



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* May 15, 2015

“Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people.”
~W.C. Fields

1. Derby Day Hunter Pace. Saturday, May 2, 2015. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our spring fundraising ride a success. Special thanks to Diane Long and Lauren Keating for heading up the ride. It takes a village to pull off a successful event, so thanks you to all of our volunteers:

Course design and flagging: Cindy Morton & Katharine Conner

Trail clearing: Bob Richardson & Katharine Conner

Registration: Cindy Morton & Carol Lueder

Parking, Advertizing & Paperwork: Hugh Brown

Start, Finish & Timing: Louise Golian, Lauren Keating & Kathy Munsey

Lunch: Diane Long, Sue Oliver

Food & Drink Donors: Hugh Brown, Alice Bruno, Sue Charlton, Laura Grantham, Liz Hall, Laura Jarvis, Diane Long, Carol Lueder, Kathy Munsey, Sue Oliver, Rebecca Tilson. There were some last minute anonymous cookie donations – thank you to anyone we missed!

Course de-flagging: Cindy Morton, Katharine Conner, Laura Jarvis & Hugh Brown

2. Poker Ride at West Airlie. Sunday, June 7. We're very excited to be having the next fundraising ride at our most northern hunting fixture! Coordinator Louise Golian will be looking for volunteers *very* soon.

Note. The ride will go through West Airlie, but we'll be parking in a different location from where we park when hunting. Please use these directions for parking: ***Take I-81 to exit #200 (Fairfield exit). Turn West onto Sterrett Road, and proceed 1.2 miles to VDOT yard at Swope Lane. Turn Left onto Swope Lane. Go approx 1.7 miles to 783 Swope Lane. Turn Left into drive and follow signs to parking.***

3. Kennel News. This spring, we lost two of our trusty old warrior hounds – Clay and Cinder. Rockbridge Cinder 2007 and Rockbridge Clay 2007 were sibling sons of Rappahannock Kagney 2003 and Rockbridge Clever 2002. That litter of hounds was a great one for us both in terms of numbers and longevity – you may remember Chief and Cotton from that litter as well. Clever descends directly from hounds given to us by the legendary hound breeder Ben Hardaway of the Midland Fox Hounds (GA). Although Clever and her offspring are now gone, their bloodline continues strongly in our pack today. Cinder's sons Rockbridge Legend 2010 and Rockbridge Locksley 2010 (out of Rockbridge Laura 2008) are still hunting strong and have repeatedly represented us well at the Sedgefield Cup. Cinder's offspring from his mating with Rockbridge Omelet 2011 (Oddball, Otis, Otter, and Outlaw) just finished their first season hunting with us this spring. Cinder's final batch of pups, from his mating with Rockbridge Whisper 2011 (Willie, Widget, Wade, Winter, and Waffle), will be entered to hunt this fall. And now Legend is set to carry on the line. He and Rockbridge Relic 2011 produced a beautiful litter of puppies this spring (Rip, Ready, Rex, Rocky, and Raisin). If you walk or ride by the kennels you can see the growing puppies in the center run. We hope the blood of Clever and her sons will continue to infuse the pack with stamina and drive for many years to come.

4. Annual Meeting. Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM at the Tex Tilson Lodge at The Hunt, Inc.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting this week – 28 strong! If you missed the meeting, we discussed the ups and downs of the last year, approved the budget for the new year, discussed upcoming events, and elected officers and stewards. Gary Ponder is leaving the Executive Committee this year after many years of exemplary service. President Lauren Keating asked that all members thank Gary for all his hard work – especially in helping keep the property in such good repair. Valerie Mann is replacing Gary on the Executive Committee and we are grateful for her willingness to serve. The Executive Committee for 2015-16 will be:

- Lauren Keating, President
- Cindy Morton, MFH
- Louise Golian, Treasurer
- Hugh Brown, Hon. Secretary
- Kathy Eichelberger, Steward '13
- Rebecca Tilson, Steward '13
- Laura Jarvis, Steward '15
- Valerie Mann, Steward '15

5. The 56th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour. Saturday, May 23 - Sunday, May 24, 10 am - 5 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church will host its 56th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour in and around Upperville and Middleburg, Virginia Memorial Day weekend, May 23 & 24. This self-driven tour is from 10 am until 5 pm each day. Ticket prices are: Adults \$25/Advance, \$30 on each day, Children 12 and under are free. More info at: <http://www.trinityupperville.org/Hunt-Country-Stable-Tour/>

6. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

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| Sunday, June 7 | *Poker Ride at West Airslie |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Mid-October | 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

7. Other Hunt-related dates

Sat-Sun, May 16-17	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Saturday, May 23	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Tea-Time Farm Info here: http://oakridgefoxhuntclub.com/
Sat-Sun, May 23-24	Hunt Country Stable Tour, Upperville VA http://www.trinityupperville.org/Hunt-Country-Stable-Tour/
Sunday, May 24	Virginia <i>Foxhound Show</i> , Morven Park, Leesburg Info here: http://www.virginiafoxhoundclub.org/
Thurs May 28-Sun, May 31	Bull Run Hunt <i>Camping Weekend Trail Ride</i> Info here: http://www.bullrunhuntclub.com/
Saturday, June 6	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at The Cedars, Goode, VA http://bedfordcountyhunt.com/
Saturday June 6	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, June 6	Ride with Pride <i>Benefit Trail Ride</i> Info here: http://www.ridewithprideva.org/calendar.html
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
Sat-Sun, August 15-16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Sunday, September 13	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , location TBA
Mid-October	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, October 24	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, March 19, 2016	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>

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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