

## POACHER HARNESS CLUB



President – Mrs. Sheila Brookes

### NEWSLETTER – JULY 2008

**VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE POACHER WEBSITE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED SLIGHTLY. YOU MUST CHANGE ANY SETTINGS THAT YOU MAY HAVE ON YOUR “FAVOURITES” OR SHORTCUTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NEW WEB ADDRESS. IN FUTURE IT WILL BE**

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Since our last newsletter we have had 3 events,

1. A Swiss Derby at **Beelsby** which had a 7k marathon over farm lands and a rather muddy water obstacle and which ended with the following results

**Novice 1st** - Christine Lyte, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Lawson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Carol Wood 4<sup>th</sup> Sue Smith

**Junior** – 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Burton

**Open** – 1<sup>st</sup> Duncan Seth-Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Mann, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Lawson, 4<sup>th</sup> Angie Smith

2. A full one-day event at **Willingham by Stow** which was an exciting and challenging day with many competitors making driver errors, this resulted in an all-female finish on the score board – girl power at its best! We had a marathon of 13.25k which included 1k compulsory walk section and 6 obstacles. The marathon course covered farm tracks and land which is usually unavailable to the public so we were particularly grateful for the opportunity to drive it. We ended with the following results

Novice – 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Lyte, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Lawson

Open – 1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Brookes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Angie Smith

3. Cones and obstacles at **Hallington, nr Louth** which, despite the threatened bad weather the day before, turned into a lovely sunny day with excellent conditions for the event. There were one or two unfortunate incidents at the water obstacle, which is being looked into and steps are being taken to avoid similar problems in the future. The marathon (4k) was mostly on a steady uphill gradient but almost everyone managed it within the time (or very close to it) and this was followed by 1.2k compulsory walk to the start to ensure safety when driving on the side of a hill. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the marathon contained 6 obstacles and covered 2.5k. Again a really good turnout and good weather ensured an enjoyable (for most) day. Results came in as follows:

Novice - 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Fairburn , 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Lawson 4<sup>th</sup> Sue Smith  
5<sup>th</sup> Sian Penny 6<sup>th</sup> Nigel Gleadle

Open – 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Braybrook , 2<sup>nd</sup> Duncan Seth-Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Lawson

As I write we are at the closing date for Riseholme One day event on 27<sup>th</sup> July and we are closed to further entries as we are at capacity for the site and also for getting the event completed in a single day. This is the point which we striven to reach for the past couple of years and I personally am delighted that we are proving to be so popular and also that the systems are holding up to the pressure (just!).

In response to requests, we have organised a non-horse event that will include ALL our Friends and stewards. Sheila Brookes has offered the use of her property to hold this and Sian Penney has “volunteered” to come up with some suitable activities for the day. Dog Kennel Farm, Legsby nr Market Rasen on SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September from 6.30pm onwards. Hopefully it will include a “bring your own BBQ food” to cook on our club BBQ and the opportunity to gather, chat and have a laugh without those pesky equines demanding our attention every few minutes. Just the wife/husband to bother about then!

We have two extra events to our calendar, both kindly offered by members of the club.

Firstly we have been invited by Cathy Towle to hold an event (format to be announced in due course) at her farm on 27<sup>th</sup> September and,

Secondly, Nigel & Gill Patrick are hosting an event at their place nr Messingham on 12<sup>th</sup> October. It will be an inside out competition with some new elements not previously encountered in Poacher events. So keep the ponies semi-fit at the end of the season, there won't be a drive out so enough fitness for short bursts of energy should be enough to make it an exciting competition.

I will circulate directions and entry forms nearer to the date, just make sure they are in your calendars.

Don't forget to check out the new look website at [www.poacherhc.org](http://www.poacherhc.org)

Your editor

Angela

