



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* September 14, 2016

“The soul of a horseman sings for joy of a hunting morn”
~Will H. Ogilvie

1. Kick-off Party. Saturday, September 10, at the Tex Tilson Lodge. Thank you to everyone who attended our traditional party to begin the new hunting season. Special thanks to our party organizers Rebecca Tilson and the Executive Committee. And many thanks to everyone who helped put together this important event.

Barbeque Main Course: Graciously donated by Lauren Keating and David Bolen

Decorations & Setup: Rebecca Tilson

Cleaning and Organizing at the Tex Tilson Lodge: Liz Hall, Caitlin Mann, Valerie Mann

Silent Auction Coordination: Carol Lueder, Laura Jarvis, Hugh Brown

Silent Auction Donors: Carol Lueder, Hugh Brown, Cathi Grove, Laura Jarvis, Kathy & Gary Ponder, Rockbridge Hunt, Joy Watkins

Hound Sponsorship: Valerie Mann & Cindy Morton. Hound pictures taken and donated by David Bolen.

2. New Members! We have been blessed with several new members already this year! Duane Hylton and daughter Abby Hylton, Trish Lyons, and Jake Wilson have all joined us recently as riding members. Please welcome them when you see them in the field or at social events in the future. We also welcome back Gary & Kathy Ponder and Jessie Hines!

3. Poker Ride & Western Day. Saturday, September 24 we have Western Day. Capping is discounted to \$25. The meet is at 4:00 PM at Broadview. On Sunday, September 25, we have our annual fall Poker Ride – also at Broadview. Riders can start between 9AM and 11AM and they'll have the option of a shorter, approximately 5 mile course or a longer approximately 8 mile course. The weather forecast for Sunday looks gorgeous! Please come support this important fundraiser. Tell your friends. Bring friends! And if you can help with a food donation, please let Louise Golian know as soon as possible.

4. Hound Sponsorship. All of our hounds are sponsored for the first half of the year! Grateful thanks to our hound sponsors: Lu Dooley, Kathy Eichelberber, Louise Golian, Laura Grantham, Liz Hall, Bernard & Candi Hylton, Blair & Erica Jones, Ann Layman, Hillery Lester, Carol Lueder, Bill & Barb Luton, Valerie Mann, Kathy Munsey, Kathleen Nowacki-Correia, Beth Pappas, Cynthia Secker, Jean Taylor, Lynn Williams, Bonny Wilson, and Janet Wynot.

5. Opening Meet. Mark your calendar now for our Opening Meet – **Saturday, November 5 at 2:30 PM** at The Hunt, Inc. Invitations will be mailed in October.

6. Committees. We have set up 5 new working committees to help with the running of the Hunt. We have chairs for each committee and we have started signing up members and friends to help. The committee chairs are going to be recruiting members, so please consider saying “yes” when you are called. Better yet, contact a chair and volunteer! If you’ve already signed up for a committee (or two) – THANK YOU! We aren’t asking you to take charge of a huge event, we just want to spread out some of the work. Here are the committees and chairs:

Mounted Fundraisers Co-chairs: Liz Hall and Kathy Eichelberger

Rockbridge Hunt conducts mounted fundraisers each year. This year we have had poker rides, trail rides and hunter paces for our mounted fundraisers. Volunteer duties include: registering entries, timing start and finish, handing out cards, coordinating donated food items, awarding ribbons.

Unmounted Fundraisers: Chair: Carol Lueder

This committee is responsible for silent auctions held at the hunt ball and kick-off party. Duties include soliciting donations, set up, creating bid sheets, accepting payment. Other fundraiser ideas are welcome!

Hunt Ball: Chair: Terry Whitmore

The hunt ball committee selects the venue, band and caterer for the ball. It is also responsible for decorating the venue. Historically, the ball is held in February and most of the work involved in this event occurs near the hunt ball date.

Property: Co-Chairs: Louise Golian and Laura Jarvis

The property committee’s responsibilities vary as different needs arise. The lodge, huntsman’s house (rental,) and kennels are all maintained by the committee. Duties vary but include mowing, painting, cleaning and landscaping. Trails are maintained by the membership and do not fall under the property committee.

Hospitality Chair: Valerie Mann

The hospitality committee will put on our hunt breakfasts and coordinate our kick-off party and closing hunt meals. Typically this will involve providing the main meal and side and coordinating donations of sides, salads and desserts. Outsiders are welcome, ie., non-riding spouses, friends or any kitchen talent! Our hunt breakfasts and parties have a reputation for being delicious and fun. They provide gracious opportunities for us to get to know one another and catch up with old friends.

7. Four Hunt Weekend! Back by popular demand! This every-other-year series of joint meets with our friends in nearby hunts has become a tradition. Save the weekend of October 7-10 for this year’s renewal. The meets are all free to members of the four participating hunts. Capping fees for non-members will be \$50 for each of the meets. Everyone will need to sign waivers for the hunts they visit. Bring your friends! Here’s the schedule:

Friday, October 7	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club
Saturday, October 8	Glenmore Hunt
Sunday, October 9	Rockbridge Hunt
Monday, October 10	Bedford County Hunt

If you are planning to attend any of the away meets, please make reservations in advance with their contact person.

Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club - Bob Satterfield, MFH, rossfields@aol.com, 434-361-1696

Glenmore Hunt - Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary, brenda.foxhunt.simmons@gmail.com, 540-292-8948

Bedford County Hunt - Jane Garland, MFH, Cifaxjane@aol.com, 757-285-7501

Please also take a signed waiver, your hunting license, and Coggins paperwork with you to the meets. There are blank waivers for all of the hunts at the Tex Tilson Lodge and they can be found here:

<https://oakridgefoxhuntclub.com>
<http://www.glenmorehunt.org/>
<http://www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/>

Hugh Brown is coordinating the breakfast for our meet on Sunday, October 9. Please make reservations with Hugh by Thursday, October 6. This will help us know how to plan the tailgate. He'll be looking for some help with food, so if you know you can be there and are willing to bring something to share, please let him know.

8. Reading Group Update. We just finished reading two books – *Red Coats Galloping* by John Welcome and *Risk in the Afternoon* by William Prickett. Next, we'll be reading *The Lady Blows a Horn* by Nancy L. Mohr which centers on a MFH from the same hunt where most of *Risk in the Afternoon* takes place. Something about this book: “This is the story of a lady master of foxhounds, Nancy Penn Smith Hannum, whose horn has echoed through the Cheshire hunt country for over fifty years -- a legend in her own time. Decades of adventures with family, friends, and the hunt are interwoven with this strong-willed woman's passion for preserving the beautiful open country of southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. Here, too, are photographs from the times of her life, her wisdom about breeding and training hounds -- all gathered under one cover by a writer who shares her commitment to open space and farmland preservation.”

We'll also read another chapter from *Hounds and Hunting Through the Ages*, by Joseph Thomas. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17. For the November meeting, we're planning to read *The Millbeck Hounds* by Gordon Grand. People at the meeting asked about the best places to track down these older books. Here are a few links.

Amazon, <https://www.amazon.com/>
AbeBooks, <http://www.abebooks.com/>
Alibris, <http://www.alibris.com/>
Better World Books, <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/>
eBay, <http://www.ebay.com/rpp/books>

If you have any questions about the reading group, please contact Cindy Morton or Hugh Brown. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun at any time!

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. 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!

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

A fox breaks, or breaks covert, when he leaves a covert or woodland for the open.

*Excerpt from **Fox-Hunting** by the Duke of Beaufort*

12. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

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
Saturday, October 22	Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet, joint meet with Rockbridge Hunt
Sunday, October 30	*Fall Hunter Pace
Saturday, November 5	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds
Saturday, December 10	Joint meet with Farmington Hunt and Christmas party at The Hunt, Inc.

*Fundraising events

13. Other Hunt-related dates

Saturday, October 8	Virginia <i>Fall Races</i> , Glenwood Park, Middleburg
Saturday, October 8	Theodora A. Randolph <i>Field Hunter Championship Finals</i> , Glenwood Park
Saturday, October 22	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, October 22	International Gold Cup <i>Races</i> , Great Meadow Racecourse, The Plains
Saturday, October 29	Stonewall Hounds <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, November 5	Montpelier Hunt <i>Races</i> , Montpelier Station
Sunday, November 6	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
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
Thursday, November 24	Keswick Hunt <i>Blessing of the Hounds</i>

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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