



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* November 13, 2015

“The hold that fox hunting has over its disciples is as frightening as it is fascinating.”
-Marigold Armitage from *A Long Way to Go*

1. Deer Season Blues? Have the deer season blues got you down? There are a couple of upcoming horse activities in the area. Check out:

Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace, Sunday, November 15 (Rain Date: Sun., Nov. 22). Welliver Farm (Arborhill Area). Grounds Open at 10 AM. Entries taken between 10 AM–12:30 PM. Start Times between 11 AM–1 PM. Lunch Available Noon –3:30 PM. For Weather Decisions or Changes call the Glenmore Hunt line the morning of the event **540-885-7004**. Detailed information, entry forms, and waivers are available on the Glenmore Hunt website: www.glenmorehunt.org.

Bedford County Hunt Fall Horse Show on Sunday, November 22, at the Randolph College Riding Center. The prize list is posted on their website, www.BedfordCountyHunt.com. For more information, you may contact Show Manager Kindra Kenny, at kkenny109@gmail.com. *Please note there was a class numbering error in the prize lists that were mailed out, but the prize list posted on our website is the correct one.*

2. Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. We had a great day for our Opening Meet which was a joint meet with the Glenmore Hunt as well as our day to host Virginia Hunt Week. There were over 40 riders in the field, including guests from the Glenmore Hunt, Bedford County Hunt (VA), Cloudline Hounds (TX), Loudoun-Fairfax Hunt (VA), and the Snickersville Hounds (VA). There were many more members and friends on hand to wish us well. Dr. Philip Parker (father of Hunt member Joy Watkins) gave us a lovely blessing to start the day. Congratulations to Caryn Switzer on being awarded her Rockbridge Hunt colors!

Thank you to our hard working staff - David Conner, Cindy Morton, Alex Bobbitt, Nancy Conner, Katharine Conner, Bob Richardson and Rebecca Tilson for giving us great sport! And special thanks to our field masters for the day: Joe Conner – 1st Flight, Terry Whitmore – 2nd Flight, and Diane Long – 3rd Flight. Following the hunt, we had a terrific breakfast in the Tex Tilson Lodge. A small army of people led by Valerie Mann and Sue Charlton worked hard to make the breakfast a memorable one. Very special thanks to:

Main Course & sides: Valerie Mann & Sue Charlton

Stirrup Cup: Hugh Brown

Lodge Set-up & Decoration: Hugh Brown, Carol Lueder, and Cathi Grove

Fire: Laura Jarvis

Our food & drink crew: Hugh Brown, Alice Bruno, Sue Charlton, Lu Dooley, Kathy Eichelberger, Lora Ellis, Cathi Grove, Anne Howard, Laura Jarvis, Lauren Keating, Carol Lueder, Valerie Mann, Cynthia Secker, Jean Taylor. There were several more folks who brought food and drink spontaneously – thank you all!!

Clean-up Crew: Sue Charlton, Candi Hylton, Valerie Mann

3. Poker Ride. Finally! After two rain cancelations, our fall Poker Ride at Broadview finally happened. Riders were treated to a beautiful, long course laid out by Bob Richardson on a gorgeous autumn morning. As with any fundraising event, it takes a small army of volunteers to make it happen. Very special thanks to Rebecca Tilson, Bob Richardson, and Louise Golian for spearheading this important event for us! Many, many thanks to the landowners who allowed us to ride on their beautiful farms. Big Rockbridge thanks to everyone who helped pull this ride together:

Organizers: Rebecca Tilson, Bob Richardson, Louise Golian

Course flagging & re-flagging: Bob Richardson and Rebecca Tilson

Registration: Carol Lueder, Cindy Morton, Hugh Brown

Start/Finish: Lu Dooley

Casino Master: Joe Palermo

Location & food setup: Hugh Brown

Lunch Donors: Laura Arnold, Hugh Brown, Alice Bruno, Laura Grantham, Liz Hall, Bernard & Candi Hylton, Laura Jarvis, Carol Lueder, Cindy Morton, Kathy Munsey, Cynthia & Terry Secker, and Rebecca Tilson.

Cleanup: Hugh Brown, Lu Dooley, Bob Richardson, Rebecca Tilson

Special thanks to Gary Mantello for being on standby to watch a gate for us. We didn't need him after all, but we appreciate the support!

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

4. Holiday Hunt Breakfasts. Carol Lueder has graciously volunteered to coordinate our Christmas hunt breakfast on December 12 and Lynn Williams has once again graciously volunteered to coordinate our New Year's Day breakfast. Both Carol and Lynn will be looking for lots of help, so please say "yes" when the call goes out. Thank you Carol and Lynn!

5. Wall Calendars. Last call for pictures! Louise Golian is hard at work on our annual Rockbridge Hunt wall calendar for 2016. She is looking for lots of new photos, so please share any you have with her as soon as possible – especially any high resolution pictures you may have. Louisegolian@aol.com

6. Rockbridge Hunt Belt Buckles. Our second order of belt buckles is nearly gone! Only three left! Get yours for \$70 from Louise Golian. Louisegolian@aol.com

7. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting Terminology:

Covert – (pronounced "cover") A patch of woods or brush where foxes are apt to be found.

Excerpt from *Taking Chances* by M. J. Farrell (pseudonym of Molly Keane), "Anthony" is the Huntsman.

"Anthony's distant back and infrequent voice were remote, and unactual to all those who had not, like him, the alert responsibility of finding and hunting a fox upon them. But of every yard his hounds drew Anthony was aware, a confident eye on an old reliable, a warning note of a youngster a shade unsteady, a hearty note in his voice for a keen young hound. And as the long notes on his horn drew them out of a covert drawn blank, his mind was casting on, busy with the details of the next draw on his list.

8. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, December 12	Christmas Meet & Breakfast
Friday, January 1	New Year's Meet & Breakfast
Saturday, February 6, 2016	*Rockbridge Hunt Ball
Saturday, May 7, 2016	*Rockbridge Hunt <i>Derby-Day Hunter Pace</i>
Wednesday, May 12, 2016	Annual Meeting
	*Fundraising events

9. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, November 14	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 15	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 22	Bedford County Hunt <i>Fall Horse Show</i>
Thursday, November 26	Keswick Hunt <i>Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, February 13, 2016	Keswick Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 12, 2016	Bedford County Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 19, 2016	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, March 20, 2016	Bull Run Hunt <i>Races</i>
Mon, Mar 21-Sat. March 26	Bull Run Hunt <i>March Madness</i>
Fri, Mar 25-Sun Mar 27	Carolina <i>Foxhound Performance Trial</i> , "The Sedgefield Cup"
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Bull Run Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, April 9, 2016	Glenmore Hunt <i>Spring Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, April 17, 2016	Maury River Hunter Trials, Penmerryl Farm, Greenville - New Location
Sunday, April 17, 2016	Loudoun Hunt Races with the Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial Side Saddle Race, Oatlands
Fri-Sun, April 22-24	MFHA Staff Seminar, Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, VA

10. 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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