



**Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound**  
***Celebrating 70 Years of Foxhunting – 1947-2017***  
**October 12, 2017**

““It is difficult even for one born and bred in the atmosphere of hunting to rationalize about the secret of its appeal. To explain it to someone who has never been out hunting is so nearly impossible as to be a task which wise men generally avoid. For the love of hunting is a matter of the emotions, which trace back to elementals before reason came into its own in the lives of men.”

~Viscount Halifax, in the forward to “*More Foxhunting from The Times*” (1937)

**1. Poker Ride!** Thank you to everyone who helped put together our last fundraising ride of 2017! We had a spectacularly beautiful day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves enormously. We introduced a number of new folks to part of our hunt country and most said they would be back! As always, it takes a small army of dedicated volunteers to put together an event like this. Special thanks to this event’s team:

**Organizer:** Lauren Keating

**Hosts:** Broadview Ranch

**Course design & flagging:** Rebecca Tilson & Bob Richardson

**Marketing:** Hugh Brown, Liz Hall

**Tables, Canopies, Chairs:** Laura Jarvis, Susan Richardson, Rebecca Tilson

**Registration:** Hugh Brown & Cindy Morton

**Start:** Brenda Ratcliff Palermo

**Finish:** Lu Dooley

**Casino Master:** David Bolen

**Food & Drink:** Lauren Keating, Laura Jarvis, Alice Bruno, Sue & Roger Charlton, Lu Dooley, Liz Hall, Abby, Duane & Liz Hylton, Jeanne Jeffer, Bob Richardson, Cynthia & Terry Secker, Arran Siebert, and Terry Whitmore.

**2. Southern States Proof of Purchase Program – big change!** If you’ve been collecting Southern States Proof of Purchase labels – thank you! We just found out that Southern States is no longer the manufacturer for Triple Crown Feeds and we only have until the end of the month to submit any Triple Crown labels for reimbursement. Hugh has collected the all of the labels that people have given to Cindy as well as those at the Tex Tilson Lodge. If you are holding onto any Southern States labels (including Triple Crown, Legends, Southern States), would you let Hugh know as soon as possible? We’d like to arrange to get them from you and send in what we have before the end of the month.

Please continue to save your labels for Southern States and Legends feeds. Those will continue to be honored. Since we started participating in the program, we have cashed in over \$3,000 in feed/supplement labels! Every label makes a difference! Thank you!

**3. Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Saturday, October 28.** We have our annual joint meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet in a couple of weeks. The Glenmore folks are finalizing the details and we'll get those out as soon as possible. It is very likely to be held in Swoope as usual and the start time is likely to be 9:00 AM. More soon!

**4. Are you licensed to Hunt?** It has come to our attention that the Game Warden has visited one of the hunts in Virginia recently and issued tickets to members who did not present current hunting licenses. This has happened to a number of hunts over the last few years. Please take the time to get a new license before you hunt with us or any other hunt in the state. The license can be saved to your phone and/or multiple copies made to carry in your coat pockets, hat, saddle or somewhere handy when you hunt.

We recommend that you get a statewide license if you plan to attend 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.

**5. Foxhunting Reading Group.** The next meeting of the Reading Group will be Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm. Location TBA. We are reading *Ronnie Wallace: A Manual of Foxhunting* by Michael Clayton this month. There are several copies circulating. If you'd like to borrow a copy, let Hugh know.

**6. Educational Bits** – courtesy of the Education Committee.

Hunting Terminology: **Hunting Tie or Stock**

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

“A plain white hunting tie, which I was brought up to call a tie and not a 'stock'. To me a stock is part of a gun; goods in a shop; or my lady friends tell me, something that is used to make soup. It also, of course, denotes sheep or cows. Please make sure that you learn to tie it neatly and correctly. Most are sold nowadays with easy-to-follow instructions, but the tying soon becomes second nature. Be sure to secure the first knot with a safety pin from underneath, and also pin down the ends where they do not show very securely. Nothing looks worse than a flapping tie. A plain, gold horizontal tie-pin should be used to secure your tie, unless you belong to a Hunt that has its own pin. If worn vertically, it could run into your throat.”

**7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar**

Saturday, November 4	Opening Meet at The Hunt, Inc. ( <i>tentative</i> )
Saturday, February 17, 2018	Rockbridge Hunt Ball ( <i>tentative</i> )
Fri Mar 30-Sun April 1, '18	Carolina Foxhound Performance Trial, “The Sedgefield Cup”
Wednesday, May 9, 2018	Rockbridge Hunt Annual Meeting *Fundraising events

## 8. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, October 14	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> at Millington
Saturday, October 14	Stonewall Hounds <i>Opening Meet</i> at Sunny Day Farm
Thurs Oct 19-Sat Oct 21	Hark Forward Classic <i>Performance Trial</i> at Bull Run Hunt
Sunday, October 22	Bull Run Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 28	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, October 28	Bedford County Hunt, <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, October 28	Deep Run Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 28	Farmington Hunt <i>Fall Show</i>
Sunday, November 5	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> , Oak Ridge Estate
Sunday, November 5	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 5	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at The Cedars in Cifax
Sunday, November 5	Virginia <i>Field Hunter Championships</i> , Tivoli Farm
Sunday, November 12	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i> at Arbor Hill
Saturday, January 27, 2018	Bull Run Hunt <i>Wild Game Dinner</i>
Saturday, March 17, 2018	Glenmore Hunt <i>Closing Meet</i>
Fri Mar 30-Sun April 1, '18	Carolina Foxhound <i>Performance Trial</i> , "The Sedgefield Cup"

**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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