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FROM THE EDITOR.....

Well Flyballers, another summer comes to a close, as the leaves begin to fall and the hectic winter Flyball program looms upon us. For those teams in far away locations, Orkney, Yorkshire and Cornwall, will once more rise early and make the pilgrimage to The Winter League and the Flyball Grand Prix Tournaments. Hold on! I hear you cry, but what of the summer? Summer '95 has been a very busy time in the Flyball world, with almost one tournament a month, keeping those of us who organise events, very busy. It's not only event organisers who have been kept busy this summer. The BFA's liaison officer Martin Pollard has been busy on our behalf all summer. Martin has sent the following statement just to keep us all abreast of current developments : -

The Chairman of the Agility Council of the Kennel Club, Alan Robinson, has phoned to say that, as a result of correspondence and his own desire to look after the people in modern dog sports, our request for a meeting with the Kennel Club has been accepted. The purpose for which the BFA had asked for the meeting was to regularise the position of those handlers who, for serious reasons, were not prepared to play "Cruft's Flyball", and who did not wish to run foul of the KC's disciplinary procedures. To overcome the difficulty the Kennel Club is proposing that both "Cruft's Flyball" and International Flyball Racing should co-exist. How this should be done will be the subject of negotiation. It is possible that the BFA could have some kind of affiliation to the KC. The BFA Committee is now carrying out research to find out the arrangements other activities, that are not controlled by the KC; have with the KC.

The area representatives on the Agility Council have also been asked to gather opinions from Agility Clubs about Flyball. Kevin, our Chairman, has replied to Val Pollock on behalf of Trent Park Dog Agility Club. Val Pollock, along with Ian Stowers, represent the South East. His letter recommends that all enquiries are directed to the BFA. He goes on to say that Trent Park's view is that the BFA should be recognised as an independent dog sports association, in the same way as other dog sports, for instance, the International Sheep Dog Society and the Greyhound Racing Club. If you are approached by an area representative, this would certainly be the line to take when replying.

I will endeavour to keep you all informed as events unfold.

Martin.

Thanks Martin, all comments about a proposed affiliation with the KC are welcome and may be directed through the Flyball Record or direct to Martin.

Now cast your minds back to a very sunny weekend at Chard, The BFA Summer Championship Show, this proved to be near perfect racing conditions, despite the heat, with both Henry's Pirates and The Rabble both easily breaking the 20 second barrier. A full report can be found in this issue, although I don't think there is any mention of the Tornadoes star watching club or Clive's (Rabble Team captain), impression of the Guinness advert. Needless to say a good time was had by all. A profit of £63-22 was made from the show and this was donated to the Sanctuary on behalf of the BFA

I have received a letter of thanks from Ferne Animal sanctuary, which I thought I'd share with you. -

14 August 1995

Thank-you very much for a further most generous donation from the BFA I am happy to enclose our receipt. I am also pleased that everything went well for you, even the weather behaved impeccably! I did think about you all and hoped it would not be too hot. I was only sorry that I could not attend personally. However as you said that you would be pleased to repeat the event, I should be luckier next time.

The staff were most impressed at the tidy state which the fields were left in and I am grateful for that. I know it is hard to ensure that everywhere is completely clear.

Please accept my best wishes. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Wheadon
DIRECTOR
Ferne Animal Sanctuary

September, once again the Teams enter the lions den - Longleat. Unfortunately due to time restrictions the competition could not start until midday, and with 17 teams entered, time was short. However, with myself and Ken at the helm, Debs, Clare, Clive and the Pirates in the engine room and a few "tough" decisions, we were all wrapped up in time for the evenings entertainment. A full report can be found on page 18.

As I mentioned earlier during the winter there will be two competitions running, The Tornadoes "Hills Winter League", which will be the standard high class and professionally run tournaments that we have come to expect from the No. 1 tournament organisers in the UK, and the Flyball Grand Prix. The new Flyball Grand Prix has come from the Pollard/Wittwer camp and will be a series of tournaments, culminating in a Grand Final at one of the big country Shows during Spring

'96. Full details of the new classes can be found on page 7.

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer program this year, and I wish you all good luck during the hectic Winter ahead.

I feel I must give praise to one handler and one very fast dog - Carol and Frog (see front cover). For those of you who were unfortunate to miss Longleat, Frog ran an incredible 3.93. The first European dog to run sub 4 seconds. For those of you who don't know Carol, let me just say that she has trained long and hard to attain this level of excellence with Frog and she's not stopping at that! Good on yer Carol. Rumour has it Frog has found a handsome tailed Springer for the Flyball Grand Prix Mixed Pairs, and now Debs and Mistral have started training "The Plumbly way"!

My closing remark in this issue of the FBR is a sad one, but as I'm the editor, and he's my dog, I'll make room! For those of you that know me you'll know that I'm usually screaming or shouting encouragement in the general direction of Spangles, my four year old English Springer. Unfortunately Spangles has been forced into retirement due to ill health. He is suffering with an enlarged heart, which while at the moment isn't a problem, the vet has advised Spangles to hang up his flyballs and pursue a career in coaching his protégé - Mistral (Spangles - The sequel... ..only faster). The vet says Spangles should live to a ripe old age, so not to worry. I must stress though that Spangles ill health has NOTHING AT ALL to do with Flyball, in fact the vet says his fitness is what will carry him through it. Spangles will no doubt still be heard vocally at many future Flyball events.

See you all at the Grand Prix and Winter League...

Nigel

PS Just a quick note to those of you who have received the first batch of the Pirates Training day Schedule on November 25th - The Four breed competition is a BFA Sanctioned Multi breed Competition, however Four breed teams are permitted to enter (and possibly win!), but only true Multi breed teams will be eligible for Flyball points.

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THE BFA 1995/96 DIARY

October 22nd Harts Farm Way, Havant.

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November 12th Ryeish Green, nr Reading.

Heat 1 of the Flyball Grand Prix, Mixed Pairs, Mini Maxi Pairs and Open Tournament.
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November 25th & 26th Shepton Mallett, Somerset.

Saturday - Starters training, BFA Sanctioned Multi breed Tournament & Fun Classes. Sunday - Heat 2 of the Flyball Grand Prix, Mixed Pairs, Mini Maxi Pairs and Open Tournament.
Ken Hickman - 01747 861341
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January 20th Stopsley, Luton.

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February 24th Stopsley, Luton.

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March 23rd Stopsley, Luton.

Hills Winter League - Open Tournament and 4breed Tournament.
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NOTE:

3 more dates for the Flyball Grand Prix are awaiting confirmation of venues, they will be between December and April.



The First UK Grand Prix Flyball Series 1995 - 96

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Grand Prix Flyball will be held at a series of BFA Sanctioned Tournaments to be held between October 1995 and April 1996. At each Tournament there will be 3 UK National Championship Classes which are as follows.

1. The UK National Mixed Pairs Championship Class
2. The UK National Mini Maxi Pairs Championship Class
3. The UK National Team Championship Class

BFA racing rules will apply and the normal BFA Flyball points will be awarded for class 3.

Grand Prix Championship points gained at each individual tournament will be accumulated to give overall positions in all three classes. Teams and pairs may discount results for one tournament only. (i.e. If there are Five Grand Prix Tournaments the results pertaining to a maximum of four will count).

The Team gaining the most Grand Prix points overall will become the 1996 UK Grand Prix Champions.

The top pairs in both championship classes will be invited to a Grand Prix Final to decide the 1996 Mixed Pairs Champions and the 1996 UK Mini Maxi Pairs Champions. There will be suitable trophies for those prestigious Grand Prix championships to be kept for 1 year.

Details of the 3 different Grand Prix Classes to be held at all Tournaments are as follows :

THE UK NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams to consist of 2 dogs. One dog MUST NOT BE Border Collie / Working Sheepdog or an obvious cross of either breed. Jump height will be 12". Normal BFA racing rules will apply. The class will be split into 2 distinct parts as follows:

QUALIFYING

On the day, all pairs entering will be given a maximum of 3 attempts to record their fastest times. The fastest 8 (16 if time/entries permit) will go forward to the Pairs racing competition. All other teams will be placed according to their fastest recorded times at this qualifying stage (i.e. 9th, 10th, 11th etc.....).

RACING

This will be carried out on a straight knockout basis with racing orders "Out of the Hat". Each race will be best on the best of 5 (3 if time is short) principal. Beaten semi-finalists will run off for 3rd and 4th places. 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places will be decided on best times achieved throughout the day, in qualifying OR racing.

POINTS

Grand Prix points will be awarded in this class as follows :

1st	20 points
2nd	18 points
3rd	16 points
4th	14 points
5th	13 points
15th	3 points
16th and below	2 points

THE UK NATIONAL MINI MAXI PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams to consist of 2 dogs. One dog MUST BE LESS THAN 16" to the shoulder. Jump height will be 8". Normal BFA racing rules will apply.

All other rules, format and points are as per the Mixed Pairs Class.

THE UK NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

This Open class will consist of a series of divisions based on the latest seeding lists from the BFA. Each division will be raced on the Round Robin basis with a maximum of 6 teams in each division. There will be rosettes and trophies for

each division. The overall points for the championship will be based on the combined results of all the divisions at each tournament and will be as follows :

1st	20 points	*Grand Prix Bonus Points*
2nd	19 points	Winner of each division -1 point
3rd	18 points	Fastest team in each division - 3 points
4th	17 points	2nd Fastest team ---'--- - 2 points
5th	16 points	3rd Fastest team ---'--- -1 point
6th	15 points	
7th	14 points	
8th	13 points	**Grand Prix Special Bonus Points**
9th	12 points	Teams beating their previous
10th	11 points	fastest time ever 5 points
11th & below	10 points	

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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 L D L P

Hi everyone, "Frog Dog" here, hope you've all had a great summer - Flyballing away till your hearts content.

Its been great fun for me. I've gained a lot more experience and Carol (my pet) well she has turned out to be quite a handful at times, put it this way, I heard through the grapevine like you do! a certain team call her the "The Gob on Legs" she doesn't quite know why, she doesn't think she's that loud! but she said she'd ask someone one day. All I can say is I'm glad I'm on the box when she calls my name!!

Since I last wrote, Carols got a new van so we can attend more meetings (it was so embarrassing travelling in her last van, RUSTY wasn't the word for it, and SLOW - we used to get overtaken by bicycles and Reliant Robins!! Her new van is really smart, we've all had cages built in it so we now travel in style, I have my own kennel on the top of the unruly rabble (that also live with us) I've even got my own springboard to jump on - dead smart really.

We've also got the BFA logo painted on the sides, going to the shops is never a 5 minute job anymore, people keep stopping us to ask who or what is Flyball? Still if it encourages new blood into the sport it can't be a bad thing.

I think hand on heart, Carol would say she has become a Flyball fanatic or in her words a "Flyballholic" (I reckon if she died that wouldn't stop her - she would have Matthew, Mark, Luke and John racing. I wonder how many of their halo's would slip when they were racing, I bet even they would succumb to the "Flyball team brawls") *(What makes her think she'll go up there though anyway? - Ed)*

I've had to really improve my box technique since Hayling Island 'cause it was letting me down a fair bit, so Carol did some intense training with me and I must admit my times have come on in leaps and bounds since then. I'm also sure it has a lot to do with my Uncle Anton building a super duper boomerang box which has enabled not just me, but the rest of our team to snatch vital extra seconds from our opponents when racing.

The tournaments this year have really been very exiting for me, some of the racing has been very close and its made me work very hard, not only when competing but in training as well..

Chard - The Summer Championship, I was in the Jets team when they raced and gained the record of 18.01 seconds. This was the first time for me to break a record - I was very exited and very proud to be part of the team. We'd all worked very hard to get that record. The team that day was me as start dog, Sonny with Wayne, Kimmy with Debbie and Tizzy with Paula. Tizzy went like a bat out of hell, bless her. She really has to work hard on account of her being our little height dog. We as a team that day became the 1995 Summer Champions. The other title to be won that day was the 1995 Pairs Champions



Frog Dog

Pictured at Longleat, during his 3.93 run

- with a really big thank you to my pairs partner Sonny with Wayne 'cause we also took that title.

Chard weekend did get rather warm, so our pets went off to Mr Blobby Land for some light hearted fun (they nearly got kicked out because of a certain water ride - eat your heart out Noel Edmonds, cause Carol says the Jets/Tornadoes version of your boat rides are much more fun). Despite our pets being soaked at Mr Blobby Land, we also had a lot of water activities back at the camp site, the word "AMBUSHED" comes to mind when I think back to how Carol got soaked ha!!

What a change in weather when it came to Longleat - "RAIN" - I expected Noah to float by at any moment and enter a four breed team. Still it did stay dry for the tournament so I can't complain too much.

Longleat is a day in my life I will never forget nor will Carol (if she ever stops crying about it). I can't thank you all enough for all your messages of congratulations and cards you have made that moment something Carol and I will treasure forever.

This was THE day I raced and was timed to go SUB 4 SECONDS, yes you read it right, Britains first dog to go sub 4, not being modest it was actually 3.93 WOW, I still can't get to grips with it. Carol still gets emotional about it - just ask her and watch her eyes fill up! I would like to say with the help of The Flyball Record, a HUGE thank you to all who have helped me and Carol over the past year with our training, especially Wayne and Anton, for guiding us and taking us under their wings. I know I said it earlier but I would like to say again, thanks a million to Anton for building his brilliant boomerang box but its true, its so comfortable to run on and it makes turning much easier - and your times get to improve. I'd also like to say a big thank you to the rest of my team, Sonny, Spex and Ted our height dog, who made our jumps 9" and enabled not only me to go faster but all the rest of the team too, thanks Ted you also proved you have Jets blood through and through.

Our team that day also broke the last timed record unofficially going sub 18 seconds. Take note teams the Jets will always have a video at future races.

Your fast and friendly Frog Dog

PS - all you dogs out there, get nagging your pets to book a boomerang box ASAP it will really make your Flyball much more fun and improve your times!!

Frog Dog signing off for now

xxxxx



GRAND PRIX
FLYBALL

HEAT 2



95-96 SERIES SPONSORED BY **ALVAH**

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Pirates**

MENDIP HALL
THE ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOWGROUND
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SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 1995

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THE UK NATIONAL MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
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JUDGES REPORTS

BFA APPROVED HEAD JUDGES

The British Flyball Association is pleased to announce that the following persons are deemed to be BFA Approved Head Judges:

Nigel Bouckley
Ken Hickman
Kevin McNicholas
Gary Metherell
Wayne O'Rourke
Betty Owen
Peter Roberts
Tony Warren
Anton Wittwer

Other persons may Judge a BFA sanctioned tournament as a Probationary Judge, but there must be a BFA Approved Head Judge present at the event. Persons wishing to apply to the BFA for the position of Head Judge, should do so using the current rules and policies of the BFA as a guideline. All applications should be submitted in writing.

Supersonic Jets

In 1848 Chard witnessed the world's first powered flight.

In 1995 thanks to Berties Dog Foods and the hard work of both the Rabble and the Reckers teams it experienced a completely different kind of flight, flying dogs or Flyball to the initiated.

Ferne Animal Sanctuary provided the venue (and the audience for a large part of the day) for this round of the BFA Summer Championship and what a super venue it was. Our first

thoughts were to whether the dogs would be running up or down the hill but somehow Ken Hickman had managed to isolate a flat area just big enough for the race lanes. Closer inspection revealed the ground to be surprisingly even and as the times were to prove, it was an excellent surface.

The competition took place on the Sunday (6 Aug) where we made our way over to the lanes for a prompt 9 o'clock start. Of course though, this is more civilised than other doggy sports, so we were almost ready to start at somewhere around 10!. We kicked off with the Basset Allsorts against the Reckers with the Allsorts getting straight into their stride earning themselves a well deserved win. The Tornados seemingly inspired by this display of organisation, produced a very neat performance in the next race to see off the Jet Lags in three straight races, one with a sub 20 second run.

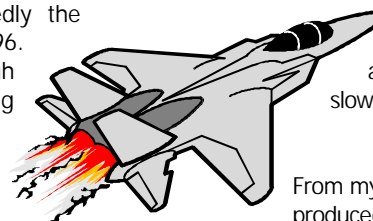
This and other early races served to wet our appetites for the arrival of the Jets. From their approach they obviously meant business. Their first run of the day was near-perfect, storming in with a new European record time of 18.01 seconds. Given that it was only *near* perfect, there was noticeable slack in at least one of the crossovers! - the 18 second barrier was well within their capabilities. I hope I'm around when they get there. This and their other *pedestrian* 18 second runs saw them easily through to the next round.

The racing maintained a high standard with some very exciting contests. Coincidentally the Jets were also involved in the next memorable event, if only this time as bit part players. In race 11 they were up against the Rabble and with yet another 18 second run were in a class of their own. The celebrations then started, to my momentary confusion it was the defeated Rabble who were celebrating. It took me some nerve racked moments to realise that I had not been sleeping and missed an infringement but the Rabble were celebrating their own triumph having broken the 20-second barrier for the first time. I would in normal events take this opportunity to congratulate them and looked forward to more of the same - somehow however, since in the following races they repeated the feat a further 10 times this now seemed out of place and with a best of 19.28! I'll save the congratulations for when they break the 19-second barrier.

The racing continued at a cracking pace throughout the day with some close and exciting racing. Most notably being between the Vikings and the Turbo Jets who produced what was undoubtedly the best heat of the day including a dead heat in 19.96. Ultimately and predictably the Jets came through as winners and with only one of their runs being slower than 18.50 seconds they were really stunning.

All in all it was a super day. From my calculations at least 6 of the teams competing produced personal bests and I congratulate these and the other teams on what was a fast (probably the fastest to date) and exciting day at the races.

Until the next supersonic flight.....
Tony Warren



Frog - faster than the lions at Longleat!

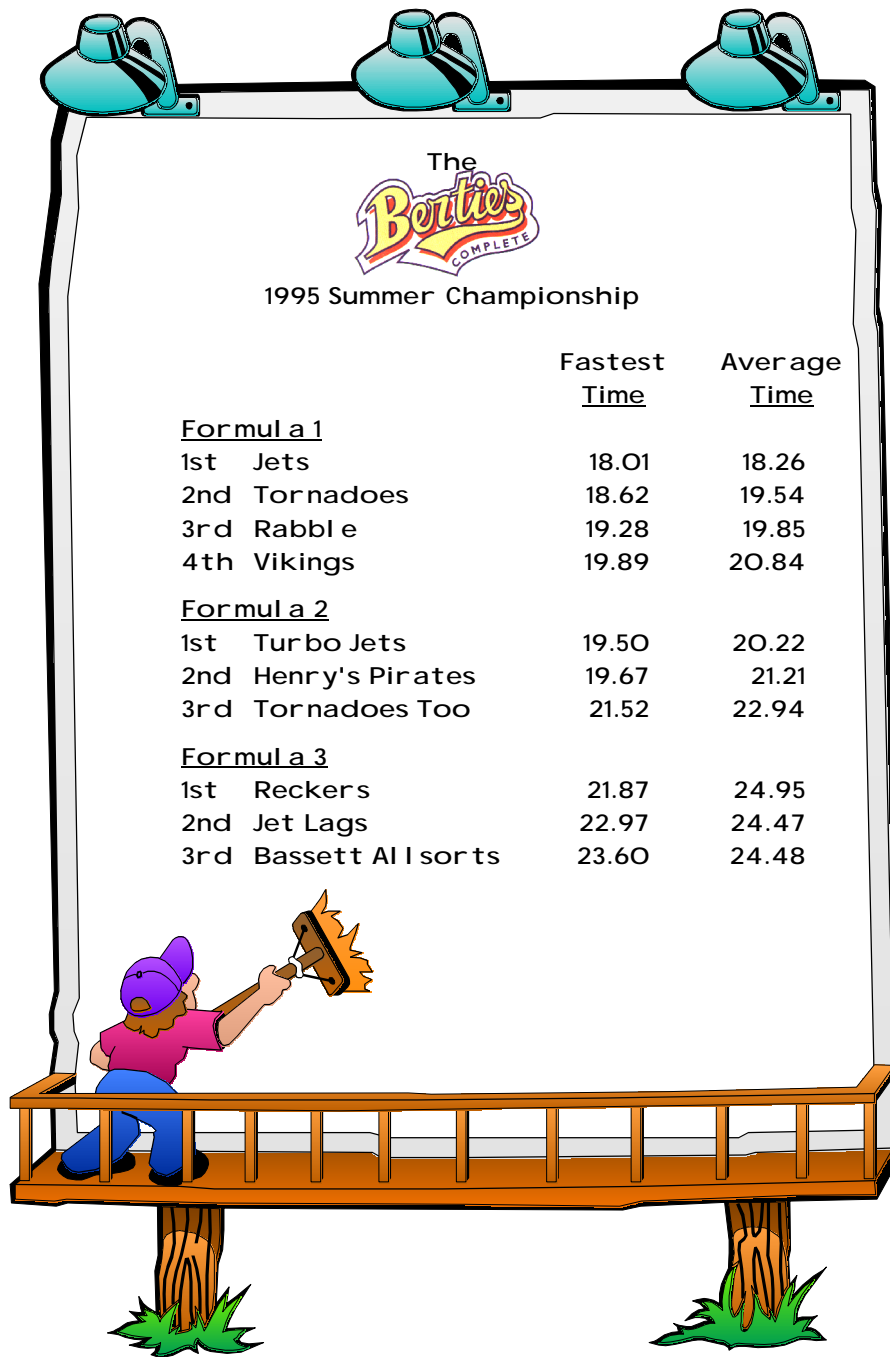
As another summer comes to a close, the party in the park loomed upon us, Longleat. The uncertainty of Longleat throughout the summer was finally sorted out at the end of July. This left very little time to prepare. Schedules were sent out early August, and with only the afternoon for competition, it was hoped for around 8 - 10 teams. That would provide an enjoyable afternoon and plenty of Flyball all round - WRONG!

On Friday 8th September at 11.00 am we were confronted with 17 teams all eager for competition, but with only half of the day to get through 17 teams, some tough decisions had to be made, otherwise we would be still flyballing under the moonlight. The format was to be double elimination (best of 3), but time constraints would be enforced. The stark reality of this enforcement became apparent on the first race of the day, with the Raiders only just getting setup in the two minutes, unfortunately by the end of the 3 minutes the Jersey Flyers had failed to show, thus forfeiting the race. Most teams soon settled into the routine, with Graham Partridge from the Raiders ensuring his team was always set up, with plenty of time to spare, well-done Graham.

Races 2 through to 7 were a forgone conclusion, with the Tornadoes, Vikings, Wasps, Henry's Pirates, Jets, Tigers and Turbo Jets all on form and all going through to the next round. Race 8 saw 2 of the Roseland teams matched against each other. For those of you who were at Chard you will no doubt remember that the Rabble had really got it together and were clocking sub 20 second runs almost every time. Nevertheless, Viv Last and her team of Reckers did not seem perturbed by this, in fact they were out for blood. The first leg went to the Rabble. The Reckers eager for victory won the second leg, but only just. The score was even, it was all to play for, unfortunately the Rabble's second dog got a light and the victorious Reckers romped home, much of the success being attributed to the 2 Labradors, who were just stunning.

Race 9 proved to be exciting as the Jets lined up against the Raiders, which must have been pretty daunting for the new team from Roseland. The Jets won the first leg with a "slow" time (for them) of 18.25 seconds, but the changes were generous to say the least. The second leg saw numerous people timing the Jets, as the video equipment was in the process of being set up. I, among others, could not believe my stop watch, 17.92 seconds, with the lead dog Frog, clocking an amazing 3.93 seconds, the first recorded dog under 4 seconds in Europe. The Jets had succeeded with their new height dog, Ted, who had reduced the height of the jumps to 9".

Race 21 saw the Reckers, or rather didn't, up against the Tornadoes Too. In fact



race 21 saw the Tornadoes Too up against Clare and her Labrador “Tilly”, as the rest of the team had decided to forgo this one for a spot of lunch. Keep an eye on the race order list in future Reckers eh? - All teams to note for future events.

There must have been something in the air at Longleat as throughout the racing, most teams seemed to suffer with the “dreaded lights disease”, obviously brought on by the “best of 3” format. Henry’s Pirates were no exception, having also managed a number of sub 20 second runs at Chard, could only muster a 20.28 run, but they were without Roxy, their lead dog who is taking time out to do a bit of breeding.

However, overall the racing went well and most teams had fun at some point in the afternoon! The final stages saw the Wasps give the Jets a run for their money in both the semi final and final. The Jets triumphant again at Longleat, and rumours abound as to whether Frog is a BC/Cheetah cross!

I think we have all learnt a valuable lesson at Longleat, best of 3, does not bring out the best in teams, so should entries be restricted if time is limited in future? Perhaps those of you with strong views on this could drop a line to the Editor.

Thanks to all of you who helped out on the day, particularly Debs, Clare, Clive, Liz, Dawn Sheila and Tracy, who without whose help the competition would have failed at the first post.

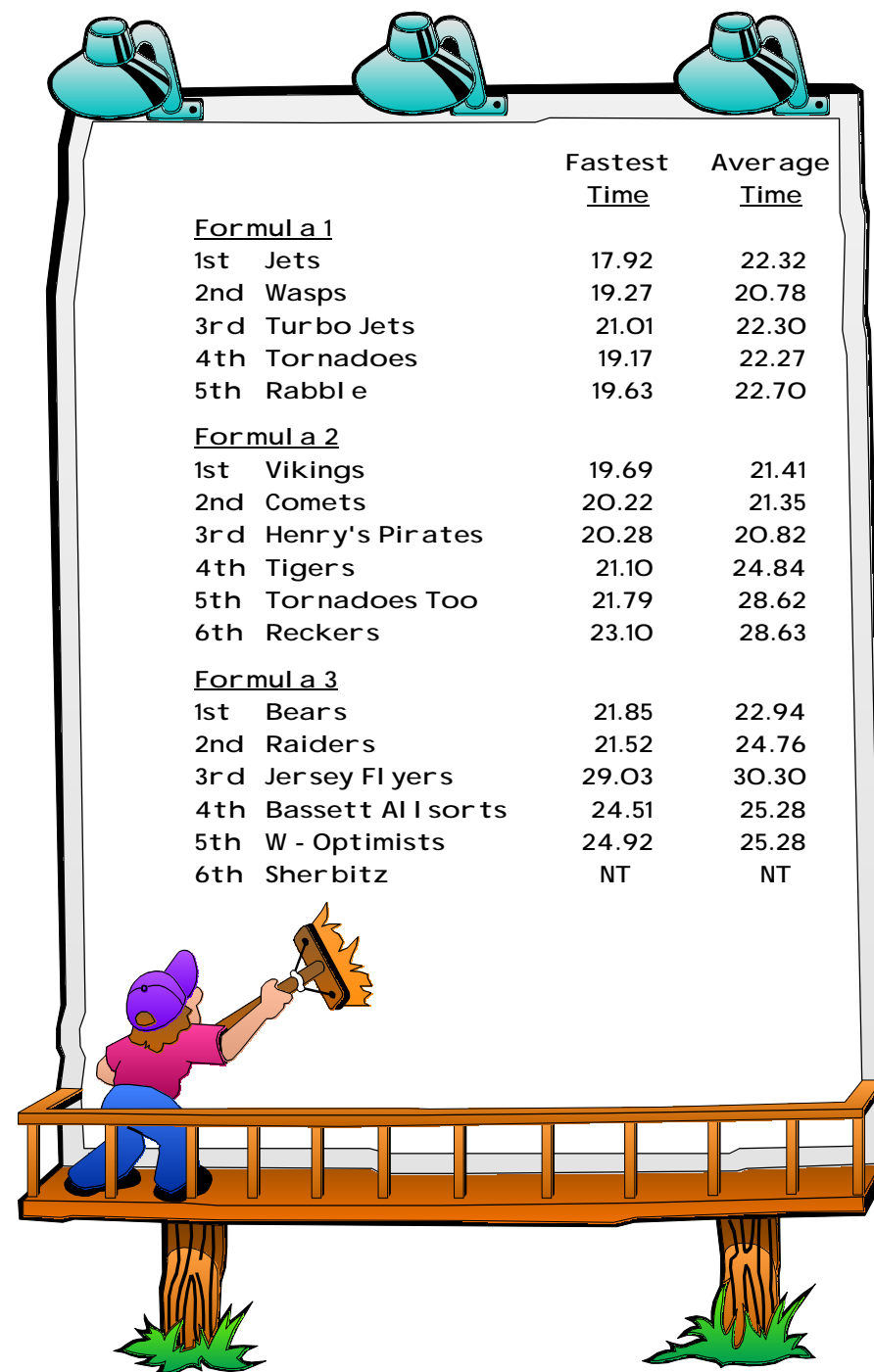
I think a few other thanks are in order. Firstly to Anton for his equipment and efforts in moving it around the country. Thank-you.

Secondly to Kevin, for without Kevins’ video equipment, which he sets up at tournaments without quibble, we wouldn’t be able to record these historic runs. Thanks Kevin.

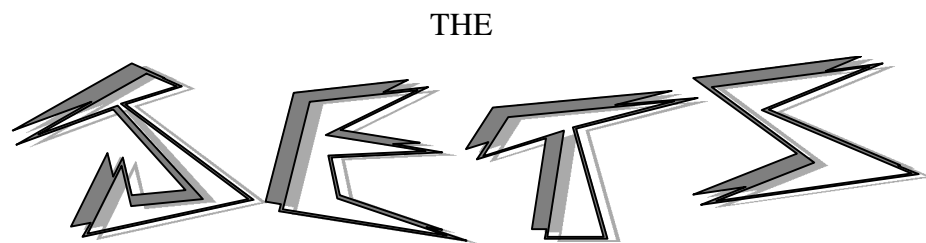
Lastly but by no means at least Ken. Ken has organised most of the BFA’s summer tournaments, Hayling Island and the Vet College excepted. With financial assistance from our only Major Sponsor - Berties, Ken has spent a lot of his own time travelling around looking for venues, organising equipment and he has done this for the good of the sport. Without people like Ken the sport would surely wither, he is a commodity we can ill afford to lose. Good on yer Ken!

It was my pleasure to Judge at Longleat, thank you to all of you that made it a pleasure.

Nigel.



	Fastest Time	Average Time
<u>Formula 1</u>		
1st Jets	17.92	22.32
2nd Wasps	19.27	20.78
3rd Turbo Jets	21.01	22.30
4th Tornadoes	19.17	22.27
5th Rabble	19.63	22.70
<u>Formula 2</u>		
1st Vikings	19.69	21.41
2nd Comets	20.22	21.35
3rd Henry's Pirates	20.28	20.82
4th Tigers	21.10	24.84
5th Tornadoes Too	21.79	28.62
6th Reckers	23.10	28.63
<u>Formula 3</u>		
1st Bears	21.85	22.94
2nd Raiders	21.52	24.76
3rd Jersey Flyers	29.03	30.30
4th Bassett All sorts	24.51	25.28
5th W - Optimists	24.92	25.28
6th Sherbitz	NT	NT



THE

FLYBALL TRAINING DAY

on

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 1995

at

Training Field, Harts Farm Way, Havant

9am - Midday

Training for all levels. Singles, Pairs and Teams.
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LETTERS



Flyball Wizard - A song for Froggy

- By Gannet (with apologies to the Who!)

Ever since he was a puppy he was born to do Flyball
From the North pole to the South one - he wants to beat them all
But I ain't seen nothin' like him in any training hall
That flash gold and white dog
Sure plays a mean Flyball!

He's out like an arrow - he just makes it look so neat
An' it fairly makes my heart pound to watch those flying feet!"
He jumps like a natural, never tires at all -
That flash gold and white dog
Sure plays a mean Flyball!

He's a Flyball Wizard, there has to be a twist!
A Flyball Wizard, with brightly bandaged wrists!

How do you think he does it? I don't know. What makes him so good?

He cannot be distracted - he know the game so well.

He sees those lights a-flashing, then really gives 'em hell!
And when he's half - way out there, "FROGGY"! Carol calls -
That flash gold and white dog
Sure has some mean pink balls!

I can but follow
He is my Flyball King
I'd love to hand a Flyball crown to him!

O, Frog! I so admire him - he really is the best!

His handler lets him go, and he just does the rest!
 He's got crazy Flyball brain cells - watch his rivals fall -
 That flash gold and white dog
 Sure plays a mean Flyball!

THE BRITISH FLYBALL ASSOCIATION EXTENDS A VERY WARM WELCOME TO

Susan & Andrew Elliot from Trowbridge with Tess & Ben both WSD's and their crossbreed Cody.

N & K Williams from London with their dogs Weber a Lurcher, Aussie a miniture poodle and Tegs a WSD. *(More Tornadoes! - Ed)*

Christina and Richard Bond from Southampton with their BC's - Bryn & Misty.

Elizabeth Sagers from Hailsham with her BC's Megan & Willow. *(Nice to see the Comets are building in numbers - Ed)*.

Deborah Bown And her X Sam from Portchester. *(That'll be Frog Dog country - Ed)*.

Linda Duval and Tessa a WSD from Eastbourne.

Sonia Waite and Ralph a X from Farnbourough. *(Watch out, watch out, the Vikings are coming! - Ed)*

Sheila Thain from Kirwall in the Orkney Islands with her Boxers - Lori, Sacha & Madison and her BC, Becky.

Margeret Dunleavy also from Kirkwall with her Boxer Murdo.

Margaret Care from Folkstone with Clover, Sophie and Frank 3 Cocker Spaniels.

Gloria Caswell with Candy a X and Tessa a GSD all from Kirkwall.

Lynn Dunbar and Belle *(a very promising BC - Ed)* from Sherbourne.

Geraldine Thomas with Wiz a Lurcher X and Sandy a Terrier X from Wilton. *(Rumour has it Wiz is in the Jets intensive training program! - Ed)*

Sarinda Brisgewater and her X, Chita from Thamesmead.

Margaret & Mike Harrall from Melksham with Pippa a BC and Mandy a BC X.

Kay Shepard With Hexe a X both from Fordingbridge.

Mark & Julia Richards from up country *(Leamington Spa - Ed)*, with Kizia a BC X and Sophie a BC.

Roger and Janet Aird with their Cocker Spaniels Becky and Genie all from Folkstone.

Clare Dawson from Newquay and her Labrador, Tilly and JRT, Oggie (who has just had 6 pups!) *(More members of the "Long distance - Early starts" Club - Ed)*

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS 15 NOVEMBER 1995

LONELY HEARTS CLUB

As I mentioned a few issues ago we are still trying to put people in touch with others in the same area who may like to build up a new team or join an existing team. Please do write in as the Grand Prix pairs along with the Multi breed classes enable dogs of all breeds to compete on a equal basis - So don't miss out on the fun.

Please feel free to cut out or copy this table and send it to me at the usual address - Ed

Name:	Town/County/Area	Contact No.	
Type of Dogs	Can Travel	Interested in	
	YES / NO	Pairs Teams	YES/NO YES/NO
Comments			

The Rabble

Flyball first started in Cornwall, when Viv Last said “come on - we can do it too!” That was back in 1991, when we had to get up at 2-30am to start our journey to the nearest Flyball event in Newbury! (Or so I’m told, as I wasn’t even training with Roseland back then!). Viv with her dog Rowan is the only original team partnership, who are still competing within the Roseland Flyball Teams, although now with the Reckers.

Since the ‘good old days’ we have qualified for most major events, and each time have come away with renewed vigour as we have constantly improved our performance.

When Roseland Flyball was in its infancy, we had much help and encouragement from the Tornadoes, who while on their sunshine filled vacation in the West Country, gave us some much needed training. (*Roseland provided the raw talent and some throat lubrication where necessary - Ed*). This has turned into an annual event, possibly due to the long sunny spells we experience here in Cornwall. This passing on of knowledge may soon stop, as we gave the Tornadoes a run for their money at Chard. Thanks again you city slickers, perhaps next year, we’ll just have a bar-b-que and do some star gazing!

Box Loader - Mike Tonkin

President of FLU (Flyball Loaders Union - Membership - one)

Mike can only be described as a stalwart (I looked up this word up and it sounded good). Now a 3-hole box loader, so the question is “what hole for which dog?” . Luckily mike calls on his psychic powers (don’t tell Lynn!) as the team is usually so keyed up, that we invariably forget to tell him. Last heard to say “Loading for three teams - forget it, I’m calling the union....”

Glynn - Ian & Liz Spreadbury

Liz started training and competing with Glynn about 3 years ago. Ian wasn’t really interested in Flyball then. This all changed at Hayling Island, when Liz couldn’t make it, and Ian was the stand in. The Flyball bug sucked Ian in and now we nearly have a domestic at every tournament to see who runs Glynn. Unfortunately Liz and Ian have moved to Berkshire and are unable to attend training (although I can’t see why not!). Rather than calming Glynn down with respect to Flyball, it has made him ever more determined at tournaments. (*A case of*

“absence makes the heart or Flyball legs grow fonder” - Ed)

Mistral - Debs Bouckley

Debbie is Nigel’s better half (is there anyone out there that doesn’t know who Nigel is?) Debbie is not quite as keen on Flyball as Nigel (is anybody?), However, she really does enjoy working her dog. Mistral is unique, as he is the only non collie/wsd who runs in times that most collie owners would be envious of. When I first timed Mistral, I couldn’t believe my eyes, so I asked Debbie to rerun. We both thought the stop watch was playing up, but NO - Mistral was consistently running sub 4.5 seconds and is getting faster. (*Watch out Frog here comes the Springer - Ed*) We put Mistral’s unusual speed down too hard work, quality training and his TAIL!

Briar -Fran Martyn

The first time I met Fran was when I wanted to learn about Flyball, so I went along to Roseland for the first time and look where it got me! Briar is one of the newer dogs to the Rabble team. She took to Flyball like a duck to water, and is one of the fastest dogs on the team or so Fran insists. Briar is Rosie’s (my dog) stable mate, and has a tendency to want her ball as well if they run next to each other, but will run just about anywhere else.

Briar and Fran come along with the Roseland baby - George, who with steady coaching from Mike, is destined to become the BFA’s youngest box loader!

Jensen - Anna Blewett

The newest dog on the Rabble team, this dog is seriously fast, he clocked a time of 4.38 seconds in the Starters singles shoot out at Hayling Island. Jensen has unfortunately been out of the Flyball circuit this summer due to a claw injury. (Unrelated to Flyball I hasten to add.) He has recommenced stamina training and is set to be one of our fastest dogs. Look out Jets.

Rosie - Clive Hildersley(Indiana)

Finally me! I have been involved in Flyball for the last 4 years, competing seriously for the last two. Being the club Flyball trainer is very rewarding - It could be a difficult task. The Roseland Flyball Organisation, however are a friendly bunch who seem to have endless enthusiasm and “helpful” advice, which they regularly contribute to our training sessions. This makes my job much easier. (Creep creep).

Rosie is the Rabble’s lead dog (*that’s a surprise, Clive - Ed*). Recent training, however has enabled Rosie to change just about anywhere in the team (*apart from next to Briar - Ed*). As most lead dogs, Rosie is very enthusiastic and barks a lot! She always wants more. The team went to Chard with the goal of breaking the 20 second barrier, well lady luck certainly smiled on us that

day, not only did we break the 20 second barrier once, most of our times were under 20 seconds all day. Furthermore we beat our best recorded time by almost a whole second. Some of the improvement must be attributed to the new Boomerang box, thanks Anton.

Clive Hildersley
Rabble Team Captain
Head Trainer



ROSELAND RABBLE

Pictured at Chard after their victorious 19.28 second run.

Roseland Flyball

(Since this article was written there have been a few changes within the Roseland Flyball Organisation, but no doubt the teams from Cornwall will bounce back - Good Luck Roseland - Ed)

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FLYBALL TEAM SEEDINGS LIST**October 1995**

SEED	TEAM	Fastest Time	When	Last Raced
1	Jets	17.92	08/09	08/09
2	Tornadoes	18.62	06/08	08/09
3	Turbo Jets	19.07	01/07	08/09
4	Harlequins	19.09	01/07	01/07
5	Dynamos	19.19	01/07	01/07
6	Wasps	19.27	08/09	08/09
7	Rabble	19.28	06/08	08/09
8	Henry's Pirates	19.67	06/08	08/09
9	Vikings	19.69	08/09	08/09
10	Comets	20.22	08/09	08/09
11	Tigers	20.93	01/07	08/09
12	Tornadoes Too	20.97	01/07	08/09
13	Bears	21.12	01/07	08/09
14	Reckers	21.87	06/08	08/09
15	Vikings 2	21.89	18/06	18/06
16	New Harlequins	22.45	18/06	01/07
17	Jet Lags	22.97	06/08	06/08
18	Optimists	23.23	01/07	08/09
19	Bassett Allsorts	23.60	06/08	08/09
20	Harlequins 4	26.24	18/06	18/06

DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLE FLYBALL DOG

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
Tornadoes	Tegs	WSD	K. Williams	200
Turbo Jets	Livy	WSD	S. Craike	205
Bears	Jasmine	BC	G. Spain	216
Turbo Jets	Ace	WSD	A. O'Rourke	227
Bears	Moss	BC	E. Thomas	249
Jets	Ted	JRT	A. O'Rourke	250
Bears	Meg	BC	M. Hutton	254
Tornadoes Too	Misty	WSD	S. Paine	275
Turbo Jets	Missy	BC	P. Wittwer	295
Rabble	Rowan	FCR	V. Last	307
Tigers	Jess	WSD	S. Tappin	308
Turbo Jets	Spud	JRT	A. O'Rourke	320
Vikings	Lucky	Cross	P. Coulter-Smith	321
Rabble	Evie	Cross	V. Pinnington	324
Dynamos	Jazz	JRT	L. Challis	355
Dynamos	Radar	GSD	S. Ellis	355
Dynamos	Jazz	JRT	L. Challis	355
Bouncers	Sam	Cross	K. Westgate	384
Comets	Toby	Cross	S. Culmer	395
Turbo Jets	Holly	WSD	S. Dyke	405
Tigers	Katie	WSD	R. Tappin	406
Bouncers	Queenie	WSD	K. Conneeley	439

DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLE FLYBALL DOG

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
Tornadoes Too	Chess	BC	R. Burns	462
Suffra Jets	Spice	WSD	D. Bawden	490
New Harlequins	Charley	Cross	A. Hastings	504
Henry's Pirates	Leo	Cross	S. Camp	540
Pods	Drift	BC	P. Roberts	567
Bouncers	Kristie	WSD	K. Conneeley	567
New Harlequins	Bosley	WSD	S. Moon	571
New Harlequins	Hollie	WSD	B. Ling	571
Comets	Tessa	WSD	L. Duval	580
Comets	Moss	WSD	D. Page	580
Comets	Cassie	WSD	T. Pemberton	580
Pods	Poppy	BC	A. Healy	654
Pods	Holly	WSD	S. Morley	660
Vikings	Merlin	BSD	L. Catchpole	686
Dynamos	Della	BSD	A. Challis	755
Turbo Jets	Toby	WSD	C. Wright	770
Dynamos	Oliver	BSD	L. Challis	780
Pods	Annie	WSD	D. Roberts	835
Dynamos	Moss	BC	C. King	835
Wasps	Kim	BC	B. Dale	885
Reckers	Merlin	Cross	L. Crook	948
Henry's Pirates	Galaxy	Cross	S. Camp	960

**DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLES
FLYBALL DOG & FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE**

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
Rabble	Briar	BC	F. Martyn	1010
Turbo Jets	Lucy	WSD	W. O'Rourke	1085
Rabble	Mistral	ESS	D. Bouckley	1085
New Harlequins	Petra	BC	R. Brooks	1106
Dynamos	Oliver	BSD	L. Challis	1110
Tornadoes	Kai	BC	L. Owen	1127
Tigers	Moss	WSD	A. Bawden	1197
Henry's Pirates	Ellie	BC	L. Hickman	1213
Henry's Pirates	Roxy	WSD	T. Trevett	1270
Vikings	Robbie	WSD	L. Catchpole	1304
Harlequins	Hugo	BC	A. Chambers	1396
Tornadoes Too	Mocha	WSD	R. Burns	1399
Tigers	Sadie	Cross	R. Tappin	1412
Henry's Pirates	Growlabear	Cross	D. Weaver	1506
Henry's Pirates	Henry	Cross	S. Camp	1555
Turbo Jets	Bob	JRT	A. O'Rourke	1565
Rabble	Rosie	WSD	C. Hildersley	1641
Turbo Jets	Scoobie	Cross	E. Linney	1659
Tigers	Henry	G. Ret	P. Hillier	1666
Henry's Pirates	Mojo	WSD	K. Hickman	1698
Turbo Jets	Meg	WSD	A. Wittwer	1743

DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLES
FLYBALL DOG & FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
Rabble	Glyn	WSD	L. Spreadbury	1787
Jets	Frog	WSD	C. Plumbley	1792
Tornadoes Too	Cookie	BC	H. Metherell	1814
Tornadoes Too	Sweep	WSD	H. Metherell	1857
Tornadoes Too	Mitzi	WSD	R. Wagner	1960
Tornadoes	Nutty	BC	R. Burns	2063
Tornadoes	Nutty	BC	R. Burns	2063
Vikings	Misty	BC	E. Payne	2164
Wasps	Alfie	WSD	C. Dunning	2337
Harlequins	Bella	BC	C. Brooks	2362
Dynamos	Fudge	WSD	D. Dickinson	2481
Jets	Roy	WSD	D. Bawden	2586
Jets	Tizzy	WSD	E. Davies	2727
Jets	Kim	WSD	D. Bawden	2772
Harlequins	Yogi	WSD	E. Mitchell	2809
Harlequins	Rolo	WSD	R. Mitchell	2864
Jets	Spex	WSD	P. Wittwer	3017
Harlequins	Quincy	WSD	C Brooks	3342
Wasps	Herbie	JRT	A. Dunning	3472
Tornadoes	Tofee	BC	R. Burns	3828
Wasps	Lexi	WSD	C. Dunning	3915

DOGS HAVING GAINED THE TITLES
FLYBALL DOG & FLYBALL DOG INTERMEDIATE

TEAM	DOG	BREED	OWNER	POINTS
Jets	Sonny	WSD	W. O'Rourke	3922
Wasps	Geisha	BC	K. Faiers	3989
Vikings	Blue	WSD	A. Payne	4002
Tornadoes	Spot	WSD	A. Sharpe	4101
Tornadoes	Tazz	BC	K. McNicholas	4147
Tornadoes	Jake	WSD	S. Paine	4659

Just a note from your friendly records and statistic coordinator : -

Only dogs that are registered with the BFA and owners are current members will be shown in future listings, so ensure your membership is kept up to date.

On a more serious note, I am in the process of changing over to a new computer system. The main concern to you - the flyballer, is that in future records will be updated using only the dogs BFA number. This means that from now on if you don't put your number on the racing forms, then you will not receive any Flyball points. So as you are now responsible for your own Flyball points, it's in your interest to fill the forms in properly.

Christine

p.s. Nigel was correct in the last issue, I can't recall everyones BFA number at the drop of a hat and in the words of the TV advert - "The BFA membership card - don't leave home without it!"



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AFTERNOON FLYBALL

1. **BFA Multi breed** - A BFA Sanctioned Multi breed competition, format will be dependant on entries. 4 Breed Teams may enter, however only “True Multi breed” teams will be eligible for Flyball points. (Normal BFA rules apply)
2. **The Hickman Triple** - A “pay on the day” fun class that will consist of teams of 3 (teams may be made up on the day) and a box loader. Format will be decided on the day.
3. **Pairs Competition** - If time permits there will be a “pay on the day” pairs competition (pairs may be made on the day). Ideal for pairs training and fun flyballers alike.

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NAFA NEWS

FROM ACROSS THE
POND.....

NAFA Seedings as of 25 June 1995

SEED	TEAM	Best Time Last 3	Last Raced
1	Border Patrol	17.05	11/06
2	McCann vs McCann	17.17	11/06
3	Instant Replay	17.24	11/06
4	Total Recall	17.67	11/06
5	Rude Dogs	17.70	25/06
6	Instant Replay (B)	17.80	11/06
7	Renegades	17.80	11/06
8	Border Patrol (B)	17.90	11/06
9	Northern Borders	18.09	11/06
10	Allsorts Dogsports	18.34	25/06
11	Slammers	18.48	09/04
12	Animal Inn	18.52	25/06
13	Rocket Relay	18.62	11/06
14	DC Chargers Amperes	18.83	09/04
15	Wiz Kids	18.87	11/06
16	Tailspinners	18.89	11/06
17	Stray Dogs	18.90	11/06
18	Animal Inn (B)	18.97	25/06
19	North Shore Flyers	18.98	28/05
20	Total Recall (B)	19.13	10/03

Yet Another treat, from those humorous electronic pulses That can only be described as: -

" Found On The 'net"

BAD HUMAN! This is the reverse of the Bad Dog list. That is, what your dog(s) would have you write on the chalkboard after committing a "crime"?

1. I will not bathe my master after he bathes himself in the mud puddle.
2. I will not drag my master from the interesting sniffing spots.
3. I will not complain "My arm is tired" after only throwing the ball 20 times.
4. I will not confuse my master by throwing snowballs for him to fetch.
5. I will not ask my master to play fetch with a boomerang.
6. I will drop whatever I'm doing and take my master out as soon as he asks me to.
7. I will get rid of those cats.
8. I will not tell my master to HURRY UP ALREADY when he's looking for just the right spot to take care of business.
9. I will make ice cream often and let my master lick the blades (rather than having to steal a lick or two).
10. I will never eat until my master has tasted what I have and approved it for me.
11. I will set up the kiddie pool every day it's hot - even in December.
12. I will not leave my master at home any time I go in the car.
13. I will share everything I eat with my master.
14. I will allow my master on the couch.
15. I will protect my master from that obnoxious little human thing at all times.
16. I will not have another of those obnoxious little human things.
17. I will not hide my master's ball in a place where I know he couldn't possibly retrieve it from and then ask him to go get it.
18. I will not sneak around the backyard wearing funny clothes to test whether my master is a good watchdog.
19. I will realize that all my guests are really coming to massage and stroke the master.
20. I will stop referring to my master's necklace as her "collar."

Whose dog is it Anyway?



Well with no photos submitted again, I decided to put this one in. Which team will he soon be box loading for, and what's his name? And who is his chief box trainer?

Answers from the last issue :

Dogs Name	-	Gwynton Ros (Rosie)
Owner	-	Clive Hildersley
Flyball Team	-	Rabble (Lead dog)

(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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