

Rockbridge Hunt Newsletter - November 2001

New Members

We have had a banner year so far for having new members join us in the hunt field, and have two former members be able to re-join us on horseback. Gerald Carter I am listing again and including his adress and phone numbers. All these others are hunting members. Please if you see someone mounted or at a breakfast, and you don't know them, find out who they are!

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The Fall Hunter Pace

The hunter pace was quite the nice event this fall on November 11th. The weather was wonderful (sunny, but not too hot), the trails well marked and everyone including mounts seemed to have a good time. Blair Jones and I (the spouse) had the fun job of sitting at the check point handing water bottles to happy people and timing the 10 minute check. We got to admire the Beck estate in our free time (which was not much!) and met the landowners, too. I'm not sure I've ever seen so many horses at an event that looked so thrilled to be out and about. We definitely need to thank Fred Burks for organizing the day so folks could enjoy our new hunt territory (and jump some sparkling new coops!).

For volunteering their time for the day Rockbridge Hunt would like to thank: Louise Golian and Cindy Morton for doing the flyer which got mailed; Cindy, Barb Burks and Carol Atwood handled the registration; Paula Ursoy and Jean Taylor prepared exceedingly tasty and exquisitely presented luncheon; Laura Jarvis supplied the tent, tables and chairs, and helped serve the food and helped with clean-up; Jake Burks and Sandra Worthy recorded the times at the finish line; Kathy Conner was the starter and removed the trail markers after everyone had gone home; Rockbridge Co. High School FFA members manned the gates and controlled traffic in the lane (which was a critical job for those of us driving against the flow of horse trailers); Jerry Hall who is Heather Hamilton's fiancée also helped to control traffic flow; David Bolen and Lauren Keating rode the course to determine the "optimum times" for each division and finally Pete Whitcock helped mark the course.

Fred Burks reports that he is glad it is over!

Hunter Pace Results:

Pleasure (1 hour 25 minutes optimum time)

1. Andy and Joy Watkins (Rockbridge Hunt)
2. Nancy Braier and Paulette Olsheim (none)
3. Tom and Barbara Debevoise (Rockbridge Hunt)
4. Donna Smith and Teresa Smallwood (none)
5. Grace and Rebecca Tilson (Rockbridge Hunt)
6. Jean Taylor and Susan Guard (Rockbridge Hunt/none)

Hilltopper (1 hour, 54 minutes optimum time)

1. Andrea Howes and Stephanie and Chelsea Surprenant (none)
2. Elizabeth Gathright and Rebecca Birnbaum (Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club/none)
3. Richard Ford and Melody Jones (Rockbridge Hunt/none)
4. Suzie Jenkins and Kathy Kuhlmann (Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club)
5. Lynn Beegle and Haley Goffigan (Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club)
6. Paige and Cate Sprinkle (Smith Mountain Hounds)

Nonseries Optimum (1 hour, 30 minutes optimum time)

1. Terry Impson and David Lynn-Overby (Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club/Bull Run Hunt)
2. John and Amy Guthrie and George Cabeen (Smith Mountain Hounds)
3. Louise Golian and Jacque Battle (Rockbridge Hunt/none)
4. Diane Long and Judy Mundy (Rockbridge Hunt)
5. Heather Hamilton, Maria Ellen Moore and Beverly Burks (RH/none/RH)
6. Larry and Sally Mann (none)

Series Optimum (1 hour, 30 minutes optimum time)

1. Kevin and Brenda Baird (Rockbridge Hunt)

Calendar

Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace – Sunday November 25th (rain date December 2nd)
Farmington Hunt Club Ball – Saturday December 29th (978-1319)
Rockbridge Hunt Ball – Saturday February 23
Glenmore Hunt Ball – Saturday March 9th
Glenmore Hunt Spring Hunter Pace – April 20th
Derby Day Fun Hound Show – Saturday March 4th
Virginia Hound Show – Sunday May 26th

Executive Committee News

I hear through the grapevine that a new roof has been installed on the hunt lodge. The original wood shingle roof held up pretty well as original equipment but the executive committee decided to replace it with aspestis shingles. They report that they could get it done for quite the resonable price since the roof is so simple. Look up next time you are at the Tex Tilson Lodge!

I also hear that some very necessary work has been done on the huntsman's house.

Endurance Ride Report

I have not received the results for the endurance ride, but I can report that the food end went pretty well. Blair Jones was in charge of converting 80 pounds of raw chicken pieces to a 'grilled' form using that wonderful charcoal grill that Popeye Mundy made for us a number of years ago. Karen Zollman did the breakfast again which is probably more appreciated by the grooms than competitors (I hear you eat light riding in one of these things), and she also helped with all the other meals too. Erica Jones invented soups, salads and corn bread. Judy Mundy, Diane Long and Doreen Tansey (who was not even a member at that time!) made somewhere close to 35 lunches for the folks working on Sunday (people sitting gates, judges, scribes, management, vets, etc etc). Viola Wise was in charge of deserts and she cleverly drafted Jan Keener to help her. Jean Taylor and Viola and Erica chopped up fresh fruit for mixed salad which was quite popular. Jean also brought an amazingly pretty cake which we brought out at the Sunday dinner. Kay Morton brought a wonderful corn and bean salad for Saturday which also was very popular. And finally, Cindy Morton was seen in the kitchen Sunday morning helping to peel vegetables for soup.

If I forgot anyone, my humble apologies. I know someone got drafted to go wash dishes Saturday, but I don't remember who that was!

Hunt Week

We had 40 Rockbridge Hunt members at the final meet of Hunt week on Sunday October 21st at Broadview. Hounds opened great on turkeys in that first patch of woods at Harris's. I had a woman from Loudon West riding with me – she said she had never seen so many turkeys in one place.

Hounds also ran briefly on a fox and put him into a wood pile. This was the same gray fox we've run out before, between the white gate and Alan's cabin.

The breakfast was very very well done. We had lots of kielbasa or bratworst which were boiled in beer ahead of time and then heated them on grills. Jean Taylor also made bunches of stuff including hound and horse and horseshoe cookies - they were adorable.

Cindy Morton

Hunt Ball 2002

SAVE THE DATE... FEBRUARY 23, 2002!

Yes, the Hunt Ball will be here before we know it. Please be thinking of unique auction items to donate for our silent auction. The auction is our main source of revenue (not ticket sales) for the evening. Also be thinking of people to bring with you. The Ball is open to everyone, not just Hunt members (or even prospective ones). The more people we have in attendance, the more we can potentially make on our auction.

Dee Roberts and his Orchestra will be performing. Please plan to attend and reap the benefits of the Ball!

If you have any questions please contact Pam Moskal (540) 989-3182

Get ready for fall

Do not forget that horses participating in organized fox hunts (yes, sometimes we do not appear to be totally organized, but still...) need to have a current coggins on hand (taken within the last 12 months). Also riders are required to have a Virginia hunting license.

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