

## POACHER HARNESS CLUB



### Newsletter September 2014

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 September newsletter. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter of the season and already the outdoor season is finished, less than 4 weeks until the indoor starts, and then the AGM is upon us once again.

It is with regret that we received Mike Charlesworths' resignation from the Committee due to personal reasons, although he has remained a Member of the Club and continued to assist with course building at all this years events.

#### **AGM DATE**

This year the Annual General Meeting will be held at Shires, Gainsthorpe Rd W, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 4JL on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00pm.**

Full details will follow with the paperwork for the AGM which is due to be sent to all Club members before the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **RULE BOOK**

The Committee is looking at amending some of the Event Rules to bring them more into line with BC and to try to eradicate any grey areas. If anybody has any suggestions about any rule that needs more clarification please email Carol at [poacherhc@btinternet.com](mailto:poacherhc@btinternet.com) or send it in writing to her at Mill Hill, Marsh Lane, New Holland, N Lincs, DN19 7PY by 15<sup>th</sup> October in order for the proposed amendment to be discussed and altered by majority vote, if so required, by The Committee (as laid down in the

Constitution 2013, Rule 21) and any changes announced at the AGM.

#### **SOUTH KELSEY DRIVE**

Mike Charlesworth is organising a drive from Hall Farm Park, South Kelsey on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact Mike on 01652 678021 for full details.

#### **BEELSBY**

Beelsby is always a lovely venue and once again this year, it didn't disappoint by attracting 19 starters!!!

The course builders comprising of the Mikes' Charlesworth & Lawson, Nigel & Gill Patrick, Richard & Carol Wood, Kevin Smith, & John Gadsby, gathered on Saturday and built a both encouraging and challenging course in the sweltering heat on the Saturday (Skinny dipping in the lake as a relief from the heat was mentioned at one point but as we were not to upset the ducks it was passed as a

No No). Sunday was a tad kinder to man and beast alike.



*Two's Company, Tree's a crowd  
Nigel & Kelly negotiating Obstacle Two*

The marathon was testing but everybody completed without mishap. As usual tea and coffee was served whilst the course was cleared.

### **HACKTHORN**

Well, what can I say about Hackthorn apart from it rained and it rained and it rained and just when you thought it couldn't get much wetter, it rained some more!!!!

The course builders in attendance on Saturday - Mikes' Lawson and Charlesworth, John and Joanne Gadsby, Richard and Carol Wood, Gill and Nigel Patrick and Kelly Wilson - set up the dressage arena and obstacles in fair weather, although they left for the day wondering how much of their efforts would still be standing in the morning due to the dire weather that was being predicted.

Despite the horrendous weather that descended upon us on Sunday, everybody who attended was in good spirit - we did have some withdrawals at the last minute but despite this a field of 14 competitors started with 12 completing the day.

The day did brighten up later in the afternoon, sufficiently enough for the usual social gathering under the awning and to make a presentation to Mike and Judith Margason on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, of a hand crafted card and a bouquet of flowers, and the presentation of a card to Mike Charlesworth to mark the birthday that saw him officially become an OAP! The occasion was marked by a lovely display by the Red Arrows.



*Julie Tomkins in Obstacle Two*

### **BROCKLESBY**

Although we have been to Brocklesby Park before, some years previously, this was a "new" venue for Poacher.

A superb location, set under the shadow of the 128 foot high Pelham Pillar, a landmark tower built by E J Wilson between 1840 and 1849, commemorating the planting of 12.5 million trees. The 1000 acre Park and woodlands were laid out in the 1770's by Capability Brown and the planting of the woodland was initiated by the First Baron Yarborough.

Preparation for this event started well in advance and by the time the "A" team of Mike C, John Gadsby, Richard, Carol, Kevin and Nigel (AKA "The Phantom of the Wood" as he could be heard driving up and down looking for his fellow course builders but nobody could see him!) arrived everything was in place ready for building the obstacles.

Unfortunately, due to the length of the grass, it was only possible to have a good 4.5 mile marathon with 4 obstacles. Despite this, the day was enjoyable and finished around 5pm, following the usual prize giving and refreshments at the awning.

### **POACHER SUCCESSES**

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO CLUB MEMBERS:

**Ginny Ashford** on her 3<sup>rd</sup> place competing in the Introductory Class with North East at Newby Hall in August and on her 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Onley, 1<sup>st</sup> place at Widmerpool and 4<sup>th</sup> place at Catton in the Midland Carriagedriving Group One Day Events.

**Joanne Gadsby** on her 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Widmerpool and 5<sup>th</sup> place at Catton in the Midland Carriagedriving Group One Day Events.

**Julie Tomkins** on her 4<sup>th</sup> at Widmerpool and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Catton in the Midland Carriagedriving Group One Day Events.

**Anne Chambers** for her 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Tandem/Teams Class at Catton.

**Ginny** also came 4<sup>th</sup> in Arena Challenge at North East in July, behind the winner **Mike Charlesworth**.

**WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU FOR FLYING THE FLAG SO SUCCESSFULLY FOR POACHER!!!!**

### **INDOOR DATES**

The dates for the Poacher Winter Indoor Championship to be held at Tickhill are as follows:

**2014:** 12th October, 2nd November, 7th December

**2015:** 11th January, 1st February, 1st March

**Entry Fee:** £30 per Event. If you enter in advance for all 6 events the entry fee is £25 per event

**How to Enter:** If you want to enter all 6 competitions, send a completed entry form to Anne Chambers, 2 Manor Cottages, Skegby Road, Normanton -on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, NG23 6RS, stating it is an entry for all and enclosed 6 post dated cheques for £25 each.

If you only want to enter individual events, then a separate entry form for each entry, accompanied by a cheque for £30 must be sent to reach Anne 10 days before the event.

You do not have to be a member of ICD UK to enter but in order to be eligible for the Poacher Winter Indoor Championship you must be a fully paid up member of Poacher Harness Club.

Entry forms for non ICD members and the dressage test are on the results page of the Club website.

To continue eligibility into 2015 all Membership renewals must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 .

**DON'T FORGET THAT YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**

## AND FINALLY

Please let **Carol** 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](http://www.poacherhc.org)**

Would all **Cup / Trophy Holders** please arrange to return these to Anne Chambers by 15<sup>th</sup> October to allow us sufficient time to get them re-engraved for the current years' Winners. Thank you.

That is about it for Club news at the moment. We look forward to seeing you all at the **AGM** on the **22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

The Committee



*The Morning After at Brocklesby*