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British Flyball Champions 2009

Bassett Hotdogs

Our cover picture this issue shows the Bassett Hotdogs BFA 2009 British Flyball Champions

The primary team name of Bassett Allsorts was one of the earliest registered teams with a TRN of 011. They didn't, however, start competing until August 1995, recording a fastest time of 23.60 seconds. Their current seed time is 20.05 seconds although they have in the past run in the 19 second bracket with a fastest time of 19.01seconds.

While many Flyball teams keep their Primary Team name for their fastest team the Bassett Hotdogs TRN 011B ran in their first tournament in August 1998 recording a fastest time of 21.10 seconds – faster than the Allsorts 22.04seconds.

The four 'core' dogs have run together in the team since 2008 and were joined by Woody in May this year and then Maisy joined them for the first time in July at Becketts Farm where the team set a new BFA record of 16.70 seconds.

The team has gradually been improving their times since 2005 when they were generally recording times in the 19 second bracket then dropping into sub 19 seconds. They ran their first sub 18 second time in June 2008, sub 17 seconds in May 2009 and have enjoyed a really successful year.

Bob and Tess have been competing in Flyball since 2005, Lizzy since 2007 and Rupee since 2008.

Typically Anne Alderman, the team captain, expressed her thanks:

Thank you to everyone who supported us in breaking the Jets long held record. The will power of everyone today must have helped us along!!

Big thanks must go to Claire for trying her hardest to get us to improve our passes. And to Wendy for being a brill box loader!

And also to Anton, Penny, Wayne & Alison who over the last 15years have taught us everything we know today. The 'pupils' have surpassed their 'tutors', but without them we would never have achieved what we did today!

Thank you everyone.

Following the excitement of that day, the Bassett Hotdogs together with the other Division One teams gave us breathtaking racing in the British Flyball Championships finishing as this year's Champions.

Not content with these achievements, back at Becketts Farm in October the record seed time was once again broken by the Bassett Hotdogs with a time of 16.60 seconds to overtake the High Flyers time of 16.66 seconds.

What a year!

Ed.



Anything worthwhile in life is a struggle. The difference between those who make it and those that don't is that the ones who do have the perseverance to go on.

Kay Meurer

Greetings Flyballers

Wow! Well the British Flyball Championships were all and more than they promised to be. Three rings running for three days with exiting racing in all of them. Then we were all allowed the enjoyment of watching Division One for the last division to be run on the Sunday, using Head Judges as ring party – inspired thinking Bridget. There was a magnificent atmosphere as we all delighted in the close changeovers and breath-taking finishes of each leg and race. The Committee and all those in the ‘crew’ made the whole flyballing and entertainment weekend fantastic

This issue contains your **Membership Renewal** form, please don’t lose it. Moe has written some guidelines for you, you’ll find them on **Page 6** and also on the back of the renewal form. Don’t forget to ring round the word ‘yes’ below where you sign & date if you want the FR by e-mail. ***That includes those of you who already have it electronically!*** While on the subject of form filling; I often find myself wondering (when doing the new members list for instance) if names are correct. Our Committee and Officers mostly work full time as well as doing all the time consuming work for the BFA and need you to write/print clearly so that no mistakes are made. There are always some ‘bounced’ eFRs to sort out with each issue for example.

On **Page 5** you will find the **Advance Notice** of the AGM which will be on March 21st next year. In order to make sure everyone receives the 90 days (and more) notice it was decided to give notice in this issue for the benefit of those without internet access. Regrettably it won’t be possible to get the next issue out in time to meet the 90 day deadline

And finally, I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and that next year proves to be the usual FUN for all flyballers.

Ed.

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CHAIRMAN'S SLOT

British Championships 2009

Congratulations to the Bassett Allsorts for winning Division 1 at the British Championships and to all the rest of the teams in that division who contributed to some really great racing, I hope that you are all proud of your achievement.

I would equally like to congratulate all the divisional winners and to all the teams that took part - with the seed times for the divisions being so close there was some nail-biting racing over the weekend. So even if you did not win I hope you all came away feeling that you had had good racing!

Bridget and I would also like to say a huge thank you to everybody who got involved in the background to make the British Flyball Championships 2009 such a success – it was certainly a daunting task to take on - following on from the success of the 2008 Championships. It took us some time to recover afterwards!

As anyone who has run a tournament will know, to organise a flyball tournament (and particularly one of this size) is a team effort. We were very lucky this year to have so many “unsung heroes” who were able to volunteer to get involved with the set-up and running of the Championships, especially those who came without a dog to run ... I’m not going to mention any names individually, there are too many of you to do that ... you know who you are. So a huge thank you to everyone **who:**

- was able to spare the time before the tournament helping to set up the camping, marking out the rings, plumbing in the showers etc. etc. Let no-one underestimate how time consuming and boring it is to mark out camping.
- helped by providing and transporting equipment to the show and set up the rings.
- provided the lights and/or got up bright and early to make sure they were ready for the start of racing.
- helped organise the paperwork and notice-boards, run the admin. tent, man the microphone and everything else that needed doing around the rings.
- organised and sorted out refreshments, kept the water and paddling pools replenished through the weekend, directed cars and caravans, made sure the toilets were supplied with toilet rolls and that the rubbish got to the skips
- manned the rings either as a judge or ring party
- provided first aid or vet cover over the weekend
- helped by selling raffle tickets
- provided and organised the entertainment over the weekend
- helped to dismantle all the rings
- helped to clear the site so that we left it in a “fit and proper” state



As well as experiencing some great racing and entertainment we also managed to raise just under £300 over the weekend, this money will be split and donated to three regional dog rescue centres.

Lastly, but by no means least I would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors CSJ and Sunnyside Photography for their support. CSJ provided prizes for **every single dog that entered** and Sunnyside provided photographs for judges, helpers and Divisional Winners.

Steve Leek (chairperson & Dolphins)



Notice of Annual General Meeting

**To be Held at Wythall Community Hall, Wythall Park and House,
Silver Street, Wythall, Birmingham, B47 6LZ
On Sunday 21st March 2010, commencing 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 21st March 2010, commencing at 10.00am. All current members are cordially invited to attend and only current members will be entitled to vote.

Nominations for membership of the Committee and all proposals for inclusion in the agenda must be received by the Secretary on or before 19th February 2010.

Nominations for the 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 emailed direct to secretary@flyball.org.uk.

All other details including catering arrangements and directions will be published in the February Flyball Record.

For more information phone Rachel Child (BFA Secretary) on 07767 266916



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Membership Renewal

ALL current memberships will fall due for renewal on the 1st January 2010.

A renewal form is enclosed with this issue of the Flyball Record. Please note that **New** members added to this form at the time of renewal incur the £2.50 joining fee. (per form, not per member)

If you wish to add a dog onto your membership please complete all the details on the form but leave the dog's number blank. This indicates to me that it is a new dog you wish to register. When registering a new dog you must include a full date of birth. Day, month and year. I will write or email to inform you of the dog's BFA number.

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. Please also remember to sign and date your cheque. **If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped addressed envelope or if you would like an emailed receipt please tick the box below the BFA logo and ensure your email address is entered clearly in the box provided.**

If you would like to receive future copies of the Flyball Record via email please circle the word **yes**. If you already receive the Flyball Record via email and would like to continue receiving it this way please circle the word **yes** and don't forget to put your email address in the box provided.

Annual Fees remain the same.

Single £12.00

Joint £18.00



A one month's grace applies. Any membership renewal not received by the 31st January 2010 will be considered LAPSED and the joining fee of £2.50 will therefore apply.

Please remember that if you compete in a **Sanctioned** show and are not a current member of the BFA you risk your whole team losing any points earned that day. Please see rule 6.1.

Please refrain from sending your membership forms by recorded or special delivery. They will not reach me any quicker as I have to collect them from the Post Office and it may be a few days before I can get there.

Remember any problems or questions no matter how trivial you think they may be please do not hesitate to contact me. All my contact details are shown below.

Happy Flyballing!!!!



Maureen Hendry

Membership and Team Registration

Email:- membership@flyball.org.uk

Tel:- 01302 533414 (Please leave a message if I'm not in, all calls will be returned)

Current Seed Times (Open 1 - 98) - as at 15th Oct 2009

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
1	Bassett Hotdogs	011B	16.60
2	High Flyers	174	16.66
3	Shooting Stars	001	16.87
4	Jolly Jumpers	991B	17.11
5	Molten Magnets	107	17.20
6	Wires A-Live	069F	17.21
7	Live Wires	069	17.23
8	Rotherham Rockets	173	17.31
9	Cleveland Comets	140	17.35
10	Cheshire Set	120	17.35
11	Maple Leafs	049	17.48
12	Wire Flash	069G	17.51
13	Dippy Dolphins	122J	17.52
14	Molten Magnetics	107I	17.52
15	Shooting Star Comets	001E	17.53
16	Barkshire Bandits	017	17.55
17	Bristol Ball-istics	018	17.57
18	Dream Team	208	17.64
19	Ghost Owlers	119G	17.70
20	Aces Dominos	094E	17.70
21	Northants Falcons	151	17.83
22	Wimbledon Wonders	180B	17.89
23	Allstars	212	17.89
24	Dolphin Friendly Tuna	122K	17.90
25	Tyne Tailwaggers on Tour	165D	17.90
26	Speed Demonz	184A	17.90
27	Doncaster Belle Stars	096	17.92
28	Running 4 Mutts	054A	17.92
29	Lightning Strikes	217	17.92
30	Brigg Muttley Crew	207	17.94
31	Nuneaton Flyers	051	17.97
32	Molten Meteors	107B	18.01
33	Ramsey Runners	130	18.03
34	Banchory Bravehearts	164	18.04
35	Cheshire Chasers	120A	18.04
36	High Voltage	174A	18.06
37	Hampshire Harriers	132	18.07
38	Coventry Racers	131	18.09
39	Kiddy Minsters	145A	18.11
40	Wimbledon Woofers	180C	18.11
41	Bassett Torpedoes	011J	18.12
42	Mansfield Marnicks	124	18.13
43	Maple Leaf Raggers	049A	18.13
44	Pods	015	18.13
45	Clatto Clangers	073	18.14
46	Blackpool Super Nova	063	18.16
47	Rotherham Runaways	173C	18.21
48	Molten Marvels	107C	18.24
49	Barney Owlers	119A	18.25

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
50	Molten Magic	107H	18.27
51	Cleveland Hurricanes	140B	18.28
52	Nuneaton Hawks	051H	18.29
53	Demon Racers	184C	18.30
54	Crazy Chieftains	081E	18.32
55	Wilmslow Coyotes	150C	18.36
56	Sheffield Speeders	058	18.38
57	Racing Herts	134	18.39
58	Greetland Grasshoppers	055	18.43
59	Maple Leaf Stampede	049D	18.45
60	Bristol Ball-istic Rockets	018F	18.48
61	Gofours	110	18.48
62	Knutsford Tailspinners	117A	18.50
63	Electric Wires	069J	18.50
64	Demon Pawz	184B	18.51
65	Cambridgeshire Canines	176	18.54
66	Fylde Coasters	038	18.57
67	FourPaws Racing	142	18.59
68	Bad Dog Racers	053	18.59
69	Tyne Tailwaggers	165	18.63
70	Dog Friendly Flyers	098	18.65
71	Blazing Aces	094D	18.67
72	Delinquent Dolphins	122D	18.68
73	Mansfield Collie Wobbles	124K	18.70
74	Red Rose Rockets	093	18.73
75	Kiveton Katapults	163	18.75
76	The Swifts	048	18.76
77	Carry On's	121	18.77
78	Pods Paws 'n' Balls	015K	18.78
79	Tyne Taitwisters	165A	18.80
80	Barkshire Bullets	017C	18.82
81	Shooting Star Moonies	001F	18.82
82	Podsters	015F	18.84
83	Cleveland Tornadoes	140E	18.85
84	Nuneaton Dodgers	051C	18.86
85	Nuneaton Harriers	051K	18.87
86	Wilmslow Jackals	150A	18.90
87	Wire Sparks	069H	18.90
88	Fylde Donkeys	038E	18.94
89	Cleveland Whirlwinds	140A	18.97
90	Furry Tales Three Wishes	193A	18.98
91	Young Steelers	189C	19.01
92	Alpha Dogz	170	19.01
93	Four Bad Dogs	053B	19.01
94	Travelling Tearaways	162	19.02
95	Aces Rapids	094B	19.02
96	Kiddy Minxs	145B	19.05
97	Fylde Rollercoasters	038A	19.06
98	Water Orton Wonderdogs	204	19.08

BRITISH FLYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 AT SOUTHAM, WARWICK SHIRE

What a fantastic show we had this year, well worth all the hard work put in by the committee and the many flyball volunteers too many to mention.

- Well done Dolphins, especially Bridget you made the logistics of three rings look easy, and I am sure it wasn't, a credit to you.
- Steve our chairman for his tireless efforts throughout the show, doing all the small menial tasks that have to be done, and at the same time enjoying playing/riding about on his 'boys' toy'.
- Our thanks as ever also to Neal and Angie our hosts at Holt Farm for their patience and understanding in sometimes trying circumstances.
- Our thanks also to all the Judges and Ring Parties without whose assistance all this would not be possible.
- And of course well done to all our flyball members who attended the show this year, you did us proud, you were prompt when you needed to be at the ring, you were very sporting as flyballers should be and you all enjoyed yourselves immensely judging by the posts on the discussion board. We hope to see you all next year, plus the ones who still need to be tempted to this wonderful flyball festival.

My wife Jackie and I have personally been doing the Championships for the past 10 years, and I have to say that they just get better and better. The new venue has certainly meant more room for us to expand the show to all our flyballers, without entry criteria.

When I look back at this year's show I have to say the highlight for me personally was to be selected to Judge Division One at the Championships, it was the icing on the cake for me after 10 years of being a Head Judge and must rate as the pinnacle of anyone's judging career, for those who selected me I am truly grateful.

Wow, I think back to that splendid Sunday, the weather was brilliant and the atmosphere as the teams gathered to start the Division One racing was electric. I stood in the ring and looked around me in awe, as I was presented with the most experienced ring party one could ever wish to have. Legends of the sport to either side of me and box judging, one of my first mentors and advisor. [Inspired thinking by Bridget! Ed]

The crowds gathered around the ringside, all sides, seated at the front, four deep in places, a sea of flyballers with all eyes on the ring.

The first two teams entered the ring and began to warm up, just like the gladiators of old to do battle with their trusty dogs and me 'the judge'. Did I feel pressure? surprisingly not, as I blew my whistle to commence the racing. I recall very close races throughout the day in this Division and what stood out for me was, at the end of each leg the crowd cheered and clapped the handlers for showing them flyball at its very best. Some of those dogs were exceptional showing awesome speed, just 'out of this world'.

Bassetts and High Flyers (2nd) contested the last race of the day which proved to be nail biting and going the full distance with Bassetts just shading it to become worthy champions. Cleveland Comets must have been well pleased with 3rd and showed that consistency can bring its rewards. A good show as ever by the Moltens in 4th who never give up without a fight. Shooting Stars in 5th had bad luck in the first race when one of the dogs was injured and took no further part, upsetting the momentum of the team. Nevertheless they proved to be worthy opponents. Bringing up the rear in 6th were last year's runners up the Live Wires who also suffered back luck with paw injuries.

At the presentations I was proud to hand over the Large Silver Cup to the Bassetts and congratulate them on their achievements this year as not only **2009 British Flyball Champions**, but of course including setting a new **British Flyball Record of 16.70 secs.**

Let's hope next years show proves to be just as exciting.

Howard Campbell (BFA Vice Chairman and Greetland Grasshoppers)



British Flyball Championships Divisional Winners

Judge	Division	Team	Fastest time
Howard Campbell	1	Bassett Hotdogs	16.85
Len Titterington	2	Bristol Ball-istics	17.65
Steve Leek	3	Northants Falcons	17.85
Val Currie	4	Dippy Dolphins	17.59
Chris Fulford	5	Doncaster Belle Stars	17.98
Robin Holding	6	Brigg Muttley Crew	17.94
Maureen Hendry	7	Barney Owlers	18.25
Dianne Halstead	8	High Voltage	18.20
Louise Perkins	9	Fylde Coasters	18.57
Sam Bawden	10	Rotherham Runaways	18.80
Jayne Owen	11	Molten Magic	19.15
Natalie Holtappel	12	Wilmslow Jackals	18.96
Antony Cain	13	Tyne Tailwaggers	18.91
Penny Charlton	14	Red Rose Renegades	19.22
Bob Haworth	15	Rotherham Riders	19.97
Sharon Alcorn	16	Wimbledon Whizzers	18.99
Sue Allen	17	Mansfield Mavericks	19.73
Peter Roberts	18	Fylde Rollercoasters	19.99
Anne Alcock	19	Hotshots Hyperdogs	20.35
Pam Harrison	20	Blackpool Quasers	22.76
Dave Long	21	Rotherham Runners	20.60
Rachel Child	22	Lightning Bolt	20.34
Doreen Smith	23	Crazy Canines	19.62
Gill Johnson	24	Night Owlers	21.10
Andy bawden	25	Malmesbury Monks	20.08
Gail Baker	26	Covert Clangers	21.10
Jason Baker	27	Hampshire Hopefuls	22.11
Terry Condra	28	Hotshots Hit 'n' Run	22.81
Darren Dent	29	Water Orton Underdogs	22.06
John Percivaldi	30	Northants Eagles	23.56
Brenda Holland	31	Red Rose Rogues	25.89
Tony Hodge	32	Blackpool White Dwarf Stars	25.51




Congratulations!



BASSETT HOTDOGS
British Flyball Champions 2009

'One year in the Life of a Newcomer to Flyball'

'Don't give up on me I'm a Terrier!' (Part One)

We came across flyball almost by accident really. We had, of course, seen the action at Crufts on TV and watched in amazement at the skill, the speeds and the excited barks and wags of tails that accompanied this fun sport. However, never in a life time did we expect that we would take up the sport.

It was 'our Jack' you see. He chose us one Sunday morning when we paid a visit to the local RSPCA. Brought into the shelter by a group of children who said he was aggressive, didn't like humans, strong willed and generally just an out and out hopeless case!

Jack, is a Parsons Russell Terrier, (need I say more!) he was a bubbly five month old, into everything, look at me aren't I clever, character when he came to be part of our family. At the time of writing he is 3 years 7months old. What a journey we have had! But that is another tale...

2008 - Late summer. I was surfing the net for an agility class in our area and I stumbled across a local trainer who was completing her degree in animal behaviour. She was advertising for dogs to join a flyball team she was putting together as part of her course work.

From week one, Jack took to the game like 'a duck to water' as they say. The trainers couldn't get over his total concentration and focus on the ball. Although there were lots of other activities for us to do during the sessions Jack just wanted to do flyball. Anyway, cutting this very long story short – (you can see what a proud mum I am!) they recommended that Jack go along and have a trial at a local team; the Hinckley Hooligans, winners of Division Two, at the British Championships 2008. Blimey! What would they think of Jack and me? They were all Border Collies and Spaniels, the dogs that is, no terriers in sight.

We went along very nervously (that was me), as directed on the Sunday morning and so it began... our journey into Flyball. "Come and have a go and see what you think" said Barbara the Team Captain. "We are just looking for something fun to do. We are not looking to enter competitions," said I. 'Famous last words' springs to mind! and so it began...

We attended each week on a Sunday morning and other new dogs and their humans joined as the weeks went by. Jack was having a great time. New dogs to play with, a ball to chase and retrieve and jumps too! Seventh heaven, he laughed throughout the training sessions. What a lot to learn, run backs, box work – which side did he favour most, changeovers etc. etc. I hadn't realised there was so much to it. It all looked so easy on TV. Jack seemed to take everything in his stride and they were pleased with him BUT he did like doing little laps of honour. He would come straight back with the ball but then do a little run around. "Not a problem he will soon get out of that," said Barbara. Umm! However, rolling another ball into the corner of the back netting as he came back to me seemed to do the trick. In November Barbara told us there was an indoor 'starters' competition early in January at Markfield and why not consider giving Jack a try? "He is ready and needs a competition to put into action all that had been learnt."

"Ooohh, I'm not sure, don't think he would like it, don't think he is ready, not sure how he will react, gets nervous when there is a great deal of noise" and many other reasons why I thought he shouldn't. Anyway, encouraged by the team and as it was just up the road from where we live, we went along to see what took place at an open competition first. We could hear the noise from the car park, some distance away. He won't like this I thought. Into the hall we went and came out almost as quickly, too much for poor Jack. Undeterred, after a short while we went in again, between races this time and went up to the barriers. Once Jack realised that it was flyball he tried to jump the barriers to get in on the action. That was it – hooked!!

January's competition was cancelled due to a dog having kennel cough. I am not sure whether I was relieved or disappointed.

So February 14th 2009 was his first 'starters'. It was fascinating watching the different dogs and their handlers and how they approach the sport. Some seemed really stressed, not really enjoying themselves, which was not what I expected. I concluded that they must have a strong competitive nature. The dogs were all having a great time however, even if they didn't get it right all the time. I was fascinated by the different encouragement methods adopted by the handlers and delighted to see so many different types of dogs.

Our turn – gulp. Hope we don't let the team down. Jack couldn't wait to get started and ran really well. Straight to the box, retrieve and back again. It all happened so quickly and trying to make sure he didn't do a run around and get in the way, I think I missed most of it!

Jack and Mary Brealey (Hinckley Hooligans)



Wal king in a Doggy Wonderl and

(Sing-a-Long?)

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'
It's yellow, NOT white-I've been there tonight,
Marking up my winter wonderland.



Smell that tree? That's my fragrance,
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants;
'Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!
Marked up as my winter wonderland.'

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
Following the classical design,
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go, man
So all the world will know it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fence-post
Flows my natural incense boast;
'Stay off my TURF, this small piece of earth,
I marked it as my winter wonderland...'

With thanks to B&DDTS



What is a Title?

It is not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher Title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial.

It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

Author unknown Thanks to **Anne Alderman** (Bassetts)



THE DOG'S DAILY ROUTINE –Section One

**The day is divided into two important sections
Mealtime. And everything else.**



A. Mealtime

1. Just because there does not seem to be anything visible around to eat certainly does not mean there is nothing around to eat.

The act of staring at the underside of a table or chair on which someone else is eating sets in motion a chain of events that eventually results in food.

2. It goes without saying that you should carefully check the lower third of any space for edibles. Mouth-sized things which cannot be identified by sight or smell are considered gum.

3. When you actually receive a meal, submerge your head into it as you would a shower. Never, never look up again until a minimum of at least fifteen minutes after the obvious food is gone. This is important. Just because your dish is empty does not mean that it is time to stop eating.

4. Remember that all food is potentially yours up until the time that it is actually swallowed by another. The lengthy path a piece of food will take from a plate to a mouth via a hand is as good a time as any to stake your claim to it.

5. When it comes to selecting an appropriate beverage, location and packaging mean nothing. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

6. If you really see something you want, and all your other attempts at getting it have failed, it is only right to grovel shamelessly. As a second tactic, stare intently at the object of your desire, allowing long gelatinous drools to leak like icicles from your lower lip.

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



Current Seed Times (Open 99 - 196) - as at 15th Oct 2009

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
99	Notts Supadogs	190	19.08
100	The Northern Bytes	027	19.11
101	Ramsden Rockers	160	19.11
102	Monster Mafia	187D	19.13
103	Gofour Imps	110A	19.15
104	Hotshots	153	19.16
105	Nuneaton Ospreys	051E	19.17
106	Red Rose Renegades	093F	19.19
107	Nuneaton Kestrels	051F	19.19
108	Crazy Catapults	081A	19.20
109	Northants Hawks	151B	19.21
110	Greeny Grasshoppers	055B	19.22
111	Alpha Mayhem	170A	19.23
112	Aces Angels	094H	19.26
113	Nuneaton Bees	051A	19.28
114	Geordie Racers	213	19.29
115	Carry On Racing	121B	19.29
116	Minster Monsters	187	19.31
117	Bricky ard Bandits	178A	19.33
118	Yorkshire Runners	052F	19.33
119	Tayside Roadrunners	089	19.34
120	Kiverton Kitez	163E	19.35
121	Wimbledon Whizzers	180	19.36
122	Barkshire Bandidos	017D	19.36
123	Rotherham Riders	173D	19.37
124	Mad Mutt-leys	054K	19.37
125	Blaxton Blades	133	19.40
126	Coventry Dodgers	131A	19.42
127	Wire Springs	069E	19.42
128	Instant Reaction	218	19.46
129	Travelling Toffs	162A	19.46
130	Grease Lightning	217A	19.48
131	Scallywags	059	19.49
132	Tyne Tailgunners	165E	19.50
133	Red Rose Rascals	093C	19.52
134	Brimblecombe Boomerangs	113C	19.53
135	Cleveland Arrows	140C	19.54
136	Dashing Dolphins	122H	19.58
137	Kiveton Kannonz	163D	19.60
138	Hillam Hot Dogs	086	19.60
139	Carry On Regardless	121A	19.60
140	Red Rose Ravers	093E	19.61
141	Crazy Canines	081H	19.62
142	Covert Catapults	114	19.65
143	Thor's Paws	070C	19.66
144	Cambshire Catapults	176C	19.67
145	Trying 4 Mutts	054G	19.68
146	Banchory Highlanders	164A	19.68
147	Fun Fanatics	206	19.70

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
148	Fun-E-Pups	206A	19.71
149	Hinckley Heelers	181B	19.73
150	Rotherham Runners	173A	19.74
151	Dream Team Maddogz	208A	19.77
152	West Riding Wizards	118	19.78
153	Crazy Commandos	081G	19.80
154	Ball Busters	043	19.80
155	Mansfield Mavericks	124M	19.82
156	Molten Muzzles	107D	19.85
157	Swift Flight	048A	19.86
158	Sheffield Sprinters	058A	19.88
159	FourPaws Running	142A	19.90
160	Hotshots Hooligans	153D	19.92
161	Podextras	015H	19.93
162	Nuneaton Kites	051J	19.93
163	Snatch 'n' Grab Raiders	083B	19.95
164	Hawk Owlers	119F	19.98
165	West Riding Warlocks	118C	19.98
166	Dodgy Dolphins	122G	19.98
167	Cheshire Wheatsheafs	120B	19.99
168	D'caster Polar Expr's Stars	096K	20.00
169	Hampshire Hounds	132A	20.03
170	Nova Next Generation	063C	20.04
171	Maple Leaf Rockies	049B	20.04
172	Lightning Bolt	217B	20.05
173	Bassett Allsorts	011	20.05
174	Wolf Pack	050	20.06
175	The Killa Bytes	027B	20.06
176	Cheshire Cheeses	120E	20.06
177	Fylde Surfers	038B	20.06
178	Marsh Owlers	119H	20.06
179	Molten Monarchs	107A	20.06
180	Barkshire Bambinos	017E	20.07
181	Mansfield Youngn's	124D	20.09
182	Snatch 'n' Grab	083	20.10
183	Molten Metals	107E	20.10
184	Ball Buster Jumballs	043E	20.11
185	Geordie Heroes	213B	20.12
186	Geordie Howlers	213C	20.13
187	Brimblecombe Barkers	113	20.15
188	Warwickshire Whirlwinds	205A	20.15
189	Valley Dog Squad	129C	20.19
190	Soxon Sprinters	155	20.22
191	Notts Wundadogs	190D	20.22
192	Nuneaton Eagles	051D	20.22
193	Kellington Sapphire Blue	105D	20.24
194	Ball Buster Bandits	043B	20.24
195	Mansfield Formula One	124F	20.24
196	Bassett Variety Pack	011D	20.27

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jane Parker Allstars
 Alan Parker Allstars
 Dean Wilson Wilmslow Wild Dogs
 Maeve Saunders Allstars
 Siobhan Saunders Allstars
 John Saunders Allstars
 Mandy Berry Racing Herts
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 Donna Boddison Doncaster Belle Stars
 Katie Robson Knutsford Gnashers
 Barry Cowdery Wilmslow Wild Dogs
 Carolyn Cowdery Wilmslow Wild Dogs
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 Trish Morgan Who Paws Wins
 Judi Watson-Jones Warwickshire Woofs
 Melissa Scrivin Warwickshire Woofs
 Angela Scrivin Warwickshire Woofs
 David Scrivin Warwickshire Woofs
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 Briony Archer Hampshire Harriers
 Graham Siepen Allstars
 Linda Crowther Greetland Grasshoppers
 Lisa Jennings Paws 8
 Helen Mallett Banchory Bravehearts
 Wendy Mroch High Flyers
 Micheal Mroch High Flyers
 Susan Birchenough Northern Bytes
 Rosie Fisher Wilmslow Wild Dogs
 Anne Hall Hampshire Harriers
 Christopher Greeno Four Paws Racing
 Mary Greeno Four Paws Racing
 John Greeno Four Paws Racing
 Beccy Richardson Northern Bytes
 Jo Smith Northern Bytes
 Derek Parker Fun Fantics
 James Young Hampshire Harriers
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 Liz Ferguson Clatto Clan
 Alex Valenzuela Clatto Clan
 Gillian Hickey Tyne Tailwaggers
 Caroline Orwin Five Jays Fireballs
 Annette Wadey Dream Team
 Lynne Bradley Dream Team
 David Warren Live Wires
 Carla Pownall Live Wires
 Cameron Knott Buccaneers
 Maureen Millar Tayside Road Runners

Christopher Barnes Fivejays Fireballs
 Mary McIntosh Clatto Clan
 David Gallagher Lomond Raiders
 Ann Maciver Lomond Raiders
 Hellen Nathan Tyne Tailwaggers
 Karen Tyrrell Cambridgeshire Canines
 Fiona Frater Alnwick Arrows
 Emily Wilkie Crazy Cannons
 Jenie Eastman The Swifts
 Christopher Startin Hinckley Hooligans
 Tony Jackson Fun Fantics
 Rebekah Tennant Coventry Racers
 Clare Taylor Keresley K9
 Susan Dunford West Riding Wizards
 Philip Dunford West Riding Wizards
 Susan Brown Hilliam Hotdogs
 Richard Brown Hilliam Hotdogs
 Hollie Ainsworth Live Wires
 Dawn Yates Kiverton Katapultz
 Lee Yates Kiverton Katapultz
 Rachael Hewison Underdogs
 Yvonne Jackson Dream Team
 Lesley Snowden Tyne Tailwaggers
 Netty Ribeaux Wimbledon Whizzers
 Sarah Kent Forgemill Flyers
 Andrew Scott Fantastic 4
 Alice Scott Fantastic 4
 Tanya Green Underdogs
 Beth Green Underdogs
 Kylee Noad Golden Valley Eagles
 Christopher Haslam Kiverton Katapultz
 Rosie Powell Forgemill Flyers
 Linda Gatehouse Forgemill Flyers
 Daniel Gatehouse Forgemill Flyers
 Hannah Marshall Notts Supadogs
 Linda Overend West Riding Wizzards
 William Rodman Merlins Magicians
 Nigel Deakin Blaxton Blades
 Samuel Deakin Blaxton Blades
 Emily Deakin Blaxton Blades
 Sharon Byrne Ball Busters
 Amy Byrne Ball Busters
 Matthew Gatehouse Forgemill Flyers
 Stephen Gatehouse Forgemill Flyers
 Lisa Holgate Doncaster Belle Stars
 Grahame Naylor Doncaster Belle Stars
 Joseph Holgate Doncaster Belle Stars
 Emma Cooke Springers
 Sue Cooke Springers
 Ruth Moor Racing Herts

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Lydia Spracklen Merlins Magicians
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Rosie Robson Alnwick Arrows
Gavin Frater Alnwick Arrows
Avril Bryson Alnwick Arrows
Carol Booth Alnwick Arrows
Jemma Green Alnwick Arrows
Fiona Southern Alnwick Arrows
Rebecca Strugnell Forgemill Flyers
Lucy Burford Springers
Michelle Penny Forgemill Flyers
Marian Cole The Knights
Rebecca Cole The Knights
Kirsty Moulin Hinckley Hooligans
Maria Putnam Forgemill Flyers
Jack Putnam Forgemill Flyers
Charlie Putnam Forgemill Flyers
Harry Putnam Forgemill Flyers
Carla Putnam Forgemill Flyers
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Paul Faulkner Blaxton Blades
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Chris Tunbridge Warwickshire Woofs
Alex Tunbridge Warwickshire Woofs
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Elliot Head The Knights
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Vix Davis Underdogs
Jo Jones Cambridgeshire Canines
Nicole Varga The Abbotts
Karen Varga The Abbotts
Joan Hubbard Rapidz
Fiona McGeorge Start-Rite Wizards
Laura Koernich Wolf Pack
Holly Lloyd Cambridgeshire Canines
Beck Black Kennett Zingers
Micheal Black Kennett Zingers
Kelly-May Black Kennett Zingers
Lynne Hibberd Springers
Bridgette Gaylor Cambridgeshire Canines
Rebecca Score Rapidz
Ryan Keen Cambridgeshire Canines
Rebecca Hall Paws 8
Heather Moreton Yorkshire Bouncers
Joan Morrison Lomond Raiders

New Teams

Instant Reaction, *Instant Recall, Instant Replay, Instant Remix*

South Riding Vulcans, *South Riding Comets, South Riding Hurricanes, South Riding Spirits*

Welsh Warriors, *Welsh Knights, Welsh Braves, Wacky Welsh*

Ready 2 Fly, *Ready 4 Anything, Ready 2 Rumble*

Alnwick Arrows, *Alnwick Allsorts*

Petplanet, *Petplanet Flying Scots, Petplanet Wee Wans, Petplanet Synergy*

Newton Heath Dragons, *Newton Heath Timelords, Newton Heath Scorcerers*



Committee News

Congratulations to **Gail Baker** (Blackpool Super Nova) and **Brenda Holland** (Pods)
on passing their Head Judges' exams and becoming BFA approved Head Judges.

Life Begins ...

At forty? – I think not, forty was a time of broken promises and disappointment.

Firstly the offer of a party for all my friends and family. No on second thoughts HE didn't think that was a good idea – HE didn't like a lot of them.

Secondly a trip on the Orient Express – great I would absolutely love that. However, I worked in a school so had to go when I wasn't working. HE couldn't possibly have time off when I could so... you've guessed it – no trip.

So what did I get on my fortieth birthday? A computer – great you would think – however as HE paid for it, it was to be used for the business!

Lets forget forty then.

At Fifty? – a time of loss. My best friend who had battled and won in the fight against breast cancer died very quickly from Leukemia. Needless to say celebrating life was not something I felt like doing.

We'll forget fifty then.

Life begins at Flyball?

A chance to be who I really am, meeting wonderful people who share my interests, being able to scream and shout without being told to shut up or even worse being looked at with pity. (Well only occasionally by the line people I am deafening with 'Come on Roxanne').

And when the going gets really tough having a place to go where the world can be put on hold. A place where you are surrounded by people who don't try to give advice about life, just about dogs. It has its ups and downs of course, but the ups always outweigh the downs.

So **LIFEBEGINS AT FLYBALL!**

Andrea James (Molten Magnets)



Widget relaxing in his pyjamas after a long day's flyballing

Pat Revitt (Molten Magnets)

THE B.F.A. DIARY 2009/2010

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

Jan 2/3rd	Wimbledon Common, London Contact – <i>Ray Lewis Tel. 07973 774161</i>	Wimbledon Whizzers	O CLD 4 th Dec
Jan 16/17th	Gap Farm, Moorhouse, Doncaster, Sth. Yorks Co-hosted with Notts Supadogs Teams/dogs may enter either Sat. or Sun Contact – <i>Lois Longstaffe Tel. 01909 770287</i>	Kiveton Katapults	LO (30 teams) CLD 18 th Dec
Jan 23/24th	St Leger Horse Park, Doncaster, Sth Yorks Teams may enter either Sat. or Sun Contact – <i>Robin Holding Tel. 01302 845899</i>	Doncaster Belle Stars	LO (24 teams) CLD 21 st Dec
Jan 23rd	Mona Showground, Anglesey Contact – <i>Delia Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	Pods	LO (24 teams) CLD 23 rd Dec
Jan 24th	Maidstone, Kent Part of Ball Busters winter league Contact – <i>Debbie Collins Tel.01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters	LO (35 teams) CLD 18 th Dec
Feb 14th	Maidstone, Kent Part of Ball Busters winter league Contact – <i>Debbie Collins Tel.01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters	LO (35 teams) CLD 15 th Jan
Feb 20th	Mona Showground, Anglesey Contact – <i>Delia Roberts Tel. 01407 810610</i>	Pods	LO (24 teams) CLD 22 nd Jan
Feb 20/21st	Gap Farm, Moorhouse, Doncaster, Sth. Yorks Co-hosted with Notts Supadogs Teams/dogs may enter either Sat. or Sun Contact – <i>Lois Longstaffe Tel. 01909 770287</i>	Kiveton Katapults	LO (30 teams) CLD 22 nd Jan
Feb 27/28th	Deeside Leisure Centre, Queensferry, Nr Chester Contact – <i>Anne Alcock Tel. 01925 267274</i>	Live Wires/Dolphins	LO (24 teams) CLD 29 th Jan
Mar 21st	AGM Wythall Community Hall, B'ham, W. Mids Contact – <i>BFA Committee email. secretary@flyball.org.uk</i>	BFA Committee	O CLD 19 th Feb
Mar 27/28th	Phoenix Sp & Soc Club, Rotherham, Sth Yorks Held in 140x40 ft Marquee Teams may enter either Sat. or Sun	Rotherham Rockets	LO (30 teams) CLD 20 th Feb
Apr 3/4th Apr 5th	Fairview Farm, Stockbridge, Hamps	Maple Leafs	LO (48 teams) LM (24 teams)
Apr 3/4th Apr 5th	Carlton Towers, Selby, Nth Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	O M
Apr 17/18th	Acremead Kennels, Abingdon, Oxon	Mad Mutts	LO (48 teams)
Apr 24/25th	Norfolk Park, Sheffield, Sth Yorks	Steelers	LO (54 teams)
Apr 24/25th	Woodgreen Animal Centre, Godmanchester, Cambs	Cambs Canines	LO (48 teams)
May 1/2nd May 3rd	Drax Sp & Soc Club, Nth Yorks	Kellington Power Racers	LO (60 teams) LM (24 teams)
May 1/2nd May 3rd	Acremead Kennels, Abingdon, Oxon	Mad Mutts	LO (48 teams) LM (24 teams)
May 15/16th	Dinnington Rugby Club, Sheffield, Sth Yorks	Kiveton Katapults	LO (54 teams)
May 15/16th	Sutton Fields, Nr Runcorn, Cheshire	Live Wires	LO (60 teams)
May 15/16th	Wimbledon Common, London	Wimbledon Whizzers	O
May 29/30th May 31st	Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire	Cheshire Set	LO (48 teams) LM (24 teams)
May 29/30th May 31st	Eggborough Power Station, Nth Yorks	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (48 teams) LM (24 teams)
May 30/31st	Frimley Lodge Park, Surrey	Bad Dog Racers Starters Sat 29 th May	LO (48 teams)

HAPPY RETIREMENT CHLOE!

Chloe is a little eleven inch "noisy" height dog. She began her flyballing career many moons ago in the year 2000 before the Live Wires Team was formed, on a Northern Bytes starter course with Doreen Smith. Chloe is the last one of five founder dogs of Live Wires to retire from the original Wire members: Hazel with **Ella** "I'm too much of a lady to do flyball" poodle, Rita with **Brandy**, a little WSD and Anne and Geoff with Border Collies **Jodie** and **Trixie**.

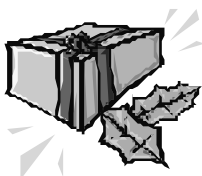
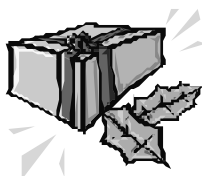
Chloe was notoriously known for barking all the way to the box - no wonder she never got below the 5 second speed mark! Chloe would never run for anyone else. Hazel often tried to run her but she dodged out of the last jump every time and my hubby was sacked as she would run to the start line, look back at him with the paw up as if to say, "who? Me? Get that ball from up there? Don't have to, my mum ain't here."

Chloe competed in over 135 open shows and 20 starter/multibreed competitions. In the early years, competitions were few and far between. It took us 18 months to achieve FD and another year for FDI! But between 2005 and 2007, she was awarded 4th, 5th and 9th place in best crossbreed of the year. And also for those first two years she was in the multibreed team of the year runners up, Random Rapidz, then the following year in the wining team Rapidz Sortz.

Now aged nearly thirteen (having retired two years ago really) she is now "officially" retired having achieved, what I believed to have been unobtainable ten years ago, her 35,000 points Jade Award.

Happy retirement my little girl. You've given me your trust, love, and lots and lots of fun over the years! xxxx

Lesley Garratt (Live Wires)



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Monsters Flyball Team

would like to Congratulate the following on their achievements
and on a successful first full year as **Monsters!**



Flyball Dog

Ronja and Lesley

Soloman and Vik

Rolf and Kathryn

Spider and Sal

Penny and Kim

Kia and Kerry

Spook and Vik/Brian

Flyball Dog Intermediate

Fynn and Paul

Mollie and Kathryn

Soloman and Vik

Rolf and Kathryn

Spider and Sal

Penny and Kim

Flyball Dog Graduate

Fynn and Paul

Rolf and Kathryn

Mollie and Kathryn

Penny and Kim

Spider and Sal

Flyball Dog Advanced

Fynn and Paul

Rolf and Kathryn

Very well done all of you, you make a great team!

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Current Seed Times (Open 197 - 294) - as at 15th Oct 2009

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
197	Ramsey Raiders	130A	20.28
198	Podlings	015D	20.29
199	Doghouse Smash 'n' Grab	154A	20.30
200	Tayside Roadracers	089B	20.30
201	FourPaws Flying	142C	20.30
202	Knutsford Momentum	117C	20.31
203	Tyne Trawlers	165C	20.33
204	Granite City Gems	183	20.35
205	Doncaster Eastern Stars	096E	20.35
206	Hinckley Hounds	181A	20.36
207	Rooky Racers	202	20.37
208	Pounding Herts	134B	20.43
209	Tayside Roadrascals	089C	20.44
210	Sheffield Striders	058E	20.44
211	Bad Dog Meecos	053A	20.45
212	Allstar Fever	212C	20.46
213	West Riding Warriors	118A	20.49
214	Hotshots Hyperdogs	153B	20.49
215	Wilmslow Hyenas	150D	20.49
216	Crazy Crossbows	081C	20.50
217	Paws 8	197	20.51
218	Fr Wh'lers Fast 'n' Furious	157A	20.55
219	Bassett Jelly Atrics	011F	20.56
220	Red Rose Racketeers	093G	20.56
221	Linnotts Leapers	194A	20.58
222	Night Owlers	119D	20.58
223	Doghouse Hit 'n' Run	154C	20.58
224	Shooting Star Jokers	001A	20.61
225	Malmesbury Monks	128	20.63
226	High Velocity	174D	20.63
227	Ramsden Rollers	160A	20.68
228	Nuneaton Cyclone	051B	20.69
229	Northants Harriers	151C	20.72
230	Nuneaton Falcons	051I	20.73
231	Underdogs Too	085A	20.73
232	Four In The Fast Lane	097	20.74
233	Tees Valley Transporters	166	20.75
234	Timber Wolves	050G	20.77
235	Lomond Raiders	126	20.82
236	Ball Buster Dreamers	043F	20.83
237	Buccaroos	025B	20.84
238	Sheffield Springers	058H	20.84
239	Crazy Crusaders	081D	20.84
240	Brimblecombe Bouncers	113A	20.85
241	Golden Valley Eagles	135	20.85
242	Valley Hound Dogs	129	20.86
243	Blackpool Quasars	063B	20.87
244	Bassett Tutti Fruitti's	011H	20.91
245	Wire Connexion	069C	20.91

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
246	Terrierists	054H	20.95
247	Dog Friendly Racers	098A	21.01
248	Underdogs	085	21.02
249	Doghouse Fast 'n' Furious	154B	21.02
250	Coventry Blitzers	131B	21.05
251	Furry Tales Far Far Aways	193D	21.08
252	Hampshire Hooligans	132E	21.09
253	Covert Clangers	114A	21.10
254	Daventry Bumbles	099	21.10
255	Wolverines	050D	21.14
256	Aces Win	094A	21.19
257	Greedy Grasshoppers	055A	21.26
258	Blaxton Bullets	133B	21.26
259	Notts Powadogs	190C	21.27
260	Fantastic 4	214	21.27
261	Hampshire Hogs	132C	21.30
262	FourPaws Trying	142E	21.30
263	Wimbledon Waggers	180A	21.33
264	Blackpool Orion	063E	21.35
265	Tyne Tailspinners	165G	21.36
266	Barking Owlers	119B	21.39
267	Cheshire Monocles	120I	21.43
268	Travelling Dogsbodies	162D	21.45
269	Doncaster Dinky Stars	096F	21.46
270	Knight-Mares	036C	21.48
271	Wilmslow Dingos	150B	21.48
272	Podlets	015A	21.52
273	Leaping Dolphins	122A	21.56
274	Molten Munsters	107F	21.57
275	Shooting Star Rebels	001D	21.58
276	Cambridgeshire Canons	176D	21.58
277	Bristol Ball-istic Extraset	018E	21.63
278	Kiddy Minors	145C	21.64
279	Yorkshire Springers	052J	21.65
280	Free Wheelers	157	21.70
281	Kennet Hotwings	198A	21.73
282	Yorkshire Foxes	052I	21.74
283	Gofour Yellowbellies	110D	21.80
284	Midshires Mudhounds	138B	21.81
285	Kellington Spitfires	105G	21.82
286	Eagle Owlers	119E	21.82
287	South Riding Vulcans	219	21.85
288	Clatto Cruisers	073A	21.86
289	Warwickshire Wildcards	205C	21.89
290	Midshires Mud Pack	138	21.91
291	Dancing Dolphins	122B	21.93
292	Hotshots Hit 'n' Run	153A	21.93
293	The Abbots	199	21.94
294	Titanium Steelers	189E	21.95

'One year in the Life of a Newcomer to Flyball'

'Don't give up on me I'm a Terrier!' (Part Two)

Well we had done it. The next competition is next month - yes, ok, we will give it another go! At this point Jack was running in all positions within the team. Jack will have to run first, watch the lights, and let him go when the lights are... Lights what lights?! No one said anything about lights; I haven't been first dog before! Oh my Lord, someone from another team is telling me I cannot roll a ball in an open competition. What? But, but, this is not an open comp and anyway it is what I have been told to do - who is this person?

Right we need to do ring party now. WHAT! I cannot do that. What a responsibility. We all have to take turns and anyway it is good for you to try all the different elements of the competition. The jury is still out for me on which is harder; team running, or being part of the ring party.

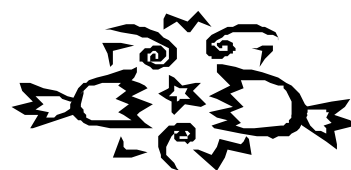
Team Captain: Right! now you are ready for open competitions. No, no, I really don't think he is ready for that, he will run out if there is no netting. 'Oh but he is, said she who knows best!' You need to get him registered and he will need to be measured for height at each of his first three competitions. This involves weekends away - husband already sourcing caravans...caravan bought - I cannot believe it, he has never made a decision and purchased anything so quickly before. What is happening here? Stop the roundabout, I want to get off! We only wanted to do this for fun!

By this time I was dreaming flyball! Run backs, team places, to start - stand diagonal to the right of the jumps, short cross-overs; don't cross the start line, return on the left, each dog gets points for each run completed dependent on speeds achieved. Better read the BFA rule book. What if he does his lap of honour? No problem - don't worry about it echoed in my ears each training session while I got increasingly more stressed. Is this FUN?

Throughout the year Jack has been entered into eight competitions. He has run with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams, running with different dogs and since being in open comps. is nearly always 4th dog. You guessed it. He is still doing his laps of honour. The teams have had varying successes. Jack ran his last 'starters and his first 'open' at Carlton Towers (and won the 'prettiest dog' too).

He gained his Flyball Dog status at Woodgreen in April which was a total surprise particularly as I was ready to throw the towel in on the very day he was awarded his certificate. Again, you may have guessed it, because of his laps of honour, which seemed to be getting worse, despite constant reassurance to the contrary, and trying so many different methods to stop him doing so. The team gave us a card and a lovely chocolate cake to celebrate his achievement - sorry I ate the lot Jack!

We have met so many friendly and interesting people during the past year. I have found some individuals from other teams have given many supportive words of encouragement, particularly those who have terriers themselves. This is my opportunity to say thank you for your kind words, they have been much appreciated. The more you observe the different teams, dogs and handlers, the more you realise there are lots of dogs, of all breeds, who run around in their excitement or miss the jumps in their haste to get back with their ball.



I appreciate the commitment and care that people have to their dogs and even more to those who acknowledge that patience and kindness usually conquers all. We have been to places that we haven't visited before and caravanned in places I would never have believed possible! We have been to Crufts for the first time to watch the flyball competition and compared the differences.

I love watching the racing and particularly the judges who always seem to be having a great time, smiles on their faces and fairness in their decision making.

Have we had a good first year? Yes, overall I suppose we have. I personally have experienced many different emotions. Having a strong commitment to the team game and not wanting to let the team down has caused me great angst at times. I still consider myself very much a novice at the sport of flyball I am learning, with all the skills that it takes to achieve a good result without your dog getting injured.

Have we enjoyed ourselves? Because, after all, isn't that what the sport is all about? Jack has laughed his way throughout, cocking his tail at those who frown at his laps of honour. For me, as long as he is enjoying himself, completing all the elements of the sport to the best of his ability and not interfering or spoiling it for those with a stronger competitive spirit than mine; that is what I think is most important. Then, yes, I too, have enjoyed myself. We still have much to learn. Keep on Flyballing I say.

Jack and Mary Brealey (Hinckley Hooligans)

P.S. Jack's summer tournaments finished early, firstly with the team withdrawing from Stoneleigh due to kennel cough in one of the younger accompanying dogs, then he became lame with a muscle pull jumping off his favourite settee, both of which were sad.

I have rested him during the past few weeks and he has re-started training. All went well so fingers crossed he will be back to competition form by end of October at Stockbridge, our first open indoor competition. He hasn't been indoors since the beginning of the year when he ran in starters so we are looking forward to the challenge.



Random British Flyball Championships Facts

- Nearly 1,000 dogs actually ran at the Championships.
- 64 dogs gained enough points for their next certificate.
- 10,000 photographs were taken by Sunnyside Photography.
- 52 Primary teams had a team/s running on the Friday [I had the FRs to distribute to them! Ed]

The Fastest Track re-visited

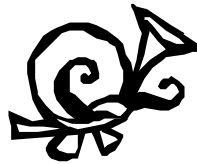
Knowing that the Mad Mutts shows at Acremead were small, the interesting item on the fastest track by Stuart Milton set me thinking about the size of shows (how many teams entered) relative to how good the ground was and how many fastest times were achieved. I took the total team times and divided it by the fastest to give me the percentage of teams doing their fastest times over the same period (as Stuart's). It's a different perspective and possibly a more accurate representation on achievement at venues. The Mad Mutts show at Acremead jumped from 15th to 10th - remaining joint with Middlesex, Eastham still wins!

Perhaps someone else would like to 'waste' an evening doing July/August!

[Becketts Farm seems worth investigating too – Bassetts for the second time breaking the British Record there in October. Ed.]

Sam Bawden (Mad Mutts)

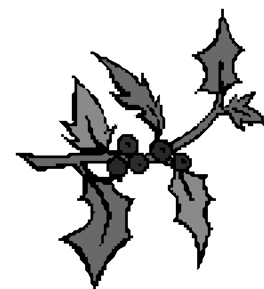
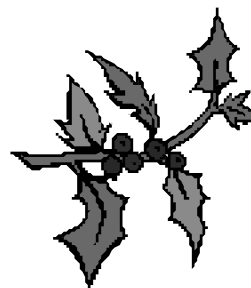
Eastham June	53%	1st
Cantley Park	38%	6th
Phoenix	32%	12th
Southridge	50%	2nd
Wimbledon	47%	4th
Honeysuckle	46%	4th
Cornbury	50%	2nd
Ryecroft	38%	6th
Sutton Fields	26%	14th
Eggborough	24%	15th
Wood Green	35%	8th
Drax	21%	17th
Littleport	35%	8th
Fairview	23%	16th
Acremead	34%	10th
Middlesex	34%	10th
Arbury	21%	17th
Mottram	14%	19th
Tabley	27%	13th
Prissick	9%	21st
Barley lands	13%	20 th



Winner's Blueprint for Achievement

BELIEVE	while others are doubting
PLAN	while others are playing
STUDY	while others are sleeping
DECIDE	while others are delaying
PREPARE	while others are day dreaming
BEGIN	while others are procrastinating
WORK	while others are wishing
SAVE	while others are wasting
LISTEN	while others are talking
SMILE	while others are frowning
COMMEND	while others are criticizing
PERSIST	while others are quitting

William Arthur Ward



Current Seed Times (Open 295 - 368) - as at 15th Oct 2009

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
295	Kiveton Kongas	163A	21.98
296	Linnotts Racers	194B	22.02
297	Water Orton Underdogs	204A	22.06
298	Cambridgeshire Chargers	176G	22.09
299	Keresley Colliers	195D	22.09
300	Swift Terns	048B	22.10
301	Hampshire Hopefuls	132D	22.11
302	Blackpool Nova	063A	22.23
303	Cheshire Toppers	120F	22.25
304	Maple Leaflets	049F	22.25
305	Wired 4 Action	069A	22.28
306	Dandaith Dolphins	122I	22.32
307	Aces Hobbits	094F	22.33
308	Soxon Runners	155A	22.35
309	Northants Eagles	151A	22.42
310	Fun 4 Mutts	054B	22.45
311	Beating Herts	134C	22.47
312	High Volume	174G	22.55
313	Hucknall Speedsters	152A	22.57
314	Underdogs Untamed	085C	22.61
315	Travelling Tail Racers	162C	22.64
316	West Riding Wizzers	118B	22.68
317	Red Rose Rogues	093H	22.76
318	Yorkshire Dingo's	052M	22.79
319	Alpha Mischief	170E	22.81
320	Forge Mill Flyers	215	22.83
321	Carry on Laughing	121F	22.84
322	Sporting Colours	064J	22.91
323	Aces Clubs	094L	22.97
324	Whiterose Bushytails	060A	23.10
325	Geordie Legends	213A	23.12
326	Giddy Grasshoppers	055F	23.13
327	Fylde Piers	038F	23.16
328	Hillam Hot Shots	086A	23.31
329	Granite City Jewels	183A	23.38
330	Scallywaggers	059A	23.41
331	Malmesbury Bishops	128C	23.44

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
332	Lomond Tartan Terrors	126C	23.51
333	Chocolate Bytes	027K	23.52
334	Kellington Hurricanes	105B	23.56
335	Sheffield Scurriers	058G	23.56
336	The Giga Bytes	027E	23.66
337	Dog Friendly Runners	098D	23.73
338	FourPaws On The Move	142B	23.75
339	Box Raiders	103	23.84
340	Gofours Poachers	110E	23.95
341	Malmesbury Abbots	128B	23.98
342	Allstar Revolution	212B	24.04
343	Fr Wheelers Need 4 Speed	157F	24.08
344	Blckp'l White Dwarf Stars	063D	24.08
345	Ramsden Reelers	160B	24.14
346	Travelling 4 Fun	162G	24.24
347	Grey Wolves	050F	24.40
348	Yorkshire Leapers	052C	24.42
349	Yorkshire Toffs	052K	24.49
350	Ball Buster Bouncers	043D	24.55
351	Wolf Cubs	050E	24.57
352	Whiterose Bobtails	060C	24.58
353	Who Paws Wins	168	24.63
354	Warwickshire Woofs	205	24.84
355	Tyne Titans	165J	24.84
356	Whiterose Wacky Woofers	060F	24.99
357	Hucknall Torkards	152	25.15
358	Peas in a POD	015I	25.19
359	Travelling Wizzers	162B	25.23
360	FourPaws Rambling	142F	25.73
361	Cambridgeshire Chasers	176H	25.98
362	Bristol Ball-istic Missiles	018B	26.13
363	Fast Lane 4x4's	097A	26.20
364	Start-Rite Dambusters	014B	26.60
365	Sheffield Shooters	058C	26.76
366	Camb'shire Chuggars	176L	26.84
367	Yorkshire Bouncers	052	27.06
368	Podlers	015B	45.13

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From Carmarthenshire Chargers...to...1

I would like to announce that Carmarthenshire Chargers (Team 109, BFA registered in 2004) does now not exist. In a bid for a fresh start we have regrouped and reorganised to become Welsh Warriors (also Welsh Knights, Welsh Braves and Wacky Welsh).

We hope a change in name will help us have a fresh start. As many of you may know we have been a team with only 5-6 people for several years. Some of the original dogs are now too old to jump higher jumps and the younger ones have no division dogs to copy for experience. As a result of this we have only ever been able to enter starter competitions...great for the dogs (who don't really care as long as they get the ball) but frustrating for the owners!

We train in a small village in Carmarthenshire and getting new members is very hard. I travel 50 minutes to training but for many this is too far. Another issue is apparently (!) the noise of the barking or the disappointment the owners face when their dog will not go over all four jumps on the first training session! We have difficulty getting people to turn up to training every week, never mind go to a competition. Many people are initially keen to compete until they hear it involves a 3am start and driving maybe 4-5 hours to our nearest competition! If only they would take a chance and try it, they would be hooked like me.

Anyway, we are advertising, promoting and twisting people's arms to come and try it and a few new people seem to be sticking...so who knows, with a new name and a bit of luck you might see us in an open competition next year.

I would like to end by thanking all the teams that have helped us this year allowing us to run starter dogs with them, given us advice, loaned us box loaders and much more – we really appreciate it.

Fiona Campbell (Welsh Warriors)



West Riding Wizards

Congratulations to all members gaining awards so far this year



Flyball dog

Chas and Denise
Flo and John

Zingi and Jane
Bailey and Michael

Maise and Irene
Trinny and Sue

FDI

Chas and Denise
Maise and Irene

Bailey and Michael
Flo and John

Zingi and Jane

Chas and Denise
Holly and Kelly

FDA

Gypsy and Julie

Chas and Denise

Jane and Zingi

Silver



Blaze and Kelly

Jan and Brian



Ice Blue Moon

Kea and Mark

And... 2 MERLIN'S MAGICIANS

Leaving the Flyball team that I had been the main instigator in the formation of was very hard. As a 'retired person' with time on my hands and more dogs than sense it was like bereavement! Something only the Flyball addicts out there can appreciate.

But a big deep breath and encouragement from Sue and Liz, two friends, like me, addicted 'Flyballers' and hey presto, Merlin's Magicians was formed. Equipment? No problem, I have two sets of jumps and boxes. The first step was to register the names with the BFA, the second, insurance.

I was already training Flyball at a riding center close to home with just a couple of people. I put an advert in a local Farmers' store and to my delight the very next day a telephone call with the offer of a flat, well fenced paddock literally 10 minutes up the road from me! This venue is mainly used for Agility as we are able to leave the equipment in situ, but when the 'team' needs to get together this is where we meet. Following this I had a telephone call from John Burns offering a field near to his factory in Kidwelly. This was too good an opportunity to miss - having another venue on the opposite side of Carmarthen and very close to where Liz lives - so we were delighted to accept. We started Flyball there and now also do Agility just for fun using Liz's equipment. It isn't easy, people come and think the dogs will automatically just 'do' Flyball and the work involved in training puts them off but advertising, word of mouth and setting up the web site resulted in more recruits. We have gone from five dogs belonging to three people, to FOURTEEN! dogs and ten people that are prospective future Flyballers! I'm not holding my breath knowing the 'drop out' rate but still...

The Team wear was decided on, purple and black, (very wizardly colours). I managed to get 'T' shirts in bulk at a reasonable price.

Our first outing was 'Starters' on Anglesey at the Pods Summer Tournament, We camped too...but that is a different story. Due to rain and high winds it was quite an experience! To be repeated? Maybe, or maybe not! We chose to do the Sunday when only one 'Starter' division took place so we were against teams faster than ourselves, and we chose to run over almost the full height for our dogs. Despite not winning a place, the dogs were faultless, and seemed to really enjoy themselves despite the rain. Take a look at the pictures on our web site www.carmarthenshireflyball.co.uk I am so proud of the dogs and our members, two of whom were at their very first Tournament, so much so that we are going to try division next time, as they say "watch this space"

June Conway (Merlin's Magicians)



Walkies and Scent T ricks

If you fancy a longer walk than usual, why not pretend that you've got the scent of something extremely interesting and dash off into the undergrowth. Any commands shouted by your human are best ignored which should force them to follow you.

Even better, when you have your lead attached to your human, drag him/her into the undergrowth and see if your human enjoys getting dirty as well. An added bonus will be being able to compare scents with each other afterwards.

On returning to the car park that's packed with other humans, make sure you walk around the muddy puddles. This will make the other humans think you are such a nice, clever dog trying hard to keep clean – your human? They'll assume he/she insists on making you dirty!!

Current Multibreed Seed Times – as at 15th Oct 2009

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
1	Dncaster Team Pow Wow	096H	18.28
2	Rotherham Randoms	173F	18.88
3	Multi Steelers	189G	19.04
4	Mansfield Remix	124E	19.29
5	Monster Mash	187C	19.48
6	Mansfield Mixups	124C	19.62
7	Cheshire Jumbles	120C	19.62
8	Crazy Comrades	081I	19.71
9	Sheffield Supermix	058D	20.04
10	Gofours Mix Paws	110F	20.14
11	Fylde Pick 'n' Mix	038C	20.16
12	Bytes Hotchpotch	027G	20.22
13	What a Carry On	121C	20.23
14	Danum Combo's	108B	20.24
15	Notts Diversedogs	190E	20.85
16	Fylde Go4's	038D	20.86
17	Wilmslows Ferals	150E	21.28
18	Danum Multimix	108A	21.36

Seed	Team	TRN	Time
19	Hotshots Hotch Potch	153C	21.47
20	Crazy Cavaliers	081J	21.72
21	Kellington Mixed K9s	105E	21.72
22	Free Wheelers on Fire	157B	21.74
23	Doghouse Odds 'n' Sods	154D	21.90
24	Grasshoppers Multi	055D	22.04
25	Geordie Mixups	213D	22.10
26	Alpha Allsorts	170F	22.13
27	Yorkshire Allsorts	052D	22.37
28	Fylde Multistars	038H	22.45
29	Paws 8 Go Wild	197A	22.77
30	Whiterose Aristocrats	060D	23.05
31	Sheffield Shapes N Sizes	058K	23.33
32	Whiterose True Blues	060E	23.41
33	Bytes Fusion	027J	24.14
34	Sheffield Sortz	058I	24.21
35	Free Wheelers Unleashed	157E	24.29
36	Gofours the multifours	110G	26.36

The Dog's Daily Routine – Section Two

Everything Else



1. There are really only two important facial expressions to bother with: complete and overwhelming joy and nothing at all.

2. Any time that is not meal-time is potentially nap time. The best time to take a nap is when you hear your name being called repeatedly. The best location for a nap is dead center of any street or driveway. The most relaxing position is on your side, all four limbs parallel.

3. The most practical way to get dry is to shake violently near a fully clothed person. A second effective method is to stand on a light-coloured piece of furniture.

4. Personal Safety

A. At the first hint of any irregular noise, run from room to room yelling loudly. If someone actually comes into the house, rush over to them whether you know them or not. Then kiss them so violently that they lose their balance or have to force you away physically.

B. The greatest unacknowledged threat to life, as we have come to know it, is squirrels. No matter what you must do, make sure there are none in your yard.

5. Recreation and Leisure

A. **Ball:** There are two equally amusing sets of rules you will want to know.

a. The Common Form, in which you receive a thrown ball and return it.

b. The Preferred Form, in which you receive a thrown ball and eat it.

B. **Car:** As you know, any open car door is an invitation to get in. Once inside, your only goal is to try to get out.

6. Health

A. In the event of a trip to the doctor, always be on your guard. If you are vaccinated, urinate on the physician.

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





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