

Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound January 8, 2016

"...dear delightful 'hunting the werry mention of whose name kivers me with the creeps, and thrills me all over with joy."

~Jorrocks in Handley Cross. by R. S. Surtees

Happy New Year!

1. Rockbridge Hunt Ball, February 6, 2016. The invitations are on their way! We hope you are holding Saturday, February 6 for our annual gala! We have a new location and a new band! We'll be at the beautiful Marriott Hotel-Col Alto in downtown Lexington and we'll be entertained by the Domino Band. You don't want to miss this party! So get your party clothes out and let's get ready to dance and raise money for the hounds and the Hunt!

Invitations. If you haven't received one by January 15, or would like for someone you know to receive an invitation, please contact Hugh Brown with the name and address as soon as possible (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-886-6359).

The Hampton Inn – **Col Alto** will have rooms available at a discounted rate that will include a hot breakfast. More details coming soon.

Silent Auction. Traditionally, we have a great Silent Auction at the Ball. If you would be willing to donate items for the auction, please contact Carol Lueder (shop@fchase.net, 540 463-9189) or Laura Jarvis (540-291-3186 or lwjarvis93@gmail.com). We'd like to have auction items by **January 30** if at all possible in order to get them cataloged and bid sheets made.

- 2. Christmas Meet & Party. Special thanks to Carol Lueder and her crew for coordinating a wonderful Christmas party following our Christmas meet on December 12. We had a great turnout of horses and riders including several guests. It was a great way to start the holiday season.
- 3. New Year's Meet. Another holiday tradition! Special thanks to Lynn & Joe Williams and their team for coordinating another wonderful New Year's hunt breakfast for us. We had another great turnout of members and guests including our guests from the Bedford County Hunt and Glenmore Hunt. We started the new year off with a fantastic chase and delicious breakfast with friends and a warm fire!
- **4.** Wall Calendars. Louise Golian has put together another beautiful Rockbridge Hunt wall calendar for 2016. She hopes to have copies at upcoming events. Contact Louise to reserve yours. They are \$20 each. Thank you Louise! Louisegolian@aol.com

5. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, February 6, 2016 *Rockbridge Hunt Ball

Saturday, May 7, 2016 *Rockbridge Hunt Derby-Day Hunter Pace

Wednesday, May 12, 2016 Annual Meeting

*Fundraising events

6. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, January 30, 2016 Bull Run Hunt Game Dinner

Saturday, Februrary 13 Keswick Hunt *Ball*

Saturday, March 12 Bedford County Hunt *Ball*Saturday, March 19 Glenmore Hunt *Ball*Sunday, March 20 Bull Run Hunt *Races*

Mon. Mar 21-Sat. March 26 Bull Run Hunt March Madness

Fri, Mar 25-Sun Mar 27 Carolina Foxhound Performance Trial, "The Sedgefield Cup"

Saturday, March 26 Bull Run Hunt *Ball*Saturday, March 26 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt *Ball*

Saturday, April 9 Glenmore Hunt Spring Hunter Pace

Sunday, April 17 Maury River *Hunter Trials*, Penmerryl Farm, Greenville

Sunday, April 17 Loudoun Hunt *Races* with the Mrs. George C. Everhart Memorial *Side*

Saddle Race, Oatlands

Thurs-Sun, April 28-May1 Bull Run Hunt Weekend Camping Trail Ride

Fri-Sun, April 22-24 MFHA Staff Seminar, Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, VA

Sunday, May 29 Virginia Foxhound Show, Morven Park

7. 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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