RPM Team, Michigan. They were staying in London for a long weekend and had hired a car especially to attend our Tournament. They were obviously very interested in every aspect but seemed surprised at how friendly the teams were with each other, apparently it’s not always so cordial when they run their dogs.

We hope no one was inconvenienced too much with the high winds on Saturday and the heavy parking problems on the Sunday, there was a Rugby Tournament going on as well as the Flyball and we thank everyone for their forbearance. Our thanks also go to Butchers for the huge amount of food they provided. Perhaps the last time for us as they are now looking to promoting their produce at Tournaments linked to public events only. Hope everyone had a good time.

## **MAGNETS**

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### **TIPS ON HOW TO BEHAVE AS A FLYBALL DOG (The ‘Live Wires’ Way)**

- Take a casual roll in a cowpat** – to cool down after a heavy day competing (whilst away camping with no access to a bath, of course)..... **GEM**
- Pinch ten sausages** – at the Live Wires BBQ and swallow them quicker than you can do a ‘run back’..... **ROSIE**
- Take a pee in private** – during your race at the tournament, i.e. race to the box, retrieve, jump the backboards out of the ring, go behind a bush, squat and finish the race at your leisure. Incurring no faults, of course ..... **JAZ**
- Play ‘Ball Tick’ with your handler** – see how many times you can tempt your handler in picking up the ball just before you run off with it again, again, again ... **ELLA the poodle**
- Support your Flyball Team buddies** – whine frantically during your obedience class when your teammate Buddy has to demonstrate the retrieve with a tennis ball ..... **CHLOE**
- Readily demonstrate your usefulness** – to the clubs owner. Show how you can really dig deep and aerate that grass with your powerful jaw movement, whilst anticipating the next race... **TESS**
- Play ‘Hide and Seek’** – Look out for the ball (or unsuspecting dog) whilst behind a tree.  
Sneak up and pounce. .... **TARA – half B.C./feline**
- The tennis ball weave** – whilst weaving between your handlers legs, gain your owners attention by placing the ball down in ankle stumbling distance, between each stride ... **BRANDY**
- Getting other people interested in changing sports** – Take up a new sport e.g. the football match in the next field. Run off across the pitch and see if they fancy swapping their football for your tennis ball ..... **ALFIE**
- Play ‘Dead Leg’** – in anticipation for the ball, run sideways into the back of your owners friends lower leg, watching them collapse in a heap. After all, they always say don’t take your eyes off the ball. .... **BONNIE, Red Cheshire squirrel dog**

## **LESLIE CURNOW (Live Wires)**

## PANDEMONIUM TO PLATINUM

Our Mistie was a naughty pup  
In training sessions she ran a muck  
So armed with treats and a human wall  
We set about teaching her flyball.



At last she got it or so we thought  
Poor old Theresa was definitely fraught  
To competition she will go  
Will she do it yes or no

She was measured to start with and that was not clear  
A borderline case, we didn't want to hear  
Is she 13" is she not  
13" height is what we got.

Compete she did and did she go  
Our 13" height dog put on a good show  
She turned on the box just like a dream  
The best little Bandit you've ever seen.



Now a mummy's girl she definitely is  
Jumping up and down when she gets in a tiz  
Exhausted Theresa must be a saint  
As often Mistie causes her to faint

Our Mistie saves her team an inch  
She makes it look just a cinch  
An important girl you will agree  
Us Bandits thank her heartily

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## ANOTHER BANDITS PLATINUM STAR

### T \* Y \* S \* O \* N

He's owned by Sue, but handled by Pen,  
Fast, tall and dark he's got it all  
The David Beckham of flyball.



He doesn't move a muscle before his race  
Just stands there waiting with perfect grace,  
Then powers to the box with a turn so clean  
This anchor dog is every teams dream.

With his harem of girls he could have such fun  
But he only has eyes for his lovely Mum.  
We must thank Amy for her little boy  
Because Tyson is the Bandits pride and joy.

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## **Molten Magnets Training Day - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

Strong winds, warm sunshine and heavy showers, another typical Molten Magnets training day! Our love/hate relationship with gazebos continued as we were forced to be creative in our battle to keep the wretched things in place. We even contemplated using Neil to hang on to the frame, but he out manoeuvred us with a reel of ring rope to use as awning straps.

Some of our intrepid would be flyballers were so keen they arrived an hour early and were able to observe our struggles (so much for making it all seem a piece of cake!) After a demonstration of how flyball should be and brief instruction about setting up the lane (optimistic as ever, I envisage getting a new team going), we got down to the important job of producing dogs/handlers who can 'do' flyball by the end of the day.

This must have been our best ever group, all the dogs and handlers were quick to learn from the encouraging shouts of 'run', 'throw your ball' and 'keep running'. Of course it wasn't all easy. Ben, a re-homed dog, who gets very excited was all for nipping other dogs - yes, he is a Border Collie. Jean worked her magic on him and by the end of the day he was more focused and will be joining us for more training. The Red Setter he rather took exception to is also joining us, but has come to an amicable arrangement about arrival/departure times to begin with.

Then there was Lennon, a golden retriever, who came with Janet, his disabled handler on her scooter and with her carer. Janet and Lennon were a delight to work with. We began by using our excellent young handler, Matthew, who did all the running. Lennon was quick to learn and Janet had a wonderful device that seemed to be like a klaxon with a whistle attached, it worked brilliantly, Lennon was straight back to Janet each time. Once Lennon was able to do a complete run using Matthew, we progressed to Janet letting him go near the start line. Yes! an immediate success. By the end of the day, Janet was able to release Lennon from further away from the start line. Both Janet and Lennon seemed to have really enjoyed their day and it was such a pleasure to work with them. Jean would like to have them for a multi-breed team, but unfortunately they live too far away from us!

My optimism was rewarded with an enthusiastic group from Hertfordshire hoping to set up a new team under our 'umbrella' to begin with. It would be lovely not to have to reply to e-mails with 'I regret there are no flyball teams in your area'.

Our day finished as it began; strong winds, sunshine and heavy showers as we cleared everything away.

### **VAL CURRIE**

#### **MOLTEN MAGNETS AWARDS (November 2003 to March 2004)**

**PEARL Award** (30,000 points) **Jean Meeking & CHICA**

**The fourth dog to receive this award and at seven years of age, the youngest, (so far)!**

**ICE BLUE MOON Award** (20000 points) **Val Currie & Missy Judy Parker & Bobby**

**FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED** (5000 points) **Matthew Hardwick & Tara**

**FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE** (3000 points) **Katie Mabbutt & Charli**

**FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE** (1000 points) **Judy Parker & Milly**

**Jean Meeking & Riva Doug Merchant & Oscar Claire Davis & Missie**  
**Simon Scott & Jade Nigel Thompson & Rusty Katie Boyce & Meg**

**FLYBALL DOG** (200 points) **Jackie Duplock & Ellie Catherine Lloyd & Bronte**

**CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE**

# THAME COUNTRY SHOW RESULTS - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2004

## DIVISION ONE – Judge Chris Fulford

|                 |                   |       |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Barkshire Bandits | 17.37 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Molten Magnets    | 17.76 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Maple Leafs       | 17.33 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | The Jumping Jacks | 18.23 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Molten Marvels    | 18.70 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Bassett Hotdogs   | 18.81 |

## DIVISION TWO – Judge Val Currie

|                 |                          |       |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bristol Ball-istics      | 19.27 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Maple Leaf Raggers       | 19.19 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wellingboro' Red Wellies | 19.43 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Barkshire Bullets        | 19.54 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Bad Dogs on the Run      | 19.17 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Dorset Dynamo's          | 19.66 |

## DIVISION THREE – Judge Wayne O'Rouke

|                 |                  |       |
|-----------------|------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Molten Muzzles   | 19.41 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Molten Metals    | 19.85 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Snatch 'n' Grab  | 18.99 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Springbok's      | 20.44 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Bassett Allsorts | 19.55 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Buccaneers       | 19.44 |

## DIVISION FOUR – Judge Sue Goddard

|                 |                             |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | K9ers                       | 20.03 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Molten Monarchs             | 19.88 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 20.63 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cracker Jacks               | 20.08 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Dorset Diamonds             | 21.42 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Maple Leaf Rockies          | 22.76 |

## DIVISION FIVE – Judge Robert Henshall

|                 |                         |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Barkshire Bandidos      | 20.46 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bad Dog Meecos          | 20.54 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wolf Pack               | 20.80 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Wellingboro' Red Arrows | 21.72 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Extrabuccs              | NFC   |

## DIVISION SIX – Judge Gail Wright

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bassett Jelly Babies | 22.50 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Underdogs            | 23.55 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wolf Cubs            | 23.55 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Knight - Mares       | 26.81 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Wolverines           | NFC   |

## JUDGE'S REPORT

### Division Two

As this was our first outdoor show this year, it was fair to expect some of the less experienced dogs to 'enjoy' the extra space and I was not disappointed! **Dorset Dynamos** little Staffie was all for visiting the opposing teams, but the team worked to improve matters and in the afternoon session decided to try running it first. It was perhaps rather premature as the Red Wellies experienced interference, so it was back to the drawing board, the Staffie returning to the back of the team and delaying its run slightly. **Bristol Ballistics** set a cracking pace in the morning, but found the afternoon a little more difficult, losing 3-2 against Bad Dogs On The Run in very close races and getting a dead heat in their 3<sup>rd</sup> leg against Barkshire Bullets before winning the race and the Division. **Maple Leaf Raggers** were only beaten by the eventual Division winners in the first race of the day, and had their closest race against the **Red Wellies** beating them into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. By winning their race, which was fraught with problems, against Bad Dogs On The Run, **Barkshire Bullets** ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place, with the **Bad Dogs** 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **VAL CURRIE (Molten Magnets)**

All the Magnets thoroughly enjoyed the weekend even though we were nick-named the Maggots for most of it, (takes some of them a little while to get used to a new name). It was a well-run show in a dog friendly atmosphere (no clay pigeon shooting to contend with). There was quite a bit to see and do between racing, so much so we nearly lost our Box Loader to one of the other 'doggie' events going on. Our thanks to Penny and her Bandits, not only did we have good racing, they managed to supply some good weather as well as the mountain of Butchers food.

Steve was once again busy with his camera, have you seen the photo's on our Website?  
[www.northantsflyball.co.uk](http://www.northantsflyball.co.uk)

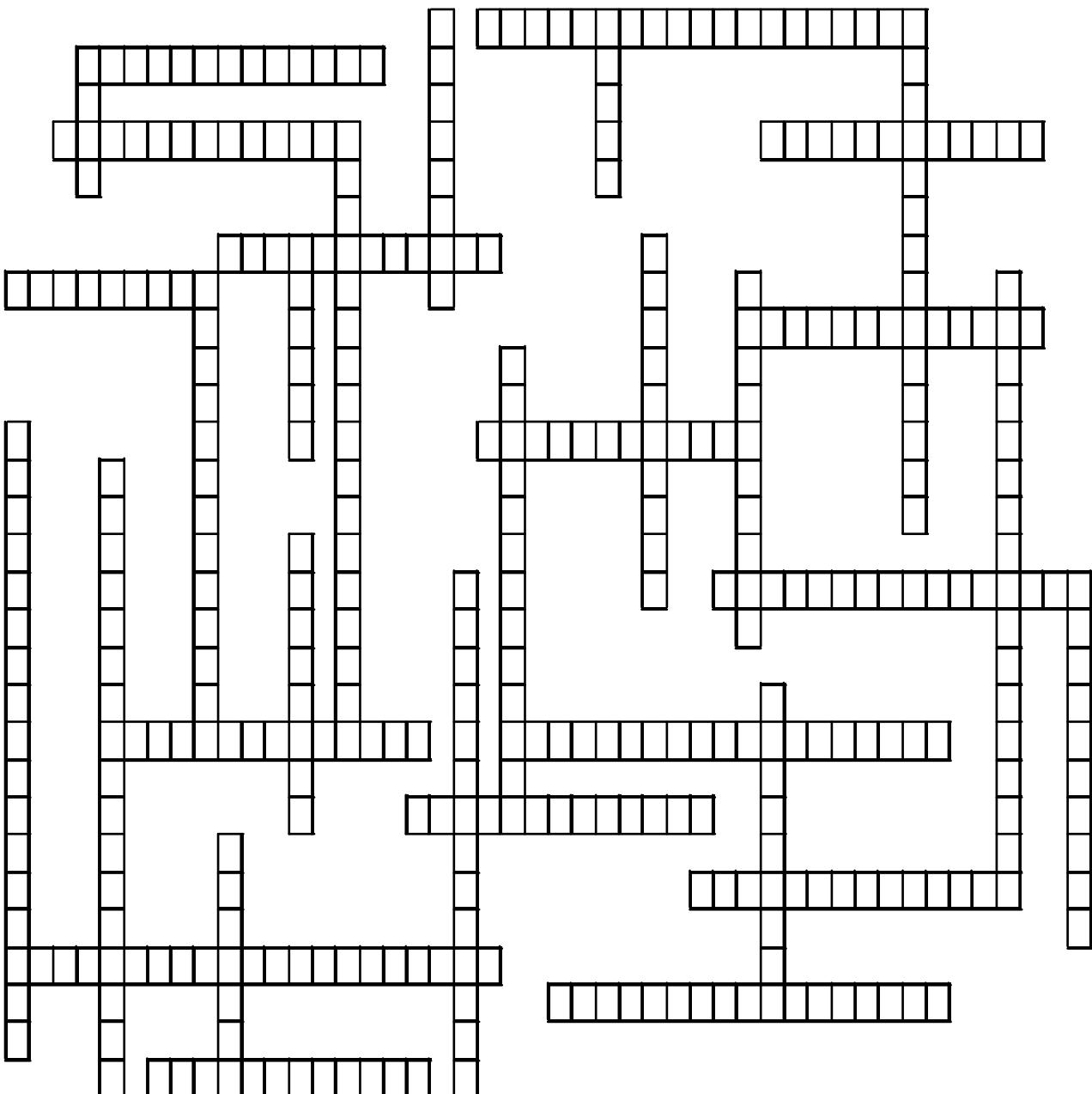
**JEAN**

|                        | No of Letters |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Pods                   | 4             |
| K9ers                  | 5             |
| Rapidz                 | 6             |
| Dodgers                | 7             |
| Mad Mutts              | 8             |
| Wolf Pack              | 8             |
| Live Wires             | 9             |
| Springers              | 9             |
| Break-Aways            | 10            |
| Buccaneers             | 10            |
| Maple Leafs            | 10            |
| Bad Dog Racers         | 12            |
| Border Patrol          | 12            |
| Crazy Cannons          | 12            |
| Hillam Hot Dogs        | 12            |
| Nuneaton Flyers        | 12            |
| Jumping Jacks          | 12            |
| Flying Colours         | 13            |
| Fylde Coasters         | 13            |
| Shooting Stars         | 13            |
| Northern Bytes         | 13            |
| Clatto Clanglers       | 14            |
| Red Rose Rockets       | 14            |
| Wakefield Tykes        | 14            |
| Barkshire Bandits      | 16            |
| Bristol Ball-istics    | 17            |
| Dog Friendly Flyers    | 17            |
| Sheffield Speeders     | 17            |
| White rose Wagtails    | 17            |
| Yorkshire Bouncers     | 17            |
| Blackpool Super Nova   | 18            |
| Doncaster Belle Stars  | 19            |
| Lincolnshire Leapers   | 19            |
| Greetland Grasshoppers | 21            |

## Flyball Word Fit

By

Kate Brazukas  
(Crazy Cannons)



## CARLTON TOWERS RESULTS – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2004

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dianne Halsted

|                 |                    |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sheffield Speeders | 19.07 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Crazy Cannons      | 19.29 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | The Northern Bytes | 19.51 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sherwood Outlaws   | 20.08 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Rapidz             | 20.84 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Hillam Hot Dogs    | 20.16 |

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Alison Harrison

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Hillam Hot Shots     | 21.61 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Melton Foxes         | 23.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Nova Next Generation | 22.64 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sheffield Sparklers  | 22.84 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Yorkshire Racers     | 24.65 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Crazy Crossbows      | 22.37 |

### DIVISION THREE – Neil Frow

|                 |                         |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Kellington Power Racers | 21.63 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Trendy Tykes            | 24.07 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Crazy Catapults         | 23.71 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sheffield Shooters      | 29.39 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Forest Arrows           | 24.65 |

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Joanne Wilson

|                 |                          |       |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Wakefield Terrortykes    | 19.95 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Yorkshire Leapers        | 19.26 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Red Rose Rockets         | 19.77 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Live Wires               | 20.20 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Nuneaton Dodgers         | 20.08 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Greedy Grasshoppers      | 20.06 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Doncaster Northern Stars | 20.01 |

### DIVISION THREE – Judge William Whitely

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Blackpool Super Nova | 19.74 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Flying Colours       | 20.21 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wire Springs         | 20.52 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Four Runners         | 20.52 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | The Giga Bytes       | 20.63 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Break-Aways (UK)     | 21.23 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | The Killa Bytes      | 21.68 |

### DIVISION FIVE – Maureen Hendry

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Melton B's           | 21.04 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Wires A-Live         | 21.25 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Whiterose Wagtails   | 21.28 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Greeny Grasshoppers  | 21.21 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Flying Reds          | 22.55 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Wire Connection      | 23.63 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Whiterose Curlytails | 23.93 |

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Stuart Harrison

|                 |                        |       |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Nuneaton Bees          | 18.74 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Greetland Grasshoppers | 18.52 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Melton Rovers          | 18.30 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Nuneaton Flyers        | 18.41 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Wakefield Tykes        | 18.68 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Springers              | 19.42 |

### DIVISION FOUR – John Blackford

|                 |                   |       |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Blackpool Quasars | 21.23 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fylde Coasters    | 20.96 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Zebedee Springers | 20.45 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Crazy Chieftains  | 20.63 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Nuneaton Cyclones | 21.02 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | The Mega Bytes    | 22.27 |

### DIVISION SIX – John Verity

|                 |                       |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Start-Rite Wizards    | 23.69 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Springers Off Springs | 23.16 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Fylde Surfers         | 24.97 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Break-Necks           | 28.21 |

**CARLTON TOWERS MULTIBREED RESULTS – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

### DIVISION ONE – Judge Dianne Halsted

|                 |                    |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Tykes 57           | 19.27 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bytes Hotchpotch   | 20.14 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Grasshoppers Multi | 20.01 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Rapidz Sortz       | 20.60 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Yorkshire Mixture  | 21.13 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Pick 'n' Mix | 21.01 |

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Stuart Harrison

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mixtykes             | 20.65 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bytes Blend          | 21.79 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Yorkshire Allsorts   | 24.39 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Go4's          | 24.20 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Random Rapidz        | 23.71 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Whiterose Aristorats | 24.19 |

## CARLTON TOWERS HEAD JUDGES REPORT

The Summer Flyball season got off to a brilliant start at the Yorkshire Bouncers Tournaments, Selby Game Fair, Carlton Towers from Good Friday to Easter Monday. It saw teams from around the country competing in the usual friendly sportsman's like way and having good flyballing weather.

As most tournament organisers know, for the Yorkshire Bouncers the event started long before Good Friday and will go on long after the end of the tournament. They spent many days and nights transporting equipment and setting up the venue. It even involved Betty travelling down to the Midlands in a last minute dash to collect the new BFA Lights, when Robin of the Northern Bytes did an Eric Sykes impression with a plank of wood and broke several of the sensors in their lights!!

It was well worth it though as the teams had some very close racing and also provided great entertainment for the crowds. They especially liked watching dogs like Lucy, the little Westie from Red Rose Rockets, Percy and Bobby the Toy Poodles from the home team, up to Lottie the Giant Schnauzer from the Forrest Arrows. The crowd enjoyed the antics of dogs like Betty's Tawny, who thought they would go and say hello rather than bring a silly tennis ball back!!! We had excellent commentary from Alison (Yorkshire Bouncers), Doreen Smith, John Verity and others, making the event look polished and professional. This generated a lot of interest from the crowd to want to try flyball.

Each day had good Starters racing, with Pat from the Rap idz kindly organising it on Easter Monday to help out. Thanks to Rachel of the Forest Arrows, the Flyagility proved to be a popular fun event.

Easter Monday saw the start of the Tudor Rose Multibreed Championship. It is great to see the way the number of Multibreed teams grows every year. Again first-class racing and well liked by the crowds as they saw rare breeds such the Spanish Water dogs and the various mixtures of breeds in the teams.

We need to thank Butchers for sponsoring the food (12 tons!). It didn't finish arriving till 10.30pm on Thursday, meaning we had to form a chain gang to unload the last ton of food from the lorry in the dark! (Sorry the rosettes didn't arrive. Betty did a good job however ensuring that all the Starters got rosettes and the Multibreed teams medals). I am surprised some of the teams managed to get home with all that food, by the end of the weekend some wise teams were bringing trolleys to the presentation to transport it!

As Tournament Head Judge I want to give my thanks to all the people on the lights, the scribes, box judges and my fellow judges for doing a super job, and especially to ALL the people who helped out. After attending the BFA Judging Seminar last year, we had Maureen, Neil and Sally from the home team and John Hallam from Melton Rovers having their first real taste of judging. They all performed this, at times very stressful job, exceedingly well and will hopefully now go on to greater things (well they will if Betty has anything to do with it!). Hope Maureen's leg soon recovers from the impact with a speeding collie's head. The incident left the dog ok and Maureen off to hospital! I also want to give my sincere thanks to Betty and the team for making me so welcome and for my lovely gift.

Well Done Yorkshire Bouncers yet again!

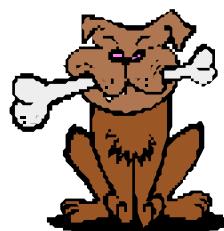
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#### THANKS

Alistair and Sally would like to thank all the  
Yorkshire Bouncers for helping

**Toby gain his Flyball Dog Award**



# Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2004

| SEED | TEAM                     | TRN  | TIME  |
|------|--------------------------|------|-------|
| 1    | Bad Dog Racers           | 053  | 17.38 |
| 2    | Barkshire Bandits        | 017  | 17.53 |
| 3    | Molten Magnets           | 107  | 17.96 |
| 4    | Podsters                 | 015f | 18.34 |
| 5    | Molten Marvels           | 107c | 18.47 |
| 6    | Melton Rovers            | 035  | 18.48 |
| 7    | Mad 4 Mutts              | 054d | 18.77 |
| 8    | Dodgers                  | 078  | 18.78 |
| 9    | Nuneaton Flyers          | 051  | 18.89 |
| 10   | Nuneaton Bees            | 051a | 18.91 |
| 11   | Molten Meteors           | 107b | 18.92 |
| 12   | Wakefield Tykes          | 046  | 19.00 |
| 13   | Bassett Hotdogs          | 011b | 19.08 |
| 14   | Bad Dogs on the Run      | 053f | 19.19 |
| 15   | Bristol Ball-istics      | 018  | 19.32 |
| 16   | Sheffield Sprinters      | 058a | 19.32 |
| 17   | Greetland Grasshoppers   | 055  | 19.42 |
| 18   | Barkshire Bullets        | 017c | 19.44 |
| 19   | Wellingboro' Red Wellies | 067  | 19.55 |
| 20   | Nuneaton Dodgers         | 051c | 19.60 |
| 21   | Greedy Grasshoppers      | 055a | 19.65 |
| 22   | Wakefield Terrortykes    | 046a | 19.65 |
| 23   | Sherwood Outlaws         | 102  | 19.67 |
| 24   | Doncaster Northern Stars | 096a | 19.71 |
| 25   | Snatch 'n' Grab          | 083  | 19.77 |
| 26   | The Northern Bytes       | 027  | 19.83 |
| 27   | Crazy Cannons            | 081  | 19.93 |
| 28   | Yorkshire Leapers        | 052c | 19.96 |
| 29   | Live Wires               | 069  | 20.00 |
| 30   | Blackpool Super Nova     | 063  | 20.07 |
| 31   | Podlets                  | 015a | 20.08 |
| 32   | Nottingham Flyers        | 106  | 20.21 |
| 33   | The Knights              | 036  | 20.22 |
| 34   | Trying 4 Mutts           | 054g | 20.22 |
| 35   | Rapidz                   | 082  | 20.24 |
| 36   | Bassett Allsorts         | 011  | 20.25 |
| 37   | Daventry Bumbles         | 099  | 20.25 |
| 38   | Molten Metals            | 107e | 20.28 |
| 39   | The Killa Bytes          | 027b | 20.39 |
| 40   | Molten Muzzles           | 107d | 20.39 |
| 41   | Wire Springs             | 069e | 20.42 |
| 42   | Molten Monarchs          | 107a | 20.44 |

| SEED | TEAM                        | TRN  | TIME  |
|------|-----------------------------|------|-------|
| 43   | Border Crossing             | 023a | 20.45 |
| 44   | Bristol Ball-istic Missiles | 018b | 20.47 |
| 45   | Thor's Rovers               | 070  | 20.48 |
| 46   | Flying Colours              | 064  | 20.49 |
| 47   | Crazy Crossbows             | 081c | 20.61 |
| 48   | Bad Dog Meecos              | 053a | 20.69 |
| 49   | Barkshire Banditos          | 017d | 20.70 |
| 50   | Red Rose Rockets            | 093  | 20.74 |
| 51   | Silver Rapidz               | 082a | 20.77 |
| 52   | Melton Foxes                | 035b | 20.95 |
| 53   | Wolf Pack                   | 050  | 20.97 |
| 54   | Break-Aways (UK)            | 090  | 21.03 |
| 55   | Wellingboro' Red Arrows     | 067a | 21.04 |
| 56   | Four Runners                | 040  | 21.07 |
| 57   | Fylde Rollercoasters        | 038a | 21.27 |
| 58   | Yorkshire Racers            | 052b | 21.39 |
| 59   | Nova Next Generation        | 063c | 21.42 |
| 60   | Tyke Tactics                | 046e | 21.50 |
| 61   | The Giga Bytes              | 027e | 21.53 |
| 62   | The Mega Bytes              | 027a | 21.67 |
| 63   | Buccaneers                  | 025  | 21.71 |
| 64   | Border Patrol (UK)          | 023  | 21.79 |
| 65   | Peas in a Pod               | 0151 | 21.80 |
| 66   | Extrabuccs                  | 025a | 21.84 |
| 67   | Wire Connection             | 069c | 21.94 |
| 68   | Wires A-Live                | 069f | 21.97 |
| 69   | Melton B's                  | 035a | 21.97 |
| 70   | Fun 4 Mutts                 | 054b | 22.19 |
| 71   | Trendy Tykes                | 046g | 22.28 |
| 72   | Wolverines                  | 050d | 22.54 |
| 73   | Nuneaton Cyclone            | 051b | 22.73 |
| 74   | Wolf Cubs                   | 050e | 22.76 |
| 75   | Jammi Dodgers               | 078b | 22.92 |
| 76   | Brat Pack                   | 050a | 22.97 |
| 77   | Flying Reds                 | 064a | 23.41 |
| 78   | Podlings                    | 015d | 23.57 |
| 79   | Sleepless Knights           | 036b | 23.83 |
| 80   | Podlers                     | 015b | 24.15 |
| 81   | Scallywags                  | 059  | 24.36 |
| 82   | Doncaster Swift Stars       | 096b | 25.19 |
| 83   | Forest Arrows               | 104  | 26.27 |
| 84   | Break-Necks                 | 090a | 27.77 |
| 85   | Podextras                   | 015h | 30.38 |



## UPDATE FROM RAINBOW BRIDGE

Hello to everyone. Naturally I am speaking to my canine comrades but maybe some of your humans might be interested in my scribblings.

I didn't expect to be writing once I got to the place referred to as Rainbow Bridge but you know communication knows no bounds. This place is in fact just like heaven or how you probably think heaven will be. There's acres of open spaces, miles of woodland walks, masses of glorious beaches and limitless cosy beds to curl up in when one gets tired. The food is to die for and you don't put on weight. In fact none of the friends I've made are anything but a hundred percent fit. That's right, no aching bones and joints, no failing senses and definitely no fits. It really is like a holiday every day. Can you believe there's even a flyball run or two and a complete set of agility equipment. There isn't any falling out because there are enough bones and squeaky toys to go round and bliss – squillions of tennis balls. Naturally I miss my human, but when she too comes to Rainbow Bridge, I'll be waiting for her.

*What a wonderful thought – believe the dream.*

Talk about 'all change' in the Blyth household! I thought I would catch the dead-line and update the record, so to speak.

At the end of last season all seemed well on the Blyth horizon until Cracker was taken from me. I had Ellie and good old Tess and felt I might start my search for a new dog after Easter 2004. No rush. However, fate thought or knew differently and a set of 'chance' happenings brought Working Sheepdog puppy Breeze into my home. So back to basics once more. Isn't it amazing how soon you forget but quickly remember what life with a puppy is like.

Once more I thought all was fine when Tess suffered first a small, then a massive stroke, taking her from me to join Cracker. So as I write this I'm looking forward to running Ellie in the lower divisions and have great hopes that Breeze and I will, in the future, run in the higher divisions and maybe, just maybe in division ONE.

What the last few months has taught me is that we can and must not ever take our dogs for granted. They are far too precious and only on loan 'till they are called from beyond'. I hope you all achieve whatever goals you may have set for yourselves. Take care.

### **SUE BLYTHE (Live Wires)**

#### ***A Shared Thought –***

Master or servant? Just remember who cleans who's poo up and there's your answer!

*Simon Whaley*

#### ***Or Two –***

Dogs don't complain when you are late. In fact, they are happier to see you than if you had been on time.

*Olivia Edward*

### **REASONS WHY A DOG IS BETTER THAN A MAN**

Dogs don't have a problem showing affection.

They miss you when you're not there.

Dogs don't brag about who they've slept with.

They don't criticise your friends.

Dogs don't feel threatened by your intelligence.

They understand what 'no' means

Dogs don't mind if you do all the driving.

You can housetrain a dog.

They don't step on the imaginary brake.

Dogs admit it when they're lost.

They don't feel threatened if you earn more than they do. Dogs mean it when they kiss you.

Middle-aged dogs don't feel the need to replace you with a younger model.

And – most of all – you can do Flyball without a man but you can't do it without a dog!

**MARIA BRENNAN (Flying Colours)**

# SUTTON FIELDS RESULTS – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April 2004

## DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

|                 |                        |       |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Molten Magnets         | 17.89 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Wakefield Tykes        | 18.23 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Podsters               | 17.83 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Greetland Grasshoppers | 18.57 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Sherwood Outlaws       | 19.17 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Molten Marvels         | 19.13 |

## DIVISION TWO – Judge Peter Roberts

|                 |                        |       |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Blackpool Super Nova   | 20.06 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Crazy Cannons          | 19.03 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Live Wires             | 19.67 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Wakefield Terror Tykes | 20.04 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Greedy Grasshoppers    | 19.74 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Northern Bytes         | 20.84 |

## DIVISION THREE – Judge Howard Campbell

|                 |                |       |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Wire Springs   | 20.34 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Molten Metals  | 20.14 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Molten Muzzles | 20.35 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Thors Rovers   | 20.34 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Rapidz         | 20.71 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Killa Bytes    | 20.23 |

## DIVISION FOUR – Judge Alison Booth

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Wires Alive          | 21.15 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Red Rose Rockets     | 20.02 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Nova Next Generation | 20.15 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Crazy Crossbows      | 21.14 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Red Rose Racers      | 21.18 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Giga Bytes           | 25.05 |

## DIVISION FIVE – Judge Dianne Halsted

|                 |                    |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Whiterose Wagtails | 20.71 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Peas in a Pod      | 21.34 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wolverines         | 21.48 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Coasters     | 22.15 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Blackpool Quasars  | 22.65 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Wire Connection    | 23.15 |

## DIVISION SIX – Judge Val Currie

|                 |                        |       |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Greeny Grasshoppers    | 21.28 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Flying Reds            | 21.66 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wakefield Tricky Tykes | 21.68 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Wolf Cubs              | 23.60 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Podlers                | 23.93 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Surfers          | 24.16 |

## STARTERS – Saturday

|                 |                     |       |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sherwood Saplings   | 19.49 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Tomorrows Tykes     | 20.61 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wire Sparks         | 21.01 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Podangles           | 25.58 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Hotdogs       | 25.71 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | White Rose Newtails | 23.28 |

## STARTERS - Sunday

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Podangles            | 21.19 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Thors Ranger         | 21.06 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Red Rose Town Clocks | 25.25 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Blackpool Nova       | 26.88 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | New Rapidz           | 28.90 |

## FUN EVENTS – Saturday

### SINGLES (Trixie Speed Stakes)

|                   |                              |      |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Reece - Live Wires           | 4.53 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Gyp - Live Wires             | 4.64 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Scampy – Flying Colours      | 4.72 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> = | Bob - Greetland Grasshoppers | 4.78 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> = | Nina - Live Wires            | 4.78 |

### PAIRS

|                 |                                  |      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mistie & Gyp - Live Wires        | 8.88 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mel & Spice – Sherwood Foresters | 9.47 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Poppy & Scampy - Flying Colours  | 9.60 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Diezle & Hope                    | 9.65 |

## THE LUCY LOCKETT TROPHY

(For the club who has the highest percentage of wins over the weekend)



- 1<sup>st</sup> Flying Colours ..... 67%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wakefield Tykes ..... 63%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherwood Outlaws ... 61%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Live Wires ..... 58%



## LIVE WIRES TOURNAMENT REPORT

I was very pleased how well the weekend went despite the heavy rainfall we had had on consecutive nights prior to and during the weekend itself. (from Thursday through to Saturday). Fortunately the ground had been prepared (grass cut and rings marked) by Thursday afternoon. Our tournament working party struggled in the rain to put up the equipment, gazebos & main tent on Friday afternoon and evening before that evening when it rained solidly from 4 p.m. until midnight.

We were relieved to see it had dried up considerably by morning and we had a brilliant day's racing with the sun shining for most of the time. Divisions 1,5 & 6 competed in the main ring and we had one starter division, pairs and singles in the second ring. Both rings were used throughout the day without any problems. In the 'fun' ring we were able to try out our own set of starting/timing lights. These are from the same manufacturer as the lights we hired from PODS for the main ring. The only difference was that they were controlled via lap top computer. This we found especially useful for timing the singles and pairs (timed from line to line) and for keeping a record of all the race times in the starters division (time started from green light). We had our own set of fault lights for this constructed by one of our own members. Other than needing to make one or two mechanical adjustments before our next tournament we were extremely pleased with the new lighting system and would recommend them to other teams as they can also be successfully used for training as well.

Over 20 singles dogs and 16 pairs took part in the fun events during the day and we were able to complete the day's racing by approximately 4.30p.m. The judges able to hand out the prizes soon afterwards and fortunately before more rain started to fall.

On Sunday I got up to find it was pouring with rain. Then when we arrived at the site at 7 a.m. we discovered that due to gusty conditions overnight our party gazebo had collapsed and was un-useable. Fortunately all the other tents and caravans seemed to have weathered the storm. It was still raining and so parking for that day had to be moved to an adjacent field. At that stage it was doubtful if we would be able to go ahead at all. Peter our head judge decided we could set up the open divisions in the previous day's starter ring. The broken party gazebo was dismantled and later than planned we got underway with open divisions (2, 3 & 4). We withdrew our own starter team to cut the starter division down to 10 races. A new draw was made and we got underway in the other ring with this soon after 11 a.m.. This division carried on until its conclusion. We were not able to fit in any other fun events but it was gratifying that travelling teams were all able to get a day's racing, including starters.

Miraculously it stopped raining by mid morning and stayed that way with some sunshine for the rest of the day. By then, because of the wet ground, we had cut down the racing in divisions 2 & 3. However, we only needed to move the runs once in the day which was amazing. Both the handlers and their dogs coped remarkably well with the ground conditions. As the day wore on the ground dried considerably and although humans and canines had become considerably grubby by this we were able complete the event without accident or injury. Thanks to all teams who remained optimistic and didn't complain. Our patience paid off in the end. We are indebted especially to our head judge, Peter and his team for allowing things to keep going when all looked lost.

Racing finished about the same time as the previous day and the prizes awarded at a respectable time. I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend's racing as I did (despite early worries). As usual we had an award for the club who achieved the highest number of wins over the weekend (Lucy Lockett award)—be it with just one team or several. PODS were the holders of this from last September and this year the award went to our Cheshire neighbours FLYING COLOURS, with 67% of races won. Well done to them and to all those teams and individuals who received awards.

***Our team of Live Wire helpers 'worked their socks off' from Friday afternoon to Sunday night – Thanks to them all.***

## **JUDGE'S REPORT SUTTON FIELDS - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

### **DIVISION SIX**

After a cold, wet Friday night, Saturday was a big improvement and racing was soon underway. We had instruction on the new (to us) lights, more for the benefit of the ring parties than the handlers. Flying Reds were off to a cracking start that continued for the morning races, but Greeny Grasshoppers were not going to be outdone and won both their races. Tricky Tykes were dismayed to find they had broken out in their first race, but soon adjusted and were able to finish the morning on a winning note. Wolf Cubs also started the day well, so it seemed we would have some exciting racing in the afternoon. However, the **Flying Reds** had more of a struggle losing both their races and finishing second in the division. **Greeny Grasshopper** sustained their form to take the division, and the **Tricky Tykes** won both their races to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Wolf Cubs** had a super last race to beat the Flying Reds and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. **Podlers** worked really hard to get a winning streak going, but as most of us know to our peril, this often leads to getting lights, and this was no exception. Despite giving us the most exciting races during the day, taking three of them to five legs, the **Fylde Surfers** ended in 6<sup>th</sup> place. My thanks to the teams and ring party for making the division such a pleasure to judge.

### **VAL CURRIE (Molten Magnets)**

## **ANGLESEY RESULTS – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

### **DIVISION ONE – Judge Mick Neighbour**

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Molten Magnets       | 18.39 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Podsters             | 18.16 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Blackpool Super Nova | 19.89 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | The Northern Bytes   | 20.35 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Thors Rovers         | 20.61 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Killa Bytes          | 21.52 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Podlets              | 21.52 |

### **DIVISION TWO – Judge Val Currie**

|                 |                      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Daventry Bumbles     | 21.45 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fylde Coasters       | 21.72 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Nova Next Generation | 20.62 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Podlers              | 22.29 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Peas in a Pod        | 21.23 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Fylde Surfers        | 23.59 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Giga Bytes           | 26.87 |

## **JUDGE'S REPORT at TAI LAWR 25<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

When I arrived on Saturday in glorious sunshine, I found a very happy band of flyballers just at the end of their fun day. I discovered that the weather had been variable during the day with mists drifting over, during which time it was somewhat chilly, but the last couple of hours had been lovely.

As we only had two divisions of seven teams we were granted a leisurely start to the day. Try as I might I had difficulty keeping Division Two to time. Teams with more than one team in the division needed extra time to change over their dogs between races. We had to wait for a helicopter to clear the area as some dogs were distressed by its presence. Then twice we had stray dogs coming to join our fun and one dog attracted to a smell on the run in area, what it was we were not sure! Finally, Georgie boy needed to relieve himself and off he went to the exercise area (at the end of a leg). I was pleased he had taken on board the communication I had had with the dogs that pooing in the ring was not on!

Teams helped each other out with handlers and box loaders and the atmosphere was superb. The winners of Division Two were the Daventry Bumbles, who worked really hard to get their 'scratch' team running well. Mick Neighbour of Daventry Bumbles, bravely judged Division One in his first Judging appointment, doing an excellent job. The final race was very close as the Molten Magnets (with only one Magnet dog in the team) managed to beat the Podsters. One leg had to be re-run after repeated mistakes by both teams.

The weather had been glorious and we had all enjoyed a good relaxed day's racing, it was certainly worth the long journey.

### **VAL CURRIE (Molten Magnets)**

## **FLYBALL FIRST AID (Tongue in cheek)**

Summer is coming and unfortunately we will soon see the Flyball lanes littered with flyballers with sprains, splints and broken bones, so ‘be careful out there’.

Tournament organisers should always try to have a First Aider on hand ‘just in case’. But it is useful if everyone has some First Aid knowledge. So here are a few tips to start you on the road to becoming a First Aider:-

### **Burns and scolds.**

If the victim has spilt hot liquid over his/her clothing, REMOVE CLOTHING IMMEDIATELY. The sight of you parading around naked may cheer them up and take their minds off their injury. Remind the victim that worse things happen at sea. Cite drowning as an example.

### **Electrocution.**

Is the victim still connected to the power supply? If so, SWITCH OFF THE POWER IMMEDIATELY. Electricity costs an absolute fortune. Drive the victim to the nearest casualty ward. You can use him/her to jump start the engine, if needed.

### **Choking.**

Force liquid down the victim’s throat. If the victim is choking on fish or fowl, use chilled white wine but if the dish was red meat, room temperature red wine is preferred. Cold beer should be used for take away food. Try to dislodge the blockage by several hard raps on the back, inducing vomiting. The victim should consult a doctor while you should go straight to the dry cleaners. If in a restaurant call the waiter and ask for a 20% reduction on the bill. Make a mental note to order soup next time.

### **Choking in the home.**

It is amazing what people have been known to choke on – nails, needles, golf balls, cigarettes, rubbers, hamsters, home cooking, earrings, magnets and dubbin. If someone in your home is choking on something, find out what it is and if it isn’t on the list, contact the Training school so we can include it.

### **Concussion.**

When the victim comes round, ask them what day it is, who the Prime Minister is, how many fingers you are holding up. To make it more difficult, hold your fingers behind your back. Then tot up the victim’s score and send it to Concussion quiz, PO Box 11, Oxford. Talk in Norwegian to disorientate the victim a bit more. Yes, there’s a whole bundle of laughs when it comes to concussion. Here’s a good one: before the victim comes round, switch off the lights. When they regain consciousness, shout “Thank goodness! We thought you might be dead, or blinded or something”.

### **Fracture and broken limbs.**

Tie a splint to the victim’s leg and ask them to walk up and down for a few minutes. They will probably fall down unconscious, making the rest of your job easier. If you’re feeling daring, try pointing legs in the wrong direction, bending wrists through 180 degrees etc.

### **Frostbite.**

Use extreme care when handling the victim as a badly frozen person could shatter if dropped. The effect of thawing can be fatal – place in a deep freeze until professional help is available. Soaking in a nice hot tub will work wonders. Enabling you to relax while thinking of suitable treatment. If putting the victim in the tub occurs to you, first warm the body internally with hot soup. To save time, fill the bath with hot soup and let them soak and drink at the same time.

***Lastly, a tip to bear in mind:*** **Bacteria** multiply rapidly but have problems with division and subtraction. Act accordingly.

**Author’s name given but wishes to remain anonymous.**

## THE B.F.A. DIARY 2004

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

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| <b>May 29/30<sup>th</sup></b>       | <b>Eggborough</b>                           | Yorkshire Bouncers                                 | LO (48 teams)                                  |
| <b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>          |                                             | Contact – <b>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</b>     | Open Multibreed<br>Cl.D 30 <sup>th</sup> April |
| <b>May 30/31<sup>st</sup></b>       | <b>Broadlands</b>                           | Barkshire Bandits                                  | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</b>  | Cl.D 30 <sup>th</sup> April                    |
| <b>June 5/6<sup>th</sup></b>        | <b>Tabley Game Fair, Knutsford</b>          | The Northern Bytes                                 | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</b>   | Cl.D 1 <sup>st</sup> May                       |
| <b>June 5/6<sup>th</sup></b>        | <b>Nth Warnborough, Hants</b>               | Buccaneers                                         | Open                                           |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Liz Payne Tel. 01256 702873</b>       | Cl.D 30 <sup>th</sup> April                    |
| <b>June 12/13<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Daventry, Northants</b>                  | Molten Magnets                                     | LO (54 Teams)                                  |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Judy Parker Tel. 02476 404266</b>     | Cl.D 14 <sup>th</sup> May                      |
| <b>June 19/20<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Hoar Park, Nuneaton</b>                  | Nuneaton Flyers                                    | LO (54 Teams)                                  |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Pam Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</b>    | Cl.D 19 <sup>th</sup> May                      |
| <b>June 26/27<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Sandringham</b>                          | Barkshire Bandits                                  | LO (48 Teams)                                  |
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| <b>July 3/4<sup>th</sup></b>        | <b>Askham Bryan, Yorkshire</b>              | Wakefield Tykes                                    | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
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| <b>July 3/4<sup>th</sup></b>        | <b>Portway</b>                              | Wolf Pack                                          | Open                                           |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Anne Johnson Tel. 0121 443 1535</b>   | Cl.D 5 <sup>th</sup> June                      |
| <b>July 10/11<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Saul</b>                                 | <b>Bristol Ball-istics</b>                         | Open                                           |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Louise Bolger Tel. 0117 956 5562</b>  | Cl.D 11 <sup>th</sup> June                     |
| <b>July 17/18<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire</b>      | The Northern Bytes                                 | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
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| <b>July 24/25<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Anglesey, Tai Lawr</b>                   | Pods                                               | Open                                           |
| <b>July 28/29<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Anglesey, Tai Lawr</b>                   | Pods                                               | Open                                           |
| <b>July 31/Aug 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>Anglesey, Tai Lawr</b>                   | Pods                                               | Open                                           |
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| <b>July 31/Aug 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>Lotherton Hall Nr. Leeds</b>             | Wakefield Tykes                                    | Open                                           |
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| <b>August 7/8<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>Hoar Park, Nuneaton</b>                  | Nuneaton Flyers                                    | LO (54 Teams)                                  |
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| <b>August 14/15<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Dundee</b>                               | Clatto Clangers                                    | Open                                           |
|                                     |                                             | Contact – <b>Alison Moyes Tel. 01382 818269</b>    | Cl.D 1 <sup>st</sup> July                      |
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| <b>August 21/22<sup>nd</sup></b>    | <b>Nth. Warnborough, Hants</b>              | Buccaneers                                         | Open                                           |
| <b>August 28/29<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire</b>      | The Northern Bytes                                 | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
| <b>August 30<sup>th</sup></b>       | “ “ “ “ “                                   |                                                    | Open Multibreed                                |
| <b>August 28/29<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>Bridle Down Kennels, Nr. Dover, Kent</b> | Shooting Stars                                     | Cl.D 2 <sup>nd</sup> August                    |
| <b>August 29<sup>th</sup></b>       | <b>Stoneleigh, Warks</b>                    | Molten Magnets                                     | LO (24 Teams)                                  |
| <b>September 4/5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Sutton Fields</b>                        | Live Wires                                         | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
| <b>September 4/5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Daventry, Northants</b>                  | <b>BFA Summer Championship</b>                     |                                                |
| <b>September 11/12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Paddock Wood, Kent</b>                   | Barkshire Bandits                                  | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
| <b>September 25/26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Middlesex Country Show</b>               | Barkshire Bandits                                  | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
| <b>October 16/17<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Wimborne, Dorset</b>                     | Barkshire Bandits                                  | LO (36 Teams)                                  |
| <b>October 23/24<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Askham Bryan, Yorks – Judges Seminar</b> |                                                    |                                                |
| <b>November 13/14<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Newark Showground, Notts</b>             |                                                    |                                                |
| <b>November 14<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>Maidstone, Kent</b>                      |                                                    |                                                |

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