

POACHER HARNESS CLUB



Newsletter March 2015

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 March newsletter. This is the first newsletter of this year and we're looking forward to a busy year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Club membership continues to flourish and we have had to introduce a waiting list in order to keep the Club as the small and friendly Club that it was originally formed to be.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night with Pie & Peas Supper held on Saturday 7th February at The Shires, Kirton Lindsey was very successful, 32 "quizzers" turned out, with a total of 8 teams taking part. The quiz was very ably managed by Barry and Lorraine, who managed to pitch at us some easy and some very taxing questions. Whilst Barry had the unenviable task of marking the papers the rest of us tucked into the Pie and Peas supper. The winners of the written quiz were **The Cadgers** and the winners of the picture quiz were **The Eagles**. Full report at the end of the newsletter.

POACHERWEAR

There is now a full range of Poacherwear available, with full details on the webpage, together with printable Order Form.

TRAINING DAY

As we leave February behind and head into March, with the weather getting warmer and drier - we hope - a reminder that our first outing of the season - the Training Day will take place on 15th March at Long Bennington with Sue Mart managing the session. Places are limited, so make sure that you get your entries in early.

INDOOR DRIVING

The Winner of the Indoor Driving Championship will not be decided until the 8th March as the February event had to be postponed due to expected adverse weather conditions but at present Kelly Wilson is leading on 28 points with Kevin Smith second on 25 points and Julie Tomkins in 3rd on 24 points, so with 2 more events to go it is still very much an open race.

VENUE CONFIRMATIONS AND UPDATES

The following changes have been made to the Event Calendar.

12th April – Venue Change. The event has moved from Swinethorpe to White House Farm, Eagle Moor. It will be a full ODE.

6th September – Brocklesby Event

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU UPDATE YOUR DIARIES AND CALENDARS.

Updates are on the webpage with updated entry forms.

CLEAR OUT TIME

It's that time of the year for spring cleaning. If you have anything to sell that you want included in the newsletter or on the webpage, please let Carol know. There is no charge for Club members' private classified ads.

Also, let us have your bits of news - maybe you've had a special achievement that you'd like to share.

OTHER NEWS

Two Club members, Carol Wood and Leanne Papworth, took advantage of the invitation from Midland Carriagedriving and made the journey to Long Bennington to attend the Backstepper Clinic held on Saturday 21st February.

The Clinic covered all aspects of an event from H & S, what should be in the spares kit, what the correct dress code is for each discipline, putting to safely, how to walk an obstacle, working out timings for the marathon and finished with a practical demonstration from Sue Mart and Wendy on the right and wrong ways of assisting the driver through an obstacle.

The feedback from them was that the day was well attended from other Clubs and very informative, although set at a very basic level, but they were the only 2 Poachers there, which was a shame as they felt that some of the newer backsteppers in the Club could have benefitted from the experience.

Midland Carriagedriving will be holding another Clinic which will be "Hands On" with the opportunity to have time on the backstep on the 28th March at Catton. Contact Angela Flanagan on 07740 707729 for more information.

AND FINALLY

Please let me have any suggestions or ideas for the Webpage that you think might be beneficial to the Club.

To keep up to date with what's going on in the Club, don't forget to follow us on **Facebook** or visit the website **www.poacherhc.org**

That is about it for Club news at the moment. We look forward to seeing you all at the Training Day and hopefully we'll have "Poacher" weather.

The Committee

QUIZ NIGHT REPORT

On Saturday 7th February, 32 Club members and friends gathered at The Shires near Kirton Lindsey to pitch their wits against each other and answer a set of General Knowledge questions set by Barry Whitley and a Picture Quiz organised by Lorraine Beal, our Quiz Masters for the evening.

As soon as our “Quizzers” set foot in the door, our relentless Raffle Ticket Seller, Sophie Nash, waylaid them with more ruthlessness than a highwayman!!!! Her relentless pursuit paid off and raised £117 for club funds. Well Done Sophie and Thank You to everybody for your generosity!!!!

A hush descended over the room as the various teams got their heads down and began to answer the questions, the silence only interrupted by the sound of pens scribbling on paper. Finally, as all the little grey cells had been explored, papers were handed in for marking, and whilst Barry and Lorraine marked our efforts, a supper of pie and peas, followed by a pudding, was served.

Eventually the winners were revealed. The General Knowledge section was won by **The Cadgers** and the Picture Quiz by **The Eagles**. The overall winners for the night were **The Cobwebs**, beating **The Cadgers** by 1 point. The “Booby Prize” of a wooden spoon was awarded in good spirit to **The Eliminators** who came 3 points behind their nearest rivals **The Dimwits**.

The raffle followed and the generous array of prizes so began to be claimed by the lucky winners who were **Nigel Patrick, Sheila Brookes, Sophie Nash, Anne Cragg, Andrea Meadows, Carol Wood, Barry Whitley, John & Joanne Gadsby, Faye & Judith Crowder, Judith Margason, Carole Cooke and Louise Nash**.

The evening finally finished at around half past 10.

Many thanks again go to our Quizmasters, Barry and Lorraine, who, as usual, provided us with a good mixture of questions to tax our brains, giving all who attended a very enjoyable evening.

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