



The Rockbridge Hunt was established in 1947 just south of Lexington. We offer a unique blend of excitement, pageantry, and camaraderie. As Virginians have done for over 200 years, riders of all ages and abilities mount their horses and follow our award-winning hounds through some of the most beautiful territory in the country. "The thrill of the chase" is our objective – foxes are not hunted to kill, but rather to allow their escape for future encounters. Tailgating usually follows each hunt, giving everyone time to enjoy the company of fellow riders and guests. The members of the Rockbridge Hunt invite you to come and ride and become part of a Virginia tradition.



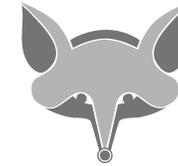
To come and hunt with us, contact:

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Foxhunting with the
Virginia Gentleman Tailgate



Saturday, April 2, 2011
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Virginia Horse Center

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Foxhunting with Rockbridge Hunt is an experience in good horsemanship, friendship, and enjoyment of the outdoors. The activity with horse and hound is an exciting seek-and-chase sport adhering to codes of conduct established by the Masters of Foxhounds Association.

We hunt on Wednesday afternoons, Saturdays, and occasional by-days at various locations in Rockbridge County. A Virginia small game hunting license is required. Your mount requires a current negative Coggins test.

When possible, three fields (riding groups) will be organized and led by a field master for every hunt. The first field follows the staff and hounds over fences at a speed dictated by prevailing trail conditions. The second field will ride at a pace to generally keep up with the first field but forego jumping. A third or hill-topping group is enjoyed by riders desiring a quiet, peaceful pace without jumping.

The hunting season begins in early fall with “cubhunting” which is used to educate young hounds and horses. Attire is informal during the cubhunting season. The formal hunting season starts with the Opening Meet near the first of November and continues through the end of March. Attire is formal for Saturday hunts and informal for Wednesday hunts. A scheduled hunt breakfast or an informal tailgate may follow a hunt, weather and daylight permitting.

Foxhunting takes place in open and wooded country where unexpected challenges often occur. A statement acknowledging the dangers of foxhunting and waiving liability to the Rockbridge Hunt, members, and landowners must be signed by each member, guest, and visitor before hunting. Guests are welcome. Each guest will pay a capping fee (hunting fee for nonmembers) of \$50.00 per hunt. Visitors or guests are permitted to cap no more than three times in any hunting season.

Visitors may call the Master or Secretary for an invitation to hunt and directions to the meet. Previous foxhunting experience is not required, but expect a polite exchange to ascertain suitability of your riding skills and fitness of your horse.

Pony Club members in good standing may hunt with permission of the Pony Club DC and when accompanied by an adult. Capping fee is waived for Rockbridge Hunt Pony Club members.

Foxhunting with the *Virginia Gentleman* Tailgate

Menu

Virginia Gentleman Bourbon-glazed Ham
for sandwiches

Berry Salad

Potato Salad

Devilled Eggs



Brownies with *Virginia Gentleman*
Chocolate Frosting

Minted *Virginia Gentleman*
Chocolate & Walnut Pie

Virginia Gentleman Bourbon Balls

To Drink:

Virginia Gentleman Bourbon
Foxmoor Chardonnay, *Fox Horn* Pinot Grigiot
Matthew Fox Merlot

Port, Sherry, beer, soda & bottled water