



## Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound Celebrating 70 Years of Foxhunting – 1947-2017

September 13, 2017

*“It’s always a pleasure, as well as very good for one, to hunt with a neighboring pack.  
One gets in a rut of one never sees how they do it in someone else’s country.”*

~J. Stanley Reeve, *Radnor Reminiscences*

**1.Huntsman & Hunting.** Our Huntsman, David Conner, continues to make steady progress after his surgery. It will obviously take David time to completely recover and we are cautiously making plans for the beginning of the new hunting season. David’s health is our top concern and that probably means a delay in the start of hunting. We will reschedule some of our traditional early-season events like the Volunteers’ Hunt and Western Day for later in the season.

In the meantime:

The Masters at the **Bull Run Hunt** have invited members from the Rockbridge Hunt to cap through the month of September free of charge due to David's medical situation. Beginning the first week of September, they will be going out three times per week. And, they look forward to having us join them. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Campbell, MFH (540-672-5128) or Jay Moore, MFH (540-293-1087). Information about Fixtures including maps can be found on the Bull Run Hunt website: [www.bullrunhuntclub.com](http://www.bullrunhuntclub.com). The Bull Run Hunt Liability Waiver is here: <http://www.bullrunhuntclub.com/waviers-info/>

The **Bedford County Hunt** has also invited Rockbridge members to hunt with them while David is recovering. Any full hunting member of Rockbridge Hunt may hunt with Bedford County Hunt without paying a capping fee until we are hunting again. If you take a non-member guest with you to Bedford, that person would be expected to pay the appropriate capping fee. Information about hunting with Bedford County can be obtained from Field Secretary, Mrs. R. Crofton (Patricia) Held, at 540-586-1051. Their liability waiver can be found here: <file:///Users/brownhh/Downloads/BCH-Equine-Activity-Release-Waiver.pdf>

We have also been invited to hunt without capping fees with the **Stonewall Hounds** while we are not hunting. Again, you must be a full hunting member of the Rockbridge Hunt in order to hunt with Stonewall without capping. For questions and to let someone know you are coming, please contact Lili Wykle MFH & Huntsman at [lili@stonewallhounds.com](mailto:lili@stonewallhounds.com) or 434-660-0599 or Cheryl Microusticos, Hon. Secretary, at [cjmicro@stonewallhounds.com](mailto:cjmicro@stonewallhounds.com) or 434-664-7057. Information about their meets can be found at <http://www.stonewallhounds.com/> and their waiver is here: <http://www.stonewallhounds.com/fox-hunting-stonewall/waivers>.

It would be a good idea to ask about dress when visiting. Each hunt has different expectations. All of these hunts usually have tailgates following their meets. If you hunt with them, please consider taking along something to contribute to the tailgate. Thank you!

**2. Rockbridge Hunt Autumn Trail Rides.** While David Conner continues to heal up, we will be having trail rides on our normal hunting days –Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. A schedule of rides will be out very soon!

### **3. Work Days! THANK YOU!**

**August 12.** Huge thanks to our outstanding work crews on August 12 at The Hunt, Inc *and* Broadview! We made some significant progress in several key locations in our hunt country. Thank you to our Hunt Inc. team - Lynn Williams, Rick Siebert, Arran Siebert, Bob Richardson, Kathy Munsey, Cindy Morton, Trish Lyons, Diane Long, Liz Hall, Lu Dooley, Katharine Conner, and Hugh Brown. And thank you to our Broadview work crew - Jake Wilson (and bulldozer), Susan Richardson, and Carol Atwood. Special thanks to Valerie Mann for providing lunch at The Hunt, Inc for the weary workers and to Kathy Munsey for providing a sweet birthday dessert to celebrate Cindy Morton's birthday.

**August 19.** Thank you to the tiny but mighty work crew at Broadview on the 19th - Abby Hylton, Duane Hylton, Diane Long, Kathy Munsey, and Rebecca Tilson! We appreciate your hard work in the heat!

**August 26.** Many, many thanks to our great team working at Broadview on the 26th! We made significant progress on some very important trails. Thanks to: Rebecca Tilson, Susan Richardson, Bob Richardson, Cindy Morton, Valerie Mann, Lauren Keating, Lu Dooley, Joe Conner, Hugh Brown, and Carol Atwood. And special thanks to Laura Jarvis for bringing hot pizza for the hungry trail trimmers!

**4. Fundraising Trail Rides.** Huge thanks to Liz Hall for coordinating our late summer Trail Ride at Broadview on August 27. We had 16 riders including three non-hunting guests. Thank you to Rebecca Tilson for leading the faster group and to Bob & Susan Richardson for leading the slower group.

And thank you to David Bolen and Lauren Keating for hosting our second fundraising trail ride at their place on Sunday, September 10. We had a fun ride through the Bolen fixture. Thank you to Kathy Eichelberger and Liz Hall for leading the faster group and Bob & Susan Richardson for leading the slower group. Special thanks to Lauren Keating and Liz Hall for arranging a very nice lunch for us after the ride.

**5. Kick-off Party.** We kicked off the new season in grand style on Saturday, September 9 at the Tex Tilson Lodge. About 50 members, friends, and even some prospective members enjoyed a terrific barbeque dinner. Thank you to Valerie Mann for coordinating the event and decorating the lodge in such a foxy way! Special thanks to Lauren Keating & David Bolen who provided the main course again this year. And thank you to Trish Lyons for all her help in getting the dinner organized and cleaned up. We made close to \$500 in the silent auction – thank you to Carol Lueder for organizing the auction and thank you to the auction donors – Hugh Brown, Kathy Eichelberger in memory of Stan, Carol Lueder & Fair Chase, Inc., Charlie Lyons, Trish Lyons and Trish's Designs, Valerie Mann, Genevieve Niece, Kathy Munsey, Cynthia & Terry Secker, Arran & Rick Siebert, and Katie Wick. We're off to a great start!

**6. Poker Ride! Sunday, October 1, Broadview.** We have one more fundraising ride scheduled for the first of October. Lauren Keating has graciously volunteered to coordinate the ride. Please consider volunteering or riding. We'll also probably need food donations. Mark your calendars for October 1 and more details will follow shortly.

**7. Hound Sponsorship.** Each of the Rockbridge hounds has a sponsor! Thank you to an amazing club and community for rushing forward to support the heart of our sport, the hounds. The money from sponsorships goes toward food, vaccinations, deworming, flea and tick control, and heartworm preventative. Thanks also to Dr. Brent Hall for providing veterinary care for the Rockbridge pack! We have a new hound in the pack this season, Trophy, sponsored by Janet Wynot. Trophy is a Penn-Marydel from Sedgefield hunt. David is hoping to add a little new blood to his pack with this handsome boy. His granddaddy, Red Mountain Mailbox 2009, has been a fantastic hunter and Trophy shows great promise. As always, it is a pleasure to coordinate hound sponsorship because the response is always robust! ~Valerie Mann

Foxhounds & Sponsors for 2017-18

<b>Hounds</b>	<b>Sponsors Sept 2017 - Jan 2018</b>	<b>Sponsors Feb 2018 - Aug 2018</b>
Rockbridge Caboose 2008 (F)	Louise Golian	Louise Golian
Rockbridge Legend 2010 (M)	Kathy Munsey	Kathy Munsey
Rockbridge Omelet 2011 (F)	Valerie Mann	Valerie Mann
Rockbridge Relic 2011 (F)	Jean Taylor	Jean Taylor
Rockbridge Tansy 2012 (F)	Bill and Barbara Luton	Bill and Barbara Luton
Rockbridge Teasel 2012 (F)	Liz Hall	Liz Hall
Rockbridge Daron 2013 (M)	Bill and Barbara Luton	Bill and Barbara Luton
Rockbridge Outlaw 2014 (M)	Ellen Oliver	Ellen Oliver
Rockbridge Opal 2014 (F)	Carol Lueder	Carol Lueder
Rockbridge Wade 2015 (F)	Bonny Wilson	Bonny Wilson
Rockbridge Waffle 2015 (F)	Laura Grantham	Laura Grantham
Rockbridge Widget 2015 (F)	Blair and Erica Jones	Blair and Erica Jones
Rockbridge Raisin 2015 (F)	Bernard and Candi Hylton	Bernard and Candi Hylton
Rockbridge Target 2016 (M)	Hillery Lester	Hillery Lester
Rockbridge Thursday 2016 (F)	Terry and Cynthia Secker	Terry and Cynthia Secker
Rockbridge Ramona 2017 (F)	Cathi Grove	Cathi Grove
Rockbridge Ruff 2017 (F)	Gary Mantello	Aaron Siebert
Rockbridge Weasel 2017 (F)	Joy Watkins	Jake Wilson
Rockbridge Whisper 2017 (F)	Lu Dooley	Lu Dooley
Rockbridge Whistle 2017 (F)	Louise Golian	Louise Golian
Rockbridge Wonder 2017 (F)	Liz Hall	Liz Hall

**8. 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.

**9. Foxhunting Reading Group.** The next meeting of the Reading Group will be Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00pm. Location TBA. We are reading Lionel Edwards's *The Fox* this month. There are several copies circulating. If you'd like to borrow a copy, let Cindy or Hugh know.

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

**Cry** – The sound given by hounds when hunting.

*“Cry is the method that one hound has of telling another what is going on. In woodlands or rough country, cry is very important, for without it other hounds cannot possibly know what is transpiring, nor can followers of hounds know where the pack is. . . . It is thus, of course, the most essential means of keeping a pack working together and in cooperation, especially in rough country of bad visibility.”*

Excerpt from *Hounds and Hunting Through the Ages* by Joseph B. Thomas, MFH

### 11. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Wednesday, September 20	Autumn Trail Rides begin
Sunday, October 1	*Poker Ride at Broadview ( <i>Lauren Keating, organizer</i> )
Saturday, November 4	Opening Meet at The Hunt, Inc.
Fri Mar 30-Sun April 1, '18	Carolina Foxhound Performance Trial, “The Sedgefield Cup”
Wednesday, May 9, 2018	Rockbridge Hunt Annual Meeting *Fundraising events

### 12. Other Hunt-related Dates

Friday, September 15	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i>
Sat-Sun, September 16 & 17	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace</i> weekend
Sunday, September 17	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Maceland in Chatham
Saturday, September 23	Glenmore Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i>
Sunday, September 23	Keswick Hunt <i>Puppy Show</i>
Sunday, September 24	Bull Run Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Locust Hill
Sunday, October 1	Keswick Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Bridlespur
Saturday, October 14	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> at Millington
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> – <i>new date</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 Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i>
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 Performance Trial, "The Sedgefield Cup"

**13. 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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