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Greetings Flyballers

I extend to all members a very happy, healthy and successful flyballing year. The diary is again already filling up and we have had more indoor tournaments during the 'off' season than ever before.

The most important date at this time of the year is the AGM. We have another new venue and this year we are able to provide refreshments. The AGM notice on Page 15 has a 'tear off' slip if you wish to use it to order refreshments (I've put one of my 'silly' pieces on the back of it so that you won't lose anything important!) and you will also be able to download a slip from the web, if you prefer to keep your FR in pristine condition.

A new arrangement voted in at last year's AGM is postal voting for new committee members. This is always assuming we have enough people willing to stand for election. The membership is still growing and it would be great to see more of you willing to put something back into your sport. When you consider your votes, it's worth noting that an 'ideal' committee consists of a range of members from all areas, not just the people you personally know.

Also inside your FR you will find a membership renewal form. This is the ***only one to be used*** for your renewal so I hope you don't lose it! As the date for the AGM is the 2nd April you will need to renew in good time in order to vote at the AGM.

I attended a judges' seminar in October and thoroughly enjoyed it. A great deal of time gave 'green' judges plenty of hands on practice in all elements of judging flyball. We also had a questionnaire on flyball rules (it keeps the 'little grey cells' on the ball!) But to my mind, it's the discussion of our answers that are the most useful. There has been lots of discussion regarding grey areas and whether everything should be black and white or should we keep the fun in flyball. Well, nobody's perfect, we all make mistakes, and we make the best decisions we can at the time. Sometimes a team will not be happy with a decision, but must accept it with good grace.

Ed.



Cool. I just sold the dog on EBAY.



Life lessons learned from a dog

1. If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
2. Don't go out without ID.
3. Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by piddling on their shoes.
4. Be aware of when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
5. Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
6. Always give people a friendly greeting. A cold nose in the crotch is most effective.
7. When you do something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged shamefully out from under the bed).
8. If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

With thanks to **Sue Thompson** (Racing Herts)

PENNY FARM RESULTS – 10th & 11th September 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Crazy Comets	17.82
2 nd	Nuneaton Eagles	18.40
3 rd	Live Wires	18.21
4 th	Coventry Dodgers	19.39
5 th	Blackpool Super Nova	19.36
6 th	Cheshire Wheatheafs	19.99
7 th	Rapidz	19.32

DIVISION THREE – Judge Helen Ward

1 st	Doncaster Northern Stars	19.27
2 nd	Crazy Cannons	18.95
3 rd	Red Rose Rebels	19.40
4 th	Nova Next Generation	20.10
5 th	Wire Sparks	19.40
6 th	Knutsford Gnashers	20.16
7 th	Coventry Racers	20.55

DIVISION TWO – Judge Robin Holding

1 st	Leaping Dolphins	19.48
2 nd	Red Rose Rockets	19.31
3 rd	Wire Springs	19.76
4 th	Nuneaton Ospreys	19.90
5 th	Crazy Commandos	20.26
6 th	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.91
7 th	Blackpool Quasars	20.31

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Bob Haworth

1 st	Fylde Coasters	20.95
2 nd	West Riding Wizards	21.13
3 rd	Crazy Chieftains	21.68
4 th	Doncaster Swift Stars	21.00
5 th	Nuneaton Cyclone	21.37
6 th	Knutsford Tailspinners	22.06

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Alison Moyes

1 st	Wired 4 Action	21.19
2 nd	Red Rose Racers	21.21
3 rd	Crazy Crossbows	21.91
4 th	Fylde Rollercoasters	23.16

5 th	Fylde Surfers	20.63
6 th	Blackpool Nova	25.45
7 th	West Riding Warriors	26.59

CHAIRMAN'S SLOT

Winter Warmers

Winter used to be the 'off season' in flyball, not any longer. With more teams taking the plunge and putting on shows, this year there's hardly a free weekend leading up to Easter. Well done to the Doncaster, Sheffield and Dog Friendly Teams for putting on your first indoor shows. Special congratulations must go to the Bellstars for their ingenuity in having an 'outdoor' tournament indoors. The instant turf seemed to be a big hit with the competitors. It doesn't seem that long ago that the only flyball available in the winter months was a couple of days a year at Luton, how things have grown since those early days. Speaking of those early days of flyball, it was discussed at the AGM that the BFA should record its early history for our future members. Well it's proving to be harder than first thought to get information from those early pioneering flyballers. However, our man Wayne is still on the case and he hopes to have something put together soon. A Roll of Honour was also asked for and a list of dogs that contributed to our sport's early growth has been drawn up and is being finalised at the moment. This is by no means the definitive list; so if your dog was competing in flyball before 2000 and you think it made an important contribution to our sport, then contact Wayne or me with the details. As with the Roll of Honour, if you have some information or good stories about the early days or even pre BFA days, please let us know.

Happy flyballing

Chris Fulford

Humans are often told they look like you. Try to ensure the look-alike is a part of your body that you can lick!

SUTTON FIELDS RESULTS – 17th & 18th September 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	Molten Magnets	17.76
2 nd	Sheffield Speeders	18.26
3 rd	Live Wires	18.25
4 th	Pods	18.33
5 th	Podsters	19.66
6 th	Red Rose Rockets	19.01

DIVISION TWO – Judge Jacqueline Litherland

1 st	Molten Meteors	18.80
2 nd	Cheshire Set	19.27
3 rd	Blackpool Super Nova	19.65
4 th	Molten Metals	19.40
5 th	Delinquent Dolphins	19.25
6 th	Grasshopper Gems	19.56
7 th	Leaping Dolphins	19.94

DIVISION THREE – Judge Marguerite Fleming

1 st	Wire Springs	19.73
2 nd	Nova Next Generation	20.43
3 rd	Knutsford Gnashers	20.20
4 th	Wires A-Live	19.88
5 th	Red Rose Rebels	19.85
6 th	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.67
7 th	Blackpool Quasars	20.80

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Val Currie

1 st	Rapidz Responz	19.33
2 nd	Wire Sparks	19.88
3 rd	Red Rose Racers	20.32
4 th	Dashing Colours	20.58
5 th	Thor's Paws	21.45
6 th	Cheshire Chasers	21.45

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Steven Leek

1 st	Greeny Grasshoppers	20.03
2 nd	Fylde Coasters	20.31
3 rd	Racing Colours	21.67
4 th	Knutsford Tailspinners	21.87
5 th	Podlings	21.88
6 th	Wired 4 Action	23.01
7 th	Ramsey Runners	21.64

DIVISION SIX – Judge Maria Brennan

1 st	Valley Hound Dogs	23.35
2 nd	Fylde Rollercoasters	22.61
3 rd	Giddy Grasshoppers	23.12
4 th	Scally wags	23.72
5 th	Fylde Surfers	27.23
6 th	Wires R-Us	23.96

Judge's Report Division Three

A cloudy and overcast day dawned in Runcorn, for the Live Wires September show. I was happy to be asked to judge Division Three, a seven-team division, and racing got underway at 9am sharp. There was just over a second between the team in seventh place **Blackpool Quasars** and the winners – showing how well matched and tight the racing was. **Terrortykes** improved through the day with a good height dog doing very well. **Red Rose Rebels** raced very well, taking **Wires-a-Live**, **Knutsford Gnashers** and **Wire Springs** to five leg races. **Wires A-Live's** new line up proved successful, with a minor hiccup when Matt and Diesel re-ran 4 times to get rid of those pesky lights! **Nova Next Generation** raced consistently all day. The overall winners were **Wire Springs**, a very good result on home turf!

Marguerite Fleming (Pods)

Greetland Grasshoppers Recent Awards



PLATINUM AWARD (25,000 points) **Jackie Campbell** and **POPPY**

ICE BLUE MOON (20,000 points) **Rachel Jones** and **WILLOW**

CONGRATULATIONS

STARTERS RESULTS SATURDAY 17TH September 2005

DIVISION PURPLES – Judge Tony Cain

1 st	False Gnashers	20.51
2 nd	Wire Flash	20.76
3 rd	Ramsey Raiders	24.25
4 th	Wilmslow Nippers	23.35
5 th	Wannabee Colours	24.65
6 th	Thor's Rovers	24.92
7 th	Blackpool Baby Nova	26.49

DIVISION BLACKS – Judge Irene Shaw

1 st	Fylde Hotdogs	23.64
2 nd	Valley	23.04
3 rd	Shooting Wires	22.58
4 th	Fylde Donkeys	24.98
5 th	Wilmslow Whippersnappers	26.81
6 th	School of Dolphins	25.03

SUNDAY 18TH September 2005

DIVISION BROWNS – Judge Sue Allen & Steve Leek

1 st	Red Rose Buds	20.57
2 nd	Carmarthen Chargers	20.06
3 rd	Podangles	20.71

4 th	Wild'n'Wiry	20.86
5 th	Ramsey Raiders	23.99
6 th	Sheffield not so Speeders	23.67

SINGLES RESULTS

Saturday (25 entries)

1 st	Jess	4.17
2 nd	Nell	4.31
3 rd	Gin	4.32
4 th	Nina	4.33
4 th	Jess	4.33

Sunday (18 entries)

1 st	Bailey	4.03
2 nd	Dottie	4.19
3 rd	Storm	4.26
4 th	Lucy	4.56

PAIRS RESULTS

Saturday (25 entries)

1 st	Gin & Ruby	8.74
2 nd	Gyp & Mistie	8.86
3 rd	Charlze & Jess	8.91

Sunday (28 entries)

1 st	Mistie & Bailey	8.62
2 nd	Duke & Doddy	8.89
3 rd	Jeep & Ruby	9.10
3 rd	Frosty & Gus	9.10

LUCY LOCKETT TROPHY (Awarded to the team with the most wins over the weekend)

		% wins
1 st	Rapidz	88.23
2 nd	Carmarthen Chargers	86.66
3 rd	Molten Magnets	72.88

		% wins
4 th	Valley	72.50
5 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	63.23
6 th	Fylde Coasters	61.50

Doggie Education

This is available on human T.V. Follow the example by trotting across the kitchen floor leaving a trail of muddy footprints. Your human will soon get into the habit of cleaning it up and then patting you lovingly on the head. (Whilst muttering darkly under their breath. Ed.)



Hot Gossip

There is rather a lot of team bonding going on between The Shooting Stars and The Maple Leafs.

Jason Baker (Shooting Stars) and Kerry Johnson (Maples) are now officially 'A COUPLE' and have been for the past month (received 21st November 05. Ed.)

We are both very happy and will hopefully stay with our respective teams for the foreseeable future.

PIKEHALL RESULTS – 18th September 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Mansfield Marnicks	18.13
2 nd	Dog Friendly Flyers	19.08
3 rd	Nuneaton Eagles	18.86
4 th	Barney Owlers	18.97
5 th	Trying 4 Mutts	19.68

DIVISION TWO – Judge Maureen Hendry

1 st	Spanish Rapidz	20.92
2 nd	Break-Necks	20.36
3 rd	Mansfield Tricks	21.11
4 th	Yorkshire Racers	20.40
5 th	Break-Aways (UK)	20.81

DIVISION THREE – Judge John Verity

1 st	Whiterose Wagtails	20.81
2 nd	Wolf Pack	20.66
3 rd	Fun 4 Mutts	21.87
4 th	Silver Rapidz	23.03
5 th	Whiterose Bushytails	23.31

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Roy Hiscock

1 st	Barking Owlers	21.88
2 nd	Grey Wolves	23.06
3 rd	The Northern Bytes	24.56

HIM by HER



All was going well, the weather was getting better and weekend after weekend was packed with flyball.

Then one day they went and got **Him**.

I ask you –why? I didn't ask for one. A puppy. They know I don't like puppies but does my opinion count for anything in this house? – No!

They said I was special, that I was the only one, then “**He**” arrived - small, smelly and destructive.

Then we get, what shall we call **Him**? For a long time I thought they had called him “**Get**”. “**Get** off”, “**Get** down”, and “**Get** away”. But, oh no, what do they choose? “**Gizmo!**” I ask you; just what is a “**Gizmo**”? Does anyone know? How embarrassing.

Everything “gets” chewed. He pinches all my best toys and he pees on the kitchen floor when he's excited and they still love him. It's not fair. He never brings the ball back, he barks at everything and now he's started sleeping in my bed. They've even started calling him my little brother. He's no brother of mine, his legs are too short and he smells like a dog. My boyfriend doesn't like him much either, but he's moved teams so I won't be seeing him as much next year.

I must admit though, he is good company when they go out to work, even if he does play, play, play all day. Last week I showed him how to chase squirrels and rabbits and he showed me how to open the fridge door.

Mum says that next year, if he learns how to bring a ball back we could both be in the same team, so that I won't have to jump as high, as I'm not as young as I was.

I don't suppose sharing my bed is too bad - if only he didn't snore so loudly.

Oh well, it could have been worse; at least he's not a black and white collie.

BBD The Red Cheshire Squirrel Hound (Live Wires)

(Having acquired a Him to join my two Hers, I heard the two Hers sniggering over this. Ed.)

PAWS IN THE PARK RESULTS – 24th & 25th September 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Graham Nye

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	17.13
2 nd	Maple Leafs	17.64
3 rd	Bad Dog Racers	18.19
4 th	Barkshire Bullets	18.47
5 th	Bristol Ball-istics	18.73
6 th	Basset Hotdogs	18.70

DIVISION TWO – Judge Terry Condra

1 st	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.44
2 nd	Barkshire Bandidos	19.75
3 rd	Bristol Ball-istic Extrasets	19.65
4 th	Bad Dog Meecos	19.44
5 th	Ball Busters	20.68
6 th	Basset Allsorts	21.38

DIVISION THREE – Judge Robert Henshall

1 st	Maple Leaf Stampede	19.87
2 nd	Hampshire Harriers	20.40
3 rd	Barkshire Bambinos	20.34
4 th	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	21.83
5 th	DBarc's	21.77
6 th	The Knights	20.82

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Wayne O'Rourke

1 st	Hampshire Hounds	20.50
2 nd	Melton Foxes	20.73
3 rd	Urban Wolves	21.22
4 th	Buccaneers	21.44
5 th	The Flap Jacks	22.11
6 th	Timber Wolves	24.09

BASSETT ALLSORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to all the team dogs & their owners for achieving the following awards in 2005

Flyball Dog

Marilyn Sutton & Alfie
Katy Burton & Merlin
Vicki I'Anson & Tess

FD Intermediate

Marilyn Sutton & Alfie
Katy Burton & Merlin
Elaine Moore & Katie

FD Graduate

Marilyn Sutton & Alfie
Elaine Moore & Katie
Pete Nicholson & Meg

FD Advanced

Anne Alderman & Tosh
Claire Thompson & Beau
Pete Nicholson & Meg

Silver Award

Chris Biddulph & Molly

Gold Award

Dave Biddulph & Spencer

The Gold Award was a particularly big achievement, and something that Dave thought might never happen. In April 2004, **Spencer** had a hind limb lameness, which put him out of action for the rest of that year. He came back into training, very slowly in January 2005, and started to share racing in March. By May, he was back up to speed! During the course of this year, he has had a number of different team members running him, and we have all thoroughly enjoyed him, even if he can be a challenge to catch! It was lovely that both **Molly** & **Spencer** achieved their milestone awards on the same day. Here's keeping fingers crossed for **Spencer** in 2006 and beyond!



Obedience Classes

Obedience classes are for wimps. If you are tricked into attending, do whatever you can to embarrass your human so that they never want to do that again. (Smudge managed to perfect this one; I thought she had Attention Deficit Disorder! Ed.)

DRAX RESULTS – 24th & 25th September 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Robin Holding

1 st	Crazy Comets	17.77
2 nd	Molten Magnets	17.97
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	18.24
4 th	Dog Friendly Flyers	18.42
5 th	Gofours	18.60
6 th	Greetland Grasshoppers	19.00
7 th	Greedy Grasshoppers	18.95

DIVISION THREE – Judge Jayne Owen

1 st	Yorkshire Racers	19.64
2 nd	Doncaster Belle Stars	19.14
3 rd	Break-Necks	20.13
4 th	Nova Next Generation	20.33
5 th	Crazy Commandos	20.32
6 th	West Riding Wizards	20.81
7 th	Sherwood Oaks	21.14

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Roger Talbot

1 st	Hillam Hot Dogs	21.17
2 nd	Crazy Cadets	21.56
3 rd	Crazy Crossbows	21.54
4 th	Barking Owlers	21.75
5 th	Blaxton Blades	21.01
6 th	Whiterose Bushytails	21.80
7 th	Yorkshire Leapers	24.58

DIVISION TWO – Judge Mike Tidswell

1 st	Barney Owlers	19.00
2 nd	Molten Monarchs	19.15
3 rd	Blackpool Super Nova	19.26
4 th	Cheshire Set	19.06
5 th	Kellington Power Racers	19.43
6 th	Wakefield Terrortykes	20.63
7 th	Blackpool Quasars	21.60

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Alison Harrison

1 st	Kellington Crusaders	20.65
2 nd	Crazy Chieftains	20.12
3 rd	Break-Aways (UK)	20.66
4 th	Doncaster Swift Stars	21.65
5 th	Whiterose Wagtails	20.57
6 th	Cheshire Chasers	21.03
7 th	Dog Friendly Racers	21.61

DIVISION SIX – Judge Antony Cain

1 st	Sheffield Sparklers	22.20
2 nd	Giddy Grasshoppers	23.23
3 rd	Gofour Imps	22.58
4 th	Box Raiders	23.33
5 th	Wakefield Trickytykes	25.29

BESS 1989 – 2005

So this is where we part, My Friend,
And you'll run on, around the bend,
Gone from sight, but not from mind,
New pleasures there you'll surely find.

I will go on. I'll find the strength,
Life measures quality, not its length.
One long embrace before you leave,
Share one last look, before I grieve.

Valerie Rothlisberger-Jones (Break-Aways(UK))

There are others, that much is true,
But they be they, and they aren't you.
And I, fair, impartial, or so I thought,
Will remember well all you've taught.

Your place I'll hold, you will be missed,
The fur I stroked, the nose I kissed.
And as you journey to your final rest,
Take with you this...I loved you best.



The word 'vet' is an acronym derived from 'Very Embarrassing Treatment'

Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 1st January 2006

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
1	Molten Magnets	107	17.13
2	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.30
3	Maple Leafs	049	17.64
4	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	17.79
5	Crazy Comets	081F	18.08
6	Mansfield Marnicks	124	18.09
7	Live Wires	069	18.18
8	Bad Dog Racers	053	18.19
9	Molten Marvels	107C	18.21
10	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.30
11	Gofours	110	18.32
12	Pods	015	18.33
13	Nuneaton Eagles	051D	18.40
14	Dog Friendly Flyers	098	18.42
15	Running 4 Mutts	054A	18.48
16	The Jumping Jacks	022	18.49
17	Molten Muzzles	107D	18.50
18	Daventry Bumbles	099	18.55
19	Rapidz	082	18.57
20	Nuneaton Flyers	051	18.65
21	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	18.70
22	Bristol Ball-istics	018	18.73
23	Molten Meteors	107B	18.77
24	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.78
25	Red Rose Rockets	093	18.84
26	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	18.95
27	Crazy Cannons	081	18.95
28	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	19.00
29	Barney Owlers	119A	19.00
30	Coventry Dodgers	131A	19.04
31	Cheshire Set	120	19.06
32	Doncaster Swift Stars	096B	19.09
33	Doncaster Belle Stars	096	19.14
34	Doncaster Northern Stars	096A	19.14
35	Molten Monarchs	107A	19.15
36	Delinquent Dolphins	122D	19.25
37	Bassett Allsorts	011	19.25
38	Grasshopper Express	055I	19.26
39	Blackpool Super Nova	063	19.26
40	Crazy Commandos	081G	19.30
41	Springers	041	19.33
42	Rapidz Responz	082D	19.33
43	Bad Dog Meecos	053A	19.44
44	Shooting Stars	001	19.44

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
45	Maple Leaf Raggers	049A	19.44
46	Leaping Dolphins	122A	19.48
47	Molten Metals	107E	19.48
48	Grasshopper Gems	055H	19.56
49	Red Rose Rebels	093A	19.57
50	Wire Springs	069E	19.62
51	Yorkshire Racers	052B	19.64
52	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	120B	19.64
53	Bristol Ball-istic Extrasets	018E	19.65
54	Podsters	015F	19.66
55	Trying 4 Mutts	054G	19.68
56	Break-Aways (UK)	090	19.72
57	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	067	19.72
58	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	19.75
59	Red Rose Racers	093B	19.76
60	Wire Sparks	069H	19.81
61	Ball Busters	043	19.82
62	Maple Leaf Stampede	049D	19.87
63	Wires A-Live	069F	19.88
64	Nuneaton Ospreys	051E	19.90
65	Nuneaton Bees	051A	19.93
66	Nuneaton Cyclone	051B	19.98
67	Kellington Power Racers	105	19.99
68	Blaxton Blades	133	20.02
69	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	20.03
70	Crazy Chieftains	081E	20.05
71	Fylde Coasters	038	20.06
72	Shooting Star Jokers	001A	20.16
73	Wolf Pack	050	20.17
74	Zebedee Springers	041A	20.19
75	Knutsford Gnashers	117	20.20
76	Yorkshire Bouncers	052	20.25
77	Marsh Cheetahs	123	20.31
78	Nova Next Generation	063C	20.33
79	Barkshire Bambinos	017E	20.34
80	Kellington Crusaders	105A	20.35
81	Hampshire Harriers	132	20.40
82	Break-Necks	090A	20.49
83	Hampshire Hounds	132A	20.50
84	Whiterose Wagtails	060	20.57
85	Dashing Colours	064E	20.58
86	Coventry Racers	131	20.61
87	Wakefield Terrortykes	046A	20.63
88	Molten Munsters	107F	20.65

Current Seed Times (Open) - as at 1st January 2006

Seed	Team	TRN	Time	Seed	Team	TRN	Time
89	Doncaster Southern Stars	096D	20.68	129	Nuneaton Kestrels	051F	22.06
90	Melton Foxes	035B	20.73	130	Sheffield Sparklers	058B	22.20
91	The Knights	036	20.74	131	Shooting Star Rebels	001D	22.21
92	Extrabuccs	025A	20.74	132	Flying Reds	064A	22.41
93	Thor's Paws	070C	20.78	133	Whiterose Curlytails	060B	22.42
94	Blackpool Quasars	063B	20.80	134	Scally wags	059	22.43
95	West Riding Wizards	118	20.81	135	The Northern Bytes	027	22.46
96	Timber Wolves	050G	20.84	136	Gofour Imps	110A	22.58
97	Mansfield Tricks	124A	20.84	137	Dog Friendly Sprinters	098C	22.62
98	West Riding Warriors	118A	20.87	138	Mansfield Tantrumz	124B	22.68
99	Spanish Rapidz	082B	20.92	139	Ball Buster Bandits	043B	22.69
100	Sherwood Outlaws	102	20.95	140	Fylde Rollercoasters	038A	22.77
101	Carry On's	121	21.00	141	Yorkshire Leapers	052C	22.81
102	Cheshire Chasers	120A	21.03	142	Wellingborough Red Bulls	067B	22.83
103	Wolf Cubs	050E	21.05	143	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	22.84
104	Wakefield Tricky tykes	046B	21.07	144	Silver Rapidz	082A	23.03
105	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	018F	21.08	145	Daventry Little Bees	099C	23.08
106	Night Owlers	119D	21.11	146	Giddy Grasshoppers	055F	23.12
107	Four Bad Dogs	053B	21.14	147	Box Raiders	103	23.33
108	Sherwood Oaks	102A	21.14	148	Valley Hound Dogs	129	23.35
109	Hillam Hot Dogs	086	21.17	149	Brat Pack	050A	23.40
110	Urban Wolves	050H	21.22	150	Grey Wolves	050F	23.67
111	Barking Owlers	119B	21.35	151	Wires R-Us	069B	23.96
112	The Flap Jacks	022G	21.40	152	Springers Off Springs	041B	23.99
113	Whiterose Bushy tails	060A	21.40	153	Wired 4 Action	069A	24.04
114	Underdogs	085	21.41	154	Tyke Tactics	046E	24.25
115	Buccaneers	025	21.44	155	Doncaster Eastern Stars	096E	24.44
116	Ace's Win	094A	21.52	156	Dancing Dolphins	122B	24.55
117	Crazy Crossbows	081C	21.54	157	Fylde Surfers	038B	24.56
118	Crazy Cadets	081B	21.56	158	Screeching Owlets	119C	24.85
119	Dog Friendly Racers	098A	21.61	159	Sheffield Shooters	058C	24.85
120	Ramsey Runners	130	21.64	160	Sherwood Merrydogs	102B	24.95
121	Podlings	015D	21.66	161	Podlets	015A	25.06
122	Racing Colours	064F	21.67	162	Blackpool Nova	063A	25.45
123	DBarc's	113B	21.77	163	Four In The Fast Lane	097	25.48
124	Flying Blues	064B	21.84	164	Underdogs Too	085A	26.52
125	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	21.87	165	Yorkshire Runners	052F	26.72
126	Racing Herts	134	21.87	166	Thorne Troopers	125	27.17
127	Knutsford Tailspinners	117A	21.87	167	Knight-Mares	036C	27.30
128	Marsh Cougars	123A	22.03				

BFA Regional Representative Coordinator

Sue Bell (Mad Mutts) has decided to retire as Regional Representative Coordinator. We would like to thank Sue for her input during her appointment.

The BFA is looking for a very active person with good communication and interpersonal skills to liaise with our (currently 19) regional representatives.

Could **YOU** be that person? Please contact the BFA Secretary, Penny Charlton, in writing with details of your suitability by February 25th 2006.

Nellie on the move

To Warrington the flyball circus came
They brought that charming elephant
Yes Nellie was her name

Time with her current hosts was on the wain
It was time to swim with the Dolphins
Would she ever be seen again?
ooooooooooooooooooooo...

Nellie the elephant packed her trunk
And said goodbye to the Gnashers
Off she went in the Dolphins' truck
Bump bump bump

Nellie the elephant packed her trunk
And trundled off to the Wirral
Off she rode with a bumpity bump
Bump bump bump

They boarded her out with a bright new vet
Who thought her soft and furry
Nellie tried to woo her, yet ...

One dark night, they robed her up
And left her (and the world) bereft
Of a host of baby Nellies
ooooooooooooooooooooo...

Nellie the elephant had lost her bits
And all thanks to the Dolphins
Off she went in the Dolphins' truck
Bump bump bump

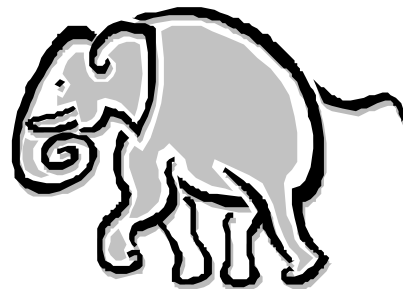
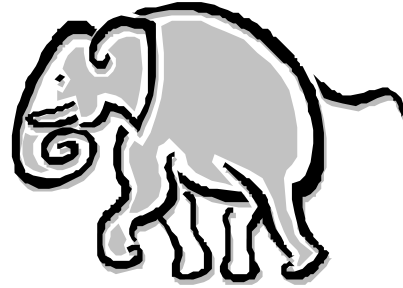
Nellie the elephant lost her bits
When she went off to the Wirral
Off she rode with a bumpity bump
Bump bump bump

The head of the herd was calling from her Nuneaton home
But Nellie's got a way to go
Before she stops her roam(in)
ooooooooooooooooooooo...

Nellie the elephant roamed far and wide
Since she left home in 2005
Off she went to pastures new
Trump trump trump

Nellie's left the Wirral now
For Christmas in the Valleys
Off she rode with a trumpety trump
Trump trump trump

Steve Leek (Dolphins)



Nellie the Elephant packed her trunk,
And went home with Valley Flyball.
She was delighted but they weren't excited,
"THANKS STEVE LEEK!" was the call.

Nellie the Elephant is safe and well,
Although her Christmas has been hell.
Boxing Day came but what was her game?
She was arrested, and held her trunk in shame.

She went for a swim with a man in the nude,
Indecent exposure the charge. How rude!
She spent the rest of the year locked up in clink,
Poor old Nellie had sunk too much drink.



Margaret Gore (Valley Hound Dogs)

(My proofreader suspects this may be
an improvement on the real thing! Ed.)

BLACKPOOL SUPER NOVA

Congratulations to all the members of the team, below are the awards gained during 2005

Alix & Jack – Pearl & Platinum

Joan & Todd – Platinum

Peter & Jack Platinum

Alix & Lara – Gold & Silver

Peter & Chance – Silver

Sam & Pip – Silver

Joan & Sharnie - Silver

Irene & Fly – Silver

Vicky & Rosie – Silver & FDA

Kay & Ocho – FDA

Alix & Tilly – FDA

Sue & Megan – FDA

Gail & Dusty – FDA & FDG

Rachel, Julie & Bailey – FDI

Pete & Corrie – FDI & FD

Sue & Bridie – FD

All the team have done really well this year and other teams beware the Super Nova's have a very special team coming out next year !! **Be afraid**

Good Luck to all the flyball teams for next year and we look forward to the 2006 season.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1ST APRIL 2006

ALL current memberships will fall due for renewal on:

1st April 2006.

Once again It is coming up to renewal time and a separate one-off Renewal Application Form is enclosed with this issue of the ***Flyball Record*** ready for use in a few weeks time. **As the AGM is booked for the 2nd April 2006, early renewal is advisable for members wishing to attend and vote as renewals will NOT be accepted at the AGM.** Please note that New members added to this Form at the time of renewal incur the £2.50 Joining Fee.

Please remember to complete the section at the foot of the Form requiring continued agreement to abide by the Association's Current Rules & Policies and Code of Ethics, ensuring it is signed and dated. Failure to do so will result in the Form being returned for completion before your membership can be renewed.

All Team Captains are asked to make certain that New Member Applications and Lapsed Member Renewals from 1st May 2006 are made on the normal Membership Form, available from the Website or the Appendices to their Rule Book and NOT on copies of the one-off Form.

Primary Team Managers should also remember the need to add a £2.00 fee for each Primary Team to the cheque covering their membership if they wish to retain their Team's place on the 'List of Teams to automatically receive Tournament Schedules' from 1st April 2006. (Secondary Teams are automatically covered by this payment and need not be listed).

Annual Fees remain at current year's levels:

Single £12.00 Joint £18.00

The limitation on voting rights continues to apply to Joint memberships where they cover more than two members residing at the same address.

Although the membership fees reduce month by month from the end of April, renewals after that date will, of course, require the addition of the £2.50 Lapsed Charge. Completed Forms and Cheques covering the fees should be sent to:

***British Flyball Association
PO BOX 109
PETERSFIELD
GU32 1XZ***

Any queries, please contact Graham Nye on:

Telephone: 01730 828269 E-mail: membership@flyball.org.uk



British Flyball Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**To be held at Wythall Community Hall, Wythall Park and House,
Silver Street, Wythall, Birmingham, B47 6LZ.
On Sunday, 2nd April 2006, commencing at 10.00am**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Flyball Association will be held at Wythall Community Hall, on Sunday 2nd April 2006, commencing at 10.00am. All current members are cordially invited to attend.

Nominations for membership of the Committee and all proposals for inclusion in the Agenda must be received by the Secretary on or before 3rd March 2006.

Nominations for Committee can be posted on the website via the Secretary's page. All proposals for inclusion in the Agenda must be sent in writing by post or e-mailed direct to secretary@flyball.org.uk

As the AGM is on 2nd April, renewal prior to the due date of 1st April is advisable for members wishing to attend and vote. Renewals will **NOT** be accepted at the AGM.

Dog exercise area will be available.

Directions to Venue

Leave M42 at Junction 3.

Take the A 435 towards Birmingham.

At the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit, signposted Wythall and Hollywood.

Silver Street is 2nd turning on left (approx half a mile from roundabout)

opposite Sun Pub and Darren Blower Estate Agents.

Wythall Park is on the right. The drive is opposite Wilmore Lane.

A map of the Location will be posted on the Website associated with this Notice

**For more information phone Penny Charlton (BFA Secretary)
01753 620110 or mobile 07708458742**

Contact for catering arrangements: Anne Johnson

Tel. 0121 443 1535 or e-mail abryher@thewolfpack.freeserve.co.uk

Catering Arrangements

Arrangements have been made for the provision of a hot buffet style meal (with vegetarian option) at a cost of £3.50 per person. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Wolf Pack' and must be with Anne Johnson by 18th March 2006 at the latest to book a meal.

Tear off this slip and send it with your cheque to:

Anne Johnson, 60 Avenue Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7TJ.

I requiremeal(s),vegetarian meal(s).

I enclose a cheque for £..... (at £3.50 per person).

Name: Telephone No:

For further details of Food contact Anne on 0121 443 1535
or e-mail abryher@thewolfpack.freeserve.co.uk

SILVER SALLY

I expect a lot of you will know **Sally**. She's the "tail-end Charlie" for the Yorkshire Bouncers, the black thing that either tries to head back down the lane when she's finished on a lap of honour, or straight out of the ring into the nearest bath of water. She's been around the flyball world for six years now – she's the only one of the original Bouncers still running for them – and in September 2005 she finally reached her Silver Award, making Gaelle and myself so very, very proud of her.

Everybody is rightly proud of his or her own dog getting a landmark award; there's a lot of them out there, and the number of points achieved is getting higher all the time. But as it is often said when presenting the awards, these represent a lot of time and effort, and are not always as easily won as some might think. If you have a fast dog, running in a fast team, and going to all the tournaments that are now available, you could easily reach the Silver award in one season, and that is a feat not to be belittled. But spare a thought for the likes of **Sally**.

As I've already said, she was one of the founder dogs in the Yorkshire Bouncers. When we started, we were a team full of enthusiasm, so very well trained in all disciplines by Betty, and committed to the idea of running a mixed team, not one made up solely of collies. We were, quite frankly, for many years, the comedy act brought in to tournaments to entertain the crowd. We didn't really care, because we enjoyed what we were doing, and anyway, could not spare the time to go to all the tournaments – bear in mind we only had enough dogs to run one team. Dogs came and went, but **Sally** plodded on. It took her two years to reach her Flyball Dog – ludicrous really, for a dog running around 4.6 seconds, but a testament to the magnetism of flyball, as she spent all this time helping the Bouncers team. It never crossed our minds to move to another team where **Sally's** speed would have meant more points more quickly. When she reached five thousand points, Gaelle and I were convinced that would be the last award she would get, in view of her age. Perhaps now you can see why **Sally's** ten thousand points mean so much to us, plus the fact that she achieved every single one of them running with the team she helped to start.

She won't get another one; she's 9 years old now (though still running 4.6 over eight inches!) and the team has younger and faster dogs. She will never retire, unless injury forces her to – she loves flyball too much – but we will be happy for her to have just a couple of runs every time, just to keep our hands in. So next time you see **Sally**, give her a wave, for she is what the spirit of flyball is all about.

Alison Harrison (Yorkshire Bouncers)

(I'd say she's still got a lot of running left in her, still doing 4.6 over eight inches. I'll bet there's many a handler out there envious of her speed.) Ed.

TOP 10 PEEVES ABOUT OUR HUMANS

1. Blaming your farts on me... not funny... not funny at all!
2. Yelling at me for barking ... **IM A ***** DOG!**
3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose...stop it!
5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
6. The slight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whooooo Hooooooooo -- what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.
7. Taking me to the vet for the "big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!
8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
9. Dog sweaters. Hello? Haven't you noticed the fur?
10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.

CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE RESULTS – 24th & 25th September 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Mansfield Marnicks	18.09
2 nd	Live Wires	18.22
3 rd	Nuneaton Dodgers	17.79
4 th	Rapidz	18.57
5 th	Wire Springs	19.78
6 th	Zebedee Springers	20.19

DIVISION TWO – Judge Dave Long

1 st	Red Rose Rebels	19.61
2 nd	Springers	19.33
3 rd	Fylde Coasters	20.06
4 th	Wire Sparks	19.77
5 th	Wires A-Live	21.27
6 th	Carry On's	21.00
7 th	Mansfield Tricks	20.84

DIVISION THREE – Judge Alison Aubrey-Wilson

1 st	Red Rose Racers	20.63
2 nd	Rapidz Responz	21.29
3 rd	Thor's Paws	21.81
4 th	Nuneaton Cyclone	23.74
5 th	Mansfield Tantrumz	26.87

DIVISION FOUR – Judge John Clarke

1 st	Fylde Rollercoasters	22.77
2 nd	The Northern Bytes	24.33
3 rd	Scallywags	23.27
4 th	Springers Off Springs	23.99
5 th	Wired 4 Action	24.42
6 th	Fylde Surfers	27.40

CONGRATULATIONS to the MOLTEN MAGNETS

For the following B.F.A. AWARDS gained from July to December 2005

The **SAPPHIRE AWARD** (50,000 points) Jean Meeking & **Chica**
(Another first for Chica)

The **CHICA CHICANA AWARD** (40,000 points)

Val Currie & **MISSY** Judy Parker & **BOBBY**
Jean Meeking & **ROGAN** Neil Meeking & **CASSIE**

The **PLATINUM AWARD** (25,000 points)

Debbie Bagg & **AMY** Val Currie & **SMUDGE**

The **ICE BLUE MOON AWARD** (20,000 points)

Jean Meeking & **RIVA** Judy Parker & **MILLY** Mary Braybrook & **MILLIE**

The **GOLD AWARD** (15,000 points) Linda Hardwick & **TARA**

The **SILVER AWARD** (10,000 points)

Simon Scott & **JADE** Lynda King & **DUSTI**
Claire Davis & **MISSIE** Doug Merchant & **OSCAR**

FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED (5,000 points)

Jean Meeking & **TYLER** Katie Boyce & **MEG**

FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE (3,000 points)

Matthew Hardwick & **XANDER** Tony Bagg & **GRIT**

FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE (1,000 points)

Pat Harte & **LUCY** Lisa Edwards & **BESS**

WELL DONE EVERYONE

PORTWAY RESULTS – 8th & 9th October 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Robert Henshall

1 st	Barkshire Bandits	17.30
2 nd	Molten Magnets	17.13
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	18.21
4 th	Live Wires	18.18
5 th	Molten Marvels	18.21
6 th	Molten Muzzles	18.50
7 th	Barkshire Bullets	18.30

DIVISION THREE – Judge Mick Neighbour

1 st	Molten Metals	19.48
2 nd	Wire Springs	19.62
3 rd	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	20.18
4 th	Running 4 Mutts	18.48
5 th	Barkshire Bambinos	21.20
6 th	Molten Munsters	20.65

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Val Currie

1 st	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	19.82
2 nd	Wolf Cubs	21.05
3 rd	Timber Wolves	20.84
4 th	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	21.08
5 th	Daventry Little Bees	23.08
6 th	The Knights	20.74

DIVISION TWO – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Bassett Hotdogs	18.83
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istics	18.99
3 rd	Molten Meteors	18.77
4 th	Gofours	18.91
5 th	Barkshire Bandidos	19.84
6 th	Daventry Bumbles	18.55

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Grasshopper Express	19.71
2 nd	Bassett Allsorts	19.25
3 rd	Wire Sparks	19.99
4 th	Wolf Pack	20.39
5 th	Break-Aways (UK)	20.68

DIVISION SIX – Judge Sam Bawden

1 st	Urban Wolves	21.75
2 nd	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	22.84
3 rd	Scally wags	23.10
4 th	Wired 4 Action	24.04
5 th	Brat Pack	23.40
6 th	Grey Wolves	25.69

What Is A Pet?



Now let me see
What are the things a pet can be?
Is it just an animal
That shares your home,
Sits in a cage, chews on a bone?



No, I Think Not,

This cannot be right
A pet is a friend who stays up with you all night.
A pet does not care
If you're pretty or plain
He does not even care if you have the right name.
A pet is there when you cry
Loves you even when you are vain,
A pet always kisses away your pain.

A pet is a best friend
Best one you will ever find
No human could ever be so kind.

Author Unknown



NEWARK SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 12th November 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Crazy Comets	18.08
2 nd	Molten Magnets	18.18
3 rd	Nuneaton Flyers	18.65
4 th	Barkshire Bandits	18.63
5 th	Mansfield Marnicks	18.75
6 th	Molten Marvels	18.56

DIVISION TWO – Judge Bob Haworth

1 st	Coventry Dodgers	19.18
2 nd	Daventry Bumbles	19.80
3 rd	Nuneaton Bees	19.93
4 th	Molten Metals	20.22
5 th	Blackpool Super Nova	19.55
6 th	Kellington Power Racers	20.71

DIVISION THREE – Judge Penny Charlton

1 st	Fylde Coasters	20.73
2 nd	Molten Munsters	20.88
3 rd	Nova Next Generation	22.26
4 th	Kellington Crusaders	23.10
5 th	Racing Herts	22.86
6 th	Red Rose Rebels	21.81

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Maureen Hendry

1 st	Crazy Commandos	20.93
2 nd	Barkshire Bambinos	20.76
3 rd	Yorkshire Bouncers	20.25
4 th	Sherwood Oaks	21.31
5 th	Nuneaton Kestrels	22.06
6 th	Mansfield Tricks	22.16

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Stuart Harrison

1 st	The Northern Bytes	23.35
2 nd	Fylde Rollercoasters	23.88
3 rd	Mansfield Tantrumz	22.68

4 th	Daventry Little Bees	25.19
5 th	Sherwood Merry dogs	27.43
6 th	Yorkshire Runners	27.07

WEST RIDING WIZARDS

RECENT AWARDS

SILVER (10,000 Points)

Mark Bentley & Kea

INTERMEDIATE (1,000 Points)

Joan Holmes & Bryn

FLYBALL DOG (200 Points)

Jo Scholey & Dylan

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE

(Ready for 2006)

NEWARK SHOWGROUND RESULTS – 13th November 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Molten Muzzles	18.72
2 nd	Dog Friendly Flyers	19.21
3 rd	Sheffield Speeders	19.26
4 th	Molten Meteors	19.24
5 th	Barney Owlers	20.19
6 th	Doncaster Northern Stars	20.71
7 th	Rapidz	21.07

DIVISION TWO – Judge Val Currie

1 st	Wellingboro' Red Wellies	19.72
2 nd	Wire Sparks	20.37
3 rd	Break-Aways (UK)	20.66
4 th	Nuneaton Dodgers	19.94
5 th	Coventry Racers	20.76
6 th	Break-Necks	21.33

DIVISION THREE – Judge James Durrans

1 st	Wolf Pack	20.17
2 nd	Whiterose Bushytails	20.00
3 rd	Barking Owlers	21.94
4 th	Whiterose Wagtails	21.53
5 th	Sheffield Sparklers	24.48
6 th	Screeching Owlets	24.85

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Dave Long

1 st	Wakefield Trickytykes	21.25
2 nd	Doncaster Southern Stars	20.89
3 rd	Scally wags	22.43
4 th	Grey Wolves	23.67
5 th	Wellingboro' Red Bulls	22.83
6 th	Sheffield Shooters	26.71



BFA AWARDS FOR THE CRAZY TEAMS GAINED DURING 2005

ICE BLUE MOON 20,000 POINTS

Bob Haworth and Sam

Lynda Haworth and Rolo

GOLD 15,000 POINTS

Bob Haworth and Sam

Lynda Haworth and Rolo

Michele Hardy and Tarn

Kate Brazukas and Blue

Helen Ward and Bracken

SILVER 10,000 POINTS

Alan Brazukas and Jerry

Helen Ward and Bracken

Debbie Berry and Yogi

FLYBALL DOG ADVANCED 5,000 POINTS

Lynn Hilary and Teko

Helen Ward and Drift

FLYBALL DOG GRADUATE 3,000 POINTS

Jessica Mills and Buddy

Alan Brazukas and Loki

Helen Ward and Drift

FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE 1,000 POINTS

Brenda Hollis and Wyst

Alan Brazukas and Loki

Lynn Hillary and Moi

Lynn Ward and Taz

Hazel Kitchen and Ziggy

Bob Haworth and Dexy

Helen Ward and Darcy

Andrew Hardy and Todd

FLYBALL DOG 200 POINTS

Lynn Ward and Taz

Alan Brazukas and Loki

Hazel Kitchen and Spring

Hazel Kitchen and Ziggy

Lynn Hillary and Moi

Kevin Mathias and Jess

Kevin Mathias and Sky

Helen Ward and Darcy

Andrew Hardy and Todd

Bob Haworth and Dexy

Letty Parkinson and Nushka

Claire Johnston and Amber

*A special mention to Peter Hardy and his rottweiler **Beau** who achieved a single point at Carlton Towers running with the multibreed team Sheffield Supermix..*

*Sadly **Beau** is no longer with us, but he reserved his place in history on the BFA points web page!*

**WELL DONE TO ALL THE TEAMS
& GOOD LUCK FOR 2006!**

MAIDSTONE RESULTS – 20th November 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Roy Hiscock

1 st	The Jumping Jacks	18.49
2 nd	Barkshire Bandits	18.31
3 rd	Maple Leafs	18.65
4 th	Barkshire Bullets	19.23
5 th	Maple Leaf Raggers	19.56
6 th	Shooting Stars	19.44

DIVISION THREE – Judge Gail Wright

1 st	Marsh Cheetahs	20.31
2 nd	The Flap Jacks	21.40
3 rd	The Knights	21.04
4 th	Racing Herts	21.87
5 th	Shooting Star Jokers	20.16

DIVISION FIVE – Judge Katie Theobald

1 st	Marsh Cougars	22.03
2 nd	Ball Buster Bandits	22.69
3 rd	Knight-Mares	27.30

DIVISION TWO – Judge Jason Baker

1 st	Ball Busters	19.82
2 nd	Barkshire Bandidos	20.33
3 rd	Trying 4 Mutts	19.89
4 th	Extrabuccs	20.74
5 th	Four Bad Dogs	21.14

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Gwain Theobald

1 st	Underdogs	21.41
2 nd	Maple Leaf Stampede	21.29
3 rd	Ace's Win	21.52
4 th	Fun 4 Mutts	22.42
5 th	Shooting Star Rebels	22.21

4 th	Underdogs Too	26.52
5 th	Four in The Fast Lane	25.48

HELP NEEDED ASAP

Please help! After two long years of being on a waiting list for a flyball dog, the breeder has notified us that, at long last, our number has come up and... **we are having a puppy!**

We must get rid of our children **immediately** because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be arriving on Monday we must place the children into rescue this weekend!

They are described as:

One male – His name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Does have problems with peeing directly in the toilet. Has had Chicken Pox and is current on all shots. Tonsils have already been removed. Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained & gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training he should be able to read.

One female – Her name is Lexie, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes quite freckled. Two years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out! She is very healthy and can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls and little boys but does not like to share her toys and therefore would do best in a one child household. She is very quick learner and is currently working on her house training- shouldn't take long at all.

We really do **love** our children so much and want to do what's right for them that is why we contacted a rescue group but we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they may hurt our new puppy. I hope you understand that ours is a **unique** situation and we have a real emergency here. They must be placed into your rescue by Sunday night at the latest or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark country road. Our priority now has to be our new puppy.

Author Unknown



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Gaye Jackson Four In The Fast Lane	Juliet Drummond Whiterose Wagtails
Rachel Brown Underdogs	Kenny Wilson Whiterose Wagtails
Sandra Bettam Wolf Pack	Aline Smith The Knights
Patricia Frost-Copping Kellington Power Racers	Jenny Tavener Dolphins
Barbara Shore Kellington Power Racers	Patrick Eraut Four In The Fast Lane
Rita & Alexandra Barber Marsh Cheetahs	Jane Bottomley Doncaster Belle Stars
Sue Thompson Racing Herts	Theresa Price Leeds Owlers
Katie Anderson Racing Herts	Carey & David Jones Valley Hound Dogs
Chris, Dawn & Emily Jerrold Brimblecombe Barkers	Jo Birkbeck Leamington Royals
Susan, Robin & Gemma Rickwood Underdogs	Sharon, Kristian & Richard Allcorn Racing Herts
Sharon Stafford Kellington Power Racers	Carole Spencer Live Wires
Sarah Smith Kellington Power Racers	Carol Vaughan Leamington Royals
Anthony Bishop Bad Dog Racers	Karen Minor-Fallows Valley Hound Dogs
Shirley Evans Kellington Power Racers	Theresa McLeod Leamington Royals
Graham Jeffs Kellington Power Racers	Julia Dixon Live Wires
Belinda Nice Marsh Cheetahs	Peter Oldroyd Greetland Grasshoppers
Karen & Dave Colls Leamington Royals	Marina Casilli Live Wires
Sharon Ratcliffe Leeds Owlers	Joan Ratcliffe Leeds Owlers
Gillian Allen The Knights	Sharon Holland Live Wires
Karen Parker The Knights	Douglas Nethercleft TBC
Rebecca & Leigh Harrison Yorkshire Bouncers	Jackie Williams Valley Hound Dogs
Joanna, Katie & Samuel Harrison Yorkshire Bouncers	Cathryn Knowles Greetland Grasshoppers

NEW TEAMS

Leamington Royals, Leamington Hurricanes, Leamington Flyers

Cleveland Comets, Cleveland Whirlwinds, Cleveland Hurricanes, Cleveland Arrows

Only 4, Only 4 Fun, Only 4 Pleasure, Only 4 Kicks, Only 4 Posh Dogs

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THE THREE TERRORS (oops sorry Terriers).

We have three terrors that do flyball, each with their own personality and boy do they have one. Those in the North will have seen them on many occasions and the antics they get up to – they have all come so far and we have so many people to thank for all their hard work, patience and time, so here is a short run down of their time in flyball.

Let's start with **Shona**, the demon Westie as she is fondly known. Little did I know what I had let myself in for when bringing home this little white ball of fluff. She had surgery on her legs at eighteen months old, but recovered well. Shona started flyball when she was two and a half after meeting Carol from the Whiterose teams while out walking one day. She took to it well and in typical Westie style did it when she wanted and if she didn't want, she didn't do. Smells on the grass, treats that people had dropped and of course the Boxers and Rotties from the Fylde team. As time went on she gained a few points, chased a few dogs over 14" jumps and I hoped that she might make her flyball award and she did. My thanks go to Carol, Louise, Alison and all the Whiterose team for helping us get Shona to become the first Westie to gain this award.

We then moved to the Yorkshire Bouncers and Shona continued to do Flyball. She is more reliable now and as long as **Boggie Bear** (from the Fylde team) is not around she does the run in her own time. As time went by the points kept coming and in May this year she gained her Flyball Dog Intermediate – never in my wildest dreams would I have thought she would get this far. She is still going strong and a joy to have.

Then there is **Toby**, well what to say about the manic Jack Russell, who just loves tennis balls and things on elastic. He took to flyball the minute he was put in the ring at twelve months old, running with the Whiterose Newtails for six months. Following our team move at eighteen months old, he runs with the Yorkshire Bouncers and he has never looked back. Well, only when he is injured, be it ear infections, dislocated toes, being bitten and more recently with a broken toe that has had to be amputated and even then I think he would carry on regardless. He is the sort of dog that is a pleasure to have and a source of great amusement and I have to say, "you don't own a Jack Russell they own you". He has just gained his Flyball Dog Graduate in June and is still as manic as ever.

Last but not least we come to **Gypsy**. She is a rescue dog with a heart of gold and a temperament to match. She has come from Ireland and I have had her since September 2004. Even if she had never done flyball I would not have minded, as she is such a loving dog and a star at home. She loves to chase sheep and swims with the ducks, keeping her fit but worrying me as she only comes back when she wants. With patience, and a lot of training to kerb the chasing and getting her to actually hold the ball, she gained her first two points at our home tournament in July. She chased a lot of dogs and ran around the ring but on the two occasions when the going was good she did the run and brought the ball back, the smile on my face lasted a week. Now she is getting the hang of what to do, hopefully she will follow in Shona and Toby's footsteps, continuing to do what she wants when she wants and keeping us fit.

Our thanks go to all the Yorkshire Bouncers and the Whiterose teams for their encouragement, support and friendship over the past few years and to anyone else who has been involved with helping run the dogs, especially Maureen and Ben from the Bouncers. On moving house we are now changing teams again and moving to the Mansfield Marnicks, I'm not sure whether Margaret and her team know what they are letting themselves in for but they are soon to find out.

The three terrors will still be around for a long time to come, still doing their own thing and we will hopefully have so many more great times in flyball.

Sally Mann and Dave Warren (Mansfield Marnicks)

Important Information

From now onwards **Border Collies** and **Working Sheepdogs** will be categorized as **one breed** both on the website and on other relevant paperwork.

THE B.F.A. DIARY 2006

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

Mar 18th Mar 19th	Waltheof Centre, Sheffield, South Yorks Sheffield Speeders Teams may enter either Sat. or Sun. Contact – <i>Paula Merryman Tel. 01246 414816</i>	LO (24 Teams) CLD 17 th Feb
Mar 25th Mar 26th	Market Harborough, Leics. Molten Magnets Teams may enter either Sat. or Sun. Contact – <i>Judy Parker Tel. 024 76404266</i>	LO (24 Teams) CLD 24 th Feb
Apr 2nd	Wythall Park Community Hall, Birmingham BFA Committee AGM	CLD 3 rd March
Apr 14/15/16th	Carlton Towers, North Yorks Yorkshire Bouncers Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	LO (72 Teams) CLD 10 th March
Apr 15/16th	Ryecroft Farm, Cheshire Cheshire Set Contact – <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>	LO (42 Teams) CLD 15 th March
Apr 16/17th	Old Warden Park, Biggleswade, Beds. Barkshire Bandits Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>	LO (48 Teams) CLD 18 th March
Apr 17th	Carlton Towers, North Yorks Yorkshire Bouncers Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	M CLD 14 th March
Apr 17th	Ryecroft Farm, Cheshire Cheshire Set Contact – <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>	M CLD 15 th March
Apr 22/23rd	Rose & Crown, Portway, West Midlands Wolf Pack Contact – <i>Anne Johnson Tel. 0121 443 1535</i>	LO (36 Teams) CLD 22 nd March
April 29/30th	Mottram St. Andrew, Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire. Northern Bytes Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>	LO (36 Teams) CLD 27 th March
May 1st	Mottram St. Andrew, Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire. Northern Bytes Contact – <i>Doreen Smith Tel. 0161 494 0787</i>	M CLD 27 th March
May 6/7th	Prissick Base, Middlesbrough, Cleveland Crazy Cannons Contact – <i>Charlie Berry Tel. 01642 875117</i>	LO (36 Teams) CLD 8 th April
May 13th May 14th	Tai Lawr, Bryngwran, Anglesey Pods Contact – <i>Peter Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	LO (30 Teams) M CLD 14 th April
May 20/21st	Sutton Fields, Nr. Runcorn, Cheshire Live Wires Contact – <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>	LO (44 Teams) CLD 22 nd April
May 27/28th	Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, Kent Barkshire Bandits Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>	LO (36 Teams) CLD 29 th April
May 27/28th	Eggborough, North Yorkshire Yorkshire Bouncers Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	LO (36 Teams) CLD 24 th April
May 27/28th	Arley Hall, Cheshire Cheshire Set Contact – <i>Vera Edge Tel. 01565 873390</i>	LO (42 Teams) CLD 28 th April
May 29th	Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, Kent Barkshire Bandits Contact – <i>Penny Charlton Tel. 01753 620110</i>	LM (18 Teams) CLD 29 th April
May 29th	Eggborough, North Yorkshire Yorkshire Bouncers Contact – <i>Betty Potts Tel. 01757 703233</i>	M CLD 24 th April
June 3rd 4th	Penny Farm, Blackpool, Lancs Red Rose Rockets Contact – <i>Len Titterington Tel. 01253 762116</i>	LO (42 Teams) CLD 3 rd May
June 3rd 4th	Whitewater, North Warnborough, Hampshire Buccaneers Contact – <i>Andrew Payne Tel. 01256 702873</i>	O CLD 19 th May
June 10/11th	Daventry, Northamptonshire Molten Magnets Contact – <i>Judy Parker Tel. 024 76 04266</i>	LO (48 Teams) CLD 12 th May
June 17/18th	Nuneaton Rugby Club, Warwickshire Nuneaton Flyers Contact – <i>Pamela Harrison Tel. 01827 707293</i>	LO (54 Teams) CLD 20 th May
June 24/25th	Cantley Park, Doncaster, South Yorks Doncaster Belle Stars Contact – <i>Robin Holding Tel. 07711 608115</i>	LO (42 Teams) CLD 20 th May
June 24/25th	Frimley Lodge, Surrey Bad Dog Racers Contact – <i>Chris Fulford Tel. 01329 311780</i>	O CLD 26 th May

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July 1 st /2 nd	Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire	Barkshire Bandits	LO (48 Teams)
July 1 st /2 nd	Askham Bryan, North-Yorkshire	Wakefield Tykes	LO (42 Teams)
July 8/9 th	Ryecroft Farm, Cheshire	Cheshire Set	LO (42 Teams)
July 22/23 rd	Tai Lawr, Bryngwran, Anglesey	Pods	O
July 27 th	Tai Lawr, Bryngwran, Anglesey	Pods	M
July 28/29 th	Tai Lawr, Bryngwran, Anglesey	Pods	O
July 29/30 th	Eggborough, North-Yorkshire	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (48 Teams)
Aug 5/6 th	Nuneaton Rugby Club, Warwickshire	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (54 Teams)
Aug 5/6 th	Eastham, Wirral, Cheshire	Dolphins	LO (42 Teams)
Aug 12/13 th	Cantley Park, Doncaster, South-Yorks	Doncaster Belle Stars	LO (49 Teams)
Aug 12/13 th	Whitewater, North Warnborough, Hampshire	Buccaneers	O
Aug 19/20 th	Daventry, Northants. BFA Summer Champ.	BFA Committee	LO (54 Teams)
Aug 26/27 th	Tatton Park, Cheshire	Northern Bytes	LO (36 Teams)
Aug 26/27 th	Drax Sp. & Soc. Club, North-Yorks.	Kellington Power Racers	LO (42 Teams)
Aug 27 th	Stoneleigh, Warwickshire	Molten Magnets	LO (24 Teams)
Aug 28 th	Tatton Park, Cheshire	Northern Bytes	M
Aug 28 th	Drax Sp. & Soc. Club, North-Yorks.	Kellington Power Racers	M

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

SELBY COLLEGE RESULTS – 26TH November 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Coventry Dodgers	19.57
2 nd	Live Wires	18.92
3 rd	Mansfield Marnicks	18.92
4 th	Yorkshire Racers	19.72
5 th	Blackpool Super Nova	19.81
6 th	Wire Springs	20.54

DIVISION TWO – Judge Maureen Hendry

1 st	Doncaster Swift Stars	19.09
2 nd	Wire Sparks	19.81
3 rd	Coventry Racers	20.87
4 th	Nova Next Generation	21.29
5 th	Mansfield Tricks	21.32
6 th	Blackpool Quasars	22.50

DIVISION THREE – Judge Alison Harrison

1 st	Nuneaton Cyclone	20.34
2 nd	Crazy Chieftains	20.83
3 rd	Whiterose Curly tails	22.42

4 th	The Northern Bytes	22.46
5 th	Wired 4 Action	24.58
6 th	Whiterose Bushy tails	23.58

SELBY COLLEGE RESULTS – 27TH November 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Doreen Smith

1 st	Dog Friendly Flyers	18.85
2 nd	Crazy Comets	19.07
3 rd	Gofours	18.32
4 th	Red Rose Rebels	19.57
5 th	Barney Owlers	20.09
6 th	Sheffield Speeders	20.91

DIVISION TWO – Judge John Verity

1 st	Red Rose Racers	19.76
2 nd	Break-Aways (UK)	19.87
3 rd	Crazy Commandos	19.89
4 th	Blaxton Blades	20.19
5 th	Break-Necks	20.49

DIVISION THREE – Judge Julie Rumsey

1 st	Doncaster Southern Stars	20.82
2 nd	Barking Owlers	21.35
3 rd	West Riding Warriors	21.29
4 th	Crazy Crossbows	22.17
5 th	Yorkshire Leapers	22.81
6 th	Sheffield Sparklers	26.28

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Bob Haworth

1 st	Dog Friendly Sprinters	22.62
2 nd	Fylde Surfers	24.56
3 rd	Screeching Owlets	25.11
4 th	Yorkshire Runners	26.72
5 th	Thorne Troopers	27.17

THE BIRMINGHAM TATTOO 2005

November brings with it dark nights, misty mornings, indoor training to stop you developing rust patches and, for the Molten Magnets, the Birmingham Tattoo. The excitement of Flyball is always a crowd puller and the Magnets have become the only "Act" to be invited on an annual basis. It's either because we're so popular or so cheap; I'm not sure which! I tried to remind myself of the compliment as I got up at an unearthly hour and stuffed the car to the gunnels with all the paraphernalia, leaving just enough room for the dog. I only wished we did not have the early rehearsal slot for everything has to be unloaded and ready by 9.00am. You all know how much rubber we use, together with dog cages that are stacked two storeys high in the dressing room and the carting of food to sustain us over the two days. Then there's all the clothes to make us look reasonably presentable, no mean feat I can assure you! Not only do I have to take my team uniform but also my best outfit, as I am again to be the Judge. Nobody else wants the hassle, not to mention the expense of dressing up!

Outside the arena it was bitterly cold but thankfully dry. During the rehearsal we soon warmed up marking out the concrete floor of the arena with white marker tape so that the ends of the rubber matting can be located against the tape. (The actual performance on the night is only 10 minutes long from beginning to end. This includes the setting out of the rubber, which *always* has a life of its own *and* is always done in the dark!) The next step was to instruct the Army Cadets to place the jumps on the matting and show them how to control the dogs they would be holding for us. Lucy and Isha represented the Charity Pets As Therapy and would stand under the spotlights during the setting out. I still needed a third dog and surprised Val Currie by asking for Morse, her new dog which she had rescued only a few weeks earlier. Val expressed her concerns, as she didn't think he could do it but of course I knew better, or I hoped I did. Morse joined the other two dogs and the Cadets were given a plentiful supply of biscuits. The excited threesome charged about, rough and tumbling, unlike the calm and loving Therapy dogs they were supposed to be. Not a promising start but Morse was clearly enjoying himself.

All of this was under the watchful eye of the Cadets' Sergeant Major, who, believe it or not, is far more frightening than our esteemed leader Jean! By now the flyball dogs were hysterical and vociferous waiting for their practice runs. Damn! I'd forgotten the ear defenders and the barking reverberated around the vast and empty auditorium. Then it was time to drag everything to stage right and left in readiness for the evening. The rest of the day we had nothing to do except, organise the dressing room, lay out the food, walk the dogs and try keeping them clean, ha ha, and listen to our team briefing given by our own Sergeant Major. Jean promptly forgot what she'd said immediately after saying it, so the briefing took some time. It must be something to do with her age! Matthew started on the food to relieve the boredom and fill, what would prove to be, his hollow legs.

The Finale rehearsal was upon us. Matthew just had time to swallow yet another sandwich before we gathered in the corridor as the Massed Bands went into full swing. Suddenly, thunderous cannon fire shook the building and, with the exception of Morse who, despite having his fur ruffled, took it in his stride as we all beat a hasty retreat with our startled and upset dogs back to the dressing room. Nobody had told us that the Battle of Waterloo was taking place and we learnt to count the cannon fire and ignore the guns. The theory was that after 4 cannon shots it was safe to come out. The Napoleonic Society got a good telling off by the Health & Safety Exec. "Pardon" said Napoleon, not having heard due to the onset of noise deafness. They were asked to reduce the amount of charge as it was deemed too loud and no one wanted the audience to suffer heart attacks or the building to collapse.

Changing at the NIA is always a risky business. Some of our team use the 'Ladies' which has a sliding sign, which changes to 'Gents' when pushed. On this occasion, as we were leaving, we were not surprised to find elderly and terribly affronted male members of the British Legion in there. Our elderly gentlemen never cope and gave us a flea in our ear for being illiterate. There was no point in trying to explain it said 'Ladies' when we went in and no doubt it would say 'Ladies' when *they* came out!

Performance time and Val was worried, would Morse behave himself, would he cope? We were all about to find out as the 3 dogs, together with biscuits were handed over to the Cadets just as the

Coldstream Guards were finishing. Twinkling red lights from their jackets were the only signs of life in the dark arena. We hoped our valiant team wouldn't struggle too much laying out the rubber. The spotlight came up and our Compere, Roger talked about the work of Therapy dogs and proceeded to wind up the audience to support the Flyball event. Morse pranced like a champion; the yells from the packed auditorium as the teams ran under Roger's instructions, did not faze him. He even sat on command for his Cadet. He already looked like a seasoned performer as he scoffed numerous biscuits. Here was a true star in the making.

Now came the difficult bit, to get to 2 – 2 for the final leg. By leg 2 it was a draw and then the plan went pear shaped. Grit knocked down a jump, that slowed his team and they lost. Then Milly ran out in the next leg, she ran again and now no chance of drawing even. There was a treat in store however, in the fifth leg. Little and Large were brought in to delight the audience. Riva, Jean's Jack Russell was against Tara, Linda's Labradoodle. Roger promptly renamed them as 'Tiny Tim' and 'that big shaggy dog'. The crowd went mad as both dogs ran their socks off. The score didn't matter as the audience had loved it.

Racing back to the dressing room through the corridors, performers were everywhere. On reaching the dressing room of the 51st Highland Brigade things got a little fractious. Who'd left the corridor full of **CATS**? Well not exactly, but the bearskins did have tails and the dogs went in for the kill. More than one bandsman, when trying to protect his busby, was thoroughly goosed by a cold wet nose, inserted swiftly and accurately up his kilt!

The interval always proves popular with the dogs being paraded on the concourse and the audience spoiling them with popcorn, chips and ice cream. There were constant questions, "Where's 'Tiny Tim' and 'that big shaggy dog'?" No guesses for the favourite members of the teams.

By now everyone was tired. Dave and Tony turned into bookends, either end of the sofa and they managed to snore and dribble their way through the next hour. It was a good job Chris was out watching the performance otherwise we would have missed the Finale. We only got to 3 cannon shots not realising that one of the cannons had misfired, or rather not fired at all. Still we made it and the dogs lay in an exhausted heap through Land of Hope and Glory. Lucy was the only one to let the side down. She was fine until the fainting started; kids from the disco dancers were going down like flies (must have been all the anorexia, certainly not a condition suffered by Matthew!). Each time she saw someone creeping through to carry off a comatose child she'd bark. This was much to Doug's amusement. His dog Oscar had never been in the Finale before, due to excessive barking, and now he had a smug grin on his face as Oscar snored peacefully and Lucy received a telling off.

Day Two and the Matinee Performance. Food stocks were replenished; well Matthew had eaten most of it yesterday. Team briefing and the call for us to try and get it right, that is to try and draw level for the final leg. Today we were privileged to have a little extra help, the operative word being *little*. Judy's niece, Becky, was going to lay out the indicator cones to keep the audience informed of the score. First, she had to be made up; I told her that she had to look nearly but not quite as beautiful as the Judge! Why was she laughing? She had to be dressed in team colours, thankfully she didn't mind that the shirt, the smallest we had, resembled a dress. No nerves here as she went into the arena.

The racing was going well but just as you relax a bit the unexpected happens. Bobby failed to come back. Shame on the Box Loader! Doug had forgotten to load the box in the excitement of the racing. Fatal! Bobby has to do it properly and will simply not accept a thrown ball. Tiny Tim, alias Riva, saved the day, she couldn't bear to see her team mate struggling or all those balls flying about so she raced to join him at the box end. The crowd roared with laughter as mayhem reigned. Finally both dogs came back over the jumps in tandem. The last 2 legs were superb and very close but the audience was to be disappointed, Tiny Tim lost. The dogs once again begged mercilessly for food during the interval and needless to say, kids started fainting again in the Finale causing Lucy to bark and Doug to smirk.

Thanks Team for a lovely weekend and well done to one little rescue dog, our Morse, who turned out to be the true star of the show.

Pat Harte (Molten Magnets)

HOOLOGAN HARLEY GOES TO DONCASTER (God help us all)

Hi everyone,

Guess what - this time when we went to flyball I wasn't just visiting, but going to compete in something called starters. At last someone has recognised my talent, I'll be in division one in no time. We had a bit of a wait because starters was on last, so I had plenty of time to concentrate on being a pain in the bum. I chewed a seatbelt, pulled Mum over in the mud and barked my head off all day to name but a few of my antics.

Finally, it was my turn to 'shine'. We walked into the arena and my adrenalin level hit the roof. We were in the ring next. We all walked up to the box for a run back, I flew all four jumps and went back to Mum. She was well pleased – little did she know it wouldn't last for long! We all lined up near some lights and I was pulling like a steam train in the front. Mum said ready, steady go – and I did, over three jumps and the netting... into the next lane. Nobody told me there would be another dog in there, so I thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself and have a bit of fun. Someone blew a whistle, Mum grabbed me and frogmarched me back to the start. Off we went again, but this time I only did one jump, then the netting three times, before I was taken out of the ring, how embarrassing is that?

I had one final go later in the day. Mum ran up the side with me and I didn't go very fast 'cos I was too busy watching the dog on the other side. I did manage all four jumps, got the ball and ran back down again. Mum was well pleased and decided to pull me out and end on a good note.

I have been told to thank the judge and all the teams for putting up with me. I had a lovely day and the grass was brilliant.

Love **Harley** (The little bit nearer Sherwood Outlaw)

NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE RESULTS – 3rd December 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Sue Allen

1 st	Gofours	18.85
2 nd	Red Rose Rockets	18.84
3 rd	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	19.64
4 th	Red Rose Rebels	19.78
5 th	Fylde Coasters	20.50

DIVISION TWO – Judge Antony Cain

1 st	Doncaster Northern Stars	19.41
2 nd	Break-Aways (UK)	19.72
3 rd	Wakefield Trickytykes	21.07
4 th	Night Owlers	21.11
5 th	Knutsford Gnashers	20.97
6 th	Break-Necks	21.75

DIVISION THREE – Judge Alison Harrison

1 st	West Riding Warriors	20.87
2 nd	Fylde Rollercoasters	23.95
3 rd	Knutsford Tailspinners	22.20

4 th	Tyke Tactics	24.25
5 th	Doncaster Eastern Stars	24.44

NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE RESULTS – 4th December 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Robin Holding

1 st	Sheffield Speeders	18.78
2 nd	Crazy Comets	18.83
3 rd	Grasshopper Express	19.26
4 th	Coventry Dodgers	19.04
5 th	Kellington Crusaders	20.35
6 th	Kellington Power Racers	19.99

DIVISION TWO – Judge Howard Campbell

1 st	Crazy Commandos	19.30
2 nd	Blaxton Blades	20.02
3 rd	Crazy Chieftains	20.05
4 th	Nuneaton Cyclone	19.98
5 th	Coventry Racers	20.61
6 th	Sherwood Outlaws	20.95

DIVISION THREE – Judge Bob Haworth

1 st	Doncaster Southern Stars	20.68
2 nd	Whiterose Bushytails	21.40
3 rd	Whiterose Curlytails	22.58

4 th	Crazy Crossbows	21.78
5 th	Sheffield Shooters	24.85
6 th	Sherwood Merrydogs	24.95

Head Judge's Report

It was certainly an interesting and brave thing to do, to try running an indoor tournament on grass, and how well it worked out. All the teams who came were delighted with the running surface, with the location, - and, it has to be said, with the food van. It's a good job it was there - it was absolutely freezing, and they did a sterling job keeping us all going. Robin and Debbie had apparently spent hours working out exactly how this indoor turf would work; they had tried it out extensively to make sure the grass would stand up to flyball, and Robin had even drawn up a plan of how the turf should be laid (though it seems this didn't quite go to plan!). The whole idea was amazingly successful, and the day's racing showed up one or two little tips that should make it perfect next time.

I don't have a wonderful memory like Howard, so I can't give you a complete break-down of how all the teams did - suffice it to say that everyone enjoyed themselves and were pleased to have yet another chance to run before the Christmas break. I am extremely grateful to Debbie and Robin for giving me my first appointment as Head Judge. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, even if some of my decisions did give rise to debate on the internet! My only word on this would be to suggest that the BFA thinks about more training sessions for all Judges - box and line included - so that "grey" areas would be better understood by all flyballers, not just Head Judges!

Alison Harrison (Yorkshire Bouncers)

Judge's Report

An indoor tournament on grass, who would have thought it! Full marks go to the Bellestars for their imagination and for making this work (as it really did). In fact the running surface was better than at some outdoor events we have been to this year. The indoor arena was very big, so there was plenty of run back plus room for teams to 'set up camp' under cover.

The festive spirit was in evidence with a tree, lights (not the BFA ones!) and a 'Santa Dash' for charity. With a 9am start, running three divisions and a starters division, we finished at 6pm. The day had gone really well. Well done! I look forward to your future tournaments.

Howard Campbell (Greetland Grasshoppers)



Wedding bells

Many of you may remember one of the earliest competitions the Leeds Owlers entered at Wyevale Garden Centre, Blackpool back in 2004 when Richard, dressed as a dog, got down on one knee and proposed to a very embarrassed Sarah during the presentations. Well, we have watched their relationship continue to blossom and finally on Saturday 3rd December, watched by their friends, Sarah and Richard were married. They went on honeymoon to India and returned in time for Christmas.

All their friends wish them Good Luck and a long, successful and happy life together.

Lynne Cousins (Leeds Owlers)



ANGLESEY CHRISTMAS SHOW RESULTS – 10th December 2005

DIVISION ONE – Judge Sue Allen

1 st	Molten Magnets	18.66
2 nd	Live Wires	18.83
3 rd	Pods	19.06
4 th	Doncaster Northern Stars	19.14
5 th	Kellington Power Racers	20.43
6 th	Delinquent Dolphins	19.64

DIVISION TWO – Judge Margaret Gore

1 st	Podsters	19.77
2 nd	Molten Metals	19.69
3 rd	Wire Sparks	20.33
4 th	Knutsford Gnashers	20.54
5 th	Wire Springs	20.73
6 th	Rapidz Rebels	NFC

DIVISION THREE – Judge Heather Eubank

1 st	Thor's Paws	20.78
2 nd	Podlings	21.66
3 rd	Spanish Rapidz	21.19
4 th	Knutsford Tailspinners	23.13
5 th	Flying Reds	22.41
6 th	Thorne Troopers	NFC

DIVISION FOUR – Judge Marguerite Fleming

1 st	Flying Blues	21.84
2 nd	Valley Hound Dogs	23.55
3 rd	Grey Wolves	23.73
4 th	Wired 4 Action	24.14
5 th	Dancing Dolphins	24.55
6 th	Podlets	25.06

STARTER RESULTS

Judge Val Currie

1 st	Paws & Balls
2 nd	Thor's Stars
3 rd	Valley Santa Paws

4 th	St Davids Rockers
5 th	Pod Angels
6 th	Start-Rite Troopers

Head Judge's Report

As I came off the Britannia Bridge onto Anglesey, my Victor Meldrew persona sprang into action. 'I don't believe it!' Yes it was raining! – well drizzling. It seems to happen to me every time I go to Anglesey, perhaps I should try the Menai Bridge instead.

Race day started in the dark – and rain, as I headed off for the Mona Showground very early. I was to judge the starters division and we wanted to get off to a quick start with four sanctioned divisions to run as well.

The atmosphere at the tournament was full of Christmas cheer as usual. The Rapidz had their own 'Grotty' in the form of a tent that they erected indoors and decorated. Somehow they managed to find everything in turquoise (their team colour) including sweets wrapped in turquoise paper.

The day's racing was close and exciting. We were nourished by the excellent food wagon including rolls, filled with tender pork with stuffing served at 'lunch time'. Outside the weather was wet and windy but not too cold so we could cope.

At the end of the day, once the presentations were over, we were asked to remain as Peter had something to say. I wondered what it was our host wanted, did I do my thanks before or after? We were all surprised and delighted when Peter turned out to be Peter Sleath (Knutsford Gnashers) who had decided on a romantic proposal to Lisa Bassford (also Knutsford Gnashers). Who could resist that? Lisa didn't!

Our thanks go to all the Pods for putting on this popular tournament and to Peter and Lisa for making this one so special.

Val Currie (Molten Magnets)

The Phantom of the Opera

You need to lie down on one side with your face in the mud/mess. Now use your back legs to push away so that your whole body rotates around your eye, thus grinding the dirt into that side of your head. When you stand up only one side of your face will be dirty, leaving the other side clean.

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