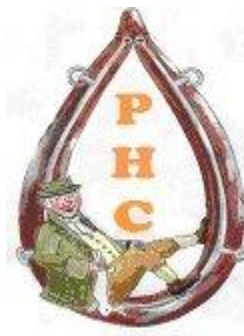


POACHER HARNESS CLUB



PRESIDENT - MR JOHN COOKE

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013

APOLOGIES FOR ANY DUPLICATION OF ITEMS FROM OUR WEBSITE BUT NOT ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE ON THE INTERNET AND THIS IS THEIR ONLY WAY OF RECEIVING OUR NEWS.

Welcome to the August newsletter. We are now nearing the end of the 2013 Outdoor season, having had 2 events - Danethorpe and Hackthorn - since the last newsletter, both of which were enjoyable events though not without their traumas!! Attendance at both were slightly lower than the original entries due to various circumstances that lead to withdrawals - broken lorries, hot weather, lameness - all beyond ours and the competitors control.

The number of spectators at each event is on the increase and new members are taking the plunge and competing.

Don't forget that the **LEGSBY FUN DAY, BBQ & GRAND DRAW IS ON THE 8th September**. Entries for the competition will be limited as there is insufficient parking for large numbers of horse-boxes and trailers. However, if you just want a good day out and to enjoy the BBQ, please completed the attached / enclosed reservation form. The Club will be providing sausage, salad, bread rolls and puddings. At £5 per head (maximum 2 per member) it is excellent value.

The format for the day is as follows:

10:00AM DRIVEN FUN COMPETITION FOLLOWED BY OPTIONAL DRIVE OUT ALONG THE LINDSEY TRAIL (THIS WILL BE APPROX 9 MILES IN LENGTH AND ROUTE WILL BE WAY MARKED)

DRIVERS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE RETURNED FROM THE DRIVE OUT IN TIME FOR YOUR GROOMS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE TEAM COMPETITION

13:30PM TEAM COMPETITION (NON- DRIVEN) FOR GROOMS AND STEWARDS
14:15PM BBQ¹
15:00PM GRAND DRAW
16:00PM RESULTS AND PRIZE GIVING

A REMINDER TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE TAKEN TICKETS TO SELL AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FUN DAY AND HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THEIR TAKINGS, STUBS AND UNSOLD TICKETS THAT THESE MUST BE RETURNED TO **CAROL** BY **2ND SEPTEMBER**. ALL TICKETS MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR, AS THESE MUST TALLY ON THE LOTTERY RETURN FORM THAT THE CLUB HAS TO PREPARE FOR THE LICENCE ISSUER.

¹ The Club will supply sausages, salads, bread roll and a pudding. Please bring your own meat to go on the BBQ

Following our request for help prior to and during events we have had a very positive response which has meant that setting up at both Danethorpe and Hackthorn was done in record time and extra stewards are being trained up for next season.

Our request for photographers was also well received and we managed to cover the dressage and all 4 obstacles at Hackthorn. The result was that Carol has had over 400 great pictures (still waiting for Obstacle 3) to sort through for inclusion on the web page!!! These were finally whittled down to about 80 which have now been uploaded to the web page.

The latest league tables have also been published and can be seen on the web page. Both the Novice and the Open leagues have been decided as only attendance points are allocated from the fun day.

As predicted in the last newsletter, Judith did up the ante by winning at Danethorpe but unfortunately had to withdraw from Hackthorn which meant that Richards' win at Hackthorn secured his place at the top of the Novice league - which means an exit from the Novice Class for next year into Open - keeping Joanne Gadsby in 2nd.

Mike Charlesworth won at both Danethorpe and Hackthorn and Carols' low score at Hackthorn saw Mike win the Open League and become Overall Champion by comfortable margins.

The AGM will be on Saturday 23rd November - venue confirmed as the Heneage Arms at Hainton.

Some of you might have noticed that at the beginning of this Newsletter we said that we were nearing the end of the Outdoor season, **NOT** the end of the Season. We are going to re-introduce, to Club driver members only, an Indoor Championship to be run at Tickhill in conjunction with IHDTA and Anne Chambers.

It will work as follows:

Indoor driving members will still enter their class in the normal way.

Non-members will send their entries to Anne (entry forms will be in the Indoor Driving page under the link to Events / South Yorks) and be entered in the Club class.

(Note: Entry to each event is £30. If, however, you send Anne a separate post-dated cheque for each event at the beginning of the Indoor season then the price is reduced to £25. Only 1 entry form is needed, showing the dates you wish to compete and the class you will be competing in).

All cheques to be made payable to IHDTA

Event dates are: Sundays:- 13th October, 3rd November, 1st December, 12th January, 2nd February, 2nd March.

Dressage Test available from IHDTA website.

Regardless of the Class entered, at the end of each event the scores for Poacher members will be extracted and re-collated separately, re-allocated points from 8 - 0 and rolled over to the end of the season when the winner of the Poachers Championship will be announced.

We look forward to seeing you at the **FUN DAY**, either as a competitor, steward or spectator.

And finally, if you have internet access, please follow us on our Facebook page and / or the Club website at www.poacherhc.org

The Committee