



## Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* August 2, 2016

“If there is a more admirable and elevating sport than foxhunting, it has yet to be discovered.”  
~Winston Churchill

### **1. Fundraising Trail Ride. Saturday, August 13.** Broadview Ranch. Ride departs at 4:30 PM.

Guided trail ride of 1-1.5 hours with two groups: fast and slow; all jumps optional. All Riding Disciplines welcome! Bring your trail riding friends! **Entry fees (includes picnic/bbq dinner): \$25** Meal served after the ride, BYOB. Entry forms and waivers will be available online at: <http://rockbridgehunt.org>

Led by members who know the territory, this is a great opportunity to see our beautiful country while socializing and meeting new friends! No hunt experience necessary, Western/all disciplines very welcome. All horses/riders should be comfortable riding in hilly terrain. Fast group will walk, trot and canter/controlled gallop, jumping optional. Slow group will mostly walk, trot. This is a great way to meet new horse folks, see the scenery, start getting your hunt horse fit for cubbing, introduce a green horse to riding out with others, etc. Groups will be out around 1-1.5 hrs depending on the weather.

**2. Capital Campaign for GPS Hound Tracking Collars.** Very special thanks to our many generous donors for the tracking collars! The staff is hard at work learning to use the system in order to keep our hounds safer. Our donors for this important campaign are:

Joe & Katharine Conner  
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**3. Getting Ready to Hunt.** The start of hunting season is only about six weeks away now! The Executive Committee is working on plans for riding and social activities and our hunt staff is hard at work training the hounds for the upcoming season. Here are some things you can be doing now to get ready for the fall:

1. Buy a Hunting License. This is not optional, everyone must purchase and carry a current hunting license. See “Are you Licensed to Hunt” below for instructions.
2. Start legging up your horse – and yourself!
3. Make sure your Coggins is up to date, along with other vaccinations and worming.
4. Sign a waiver for the season.
5. Check your tack for wear and tear.
6. Check your trailer and towing vehicle - tire pressure and wear, electrical systems, etc.

**4. Summer Work.** It’s that time of year again! Our first work day is scheduled for **Saturday, August 6 at 8:00 AM at Broadview**. We can also pick up volunteers at 9:00 AM if you can’t make it at 8:00 AM. We’ll meet at the barn.

So far, we have scheduled work days for August 6 (Broadview), August 20 (Broadview) and August 27 (Hunt, Inc). We may add a couple of Sundays or a Saturday in September. The wet summer has given us plenty of trimming to do on the trails.

Advance skills are not necessary! If you can’t run a chainsaw, bring loppers. If you don’t do loppers, wear gloves and you can help drag the cuttings off the trail. All levels of skill and ability welcome! Just come. We’ll find something for everyone.

Not available on work days? We accept cash! We have had to pay for a good deal of chainsaw work and there will probably be more. We would welcome contributions toward those costs.

Want to work, but not on weekends? We would welcome teams of members doing trail clearing on alternate days – we just need to make arrangements with landowners to have you there. Please contact Cindy Morton if you want to schedule an alternate work party.

And remember – we have a special Volunteers Hunt scheduled for Sunday, September 11 for volunteers who help with trail clearing or who help with the maintenance of our lodge, barn, and kennels this summer.

Work day packing list: gloves, bug spray, protective clothing, hat, loppers or chainsaw (if you have them).

Thank you everyone! Let’s work together to get our hunt country in good shape for the start of hunting in September!

Many grateful thanks to members and friends who have come out for our work days so far this summer!

**July 13, Work Day at the Tex Tilson Lodge:** Laura Jarvis, Cathi Grove, Lauren Keating, Valerie Mann, Candy Hylton, Carol Lueder.

**July 20, Work Day at the Tex Tilson Lodge:** Laura Jarvis, Cathi Grove, Nick Neice (Laura’s grandson)

And extra special thanks to Pete Holladay for doing tons of mowing at The Hunt, Inc. and at the Tex Tilson Lodge!

**5. Kick-off Party.** The Executive Committee is busy making plans for our annual party to kick-off the hunting season on **Saturday, September 10**, 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!

**6. Hound Sponsorship.** We are hopeful that many of our Rockbridge Hunt members and friends will consider choosing and sponsoring a hunting hound this year. Throughout the year our hounds must be fed, vaccinated, given flea preventative treatments and receive medical attention. We can expect to spend over \$330 on each hound each year. The importance of hound sponsorship cannot be overstated. Your contributions are vital to the well-being of our pack. We will have a hound sponsorship table at our Kick-Off party on September 10. Sponsorship for an entire year is \$150, or \$75 for a half year. Many of us like to sponsor the same hound year after year and if that is your wish please contact Valerie Mann by September 1<sup>st</sup> to renew sponsorship of “your” hound. ([mannsalem@aol.com](mailto:mannsalem@aol.com) or 540-580-6614). The list of hounds available for sponsorship can be found here:

<http://rockbridgehunt.org/?Title=Hounds&lastMenu=Home.Foxhunting&Menu=Home.Foxhunting.Hounds>

Very special thanks to Dr. Brent Hall for taking over the hounds’ care this year.

**7. Opening Meet.** Mark your calendar now for our Opening Meet – **Saturday, November 5 at 2:30 PM** at The Hunt, Inc.

**8. Southern States Proof of Purchase Program.** For several years now, the Hunt has been collecting Southern States feed bag and supplements labels (we need the proof of purchase label). We get about 25 cents per label. Cindy Morton has graciously been coordinating this effort for us. Many members have been participating and it really does pay off. Since we started participating in the program, we have cashed in over \$3,000 in feed/supplement labels! Keep saving those Southern States proofs of purchase – any equine feed or supplement from Southern States – Triple Crown, Legends, etc. To make it even easier, there’s a collection box at the Tex Tilson Lodge for labels. Every label makes a difference!

**9. 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.

## **10. 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. There is a box with waivers on the mounting block in The Hunt, Inc. parking lot and on the hunt barn. 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 Hugh Brown or just sign a new one. We also *strongly encourage* everyone to wear approved helmets when riding. Thank you!

## 11. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology: Cubhunting

**Cubhunting** – The time spent hunting prior to Opening Meet, usually from mid-September to late October, used primarily to teach the young entry to hunt with the pack. Sometimes referred to as Autumn Hunting.

*Excerpt from **Diary of a Fox-Hunting Man** by Terence Carroll*

*“Cubs usually begin to explore outside their dens at six weeks old. In play, they ambush, stalk and pounce on each other as kittens do, and by the time they are three months old, are capable of hunting mice and other small creatures. By late summer they are independent, although many maintain loose contact with the family.*

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*The term **cub-hunting** is slightly misleading, and may give some people the impression that hounds leap on defenceless puppy-like mites. In fact, by the time hunting starts, cubs are well on their way to being fully-grown.”*

## 12. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, August 6	Work Day at Broadview, 8 or 9 AM
Saturday, August 13	*Trail Ride at Broadview
Saturday, August 20	Work Day at Broadview, 8 or 9 AM
Saturday, August 27	Work Day at The Hunt, Inc, 8 or 9 AM
Saturday, September 10	*Kick-Off Party
Sunday, September 11	Volunteers' Hunt
Saturday, September 17	Cubbing season begins
Saturday, September 24	Western Day at Broadview
Sunday, September 25	*Fall Poker Ride
October 7-10	Hunting Weekend with Oak Ridge, Glenmore, and Bedford County
Sunday, October 30	*Fall Hunter Pace
Saturday, November 5	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds *Fundraising events

## 13. Other Hunt-related dates

Sat. & Sun, August 20-21	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> <a href="http://www.farmingtonhunt.org/home">http://www.farmingtonhunt.org/home</a>
Sat. & Sun, August 20-21	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace</i> Weekend
Saturday, August 20	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Long Meadows Farm
Saturday, August 27	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fun Horse Show</i>
Sunday, August 28	Farmington <i>Hunter Pace</i> (south of town)
Saturday, September 3	Maury River <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Virginia Horse Center
Saturday, September 11	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Maceland, Chatham
Sat. & Sun, Sept 17-18	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace</i> Weekend
Sunday, November 6	Virginia <i>Field Hunter Championships</i>
Sunday November 6	Farmington Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, November 12	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 13	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, November 19	Bedford County Hunt <i>Fall Show</i> at Randolph College

**14. 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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