

THE FLYBALL RECORD



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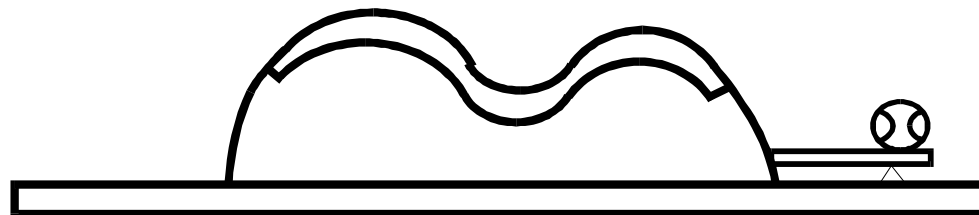
THE B.F.A. RESPONSE

In June this year, the association became aware of a letter being circulated by The Kennel Club to all teams that had taken part in the Crufts competition in January. In short, it was asking for constructive views on flyball generally, but specifically noting that neither the box or tennis balls, were to be part of that discussion. Some of you are probably aware that back last summer at Hemel Hempstead half way through the Crufts qualifying competition, a representative of The Kennel Club, prior to the round starting, stated to all those teams present, that they could continue to qualify on boxes that conformed to The Kennel Club guidelines, but would not be allowed to use them at the finals. Boxes would be supplied.

It was unclear then exactly what box they had in mind.

A little later on, a former member of the association along with Premier Jumps submitted a design along the lines of what he thought was required. The paramount importance being the safety of the dog, the design was not taken up.

Approximately six weeks prior to the finals, some qualifiers started to receive the chosen design. This style of box would now appear to be The Kennel Club standard for their flyball competitions. For those of you who have not had a chance to see one, the outline is similar to this.



It is well padded over the top surface, and has to be, the flight of the ball is high, in attempting to catch it, the dog does have a tendency to fall back onto it. I have seen some dogs perform very well on it, but it does not suit the faster ones. The decision on its safety lies with the owner, and what's best for his/her dog.

Personally, I have no axe to grind about The Kennel Clubs choice as an individual, exercising the criteria above, and having experienced flyball from its very first in this country. My preference is for no pedal, and a flat front.

After three years, of what appears to me to have been confusion and indecision over the sport, I was only too pleased to join a group who were both, progressives and responsive to the needs of the sport, backed with the knowledge of the North Americans, who have a decade of experience in International flyball.

However! The kennel club letter has some worrying implications for those involved in international flyball.

My interpretation of it is, in short, if we don't play it their way, we will not be allowed to do it at any licensed Kennel Club show. We may also face the big Eee!? if we continue doing our own thing. As individuals, there is the likelihood that we may be prohibited from all other Kennel Club activities be it, agility/obedience/trials or show. I hope I am wrong.

I sincerely hope I have misinterpreted the letter, but am fully aware of what has taken place since its introduction. All I would like to see, is a level playing field, there is room for both types of flyball, both entertaining and skilful and at the end of the day flyballers will make up their own minds.

I hasten to add, that this is my own personnel view, but I would dearly like to hear yours.

Our Chairman has replied to the letter on the associations behalf, with the committees approval, a copy of which is included.

Ken Hickman.

p.s. (Your new editor).

Letter from the Chairman to The K.C.

The Kennel Club
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London
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16 August 1994

Dear Mrs Symns

It has come to our attention that the Kennel Club has issued its own Draft Regulations for Flyball. Since we were not contacted directly, we will refrain from any comments or suggestions regarding the same.

However, it is obvious from examination of the Regulations that Kennel Club Flyball will continue to be run along the lines of the Crufts Competition seen earlier this year.

As you are aware the British Flyball Association is committed solely to further the sport of International Flyball as instigated by N.A.F.A. (The North American Flyball Association). A copy of our Rules and Regulations has already been sent to you, and these vary considerably from your own Draft Regulations.

Flyball originated in North America where it has grown under N.A.F.A. into one of the major dog sports. Their rules have also evolved over many years to a point where they now are truly the basis for "International Flyball".

It is a statement of fact that when the Kennel Club Draft Regulations become applicable to Flyball held at licensed events there will be two distinct types of Flyball available to competitors in this Country.

One will be the Kennel Club "Crufts" type Flyball that will be unique to this country and designed primarily as a spectator sport. The other will be International Flyball Racing, which is the exciting speed event that many people in the BFA have become as addicted too as our friends have in North America and other parts of the World.

As stated in our previous correspondence the safety and well being of dogs competing at BFA sanctioned events is of paramount importance. The

Canadians have many dogs who have been racing continuously all their adult lives (for up to 10 years), without any associated long term problems. Their expertise gained over these many years has helped us not only with equipment design, but also in training for speed with safety.

Many people associated with BFA Flyball Racing have considerable involvement with The Kennel Club through other activities, and indeed many of their dogs will be registered with The Kennel Club for Show, Obedience, Agility and Working Trials. Their commitment to dogs and the dog world is without question and includes participating in and indeed judging at licensed Kennel Club Events at all levels including Crufts. If, as is almost certainly the case, they wish to continue to enjoy Flyball by competing at our BFA Events will you please give us the assurance that they or their dogs will not have their good standing with the Kennel Club in any way jeopardised.

It is not our Intention to be directly or indirectly confrontational regarding this matter and indeed we fully support The Kennel Club in many of its activities, and we will continue to hold your requirements regarding safety and welfare of our dogs as a minimum standard of our sport. We, however, at the end of the day remain fully committed to International Flyball Racing run the North American way.

May we finally say that the only real problem we can see with the two distinctive types of activity being available to people, which are both called Flyball, is that they may not appreciate the safety problems associated with switching from one type of box to the other. This in our opinion can only have disastrous effects If a dog trained for speed were to encounter a "Crufts" type box without retraining, if indeed retraining is possible for some dogs.

We would only be too pleased to discuss this problem or Indeed any other matter regarding Flyball with anyone from The Kennel Club. Our invitation to come and see our type of event at any time remains open. Please contact the writer if any further information is required.

Yours In Flyball

A P WITTWER
CHAIRMAN BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION

FLYBALL TEAM CAPTAINS CAN

WRITE!!!!



In this section we are encouraging show reports, team reports or general gossip from the team captains or the nominated team secretaries.

(If the captains can't write! - Ed)



THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW - JULY 1994

Report from **Penny Coulter-Smith**
(Vikings Team Captain).

The Royal Welsh Show is one of the largest, if not the largest Agricultural show in Britain. This truly represents the farmers of the country, with huge displays of tractors, combine harvesters, muck spreaders, and all the bits that go with it. (You can tell I'm not from farming stock), its got bulls, heifers calves, beef and dairy cattle, all bathed up, toe nails polished and tails swishing merrily away. And how you go to Wales and not mention sheep, there be hundreds of e'm. Plus shearing competitions (a little unfair I think) it only takes a few minutes for a sheep to lose its coat, its ten times larger than a poodle, and that takes two hours to turn out in a lamb cut.

A lot of rare breeds were represented including varieties of goats, chickens, llamas, camels and donkeys (I will come back to the donkeys later).

Aside from all that, there was a Fur and Feather Pavilion, Axe Racing, Pole Climbing, J.C.B. Ballet, and a Mast Manning display team, (I certainly would not like to be the "button boy"! - (ask a sailor - or Hayley)!

It's a very liked and well represented show, and being an annual event it certainly brings the stockman and shepherds down from them there hills for a good old booze up. Stallion day is the noisiest, I wonder why?

Pedigree Chum kindly sponsor the Agility and Flyball demonstrations over the three days, with ourselves providing three shows a day. Our happy band of travellers normally arrive at various times on the Sunday, prior to the show opening on the Monday.

Now back to the donkeys, me thinks' they are very sweet and cuddly, if not a bit stubborn (like myself), BUT NOT WHEN THEY HAVE POOPED ALL OVER OUR CAMPING PITCH, and the owners, not only don't have poo bags big enough, THEY HAVEN'T GOT A BUCKET OR SPADE EITHER!

Having succeeded in removing this obstruction, we had a much bigger one to contend with. The Royal Navy have parked their frigate on the front of our site, and gone away with the keys, so its difficult to get our caravans in - difficult - BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE!

First hurdle over, and we settle down for the night. At 3am I am woken by a very loud whooshing pulsating noise, and a brilliant light is slowly moving along the road, a space ship has landed me thinks. I study this object, but am not brave enough to meet the little green men - the road is a dead end - will it glide over the seven foot tough link security fence? - or will it cut straight through? - **NO** - the noise and lights are coming back towards me - it wants my dogs - but there is no sound from them - please, please I don't want to be beamed away.

Slowly, slowly the whooshing and pulsating is getting louder and the light more blinding, Oh what shall I do?. Like the dogs, I will keep quiet, after all they are brave fearless German Shepherds. Peeping through the curtain, I can see the road, its getting closer - nearly there - I'm holding my breath, what will I see?..... TO BE CONTINUED.

Monday, and the sun is beating down, the first display is a knockout, with Frank Crossley doing the commentary, and Alan building the courses, blowing the whistle, and doing anything else asked of him - THANKS ALAN.

My team consisted of Liz and Ken with Tam, Kai, Ellie and Mojo, Rene and Derek Dragonetti with Ali, Benji, Raz and Dixie. Andrew and Liz Payne with Blue, Misty and Jess, Lyn Abbott with Jade and Twyla. Leslie Catchpole with Merlin and Robbie. Tony and Barbara Poole with Ben, Lucy and Jack. Daughter Hayley with Gizmo, and myself with Lucky. All the dogs are taken around the ring for the spectators to say hello too, the children love this part as they have a chance to pat and stroke the dogs, and then the show starts proper. I can't remember who won the knockouts (I'm afraid senile decay has set in - sorry team!).

Following this, the ring is quickly cleared, and set up for International Flyball, Ken with the Tigerettes, and myself with the Vikings.

The weather was getting hotter by the minute, and as the dogs had two more displays to do that day, I decided on the best of three races. The results, first

race Vikings, second race Tigerettes, and third, Vikings again. As the racing took place, the crowd was getting thicker by the minute, finally blocking all the roadways around us. I'm not sure who was making the most noise, the crowd or the dogs. It went down a treat.

Each time the flyball was staged we had the same reception, with even larger crowds, it became more difficult to get in and out of the ring, it was extremely well received.

A full agility course was the next display, which Andrew won with Jess, and was duly presented with a lovely crystal bowl from Murial Crossly. A circular knockout, followed by flyball again finished the first days display.

The same format with course variations followed over the next two days, with Derek winning the trophy for the agility.

My other daughter Shelley took over the duties of compère, and gave us a very amusing account of the events as they happened. In between times, Liz and Ken entertained an Australian couple who were interested in the flyball, with Ken giving them the lowdown and Liz feeding them the tinnies. I think they went home well briefed.

Many thanks once again to Pedigree Chum for sponsoring the even and supplying the lovely trophies and rosettes. Also to Frank and Muriel for their hospitality, and above all else **MY TEAM**.

OH! the monster in the night? it was a road sweeper!!!!

HAPPY FLYBALLINGPenny.

Thanks Penny, but take more water with it in future!! - Ed.



JUNIOR FLYBALL TRAINING AT ARDINGLY

Report from **Robert Tappin**
(Tigers Team Captain).

This all started with a request from C.C. Guard
*"Could you give the Spillers Juniors an insight into
flyball please?"*

Seems an enjoyable job for a few hours I thought
.....(little did I know!).

MONDAY

The 'training' started with a 'demo' by my sons working our
two dogs to show the juniors flyball in action. This
prompted a chorus of eager requests*"Could you teach
US to do that too?"*

So later that day, we started with the basic retrieve over
small agility hurdles and some even progressed to learning
to operate the box. Fortunately, some of the juniors and
dogs had done a little work at last years KCJO camp with
Liz and Ken Hickman so with handler training and lots of
encouragement, some managed to learn both the exercises
successfully.

TUESDAY

We resumed the training with proper flyball hurdles ...
thank you PODS. The juniors must have been doing some
secret practising because several dogs were able to do a
complete run at the end of the second session!!

WEDNESDAY

Today saw us practising individual dogs over complete runs
but using two sets of equipment to help introduce the
racing set up.

At this stage we had gained the very valuable help of Delia
and Peter, along with Lynn and Nigel from the Rabble &
Reckers flyball teams.

THURSDAY

Team selection day!! By now, we had a large selection of
dogs and handlers at very varying stages of training. The
handlers were all very keen and so were the dogs!

We managed to sort out THREE teams of five dogs each!! C.C.
had run a competition during the week to find an
appropriate team name and in the event we were able to use
several of the suggestions, the teams being.....

the ADVANCE GUARD
the REAR GUARD and
the HOPEFUL HOUNDS.

FRIDAY

8amPANIC!! One young handler in the Rear Guard team
discovered that the dog she had planned to work was already
spoken for by another (adult!!) team. Wellow to the rescue
... thank you Penny for the loan of a 'steady' dog.
(Incidentally the Rear Guard knocked the adult team out
during the competition!! - Ed)

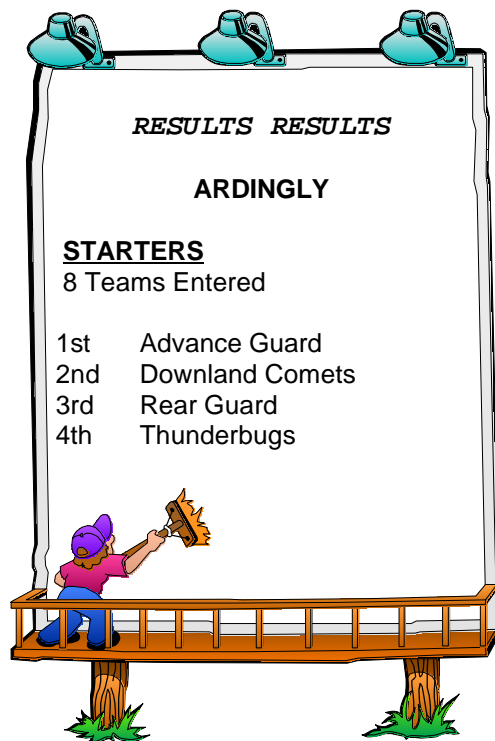
The first practice was absolute chaos but fortunately Lynn
and Nigel, acting as team captains, had everything sorted
out by the off.

C.C. wished the teams good luck and disappeared to a
working trials training session saying in her inimitable
way *"Remember you're here to have fun BUT MAKE SURE YOU WIN
AS WELL!!"*

With this in mind, the team instructions were to keep the
changes steady and have careful changeovers. However, the
chatter of the juniors and the barking of the dogs was such

that no one heard this anyway!! C.C.'s instructions were much more to the fore with all the youngsters determined to win. Steady, careful changeovers? "NO WAY"!! They were going to win AND WIN THEY DID!!!

The Hopeful Hounds managed one creditable win before being knocked out, Rear Guard came third overall and Advance Guard WON THE CLASS.



These successes would not have happened without the help of many flyballers who gave their help and loaned dogs, to allow the juniors their first taste of competitive flyball racing.

Thank you all.

The second weeks training was far more relaxed (phew!!). Delia had set up an adult 'fly agility' time trial and we borrowed the idea very successfully for the juniors.

This involved a set of flyball jumps and box, but on the

run out were placed three items of agility equipment, two hurdles and a tunnel. The object of the exercise was to send the dogs the box and back again without crossing the start line.

Time penalties were added for each piece of equipment the handler had to take the dog up to, and also for dogs that couldn't trigger the box. This meant that literally everyone could have a go and almost everyone did!! It was amazing just how many dogs could do the whole exercise with the handler behind the line.

The rest of the week saw further training on starts, changeovers etc, until many juniors were super proficient.

This was evident when on the Thursday, the junior PLUS FOUR four breed team came second in the round robin four breed competition.

We were all very impressed by the enthusiasm, sportsmanship and team spirit amongst the juniors

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.

The future of flyball has good foundations on which to build here!! (Can we have a junior league please BFA??).

The fortnight was a resounding success very enjoyable and we all learnt a great deal myself included.

C.C. is already planning for next time and has already tried to book the "flyball training team" again two years in advance!!

We're all keeping our options open!! Any offers??!!

Robert Tappin, ably abetted by Delia, Peter, Lynn (and her lonely yellow rosette! - Ed), Nigel and a host of others too numerous to mention!!

FLYBALL NEWS FROM "SUNNY" CORNWALL



Report from **Clive Hildersley**
(Rabble Team Captain)

Interest is growing in our area and The Rabble & Reckers are thinking of holding a Flyball training weekend for local clubs and individuals.

The format would be to do some training on the Saturday, then hold a small competition on the Sunday, using "all our the newly acquired skills"! More information about the weekend will be available soon.

I would like to thank Shirley Paine for judging the Spillers Flyball Heat at our show at Grampound in June, whereby both Rabble & Reckers teams qualified.

I would also like to thank Kevin McNicholas and the Tornadoes team members, who were on holiday during the summer, gave both Rabble and Reckers some valuable training sessions that have helped us improve immensely on our times. We even came third at the Spillers Final at the Middlesex Show in June with a best time of 21.80 seconds. *(Even beat the Tornadoes eh? - Ed)*

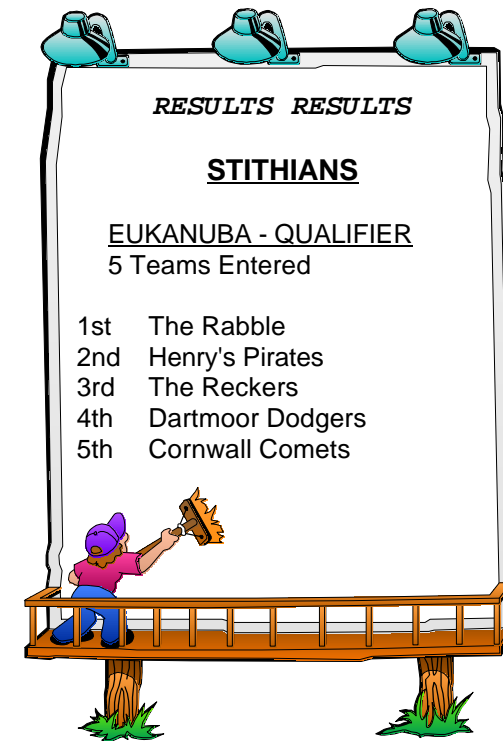
At Ardingly I managed to get a scratch team together (despite all the rain & certain team members shopping trips!). Even though the team did not do too well, Sean and Rachel, whose dogs only learnt to do Flyball the week before, thoroughly enjoyed the competition. I hope they manage to continue training where they live. Many thanks to them for joining in the competition.

At Malvern The Rabble had another good team and although we didn't get through to the quarter finals we managed to better our time - 20.50 seconds - the only problem was - WE WERE AGAINST THE TORNADOES! , They were on form as usual. *(Revenge for Middlesex? - Ed)*

I would like to express thanks on behalf of myself and the Rabble & Reckers teams, for P.O.D.S., Peter and Delia for organising both competitions - well done! (It was nice to see so many starter teams entered at Malvern!).

Interest within the Rabble & Reckers camp is high and we can again boast two teams that have entered the Eukanuba heat at the Country Game Fair at Stithians and we shall also be entering two teams at Longleat.

The weather was very good for the Eukanuba heat and thanks to Corrin Warren for judging and to all those who helped. Only five teams entered but the results are as follows:



RESULTS RESULTS

STITHIANS

EUKANUBA - QUALIFIER

5 Teams Entered

1st	The Rabble
2nd	Henry's Pirates
3rd	The Reckers
4th	Dartmoor Dodgers
5th	Cornwall Comets

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all the competitors and especially by the crowd.

I am looking forward to the Winter League Tournament and would like to get at least one of our teams to all the tournaments as long as they are not too far away from Cornwall - Kevin 'tiz a long way on a dark winter's morning! *(Especially in the **SNOW!** - Ed)*

See you all at Longleat.

Clive Hildersley

(Rumour has it that Clive has been involved in secret training, and his dog Rosie may be able to run and change behind other dogs next year! - Ed)

TECHNO- FLYBALLERS

Report from **Nigel Bouckley**
(Reckers Team Captain)

As a follow up to the article covering Flyball and the Internet (NAFA News) in the last issue of The Flyball Record. I have contacted our friends across the water on several occasions and spoke about various flyballing topics covering balls and boxes to the recent 'friction' with The K.C.. They are very keen to strengthen links with the BFA so if any of you have a modem give them a call. Its not as expensive as you think....normally the cost of a local call and with relatively little experience you can link up with NAFA in no time. (*Even Kevin? - Ed*)

The primary link at the moment seems to be Ian Hogg from the Happy Hurdlers, and you can contact him on Internet address - (ianhogg@cs.umn.edu). This can be accessed from any of the communication networks - CompuServe, Internet, Prodigy, Genie and many others.

Recent talks with Kevin McNicholas produced an idea of live time racing against our NAFA counterparts via a computer link-up! Is the BFA being launched right into the forefront of technology or is it just a crazy idea? All thoughts and comments are welcome.

As part of the new production team for The Flyball Record any of you with modem facilities can send your letters, reports or general gossip direct to me via CompuServe Mail.

Please send mail to Nigel Bouckley 100256,2002

See you all at the party, whoops I mean Longleat

Nigel.



LETTERS



As a Staffie owner, I have rubbed shoulders many times with the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. It is indeed, a subject which I could discuss for hours, and frequently do.

While walking with my dog in the street, I have received many snide comments. Both his, and my parentage have been assumed, and I have been subjected to a torrent of violent verbal abuse, which very nearly has turned physical.

I can understand it from those who do not have, or do not like dogs, reacting as they do. But I'm constantly surprised at the amount of dog owners, who have jumped on the anti-Pit Bull bandwagon.

Basically the problem is ignorance, they just don't know the difference between a Pit and a Staff. The press does not help when it talks of the former, but publishes pictures of the latter. I find it very offensive when I'm asked bluntly, "Is that a Pit Bull?" It is far less offensive to be asked "Excuse me, but what kind of dog is that?" and then to be given the opportunity to explain the differences.

The judicial system in this country prides itself on the saying, "innocent until proven guilty", unfortunately the courtesy is not extended to dogs seized and impounded under the Dangerous Dogs Act. I can only beg you, as dog owners, to make yourself familiar with all aspects of this act, and to realise its full implications. All of our dogs could be at risk, not just my Staffie, or Mr Bloggs Pit Bull Terrier.

The act itself is cruel and unjust, it should be drastically amended, or better still repealed.

Who cares enough to speak out for those we hold so dear.

Julie Tate (Bouncers Rascals)

Julie.

This is an extract from Roy Hunters Anglo American Dog Training Academy Autumn issue:-

Vicky Carr anxiously phoned me because she realised that many people do not realise the FULL implications of the Dangerous Dog Act. The part many people don't realise is, that a dog (any breed) does not have to actually bite anyone for a court order to put it down. An apparent aggressive movement, with a stupid victim, over zealous policeman, or a magistrate that is anti-dog is sufficient. The same bloody type of magistrate or judge that reduces a sentence of 15 months to 9 months on a lout who has attacked and injured another driver with a claw hammer, after the other guy had cut him up at a roundabout. **I ASK YOU.**

Write to your MP about the harshness of this act - it could be by your dog next.

A man stabs another 18 times, kills him (well it would wouldn't it!!) and gets 5 years) probably out in 3, during that time he works out in a gym (getting stronger so he can assault the police better) has drugs and booze smuggled in, watches TV gets three square meals a day. GBHs a couple more inmates etcetera.

A docile, reasonable dog, barks at a person, or if its a Pit Bull has its muzzle removed in public to have a drink, is incarcerated in a dump for months, and released or put down, with no trials, no appeal.. There's something drastically wrong somewhere.

Roy.

Dear Ken

You asked for comments on Flyball and the B.F.A. Just thoughts, with a pen in hand. Flyball requires new blood, both dogs and handlers, these may come from clubs or individuals. The feeling from the two weeks spent at Ardingly was, a lot of people would like to "have a go",

but would not make the effort to come to a weekend, where they may feel out of their depth. After training the juniors I usually had about an hour with individuals asking to be shown how to do it - where can I train? From this comes two thoughts:

1. A list of clubs and or trainers where enthusiastic people could attend and try the sport with little commitment.

2. At venues like the Working Dogs and Malvern could it not have been organised for maybe one hours training a day to allow a group to come together and enter a team in the competition later in the week. (This is how the juniors did so well against the "scratch" teams).

On a lighter note: - Gesticulations seen at flyball matches, what do they mean? all this hand waving, sometimes accompanied by a sideways wiggle, usually ends with a thumbs up.

See you all at Longleat

Robert Tappin

(Answers please on a postcard by 15 November).

A GREAT DANE

Everyone know of several Flyball Champion Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Labrador, even Jack Russell Terriers. But how many FDCh Great Danes do you know? Georgia and John Thomas (I know him!) of CDTC Leaps N Bounds know of 2, and they are both theirs.

On 14 May 1994 a five year old fawn bitch named Thavern's Madeira (Maddi) became the second Great Dane to earn an FDCh title. the first Great Dane to earn her Flyball Championship happens to be her cousin Thavern's Serenade which Georgia and John also co-own. Another factor has made Maddi's title even more spectacular is the fact that Maddi only has sight in her left eye. Shortly after Maddi earned her breed championship, Maddi's right eye was lot to glaucoma and had surgery for an intra-ocular prosthesis.

Maddi's first tournament took place in Sept 92 at the

Astohall in Houston. After that she took some time off for surgery and recovery. Maddi then continued racing a total of 9 tournaments until she earned her Flyball Champion title.

Maddi is handled in flyball by student Teresa Nowin.

Maddi has an average time of around 6 seconds, and her best time at a tournament was 5.57 seconds which took place on 29 Jan 94.

(Great! I think its amazing. I made my bl---y collie read this) - Ed.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR SO PAY ATTENTION!!!!

WELL DONE THE BOUNCERS

*Qualified at the Wilton Show on 3 July for Crufts 1995.
The Team:*

<i>Queenie</i>	-	<i>with Pat Conneely</i>
<i>Toby</i>	-	<i>with Claire Gristwood</i>
<i>Sam</i>	-	<i>with Kay Westgate</i>
<i>Kristy</i>	-	<i>with Kathy Conneely</i>
<i>Dolly</i>	-	<i>with Jim Johnson</i>

As Spock would say to Kirk "Its flyball Captain, but not as we know it". Joking aside, VERY WELL DONE YOU LOT.

Well! The letters section is off the ground, but it really does need some input from you. I am aware that some of us see each other on a fairly regular basis, but I would like to tailor the record for those who for geographical economic or any other reason are not kept up to date with what's going on.

Air your views why don't you. In any case I will be pushing for results - reports and anything else I can get.

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IN NEXT ISSUE IS 15 OCT.
(That's 1994 Kevin!!!)

THE BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO

Donelda Guy from St Saviour Jersey and her dogs Hassle & Rambo.

M.Le Gresley from St Oven Jersey with Glen.

Mrs P.Le Seelleur from St Saviour with Raffles Ben and Max.

Susan Howat from St Martin with Candy a Lurcher/B.C.x

All better known as the Jersey Flyers.
Nice one Anton.

David Page and Moss a W.S. from Herstmonceux our first member from the Downland Comets.

Terry Condra from Uxbridge Middlesex with Gael & Lad both W.Ss.

Spearheading the Chippenham Cruisers.

Kay Westgate and her little lad Sam a member of the Bouncers.

Elaine Thompson of Great Somerford, Wilts. with Tootsie. Anne Alderman from Wooton Bassett, Wilts. with Max, Penny and Muna. Both members of Bassett Allsorts who made their first appearance at Malvern this year and I had the pleasure of meeting.

The British Open Flyball Championship 1994

TEAM	18/6	02/7	16/7	11/8	18/8	09/9	TOTAL
JETS	19+2	19+1	20+3	19+3	18+1		105
TORNADOES	16+3	18+2	19+2	20+1	20+3		104
VIKINGS	18	17+3	18+1	16	17		90
WASPS	20+1	20	00	18+2	19+2		82
JETS BB'S	14	16	17	17	16		80
PODS	16	12	13	13	13		67
TORNADOES TOO	14	15	15	15	00		59
TIGERS	17	11	14	00	14		56
HARLEQUINS	12	14	16	00	00		42
BOUNCERS / RASCALS	12	10	00	00	12		34
RABBLE	00	00	00	12	15		27
DYNAMOS	00	00	12	14	00		26
VIKINGS IV	00	13	00	00	00		13

SEEDING LIST & FASTEST TIMES FOR 18/08/94

SEED	TEAM	18/06	02/07	16/07	11/08	18/08
1	JETS				18.33	18.99
2	WASPS		19.27		18.41	18.98
3	TORNADOES				18.61	18.47
4	VIKINGS				19.02	19.33
5	JETS BB'S				19.43	20.41
6	RABBLE				21.19	20.50
7	HARLEQUINS	20.82	20.77	20.92		
8	PODS			21.80	21.92	20.80
9	TORNADOES TOO		20.87	20.81	20.88	
10	DYNAMOS			20.94	21.02	
11	TIGERS			21.32	21.92	22.38
12	BOUNCERS/RASCALS	22.13	22.96			21.64
13	VIKINGS IV		22.76			

**DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLE FLYBALL
DOG**

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
WASPS	ALFIE	WSD	C. DUNNING	201
PODS	HOLLY	WSD	S. MORLEY	211
TIGERS	KATIE	WSD	R. TAPPIN	249
PODS	POPPY	BC	A. HEALY	271
JETS BB'S	SPICE	WSD	D. BAWDEN	275
PODS	DRIFT	BC	P. ROBERTS	275
JETS	MEG	WSD	A. WITTWER	301
PODS	MEG	WSD	E. EDWARDS	316
TORNADOES TOO	MOCHA	WSD	R. BURNS	390
TIGERS	SADIE	CROSS	R.TAPPIN	436
PODS	ANNIE	WSD	D. ROBERTS	441
TORNADOES TOO	MITZI	WSD	R. WAGNER	469
TIGERS	MOSS	WSD	A. BAWDEN	471
VIKINGS	MISTY	BC	E. PAYNE	520
TORNADOES	KAI	BC	L. OWEN	554
TORNADOES TOO	NUTTY	BC	R. BURNS	567
TORNADOES TOO	COOKIE	BC	H. METHERELL	578
JETS BB'S	TIZZY	WSD	E. DAVIES	580

**DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLE FLYBALL
DOG**

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
TIGERS	MOGO	WSD	K. HICKMAN	616
TIGERS	ELLIE	BC	L. HICKMAN	621
TORNADOES TOO	SWEEP	WSD	H. METHERELL	622
WASPS	PATCH	BC	K. RIDDLES	732
HARLEQUINS	ROLO	WSD	R. MITCHELL	806
HARLEQUINS	YOGI	WSD	E. MITCHELL	806
HARLEQUINS	HUGO	BC	A. CHAMBERS	806
HARLEQUINS	QUINCY	WSD	C BROOKS	806
JETS BB'S	LUCY	WSD	W. O'ROUKE	825
JETS BB'S	BOB	JRT	A. O'ROUKE	855
JETS BB'S	TESS	WSD	D.BAWDEN	855
JETS	JAMIE	WSD	P. WITTWER	881
JETS BB'S	RIA	WSD	P. DAVIES	930

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DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLE FLYBALL DOG & FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
WASPS	HERBIE	JRT	A. DUNNING	1031
WASPS	MEG	CROSS	V. PEARSON	1078
WASPS	GEISHA	BC	K. FRIERS	1082
WASPS	LEXI	WSD	C. DUNNING	1133
JETS	SPEX	WSD	P. WITTWER	1205
VIKINGS	JESS	WSD	A. PAYNE	1257
TORNADOES	TAZZ	BC	K. McNICHOLAS	1586
TORNADOES	TOFEE	BC	R. BURNS	1608
JETS	SONNY	WSD	W. O'ROUKE	1610
JETS	KIM	WSD	D. BAWDEN	1611
TORNADOES	SPOT	WSD	A. SHARPE	1657
TORNADOES	JAKE	WSD	S. PAINE	1664
JETS	ROY	WSD	D. BAWDEN	1686
VIKINGS	KERN	BC	D. DELANY	1712
VIKINGS	BLUE	WSD	A. PAYNE	1812
VIKINGS	DRIFT	BC	J. HAZELL	1842



NAFA NEWS

FROM ACROSS THE
POND.....

JUMP HEIGHTS

Last May, ballots were sent out to delegates concerning a rule change that would make the minimum jump height 6" instead of 8". All votes have been tallied and the final outcome was that the vote didn't pass with the required 2/3 majority. The minimum jump height will remain at 8". This is the second time this change has been defeated so the likelihood that this change will come up again in the future is very slim.

20,000 POINTS!

On 9th April 1994 at the Maximum Overdrives tournament in Detroit, Michigan, De'Ja became the 3rd dog ever to obtain the converted ONYX award by achieving 20,000 Flyball points. De'Ja, a 6 year old Border Collie, under the training and handling of Charsie Moore of Pawbusters, started racing when she was 1 year old.

A point of interest, this is the second dog from Pawbusters to win this title and De'Ja is also a housemate of ONYX, the first dog to break the 20,000 point barrier.

FLYBALL RARE BREEDS

With all the dogs in Flyball, the following list of breeds have only one of their kind in the NAFA ranks. Of course, with new dogs being added all the time, this list may be obsolete by the time you read this.

Australian Terrier, Bolognese, Bulldog,

Miniature Long Hair Dachshund, American Fox Hound, Wire Fox Terrier, Greyhound, Harrier, Irish Water Spaniel, Lakeland Terrier, Lhasa Apso, Norwich Terrier, Pointer, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Silky Terrier and Welsh Springer Spaniel.

TOP TEN NAFA FLYBALL BREEDS

BREED	s
Border Collie	575
Mix (Cross)	246
Golden Retriever	181
Labrador	178
Shetland Sheepdog	171
Australian Shepherd	106
Doberman Pincher	100
American Cocker Spaniel	73
Jack Russell Terrier	72
Belgian Tervuren	67

THE FLINTDOG COLUMN

ITS A DOGS LIFE

A VIEW FROM FOUR PAWS.

Hi there again! this time I'd like to pass an opinion on relationships, a complex subject I know - but one that lends itself to discussion. My human pet and myself share a house with her brother. They are not from the same litter, but are of the same parentage. Its an arrangement that seems to work quite well for all of us, and its about time, because her poor choice in men has caused us to move house too many times in the last few years. I don't understand it, a chap gets to like the man who is sharing his pet, then they start disliking each other and everything starts changing again. So, the latest arrangement suits me fine, she belongs to me, and life is pretty good.

Now what has happened, you would never believe it, they have brought another dog into the house -- my house -- and was I consulted? Of course not! This dog came bowling in, tearing around the place, without even the good manners to ask me if it was alright to climb into my bed, drink from my water bowl, or sniff me in intimate places.

Well naturally enough I returned the latter favour, and then proceeded to give him a good hiding, just to let him know where he stood. Well, I thought maybe he had come to stay for a while, owner away or something. We've done some dog sitting before and its nice to have friends stay for a while; I'm a sociable kind of guy you know! But this one, just has not gone home!! He takes my toys and chews them up, if I'm, having a cuddle with my pet (we do that quite a lot you know - she's devoted to me!) he's there demanding attention, if I get myself a chew, or a toy from my box, he takes it from me -- he doesn't really want it, but just has to take from me -- why?

When I'm tired and want to rest, or maybe just sunbathe, belly up, in the garden, he wants to play. I growl at him "NO", but he doesn't give up, first he bites my legs (I hate that), then he chews my ears (I hate that even more). If I don't respond, he really pushes his luck and pulls my tail.

The result -- WAR!! Just for interests sake, the hellhound is called Deefa; Deefadog apparently. Hey! clever name, shame about the brain cells! I have a horrible feeling you will be hearing a lot more of him in the future - bad luck folks! and just in case you are still wondering - No, I don't like him - he's trouble - I can sense it. But by the way, you should see him trying to work the flyball box - silly so'n'so, just rolls on his back and plays the fool! So if nothing else I'm going to get some amusement from his presence.

Anyway, more soon.

FLINTDOG

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES DIRTY DOZEN

1. 1976.
2. Ben Nevis (all the other were volcanoes).
3. United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation.
Queen Alexandras Royal Army Nursing Corps.
Royal Aircraft Establishment.
Fellow of the British Academy.
Distinguished Conduct Medal.
4. Krona. Dinar. Dinar. Forint.
5. The Battle of Waterloo.
6. Republican.
7. Backlighting or light behind the subject.
8. Cotton.
9. Pyramids of Egypt.
Hanging gardens of Babylon.
Temple of Diana.
Statue of Jupiter Olympus.
Tomb of Mausolus.
Colossus of Rhodes.
Pharos of Alexandria.
10. Sheep.
11. James Bollom of (eeeeee! bonny lad fame).
12. 1974.

NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT

DOG OF GOD - So the Laplanders call the bear.
The Norwegians say it "has the strength of ten men
and the wit of twelve." They never presume to speak
of it by its proper name, lest it should revenge the
insult on their flocks and herds, but they call it
Moddaaigja (the old man with a fur coat).

NUMBERED WORDS THE ANSWERS

1	R	14	A
2	O	15	G
3	P	16	Q
4	E	17	W
5	T	18	M
6	H	19	Y
7	N	20	F
8	I	21	C
9	L	22	J
10	S	23	K
11	U	24	B
12	V	25	X
13	D	26	Z

Brain Teaser

Each question Contains the initials of words that will make it correct - Find the Missing words.

EXAMPLE

16 = O in the P
16 = Ounces in the Pound!

1. 26 = L of the A
2. 7 = D of the W
3. 10001 = A.N
4. 54 = C in D (with J's)
5. 9 = P in the S.S
6. 88 = P.K.
7. 13 = S on the A. F
8. 32 = D. F. at which we F
9. 18 = H on a G.C
10. 90 = D in a R.A.
11. £200 = for P.G. at M
12. 100 = D.C at which W.B
13. 3 = B.M. (S.H.T.R.)
14. 24 = H in a D
15. 1 = W on a U
16. 12 = D of C
17. 11 = P in a F.T
18. 20 = S around a D
19. 29 = D in F in a L.Y
20. 64 = S on a C. B

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A series of Three INDOOR Flyball Events

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		on	
Saturday	10	December	1994
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Saturday	8	April	1995

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Teams to book in and dog measuring at 7.30am. Racing starts at 8.00am.

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