

## **POACHER HARNESS CLUB**



President –Mr. Clive Borman

### **NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER**

We have recently had our AGM and it was a really good night. The venue was just right for us, the food was good, and the company was great. I think we may have found our ideal venue for quizzes, socials and AGMs for the foreseeable future as it has its own bar and a willingness to serve up good food to our requirements (unlike some recently used hostelrys). They even provided an outbuilding for the smokers – who could ask for more!

The evening started with our Annual General Meeting at which Sheila Brookes (our outgoing Honorary President) thanked the members of the retiring committee for their efforts – which have been considerable – during 2009 and especially thanked our Chairman Clive and Treasurer John who were standing down from the committee.

Clive Borman thanked all those who had helped him during his 5 years as Chairman and also during the 2-3 years prior to that when he was a member of the committee. He also expressed the hope that 2010 would see the continued expansion of Poachers and that the enthusiasm shown by so many would continue and spread. However, he did urge all to take advantage of the training days staged each year and use them as an opportunity to learn, hone and use driving skills to the benefit of the driver and their animals.

John Cooke gave his Treasurers report and distributed audited copies of the accounts for 2008/9. The finances of the club are healthy and about to be augmented by a further £200 Training Grant which has been claimed by the club from our parent body BHDTA.

A new committee was elected and an inaugural meeting has been arranged for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November for all to meet for the first time and decide who is going to do what jobs during 2010.

Your new committee for 2010 will be

Clive Borman - President

Sheila Brookes - Chairman

Tony Smith – Course Builder & Health & Safety Officer

Angela Borman - Secretary

Sarah Braybrook – Steward Secretary

Duncan Sethsmith – Publicity Officer

Carol Wood - Scorer

Richard Wood – Treasurer & Event Entry Clerk

We have also had a very kind offer, which has been taken up, from Boz Smith to become our regular coursebuilder and Friends of PHC Representative on the committee. So all you non driving Friends who have ideas for events, social or otherwise, Boz is your man. He will represent you and put forward your comments to the committee, please use him and allow him to work for you to ensure that your views are fully catered for.

The meeting concluded with the award of trophies, as follows:-

**Novice Points League Winner – Sue Smith  
Open Points League Winner – Sarah Braybrook  
Most Improved Novice – Carol Wood  
Swiss Derby Plate – Teresa Killick  
Steward of the Year – Tony Smith**

**We then sat down to a very nice 3 course carvery meal followed by a complementary cup of tea or coffee and after dinner mint. “Perfick”**

**The evening was rounded off by Clive showing a driving DVD which lasted for about 20 minutes.**

**All had time to chat, move around the room and catch up with friends not seen for a few months.**

**We have events already booked into the calendar, so make sure that you make a note in plenty of time, although they will be appearing on the website very soon.**

**Our quiz will be held at Cherry Tree Farm, Glenthams on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May Training Day – venue to be confirmed**

**16<sup>th</sup> May Training Day – venue to be confirmed**

**30<sup>th</sup> May One Day Event – venue to be finalised before announcing**

**13<sup>th</sup> June One Day Event at Osberton Park (an absolutely brilliant venue and which could well become our most exciting one yet)**

**2 Events in July, a one-day-event and the popular Wolds Drive – dates to be confirmed yet**

**1<sup>st</sup> August One Day Event at Riseholme College**

**15<sup>th</sup> August Swiss Derby at Hackthorn Hall.**

**September and October venues are yet to be finalised but hopefully there will be 3 more events to round off the season.**

**I think that next years programme will also hold a few different types of events which you will certainly want to try out. The ideas are flooding in.**

**Lastly, but not “leastly” any rumours that have been circulating about Poacher folding and closing down are incorrect and spurious. How could we? We have such a fantastic, and eager membership that anyone who suggested it would probably be lynched!!!**

**Our next newsletter will be in the new year and will contain membership forms.**

**All the best, tight reins and see you all in 2010.**

**Your Editor**

**Angela**