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Fox Hunting Seminar (two days!)

This program is open to all Rockbridge Hunt members and their guests. All who receive this mailing should consider themselves invited. Here's your chance to find out what's involved in foxhunting!

Plan on bringing a dish and joining us for the potluck supper which will follow the August 5th section. You are on your own for dinner after the September 16th session. Each person attending will receive a substantial booklet prepared to accompany this program.

Reservations required please! Please return the enclosed form plus check by July 22th. Please do invite any friends you know who might be interested in fox hunting. This would be a good introduction to the sport, and get them off on the right hoof.

Part A – Tex Tilson Memorial Lodge - Lectures and discussion 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 5, 2000

Peter Winants will speak on universal foxhunting practices, history, traditions, and literature. Mr. Winants is a former editor and publisher of The Chronicle of the Horse (retired, 1991) and former Director of the National Sporting Library (1991-1999).

David Bolen, MFH, will discuss some technical matters related to the Rockbridge Hunt territory.

David Conner, professional huntsman, will discuss hounds and hunting, foxes and coyotes, and conduct a kennel tour.

Pot luck to follow for those wishing to participate.

Part B –Meet at the ring at Hunt Inc. - Mounted work (unmounted observers are encouraged to attend!) 3:30 PM, Saturday, September 16, 2000

Carol Atwood (and others?) will demonstrate proper and safe hunting equipment and talk about the qualities of a good hunting horse. She will also lead the "field" in several exercises demonstrating proper huntfield etiquette (emphasizing safety and courtesy). If demand warrants we will also do some field work practice "at speed."

David Conner will use a few of the Rockbridge hounds for a brief hunting demonstration with commentary on what the hounds are doing and the terminology used to describe hunting hounds.

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David Bolen

Jt MFH –

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Rockbridge Hunt Foxhunting Seminar Reservation Form

Fee will be \$20 per person or \$20 per family. Guests will be \$20 each. Payment should be enclosed with this form. If more people sign up than we think we can handle, we will give preference to reservations from Rockbridge Hunt members.

Each fee payment grants you one copy of the booklet which accompanies this program. Additional copies will be available at additional cost.

Please list Rockbridge Hunt members who will be attending Aug 5th:

Please list guests who will be attending Aug 5th:

How many will be staying for the pot luck? (The hunt will provide drinks and plates and plastic wear; bring a dish.)

Return this form by July 22nd with your check (made payable to Rockbridge Hunt) to:

Cindy Morton
516 Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450
(Phone: 540-463-6025)

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Hunt Week

Details are still arriving about the upcoming Hunt Week, but we do have a schedule at this time. Hopefully we will be able to tell you more about fees and attire at a later date. Rita Mae Brown (MFH, Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club) did most of the arranging. All Rockbridge Hunt members are invited to participate. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, October 14	Rockbridge Hunt
Sunday, October 15	Bedford County Hunt
Monday, October 16	Bull Run Hunt
Tuesday, October 17	Farmington Hunt Club
Wednesday, October 18	Keswick Hunt
Thursday, October 19	Bath County Hounds
Friday, October 20	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club
Saturday, October 21	Glenmore Hunt Club

And on the evening of the 21st, there will be a party and dance.



June Hunter Show - June 10, 2000

Preliminary financial statement (not finalized but close)

Expenses		Income	
Facilities	\$550	Entries	\$4,199
	Cedar fillers: \$75	Sponsorships	\$785
Postage	\$132	Subtotal	\$4,984
Printing	\$158		
Staff	\$1,086		
Awards	\$358		
Subtotal	\$2,359		

Total profit \$1,958



Summer Trail Riding Schedule

There will not be any more trail rides officially scheduled by the hunt. Wilson Shephard and Erica Jones are researching places for an overnight camp and ride trip. Two current ideas are a campground in Botetourt County, and one in Craig County. Please contact either of these two members if you are interested in some overnight camping and all day trail riding. Or you can come and ride for the day if you are not up to roughing it in the great outdoors.



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Masters' Report

Discussion at the May annual meeting disclosed some topics that warrant further discussion.

Private property: We have permission to cross considerable private property when foxhunting. We also obtain permission to cross private property for various organized events. Rockbridge Hunt does not have authorization for every member to cross any and all private lands! If you are out riding on your own, **you should always have permission before you cross private property.** If you don't know who owns the land you're on, and/or if you haven't gotten permission to be on that land, you shouldn't be there!

In 1962, Riding to Hounds in America by William P. Wadsworth was published. In it he quotes his father's Hunt Bible. Both gentlemen, writing decades apart, cite the same problem: "During my years as master more farmers [landowners] have complained about individuals hacking across their land on nonhunting days or going to and from hunts than about any other single discourtesy." Obviously this is still a major problem.

Most of our neighbors are incredibly generous in allowing us access to their property. A phone call is usually all it takes to get permission to ride. Wouldn't you expect the same courtesy from anyone desiring access to your land? Trail riding is important for training horses and riders for the hunting field and for learning the territory. Feel free to call either David Bolen or Cindy Morton for suggestions or help in coordinating a trail ride.

Maps: Several requests have been made for maps of our hunting territory. As a byproduct of the endurance rides, topographical maps with trails drawn in are available for parts of our territory. Unfortunately these maps don't include property lines. Eventually digital versions of maps that show property boundaries will be available. We're waiting anxiously for those.

In the mean time, David Bolen, Blair Jones, Carol Atwood, and Cindy Morton are working on using GPS (Global Positioning System) units to locate known trails on digital versions of maps, probably based on United States Geological Survey topographical maps or aerial photographic images. These maps are available on the web and are distributed by Microsoft at the URL: <http://terraserver.microsoft.com>. This may turn out to be a practical and accurate way to generate high-quality maps. Maps that show property boundaries won't be available any time soon but a lot of the land that we hunt over is farmland with approximate boundaries marked by fence lines. We can probably use GPS units to establish reasonably accurate property lines in those cases. According to Blair, "We intend to show where trails and points of interest are located and generally help folks to understand the spatial patterns of the area we hunt."

This is going to take time. Please be patient. Printing a 24" by 36" map (aerial photos) would cost in the neighborhood of \$6.00; and at the scale we are currently looking at it would take four or so maps to cover the territory.

The example picture following this should give you some idea of the detail available. Can you pick out the Rockbridge Hunt barn, riding ring and kennels? How about the huntsman's house and lodge? Parking lot? (*Submitted by Cindy Morton and others*)

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Reference Map of (some of) Hunt, Inc. territory



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Explanations of our Budget

At the annual meeting several people requested additional information on the budget. In this and future newsletters, a small part of the budget presented at the 2000 annual meeting will be explained. If you'd like a copy of the budget or more detailed information, please call me, Cindy Morton (office: 463-8109, home: 463-6025). I'll be more than happy to answer specific questions about last year's budget.

The amount labeled **dues** in the budget probably seems like an odd figure. There are several reasons for this. Some members make monthly payments on their dues and haven't finished paying by the date of the annual meeting or by the end of the fiscal year. (Dues must be paid before the annual meeting if a member wishes to vote at the meeting.) Some members pay their total dues after the annual meeting but before the beginning of the next hunting season. (Members may not hunt in the coming year until last year's dues are paid in full.) In addition, landowners in Hunt, Inc. who are riding members are given a discount on their dues equivalent to the amount of a social membership (which is one half of the cost of a single riding membership). Also, new members pay an initiation fee. Over the years, dues collection generally has not been a problem.

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Other income includes interest from the Tex Tilson Memorial Fund, outright donations to Rockbridge Hunt, and small, occasional disbursements from the Rockbridge and Augusta Farmers Cooperatives.

The amount listed for **utilities** covers the electricity in the barn and kennels (used for lights, fans, heat lamps, etc.), electricity in the lodge (lights, heat, kitchen appliances, etc.), the telephone in the lodge, and the dusk-to-dawn lights in the parking areas at the lodge and barn.

The amount listed for the **office** line in the budget includes a variety of things. As much as possible I tried to keep costs associated with specific activities. Printing and postage costs incurred as part of each activity (horse show, hunt ball, etc.) are listed as part of the costs for that activity and not as part of the general office costs. It still adds up to a lot of money. Breaking down the “office” supplies further, between fifty and one hundred dollars, for the year, was spent on each of the following items: postage to pay bills, postage to send the annual membership form, and banking supplies (checks, deposit slips, registers). Less than fifty dollars was spent on postage to send dues statements to members, and on rubber stamps (correct Rockbridge Hunt return address stamps for secretary and treasurer). Slightly more than one hundred dollars was spent on each of the following: fixture card printing and postage, and stationery. Some of these supplies (banking supplies and the rubber stamps in particular) should last for more than a year.

Future topics: Hounds, Upkeep, Gifts and flowers, Taxes, Dues and fees, Insurance.
(Submitted by Cindy Morton)

Hound Report

Several Rockbridge Hunt members attended the annual Glenmore / Rockbridge **Derby Day Hound Show** (and party) hosted by Glenmore Hunt Club at the Shiflet Pavilion in Churchville on Derby Day, May 6th. The hound show was restricted to Glenmore Hunt’s hounds due to an outbreak of leishmaniasis. (Leishmaniasis is a disease that is currently of great concern among hunt clubs throughout North America. The disease has been found in some foxhound packs in the United States. The extent of the disease is not known at this time but the Masters of Fox Hounds Association has asked hunt clubs not to transport or mix packs of hounds.)

The hound show is always great fun. Certain people (as in David Conner in particular) enjoyed it even more than usual because they didn’t have to show hounds. Mr. Coleman Perrin (former MFH, Deep Run Hunt) judged the hounds and generously conducted a clinic on foxhound conformation. Unlike some conformation standards, those used for foxhounds are strongly tied to function; the qualities that are valued in the show ring contribute to a good hunting foxhound. The weather was perfect, the site was lovely, the company was grand, and the party was a great success. Our thanks to Glenmore Hunt Club for hosting such a wonderful day!

At the Rockbridge kennels, the hiatus in hound shows this spring allowed more time for **training puppies**. A small crew of volunteers spent several Sunday mornings trying to train puppies to lead. The victims of this exercise were the two most recent litters and several of the older

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young entry. The youngest puppies were the perfect age for this exercise. Tony, Tango, Target and all of their siblings (yes, the all-white, everybody-looks-alike bunch) have made rapid progress as well as making friends. Woody, Whisper, Wishbone, etc are the older litter. (Lots of them are all-white, too.) They're a little more aloof but they did pretty well. Chubby hound puppies are pretty cute! It has been declared to be too hot to continue this exercise during the summer but call Cindy Morton or David Conner if you're interested in helping out in the future.

Huge strides have been made in **flea control** for our pack. Dr. Lauren Keating has applied the first dose of Frontline to the hounds, part of which she donated and part of which the Rockbridge Hunt purchased. Laura Jarvis got the kennel and runs sprayed with the flea control products donated by Signe Lewis (Mountain View Farm Greenhouses). Nancy Conner and Laura, with help from Holton Conner, have also done a great job applying herbicides to the kennel runs, the pasture, and various places along the trails and around panels. This is hard work but it makes a big difference to the health of the pack and the condition of our property.

Currently Rockbridge has 29 entered hounds, and 14 unentered. The oldest hounds are Checker and Cricket (1990) and we have five 1999 entered hounds. Numbers are up from last year due to three litters making their appearance.

On Saturday, May 27th, Katharine Conner and Cindy Morton attended the annual meeting of the **Foxhound Club of North America (FCNA)** held at Morven Park. The FCNA is the governing body that sanctions hound shows throughout North America. The object of the club is "to promote and further interest in the selection, breeding and development of the Foxhound as used in the pursuit of foxes, coyote, or other legal quarry, by mounted followers." Any hunt that wishes to show hounds at recognized hound shows (like the Virginia Hound Show) must be a member. Also, anyone may join the FCNA as an individual member.

The Museum of Hounds and Hunting and the hunt portrait exhibit featuring photographs from 40 of the 170 hunts belonging to the Masters of Foxhounds Association were open. Both of these are housed in the mansion at Morven Park which is open to the public. Also, the Beresford Gallery's Hunting Exhibition, also on the grounds, featured artworks by many famous sporting artists of the past hundred years.

After lunch there was a brief FCNA annual business meeting. An announcement was made that the FCNA will be donating \$10,000 for the testing of foxhounds for canine leishmaniasis. Following the business meeting there was a presentation on leishmaniasis, organized by the FCNA and the MFHA. The speakers are among the top experts in their field, currently doing scientific research on leishmaniasis at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The presentations were excellent but the information was frustrating. There simply isn't a lot known about leishmaniasis. Fortunately, there have been no obvious signs of the disease in the Rockbridge pack. Our hounds haven't traveled extensively and there are no plans to in the near future. Research is ongoing and a lot more should be known by the end of the summer when most of the hounds throughout the country will have been tested. Samples from the Rockbridge pack have been submitted for testing but results are not back yet. The good news is that there should be no disruption to the usual hunting schedule this fall.

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Minutes from Membership Meeting May, 2000

Minutes Annual Meeting of Rockbridge Hunt May, 2000
Meeting called to order 7:10 pm by president Frank Farmer.

Master's report: David Bolen commented that we need to be respectful of our landowners. Presented letter from Kathleen Nowacki-Correia concerning her "back trail". David requests that we don't take permission to trail ride on anyone's property by assumption – just because we fox hunt on their property, this does not extend to trail riding. David also presented an updated hound list.

Fred Burks is lining up potential new territory on the east side of Interstate 81. He has been making contacts since January 2000. He has currently obtained permission to hunt on land totaling 4,000 acres. This territory is bounded on the north by Buffalo Creek, East on the Buffalo Creek and the Maury River, west by I 81, and south on Tinkerville Road. This is not (currently) an all-inclusive chunk. He is still negotiating with other land owners and is hoping for a total of 5,000 acres. His next step is to next send out letters explaining what entails being a landowner and then a property inspection with the hunt staff for locating trails/gates/jumps. He is hoping to complete the process so that we will be able to hunt on it this fall.

Hunt week: Currently David is talking with Oak Ridge and Glenmore; Bedford and Bath Count are showing some interest. The date is tentatively set for the week of October 14-21. The thought is to charge a member of one of participating hunts approximately \$50 vs. \$200-250 (for the week??) for nonmembers. Hope to attract some folks from NC and south.

David also thanked the huntsman and staff for a fine year of hunting.

Future Foxhunters: Carol Atwood sent a report (read by Nancy Conner) on her Future Foxhunters program. She had six hunting clinics (mounted and unmounted) with participants from seven counties (Rockbridge, Roanoke, Botetourt, Highland, Montgomery, Giles and Augusta). 29 juniors hunted with us during the past season, and some of the 29 went out repeatedly. Of the 29, 10 were 'first-timers'. All had FUN. Some participants from the clinics did not get to go out and are hoping to go out next year. Adults helping out with clinics were Laura Jarvis, Judy Mundy, Marian Pitman, Frank Farmer, Nancy Conner, Lauren Keating and David Bolen

Treasurer's report (Cindy Morton): No big surprise in budget in last years expenditures. We are doing some postponed maintenance work on grounds and structures. Gutters have been installed on the barn. The barn needs more work; huntsman's house needs window work. Not recommended change in dues for next season. Capping fees not recommended to go up. The inactive *fee* is still eliminated. Any extra cash we get from extracurricular activities will go to maintenance probably.

Dick Ford brought up that bylaws talks about an 'inactive' status. The net effect of going inactive is a member gets taken off the mailing list after submitting a letter of resignation. Question of how many hunting members for past season – 51 landowners; single hunting 29, family 14, social 15 (some of these are Hunt Inc. members), one student, 5 honorary, and 11 PC affiliates.

Motion to approve treasurers report and budget - passed.

Dick Ford requested proposed budget be printed in newsletter in 2001 before the annual meeting.

Hunt Ball report. Everyone agreed that it was a super hunt ball. Laura Jarvis, Carol Atwood, Susan Streaker and Nancy Conner did silent auction items. The committee tried to get donations from non hunt members. Buster Lewis has agreed to head the Hunt Ball Committee again next year. Frank Hartis indicated that he has heard rumors that W & L is having some insurance problems and hopes we can get a definite date soon.

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Endurance Ride: Kathy Eichelberger reports that the (1999) Labor Day Trail ride was definitively wet. We did not clear as much profit as first year but still pretty well attended. Committee is busy lining up folks to help volunteer cook. Zollmans Pavilion appears to be working out real well.

June hunter show – (1999) was a tad warm but well attended. Facility seems to work well except for the dust.

The Honor roll plaque was presented by Kathy Eichelberger. Currently there are 8 horses enrolled. The plaque needs to get hung up. Kathy reminds folks that only retired/deceased horses are eligible. The person nominating the horse gets certificate to frame. Kathy is starting album with photographs which will stay here in the lodge for folks to peruse.

Hound Show (2000) - we were guests of Glenmore Hunt this year. Although Rockbridge could not take their own hounds, all who went enjoyed the show.

Nominating committee - Jay Moore presented the slate: Pete Whitlock as president, Cindy Morton as MFHs, Fred Burks as steward (to replace Pete in the rest of his 4 year term), Erica Jones and Laura Jarvis as secretary, and Katharine Conner and Frank Bierman as treasurer.

Motion presented and accepted to elect Pete Whitlock as president.

Motion to add David Bolen to slate as MFH. Motion voted to accept David and Cindy as joint-masters.

Fred Burks elected as steward for three year term.

Erica Jones elected as secretary (by written ballot). Katharine Conner elected to treasurer (by written ballot).

Proposed by-laws change (reword social membership). David reports that Hunt, Inc. concerned about possibility of more trail riding traffic. He presented a letter sent to him by Kathleen Nowacki-Correia stating her concerns about folks riding over her land without permission.

Frank Bierman mentioned reported problems with the Virginia law regarding equine liability waivers (forms).

Hunt, Inc. president Peg Russell reports that they have a 2 million dollar policy. Motion tabled after rambling discussion.

New business:

Need sponsors for the June Hunter show – Lauren Keating and Cindy Morton are beating the bushes.

Educational program is tentatively planned for weekend of Aug 5th. Cindy Morton requests input from members on topics and what to cover, especially for what adults might want to do. Currently the thought is to limit the weekend to members and guests of members. The goals for the program would be to learn more about hounds and fox hunting. Cindy also would like input on the format - one weekend both days, two Saturdays in a row, weekday evening, etc.

Wilson Shephard reported on the ongoing summer trail rides. Both rides had 13 attendees which was pretty good given the amount of notice for the first ride. Both times pace mostly slow. He will schedule four more to take place in July and August.

Grounds committee (Dick Ford) – still working on beating back vegetation. Wants to make containers for garbage cans.

Wilson Shepard also reports that he is still working on the 50-year history of the Rockbridge Hunt. He also told us that he rode on first season of Rockbridge Hunt in the years 47-48. He also commented that Viola Wise and Frank Foresman are original members. Wilson is soliciting input from other members who might like to contribute.

Wilson Shephard presented a request that Fancy Hill's 'trainer' have permission as a landowner to hunt. (Not a relative). Request tabled.

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Southern States Label program - Cindy Morton reports that she has deposited labels totals of \$42 on account.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Honorary Secretary Erica Jones

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Executive Committee Meeting June 17, 2000 10:00am Summary

Meeting called to order by president Pete Whitlock. Also present were Cindy Morton, Fred Burks, Erica Jones, Katharine Conner.

Discussion of inactive status - by laws are not real detailed or clear. Inactive status cannot be eliminated but the fee can be changed by the Executive Committee.

Mailing of next year's membership forms - request \$10 fee to continue newsletter for inactive status and the few non-members we have on the list. If no reply, then we will drop them from newsletter mailings.

Window repairs on Conner house - not sure if anything got done.

Voted to withdraw proposal of bylaw change regarding social membership.

Hunter show - net approximately \$2000. Still have to pay Fancy Hill for stalls; printing, postage, sponsors. Biggest problem for Joan was setting up courses on Friday which she ended up doing the bulk of. Need better planning/communications for jump set up.

Natural Bridge Fire Dept., Glasgow Lifesaving, Fairfield First Aid will receive annual donations as usual.

Pete reported on the Hunt, Inc meeting Monday (last). Pete requested input from the Executive Committee as to how to vote on continuing logging. Pete also noted that Hunt, Inc is planning to build a bridge over the creek below the Conner's pasture.

Lieshmanianis – Our hounds should be tested. Foxhound Club of North America is paying for testing.

Need to publish new list of committees. Need to find out who is on which committee.

Committees currently exist for - horse show, hunt ball, kitchen, hound show, grounds, endurance ride, newsletter.

Fox hunt education day - date set; first Saturday in August for the afternoon and pot luck.

Dates Needed :

Land owners dinner

New landowners to meet with Exec. Committee and staff hosted by Fred and Barbara Burks.

Hunter Pace on Nov 11 or 12 is under consideration.

Trail clearing requests will be done by phone (August probably).

Next Executive Committee meeting will be after the Foxhunting Clinic (first Saturday in August) after the pot luck. Respectfully submitted, Erica Jones

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Rockbridge Hunt Horse Show June 10, 2000

One of the great mysteries of life is whether you should hope for the Rockbridge Hunt Horse Show to end at a reasonable time. It sure is nice for the volunteers, competitors and the poor judge(s). It would be nice to think finishing early indicates an organized crew working efficiently. It's just as likely to be due to fewer entries than usual.

In any case, the show ended at the perfectly reasonable hour of five o'clock. Various members helped with setting up the rings the day before and working on the day of the show. Joan Alberti put in a lot of time and hard work to ensure a successful show. The Natural Bridge Volunteer Fire Department helped water down the rings. It couldn't happen without lots of help. Thank you!

Several Rockbridge Hunt members were also active in the show ring. Jessica Buchanan picked up several ribbons riding her Ace of Spades, including three blue ribbons in Intermediate Hunter 4-H/Pony Club divisions. Ann Layman's daughter Mary Ann's Back Bay Firefly was reserve champion in the huge Hopeful Hunter division and earned several ribbons in the Special Children's Hunter division. Bailey Jeffer rode Carmel Cream to place in the Hopeful Hunter division. Jeanne Jeffer's Mocha performed well but finished just out of the ribbons in that division. Joan Alberti and her horses, Easter Rabbit and Briar Patch, won several ribbons (Adult Medal, Green Hunter, and Working Hunter). George Moore's Montego took home the Low Hunter division championship and earned ribbons in the Working Hunter division. George's pony, Meredith, showed well and placed in the Small/Medium Pony Hunter division. Meredith's rider, Rebecca Deeds, placed well in the equitation classes.

Sponsors:

Animal Medical Associates, Drs. Stan and Kathy Eichelberger
Domino Ltd, Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Jarvis
MD Barns, Mr. and Mrs. William Streaker and family
Natural Bridge Hospital for Animals, Dr. Lauren Keating
The Pink Cadillac
Wyle-A-Way Farm, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer, Jr.
Frank Bierman
The Bowring Family
Fred and Barbara Burks
Gene and Mary Clapsaddle
Cindy Morton
Joe and Pam Moskal
Nancy Peterson
Marian Pitman

Bud and Peggy Russell
Wilson and Lola Shepherd
Lucy Turner

Volunteers:

Nick and Joan Alberti
Michael Beda
Fred Burks
Mary Lynn Camper
Courtney Drewry
Blair Jones
Robby Kaplan
Cindy Morton
Judy Mundy
Wilson and Lola Shepherd
Paula Ursoy
Courtney Watson
Pete and Susan Whitlock
Karen Zollman

Trophies:

Arlene Conner Future Foxhunter Trophy was donated by David Bolen.
"Masters" Perpetual Trophy honoring Tex Tilson, Viola Wise, and Gene Clapsaddle was donated by George P. Moore, Jr.
Owners Up Under Saddle Perpetual Trophy was donated by Katherine Sanford Conner.
"Warlord" Perpetual Trophy for Field Hunter Over Fences was donated by Joan Alberti.
Bud Hickman Perpetual Trophy for junior equitation.

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Endurance Ride Update

Plans for the endurance ride are starting to solidify. The Kitchen Committee of Lois Farmer, Betty Baird, Judy Mundy, Carol Atwood (and others?) are starting to mull over menus and how to pare down the overruns some without compromising the quality of the meals.

Please contact Kathy Eichelberger if you are available to help out Labor Day weekend (or before for that matter). Jobs for beforehand are: trail clearing and marking. For that weekend we will need gate sitters, meal servers, P & R folks, and perhaps help with check-in on Saturday.



Miscellaneous

We are saddened to hear that Nancy Conner's aunt, Francis Holton, passed away at the end of June. Everyone at Rockbridge extends our sympathy and condolences.

The Honorary Secretary may have been the only person not to know this, but late congratulations to Pete Whitlock on his marriage to Susan Richardson in March.

Currently the web site is undergoing a bit of a transition while it moves to it's new location (<http://home.wlu.edu/~mortonc/archive/index.html>). If anyone is interested in taking over the web site, please contact Cindy Morton (cmorton@wlu.edu).



Meet your Executive Committee Members.

Our new Jt MFH is Cindy Morton. Cindy works in the Science Library at Washington & Lee University as her 'day job'. She started whipping-in with Rockbridge Hunt when Nancy Conner was pregnant with her second child (you might have to ask Holton how old he is to do the math!). Cindy hunted with a private pack in PA when she was in college up there. Her current stable includes Stuart, Ivy, Clover, Willow and Spott. Her project this summer is to actually ride during the month of July to put some mileage on a three year old filly. When she is not riding she claims her other hobbies are trail clearing and fence building.

Fred Burks was elected to fill the remaining three years of Pete Whitlock's term as a steward. (As a steward you can be asked to do anything the president or MFH(s) ask you to do.) Fred's current project is expanding the Hunt territory on the east side of I-81. Fred has hunted the last two seasons with Rockbridge; he took his first ever riding lesson only 2.5 years ago! His current steeds are Mayday and Beau. Fred grew up in Rockbridge county and attended VMI but lived in northern Virginia for 25 before returning home. His 'day job' is working as a real estate broker.



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Calendar of Events

Foxhunting Seminar (Part A)	Saturday, August 5, 2000
Trail clearing -- jump building	Month of August - stay tuned!!
Endurance ride	Sunday, September 3, 2000
Foxhunting Seminar (Part B)	Saturday, September 16, 2000
Virginia Horse Center Hunter Pace	Saturday, October 7, 2000
Bedford County Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	Saturday, October 8, 2000
Hunt Week (includes Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet)	October 14 th - 21 st
Bedford County Hunt Point-to-Point	Sunday, October 22, 2000
Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet (joint meet with Glenmore Hunt)	Saturday, November 4, 2000
Rockbridge Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	Sunday, November 12, 2000 (tentative)
Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	Sunday, November 19, 2000
Rockbridge Hunt Ball & Silent Auction	Saturday, February 24, 2001
Glenmore Hunt Spring Hunter Pace	Sunday, April 8, 2001
Rockbridge-Glenmore Hound Show	Saturday, May 5, 2001
Virginia Hound Show	Sunday, May 27, 2001

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