



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* August 28, 2015

1. Work Days! Thank you, thank you, thank you to our hard-working volunteers who have come out on our many work days this month. We've been fighting back the spring and summer growth, clearing away the deadfall, and getting the Huntsman's House ready for new tenants.

Thank you to the following:

Saturday, August 1 at The Hunt, Inc: Hugh Brown, David Conner, Lu Dooley, Kathy Munsey, and Rebecca Tilson.

Saturday, August 8 at Broadview: Rebecca Tilson, Bob Richardson, Cindy Morton, Diane Long, Liz Hall, David Conner, and Hugh Brown.

Saturday, August 15 at The Hunt, Inc: Alex Bobbitt, Hugh Brown, David Conner, Lu Dooley, Diane Long, Cindy Morton, Bob Richardson, Rebecca Tilson, and Lynn Williams. Laura Jarvis provided lunch for the team.

Sunday, August 16 at the Huntsman's House and the Tex Tilson Lodge: Kathy Eichelberger, Louise Golian, Laura Jarvis, Lauren Keating, Diane Long, Valerie Mann, Cindy Morton, Nick Niece, and Ann Carol Perry.

Saturday, August 22 at Broadview: Bob Richardson, Kathy Munsey, Cindy Morton, Diane Long, and Alex Bobbitt.

Monday, August 24 at the Huntsman's House: Laura Grantham, Laura Jarvis, and Valerie Mann.

Special thanks to Laura Jarvis and Valerie Mann who have each done a ton of work on the Huntsman's House independently of the work days.

Special thanks to Alex Bobbitt who has been doing his best to keep the grass mowed at the Tex Tilson Lodge this summer. And grateful thanks to Pete Holladay for all his work on the grounds at The Hunt, Inc. and to Joe and Katharine Conner for much behind-the-scenes trail clearing this summer.

2. Kick-off Party. The Executive Committee is busy making plans for our annual party to kick-off the hunting season on **Saturday, September 12**, at the Tex Tilson Lodge. At 4:00 PM there will be a guided tour of the kennels by our Huntsman, David Conner, with the new foxhound puppies on hand for viewing. At 5:00 PM there will be activities and a picnic at the Tex Tilson Lodge. Activities will include a select silent auction, hound sponsorship, plus yard games and more!

3. Hound Sponsorship. We are hopeful that many of our Rockbridge Hunt members and friends will consider choosing and sponsoring a hunting hound this year. Throughout the year our hounds must be fed, vaccinated, given flea preventative treatments and receive medical attention. Even with the extensive veterinary care provided without cost by Dr. Lauren Keating, we can expect to spend over \$330 on each hound. The importance of hound sponsorship cannot be overstated. Your contributions are vital to the well being of our pack. We will have a hound sponsorship table at our Kick-Off party on September 12. Sponsorship for an entire year is \$150, or \$75 for a half year. Many of us like to sponsor the same hound year after year and if that is your wish please contact Valerie Mann by September 1st to renew sponsorship of “your” hound. (mannsale@aol.com or 540-580-6614). The list of hounds available for sponsorship can be found here:

<http://rockbridgehunt.org/?Title=Hounds&lastMenu=Home.Foxhunting&Menu=Home.Foxhunting.Hounds>

Very special thanks to Dr. Lauren Keating for many years of dedicated and generous veterinary care of our pack. And thank you to Dr. Brent Hall for agreeing to take over the hounds’ care from Lauren this summer.

4. Opening Meet. Mark your calendar now for our Opening Meet – **Saturday, October 31 at 8:00 AM** at The Hunt, Inc. This will be an extra special meet as it will be a joint meet with our friends from the Glenmore Hunt as well as our day to host Virginia Hunt Week. Our breakfast team of Valerie Mann, Sue Charlton and Laura Grantham have already started making plans. They’ll need lots of help, so please be ready to volunteer when the call goes out.

5. Virginia Hunt Week. October 16-31, 2015. The organizers of Virginia Hunt Week, including our own Cindy Morton, are hard at work planning this year’s hunting extravaganza. The revised dates are October 16-31. Here is the schedule which is also available at www.vahuntweek.org.

Virginia Hunt Week 2015 schedule

Friday, October 16	Commonwealth Foxhounds
Saturday, October 17	Deep Run Hunt
Sunday, October 18	Stonewall Hounds
Monday, October 19	Bedford County Hunt
Tuesday, October 20	Casanova Hunt
Wednesday, October 21	Shopping!
Thursday, October 22	Bull Run Hunt
Friday, October 23	Old Dominion Hounds
Saturday, October 24	Rappahannock Hunt
Sunday, October 25	Caroline Hunt
Monday, October 26	Keswick Hunt
Tuesday, October 27	Farmington Hunt
Wednesday, October 28	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt
Thursday, October 29	Middlebrook Hounds
Friday, October 30	Glenmore Hunt
Saturday, October 31	Rockbridge Hunt

6. Are you licensed to Hunt? Remember to get a new Virginia Hunting License before the start of hunting season. We recommend that you get a statewide license if you plan to attend joint meets away from home. You can purchase licenses several ways:

On-line at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/>

By telephone: 1-866-721-6911 (available Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM, except **holidays**)

In person at local license agents located around the Commonwealth. Licenses are also sold by some clerks of the Circuit Court.

7. Important Reminders!

•**Insurance, waivers, and helmets!** The new year has started for us – so that means new waivers are needed for everyone. For insurance purposes, it is *critical* that any member or guest riding at The Hunt, Inc. have a signed waiver on file with the Secretary. There is a box with waivers on the mounting block in The Hunt, Inc. parking lot. We will also have waiver forms available at summer events and work days. If you are not sure if your guest has a current waiver, you may check with the Secretary, Hugh Brown, or just sign a new one. Protective headgear is required for trail riding and all Rockbridge Hunt riding events. Thank you!

•**Waivers for Juniors.** If you are bringing a junior rider (under 18) to a fundraising ride or to hunt with us, please make sure that they bring a waiver with them signed by their parent or legal guardian. Thank you!

8. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, August 29	Work Session at Broadview (call the Hunt line)
Saturday, September 12	*Kick-off Party at the Tex Tilson Lodge
Sunday, September 13	Volunteers' Hunt at The Hunt, Inc.
Wednesday, September 16	First Day of Cubbing Season
Saturday, September 26	Western Day at Broadview
Sunday, September 27	*Fall Poker Ride at Broadview
October 16-31	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, October 31	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds
Saturday, November 21	*Fall Hunter Pace at The Hunt, Inc.
Saturday, February 6, 2016	*Rockbridge Hunt Ball at the Natural Bridge Hotel
Wednesday, May 12, 2016	Annual Meeting
	*Fundraising events

9. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, September 5	Maury River <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Virginia Horse Center
Saturday, September 5	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Cherry Hill Farm
Sunday, September 6	Warrenton <i>Horse Show</i> – Foxhunter Exhibition classes and Hunt Night
Friday, September 11	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>cubbing season begins</i>
Saturday, September 12	Glenmore Hunt <i>cubbing season begins</i>
Saturday, September 12	Bedford County Hunt Dog Days <i>Festival</i>
Sunday, September 13	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Maceland Farm, Chatham
Wednesday, September 16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>cubbing season begins</i>
October 17-25	Virginia Hunt Week (tentative)
Tues-Sun. October 20-25	Washington International <i>Horse Show</i>
Saturday, October 24	Stonewall Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 31	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, November 7	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Sunday, November 8	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, November 14	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 15	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Thursday, November 26	Keswick Hunt <i>Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, March 19, 2016	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>

10. The Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound is archived on the RH website under Newsletters in the Archive section. You can also access copies by logging into Google or Google Groups and read stuff from the Friends list. If you don't have a Google account, it's easy to create one using the same email address that you use for the Friends list.

As always, if you have feedback or suggestions for the Executive Committee, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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