



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* July 31, 2015

1. Work Days! It's that time of year again! Our first workday is scheduled for tomorrow – August 1 at 9:00 AM at the Hunt, Inc. We'll meet at the barn. We have scheduled work days for every Saturday and some Sundays in August, so please plan to come to as many as you can. We'll have the usual trail clearing to do, as well as some jump maintenance, some painting at the Tex Tilson Lodge and in the Huntsman's House. Our long-time renters at the Huntsman's House are moving next month and we'll be looking for help in sprucing up the house before we look for new tenants. No matter what your talents or abilities, we'll find something for you to do, so please help out as much as you can. And remember – we have a special Volunteers Hunt scheduled for Sunday, September 13!

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. 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.

4. 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 tentative 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

5. 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!

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. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, August 1	Work Session, The Hunt, Inc. 9:00 AM
Saturday, August 8	Work Session
Saturday, August 15	Work Session
Saturday, August 22	Work Session
Saturday, August 29	Work Session
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
Sunday, September 27	*Fall Poker Ride
October 16-31	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, October 31	Opening Meet
Saturday, November 21	*Fall Hunter Pace (tentative)
Saturday, February 6, 2016	*Rockbridge Hunt Ball at the Natural Bridge Hotel
Wednesday, May 12, 2016	Annual Meeting
	*Fundraising events

8. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, August 8	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Long Meadows Farm, Huddleston Info here: www.bedfordcountyhunt.com
Saturday, August 8	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sat-Sun, August 15-16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Sat-Sun, August 22-23	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i>
Saturday, September 5	Maury River <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Virginia Horse Center

Saturday, September 12	Glenmore Hunt <i>cubbing season begins</i>
Sunday, September 13	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , location TBA Info here: www.bedfordcountyhunt.com
Wednesday, September 16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>cubbing season begins</i>
Fri-Sun. September 18-20	Rappahannock Hunt <i>Fall Foxhunting Invitational</i> Info here: www.rappahannockhunt.com
October 16-31	Virginia Hunt Week (tentative) Info here: www.vahuntweek.org
Saturday, October 31	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, November 7	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet</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>
Saturday, March 19, 2016	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>

9. 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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