



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* January 15, 2015

“He doth nothing but talk of his horse.”
~ William Shakespeare

1. Rockbridge Hunt Ball. The invitations are in the mail! We hope you are holding Saturday, February 7 for our annual gala! The extremely popular band Sound Express/Legacy is back so get your party clothes out and let's get ready to dance and raise money for the hounds and the Hunt!

Invitations. If you haven't received one or would like for someone you know to receive an invitation, please contact Hugh Brown with the name and address as soon as possible (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-886-6359).

The Natural Bridge Hotel has rooms available for \$70 plus tax. To make reservations, call 540-458-3766 and be sure to mention the Rockbridge Hunt Ball.

Silent Auction. Traditionally, we have a great Silent Auction at the Ball. If you would be willing to donate items for the auction, please contact Carol Lueder (shop@fchase.net, 540 463-9189) or Laura Jarvis (540-291-3186 or lwjarvis93@gmail.com). For those in the Roanoke area, you may drop auction items off at Kathy Eichelberger's veterinary hospital. It is located across from the Roanoke Civic Center, behind Sheetz. The name of the office is Animal Medical Associates. Her office number is 540-343-0193. We'd like to have auction items by **January 30** if at all possible in order to get them cataloged and bid sheets made.

Here are some suggestions for items:

Making things – cooking/baking, carpentry, sewing/crafting

Doing things – Build or paint, pet sitting, photograph, be a handyman. You'd be surprised how many people have things they want done or have planned to do, but life gets in the way.

Teaching things – Riding lessons, guitar/piano lessons, sports lessons (golf, tennis, etc.,) exercise classes.

Bringing things – Compost (manure) for a garden, wood for fireplace/woodstove, maybe you have a wonderful garden of flowers and could provide a nice arrangement monthly for a year.

Lending/Sharing things – Have a vacation home? a trail ride on your land or someone you know with a picnic after, tickets to a sports or entertainment event.

Planning something – A private dinner at your home for six, or make it a cooking class with a meal after, this could be a fun package to plan with a few other members.

Ask for something – Is there a shop or restaurant you frequent and enjoy? Would they donate an item or a gift certificate? How about lessons from someone you've learned from? How about a B&B or inn?

You don't have to have a date and you don't have to like to dance to have a blast at the ball! Come out to see old friends, meet some new ones, enjoy a great dinner, and spend a little money at the silent auction. If you like to dance, we have a great band lined up! Remember, guests are welcome at the Ball - the more the merrier!

2. Wall Calendars. Louise Golian has put together our annual Rockbridge Hunt wall calendar for 2015. She will have copies at upcoming events. Contact Louise to reserve yours (540-377-9409, Louisegolian@aol.com) They are \$20 each. Thank you Louise!

3. 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!

4. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, February 7, 2015 *Rockbridge Hunt Ball at the Natural Bridge Hotel
Saturday, May 2, 2015 *Derby Day Hunter Pace at The Hunt, Inc.
Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Annual Meeting at the Tex Tilson Lodge at The Hunt, Inc.
*Fundraising events

5. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, February 7, 2015 Sedgefield Hunt *Ball*
Saturday, February 7, 2015 Bull Run Hunt *Ball*
Saturday, March 7, 2015 Bedford County Hunt *Ball*
Saturday, March 21, 2015 Glenmore Hunt *Ball*
Fri. March 27-Sun. March 29 Carolina Foxhound Performance Trials, The Sedgefield Cup
Saturday, March 21, 2015 Farmington Hunt & Oak Ridge Fox Hunt *Ball*, Farmington Country Club
Saturday, April 4, 2015 Maury River *Hunter Trials*
Saturday, April 18, 2015 Glenmore Hunt *Hunter Pace* (rain date 4/19)
Sunday, May 24, 2015 Virginia *Foxhound Show*, Morven Park, Leesburg
Thurs May 28-Sun, May 31 Bull Run Hunt *Camping Weekend Trail Ride*

6. 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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