



**Rockbridge Hunt
Fall Hunter Trials
Sunday, September 24, 2006
1:00 p.m.**



Broadview Ranch, Lexington, VA

As is traditional in Virginia, our Hunter Trials are designed to give opportunities for: field hunters to show their expertise, prospective hunters to gain experience, show ring hunters to get out into the field, and eventers to practice cross-country.

Courses will consist of logs, coops and other natural and inviting fences commonly found in the hunting field set in gently rolling pastures. Horse will be judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds. There will be two separate courses running at the same time, each with their own judge.

- First flight courses will be not more than 8 fences 2'6" to 3' in height
- Second flight courses will be not more that 8 fences 18" to 2'3" in height
(see Class 23 for the Extreme Handy Hunter course)

Schooling allowed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Must be entered to school – No one allowed on the course without a number

** Hunt Challenge - Lee Jarvis Perpetual Trophy awarded to the Hunt with the most points of the day **
Call the Rockbridge Hunt line for inclement weather decisions 540-462-1113

**1st Flight Class Schedule
Classes begin at 1:00 p.m.**

- 1. Warm Up** – Open to all horses and ponies. Judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds.
- 2. Working Hunter** – Open to all horses and ponies. Judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds.
- 3. Green Working Hunter** – Open to horses and ponies in their first or second year of hunting or showing. Judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds.
- 4. Pairs** – Two riders will be asked to jump abreast and change leaders. Judged on fluidity, synchronization and teamwork as well as performance, manners, suitability and way of going.
- 5. Hunt Teams** – Teams of three horses to be shown over a course of jumps, will be asked to jump abreast and change leaders. Judged on fluidity, synchronization and teamwork as well as performance, manners, suitability and way of going.
- 6. Handy Hunter** – To be shown over a course simulating hunt country. May be asked to trot a fence, gallop, stand, back, cross water and accept a stirrup cup. Judged on the horse's ability to be a safe, reliable and pleasant mount under more challenging conditions.
- 7. Field Hunter** – Open to horse and rider combinations who are currently members of a recognized hunt and are regularly and fairly hunting. Judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds.
- 8. Children's Hunter** – Open to riders 18 years of age and under as of December 31, 2005. Judged on suitability as a mount to hounds with an emphasis on steadiness, safety and manners.
- 9. Adult Hunter** – Open to non-professional adults. Judged on suitability as a mount to hounds with an emphasis on steadiness, safety and manners.
- 10. Equitation** – Open to all riders. Judged on position, seat, and effectiveness of aids.
- 11. Master's Class** – Must participate in Master's Class o be eligible for Championships and Reserve. Open to 1st and 2nd place horse/rider combination from classes 1-10. Riders to follow a Field Master simulating fox hunting conditions. May be asked to perform additional tasks at the judges discretion. Judged on safety, performance, manners and suitability as a mount to hounds. Prize money: 1st place \$20 – 2nd place \$15 – 3rd \$10 – 4th \$8 – 5th \$5 – 6th \$4.

**1st Flight Championship & Reserve Adult and
1st Flight Championship & Reserve Junior** to be awarded at the conclusion of the Master's Class.

See Class 23: **Extreme Handy Hunter** on the next page

**2nd Flight Class Schedule
Classes begin at 1:00 p.m.**

- 12. Buddies Warm Up** – Intended for inexperienced horse and/or riders. A pair of horses to run the course, with only the second horse to be judged. The first horse to act as leader with coaching allowed. Judged on safety, reliability and manners. Entry fee for judged horse only.
- 13. Warm-Up** – Open to all horses and ponies. Judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds.
- 14. Buddies over Fences** – Intended for inexperienced horses and/or riders. A pair of horses to run the course with only the second horse to be judged. The first horse to act as leader, with coaching allowed. Judged on safety, reliability, and manners. Entry fee for judged horse only.
- 15. Green Working Hunter** – Open to horses and ponies in their first or second year of hunting or showing. Judged on performance, manners, suitability and way of going as a mount to hounds.
- 16. Pairs** – Two riders will be asked to jump abreast and change leaders. Judged on fluidity, synchronization, and teamwork as well as performance, manners, suitability and way of going.
- 17. Hunt Teams** – Teams of three horse to be shown over a course of jumps, will be asked to jump abreast and change leaders. Judged on fluidity, synchronization, and teamwork, as well as performance, manners, suitability and way of going.
- 18. Handy Hunter** – To be shown over a course simulating hunt country. May be asked to trot a fence, gallop, stand, back, cross water and accept a stirrup cup. Judged on the horse's ability to be a safe, reliable and pleasant mount under more challenging conditions.
- 19. Children's Hunter** – Open to riders 18 years of age and under as of December 31, 2005. Judged on suitability as a mount to hounds with an emphasis on steadiness, safety and manners.
- 20. Adult Hunter** – Open to non-professional adults. Judged on suitability as a mount to hounds with an emphasis on steadiness, safety and manners.
- 21. Equitation** – Open to all riders. Judged on position, seat and effectiveness of aids.
- 22. Hilltoppers** – Must participate in Hilltoppers Class to be eligible for Championship and Reserve. Open to 1st and 2nd place horse/rider combinations from classes 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Riders to follow a Field Master simulating foxhunting conditions with NO jumps. Judged on safety, reliability, manners, and suitability as a mount to hounds. Prize money: 1st place \$20 – 2nd place \$15 – 3rd \$10 – 4th \$8 – 5th \$5 – 6th \$4.

**2nd Flight Championship & Reserve Adult and
2nd Flight Championship & Reserve Junior** to be awarded at the conclusion of the Hilltoppers Class.

See Class 23: **Extreme Handy Hunter** on the next page

23. Extreme Handy Hunter Class – To be run concurrently with 1st and 2nd Flight classes. Entries may self schedule between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to work around other classes. To be judged separately by experience foxhunters. Suitable for both 1st and 2nd Flight entries. Examples of tasks on the course: cross a ditch, back up a hill, walk through scattered poles simulating downed timbers, walk past a barnyard animal (may not be available during schooling period), carry a raincoat, walk a narrow path between hay bales, walk over a log, trot over a log, open and close a gate, swing a whip while mounted, stand while whip is cracked by judge... Extra credit: Dismount – pick up an object – remount while holding object – mounting block will be available. No penalty for unsuccessful attempts at extra credit.

Hunter Trial Conditions:

- Six ribbons awarded in each class
- 1st Flight Championship and Reserve Junior and 1st Flight Championship and Reserve Adult to be determined by points in classes 1 – 11 and 23 (class 11 required)
- 2nd Flight Championship and Reserve Junior and 2nd Flight Championship and Reserve Adult to be determined by points in classes 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 (class 22 required)
- Juniors are 18 years of age and under as of 12/31/05.
- Correct hunt or show tack and attire is appreciated. Judges may waive jackets in the event of extreme heat. Safety hard hat is required. ASTM-approved helmet required for juniors.
- Judges to be determined.
- Current negative Coggins test required – no exceptions.
- All dogs must be on a leash.
- Light concessions will be available.
- A liability release must be signed by any person riding in a Rockbridge Hunt event. Persons under the age of 18 must have the release signed by a PARENT or GUARDIAN. The waiver may be downloaded from rockbridgehunt.org .
- Program printable at rockbridgehunt.org .
- Show managers Terry Whitmore 540-460-3052 and Carol Atwood 540-463-1000.
- Entry fee is \$15 per class – all post entries. Make checks payable to The Rockbridge Hunt.

Timetable

1st Flight Course	2nd Flight Course	Extreme Handy Hunter
10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Schooling allowed	10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Schooling allowed	10:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Schooling allowed
1:00 p.m. 1 st Flight Begins – Classes 1 – 11	1:00 p.m. 2 nd Flight Begins – Classes 12 - 22	1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Class 23

Anyone who is interested in foxhunting or who would like to be added to **The Rockbridge Hunt** mailing list contact:
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Visit rockbridgehunt.org
 September 3 “Introduction to Foxhunting” program
 November 12 Fall Hunter Pace

Directions:

From Lexington & further North:

I-81 South to I-64 West
 Take 1st exit off I-64, Exit 55 to Lexington
 Go left on Rt. 11 South. Proceed thru 3 traffic lights
 Cross bridge over Maury River, road forks so stay to left onto Rt. 11 Bypass
 At next light continue straight onto Rt. 251 (Link Road). Proceed 5 miles
 Cross bridge over Buffalo Creek & turn left onto Cedar Hill Church Road (Rt. 675)
 Go 1 mile
 At “T” (no stop sign) turn right onto Zollmans Mill Road
 Go 1/10th mile, road ends at Broadview Ranch.
 Follow signs for parking

From West of Lexington

I-64 East Take Exit 55 to Lexington, then follow
 “From Lexington & further North” directions

From East of Lexington

I-64 West Take Exit 55 to Lexington then follow
 “From Lexington & further North” directions

From Natural Bridge & South of Lexington

I-81 North to Rt. 11 North/Natural Bridge exit 180
 At top of exit ramp turn left onto Rt. 11 North
 Travel ~ 7 miles and turn left at the Rt. 11 bypass/Rt 251 intersection (traffic light). Proceed 5 miles
 Cross bridge over Buffalo Creek & urn left onto Cedar Hill Church Road (Rt. 675)
 Go 1 mile
 At “T” (no stop sign) turn right onto Zollmans Mill Road
 Go 1/10th mile, road ends at Broadview Ranch.
 Follow signs for parking

****WARNING**** Internet directions may take you over roads
 unsuitable for horse trailers