



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* September 25, 2015

1. Western Day and Poker Ride postponed. Due to the dreadful weather forecast for the weekend, we are postponing the Western Day Hunt to Saturday, October 3 and the Poker Ride to Sunday, October 4.

2. Huntsman's House. The painting and cleaning is done! A big shout out to all who helped: Valerie Mann, Louise Gollan, Diane Long, Ann Carol Perry, Nick Niece, Lauren Keating, Cindy Morton, Laura Grantham, Kathy Eichelberger, Lu Dooley, Lynn Williams, and Anne Howard. A huge thank you is in order to Laura Jarvis who was there every step of the way —sometimes until 1 o'clock in the morning! In addition to painting and cleaning, she arranged and helped to have the fireplace inspected and repaired, new flooring installed, the plumbing repaired, all painting supplies procured, the lawn mowed and weed wacked and a new roof installed. What a team!!! ~Valerie Mann

3. Kick-off Party. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our annual Kick-Off Party a big success. Very special thanks to Valerie Mann and Laura Grantham for cleaning up the Tex Tilson Lodge for us. If you haven't seen the newly deep-cleaned and reorganized kitchen, don't miss it! Valerie used her organizing talents to whip the kitchen into shape. Thank you to Laura Jarvis and grandson Nick Niece for mowing and weed-eating. Alex Bobbitt also did a great deal of mowing at the lodge and kennels in preparation for the big day.

Thanks to Valerie Mann for coordinating our hound sponsorship program! At last count there are only seven hounds left that need sponsors - Phantom, Lacey, Otter, Wade, Waffle, Rip, and Rocky. If you haven't already, please consider sponsoring a hound for the year. Sponsorship for an entire year is \$150, or \$75 for a half year. Please contact Valerie if you would like to be a sponsor (mannsalem@aol.com or 540-580-6614).

Thank you to Carol Lueder and Laura Jarvis for coordinating our kick-off silent auction which raised over \$800 for the hounds! Thank you to our auction donors – Laura Grantham, Cathi Grove, Carol Lueder, Bill & Barbara Luton, Laura Jarvis, and Cynthia & Terry Secker.

Very special thanks to David Bolen for taking the hound's pictures to give to the sponsors and for donating the time and printing costs. And also grateful thanks to Lauren Keating and David Bolen for donating the BBQ and slaw for our party. It was an incredibly generous donation.

4. 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 & Roger 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. Invitations will be mailed in early October.

5. 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 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

6. Are you licensed to Hunt? Remember to get a new Virginia Hunting License before coming out to hunt. 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. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee.

Hunting terminology: All on – All hounds present and accounted for.

He was not going to have his first chance of a hunt for weeks spoiled by some thruster driving them on. It was as well that he took this precaution because his fox had run through some cattle-stain in the next field and hounds had to cast themselves before they picked it up again. And after that, for a bit, scent seemed patchy. . . .

So, slowly, curbing his own impatience, his desire to get forward, to interfere, he watched his pack unraveling the thread that was the fox's scent. Moran came alongside him.

"All on, sir," he said. Billy [hunter] nodded and stored in the back of his mind that Moran might be only a second horseman but he remembered the whip's first task and had carried it out.

Excerpt from *Mr. Merston's Hounds* by John Welcome

8. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, October 3	Western Day at Broadview – New Date!
Sunday, October 4	*Fall Poker Ride at Broadview – New Date!
October 16-31	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, October 31	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds
Saturday, February 6, 2016	*Rockbridge Hunt Ball at the Natural Bridge Hotel
Wednesday, May 12, 2016	Annual Meeting
	*Fundraising events

9. Other Hunt-related dates

Sunday, September 27	Bull Run Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, October 4	Keswick Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, October 11	Casanova Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
October 17-25	Virginia Hunt Week (tentative)
Saturday, October 17	Bull Run Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, October 18	Deep Run Hunter Pace at Mount Bernard
Sunday, October 18	Warrenton Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Tues-Sun. October 20-25	Washington International <i>Horse Show</i>
Saturday, October 24	Stonewall Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 31	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 1	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, November 7	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</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>
Thursday, November 26	Keswick Hunt <i>Blessing of the Hounds</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>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Bull Run Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26, 2016	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, April 17, 2016	Loudoun Hunt Races with the Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial Side-saddle Race, Oatlands

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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