

# THE FLYBALL RECORD

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## FROM THE EDITOR.....

"All change", once again flyballers the pressure of being Editor has claimed another victim! Alas I speak in jest. Over the last 18 months, Ken has gradually taken on nearly every job going in the BFA (some not by choice!). At the recent committee meeting, "we decided on a fairer distribution of responsibilities". A full list of people and their respective posts are listed later.

In fairness to Ken, he has done a cracking good job in elevating the Record to the success it is today. We will sorely miss his quips and prose at "Record HQ". I'm sure we can persuade him to contribute an article occasionally, just to keep us on our toes. I only hope I can maintain the high standard.

For those of you that don't know me (is there anyone?) I'm the rather large chap with the 3 Springer Spaniels, who even if you fail to see me, you can't fail to hear me! I live in Cornwall with my wife Debs (the real Editor-in-Chief of the Flyball Record) and currently work in Scotland, hence the shorts. I am described by Debs, on occasions, as a "Flyball Fanatic". Apart from that I'm your every day, common Flyballer!

As new Editor, my first job is to apologise for the cock-up in the last Record. I refer of course to the "it's" instead of the "I" in much of the Record. For the technically minded, the reason for this was my new software - WordPerfect 6.1. This was loaded between the record being proofread and actually printed. The new software has an automatic correction feature - among other things it replaces "I" with "it's", but **NOT** anymore! I can only apologise for the mistake and try and ensure it never happens again, or my head is on the block, the chairman informs me.

As I mentioned earlier, I will endeavour to maintain the high standard of the Record, with my sub editor Dave Dickinson. However I must stress that to save you from lengthy technical mind numbing articles from me to fill it up - lets see some reader contributions, please.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY ARTICLES FOR THE FLYBALL RECORD?

Then send to: The Editor, 49 Tremear Green, St Columb Road, St Columb, Cornwall. TR9 6RB ☎0172 686 1191 E-mail - Nigel@nigelb.demon.co.uk

Letters/articles can be written, typed or even better, Emailed (address on front cover).

Now the preliminaries are out of the way, down to the editorial.

I will endeavour NOT to use this section to air my gripes about things in general, but if I need to fill space.....only joking readers. I intend to use this section to keep you all abreast of what's going on, although the PPO/Chairman seems to do that quite well!

#### **FLYBALL RULES.....**

A recent letter from Liz Mitchell brought up an ambiguity in the Rules, concerning multiple team entries and the changing of dogs between them. After conferring with several other committee members we came up with the following "guidelines".

Dogs may be changed between multiple teams, however, if you use "first team" dogs in a combination with others, then the Team should run under the title of the "first team".

The reason behind this is to prevent teams putting "fast" dogs from the "first team" in other teams and possibly getting "easier" races.

I hope this clears things up. Thanks to Liz for bringing the subject up.

#### **FLYBALL POINTS.....**

As more people take up Flyball, the Statistics and Record's Coordinator task becomes increasingly difficult and time consuming. The committee have decided the responsibility of receiving the correct amount of Flyball points during a tournament, lies with the handler completing entry forms correctly THIS INCLUDES BFA Nos. So to ensure you get the correct points fill 'em in properly.

If you can't remember your details then send a SAE to Christine with all your known details (Name, Dogs name, Team etc.).

Clever as she is, but contrary to popular belief Christine does NOT carry everyone's details around in her head, ready to recall at the drop of a hat.

On to business.....

The new committee held its first meeting a few weeks ago, as a result a few changes have occurred, the new organisation is as follows:

|                                      |   |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Chairman</b>                      | - | <b>Kevin McNicholas</b>    |
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| <b>Flyball Record Editor</b>         | - | <b>Nigel Bouckley</b>      |
| <b>Assistant Editor</b>              | - | <b>Dave Dickinson</b>      |
| <b>Area Reps Coordinator</b>         | - | <b>Anton Wittwer</b>       |
| <b>Assistant Coordinator</b>         | - | <b>Martin Pollard</b>      |
| <b>External Liaison Officer</b>      | - | <b>Martin Pollard</b>      |
| <b>Press &amp; Publicity Officer</b> | - | <b>Kevin McNicholas</b>    |
| <b>Displays Liaison Officer</b>      | - | <b>Ron Mitchell</b>        |
| <b>The BFA Shop Custodian</b>        | - | <b>Anton Wittwer</b>       |

As you can see the tasks are wide ranging, but the BFA believes that it must set good foundations for the future. The next 12 months are likely to be quite hectic, your committee have pledged their commitment to ensuring the BFA prospers and is affirmed as the leading authority on North American Flyball within the UK. In addition to this, several of the committee, myself included, are assisting in the setting up of Flyball "as we know it" in Germany, Switzerland and even as far a field as Australia and Japan.

The BFA has committed to two displays already this summer. The intention is to have a slick, fast and entertaining display. To this end, Ron Mitchell is coordinating the events. While it is obvious that we need two teams, we also need Judges (head, line and box) and people to set the equipment up. The two events are:

8th July Hillingdon (near Heathrow)

23rd July Gillingham (Kent)

If you feel you can help, either at these shows or perhaps at future events please contact Ron on - 01322 222650. There will hopefully be a "practise run" at the Tornadoes Summer Flyball event on 1st & 2nd July at Hatfield college.

I hope you enjoy "my first edition". As usual complaints/praise or any questions/problems to the editor at the address on the front page, in addition to the help lines listed on the back page.

**Nigel**  
Editor

(Yes they really made me Editor - are they mad???)

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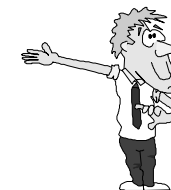
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**SATURDAY 5 August 1995**

## "IMPROVERS" TRAINING DAY

This course is designed to complement the "basic" training days run by the BFA throughout the year. Your dog(s) should have ideally completed a basic training day and can retrieve the ball and complete "a run" (with netting if necessary). This training day is NOT open to dogs that regularly compete in a seeded Flyball team.

Throughout the day ALL handlers and dogs will be encouraged to participate in: -

- a. Singles Shoot-Outs.
- b. Pairs Racing.
- c. A BFA starter's competition (teams will be "built" on the day, if not already formed).
- d. A variety of Fun Classes (time permitting).

### **FEES FOR TRAINING DAY (includes all activities)**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Training  | - £ 7-00 for BFA members (Includes entrance fee).     |
| Training  | - £10-00 for non-BFA members (Includes entrance fee). |
| Entrance Fee  | - £ 1-00 (children under 16 free).                    |
| Camping   | - £ 3-00 per night. (Friday - Sunday).                |
| (Please note - Entrance tickets to be purchased in advance) |   |

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: -**

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## 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)*



### A Frogs Eye View of Flyball

Report from **Frog**  
(Turbo Jets Fastest Dog)

Hi, my name's "Frog", some of you may have already seen me, or even know me. I'm a handsome gold and white WSD. I have two pets, 1 male and 1 female. The male pet, Dave, doesn't have much potential really .... I leave him alone and don't do any training at all with him, he often stays at home. But the female - Carol, well she's got a lot of potential .... **AND** very keen - I've found her very ease to train. We used to do obedience together before our FLYBALL days.

It was on one such evening, our obedience training was cancelled and an intriguing stranger came to our club to talk to us about FLYBALL. I listened with great intent and a strange feeling came over me as I listened, this man intrigued me, I wanted to know more, **HAD** to know more. I needed to convince my pet Carol, that I had to go to FLYBALL, this was our destiny, not that we didn't enjoy our obedience but this sounded like something else we could enjoy as well.

Unfortunately I was having a bad skin problem at the time, (Carol would tell you that's very much an under statement). So you could say that I didn't look my best, probably wouldn't even have given me a second look. I knew I couldn't just leave it to my good looks to impress anyone too much, I knew I had to prove myself and impress this man. I later learnt this man wasn't just any man ... to me I hailed him as a **God**.

His name is Anton, he was the teacher of all things to do and know about

FLYBALL. As the weeks past I took in the knowledge, worked hard and channelled Carol into a lot of training as well. Anton even taught Carol to throw a tennis ball straight (well 9 times out of 10!). (I don't know - you humans hardly ever throw tennis balls straight ..... I have an inkling it has something to do with all that alcohol you drink, it makes your vision go wonky).

Well, weeks turned into months, and we both felt more confident about Flyball so I felt I had to let the whole world know about Flyball. With this in mind I became just a little noisy - well, when you get other dogs not so fast, or not quite getting to grips with some of the rules, I tend to get a bit wound up and excited, I tend to jump up and down, bite Carol and get even louder. Carol did try at one point to try and control me but Anton told her straight, "They like this in a Flyball dog, the noisier and excitable the better" well that was my "Q" for - MAKE WAY HERE COMES THE **MANIC FLYBALL DOG**.

To date, Carol and I have been training 8 months, 2 of those I had to rest. I had a fracture of one of my toes and also had a spate of kennel cough, luckily some of this was over the Christmas/New year break. So I didn't miss too much of my vital training.

Just after the new year Anton told us of the Winter Leagues and apart from the Jets he would like to take *some* other teams. Hence the Turbo Jets were born. I was the start dog, the others were Scooby a X, Spud and Bob JR's, Fliss a WSD and later came Meg a WSD, (Meg has a very toothy grin - if you know what I mean, - I always give her a wide birth!!) like Fliss. I sometimes get wound up when we run, and I tend to tease her a lot when we are training but Carol always spoils my fun.

Luton, 25 Feb 95 was the Turbo Jets first competition. It was all very daunting apart from leaving home at 6am and travelling for 2 hours. They then left me in the van where I got so wound up 'cause I could hear all my pals having a "ball", it was torture.

When I got my chance to run my head was exploding. My pets then told me that we were racing with lights, Ha! - no way I'm racing now, not when the lights say green I'm going when I can. I remember Carol was a bit slow and not letting me go soon enough, so I just pulled her over - that'll teach her to let go when I say so.

Anyhow I don't know why she's so worried about waiting for green lights -

she's always driving through red lights, and when I tell her, she just shouts at me and tells me to lay down - she'll get caught by the police one day then she'll be sorry.

Since our first competition the Turbos have gone from strength to strength. Our best result was at our last race meeting at Shepton Mallet, coming 2nd in the Open. We had to meet our stable mates the Jets in the final, it was very nerve racking - we had already beaten them earlier on in the day. This was it, - show down .... Poor Carol she was feeling very nervous, I could feel the tension, it was almost too much for her to bear. But I reassured her and checked her back into line, you know it's a funny old feeling you get on the start line, all your emotions are mixed together, Excitement, Fear, Nerves and just pure Adrenaline. When you're standing there on the start line, and you see your box loader, box, ball, 4 jumps and a set of lights - THEN "WOW" .... it's just pure heaven.

Unfortunately we lost that day to a better team, but boy was it fun, something happened to both of us that day, the "want/need" to do Flyball came and stayed for me. As for Carol, I think I really played a big part in convincing her that there is NOTHING in this world of any importance other than FLYBALL, (the BFA way of course). Look forward to seeing you all at future tournaments.

**FROG**

**xxx**

P.S.

We've now given up obedience since competing in FLYBALL, who needs obedience.....it's so s....l....o....w.

Now .... I'm a Flyball dog. Carol told me that I'm officially a Flyball dog - she's got a certificate to prove it. But I could have told her that a long time ago ....

I must just say many thanks to the stranger who turned up at our club, it seemed so long ago. I own my love of Flyball No ... I own my FLYBALL LIFE to you and all your disciples who help you - My uncle Anton

Your fast and friendly

**FROG DOG**

**xxx**

*(Thanks to Carol for her "frogs" ditty - Ed)*

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| Open   | - | £18-00 per Team (Includes entrance fee). |
| Pairs  | - | £ 3-00 per Pair (Pay on the day).        |
| Singles  | - | £ 1-50 each.                             |
| Entrance Fee   | - | £ 1-00 (children under 16 free).         |
| Camping  | - | £ 3-00 per night. (Friday - Sunday).     |
| <i>(Please note - Entrance tickets to be purchased in advance)</i> |   |  |

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## THE BFA 1995 DIARY

**July**            1 & 2            Hatfield Vet College, Herts.

The Tornadoes Summer Flyball Event, Training & Fun Classes on Saturday & Sunday. BFA Tournament on Saturday.

**Kevin McNicholas - 0181 449 7539**

**August**            5 & 6            Ferne Animal Sanctuary - Somerset

The BFA Summer Championship Tournament & Improvers Training Day. Training, Starters Class & Fun Classes on Saturday. BFA Open Tournament & Pairs/Singles on Sunday.

**Ken Hickman - 01747 861341**

**Clive Hildersley - 01726 882759**

**August**            26 & 27            Wakefield, Yorks.

Format as yet to be confirmed. Training and BFA Tournament over the weekend.

**Anton Wittwer - 01705 468162**

**Toni Hooper -**

**September**    7 & 8            Longleat, Wilts.

The BFA end of Summer Tournament, Training on Thursday & Friday (am). BFA Open Tournament on Friday (pm).

**Ken Hickman - 01747 861341**

**Winter League** -It is hoped to run the winter league over 4/5 months with venues around Shepton Mallet, Birmingham/Yorkshire, Reading & Luton. So Watch this space.

## TEAM PROFILE

## THE WAKEFIELD OPTIMISTS

Flyball classes have been running for quite sometime at Wakefield, they had competed before, but the latest team have only been together since February 1995.

We have a wonderful selection of dogs, which all get along well together (as do the handlers).

The dogs, with practice, are getting faster and faster. It's unfortunate that their handlers can't get the hang of "changeovers".

The Optimists are: -

### **Toby and Toni Hooper**

Toby is a 4-year-old "jet black" GSD x Curly Coated Retriever. He is a large gentle mannered dog who also competes at agility & obedience. He prefers flyballing outside rather than inside, when unfortunately he tends to slow. (*He didn't let the team down at Luton though - Ed*)

Toni is the leader of our crew. She is very patient, which is just as well considering she has to organise us all. Toni competes at agility and obedience with her other dogs as well!

### **Wooly and Susan Hughes**

Susan has heard it said about Wooly "he should do obedience as he's too heavy for agility and too slow for Flyball". Wooly a 3-year-old Old English Sheepdog and is one of the fastest dogs on the team. He loves Flyball, in fact he'll do just about anything if Susan is in tow.

Susan, well Susan just thinks Wooly is brilliant.

### **Zak and Karen Cole**

Zak is a 3-year-old liver spotted Dalmatian. (*The first Dalmatian registered with the BFA - Ed.*) He started Flyball classes in mid-February and took an instant shine to the sport as he's obsessed with tennis balls. He'd only attended 10 training sessions before his debut at Luton, where it has to be said, he performed perfectly considering his inexperience. Zak and Karen both compete at obedience and have recently started agility classes.

### **Sunny and Sylvia Kolkowski**

Sunny is a 4-year-old WSD, who although originally trained for obedience, has now found his true vocation in life - Flyball. Prior to Luton in April, Sunny had only attended eight training sessions.



Unfortunately he became disorientated in the second race as the team had switched lanes, but that's all behind him now, and both Sunny & Sylvia are fully fledged "Flyball fanatics"

#### **Sam and Mary Mackay**

Sam is Curly Coated Retriever, who, due to his eagerness for the sport may leave the optimists advertising a vacancy for a "box loader". Mary is the "first team box loader", who thanks to Sam and his amazing flyballing ability will be joining the rest of the team 51ft away from the box!

#### **Ben and Lynne Bashforth**

Ben is an 8-year-old English Springer Spaniel (*lovely dogs, perhaps another candidate for "The All Springer Flyball Team"? Is it me or are Springers taking over in Flyball - Ed.*) Ben is currently one of our first reserves and may be retiring from the sport. However, he has previously competed in agility, field trials and more recently KCJO obedience with Lynne's daughter Shelly.

Lynne helps with Springer Spaniel Rescue, (*how about an article for the Record? as I'm the editor now, I can promise a big spread on this most superior breed - Ed.*) and organises the club's Flyball and agility demonstrations.

#### **Cal and Jean Wallis**

Cal is a 7-year-old GSD, rejected by the police, but welcomed into Flyball. In fact is one of the rare Flyball dogs that goes faster the bigger the jumps are!

Jean, besides being a Flyball fanatic, breeds and shows rabbits. As of yet she has failed to teach them to operate the box, however she informs us it's just a matter of time.....

#### **Candy and June Fisher**

Candy is a 6-year-old Border Collie. She was one of the team dogs, but contracted Kennel Cough the night before the 1994 Eukanuba Final and couldn't attend. It has since been discovered that Candy has a slight heart defect, but after months of rest and careful nursing, Candy is almost at 100% and managing to recommence Flyball training - which she loves!

In addition to organising, competing and training, Mary and Tony are "our Box Builders" (boxes made to order at reasonable and competitive prices?)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the BFA for all the help and support they have given us, and making us feel welcome both at Luton and Hayling Island. We hope to attend more Flyball Tournaments and are proud to announce our own Tournament on 26 & 27 August 1995 At Wakefield, Yorkshire.



**The Wakefield Optimists**  
(pictured here at the Winter League - Luton)



# LETTERS



## Letter from the President of the FLU (Flyball Loaders Union)

Current Membership: UK - 1  
Overseas - ?  
FLU Headquarters  
Kernow

Sir,

On behalf of my membership I have certain grievances that I wish to bring to your notice.

Firstly with regard to entry forms supplied for Flyball Tournaments. Some three years ago when I first became involved with Flyball, I was very proud of the fact that loaders had a separate little box to fill in, with at that time, room for my very own address. I thought “My God I’m important. They will be wanting to get in touch with me!” However, this concept quickly proved to be untenable and it was whilst talking to several of my member I discovered a very sinister reason for the form being designed in this way, viz, prejudice. Handlers do not want to be associated to closely with loaders and prefer that in all respects the regulation fifty-one feet is the nearest we be allowed to get to them.

This situation could easily lead to some extreme cases of loaderism developing, causing an added cynical barrier to be build halfway down the flyball course, an iron curtain between team members.

I can assure you that if we could only find some organisation in the world qualified to take our case to the European Court of Human Rights, or the American supreme court we would, like John Major pursue our case both vigorously and robustly.

Secondly we have heard a scurrilous rumour that a certain gentleman (who for his own personal reasons is sometimes known as “Nigel@nigelb.demon.co.uk”) is suggesting that a new variant of our sport which will be known as “Short Course Flyball”. Our top

investigators have proved beyond doubt that the course will end at the fourth jump and that therefore there will be no need of either box or loader. In these recessionary times this is yet another slap in the face for the ordinary man. Most of the Flyball Manufacturing Industry (FMI) will be decimated and millions of me will be made redundant. Men and women who spend so much of their time alone and friendless will again be asked to chew the thin edge of a very thick wedge.

I am therefore organising a series of one day stoppages to halt the adoption of this capitalistic novelty and the fact that these stoppages which for reasons of convenience have been arranged for days when there are no Flyball Tournaments, will I have no doubt, throw the whole Flyball world into chaos. 100% of my member will be involved.

As president of a union with a membership as big as mine it is not always an easy task to think up serious grievances to bring before the management, so in ending I would like to tell those many members who were at Hayling Island and were as intrigued and as thirsty for information as to why “Catgut” was so named as I was, that after a great deal of research I have come to the conclusion that nobody actually knows. Which is a shame really because it held the promise of many a fascinating conversation.

As a once great American philosopher was heard to murmur on more than one occasion “You cannot be serious”.

Rabbles B Lowdah  
President  
FLU

*(Thanks Mike, for those of you who don’t know Mike, he’s the faithful loader who stood outside nearly all day at Hayling Island getting soaked in the course of duty! - Ed)*

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS  
15 AUGUST 1995**



# 20 QUESTIONS.....

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Kevin McNicholas  
BFA Chairman

1. Who was your Childhood hero?

*John Lennon was my childhood hero, I was about nine when the Beatles first appeared on Sunday Night at the London Palladium and started their meteoric rise to fame. As his post Beatle work shows, John Lennon was the talent behind the Beatles, his voice was unmistakable, his natural wit and later, moral stand on important issues of the day never failed to impress me. He is unlike anyone that is in the media or show business today. John Lennon was a working class hero, he cocked a snook at snobbery, he made people laugh, and made damn fine music.*

2. What possession would you save from a fire?

*I assume that people and dogs are not included as possessions, so it would be a toss up between the Apple Mac power book computer, or my Flyball tapes. Well I've made up my mind, I can always type 4 years of text into a new computer again, but I will never again be able to see the Dartford Flyers break the 20.00 second barrier, or the early Woolston and Trent Park Tornados teams fighting it out, I will never be able to laugh at the silly Crufts boxes that teams tried to qualify on, who remembers the box which was 5 foot tall at the Southsea show, I've got it on video. So I would definitely save my precious Flyball Tapes.*

3. What was the first record you bought?

*I think it was Love Me Do by the Beatles, record buffs, can check this one out, if the B side was "This Boy", then it was definitely Love Me Do. It was a vinyl 45 rpm, and we were really lucky because my Mum and Dad had recently bought a radiogram, a piece of furniture to play records on, it was made of teak and stood about 4 ft long - 2ft 6 inches high. It had three sections, a record player under a lid on the first 3rd, the middle section housed a radio and the last section had a large storage compartment for LP's. These days you could get the whole thing in some thing the size of a book.*

4. What Radio or TV programme do you never miss?

*I love comedy programmes and politics, I used to watch the Big Breakfast when Chris Evans was on, he's a genius, I never missed Question Time a few years ago, when Robin "spotty bow-tie" Day presented it. These days I combine both interests by never missing Have I Got News For You, Paul Merton is superb. My favourite radio Programmes are almost all of the GLR presenters and since my last two score years and zero birthday, a little bit of Radio Four.*

5. What would you do if you won a million pounds?

*I would build a dedicated Dog Training and Dog Show venue, I would start up an alternative Organisation for the Administration for Dog Sports and by offering a first venue, and first class judging, equipment and facilities, attract competitors to Dog Sports run by the people that really matter, the competitors, run them for and with the welfare, safety and fun of our dogs, foremost in my mind.*

6. What Law would you change or bring in?

*I would change the Dangerous Dogs Act, by making it punish irresponsible dog owners NOT innocent dogs, and take away the ridiculous section 3 which allows almost any dog and dog owner to be prosecuted by a malicious dog hater.*

*I would bring in a compulsory dog registration scheme where puppies have to be micro chipped by the breeder (no exceptions) before they are sold or if they are kept. This would at a stroke make dog owners responsible for their animals, abandoned dogs would be able to be traced back to their last owner and the OWNER prosecuted. We would overnight become a true nation of dog lovers that no longer abandon and destroy hundreds of thousands of unwanted dogs every year.*

7. Who do/did you most admire?

*Difficult question that one, just when I start admiring someone some skeleton about their life comes out of a closet. But I can safely say that Nelson Mandela is the person that comes out light years ahead of any other contender. I danced along with friends during the free Nelson Mandela concert a few years ago. Nelson Mandela is a truly great man the like of which we may never see again in our or our children's life time.*

8. What is the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning?

*Open my eyes.*

9. If you could wave a magic wand what features would you advocate for Flyball?

*Simple, allow the BFA and NAFA to run all flyball events through out the World, we do it best, we do it faster, we do it safer we have more FUN. We have the organisation, the Judges, the equipment, the teams and the Know How, and NONE of the CRAP.*

10. Who would you like to pelt with rotten eggs?

*Well as a pacifist I would not like to pelt anyone with anything. If I were to disagree with anyone on any subject I would not hesitate to speak or write to the person and argue my case. I do not expect people to agree with me just to accept that everyone (including me) is entitled to their own opinion, and that they should not be intimidated to put forward their views for fear of ridicule or censorship.*

11. What are you reading at the moment?

*Neuropharmacology books, I am studying for a post graduate certificate/diploma in Pet Animal Behaviour Counselling at Southampton University.*

12. What pets do you have?

*Just 5 dogs, all working sheep dogs or border collies. Misty our oldest at 10 years old still competes in Agility and Flyball and is Shirley's dog. My Tazzy who is now a 6-y-o is a star having appeared on many TV programmes, and stole the show as an all rounder in Super Dogs. One year old Twisty son of Tazz is following in his fathers foot steps, a very attentive dog, full of character and a wonderful friendly collie. Jake now five and Dizzy, Twisty's sister are also Shirley's.*

13. Who is the most beautiful person in the World?

*Hana McNicholas my 6yr old daughter, who I am very proud of and love very much.*

14. What is your favourite Pub/Restaurant?

*In my younger days I have been known to drink a swift half or two, but these days my drinking is almost non existent, except Flyball Weekends. My favourite place to eat is the American Bistro - TGI Fridays. They have a good vegetarian choice and they really make their customers welcome, they actually enjoy serving people food, and most importantly they love children and make them very welcome.*

And your least favourite ?

*MacDonalds! They really are prehistoric when it comes to catering for vegetarians, compared to almost every other fast food place.*

15. Where would you fly on a magic carpet ?

*Anywhere I liked, depending how fast they go, whether it's cold, do they have lights at*

*night, who navigates, are there landing taxes, customs, and, will Shirley let me go!*

16. What would be your Desert Island Luxury?

*A four star Hotel. If that isn't allowed then I suppose I'd have to take my dog, at least then I'd have someone to talk to, and more importantly some who listens to me.*

17. What transport do you use?

*I have a diesel Ford Transit Van, which is converted for use in transporting our dogs to shows.*

18. Who would you like to be for a day?

*Prince Charles - To have all that money, power, privilege and admiration, with NO responsibility has got to be a pretty good bet. But they say - money doesn't make you happy! but I could live with being rich and miserable for a day!*

19. What sports team do you support?

*I'm not a great Soccer fan but if I had to declare my loyalty to one team it would probably be Tottenham Hotspurs, which does cause some difficulties when I live in a household that is full of "died in the wool" Arsenal fans.*

20. What is you greatest extravagance?

*Apart from Flyball, probably my interest in Computers.*

*(Thank-you Kevin. We will be looking for some more "candidates" so get scribbling folks - Ed)*

Readers prepare yourselves for The Final helping of quips, that just goes to show - PEOPLE WRITE SOME FUNNY THINGS.....

### The World According to Student Bloopers (Part III)

#### Richard Lederer, St. Paul's School

One of the fringe benefits of being an English or History teacher is receiving the occasional jewel of a student blooper in an essay. I have pasted together the following "history" of the world from certifiably genuine student bloopers collected by teachers. Read carefully, and you will learn a lot.

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltare invented electricity and also wrote a book called "Candy". Gravity was invented by Issac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon. During the Napoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gorillas came down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks. Napoleon became ill with bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inheret his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear him any children.

The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. Her reclining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

The nineteenth century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick Raper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code for telepathy.

### Whose Dog Is It Anyway?



What is the name of this mystery WSD that “Only runs first”, What Team does he/she run for and who is/are the owner(s)?

#### Answers from the last issue :

- |              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
| Team         | - | <b>Rabble/Reckers and anyone who'll have him!</b> |
| Name         | - | <b>Mike - President of the FLU</b>                |
| Who Said.... | - | <b>JUST ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE!!!!</b>               |

*(Do you have any dog photos which have a Flyball theme? If so please give them to me or send to me at the normal address, all photos will be returned - Ed).*

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