

POACHER HARNESS CLUB



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2006

"Horse Power was a wonderful thing when only horses had it!"

Anon

Seasons greetings to all "Poachers", everywhere!

The AGM has been and gone and the prizes and trophies distributed amongst you all. For those of you who weren't there, it was quite a poignant occasion as three of our committee decided to stand down and pass the mantle on to new shoulders. Sheila Brooks was one of the "founding few" who actually started Poacher Harness Club and has now decided that we are in good enough form to pass it on. I want to thank Sheila for her many years of total support, firstly as Secretary and latterly as Chairman, and the wonderful job she has done in keeping the club true to its original format of "fun with horses and ponies in carriages". Thank you Sheila, we look forward to seeing you at our events next year as a well loved friend and competitor.

Brian Codling also decided to stand down as Treasurer and we must pass our thanks on to him also for his hard work, not just collecting membership and entry fees although that has been a difficult job on occasion!. Brian and Sheila were instrumental in keeping Poacher afloat after our difficulties during 2005 and early 2006. Thank you both, we owe our clubs future to you.

Jane Smith is the 3rd member to stand down this year, having given the club one year of extremely hard work, having ended up with all the thankless tasks associated with gathering together items, venues and supporters for our events during 2006. Thank you Jane, we will miss your large contribution.

If anyone wants a copy of the AGM minutes please email me and I will send you a copy. As the cost of postage keeps on rising and forms a quite considerable portion of our expenses, please send me your email addresses. This will enable us to keep in touch quickly and also save postage on future newsletters.

The prizes were distributed as follows:-

- The Barnabus Memorial Challenge Trophy – Best Novice –SARAH BRAYBROOK
- The Cobweb Memorial Challenge Trophy – Best Open – CLIVE BORMAN
- Rainbow Trophy for most improved novice during 2006 – LYNNE MOWBRAY
- Joy Beard Trophy – Most stewarding points – GREG LAWTON
- Epic Challenge Plate – NOT ISSUED
- Swiss Derby Challenge Plate – STEVE HOYLE
- Indoor Championship Rosette – STEVE HOYLE

Your new Committee are:

- Chairman – Clive Borman
- Treasurer – John Cooke
- Secretary – Angela Borman
- Joint Course Builders – Mike Lawson and Ben Smith
- Joint Health and Safety Officers – Ben Smith and Mike Lawson
- Joint Steward and Event Secretaries – Lynne Mowbray and Sarah Braybrook.

Please give them your support, and the occasional word of thanks.

We have a quiz, social and buffet planned for 20th January, at the Bell at Bishopsbridge to blow away the post-Christmas blues. Please try and bring friends, neighbours and anyone else you think would enjoy it. The cost will be £5 per head to cover the food costs. I would appreciate having some idea of numbers so please let me know either by phone or email if you will be coming, it will help immensely with the catering. Raffle prizes would be much appreciated, not alcoholic drinks though please as the pub objects to this.

Something else to look forward to during March will be a talk by a well-known Equine Homeopathy and Aromatherapy expert Annabel Jay from Alfreton, Derbys on the many cures made possible by this ancient method of healing. Annabel's presentation will form one half of a 2 –part evening programme which will also include a talk from Boz Smith the Lincolnshire equine dentist on the need for attention to dental matters and the benefits to be derived from it. The date and venue of these talks will be notified soon after Christmas, but the event will be circulated to local driving and riding clubs and the local press and will hopefully be an enjoyable and informative evening. Keep your eyes peeled for the "flier" during January.

Julie and Keith Gallimore have kindly offered to host a fund – raising summer barbeque at their home. Anyone who attended the Coaching Dinner in December 2005 will not want to miss out on this, and those who didn't make it will have heard by now what a great event that was. Dates have not yet been set as success depends greatly on the weather, short–notice action will be needed when the date is released!

A reminder that your Membership fees become due on January 1st, and also that your flu vaccination and insurance details are required. I have attached a membership form, in the hope that it will spur everyone on to joining early, which will also help with the programme planning for 2007. We are actively looking to increase our membership this year, so if you know of anyone who would be

interested in joining either as a Friend or as a Driver, let them know all applications will be considered. Details from Angela at [Poacher information](#) or on the [Contacts page](#) .

All the very best for a merry Christmas and and happy New Year to all our members, friends, well wishers and those who will become so during 2007.

My email address is information@poacherhc.org.uk. Please remember to send an email so that I can "capture" your address.

Angela and Clive