

## POACHER HARNESS CLUB



President – Mr. Clive Borman

### NEWSLETTER

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Happy new year to you all, members new and old – (that last phrase was not very PC, but I am sure you know what I mean).

May I first express a wish that you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and that your thoughts are now turning towards Spring and getting those ponies out and exercised.

There are one or two pieces of good news/information to pass on. The BHDTA are putting on the following training at Arena UK, nr Grantham, which is open to all on 6<sup>th</sup> February. I think most of us would find it very interesting.

#### **Cones Driving clinic - "Get Inside a Course Designer's Head" with Richard Papens.**

**Richard Papens is a well known FEI International Course Designer and TD from Belgium. He gave a seminar at the Unicorn in 2009 and we have invited him back so you can get inside his head and discover that there is a science in setting out a cones course and not just placing a bunch of cones down in odd places around the arena.**

**Richard will help you understand what to look for when walking the cones, looking at the angles, see the rein changes, notice the circles.**

**Start at 9.30 for coffee, with the presentation at 9.45. The presentation will last until lunchtime, followed by a break for lunch.**

**The afternoon will be in the indoor arena, where there will be various cones set out for some guinea pig drivers, with one of our UKCC Coaches explaining, analysing, coaching and obtaining the feedback from the drivers on how they feel the course of cones went.**

**BHDTA Members - £15, Young Drivers - £10, Non-members - £20.**

**Please book through the [BHDTA office](#). Admission on the day - £20.**

Next, there's news about our first chance to meet up in the new year.

We are very pleased to hold our customary quiz and social evening on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> at **CHERRY TREE FARM, GLENTHAM, LINCS, LN8 2EF**. This venue went down so well for our AGM that we decided to use it again. There will be a hot supper of Pie, Chips and Peas, a bar and of course the evening will be hosted by our brilliant quizmaster Boz Smith.

There will be a raffle, but it won't be necessary for you to bring a prize, the star prize will be a one-to-one driving lesson on a date to suit you with Sue Mart of Bennington Carriages. Sue very recently achieved a great result in the world driving championships and has a wealth of knowledge and coaching skills to pass on. She will be well known to most members as she has previously been kind enough to act as trainer for some of our training days and also as a host for Amanda Saville "Try Driving" days at Bennington.

Please complete and return the acceptance slip attached to this newsletter as soon as possible, as we need to advise the caterers how many will require food.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010 @ Cherry Tree Farm – Cost £7 per head.

As we have had to cancel a few early events in previous years due to the bad weather we will not be starting our programme until the beginning of May this year. We will hopefully be holding the first of our training days at Market Rasen Racecourse on 9<sup>th</sup> May but are still waiting for the Clerk of the course to confirm with us. These training sessions will give the opportunity to practice any part of your driving that you wish to, with or without assistance from our trainers. At £10, these days are an absolute bargain for those of us without full facilities at home.

This will be followed by a fun day at Swinderby on 16<sup>th</sup> May ( the format is as yet undecided but I am sure that Tony & Boz will come up with something that is different and fun to do). After this we will be staging the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our training days at Bennington Carriages new home at Long Bennington on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We are covering the length of the county this year, so there are no excuses possible about venue.

I am hoping to get the year book out very soon, it is almost complete but some venues have not yet confirmed the dates and I would rather wait to print than change at a later date. However, I can assure you that there is a packed programme planned, with lots of change of pace and activity, not all competitive or taxing, but retaining some of the favourite venues from previous years.

Please complete and return your membership form as soon as possible as it is almost impossible to plan events if we don't know the numbers involved.



I shall require..... Places for the Quiz night on February 20<sup>th</sup> @ £7.50 per head.

Signed.....

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