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*A Hat Trick for the Live Wires
at the BFA Championships*

Congratulations

BFA Championships 2013 Division Winners

Judge	Division	Team	Fastest Time
Rachel Child	1	Live Wires	16.86
Sam Bawden	2	Knebworth Twisters	16.99
Jenni Wallace	3	Water Orton Wonderdogs	17.15
Darren Dent	4	Cambridge Canines	17.55
Paula Merryman	5	Shooting Star Comets	17.69
Val Currie	6	Deva Dogmatix	17.54
David Flood	7	Shooting Star Moonies	17.89
Bridget Leek	8	Tails You Lose	18.01
Nicky James	9	High Impact	17.95
Rachel Short	10	Dream Team	18.04
Nikki Manley	11	Bassett Dynamites	18.19
Mark Child	12	Cheshire Cheeses	18.14
Darryl Ogden	13	Hatfield Hatters	18.46
Amy Rutherford	14	Lightning Sprites	18.63
Andrew James	15	Commandos Strike Force	18.90
Gail Baker	16	Reiver Rebels	18.65
Richie O'Neil	17	Barking Owlers	18.80
Howard Campbell	18	Mansfield Mavericks	19.11
Kristian Allcorn	19	Brigg Muttley Mayhem	19.45
Sonya Taylor	20	Water Orton Superdogs	18.86
Lynn Bradley	21	Grasshopper Gremlins	19.56
Dianne Halsted	22	Formula One 4x4	19.06
Leanne Hyde	23	Commandos Under Fire	19.63
Mark Peck	24	Rooky Raiders	20.48
Terry Condra	25	Commandos on Exercise	19.65
Rachel Kuttner	26	Lightning Hurricanes	20.04
Sean Moore	27	Hampshire Hounds	19.98
Chris Mace	28	Water Orton Thunderdogs	21.04
Louise Satchwell	29	Delta Thunder	19.84
Steven Musk	30	Hampshire Hogs	20.21
Chloe Allcorn	31	Keep Calm and Carry On	20.82
Naomi Pearce	32	Beating Herts	20.73
Kim Sermon	33	Wilmslow Jackals	20.30
Nicola Hawden	34	Honey Monsters	20.48
Sue Allen	35	Cambridgeshire Cheetahs	21.42
Joe Mitchell	36	Lomond Raiders	20.98
Pete Gledhill	37	Freewheelers Touch & Go	25.11
Len Titterington	38	Coyote Hopefuls	22.00
Alicia Marsland	39	Molten Muzzles	22.64
Ray Lewis	40	Night Owlers	22.28
Brenda Holland	41	Bassett Strollers	22.03
Rebecca Solomon	42	Trigger happy Gang	23.25
Kerry Sugden	43	Dogstar Devils	23.53
Hazel Brown	44	Cotswold Sundowners	23.26
Michael Minich	45	Rotherham Rascals	24.20

Greetings Flyballers

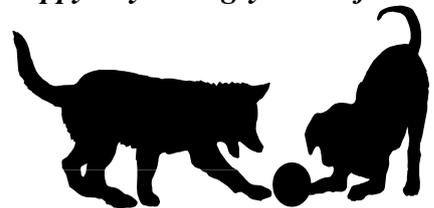
'The best Championships ever' and other such phrases were heard on the Sunday and in days following the Championships this year. The weather was in the main kind to us which, of course, always helps but there were many other good things to celebrate too. First, Catton Hall our venue, what a lovely setting with good ground conditions. The management of Catton was second to none, a reasonable hire fee and everyone involved did their utmost to help us achieve the accolades; nothing was too much for them. Secondly, in the main, a lovely atmosphere and racing was (also in the main) close and enjoyable. Thirdly, yourselves, our membership, you took on board our requests and generally followed them as best you could. This really helped the Committee and they thank you. The upshot of this is that we have booked Catton Hall for next year's Championships and would ask members to appreciate that the number of teams that can be accommodated is restricted and of course, alongside that camping also.

It's been interesting and sometimes frustrating to read postings on the Facebook Flyballers World page where new and older members come up with ideas about how to 'improve' the sport of Flyball. It's good that these ideas are discussed and some may well lead to proposals at an AGM but we should all remember that the sport of Flyball is multi-faceted and what seems an obvious solution to some would be a total No No to many others. British Flyball is an amateur sport, not professional and what seems to be a wonderful idea is perhaps just not practical I would hope that all members can be provided with enjoyment whatever their vision. So please show consideration at all times to all members.

There has been only a minimal response to my request for more input by members to the FR (my immense thanks to new contributors to this issue) and this led me to investigate the role of Editor. I do the things pertinent to our publication but nowhere can I find anything that requires me to write articles, other than the editorial page. Yet I find myself writing more and more in order to produce an issue with a reasonable number of pages. I'm also disappointed to find so many members don't actually read each issue or maybe do but just don't take on-board the information given.

Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner so your Membership renewal form is included in this issue for those who prefer to pay by post and the online payment will again be available for **Renewing** members only. *Season's Greetings to everyone and a Happy Flyballing year to follow.*
ED.

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Chairperson's Slot

I love this time of year, just as the leaves are starting to fall and change colour, still experiencing sunshine albeit with a drop in temperature. As I write this, Cisco our little rescue JRT X Whippet is lying in front of the fire, head on the hearth and toes stretched forward in search of the warmth. Unbelievably, ten weeks ago, I was walking the dogs at 8pm and it was warm, sunny and still light. Our climate is variable and we all prefer different times of year and seasons. That is human nature, we are all different, and participating in flyball is no exception to this. As the association grows, our tolerance and respect for our fellow BFA members should be ever present. Although we all have a common interest in the sport we play, views, opinions and how we approach different aspects vary immensely.

Sadly, the amount of incidents, complaints and correspondence of concern that the committee receive increases every year. Many of these could be prevented if members acknowledged that individuals have differing views and there was mutual respect. It is ok to agree to disagree, and discussions and sharing of ideas can assist in bringing change and ensuring that we all maintain the development of our sport...it's how we share our views and listen to the views of others that is important. One man's spring is another woman's autumn!

The summer of 2013 bought us a new venue for the BFA Championships. Catton Hall welcomed BFA flyball for the first time and, I hope you agree, provided a fantastic platform from which we hosted the biggest championships yet. This year we introduced the new gazebos over the racing lanes, the "comms" bus (those announcing felt like real sports commentators on the top of the bus!!) and a reception committee with a new style of pitch location (if it looked familiar to anyone, it was based on the system used on arrival at a ferry port) Thank you to everyone who gave feedback, there is a saying that "feedback is a gift". Sometimes it's not always a gift we wish to unwrap, but in this case it was a pleasure to do so. Catton Hall appears to have ticked most, if not all, the boxes and the organisational side of the championships has met with positive comments.

I would like to thank all the committee members who gave up their time during the weeks leading up to the championships and especially for their hard work the days immediately prior. This year we had a number of members who kindly also took a week from work to help with the setting up :- Sarah Wallace, Jenni Wallace and Shona McNab (Lomond Raiders), Karen and Adrian Marks and Naomi Busk (Delta), Richard Allcorn and Arron Gray (High Flyers) Sam Clarke (Ready2Fly) and Donna Culley (Water Orton) and Cambridgeshire and Water Orton for providing rings. Also, thank you to all the spouses and friends who dog walked, made tea, coffee and sandwiches, baby sat and made numerous trips to replenish supplies. Yes it was hard work, but we also had lots of fun and even shared enjoyable time together in the evenings, sharing a Ribena or two under the wonderful backdrop of the Culleys awning!! To all the members who manned the admin, provided ring party drinks and filled water pools, please accept our grateful thanks.

Catton Hall, I'm pleased to say, also liked us and we have already booked for 2014. Thank you all for promoting the BFA in such a positive way, both on and off the racing lanes. Once again, we were privileged to spectate and participate in exciting racing. Congratulations to all divisional winners and to the champions, for the third consecutive year, Live Wires. Whether first or sixth, every team has a part to play, without each team in every division, we would not have the quality or quantity of racing. Once again we were all able to celebrate Flyball together, enjoy socialising with those who we see infrequently...and once again a procession of themed teams entering the marquee on Saturday night, paid homage to our insatiable desire to dress up as superheroes, schoolgirls and every character from Toy Story!!

As for next year, the committee will meet very soon to discuss and plan. However, we are aware that the camping field was full with this year's limited entry of 270. The total camping pitches was over 600. Everything is now risk assessed and we have to have stringent actions to reduce all risks. This has an impact on available space in regards to moving vehicles and pedestrians, emergency access and fire risk. As a committee, the safety of our members (both human and canine) is paramount and this will underpin all our future decisions regarding the championships.

The European Championships, in Belgium, quickly followed the BFA Championships. Once again, the BFA teams represented the association extremely well, with some great racing with our fellow European flyballers. Divisional wins for Delta, Cambridgeshire, Demons and Lightnings were well deserved, with each division consisting of strong teams. The weather was extreme as we experienced pouring rain to blistering sunshine, in true BFA style, our teams changed their flyball kits to suit the weather condition for that hour, lined up and gave it their all!!! We cheered each other on, commiserated and celebrated together, all enjoying the experience and on occasion the stiff upper lip wobbled as we did so! A wonderful sight to see the BFA teams on the podium, proudly waving their team flags, showing that UK flyball is going from strength to strength. Black Brains from Belgium were worthy winners, beating Unleashed Bladerunners in the final, who broke the Polish national record in the earlier rounds. EFC 2014 is currently provisionally being hosted in Normandy, France, with the host team just finalising the venue at the time of writing.

Surprisingly, it's not all fun on the committee!! There are times when difficult situations and decisions have to be made.

As a committee, we endeavour to be impartial, empathetic and approachable. We listen to the membership and assist where we can.

Our role is to lead the association forward, sharing our vision with you, so that we are all moving forward together to promote the sport we love, the sport that we participate in with our dogs that we also love. Dog welfare remains and will continue to remain our number one priority. Our rules should be always to protect the best interest of the dog not the handler. As a committee we will not condone or tolerate any proven breaches in BFA rules that involve dog welfare. If, following the correct procedures, the outcome is that such rules have been broken, we will act and disciplinary measures will be taken. We have to protect not only our dogs, but also each member who plays flyball under BFA rules.

Throughout the year, the continued efforts of our BFA officials and working parties aim to keep the cogs of the association turning. These members volunteer their time and knowledge, a personal thank you following any communication with them, I'm sure would be gratefully received!! Kim Sermon (Lightning Strikes) has been the awards secretary for the past 4 years. Due to a change in job, she sadly had to step down from her BFA role. Many thanks to Kim for all her hard work and hours printing certificates, standing in post office queues and following teams around the circuit to ensure they receive their awards!

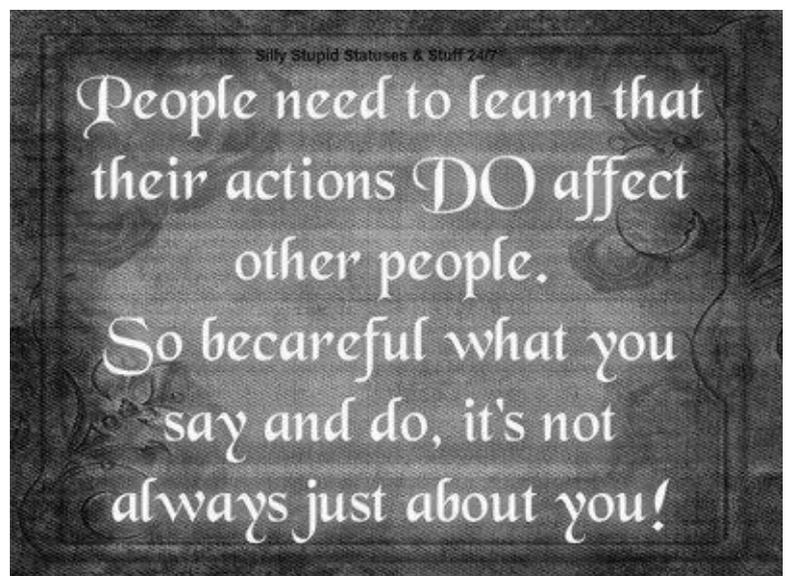
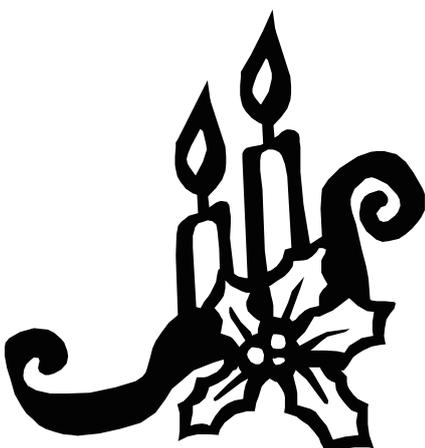
Jeff Hughes (Muskerhounds) has now kindly undertaken this role and we thank him for doing so.

As the winter approaches, the flyball season for many is drawing to a close. It's strange to think that people we have spent the majority of the spring and summer with, we probably will not see until early next year. However, like all true family and friends, we will meet up at that first tournament of 2014 and pick up like we only saw each other last week. And that's how it should be!

Have a very merry Christmas and a happy flyballing 2014

See you on the circuit

Sharon



Remember, remember not the 5th November **remember to renew your Flyball membership.** All memberships expire on the 31st December 2013 so to avoid paying the additional £2.50 joining fee – renew as soon as possible.

Current members can now renew their memberships on-line by going onto the home page of the British Flyball Association, and clicking the note about on-line renewal in red ink above the picture of the Flyball dog and this will take you through to the link to pay and renew. You will receive an automated acknowledgement confirming your renewal.

Please remember that new members still have to download a New Membership Application and send to my Post Office Box address shown on the form, together with the appropriate fee payable.



**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP –
NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE!**

Pat Wadby (Team Registration & Membership Secretary)

New Teams

Wickford Waggin'tails	<i>Wickford Walkabouts; Wickford Wipe-Outs</i>
DogWise	<i>DogWise Black & Whites; DogWise Colleagues; DogWise Mere Misfits</i>
Relentless	<i>Relentless Retrievers; Relentless Rebound; Relentless Ricochets; Relentless Revolution</i>
Carnoustie Cruisers	<i>Carnouste Catapults; Carnoustie Coasters; Carnoustie Comets</i>
North East Missiles	<i>North East Torpedoes; North East Bullets</i>
Rowdy	<i>Rowdy Rebound; Rowdy Recall; Rowdy Retrievers; Rowdy ReadyReadyGO Rowdy RudeDogs; Rowdy Remix; Rowdy Reloaded</i>
Trigger Happy	<i>Trigger Happy Crew; Trigger Happy Gang; Trigger Happy Mob; Trigger Happy Squad; Trigger Happy Pals; Trigger Happy Chums</i>
The Lone Wolves	<i>The Lone Grey Wolves; The Lone Shadow Wolves; The Lone Little Wolves</i>
GC Hammers	<i>GC Bolts</i>
Flash	<i>Flash Mob; Flashbacks; Flash Dancers; Flash Multi Action</i>
The Mavericks	<i>Maverick Stingers; Maverick Vipers</i>
Top Gear	<i>Second Gear; Third Gear; Tiptronic Top Gear</i>
Yin Yang (Flyball)	<i>Yin Yang Flight; Yin Yang Fire; Yin Yang Flow; Yin Yang Ferrous</i>
Norfolk	<i>Norfolk Bombers; Norfolk Skylarks</i>
Furbeez	<i>Furbeez Furballs</i>
Nene Valley	<i>Nene Valley Sprinters; Nene Valley Runners</i>



Membership Renewal

ALL current members will fall due for renewal on the 1st January 2014.

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 new dog onto your membership please add the dog's details to the form and leave the BFA number box 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 e-mail 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 e-mailed receipt, please tick the box below the BFA logo and ensure your e-mail address is printed clearly in the box provided.

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

Annual Fees

Single £12.00

Joint £18.00 (2 members in one household)

Family £24.00 (2 adult members and all under 18's in one household)



Any membership renewal not received by the **1st January 2014** 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 than using my Post Office address.

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

Happy Flyballing!! **Patricia Wadby** (Membership and Team Registration)

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BFA Diary 2014

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

Jan 4 th	Bracknell Leisure Centre, Berkshire Contact: <i>Michelle White Phone. 01420223334</i>	Dream Team Starters	LO(30 teams) CLD 6 th Dec/13
Jan 11 th Jan 12 th	Milton Equestrian Centre, Worksop, Notts Contact: <i>Ryan Mills Phone. 01142 218821</i>	Extreme Racers Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams) CLD13 th Dec/13
Jan18/19 th	Gap Farm, Doncaster, Sth-York Contact: <i>Jo Johnson Phone. 07803 938360</i>	Commandos Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams) CLD18 th Dec/13
Jan 19 th	Maidstone, Kent Contact: <i>Debbie Collins Phone. 01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters Part of ball Busters indoor winter league	LO(35 teams) CLD 20 th Dec/13
Feb8/9 th	Milton Equestrian Centre, Worksop, Notts Contact: <i>Ryan Mills Phone. 01142 218821</i>	Extreme Racers Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams) CLD 10 th Jan
Feb 16 th	Maidstone, Kent Contact: <i>Debbie Collins Phone. 01689 607556</i>	Ball Busters Part of ball Busters indoor winter league	LO(35 teams) CLD 17 th Jan
Mar15/16 th	Gap Farm, Doncaster, Sth-Yorks Contact: <i>Jo Johnson Phone. 07803 938360</i>	Commandos Teams and dogs may enter either Sat or Sun	LO(30 teams) LO(24 teams) CLD 14 th Feb
Mar22/23 rd	Drax Sports & Social Club, Nth-Yorks Contact: <i>Andrew James Phone. 07933 840755</i>	Rotherham Rockets In 160x40ft Marquee. Teams & Dogs may enter either Sat or Sun	LO(30 teams) CLD 21 st Feb
Mar 29 th	Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley, Surrey Contact: <i>Michelle White Phone. 01420223334</i>	Dream Team Starters	LO(30 teams) CLD 28 th Feb
Apr 6 th	BFA AGM, Wythall Village Hall, B'mham, West-Mids Contact: <i>BFA Secretary Phone. 01253 776162</i>	BFA Committee	All current Members
Apr12/13 th	Epworth Showground, Sth-Yorks Contact: <i>Jo Bonner Phone. 01909 808904</i>	Notts Supadogs	LO (96 teams) CLD 12 th Mar
Apr18/19/20 th Apr21 st	Fairview Farm, Stockbridge, Hampshire Contact: <i>Wayne O'Rourke Phone. 02380 394370</i>	Jets	LO (72 teams) LM(24 teams) CLD 19 th Mar
Apr18 th Ap 19/20/21 st	Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire Contact: <i>Michelle White Phone. 01420223334</i>	Dream Team Starters/Fun Events	M O CLD 21 st Mar
Apr19/20 th Apr21 st	Eggborough Power Station, Nth-Yorks Contact: <i>Betty Potts Phone. 01757 703233</i>	Yorkshire Bouncers	LO (54 teams) LM(24 teams) CLD 19 th Mar
Apr19/20 th Apr 21 st	Caravan Field, Clitheroe, Lancashire Hosted with Demon Dogz Contact: <i>Hazell Brown Phone. 07971 410223</i>	Reiver Rebels Starters Fri 18 th Apr	LO (96 teams) LM(30 teams) CLD 19 th Mar
Apr 16/17 th	Littleport Leisure Centre, Ely, Cambs Contact: <i>Ellen Schofield Phone. 07725 904831</i>	Cambridgeshire Canines	LO (72 teams) CLD 26 th Mar
May3/4 th May 5 th	Drax Sports & Social Club, Nth-Yorks Contact: <i>Andrew James Phone. 07933 840755</i>	Rotherham Rockets	LO 108 teams) LM (54 teams) CLD 3 rd Apr
May3/4/5 th	Hedsor Golf Course, Wooburn Common, Bucks Contact: <i>Kin Sermon Phone. 07771812862</i>	Lightning Strikes	LO (60 teams) CLD 3 rd Apr
May 10/11 th	Parklands Sports & Social Club, Doncaster, Sth-Yorks Contact: <i>Ryan Mills Phone. 01142 218821</i>	Extreme Racers	O CLD 11 th Apr

May 17/18 th	Sutton Fields, Nr Runcorn, Cheshire Contact: <i>Anne Alcock Phone. 01925 267274</i>	Live Wires Starters & Fun events	LO (60 teams) CLD 18 th Apr
May 17/18 th	Drax Sports & Social Club, Nth-Yorks Contact: <i>Sue North Phone. 07840</i>	Paws 8 Hosted with Formula 1	LO(48 teams) CLD 17 th Apr
May 17/18 th	Apps Court Farm, Walton on Thames, Surrey Contact: <i>Michelle White Phone. 01420223334</i>	Dream Team	O CLD 18 th Apr
May 24/25 th	Padworth Village Hall, Nr Reading, Berks Contact: <i>Garry Black Phone. 07789 692326</i>	Kennett Zingers	LO (54 teams) CLD 25 th Apr
May24/25 th Apr26 th	F'mer Copleys, Ravensknowle F'm, Pontefr't, West-Yorks CoHosted with Reiver Rebels Contact: <i>Natalie Holtappel Phone. 07957 593047</i>	Demon Dogz	LO (60 teams) LM (30 teams) CLD 24 th Apr
May24/25 th May26 th	Manor House Farm, Betchton Heath, Sandbach, Cheshire Contact: <i>Vikki Dawe Phone. 07738 972522</i>	Storm Chasers Starters & Fun events	LO (48 teams) CLD 25 th Apr
May31/June1 st	Newark Showground, Notts Contact: <i>Stuart Harrison Phone. 01827 707293</i>	Nuneaton Flyers	LO (54 teams) CLD 1 st May
May31/June1 st	Hamilton House Farm, Preston, Lancashire Contact: <i>Pete Crosswell Phone. 01253 776162</i>	Ready2Fly Starters	O CLD 2 nd May
Jun7/8 th	Parklands Sports & Social Club, Doncaster, Sth-Yorks Contact: <i>Ryan Mills Phone. 01142 218821</i>	Extreme Racers	O CLD 8 th May
Jun7/8 th	West Woodlands Showground, Frome, Somerset Contact: <i>Trudy Barnard Phone. 07702 252945</i>	Somerset Scrumpys	LO (48 teams) CLD 9 th May
Jun14/15 th	Meadowmill Sports Centre, Tranent, Scotland Contact: <i>Adelle Richie Phone. 07947 358834</i>	Supersonic Saltires	LO(24 teams) CLD 16 th May
Jun14/15 th	Sledmere House, Driffield, E-Yorks Contact: <i>Terry Wilkinson Phone. 07511 502130</i>	Eastcoast Starters	LO (48 teams) CLD 16 th May
Jun14/15 th	Ryecroft Farm, Ashley, Cheshire Contact: <i>Vera Edge Phone. 01565 873390</i>	Cheshire Set	LO (48 teams) CLD 14 th May
Jun 15 th	Meadowmill Sports Centre, Tranent, Scotland Contact: <i>Lynne Bradley Phone. 01506 492348</i>	The Flying Scots	LO(24 teams) CLD 16 th May
Jun21/22 nd	Littleport Leisure Centre, Ely, Cambs Contact: <i>Ellen Schofield Phone. 07725 904831</i>	Cambridgeshire Canines	LO(72 teams) CLD 21 st May
Jun21/22 nd	Leverhulme Playing Fields, Eastham, Merseyside Contact: <i>Bridget Leek Phone. 0151 3368923</i>	Deva Dogmatix	LO(72 teams) CLD 23 rd May
Jun21/22 nd	Sherbrooke Scout Camp,Calverton,Notts Contact: <i>Naomi Pearce Phone. 07747 479748</i>	Mansfield Marnicks	O CLD 21 st May
Jun 28 th Jun 29 th	Bakewell Showground, Derbyshire With Dogs Unleashed. Teams & Dogs may enter either Sat or Sun Contact: <i>Paula Merryman Phone. 01246 414816</i>	Sheffield Speeders	LO(30 teams) LO(30 teams) CLD 28 th May
Jun28/29 th	Caravan Field, Clitheroe, Lancashire Contact: <i>Hazell Brown Phone. 07971 410223</i>	Reiver Rebels Starters	LO(60 teams) CLD 28 th May
Jul 5/6 th	Penny Farm, Blackpool, Lancashire Contact: <i>Len Titterington Phone. 01253 762116</i>	Red Rose Rockets	LO(42 teams) CLD 5 th Jun
Jul 5/6 th	Darley Moor MC Club, Wyaston, Ashbourne, Derbys Contact: <i>Rachel Child Phone. 07725904831</i>	Alpha Dogz	LO(72 teams) CLD 6 th Jun
Jul5/6 th	Barbury Castle, Rockley, Marlborough, Wiltshire Contact: <i>Anne Alderman Phone. 01793 849972</i>	Bassett Allsorts	LO (48 teams) CLD 5 th Jun
Jul12/13 th	Epworth Showground, Sth-Yorks Contact: <i>Jo Bonner Phone. 01909 808904</i>	Notts Supadogs	LO(96 teams) CLD 12 th Jun
Jul12/13 th	Detling Showground, Kent Contact: <i>Jeannette Shelley Phone. 07845 535194</i>	Aces High	LO(42 teams) CLD 12 th Jun
Jul19/20 th	Sledmere House, Driffield, E-Yorks Contact: <i>Terry Wilkinson Phone. 07511 502130</i>	Eastcoast Starters	LO (48 teams) CLD 20 th Jun

Jul19/20 th	Ryecroft Farm, Ashley,Cheshire Contact: <i>Vera Edge Phone. 01565 873390</i>	Cheshire Set	LO (48 teams) CLD 19 th Jun
Aug2/3 rd	Fairview Farm, Stockbridge, Hampshire Contact: <i>Wayne O'Rourke Phone. 02380 394370</i>	Jets	LO (48 teams) CLD 4 th July
Aug9/10 th	Fairview Farm, Stockbridge, Hampshire Contact: <i>Wayne O'Rourke Phone. 02380 394370</i>	Jets	LO (48 teams) CLD 11 th July
Aug 15/16/17 th	BFA Championships,Catton Hall, Contact: <i>BFA Secretary Phone. 01253 776162</i>	BFA Committee	LO (TBC) CLD 15 th July
Aug23/24 th Aug25 th	Drax Sports & Social Club, Nth-Yorks Contact: <i>Andrew James Phone. 07933 840755</i>	Rotherham Rockets	LO(108 teams) LM(54 teams) CLD 23 rd July



Achieving 100,000 Points Happy Retirement Belle

Doncaster Bellestars would like to congratulate Belle & Debbie in achieving the huge milestone of 100,000 points, She has had a very successful flyball career even racing at Crufts in 2011. It has been an honour for all the Bellestars past and present to help Belle achieve this award, we never thought it would be possible after she had a freak accident that saw the ligaments in one of her back leg being replaced. But she proved to everyone that she was a true Belles star and went on to be the first dog to achieve 90,000 points that was then named after her as the Belle Star award.

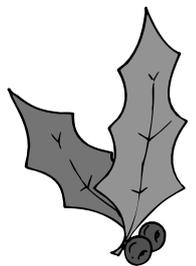
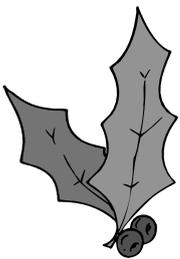
This year she carried on to achieve 100,000 points.

Debbie has now decided that it's time Belle retired and took it easy but it was a fitting ending to her flyball career earning her certificate at the British Champs this year.

Well done from us all.



**All dogs deserve to be this
happy.**



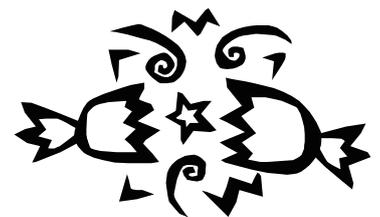
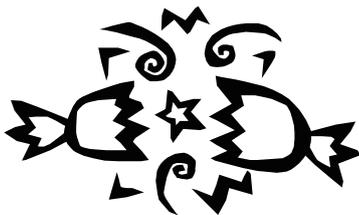
*To Our Hardworking Scottish Reps –
we say THANK YOU!*



It's about time we flyballers north of the border put pen to paper to officially sing the praises of our hardworking Scottish Regional Reps, Sarah and Jenni Wallace and their team Lomond Flyball. Sarah and Jenni work tirelessly promoting flyball, helping new teams to get established (lending advice and equipment) and acting as a focus point for flyball in Scotland. Lomond always support Scottish shows, are there at the start of each show, with measuring equipment and lights and there at the end of the day sorting out the equipment for the next show. Without their enthusiasm and drive, we would not have the ring party training days that have been held in Scotland, and the recent tournament in Northern Ireland would not have happened without their energy and sheer will power to get the show on the road! Lomond are often the hub of the party at shows, with cocktail parties and tea parties happening at their event tents...all non-alcoholic of course! Lomond put enormous effort into running indoor winter tournaments, which are often away from their home base and incur very long days setting up in the very early morning, usually freezing and in the dark! Anyone who judges at their shows receives an imaginative gift and they push the boat out with raffles and refreshments. Scottish flyball has grown so much in the last few years, much of this development has been supported by the work of Jenni and Sarah and their fantastic team of flyballers. They are 'simply the best' according to Alan Woods!

From your friends at:

Dundee Dynamutz, Tayside Roadrunners, Triple J Stars, Banchory Bravehearts, Scratch Squad, Flying Scots, Saltires, Killie Ultimutz, Glennifer Angels, GC Hammers



Welcome to our New Members

Ginette Evans Lomond Raiders
Karen Gamble Dukes Barking Balls
Alex Larg Calverley Chasers
Helen Wolstenholme Calverley Chasers
Susan Williams Merlin's Magicians
Karen & Stuart Kay Leeds Owlers
Mike Stubbs Storm Chasers
Jackie Hofmann & Huw Thomas Merlin's Magicians
Mandy Holmes Rotherham Rockets
Victoria Fraser Merlin's Magicians
Terry Miller Happy Humbugs
Avril & Shona Logan Karma Kanines
Tracey Asquith Onley Outlaws
Stephanie Connop & Mark Duddy Chilli Peppers
Alexandra & Philip Moore Cotswold Cyclones
Jessica Barton Somerset Scrumpys
Ruth Layton TBC
John Dickson Down Dog
Sarah, Barnaby & Rhys Turner Hampshire Harriers
Karina & Ross Clark Notts Supa Dogs
Matthew & Claire Birkett Crossfire
Sophie Walker Kaos
Shane Agnew & Frances Wright Greetland Grasshoppers
Steve, Dee & Emma Searle Fenland Firestorm
Emma Butler Fenland Firestorm
Gillian Majury Down Dog
Michele Carter Happy Humbugs
Christina Weber
& Saj, Hannah, Sophie & Ann Ahmed Cool Runners
Debbie Thomas Delta Force
Gordon & Lisa Boffin Active8 Animals
Connie Kells Down Dog
Jules Clapham Crossfire
Amy Malcolm & James Hockley Racing Herts
Hannah Maciw Kennet Zingers
Lauren Waldron Cotswold Cyclones
Steven Birks Free Wheelers
Mrs Olwen Buchanan Alnwick Arrows
John Middleton Dukes Barking Balls
Rosie Hughes FourPaws Racing
Elliott Taylor-Pyett The Doghouse
Anne Jeyes Lomond Raiders
Karl & Sarah Pearson Paws 8
Rachael Freer & Nicholas Lyon Yorkshire Bouncers
Nathalie Tasker Calverley Chasers
Janice & Andrew Mulholland Lomond Raiders
Helen, Lewis & Charlie Gange Merlin's Magicians
Steve & Beverley Hudson Karma Kanines
Linda Law & Jules Wilson Scratch Squad
Jennie Prentice Crossroads
Jillian Daniel Calverley Chasers
Liam Dooney Blackpool Super Nova

Phil Wilkinson Triple-J-Stars
Lee & Louise Turner All4One
Kay Ranson & Robert Stevenson Killie
Thomas Jones Crazy Cannons
Liz Ballantyne Killie
Karen Saunders Delta Force
Lorraine Murtagh Supersonic Saltires
Abigail Erdman Supersonic Saltires
Jane Newman Lightning Strikes
Philip Smith Molten Magnets
Chris Janson Flying Foxes
Kay Stokes Calverley Chasers
Suzanne Gray & Derek Watt Dundee Dynamutz
Donna Waters & David Ingham Paws 8
Stephanie Pratley Fenland Firestorm
Linda & Michael Daly Crossroads
Claire Applin Scrambles Shambles
Kam Hussain & Dawn Barker Whiterose Wagtails
Janet Shafford & Derek Pyke TBC
Shona, David & Iona Webb Bassett Allsorts
Luke Bennett Northants Falcons
Sandra & Adrian Shaw Reiver Rebels
Margaret McKnight Down Dog
Felicity O'Neill Down Dog
Ian Smith Onley Outlaws
Christian Griffith Eastcoast
Claire Bennett Happy Humbugs
Miriam de Groot Down Dog
Gary & Hannah Leong The Dons
Mavis Clark The Dons
Sue Seekings Norfolk
Clark Leese Chilli Peppers
Helen Booth Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Marie & Lucy Green TBC
Andrew Merritt Cotswold Cyclones
Paul, Pam & Jonathon Bentley Leeds Owlers
Susan & Edward Shears Molten Magnets
Helen Hughes Cotswold Cyclones
Sarah Pashby Live Wires
Sam, Neve, Xander & Reece Barraclough Paws 8
Harry & Lucy Faulkner Live Wires
Laura Kennedy Lomond Raiders
John Blundell Live Wires
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Tracey Bray, David Cherry
& Connor & Owen Scott All4One
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Catherine Edwards & Lee Brooker TBC
Primrose Kirkman TBC
Sharon Hepburn Gleniffer
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Morgan Nourse Scrambles Shambles
Glen McCurrach Barkshire Bandits
Sarah Bristow Hampshire Harriers
Fiona Andreoli TBC
John Burden Flying Foxes
Alan Pendlebury Ballybogy Boomerangs
Foster Gowdy Ballybogy Boomerangs
Jill & Cathy Adams Ballybogy Boomerangs
Duncan Wardlaw Ballybogy Boomerangs
Andrew & Noleen McMullan Ballybogy Boomerangs
Gillian & Roland Kerr Ballybogy Boomerangs
Irene Robinson Ballybogy Boomerangs
Rosalind Gillespie Ballybogy Boomerangs
Jess Grant Ballybogy Boomerangs
Stevie Ritchie Ballybogy Boomerangs
Treloar Sheppard TBC
Paul & Adam Holland Aces High
Ivan Brewins Waggytails Flyball
Graham Waring
& Janet McPherson Bring Your Own Ball (BYOB)
Lu Candy Scrambles Shambles
Roger & Thomas Anderson Dundee Dynamutz

Christopher Wood Greetland Grasshoppers
Jackie & Gary Tubb Water Orton Wonderdogs
Lorraine Martyn The Dons
Jayne & Chris Moore Crossroads
Amanda & Natasha Syddell
& John McCormack Waggytails Flyball
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Kathryn Cameron Gleniffer
Carolyn Brumby Wilmslow Wild Dogs
Kevin & Sarah Plastow Nottingham Flyers
Julia Slade DogWise
Rebecca Cook The Abbots
Katherine Holian The Abbots
Cheryl, Kira & Elissa Blake TBC
David Lay Nuneaton Flyers
Alison Burdett Underdogs
Iain MacDonald & Richard Lewis Scrambles Shambles
Nadine Leathers Suffolk Spitfires
Shaun Roberts Reiver Rebels
Sophia & Trevor Adams Scrambles Shambles
Amy Dewey & Lee Bicknell Waggytails Flyball
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Kevin & Janet Sutton TBC
Monica Jonny Fantastic 4
Jackie Donnelly Happy Humbugs
Sarah & Jane Richardson The Flying Scots
Hazel McTaggart The Flying Scots
Chanel Clydesdale & James Perna The Flying Scots
Victoria Gardner Knebworth Twisters
Kim Bray Crossroads
Susan & Jenni Dack Norfolk
Susan Izod & Martin Spriggs Norfolk
Jade Batty & Ben Taylor Sheffield Speeders
Carolyn Jones Cheshire Set
Elaine & Olivia Burgon The Flying Scots
Dawn Stewart Killie
Steven Dow Killie
Susan Edge DogWise
Bev & Kerry Roberts Free Wheelers
Hilary Larkham Flying Foxes

Congratulations to **Sue North** (Paws 8) on passing her **Head Judge** exam.

also

Erica Steele (Mad Mutts), **Jillian Head** (Ramsden Rockers), **Dale Cave** (Scallywags)
and **Cheryl Quinn** (Rotherham Rockets) on passing their **Qualified Judges** exam.

The BFA Committee takes the welfare of dogs very seriously and expects all members of the BFA to do likewise.

Sadly, it has been necessary to investigate BFA members following several incident reports.

The Committee appointed an impartial investigating officer and following that officer's report an impartial DSC of five BFA members including a Veterinary nurse was set up to investigate further. The Committee accepted the DSC's findings and three BFA members received suspensions. Appeals were made but without any further proven evidence from the defendants the DSC findings were upheld.

Two members received a three month suspension

One member received a fifteen month suspension.

All three members were informed that the suspension also included that other member(s) of the BFA, in either the same or a different racing team are NOT allowed to race any of their dogs at a BFA sanctioned event during this period.

One member's judging status was also withdrawn and is to be reviewed within one year on their return to flyball. The rationale for this decision is that this suspension from flyball would put the member in breach of rule 5.5 section D, where a judge should be in good standing with the BFA.

The findings of the DSC relate to breaches of the Code of Ethics Rule 2.1 and to Rule 5.19 regarding the welfare of dogs parts (c),(e) and matters concerning litters of puppies. [Partially reproduced below]

5.19 General Animal Welfare responsible dog ownership

Lame dogs; bitches in season or pregnant; dogs recovering from surgery

- a) Lame dogs must not take part or continue to take part in a competition. A Tournament Head Judge, in consultation with the tournament Organiser, may exclude a dog that in their opinion is not in a fit state to race.
- b) Dogs recovering from injury or requiring bandages to protect an injury may not take part in a competition. Bandages do not include coats, sweaters or stop pad protectors. Protective covering may be used as a preventative but may not be used to protect an existing injury.
- c) Bitches in season (from start to end of the season) are not allowed within the precincts (as defined by the tournament organiser) of a sanctioned tournament, starters competition or fun event.
- d) The mating of dogs at sanctioned tournaments, starters competitions or fun events is not allowed.
- e) A bitch that is or may be pregnant (whether the pregnancy has been confirmed or not) is not allowed to compete at sanctioned tournaments, starters competitions or fun events and for *at least* 8 weeks after giving birth.
- f) Bitches due to whelp within 7 days of a competition are not allowed at a sanctioned tournament, starters competition or fun event.

Any team/handler found to be in contravention of any of the above will be disqualified from the competition with the loss of all points and placing in that division and may be subject to further disciplinary action

Litters of puppies may not be purchased or sold at a BFA tournament. BFA members selling puppies are permitted to display photographic advertisements. Puppies that have previously been sold may be collected at a show provided the BFA Committee have been given prior notification. Members bringing litters of puppies to tournaments must give prior notification to the TO in order to ensure the puppies are sited in a suitable environment.

*This additional information is provided by Kate Guilding;
Veterinarian Adviser to the BFA Committee.*

Dog welfare is of major concern for the BFA. The ruling regarding running bitches in season, in pup and during the eight weeks post whelping is of particular importance to prevent damage to the bitch. Whilst we may all acknowledge that our dogs will often, seemingly easily, partake in activities that the vet has advised against, (jumping post spay surgery etc), the advice is given for a reason. Firstly, the blood vessels supporting the reproductive tract are markedly enlarged and engorged during seasons, during pregnancy and postnatally. Secondly many abdominal ligaments are slacker in this period. This puts the bitch at greater risk of internal damage when competing. And thirdly, the bitch may be distracted from running and will unfairly distract other competing dogs both males and females. Whilst we understand that in certain circumstances such as silent seasons and unknown and unplanned pregnancies this cannot be avoided, our rules are in place to protect dogs against damage that may occur when the dog is excited and active in the heat of a competition.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Dear Stuart Harrison and friends,

You've paid a great tribute to Pamela Harrison

Thank you very much to everyone at British Flyball Championships, for your generous donation of £1473.00 in memory of Pamela Harrison. We'd like you to know how much we appreciate the fact that you've chosen to support Macmillan at this time.

Your support is so important to us, your kind donation could keep five typical Macmillan information and support centres stocked with all the information resources they need to support people affected by cancer for a month. These resources would include booklets, guides, directories and leaflets.

No one should have to face cancer alone, and your generosity will help us to make sure that no one does.

Your donation is special

Your donation will ensure that we help patients, carers, families and communities every step of the way. It will allow us to fund more nurses and therapists to help people through cancer treatment. Provide more information and support centres offering free and confidential advice and support us in our campaigns to improve cancer care and fight discrimination. I hope you think this will provide a fitting tribute to the memory of Pamela.

Support every step of the way

Cancer is one of the toughest fights most of us will face in life. And no one should go through it alone. Macmillan therefore supports over 900 independent cancer support groups and organisations across the UK, giving people an opportunity to talk to someone who understands what they're going through.

Thank you once again for being a part of team Macmillan. We couldn't do it without you.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped by buying tickets to make such a great amount.

Thank you. **Stuart and family.**



Farewell to me Friends

Me name is Vally-Dingo, or Valio for short
I had to leave me friends -me Mam, Suzanne,
Me brother, Benji and me Auntie Helen, behind
I had to go, much, much sooner than we thought.

I'm only six year old -I'd no idea yer kidneys could fail.
I was just back from me Scottish hols, doing flyball.
Folk said, "Surely not?! He was running so well!
Not Valio?! He looked so trim! So hearty and so hale!"

Me name is Valio. To me closest friends I'm Mr V.
I'm a JRT -I run with Whitley Wonders multi-breed.
They're mainly cocker spaniels, but with Alexis, Baz and Me!
But mostly I run wi' me Lightnin' Collies - they travel from Dundee.

The Lightnin' Collies are Trixie, Dom and Bram
I'm always so proud to run with them -such fun!
We do Camperdown and Drax and Gap and so on and on!
I run with Auntie Helen, who gives the rosettes to me Mam.

Me name is Mr V, or Sir Valio the Valliant!
We broke the "Curse of Valio" one afternoon at Middlesbrough
We got my first First! We only came second at Eggborough
But at Gap and Great Harwood, again we were just Brilliant!

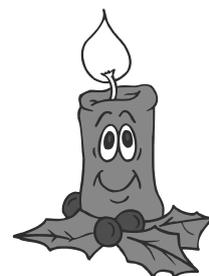
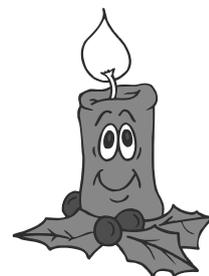
When I say me Auntie Helen... She's really me Best Friend.
I love her more than anything and she loves me, you see,
More than anyone could ever know, as only man and dog can be
The most perfect partnership... a Special Bond that can Never End.

Me name is Sir Valio the Valliant, or Grand Emperor V!
Me Lightnin' Collies named me "Sir" -first time we ran at Gap.
Each time we ran they said I was great, then even greater than that!
I felt Proud and ran my hardest and each time they promoted me!

So now it's time to say Farewell. Just until our next comp -you'll see!
I'll run over the Rainbow Jumps and pick my tennis ball-y up
I'll be right at Helen's side when she comes home with her pup.
I'll see you at the Presentation! Meantime just keep on running! Running free!

Valio

(March 2007 to August 2013)



Yet more for your 'edification'

Groans! Not the **'holding back'** rule again (Holds head in hands) Groans again!
Regrettably yes... So here we go again trying to make this perfectly clear – yes I'm fed up with it as well![Ed]

This rule was discussed at length at the QJ/HJ's seminar and a large amount of time was given to it as no-one wanted to cause difficulties or upset for teams, dogs, handlers of all ages and abilities.

There are many reasons why tight changeovers (bum clencher) don't always happen. Ok, I know most first division teams can achieve these tight changeovers but even the great have lapses at times. Are they cheating? No – just being human! Hands up all those of you that are always perfect. (Hmmm thought so). As we go further down the divisions the changeovers are less tight. Funnily enough it's one of the reasons that team is in a lower division along with 'green' handlers and dogs and of course the oldies who are slowing down (handlers and dogs!) Then there are the handlers whose reactions are never quite right – send too soon or not soon enough. It takes time to have the guts to achieve that magic window and release your dog, heart in mouth that you won't cause a crash on the line or worse still down the lane (and some will never achieve it)

Changing dogs is a perfectly legitimate part of racing and is likely to alter the overall time of a leg – sometime slower, sometimes faster. How many of you run say two legs and then give an alternate dog a go, then either change back or continue according to how the team gets on?

And now we get to the nitty gritty. Question 'Who is in charge of the division'? Absolutely right the division judge along with his/her merry band, the ring party. So who do you suppose needs to make a decision about whether a team is *deliberately* holding back? Right again, the division judge who may be alerted to a possible problem by the line judge/scribe. The judge of course will be using common sense, fairness and initiative in making a decision, not jumping in with both feet and upsetting competitors but by taking note of future legs before coming to a conclusion after which he/she may decide to give a team a warning. Naturally, since the judge is in charge of the division, it's only polite to forewarn him/her if your team may have a problem.

In light of the previous paragraph, do teams running in the division or spectators have the right to claim a team is holding back? In fact do they have the right at any time to 'tell' the judge what to do? You've guessed it – of course they don't.

Consideration of other competitors and their dogs.

Coming into and leaving the ring.

Picture this: Your race is over, you are pleased with the outcome or perhaps disappointed, you chat with your team-mates taking no notice of your dog/s that may well still be off lead. Do you show **consideration** by putting your dog/s on a lead so that you are aware of them and just as importantly the dogs coming into the ring? The ring is a supercharged place, the dogs are excited and anything could happen even with a normally ok dog. Are you being **considerate** and giving other dogs space? Your dog off lead could well put off another dog and totally ruin it's Flyball career.

This has been an on-going problem for many years and different ideas have been tried but venue conditions aren't always conducive to a strict rule. This might be a good discussion for the AGM do we really need to introduce a **leads on coming into and out of the ring rule** when a simple practice of **consideration** could solve the problem. I would be mortified if my dog either upset or was upset by another dog because I wasn't making sure that I provided controlled space.

Please Be Dog Aware



Inaugural Flyball Tournament Ballybogey, Northern Ireland

The minute Sarah posted the schedule on the BFA website our team was keen to attend the inaugural Flyball tournament in Northern Ireland, co-hosted between Lomond Flyball Team and Ballybogey Boomerangs. A few short weeks later, the time came to take the trip to the west coast and a ferry to Ireland. Bill and Brenda travelled a few days before but most of us left Aberdeen after work and in dreich weather drove west to Ayr to a B+B we had stayed in before. After dinner in the local pub, we settled into our accommodation, with teamies sharing bedrooms and a couple of car loads of dogs bedded down for the night. Linda and Jules' dog Ruby had a crazy moment running around the bedroom with ornamental thimbles, but apart from that, the night went without a hitch!

We gave the dogs a great run on Ayr beach before heading off to the ferry, bright eyed and bushy tailed. I heard from Shona later that at 6am travelling in convoy to Cairnryan Ferry, Sarah and Jenni missed the exit for the M77 and headed off down the M74, apparently on flyball auto-pilot to head south! The ferry trip was lovely and smooth and the drive from Larne to Ballymoney about an hour. When we arrived, Noleen was organising hardcore to be laid in the camping field to allow us to drive on and off. Lomond team had already arrived and were setting up; we were able to let the dogs run free in a safe field while we got our tents sorted, ready for the ring party training day. Frank had brought his bike, and headed off along the beautiful north Antrim Coast to blow the travelling cobwebs away.

Saturday dawned bright and breezy with blue skies and sunshine. The Ring Party Training day was attended by 25 people, with the majority being from Ballybogey and some visitors from Dublin and also attendees from Lomond and Scratch Squad. We used Shona's excellent reworked manual to cover the rules of racing, how to fill in show paperwork, scribing and timesheets, box judging and box loading, how the lights work, dog measuring and racing judging. After lunch, we had a starter's competition with four teams racing on the lights, which was an excellent experience for all involved and patiently judged by Jenni Wallace. Noleen had organised a junior handler competition too. After presentations, we got ready for the 'main event' which was a buffet dinner, raffle and entertainment, organised by our wonderful hosts. What an evening, great food, plenty of liquid refreshment and great craic. Many of us will remember John McGrath's rendition of 'Old McDonald' for a long time to come. Around midnight, warmed by Bushmills whiskey, we headed back to the tents, but the wind had started to make an appearance, which was an omen of weather to come.

The wind howled on Saturday night and an emergency text at 6am from Jody came as a surprise as her tent had collapsed in the wind! Luckily we'd brought another small tent and were able to get Jody and dogs into the dry before the rain really arrived. It was all hands on board to salvage the large marquee, as the wind had done some serious damage there. Meanwhile, I ran through the basic rules of racing with the Down Dogs who had travelled for the day's open racing. During dog measuring, we could see Jenni's tent being smashed by the wind and her porch literally blew off! Dog measuring was postponed while we sorted that out and we waited for the forecast break in the weather.

Around 2pm the wind lulled, the rain came in showers and we decided to go for it and get racing. There was sunshine and heavy showers during the afternoon, but we sheltered in a nearby barn and made it through the one division of racing by about 6pm! The day was helped along Ballybogey hospitality - soup, plenty of tea and home-baked shortbread for the participants! The biggest cheer from the crowd was when Ballybogey Boomerangs ran clean and registered a seed time and points. Sometimes, in this era of breaking 17 seconds and 'pushing' the rules, we lose sight of the sheer fun of running our pet dogs and getting it right! There was certainly plenty of sporting perspective and true flyball spirit to be found in Northern Ireland! At the end of a long, wet, muddy day, Ballybogey Boomerangs and Down Dogs are officially flyball teams with seed times, with bona fide flyball dogs as their team members. To say everyone 'mucked in' is an understatement, people were box loading, running dogs, box judging and doing ring party that were new to the sport and despite the weather, it was absolutely brilliant!

We had intense gales and hail on Sunday night and packing up was wet and hard work. Some excellent tractor work by Noleen's friends towed us off the field and we headed for the North Antrim

Coast to experience an Atlantic storm on the chalk and basalt fringed beaches before heading for the ferry back to Scotland.

On the ferry, I asked my team mates what were their highlights: top of the list came the sheer enthusiasm and hospitality of the Ballybogey team. Never have I seen people get so excited and delighted to win joint fourth in a pairs competition!

After we had dried out the tents and put everything through the washing machine (apart from the dogs), I wondered would we go back? 'In a heartbeat' as Jenni Wallace said to me afterwards.



Training day
With
Ballybogey



Left:
Ballybogey
Junior
Handlers

Right:
Ballybogey
Starters
Team



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How to wrap a present with dogs present

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor
2. Get tape back from puppy
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth
4. Open box
5. Take puppy out of box
6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth
7. Take scissors away from puppy
8. Put present in box
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth
10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box
11. Take scissors from older dog & sit on them
12. Remove puppy from box & put on lid
13. Take tape away from older dog
14. Unroll paper
15. Take puppy off box
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as she "helps"
17. Take puppy off box
18. Wrap paper around box
19. Remove puppy from box & take wrapping paper from her mouth
20. Tell older dog to hold tape so he will stop stealing it
21. Take scissors away from puppy
22. Take tape older dog is holding
23. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog & sitting on them again
24. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape & tape another spot
25. Take bow from older dog
26. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with
27. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up
28. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face
29. Remove puppy from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on
30. Take now soggy bow from puppy & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks
31. Take pen from older dog, address tag & affix while puppy tries to eat pen
32. Grab present before puppy opens it & put away
33. Clean up mess puppy & older dog made playing tug-of-war with roll of wrapping paper
34. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell dogs what good helpers they are



**Merry Christmas to all flyballers and furry friends
Onley Outlaws Flyball Teams**



BFA Officials Slot

Membership Secretary (Pat Wadby)

There have still been a few members renewing their membership on-line – they have to pay the full fees payable, including the £2.50 for lapsed membership.

I have had one or two members trying to join the BFA on-line logging in a made-up number which already belongs to another member. Once I have processed their application and sent them their own BFA number, they have been sternly told they must not use the number they logged in as it already belongs to a current member.

We currently have 3,006 members (2,433 members at April) – 2,297 renewing members and 709 new members. 2,286 members renewed or joined via paper and 720 renewed or joined on-line.

New Teams:

Requests for new Team names are still being received although it is getting more difficult for members to think of an original name.

We currently have 336 Primary Teams (314 in April), although some of these are not currently active.

Height Card Co-ordinator (Donna Culley)

Could members sending in their height card application forms please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Failure to do so holds up the process as I have to find the member's address before I can send the card to that member.

Another problem for me is that some members think it's a good idea to give me their form at a tournament – not so – the form may be put in my pocket and subsequently get washed or put in a 'safe' place in the caravan and isn't always retrieved when emptying out the van when we get home.

So.. *Be safe – send by post with that all important SAE.*

Certificates & Awards Secretary(Jeff Hughes)

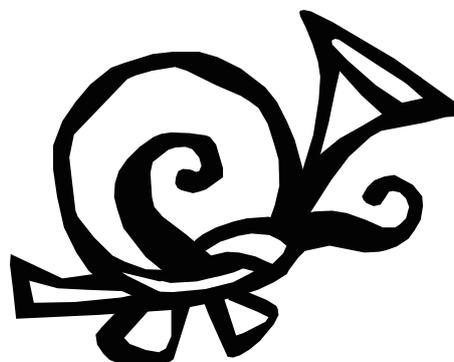
For those of you who have ever wondered...

Total number of awards gained from 1st January 2013 to 30th September 2013

Award Name	Points	Awards Gained
Flyball Dog	200	472
Flyball Dog Intermediate	1,000	383
Flyball Dog Graduate	3,000	299
Flyball Dog Advanced	5,000	218
Flyball Dog Silver	10,000	166
Flyball Dog Gold	15,000	119
Flyball Dog Ice Blue Moon	20,000	86
Flyball Dog Platinum	25,000	60
Flyball Dog Pearl	30,000	36
Flyball Dog Jade	35,000	28
Flyball Dog Chica Chicana	40,000	18
Flyball Dog Sapphire	50,000	4
Flyball Dog Diamond	60,000	3
Flyball Dog Opal	70,000	1
Flyball Dog Topaz	80,000	2
Flyball Dog Belle Star	90,000	0
Flyball Dog Emerald	100,000	1

Total Number of Awards

1896



DUKE THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF DUKES BARKING BALLS

Duke started going to obedience training a few years ago and yes if anyone knows Duke knows that he does it his way only but after only four weeks the trainer wasn't impressed on how Duke wasn't interested in learning only sniffing and doing the opposite until Sandra got a ball out of her pocket and there he was finally walking properly. Our trainer told us that he needed to find a flyball team and the rest would follow.

After a lot of research Sandra finally found The Dog Squad team that was more than happy to take him on. It didn't take Duke long to realise that touch the box get the ball, go over the jumps get the ball.

Duke loved every minute of racing but unfortunately Duke's downside was he didn't like to give the ball back, after a lot of advise off other flyball teams we were still unable to get the ball off Duke until one day Sandra tried to use some doggy mouthwash that Paul's Mum had given for him and he hated the taste so much that he would drop the ball. Sandra would always be prepared at every competition by showing Duke that the mouthwash was present and all she would have to say was "MOUTHWASH" and Duke's beloved ball would be dropped.



After Dog Squad disbanded Duke joined Haughton Lights where he made some lovely doggy friends and gained his Flyball Dog award.

Duke and family left Haughton Lights and decided that as there wasn't a flyball club/team in Stoke-On-Trent to set one up. The teams are named after Duke as he was and always will be the founding member and he represents every dog whether they are slow, fast, ball obsessed or just wanting to have fun.



Unfortunately Duke was diagnosed with bilateral hip dysplasia in June 2012 after running the first and only competition with his sister Clover. It devastated Paul and Sandra as he has lived with the condition all his life and they never knew. Duke being Duke wouldn't accept that he had to retire and every training session he would bark and generally express his unhappiness and when it was cold and he was left at home he wouldn't speak to Sandra for several hours. So after 20 months without doing any open competitions or any proper training the decision was made for Duke to go back into open as a sub dog to help support his team and he came back in style he ran every race and just like the olden days he didn't let his team down.



It's taken a long time for Duke to accept that the time has come to retire and Sandra needed him to make the decision himself and he finally did at Hatton. So Paul and Sandra decided to give him a great retirement send off so after getting in touch with the old Dog Squad members, Live Wires and Val Currie he raced his final races with Dog Squad against the three Dukes teams with Val as his judge for the final time. To end the testimonial was Clover his sister the last dog over the line who has big shoes to fill. He had a fantastic day being spoilt and fully enjoyed being with his old team mates.

You may all wonder why we have put this in as he hasn't passed on but he's a legend in his own way. He didn't always get the chance to show his teams how reliable he was and he may never have had the speed but he loved the sport and he represents all those dogs out there as he was reliable like the top divisions but the speed of the lower one's. Duke will always be there to support his teams at competitions but he will tell his sister Clover off when she lets him down. Duke taught Sandra about changeovers as he made the decision when to be let go and it's not every day that the ring party all say "oooooh" at how close a changeover was without getting a light.



So to Duke we love you and keep loving the ball but finally the rings will not have to put up with Sandra's big gob shouting "MOUTHWASH" anymore.

(Dukes Barking Balls)



DUKES BARKING BALLS
FLYBALL DOG AWARDS 2013

SANDBACH 4TH MAY
 CLOVER
 INDY

SUTTON FIELDS 19th MAY
 CHARLIE

BAKEWELL 22ND JUNE
 BLUE

DARLEY MOOR 30th JUNE
 CARA
 OSCAR

HATTON 15th SEPTEMBER
 ROSIE

TARPORLEY 5th OCTOBER
 HADES
 MISTY
 JO

INTERMEDIATE AWARDS

BAKEWELL 22nd JUNE
 CLOVER

LARDEN GREEN 4th AUGUST
 CHARLIE

Seasons Greetings to All our Members



from The Committee & Officers

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