



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* June 12, 2015

“Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.”
~ Cowboy saying

1. Poker Ride at West Airlie & Greenock Farms. Sunday, June 7. Our spring Poker Ride at West Airlie and Greenock Farms near Brownsburg was a great success. Riders were treated to a gorgeous course through woods and fields with spectacular views of the valley. One team of riders even had a view of a bear! As with any fundraising event, it takes a small army of volunteers to make it happen. Very special thanks to Louise Golian for spearheading this important event for us! Many, many thanks to the landowners who allowed us to ride on their beautiful farms, especially Dick & Sue Glenn at Greenock Farm and Scott & Kim Heslip at West Airlie. Big Rockbridge thanks to everyone who helped pull this ride together:

Organizer: Louise Golian

Trail Clearing & Jump Construction: Louise Golian, Cindy Morton, Bob Richardson,
Alex Bobbitt, and Hugh Brown

Course flagging: Katharine Conner, Cindy Morton, Louise Golian, Lucy Turner, Laura Jarvis,
and Hugh Brown

Registration: Carol Lueder and Sandy Collier

Gatekeepers: Sarah Palmer, Ray Collier, Joe Palermo, Gary Mantello, Marcy Molinaro,
Cindy Morton, Brian and Penny Ross

Location setup: Laura Jarvis and Hugh Brown

Special lunch pickup: Lu Dooley

Lunch Donors: Carol Lueder, Sally Mann, Hugh Brown, Kathy Munsey, Sue Charlton,
Brenda Ratcliff, Laura Grantham, Valerie Mann, Anne Howard, and Penny Ross

We also received several cash donations from members and friends and we are so grateful!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the Poker Ride! The best poker hands were collected by:

1st Prize - \$50 - Anna Alford - 4 Jacks

2nd Prize - \$40 - Arran Siebert - Full house

3rd Prize - \$30 - David Bolen - Flush

4th Prize - \$20 - Wesley Kyger - 2 pair

5th Prize - \$10 - Mandolin Whitten - Pair of Aces

6th Prize - \$5 - Tracey Smith-Oliver - Pair of Kings

Our next Poker Ride is scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at Broadview.

2. Virginia Hunt Week. October 17-25, 2015 – tentative. The organizers of Virginia Hunt Week, including our own Cindy Morton, are hard at work planning this year’s hunting extravaganza. The tentative dates are October 17-25. As dates and locations are firmed up, information will be posted online at www.vahuntweek.org.

3. Important Reminders!

•**Summer Trail Riding at The Hunt, Inc.** Rockbridge Hunt members have permission from many generous landowners to *hunt* on their property. This does not entitle any individuals to *trail ride* on private property. Rockbridge Hunt members can ride on much of the property at The Hunt, Inc. but you must know where the boundaries are and respect them. Many of our landowners do allow trail riding but not all of them do. When individuals ride on private property without permission, landowners are (justifiably) displeased. These situations are one of the main causes of permission to hunt being withdrawn. If you don't absolutely know for certain where you can ride and where you can't, please make arrangements to ride with someone who knows the territory. Most of the Executive Committee and the Hunt Staff know the property and will be happy to meet you and ride with you. Also, when trail riding at The Hunt, Inc., please be very *certain* that any dogs you have with you are under your control at all times.

•**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. If you signed a waiver at the Derby-Day Hunter Pace, Annual Meeting or the recent Poker Ride, you are set for 2015-16. We will also have new 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 head gear 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!

4. Fees for 2015-16. The Executive Committee set the following fees for the upcoming hunting season:

• **Capping Fees.** \$50 adult, \$25 junior (unchanged)

• **Seasonal Capping Fees.** We set the seasonal capping fee at \$300 for the year (\$200 for juniors). This will allow foxhunters who are full hunting members of other recognized hunt clubs unlimited hunting with us at home meets (joint meets away from home are excluded). The seasonal capping fee does not include any other membership privileges like trail riding at The Hunt, Inc. or voting.

• **Young Adult Seasonal Capping Fee.** We decided to continue our Young Adult Seasonal Capping Fee for this year. The cost is the same as the Student Membership fee (\$470). This is open to persons 18-23 years of age and offers unlimited capping for the current hunting season. Young Adult Seasonal Cappers do not have to be members of another hunt. They also are not extended membership privileges in the Rockbridge Hunt including voting and riding at The Hunt, Inc (except when accompanying a full member of the Hunt). The Young Adult Seasonal Capping Fee may be paid in a lump sum or by paying capping fees at each hunt until the total is reached.

• **Initiation Fees.** In order to continue to encourage new membership, we decided to again waive initiation fees for new members for the 2015-16 year. This would be a great time to bring new members into the Hunt!

• **Hound Sponsorship.** In order to keep up with the rising costs of feed and veterinary care, there will be a slight increase in amount for Hound Sponsorship this year. The amount will be \$150 for a full year sponsorship, \$75 for a half year. Valerie Mann will be coordinating the Hound Sponsorship program for us this year and she'll be starting that up very soon.

5. Rockbridge Hunt Belt Buckles. Our first order of belt buckles is nearly gone. We've sold all but one! If there is interest, we can order more. Treasurer Louise Golian plans to send in another order if enough people want the buckles. Because they are a fairly expensive item, \$70 each, she'll need to have money in hand before she will place the order. Please let Louise know as soon as possible if you would like one.

6. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee.

Hunting Terminology: **Stern** – The hound's tail.

*“Hounds in covert owned the line, over-ran it, pushed out of the undergrowth a few yards away, and streamed over the rabbit wire. They quested around busily, feet padding, **sterns** waving. One note sounded true again, then a second, then they were all on to it, crashing into cry like a jubilant peal of bells, like a creation hymn. The horn behind, short and urgent, called up the loiterers. Like thunder the field came galloping. And hounds were away, lightly as surf over the plough--into the field beyond--drunk with the scent they followed.”*

Excerpt from *Echoing Horn* by Moyra Charlton

7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, August 1	Work Session
Saturday, August 8	Work Session
Saturday, August 15	Work Session
Saturday, August 22	Work Session
Saturday, August 29	Work Session
Sunday, August 30	*Fundraising ride (tentative)
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 17-25	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, November 7	Opening Meet
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

Sat-Sun, June 20-21	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Sunday, June 28	Glenmore Hunt <i>Murder Mystery Ride</i> Info here: www.glenmorehunt.org
Sat-Sun, July 18-19	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
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
Sunday, September 13	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , location TBA Info here: www.bedfordcountyhunt.com

October 17-25	Virginia Hunt Week (tentative) Info here: www.vahuntweek.org
Saturday, October 24	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>

7. 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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