

Belvoir tan

October 2009

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL EVENTS – PLEASE SUPPORT

Updated information for all events can be found on our website – www.belvoir-hunt.co.uk

Monday 19th October

Rutland Arms, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir Start 7pm
Supper available after the meeting

BHSC A.G.M.

Wednesday 28th October

Belton Park Golf Club 7.30pm for 8pm
Tickets £10 each from Nina Camm 07793 431352

Opening Meet Supper/Harvest Festival

Please bring a harvest offering – items to be auctioned during the evening

Friday 27th November

Waltham on the Wolds Village Hall 7.30pm
Tickets £12.50 each to include hot supper and drink
from Foster Edwards 01949 860865 or boyersorchard35@btinternet.com

Belvoir Hunt History Evening with Michael Clayton

Thursday 17th December

Grange Farm, Stoke Rochford by kind invitation of Mr Neil and Lady Sarah McCorquodale from 7.30pm
Tickets £10 – pay on door

BHSC Christmas Drinks Party

January (date tbc)

Osournby Village Hall
Tickets £10 each

Quiz, Horn blowing, Holloaing and Supper

7.30pm

From the Hunt Chairman

As we approach the start of another season, we reflect on the warm summer days and evenings that have gone by.

Unfortunately, the Open Day was probably the worst day's weather of the whole summer but what hardy people we must be as many turned out.

The opening of the Duke's Room and the Puppy show were so different weather wise – both thoroughly enjoyable warm days and evenings. A big thank you to all members who have contributed to the refurbishment of the Duke's Room.

The Game Fair – again hard work for all concerned but worthwhile in revenue. Many thanks to all helpers.

The kennels looked magnificent due to the hard work of all the team. For such old buildings, one can say they have never looked so good.

We are now into Autumn Hound trailing with one eye focused on the coming election. If we have a change of government, the Conservatives have promised us a chance of repealing the Hunting Act. This will be our only chance and must be successful. Vote OK will be working hard during the run up to the election so please support Joan Breen, our new Liaison Officer, on this very important issue.

Finally, thank you to all for your support of the Belvoir Hunt during the summer months. I hope we all enjoy the coming season and a bright future ahead.

JRM

Game Fair Party

On the Saturday night of the Game Fair at Belvoir, we held a party at the kennels targeting exhibitors and campers who were in residence. Having sold a grand total of 9 tickets prior to the evening, we spent most of Saturday worrying about whether we had catered for far too many or far too few punters. However by 20:30, we had drained all our kegs of beer, the hog was roasted and "Growl at the Badger" roared into life and the evenings entertainment got into full swing. Thanks to the dedication of the leaflet distributors we had a capacity in excess of 300 and thanks to a strict team of bouncers on the door and a slick, if slightly drunken, bar team, the evening was a great success resulting in a profit of just under £4000 to the hunt.

2009/2010 Hound Sponsorship

Despite the adverse weather at the Open Day we have again managed to find a sponsor (some 80+ individuals) for every Hound in Kennel for the forthcoming season. We will also be awarding (at Christmas and at the end of season) the Manchester Trophy to the Sponsor of the Hound who has hunted most effectively in the opinion of the Huntsman/Master.

If anyone still wishes to become a sponsor, we are always looking for sponsors of the new litters of puppies that have arrived this summer. As well as a personalised colour certificate, the benefits of sponsorship include an invitation to a private social at the kennels after season end in April. For further information contact Marc Gordon at sonyamarcgordon@yahoo.co.uk.

We can make this happen

Hi everyone, well here we are again on the very brink of a new seasons hunting, with some Autumn Hound Training days under the belt. As the Hunt Act case against Ullswater huntsman John Harrison collapsed in Penrith court last week and with no cases pending, it truly reinforces the need to repeal the Hunting Act. One of the ways forward is to take away Anti Hunt MP's right to vote at grass route level. There are many Anti Hunting MPs with only a small majority - knock these off their perch and the Anti hunt campaigners and MPs have no voice and very little power. What we can do to make this happen is to join forces throughout the pro hunting community via Vote OK and know that we have done our bit for the future of the sport and allow things to be as they were before the Hunting Act came into force. As the Electoral ball starts to roll, some of your time and effort would be much appreciated to help stuff envelopes, do some leaflet dropping or putting up posters.

I will do all the organising - all you need to do is volunteer.

Joan Breen

2009 - 2010 Hedge- laying Competition

The one-day hedge laying competition will be held on Saturday 28th November on Highgate Lane, Plungar by kind permission of Messrs. David Kirk, Graham Kirk and Richard Pell.

We will again be running an On-farm competition which will be judged in the spring. For details of either of these events, please contact Tom Kingston on 01664 820423.

Car Capping

For the forthcoming season, the minimum car cap will be £2 per day.

There will also be a whisky raffle at every meet. We would be very grateful to receive any donations of bottles of whisky for these raffles – please give to either Foster Edwards or Cherry King.

BHSC has merchandise to sell – fleece hats, baseball caps, ties and lapel badges.

Also Daniel Crane Christmas cards (£4 for a pack of 6) and postcards (£2 for 5) and Sally Ann Lugg cup, saucer and plate.

All these items available from Foster Edwards

Belvoir Hunt website advertising

If you have unwanted items to sell or there is something you want, why not use the small ads section on the BH website. Also if you wish to promote a business, you can place an advert on one of the pages of our website. See website or contact Foster Edwards for further information.

BHSC membership

Supporters Club membership for 2009/10 was due on 1st May – if you haven't yet paid, please forward your subscription to Foster Edwards, 35, Boyers Orchard, Harby, Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE14 4BA.

We welcome new members.

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive the very latest information please forward it to me at boyersorchard35@btinternet.com.

Information can also be found on the Hunt web site www.belvoir-hunt.co.uk

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