



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* February 12, 2016

"The soul of a horseman sings for joy of a hunting morn."
- Will H. Ogilvie

1. Rockbridge Hunt Ball, February 6, 2016. Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with this major event. Whether you were on the organizing committee, bought a ticket, brought a friend, made a donation, or bought an item in the silent auction, every contribution made a difference!

Grateful thanks to our small, hard-working hunt ball committee that included:

Organizer: Rebecca Tilson
Invitations & Slideshow: Hugh Brown
Subscriptions and seating arrangements: Terry Whitmore
Hotel and Band Arrangements: Rebecca Tilson
Menu: Rebecca Tilson and Terry Whitmore
Liquid refreshment arrangements: Louise Golian, Valerie Mann, and Rebecca Tilson
Decorating: Beth Pappas, Jean Taylor, Valerie Mann, and Hugh Brown
Hunting Horns for decoration: Blair & Erica Jones
Silent Auction: Carol Lueder, Laura Jarvis, and Hugh Brown

While the price of the subscription covers the cost of the dinner, ballroom and band, the Silent Auction is what gives us the profit to help feed the hounds and fund the hunt. Very special thanks to our many Silent Auction Donors: Anna Alford, Laura Arnold, Judy Allen, Blue Ridge Equine Clinic, Hugh Brown & Joe Manning, Center of Gravity, Lu & Ed Dooley, Dover Saddlery, Kathy Eichelberger, Lynne Gilbert, The Glenmore Hunt, Laura Grantham, Liz & Brent Hall, Kathy Hughes, Bernard & Candi Hylton, Laura Jarvis, Erica & Blair Jones, Ann Layman, Lexington Golf & Country Club, Carol Lueder & Fair Chase, Inc., Sally & Larry Mann, Valerie & John Mann, Cindy Morton, Genevieve Niece, Omni Homestead, Beth Pappas, Kathy & Gary Ponder, Rappahannock Hunt, Robert E. Lee Hotel, The Rockbridge Hunt, Charlotte Sandy, Cynthia & Terry Secker, Shenandoah Framing, The Southern Inn, Jean Taylor, Virginia Born & Bred, Virginia Horse Center, Joy & Andy Watkins, and Lynn & Joe Williams.

Our silent auction was the most successful in many, many years. This is due in great part to the tremendously generous donations from Carol Lueder as well as her hard work in soliciting donations from many local businesses. Our sincere thanks to Carol Lueder – Honorary Member *Extraordinaire!*

And very special thanks to the following for financial support of the ball: Catherine Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark, Bill & Barbara Luton, Doris Moses, and Terry & Cynthia Secker.

2. Fixture Card Updates. Cindy Morton has updated the Winter Fixture Card on the website:
<http://www.rockbridgehunt.org/archive/2016/16WinFixture.pdf>

Important changes include: our meet next Saturday, February 20 will be at The Hunt, Inc at 10:00 AM and will be followed by a breakfast hosted by Eric Eichelberger. Please make reservations by Thursday, February 18 if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Also note that the Joint Meet with Farmington Hunt has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 27 at Liberty Corner Farm in Esmont, Virginia at 10:00 AM.

Here are directions to the meet.

Send all to exit 121A, 20 South, off of Interstate 64.

Stay on Rt. 20 South for 14 miles.

Turn RIGHT onto Langhorne Rd. and continue for 4.4 miles.

RIGHT onto James River Rd. for 0.4 miles.

RIGHT onto Porters Rd. for 1 mile to entrance of Liberty Corner on right.

Continue straight on main drive to end at field with Log Cabin.

From Interstate 64 it will take approximately 30 minutes.

And a link to a google map!!!

2326 Liberty Corner Farm, Esmont, VA 22937

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_goo.gl_maps_tevcecjXSn32&d=BQIBaQ&c=eLbWYnpnzycBCgmb7vCI4uqNEB9RSjOd_n_5nBEmmeq0&r=LDbdoZQiMjRPmOKbxHKLQ&m=jejk75Gbef6HeSGRUHKuSVuxZ_yR_yh4rbpL0BiKI2tl&s=HY6MY8MTFtWkdXy3mG_yqkp9fV_TUNqHrrku5M-95ik&e=

3. Closing Meet. Saturday, March 19 at 2:30 PM, The Hunt, Inc. Cookout to follow the hunt.

Save the date! Believe it or not, our Closing Meet is coming up in just a few weeks. Bring something for the grill. BYOB. Cost is \$10 per Rockbridge Hunt member unless you have pre-arranged to bring food or volunteer in some other way. Invitations and more details coming soon. We hope to see you there!

4. Wall Calendars. Louise Golian still has a few of our beautiful Rockbridge Hunt wall calendars for 2016. Contact Louise to reserve yours. They are \$20 each. Thank you Louise! Louisegolian@aol.com

5. Sedgefield Cup 2016. The dates have been set for this year's renewal of the Carolina Foxhound Performance Trial – The Sedgefield Cup – March 25-27, 2016. Detailed information about the schedule and registration can be found here: <http://www.sedgefieldhunt.com/performance-trial.html>. There are also some entry forms on the information table in the Tex Tilson Lodge. Spaces are filling up! Act now!

6. A Message from the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA). Below is a link to the latest video on the Humane Society. It is specifically geared toward the hunting / 2nd Amendment communities. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qk5rjSJYeKg>

I'm hoping all the hunting / 2nd amendment groups will post this video on their Facebook pages to spread the word. Thanks in advance for helping to spread the message!

-Dennis J. Foster, Executive Director, Masters of Foxhounds Association

7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Sunday, April 10	Landowners' Luncheon
Saturday, May 7	*Rockbridge Hunt Derby-Day Hunter Pace
Wednesday, May 11	Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 11	*Poker Ride
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
Saturday, November 5	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds
	*Fundraising events

8. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, March 12	Bedford County Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 19	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, March 20	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	Bull Run Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 26	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, April 9	Glenmore Hunt <i>Spring Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, April 17	Loudoun Hunt <i>Races</i> with the Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial <i>Side Saddle Race</i> , Oatlands
Fri-Sun, April 22-24	MFHA <i>Staff Seminar</i> , Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, VA
Sunday, April 24	Maury River <i>Hunter Trials</i> , Penmerryl Farm, Greenville New Date!
Thurs-Sun, April 28-May 1	Bull Run Hunt <i>Weekend Camping Trail Ride</i>
Sunday, May 29	Virginia <i>Foxhound Show</i> , Morven Park

9. 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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