



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* February 26, 2015

“Fox-hunting, with its difficult science, its ritual, its hardness, is the one thing that stands alone in life for those who love it—the one thing that cannot be shared or halved, and if the spice of it live in you, never can you lack forgetfulness of all else in life beside it. ”

From Taking Chances by M. J. Farrell (Molly Keane)

1. Rockbridge Hunt Ball. Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with this major event. Whether you were on the organizing committee, bought a ticket, brought a friend, made a donation, or bought an item in the silent auction, every contribution made a difference!

Grateful thanks to our small, hard-working hunt ball committee that included:

Organizer: Rebecca Tilson

Invitations & Slide Show: Hugh Brown

Band arrangements: Kathy Eichelberger

Subscriptions and seating arrangements: Terry Whitmore

Menu: Rebecca Tilson, Carol Atwood, and Terry Whitmore

Decorations: Anne Layman, Beth Pappas, Charlotte Sandy, Jean Taylor, Peggy Crosson, Carol Lueder, Hugh Brown, and Rebecca Tilson

Silent Auction: Carol Lueder, Laura Jarvis, Cindy Morton, and Hugh Brown

While the price of the subscription covers the cost of the dinner and ballroom, the Silent Auction is what gives us the profit to help feed the hounds and fund the hunt. Very special thanks to our many Silent Auction Donors: Anna Alford, Sandy Anderson, Bedford County Hunt, Blue Ridge EquineClinic, Hugh Brown & Joe Manning, Mary Buck Bryant, Casanova Hunt, Center of Gravity, Alicia Daily, Lu & Ed Dooley, Dover Saddlery, Duke's Antique Center, Lois Farmer, Luke &, Catherine Fleishman, Liz & Brent Hall, Anne Howard, Kathy Hughes, Bernard & Candi Hylton, Laura Jarvis, Cindy Jones, Erica & Blair Jones, Diane Long, Carol Lueder & Fair Chase, Inc., Sally & Larry Mann, Valerie & John Mann, Gary Mantello, Anne McClung, Omni Homestead, Beth Pappas, Frederique Poulain, Beverly Purswell, Rockbridge Farmers Co-op, Rockbridge Hunt, Charlotte Sandy, Saddles N Stuff, Cynthia & Terry Secker, Shenandoah Framing, Lola Shepherd, Stone Bridge Equestrian Center, The Southern Inn, Jean Taylor, Virginia Born & Bred, Kristin Waters, Joy Watkins, and Lynn & Joe Williams.

And special thanks to the following for financial support of the ball: Laura Arnold, Claudia Campbell, Cathi Grove, Doris Moses (Bedford County Hunt), and Louise Sterrett.

2. Closing Meet. Saturday, March 21 at 2:30 PM, cookout to follow the hunt.

Save the date! Our Closing Meet is coming up in just a few weeks. Lynn Williams has graciously agreed to coordinate the cookout following the hunt. Bring something for the grill. BYOB. Cost is \$10 per Rockbridge Hunt member unless you have pre-arranged to bring food or volunteer in some other way. Invitations and more details coming soon. We hope to see you there!

3. Free Equestrian Educational Event. March 25th to the Virginia Horse Center

Topics:

Rehabbing the Right Way-presented by Dr.Steve Trostle, DVM, ACVS, ACVSMR & Dr. Tracy Norman, DVM, ACVIM, [Blue Ridge Equine Clinic](#). Almost every horse owner faces a time when his/her horse requires rehabilitation from injury or illness. Attention to detail can make a big difference in your horse's outcome. Best practices in equine rehab will be covered by Dr.Trostle, board certified by the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Dr.Norman, a board certified Equine Internal MEdicine Specialist.

Equine Botulism-presented by Joe Lyman, DVM, MS-Neogen Corporation. Do you know the symptoms of equine botulism? Is every horse at risk? How can you protect your horse from this potentially fatal illness? Dr.Lyman's presentation on botulism will focus on clinical signs and risk factors of this dangerous disease, as well as prevention.

We will have a table set up for attendees to display flyers, business cards, etc for any equine related organizations and events.

Thank you to our sponsors! Neogen, Merck Animal Health, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Purina, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/780696448684235/>

FREE door prizes, FREE dinner, & strategies to keep your horse healthy!

PLEASE RSVP by March 18th to 540 460 5702 or anne@blueridgeequine.com

4. Wall Calendars. It's not too late! Louise Golian has a few of our annual Rockbridge Hunt wall calendar left. She will have copies at upcoming meets and events. Contact Louise to reserve yours (540-377-9409, Louisegolian@aol.com) They are \$20 each. Thank you Louise!

5. Sedgefield Cup 2015. It's official! The dates have been set for the 2015 renewal of the Carolina Foxhound Performance Trial – “The Sedgefield Cup” – March 27-29, 2015. Detailed information is available on our website under the Events tab. Mark your calendar now for an exciting weekend of foxhunting and fellowship in North Carolina!

6. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, May 2

*Derby Day Hunter Pace at The Hunt, Inc.

Wednesday, May 13

Annual Meeting at the Tex Tilson Lodge at The Hunt, Inc.

Sunday, June 7

*Summer Poker Ride, West Airslie (location tentative)

Saturday, September 26

Western Day (tentative)

Sunday, September 27

*Fall Poker Ride (tentative)

Saturday, November 7

Opening Meet (tentative)

*Fundraising events

7. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, March 7	Bedford County Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 14	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunt Banquet</i> , Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton
Saturday, March 21	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Wednesday, March 25	Equestrian Educational Event, Virginia Horse Center
Fri. March 27-Sun. March 29	Carolina Foxhound Performance Trials, The Sedgefield Cup
Saturday, March 21	Farmington Hunt & Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i> , Farmington Country Club
Saturday, April 4	Maury River <i>Hunter Trials</i>
Saturday, April 18	Glenmore Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> (rain date 4/19)
Sunday, May 3	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Sweet Briar College
Sunday, May 24	Virginia <i>Foxhound Show</i> , Morven Park, Leesburg
Thurs May 28-Sun, May 31	Bull Run Hunt <i>Camping Weekend Trail Ride</i>
Saturday, June 6	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at The Cedars, Goode, VA
Saturday, June 20	Glenmore Hunt <i>Poker Ride</i>
Saturday, August 8	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Long Meadows Farm, Huddleston
Sunday, September 13	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , location TBA

8. 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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