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*wow! what a sizzler*

**HOT RACING**

**HOT TOURNAMENTS**

**HOT WEATHER**

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# Greetings Flyballers

When I was struggling to distribute the last issue of the Record in the pouring rain and quagmire that was Sutton Fields, little did I realise that we would have such sizzling weather to follow. I've run on the occasional hot day in the past, but not for weekend after weekend.

It has been good to see handlers having their dog's interests at heart and choosing not to re-run unless absolutely necessary. (I think some handlers found themselves wilting too). It really has been glorious on all counts – the weather, the racing and the tournaments.

Of course, none of us would be able to compete in all these tournaments without the hard work put in by tournament organisers and their teams. More teams are 'biting the bullet' and running tournaments taking some pressure from established tournament organisers. Tournaments can't run without the help of teams ring partying and helping out wherever they are needed. This is what makes our sport so great.

Last year I had difficulty keeping the Record to a maximum of thirty-six pages in order to remain within the sixty-gram limit for the cheapest second-class post. This issue only has twenty-eight pages and the problem has been finding *enough* to fill them as it had been decided to save space by not publishing the results. The good news is that with the new postal rates the weight limit will rise to one hundred grams, we just need to make sure we don't make it thicker than five mm. This, of course, means that I am in need of more wonderful items from you. So if you have ever 'toyed' with the idea of putting pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard, now is the time to give it a go.

Queuing for water or showers gives a good opportunity for a chat. As I'm always ready for a chat, Anglesey week was a dream come true. I have been amazed and heartened to find so many of you who keep all your copies of the Record and indeed refer back to them over the years. You seem to enjoy nearly all the items that appear, but please do let me know about your preferences, I love to listen.

**Ed.**



## Judge's Report Market Harborough 26<sup>th</sup> March 2006

To start with I would like to say this was my first time judging Division One but not my last, I hope.

The day's racing was very close with many races going to five legs and only thousandths of a second between the teams. **Doncaster Northern Stars** seemed to pull out all the stops with only four team members and a little help from **Sheffield**. Well done. The **Molten Marvels**, closely followed by the **Marsh Cheetahs**, achieved the best time of the division.

Everything went reasonably smoothly with no major hiccups. Well done to all the teams. My thanks go to the box and line judges and scribes, without them this would not have been possible!

**Stuart Harrison** (Nuneaton Flyers)

### Does my Bum Look Big in this?



## **FORBIDDEN ITEMS**

Part of the fun of being a dog is getting hold of something you shouldn't have. First of all the game is not to get caught. If the article you have is really important your human will chase you for it. If the chase is still on after twenty minutes, you'll know it's private and personal and not for anyone else's eyes. Now you can drop it in the lap of the eldest child. They will know which parent to give it to!

## Judges Report Ryecroft Farm,Cheshire 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April.2006.

What a great start to the outdoor flyball Season, and who better to host the show than the experienced Cheshire Set who, in my opinion, always put on a top notch show. Every detail is considered for the comfort of the flyballers and their dogs. Once you have overcome the long potholed farm track to the venue you are greeted by a great location, and an almost dead level course of lush grass.

It was my pleasure and privilege to be invited again to Head Judge the Easter Weekend's Tournament plus the Multi Breed on the Monday, all of which carried an Easter theme. There was some great racing throughout the divisions and a friendly relaxed atmosphere was enjoyed by all, with nice rosettes for the places and Easter Eggs for the judges. The weather, although cold and breezy at times, thankfully kept dry with just some overnight rain.

The Watchdog lights had a problem with flat batteries (which should have now been replaced by new ones). Ron and Robin came to the rescue using their own caravan batteries to keep things running smoothly.

I judged Division Four on the Saturday and amazingly only one race went to five legs, between the Cheshire Cheeses and the Podlings, with Brenda (Pods) trying to emulate Ron with a sequence of red lights, but top seed Cheshire Cheeses won through to finish second with a fastest time of 21.98. The winners of this division were the Silver Rapidz (20.87) who never lost a leg and were far too good for this company, maybe a higher division next time will test them. Third place went to the Podlings (21.93) from Anglesey, always a cheery bunch. Fourth place went to Knutsford Momentum (23.36) who did not really get it going and won two races all day. Wired for Action (24.38) came fifth with one win over the bottom placed Red Rose Racers (23.33) who had an 'Old English' running as last dog.

I would like to thank all the ring parties and my fellow judges for doing such an efficient job, with a special mention for Roger Talbot (trainee head judge) who took on the eight team Multi Breed Division. Unfortunately it did not stay that way for long when my team, Grasshoppers Multi, had to withdraw after one race with an injury to the crossbreed.

Thanks go to all the Cheshire Set for the hard work put in to make sure this tournament ran to perfection, and a special mention to Vera who as always is so efficient with the paperwork.

**Howard Campbell** (Greetland Grasshoppers)

### Nellie's Travels continue

Nellie the elephant came from the toffs after she'd seen the Queen

She came to us down south to live out her life's dream.

She went to the beach to find her spot

When along came a lad wearing not a dot.

Well Nellie, you know, is a well travelled lass

But a sight like this turned the poor girl's head, alas

Now she's been **bad**, very very **bad**

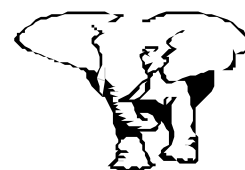
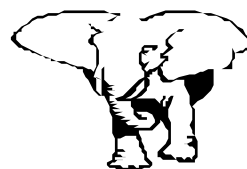
She's had to pack her trunk and be on her way – poor lass.

If she comes to you, please take care –

As I don't know if she can take another scare.

**Chris Fulford** (Bad Dog Racers)

[I'm assured, Nellie is well and in good health. All ship shape and **Bristol** fashion you might say –Ed]



# CHAIRMAN'S SLOT

# Hi Everyone

By the time you read this edition of *The Flyball Record* we should be enjoying the 2006 BFA Summer Championships.

Without doubt the closest and best racing of the year takes place at this prestigious event. Who can forget last year's final race between the Bandits and the Magnets, pure Flyball racing at its best. I, for one, can't wait for this year's Show.

I've heard some criticism of the qualifying procedure for this year's championship; seven shows have to have been entered between Easter and the end of July. Certainly not easy for our southern based teams as this means attending all the shows in the south plus at least one in the midlands. We may need to have another look at this for next year, possibly making it into a three-day show so that everybody who wants to attend the BFA's blue ribbon event will be able to do so.

Talking of blue ribbon events, some of you may have heard that the 2007 European Championships are coming to this country for the first time next May. They are to be held at The Paddock Wood Show Ground in Kent. I know it's way down south but we need to encourage our European neighbours over to get some truly international racing. It might be a long way down for our northern-based teams, but why not make a long weekend of it? There's plenty of room for camping, with acres of fields to exercise the dogs, along with 24-hour shower and toilet facilities. It would be lovely to see a geographical spread of British Teams taking on the best Europe has to offer. Go on, take a few days off and come down to The Hop Farm next May.


Hope to see you all at Daventry

Chris

[illegible]

## ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Dogs:

1. Lie around all day sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house.
  2. They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room.
  3. They can look dumb and lovable all at the same time.
  4. They growl when they are not happy.
  5. When you want to play, they want to play.
  6. When you want to be alone, they want to play.
  7. They are great at begging.
  8. They will love you forever if you rub their tummies.
  9. They leave their toys everywhere.
  10. They do disgusting things with their mouths and then try to give you a kiss.
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**Conclusion:** Dogs are small ??? in fur coats.

### **Judge's Report Division Five Portway Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006**

Fortunately, by the time Division Five started, Andy had managed to get the lights working properly.

This was a good division to judge with some 'newish' teams competing and trying to iron out some little problems. The afternoon's racing reflected their improvement.

My thanks go to the Wolf Pack for a good day.

**Mick Neighbour** (Daventry Bumbles)

### **Judge's Report Division Four Portway Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006**

First of all 'thank you' to Wolf Pack for having me as a novice judge, and a BIG thank you to all the teams in Division 4 for putting up with my learning curve!

Despite a slightly dodgy start with the weather, the day turned out warm and sunny on all fronts!

It was brilliant to see the Golden Valley Eagles in their first ever tournament. Under the supervision and encouragement of Sam and Andy Bawden and despite some pre-race nerves, they had a successful day, with most of the dogs doing the right thing most of the time. Everyone shared the celebrations when they won a race. And when, during the afternoon session one race went to the 5th leg, my impartiality as a judge was tested, as I think everyone watching was willing them to win the last leg.

Another notable highlight of the division was the Break-Aways dog who, after completing his run, kept running to the back of the ring to say 'hello' to his Mum who had had the misfortune to break her wrist (a true Breakaway?) and was unable to run him. His surrogate dad kept having to retrieve him before the next leg could be run!

Thank you to everyone in Division Four for some good racing, and thanks, too, for keeping it all moving, following the delays caused by the problem with the lights at the beginning of the day.

**Cath Locke** (Midshires Mud Pack)

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### **MULTIBREED SEED TIMES – as at 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
1	Mansfield Remix	124E	19.14
2	Doncaster Mixed Stars	096C	19.17
3	Bassett Doggy Mixtures	011A	19.28
4	Mixed Up Maple Leafs	049C	19.47
5	Bad Dog Mixture	053C	19.58
6	Dog Friendly Mix 'n' Match	098B	19.66
7	Mansfield Mixups	124C	19.82
8	Grasshoppers Multi	055D	19.89
9	Hampshire Hawkers	132B	20.11
10	Rapidz Sortz	082C	20.28
11	Cheshire Jumbles	120C	20.33
12	Whiterose Aristocrats	060D	20.79
13	Fylde Pick 'n' Mix	038C	20.85
14	Crazy Comrades	081I	20.92
15	Red Rose Riff Raff	093D	20.96
16	Marsh Mixtures	123C	21.12
17	Random Rapidz	082E	21.26

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
18	Danum Multimix	108A	21.65
19	Sherwood Mixed Nuts	102D	21.90
20	Cheshire Selection	120D	22.01
21	Shooting Multi Stars	001B	22.11
22	Yorkshire Variety	052G	22.14
23	Bytes Hotchpotch	027G	22.28
24	Yorkshire Mixture	052A	22.67
25	Multi Rapidz	082F	23.03
26	Pounding Herts	134B	23.18
27	Fylde Go4's	038D	23.49
28	Yorkshire Allsorts	052D	23.52
29	Marsh Pic 'n' Mix	123D	23.97
30	Whiterose True Blues	060E	24.39
31	Tykes 57	046C	24.76
32	Kellington Mixed K9s	105E	26.14
33	Ace's Run	094C	99.99

## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW STARTER RESULTS – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2006

### DIVISION ORANGE – Judge Alison Aubrey Wilson

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday Niters	22.88
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wilmslow Nippers	22.28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whiterose Newtails	31.78
4 <sup>th</sup>	Biscuit Bytes	29.95
5 <sup>th</sup>	Formula 1	31.45

### DIVISION TWO – Judge Robin Holding

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chocolate Bytes	28.02
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fylde Hot Dogs	24.84
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wilmslow Whipper Snappers	25.48
4 <sup>th</sup>	Midshire MudPack	24.99
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sherwood Saplings	26.73
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Young-Un's	26.37

## CONGRATULATIONS to the MOLTEN MAGNETS

For the following B.F.A. AWARDS gained from January to June 2006

The CHICA CHICANA AWARD (40,000 points)

**Steve James & DARWIN**

The PLATINUM AWARD ( 25,000 points)

**Jean Meeking & RIVA**

**Judy Parker & MILLY**

The GOLD AWARD (15,000)

Sarah Ling & **TANNER**

Simon Scott & **JADE**

The SILVER AWARD (10,000 points)

Jean Meeking & **TYLER**

FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE (3,000 points)

Pat Harte & **LUCY**

FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE (1,000 points)

Olivia Cadman & **DASHA**

FLYBALL DOG (200 Points)

Olivia Cadman & **MOLLIE**

**WELL DONE EVERYONE**

## DOG DRYING BAGS

Humans like those all-in-one dog drying bags that completely envelope you and your dirt up to your neck. You can use your snotty nose to smear the rear windscreen instead.

## My vet thinks of my dog as an athlete. Is that how you see yours?

### Warming Up Your Dog (food for thought!)

Why is it that there seems to be such a quantum leap between the comparisons connecting the requirements of a human athlete, such as Colin Jackson or Paula Radcliffe, and that of a canine athlete? If the above mentioned humans arrived at an event, got out of their car, went straight to the start line for a marathon or hurdles event without, for instance, warming up, it would be perceived as a complete lack of professionalism and preparation. So why do we expect our dogs to do just that? When a dog is in training, competing or even going for a walk he needs to have a warming up regime, even if this entails a short duration of lead walking, before he is let off to seek out his usual 'haunts'. This is even more important if the dog is performing agility, flyball and other activities such as showing and obedience.

Correct preparation for any type of competition work is essential, and a good programme of fitness and conditioning is vital for prolonged physical health. This is equally important for both the dog's psychological and physiological health, in other words his physical and mental well-being. A warm up routine should always precede training or a competition, with the handler actively encouraging this, thus facilitating the warming of the major muscle groups through a regime of gently increasing activity. Throwing a ball a couple of times does not suffice! By slowly increasing the activity level, the blood supply to the target muscles improves. With this, cardiovascular activity improves, enabling more oxygen to be delivered to the muscle cells providing a vital supply before exercise. Limited oxygen within muscle fibres has a huge detrimental effect on performance during explosive and endurance type activity. Warming also raises the body temperature aiding the distribution of fuel to the muscles that improve reaction time. **Question** - Which would stretch further: a cold elastic band or a warm one? We should all know the answer - a warm one!

This routine can be enhanced by a pre-event massage, which is an even more targeted approach for the all important muscle groups.

An additional method employed by many athletes is the application of appropriate passive movements, only to be achieved after the muscles are warm, (not to be confused with stretching). This is a positive method of improving joint mobility and encouraging a full range of movement that will enhance performance and good coordination. If these muscles, tendons and other soft tissue are not prepared for activity and are then expected to contract and relax to their maximum, injury can follow. This regime also focuses the brain: psychologically preparing the dog for activity and the tasks ahead. It speeds up nerve impulses that travel through the muscle fibre, naturally facilitating body movements. This neurological reaction also stimulates the dog's mind to have a feeling of enhanced spatial awareness and balance issues.

One problem that handlers seem to experience is that their dogs always 'seem' prepared for work or play and do not give any overt indication for the need to warm or prepare. Worse still, they do not always give an obvious indication of injury. Adrenaline is a wonderful thing, it can increase blood supply to the muscles as a natural reaction to the 'fight - flight' response, but this does NOT mean the body is prepared, and can mask pain and injury. Ultimately their willingness to please and the excitement of being involved can be their *raison d'être*. Instinctively, for a dog to show pain is a sign of weakness and possible rejection from the pack. This is a significant and often overlooked symptom of a dog's self-denial to pain, until the hurt is insufferable.

*This article is intended for competitive dogs with no known pre-existing conditions.*

*Any individual wishing to use massage as an additional aid to warming up and warming down should always receive professional training first from an accredited practitioner/trainer.*

*It is **illegal** for anyone whether trained or not to massage any dog other than their own without veterinary consent.*

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## ANGLESEY STARTERS RESULTS – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006

### DIVISION A – Judge Peter Roberts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Valley Starters
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School of Dolphins
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St. David's Rockers
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pod – Angels???

### DIVISION B – Judge Peter Roberts

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wire Flash
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carey's Babies
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fylde Hot Dogs
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wanna - Bees

### Judge's Report – Tai Lawr - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006

A grey, cold and damp day, but the enthusiasm of the teams in Division Four was not affected.

This was an enjoyable division to Judge because all the teams were out to enjoy themselves as well as have good racing. Mistakes were made but they did not detract from the fun everybody had.

All in all, a typically relaxed PODS event.

**Mick Neighbour** (Daventry Bumbles)



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### Thank You from Thor's Paws

Thor's Paws would like to thank hosts Peter and Delia (Pods) and Anne and Geoff (Live Wires) for their May tournaments in Anglesey and at Sutton Fields.

Both weekends were so well run, despite the most awful weather conditions, and we had a couple of thoroughly enjoyable days racing thanks to their organisational skills, all pleasantly carried out.

**Roma Williams** (Thor's Paws)

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### "Camping Tips"

**Some handy hints for those new to camping at tournaments. Regular visitors to Anglesey may also find them useful!**

When using a public camping ground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant. (Not that there's likely to be any space either side of you anyway. Ed.)

While the Swiss Army Knife has been popular for years, the Swiss Navy Knife has remained largely unheralded. Its single blade functions as a tiny canoe paddle. (This could be a life-saver should the heavens open at some time during the Anglesey week. Ed.)

Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. Warning: Remove lint from navel before applying the match. (Also take note of the wind direction and strength. Ed.)

With thanks to **Jane Allen** (Racing Herts)

### **Dusti The 'Globetrotting' Dog**

My name is **Dusti**, I run for the Molten Magnets. I am not their fastest dog but flyball is my game. I usually run for the Munsters (I am the noisy one) but sometimes I run for one of the faster teams. My Mum has to work some weekends (she's a nurse) so if the Magnets are short of a dog I go and stay with Aunty Jean (THE BOSS) and she runs me. I also have great fun playing with all my friends as well.

This summer one of my friends was poorly (glad you're better Jade) so Aunty Jean asked if she could borrow me for the weekend on several occasions. That's why my Mum and Dad have called me a globetrotting dog.

I have been to Brentwood, Mottram St Andrews and Frimley Lodge with Aunty Jean. Sometimes I get a rosette but it doesn't really matter because flyball is my game.

**Dusti** (Molten Magnets)

P.S. Many thanks to all the Molten Magnets who have helped my Mum and me over the past few years.



## **THE FRESH OUTDOORS**



Many household cleaning products claim to bring the aroma of the fresh outdoors, indoors.

Forget the cleaning products and aroma – just bring in the whole lot!

**For Rachel and Jill**

**In Memory of Lily and Ebony**

(Two competing flyball dogs who recently passed away)

Doggie

She ask me no questions  
She tells me no lies  
And when I address her  
She looks straight in my eyes  
Content with a little, she never despairs  
But in all my troubles she willingly shares  
She asks me so little  
She gives me so much  
Then always let sympathy  
Dwell in my touch.

**From all at the  
Greetland Grasshoppers Flyball Club.**

## THE B.F.A. DIARY 2006

Key – CLD = Closing date for entry O = Open LO = Limited Open M = Multibreed LM = Limited\_Multibreed

<b>Sept 16/17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sutton Fields, Nr. Runcorn, Cheshire</b> Live Wires Contact – <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>	LO (42 teams) CLD 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug
<b>Sept 23/24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paws in the Park, Paddock Wood, Kent</b> Ball Busters Contact – <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	O CLD 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug
<b>Sept 23/24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mottram St. Andrew, Cheshire</b> The Northern Bytes Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 4940787</i>	LO (48 teams)
<b>Sept 30/31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire</b> The Northern Bytes Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 4940787</i>	LO (48 teams) CLD 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
<b>Oct 7/8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rose &amp; Crown, Portway, West Midlands</b> Wolf Pack Contact – <i>Anne Johnson Tel. 0121 443 1535</i>	LO (36 teams) CLD 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Oct 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maidstone, Kent</b> Ball Busters Contact – <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Oct 21/22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Waltheof Centre, Sheffield, Sth. Yorks</b> Sheffield Speeders Teams may enter either Sat or Sun Contact – <i>Paula Merryman Tel. 01246 414816</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept
<b>Nov 11/12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Selby College, North Yorks</b> Yorkshire Bouncers Teams may enter either Sat or Sun Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct
<b>Nov 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maidstone, Kent</b> Ball Busters Contact – <i>Debbie Collins Tel. 01689 607556</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct
<b>Nov 25/26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Newark, Notts</b> Nuneaton Flyers Teams may enter either Sat or Sun Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
<b>Dec 2/3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Northern Racing College, Doncaster</b> Doncaster Belle Stars Teams may enter either Sat or Sun Contact – <i>Robin Holding Tel. 07711 608115</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
<b>Dec 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mona Showground, Anglesey</b> Pods Contact – <i>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	LO (24 teams) CLD 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b><u>2007</u></b>		
<b>Jan 13/14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Waltheof Centre, Sheffield, Sth. Yorks</b> Sheffield Speeders	LO (24 teams)
<b>Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maidstone, Kent</b> Ball Busters	LO (24 teams)
<b>Jan 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mona Showground, Anglesey</b> Pods	LO (24 teams)
<b>Feb 3/4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Market Harborough, Leics</b> Molten Magnets	LO (24 teams)
<b>Feb 10/11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Newark, Notts</b> Nuneaton Flyers	LO (24 teams)
<b>Feb 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maidstone, Kent</b> Ball Busters	LO (24 teams)
<b>Feb 17/18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Selby College, North Yorks</b> Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (24 teams)
<b>Feb 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mona Showground, Anglesey</b> Pods	LO (24 teams)

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

## FREEDOM OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

Sometimes humans are awarded the 'Freedom of the City', which allows them to wander unhindered through the streets. Should you be awarded the 'Freedom of the Countryside' try not to abuse this privilege. It will become clear if you have because you will not be let off your lead

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Marianne Calcutt Scally wags	David Bennett Flying Colours
Ashleigh Winton Tayside Roadrunners	Jenny Egginton Rapidz
Deborah Sayer Tayside Roadrunners	Charlie Lindenbaum Pods
Phil Bess The Swifts	Dawn Owen Valley Hound Dogs
Linda Stokes Gofours	Rhys Owen-Johnson Valley Hound Dogs
Lauren Jarman Racing Herts	Emma Martin Thor's Rovers
Dawn Mason Ball Busters	Katherine Palin Cheshire Set
Christine Harding Scally wags	Samantha Clark Fylde Coasters
Jonna Kent Wolf Pack	Claire Hague Bristol Ball-istics
Denise Jeremy Caroline & Louise Pocock The Swifts	Katie Ford Springers
Roger Beaumont Kellington Power Racers	Kathryn Ridley Fylde Coasters
Louise Julie & Charlotte Jones Racing Herts	Ceri Rothwell Flying Colours
David Bergelin Carry On's	Samuel Owen Pods
Denis Ward Cleveland Comets	Susan Bulleid TBC
Michele Barsley Break-Aways (UK)	Terry Tully Tayside Roadrunners
Chris Eade The Swifts	Shannon McKenna Tayside Roadrunners
Helen Thomas & Samuel Young Melton Rovers	Nicola Birtwistle Pods
Jayne Chard The Swifts	Alice Weston Wellingborough Red Wellies
Ian Anne & David Eastwood Mansfield Marnicks	Nicola Haycock Wellingborough Red Wellies
Hayley Emptage Shooting Stars	Robert Andrews Golden Valley Eagles
Pat Wills Kiddy Monsters	Ken Bates Golden Valley Eagles
Stuart Carnall Bristol Ball-istics	Michele Griffiths Golden Valley Eagles
Charlotte Husk Underdogs	Dawn & Stuart Fillingham Bishop Burton Brainiacs
Derek Bolster Brimblecombe Barkers	Jonathan Powell Ace's High
Sharon Pattinson Pods	Chelsey Spichale Valley Hound Dogs
Kathy Barlow The Northern Bytes	Holly Davies Kiddy Monsters
Gill Brown Wolf Pack	Carina Sewell Wagamuffins
John Lomas The Northern Bytes	Alex Cooper Monday Niters
Lesley & Kirsty Darbourn Brimblecombe Barkers	Elena & Alison Calcutt Hampshire Harriers
Keith Darbourn Brimblecombe Barkers	Catelyn Jones Four in the Fast Lane
Ann Astbury The Northern Bytes	Luke Burford Springers
Kevin Tipling The Northern Bytes	Chris & Steve Roberts Golden Valley Eagles
Tracy & Scott Devantier Midshires Mud Pack	Paul Kyle & Jacob Fozard Whiterose Wagtails
Nina Humphrey FourPaws Racing	Pauline Jackson Bishop Burton Brainiacs
Sean Diton FourPaws Racing	Sue & Chris Musk Racing Herts
Olive Ramshaw Break-Aways (UK)	Emma Tasker Springers
Michelle Rogers The Northern Bytes	Heather Webb Racing Herts
Paula Tankard The Northern Bytes	Leanne Darling The Knights
Jessica Jarvis Pods	Pat Fowler Snatch 'n' Grab
Michael Bunday Monday Niters	James Grzenkowicz Ball Busters
Arthur Barnard Ace's High	Lucy Jones Valley Hound Dogs
Susan Gargett Crazy Cannons	Mary Beadle Ball Busters
Louise Mason Kiddy Monsters	Lynda Taylor TBC
Louise & Alistaire Emslie-Wigglesworth Pods	Frances Wilkins Hampshire Harriers
Kate Hurcombe Hampshire Harriers	Nicci Hindson Gofours
Julie Aldred Live Wires	Sue & Nick Armstrong Valley Hound Dogs
Kate Evans Pods	Sunnie Lee Racing Herts
Remy Sheil Pods	Graham Burrett Underdogs

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS - continued**

Philip Charlesworth The Knights	Valerie Waddell Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Samantha & Jeffrey Keaney The Knights	Ray Lewis Four in the Fast Lane
Debbie Meek Crazy Cannons	Lynn Napier-Wong Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Tom Jackson Marsh Cheetahs	Clare Wear Bishop Burton Brainiacs
Zoe Gummerson TBC	Karen Kilshaw Leamington Royals
Emma Peters TBC	Arthur & Joyce Fletcher The Northern Bytes
John Arnett Kukura Kites	Janice & Darren Dent FourPaws Racing
John & Linda Grist Kukura Kites	Karen & Ryan Forgie Ramsey Runners
Rosemary Hunt Wagamuffins	Beryl Hartley Carry On's
Bebette Jones Wagamuffins	Trudo Van Schoonderwalt Carry On's
Sheila Martin Wagamuffins	Judy Yates Yorkshire Bouncers
Dee Smith Wagamuffins	Tracy Leslie Doncaster Belle Stars
Eileen Whalton Wagamuffins	Samantha Hadingham Brimblecombe Barkers
Karl James Sheffield Speeders	Katie Natasha & Kay O'Driscoll Wolf Pack
Margaret Bassindale Blackpool Super Nova	Susan Maddison Daventry Bumbles
Helen Darwen Fylde Coasters	Tara Lewis Daventry Bumbles
Julie Rose Hampshire Harriers	Kayleigh Maddison Daventry Bumbles
Helen & Danny Ross Kukura Kites	Lewis & Imogen Stockton Valley Hound Dogs
Andy Johnson Brimblecombe Barkers	Helena Hewson Brimblecombe Barkers
Emma & Amy Sadler Wolf Pack	Robert Homer Wolf Pack
Vida Martin Four in the Fast Lane	Vivienne Shackleton Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Joanne Hicks Leamington Royals	Sam Wrench Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Alison Stewart Kukura Kites	Christina Burdett Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Aaron Dines Kukura Kites	Andrew Lomas Wilmslow Wild Dogs
David Povey Wilmslow Wild Dogs	Heather Stevely Lomond Raiders

### **NEW TEAMS**

**Teeside Breezes**, *Teeside Misfits, Teeside Multibreezes*

**Bishop Burton Brainiacs**, *Bishop Burton Brainboxes*

**Tafs Turbos**

**Wilmslow Wild Dogs**, *Wilmslow Jackals, Wilmslow Dingos, Wilmslow Coyotes*

**Northants Falcons**, *Northants Eagles*

**Hucknall Torkards**



## **BORED WITH YOUR WALK?**

Do you get fed up with being taken for the same old walk day after day?

Get your own back by always rolling in some dirt just before you get back into the car. This is particularly effective if you have already passed any washing opportunities such as streams or ponds.

Should your human take you back to a washing facility to remove the dirt, simply roll again as before. Some humans will return to the washing facility, don't be put off, roll again.

Who will give up first? Nine out of ten dogs said their humans soon gave in. This ploy also resulted in an alternative walk.

(Now I know why my dogs roll in foxes – or any other - dung at every opportunity! Ed.)

## WHO'S GOT HOOLIGAN HARLEY?

I have a young tri coloured male dog who is the spitting image of Hooligan Harley, but it can't possibly be him. Where is the real one - has he run off with Nellie the elephant, is he stuck down a rabbit hole, or is someone holding him for ransom? (I'm willing to pay up to £1.50 for his release).

It all started at Carlton Towers.

As soon as we arrived this Harley look-alike jumped up at the car window and started barking. I instantly realised that it wasn't my Harley because it didn't shatter glass or burst my eardrums and it ceased after a few minutes not the usual 3hrs. I took this imposter out of the car, put him on his lead and took him for a walk. It was on my way back, that I suddenly realised my arms were still in their sockets, I hadn't landed on my bum in a muddy puddle, I hadn't been dragged around at warp factor 5, nor had he bogged off into the sunset chasing rabbits. All very X Files.

Anyway, on to the racing. I was expecting the usual mayhem and chaos that normally surrounds my Harley, but this time God was smiling on us. We lined up, the lights came on, I let him go and off he went. Not over the netting, not into the next lane and not out the ring. This new Harley flew over the jumps, got the ball, and ran straight back to me. Hmm, could be a fluke, but no, he only made one little mistake all day. I took the new version home with me that night.

A few weeks later I took him to Eggborough, as I still couldn't find the real Harley. I ran him in starters, and once again there was only one little mistake and the team came 3rd.

So after a lot of soul searching (at least 10 seconds) I have decided to keep the new one and call him Harley, without the Hooligan bit. So if anyone out there is holding the original one to ransom, I am willing to pay them one thousand pounds... to keep him!

I just hope it all lasts, but I'm not holding my breath just yet!

**Val Parkin** (One very happy Sherwood Outlaw handler.)

## FLYDOKU

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A little something to sharpen the 'little grey cells' whilst waiting to run.

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains the letters:

**FLYBOUNCE** (in any order)

And just to frustrate you further the solution will be in the next issue! I wouldn't want to spoil your fun. Ed.

# SUTTON FIELDS STARTERS RESULTS – 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> May 2006

## DIVISION BLUE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wilmslow Nippers	22.88
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wire Flash	23.77
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laughing Owlets	30.34
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dash of Magic	24.68
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pick 'n' Mix	49.00

## DIVISION BLACK

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ramsey Raiders	22.47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fylde Hotdogs	23.87
3 <sup>rd</sup>	School of Dolphins	26.97
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Episode 2	27.04
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shooting Wires	27.04

## DIVISION BROWN

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ramsey Raiders	22.16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Rose Buds	23.85
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wild 'n' Wiry	24.75

4 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Mini Cheeses	25.46
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Formula 1	With drew
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield 3	

## SINGLES RESULTS

### Saturday - 47 Entries

1 <sup>st</sup>	Scooby (Mansfield)	4.07	Open Winner
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alfie (Mansfield)	4.12	Open 2 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bailey (Red Rose)	4.22	Open 3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kara (Mansfield)	4.33	Open 4 <sup>th</sup>
	Breeze (Live Wires)	4.41	Starters Winner
	Oscar (Red Rose)	4.51	ABC Winner

### Sunday - 30 Entries

Murphy (Owlers)	4.01	ABC Winner
Jess (Thors)	4.20	Open Winner
Lilly (Thors)	4.26	Starter Winner
Mistie =	4.34	Open 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Gyp =	4.34	Open 2 <sup>nd</sup>

## LUCY LOCKET TROPHY

Awarded to the team with the most number of wins over the weekend

	Team	% wins
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ramsey Runners	88.6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rapidz	85.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kellington	83.3

	Team	% wins
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thors Rovers	78.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	West Riding Wizards	65.3
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pods	58.5

Total number of BFA registered teams involved = 20

## Head Judges Report

This turned out to be a rather soggy weekend, however nothing, it would seem, can dampen the enthusiasm of these ardent flyballers. The rain played havoc with the lights, but Steve and Andrew did a great job of keeping them going, and Peter's assistance on the Sunday was invaluable. The extra ring set up by the Live Wires for the starters also came into its own, taking the load off the main ring when required.

I was allocated Division Two to Judge on the Sunday and what a cracking division this turned out to be with great close racing all day. How Steve Leek can wallow about in the mud in shorts and bare feet is beyond me (I think he must be an ex sailor).

The division was won by the Molten Meteors, with a fastest time of 19.15secs, followed by the ever improving Barney Owlers from Leeds who can look forward to some first division racing shortly. Delinquent Dolphins were third with the others very close behind, there being no more than a half second between all these teams. Well done to you all.

Special thanks must go to Anne and Geoff and all the other Live Wires for getting through the weekend in these bad weather conditions. I must also mention the farmer lady on the JCB who laid all the scalpings down in the gateway to assist the passage of vehicles to and from the field in the mud.

Thanks to all the mud splattered ring parties and fellow judges, your efforts were greatly appreciated by all concerned.

**Howard Campbell** (Greetland Grasshoppers)

## **SANDRA'S FLYBALL TRAINING CLINIC** - (Open all hours)

Dear Sandra

Dave is experiencing difficulties at the start of flyball races with my dog, Patch. Patch becomes excited and then bites Dave's arm. Can you help?

Barbara



Dear Barbara

As you will appreciate dogs become excited in anticipation of flyball racing and this can manifest itself in many ways. Please tell Dave not to worry or get depressed – these situations are almost always solvable with the correct techniques. In the instance you describe, Patch sees Dave delaying the start of her favourite pastime - flyball racing and gives him a reminder by biting his arm to let him know that she needs to be released to retrieve the ball.

Dave must be reacting to the bite and as such is rewarding Patch for the behaviour. Dave must learn not to react and then Patch will eventually learn that the biting does not get her released to go for the ball.

I would like you to get Dave to follow this procedure at the start of each flyball race:

1. Get Dave to select a firm tennis ball (this must not be a competition ball or Patch may think Dave is going to compete with her and become even more excited).
2. Ten seconds before the start of the race Dave should put the tennis ball in his mouth and when the starter commences the race start sequence, he should start chewing the ball vigorously.
3. The chewing will distract Dave so that he does not feel the pain when Patch bites him (this will enable him to resist reacting to the bite – this is very important).

Over the coming weeks and months Patch should then come to realise that the biting is not creating the desired effect and she should lose interest and the biting should diminish and stop. Patch will not stop biting straight away and Dave may experience a marginal shortening of his arm as Patch removes more and more during the treatment period (this is a small price to pay to cure Patch of the biting behaviour).

If the biting is still causing Dave some discomfort we could introduce an anaesthetic to assist in pain relief. I have always found that intravenously administered red wine can be helpful. (Regrettably for Dave though, he will not be able to be connected to the wine drip during races as the BFA do not allow alcohol in the arena – he must ensure that he gets a high enough dose to last through the competition, two bottles is usually enough).

I would just point out that in some extreme cases the dog may actually sever the handler's arm in excitement and this can be unfortunate as the dog may see this as prolonging the delay to flyball racing while the ring party attempt to re-attach the handlers arm – it is also somewhat inconvenient for the dog handler.

Do make sure that Dave follows the above treatment programme strictly to ensure success. Good luck and please tell Dave that I have not lost a dog handler yet.

**Sandra** (Flying Colours)





## Musings on Tournament Hosting

I was chatting with a friend at the weekend. I knew her through my days in obedience before I discovered flyball. For many years we attended a show most weekends and there were so many that we limited our travelling to no more than an hour each way! Yes flyballers we were spoilt. My friend is still attending the shows, flyball was not for her - do you think she needs to go on medication for her complaint? Anyway she was lamenting about the reduction in the number of shows being put on. The chance to compete in competition with others is declining rapidly, even if you are prepared to travel. More shows are threatened; seemingly people are not coming forward to host the shows themselves. As people who were prepared to do so either got older, lost interest, or moved to pastures new, there just hasn't been the uptake for the void they left. The chances of this happening to "our" sport may seem impossible but that situation *is* a possibility. Before anyone says **never**, that is no doubt what all the obedience folks thought!

Our sport is not just growing but more like mushrooming. Great isn't it? "I help out at shows" you may say but whilst it is very valuable and necessary to act as box judge, line judge, scribe and for those braver, lights or even acting as a judge (that thought makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end) there is far more to putting on a show than many realise. When my memory allows me such opportunities, I can recall when I started competing. Then "ring party" was very much left to people offering to help on the day. I can also recall that racing was often held up while volunteers came forward. How much better things are now that teams are delegated to act as ring party prior to the day. How many of you can say, hand on heart, you don't see doing a stint as something which eats into your day? So what exactly is involved behind the scenes of hosting a show?

The planning starts way before the event. The admin side takes expertise, and the patience of Job, plus the stamina of a marathon runner. The venue needs booking and preparing, including parking, camping and the possibility (or is it probability?) of the need to change lanes. Have you any idea how much netting is required? Those jumps, that by the end of racing at Sutton Fields were uniformly black, and twice the thickness due to the mud coating, had actually been gleaming in their new coats so lovingly adorned by a few hardy souls. The lights were prepared and repaired with stoic devotion by the talented core and what about the prizes? Where else do you go away with a nice rosette (or badge) **and** goodies? Even if you prop up the division at the end of racing you don't go away empty handed. To obtain those extras calls on skills that few possess, combined with the tenacity to succeed. It is said that what goes up must come down and this applies to flyball shows. Everything goes up on the day before, and then comes down again when you are tired at the end of a tournament. There are rubbish bags to put out and to be collected again afterwards, water supplies to be in situ. and topped up, refreshments to be distributed to sustain the helpers etc. What about the "niceities" to make things more user friendly? Granted, not essential but appreciated all the same, like the artwork and hand wash plus hand cream found in the "comfort areas." Not wanting to turn this article into War and Peace, I will draw it to a close. We at Live Wires are fortunate to have the membership we have. Under the guidance of Anne and Geoff we aim to encourage and promote flyball and host two tournaments a year where on both occasions we run two rings and treat Starters on an equal footing as a prelude to their entry into open tournaments. Weather and time permitting, we also run starters and open, pairs and singles. I am sure I have missed out on mentioning almost as much as I have included but this is unintentional. I appreciate that some clubs are too small to host a show but everyone has a voice and can offer assistance. Even if the offer is not taken up, the thought will no doubt be appreciated and you will know you have done your bit. We all want to compete and are indebted to those who go that bit further to allow us the opportunity. "Long may it continue".

P.S. It's a great feeling to feel part of the bigger picture so to speak.

**Sue Blyth** (Live Wires)



## Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006

1	Cleveland Comets	140	17.42
2	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.53
3	Maple Leafs	049	17.85
4	Mansfield Marnicks	124	17.86
5	Nuneaton Flyers	051	17.89
6	Bad Dog Racers	053	17.94
7	Shooting Stars	001	18.03
8	Pods	015	18.06
9	Molten Magnets	107	18.15
10	Marsh Cheetahs	123	18.20
11	Running 4 Mutts	054A	18.30
12	Molten Muzzles	107D	18.32
13	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.40
14	Gofours	110	18.41
15	Live Wires	069	18.46
16	Dog Friendly Flyers	098	18.48
17	Nuneaton Bees	051A	18.48
18	Clatto Clangers	073	18.51
19	Red Rose Rockets	093	18.62
20	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	18.64
21	Hampshire Harriers	132	18.73
22	Cheshire Set	120	18.73
23	Podsters	015F	18.75
24	Maple Leaf Raggers	049A	18.90
25	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.92
26	Red Rose Rebels	093A	18.93
27	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	067	18.98
28	Clatto Cruisers	073A	19.16
29	Doncaster Belle Stars	096	19.19
30	Delinquent Dolphins	122D	19.19
31	Barney Owlers	119A	19.19
32	Bristol Ball-istics	018	19.25
33	Podantics	015G	19.36
34	Wire Sparks	069H	19.36
35	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	19.38
36	Extrabuccs	025A	19.39
37	Molten Meteors	107B	19.42
38	Wires A-Live	069F	19.42
39	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	19.42
40	Break-Aways (UK)	090	19.48
41	Yorkshire Racers	052B	19.53
42	Melton Foxes	035B	19.55
43	Yorkshire Runners	052F	19.56
44	Bad Dog Meecos	053A	19.63
45	Knutsford Gnashers	117	19.67

46	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	19.68
47	Kellington Power Racers	105	19.68
48	Cleveland Hurricanes	140B	19.69
49	Daventry Bumbles	099	19.70
50	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	19.72
51	Bassett Allsorts	011	19.75
52	Molten Metals	107E	19.77
53	Ball Busters	043	19.80
54	Nuneaton Kestrels	051F	19.81
55	Crazy Cannons	081	19.81
56	Doncaster Northern Stars	096A	19.84
57	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	018E	19.96
58	Kellington Crusaders	105A	20.06
59	Barkshire Bambinos	017E	20.06
60	Surfing Dolphins	122E	20.07
61	Rapidz Rebelz	082G	20.08
62	Red Rose Rascals	093C	20.09
63	Hampshire Hogs	132C	20.10
64	Maple Leaf Stampede	049D	20.12
65	Podlings	015D	20.17
66	Blackpool Super Nova	063	20.20
67	Marsh Cougars	123A	20.20
68	Blaxton Blades	133	20.21
69	Crazy Chieftains	081E	20.23
70	Crazy Catapults	081A	20.26
71	Fylde Coasters	038	20.33
72	Mansfield Tricks	124A	20.33
73	Thor's Paws	070C	20.35
74	Nuneaton Ospreys	051E	20.42
75	Rapidz Responz	082D	20.43
76	Wire Springs	069E	20.43
77	Wolf Pack	050	20.45
78	Kiddy Monsters	145	20.49
79	Carry On's	121	20.53
80	Brimblecombe Barkers	113	20.54
81	Bad Dog Frustration	053G	20.56
82	Spanish Rapidz	082B	20.59
83	The Knights	036	20.59
84	Molten Munsters	107F	20.61
85	Nova Next Generation	063C	20.62
86	Underdogs	085	20.62
87	Snatch 'n' Grab	083	20.62
88	Racing Herts	134	20.63
89	Cleveland Arrows	140C	20.64
90	Peas in a POD	015 I	20.66



## Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
91	Whiterose Wagtails	060	20.67
92	Swift Flight	048A	20.69
93	The Flap Jacks	022G	20.75
94	Blackpool Quasars	063B	20.82
95	Valley Hot Dogs	129B	20.82
96	Mansfield Tantrumz	124B	20.85
97	Silver Rapidz	082A	20.87
98	The Swifts	048	20.97
99	Shooting Star Jokers	001A	20.98
100	Dog Friendly Sprinters	098C	21.05
101	Sheffield Sprinters	058A	21.10
102	Leamington Royals	139	21.20
103	Hillam Hot Dogs	086	21.22
104	West Riding Wizards	118	21.25
105	Kellington Sapphire Blue	105D	21.26
106	Ace's High	094	21.26
107	Springers	041	21.29
108	Melton B's	035A	21.35
109	Techni Colours	064K	21.43
110	Barking Owlers	119B	21.56
111	Racing Colours	064F	21.59
112	FourPaws Racing	142	21.60
113	Golden Valley Eagles	135	21.63
114	Dog Friendly Racers	098A	21.65
115	Thorne Troopers	125	21.68
116	Hillam Hot Shots	086A	21.70
117	Ramsey Runners	130	21.75
118	Whiterose Bushy tails	060A	21.77
119	Break-Necks	090A	21.77
120	Sherwood Outlaws	102	21.79
121	Buccaroos	025B	21.91
122	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	018F	21.91
123	Cheshire Chasers	120A	21.93
124	Cheshire Cheeses	120E	21.98
125	Nuneaton Cyclone	051B	21.99
126	The Northern Bytes	027	22.04
127	Molten Magic	107H	22.08
128	Giddy Grasshoppers	055F	22.17
129	Wakefield Trickytykes	046B	22.18
130	Yorkshire Leapers	052C	22.19
131	Screeching Owlets	119C	22.25
132	Podlets	015A	22.29
133	Knutsford Tailspinners	117A	22.29
134	Podextras	015H	22.31
135	FourPaws Running	142A	22.31

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
136	Box Raiders	103	22.36
137	Wellingboro' Red Bulls	067B	22.37
138	Tyke Tactics	046E	22.61
139	Midshires Mud Pack	138	22.71
140	Brat Pack	050A	22.75
141	Knutsford Momentum	117C	22.88
142	Sheffield Sparklers	058B	22.97
143	West Riding Wizzers	118B	22.98
144	Doncaster Eastern Stars	096E	22.98
145	Night Owlers	119D	23.07
146	Red Rose Racers	093B	23.11
147	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	23.13
148	Ace's Win	094A	23.17
149	Springers Off Springs	041B	23.19
150	Scally wags	059	23.22
151	Hampshire Hounds	132A	23.22
152	Wired 4 Action	069A	23.29
153	Trendy Tykes	046G	23.30
154	Shooting Star Rebels	001D	23.33
155	Tayside Roadrunners	089	23.37
156	Sporting Colours	064J	23.44
157	Fylde Rollercoasters	038A	23.63
158	Clatto Buddies	073B	23.70
159	Marsh Lions	123B	23.74
160	Valley Hound Dogs	129	23.83
161	Daventry Little Bees	099C	23.84
162	Gofour Imps	110A	23.91
163	Blaxton Bullets	133B	23.93
164	Snatch 'n' Grabits	083A	23.96
165	Break-Outs	090B	24.07
166	Grey Wolves	050F	24.14
167	Podlers	015B	24.36
168	Tayside Wile E Coyotes	089A	24.43
169	Underdogs Too	085A	24.55
170	Blackp'l White Dwarf Stars	063D	24.73
171	Whiterose Bobtails	060C	24.92
172	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	25.00
173	Ball Buster Bandits	043B	25.30
174	Whiterose Curly tails	060B	25.67
175	Fylde Surfers	038B	25.67
176	Dancing Dolphins	122B	25.71
177	Brimblecombe Boomerangs	113C	25.88
178	Wolf Cubs	050E	25.91
179	Yorkshire Rockets	052E	26.79
180	Four In The Fast Lane	097	27.98
181	Sheffield Shooters	058C	28.76

## NUNEATON STARTER RESULTS – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2006

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday Niters	21.12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cheshire Pack	22.86
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sister Act	19.64
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nuneaton Squatters	26.45

5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Squad	26.56
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sherwood Saplings	25.78
7th	Formula 1	23.05

## NUNEATON STARTER RESULTS – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2006

## DIVISION A

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday Niters	21.24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wild & Wiry	22.12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kukura Cuckoos	23.30
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Bytes	28.12
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hopeful Herts	26.34

## DIVISION B

1 <sup>st</sup>	Break Throos	21.59
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Max & his Bitches	22.56
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daventry Maybees	25.18
4 <sup>th</sup>	Little Wolves	25.29
5 <sup>th</sup>	Messed Up	30.68

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## DAVENTRY BUMBLES AWARDS

## Congratulations to Audrey and Mick Neighbour

## Gold awards

## Audrey and Hookie at Portway 2006

## Mick and Skye at Daventry 2006

The team hope you will continue to win more awards

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## **Judge's Report – Cantley Park, Doncaster – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.2006**

Another great tournament from the Doncaster Bellestars at this fabulous location with loads of space and woodland dog walks plus a barbeque in the evening.

I was invited to judge **Division 6** that was easily won by the outstanding Cleveland Arrows (20.86), who didn't lose a single leg. West Riding Wizards (21.77) came second with some good racing, only losing out to the Arrows earlier in the day. Hillam Hot Dogs (21.59) put on a good effort to finish third. Stan spent as much time on the floor as on his feet. The third running, small dog, had a 'suicide wish' running straight at Stan's (last) dog on its run out. I could have sworn it ran right under its body! Fourth place went to the ever vocal (that's handlers not dogs) Barking Owlers (21.56) who just managed one win in each half of the division, one against the Nuneaton Ospreys (22.86) who came fifth, but struggled with a problem dog. Last but not least, in sixth place were the Whiterose Bushytails (26.33), outclassed in this company who struggled all day, but managed to win 2 legs.

Congratulations to all the Bellestars, a great deal of work went into this tournament and we all look forward to the next one.

**Howard Campbell** (Greetland Grasshoppers)



## The Alarm goes off



The alarm goes off, it's five am  
Putting on our coloured uniform again  
Getting the dogs ready, and packing the van  
This is a hobby? Man oh! Man.

On the roads, they're all clear  
Always empty this hour, never fear  
Landing at the venue far away  
Ready for another flyball day.

Come rain or shine, we race our dogs  
Our brains must rattle with loose cogs  
But fun we have along the way  
With raincoat or sun hat, both, some days.

Seeing friends from all over the place  
Friendly banter as we all race  
We won that leg, with a close finish  
Let's see if we can win this.

The crossovers are close  
Most are clearly on the nose  
The line judge cringes at an early cross  
That's going to cost us a loss.

Hold on a minute, they've got a light  
Send him down again, just win, we might  
Yeah, we won that, well done everyone  
Standing by for the next one.

Cheering on team mates  
Watching them push the start gates  
Red lights all round, judge pulling her hair out  
"Do that again, and I'll give you a clout!"

Fun threats and laughter can be heard  
Sometimes just looks, but not a word  
Racing's over after a long day  
Soon time to pack up to be on our way.

Just the presentation to attend  
To clap our competitors and our friend  
Boy we are really pleased to get  
A lovely, bright coloured rosette.

Aching bodies and creaking bones  
Everyone heads off to their homes  
A long drive getting into night  
Crawling into bed and switching out the light.

This is a hobby? Man oh! Man  
Back next week? You bet I am.



**Kate Brazukas (Crazy Cannons)**

### Judges Report – Askham Bryan – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.2006.

It has been my privilege over the years to have been invited by the Wakefield Tykes to be both head judge and judge at this particular location and now, this year, the swansong. Geoff and Margaret who own what can only be described as the best flyball location in the North of England gave notice last year that 2006 was the last tournament to be held here. Now that they are semi – retired, they wish to spend summertime away on holiday themselves and take things a little easier.

This was a great show as always. Ray and his merry band of Tykes had worked tirelessly making sure everything was done to perfection. David Bowles came over from Spain for the Saturday evening when most campers participated in a farewell buffet during which Geoff and Margaret were presented with various goodies, courtesy of the attending flyballers.

I was invited to judge Division Four on the Sunday when, sensibly, the racing was cut to three legs due to the current heat wave, which had affected a few dogs on the Saturday. There were three seven-team divisions. Never the less the racing was just as close and exciting with the Techni Colours adding that little bit of spice dressed in skimpy black tops and black trouser bottoms. A lot of the racing went to the last leg decider and the sporting element could not have been demonstrated better as teams clapped each other out of the ring.

The Crazy Catapults (20.26) were top of the division with Sarah's dog **Buster** taking a starring role as third dog. Second place went to the Doncaster Bellestars (20.27) who were as competitive as ever, until the last race against the Catapults, when Debbie 'overcooked' it with **Fly** to get two red lights as lead dog. Third place went to the Cleveland Arrows (20.64) who fought well but were just not good enough. Fylde Coasters (20.92) a happy go lucky bunch from the seaside who seem to have acquired a few Border Collies now, and are starting to move up the divisions, were in fourth place. Wire Springs (20.67) captained by the ever smiling Sue Blyth, (even though she occasionally had to remind her team why they were there in the first place) came fifth, leaving Techni Colours.(22.03) in sixth place, a little outclassed with the dogs but certainly not in the dress attire stakes. Well done girls – keep your sense of humour. Last but not least the Red Rose Rascals (21.08) who struggled all day with a dog running out but took it all in good fun with Len saying they were the strongest team because they supported the rest of the division.

Well done to the Tykes and if this was your last show, you did a brilliant job. Finally we mustn't forget the Mr Moo's ice cream van that did a roaring trade.

**Howard Campbell (Greetland Grasshoppers)**



## How many DOLPHINS does it take to put up a caravan awning?

Last year Mike and I, with our two springer spaniels Frodo and Sam, suffered the vagaries of Anglesey weather in July in a tent; and decided that, at our more mature ages, we would be better with a caravan. So May 2006 found us back at Anglesey for our first outing with a newly acquired second-hand caravan. We started setting up on the Friday evening and all went well connecting gas and water, but we couldn't remember where the mains electric switch was. We decided to wait until our team captain, Steve Leek, arrived to ask him as he is a seasoned caravanner.

In the meantime we started to erect the awning. Again this went quite well. We didn't even have an argument (which was the usual outcome when erecting the tent). However, when we had finished it didn't look quite right. At this point Steve arrived and found the electric switch in 5 seconds. He also thought the awning didn't look right but was not sure why. He said "It's got to be something obvious," but as it was getting late and starting to rain we decided to have a closer look on Saturday in between racing.

So Saturday lunchtime found Mike, myself, Steve and another team-mate Geoff Bott studying the awning. There was much adjusting of poles and tensioning of pegs but it still didn't look right. The question was asked whether we had the right cover for the frame as it looked too tight in the middle but baggy at the outsides. In desperation Steve suggested removing the doors. I pointed out that the side ones had different coloured tags on them to distinguish left from right but the front ones didn't; and I commented that it mustn't matter which way round they went. Steve said "Let's take them out anyway". So we did and lo and behold, with a slight adjustment of the middle pole, the awning was perfectly tensioned. It was at that point that I sheepishly said "Try putting the doors in the other way round". You've guessed it – they fitted perfectly! As Steve had said it had to be something obvious.

So the answer to the question of how many **DOLPHINS** does it take to put up a caravan awning is four (a whole team). And I am banned from box-loading as I don't know my left awning door from my right!

Angela Bolton (Dolphins)

## Ode to Doncaster Belle Stars Flyball Team



Flyball is so much fun,  
We always do it rain or sun.

Belle goes first, faster than a comet,  
Then goes Badger, flying like a rocket,  
Next is Logan, he goes insane,  
Last goes Woody flying down the lane.

We won that leg!  
Let's go again!  
We've got a light!  
That's a shame.

Only three more legs until the end of the race,  
We won another two, that was ace!

No more races, let's go play,  
All of us had a great day!



Jayden Hope age 9, (Doncaster Belle Stars) [who is also teaching his springer to do flyball. Ed.]

## Speeders at Blackpool

As there seem to be one or two Flyball versions of Albert and the Lion's Blackpool I thought I'd offer mine as well!

There's a famous seaside place called Blackpool  
That's noted for fresh air and sun  
And Speeders went there t'other weekend  
For Flyball, and camping and fun.

A grand sort of place were the venue  
All grassy - just right for the race  
Wi' some fields wi' some horses and ponies  
It being a horse rescue place.

Just Sparklers were there on the first day  
Some dogs swapped the Team they ran in  
And Sparklers, whose seeding was bottom  
Went on their Division to win.

On Sunday were Sprinters and Speeders  
Some regular dogs missing - hence  
In some legs they sent the sparks flying -  
Like Paula who touched 'lectric fence!!

The weekend was good, we enjoyed it  
The sun shone and filled us with glee  
And seeking for further amusement  
We drove in our cars to the sea.

Our dogs chased and played on the sand there  
They paddled and swam and had fun  
And then as we travelled back homeward  
They dreamed about all they had done.

We had the best time up at Blackpool  
With Flyball, the sea and the sand  
The sun, the good company, the camping,  
By heck, but it really was grand.



**Linda Powell** (Sheffield Speeders)

## Caught in the act!



**I simply must meet the deadline**



## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW STARTER RESULTS – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006

**Judge – Trevor Whitaker**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday Niters	20.50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thor's Thunder	22.90
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Red Rose Buds	23.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wired 'n' Wiry	24.25

5 <sup>th</sup>	Wilmslow Nippers	25.53
6 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Starters	24.16
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wilmslow Cubs	30.54

### Singles & Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Scooby/Mansfield	4.09
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alfie/Mansfield	4.16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lilli/Thor's	4.18
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jess/Thor's	4.19

1 <sup>st</sup>	Scooby & Alfie/Mansfield	8.25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jess & Lilli/Thor's	8.75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tryst & Diezle/Mansfield	8.81
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nushka & Ziggy/Crazies	10.13

## MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW STARTER RESULTS – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006

**Judge – Alastair Mann**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wire Flash	21.34
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Break-Throos	21.81
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chocolate Bytes	26.08

4 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Freestylers	20.83
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cheshire Mini Cheeses	22.20
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dog Friendly Toddlers	24.10

### Singles & Pairs

1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie/Dog Friendly	4.22
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenni	4.29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lexie/Red Rose	4.47

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lexie & Storm/Red Rose	9.06
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sally & Charlie/Dog Friendly	9.09
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zac & Jeep/Rapidz	9.39

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## **Thank you to Break-Aways**

This is a big thank you to the Break-Aways for all their help and support during the last few months.

At the beginning of December I had a carpal tunnel operation on my left wrist. After being back at work for a month I then had an operation on my foot at the beginning of March. Six weeks later I fell at the tournament at Carlton Towers and broke my left wrist.

Big thanks and hugs to Mark for running Annie for me, alongside running his own dog Charlie. It has been very hectic for him at times. And to Big Pete who took over Annie when our two teams ran in the same division.

Also to Carol and Pete for transporting me everywhere. Thanks Carol for your support and for taking my dogs out when my foot was bad.

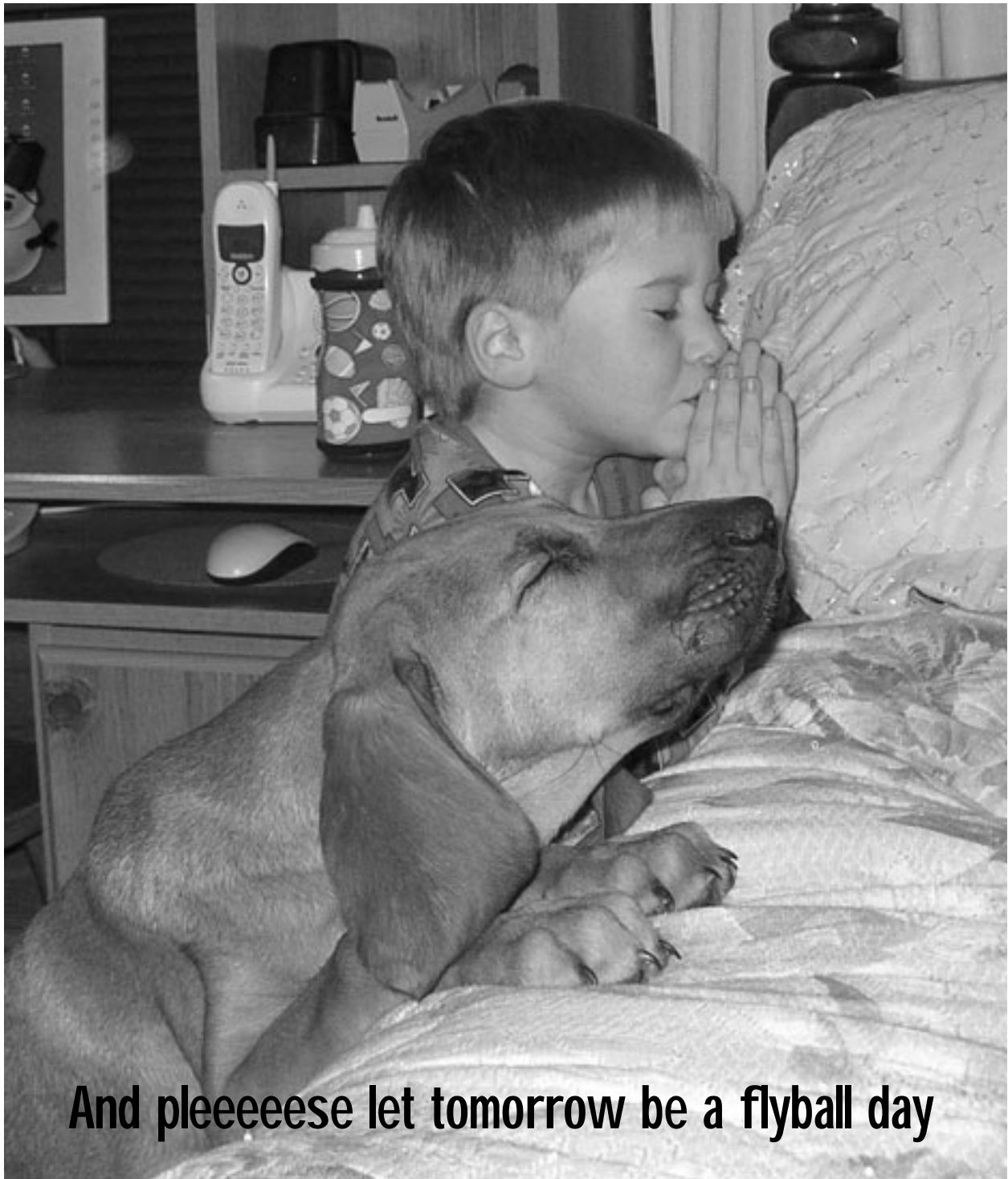
And to Valerie who bravely took my four dogs and me to the vets for their boosters. Thank you to all of you for being there for me, including the folk who have shouted "get out of the ring", "don't lift that", "don't touch" and "get out of the way".

With all this help and support I have been able to carry on in the mad world of Flyball.

Xxxxxx

**Helen Saxby (Break-Aways)**

## Evening Prayers



**And pleeeeeease let tomorrow be a flyball day**

## **FAST FOOD**

When you are gulping your food down as fast as you can (after all someone else might try to steal it), your human may shout “Bolting your food like that will make you sick!” You should always try to oblige.

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