



## Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound*

June 8, 2018

“To be victim to the whims of the weather gods was a foxhunter’s plight, like it or not.”

~Martha Wolfe from *The Great Hound Match of 1905*

**1. Judged Pleasure Ride!** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Judged Pleasure Ride was held at Broadview on June 2. Dire weather forecasts discouraged riders from attending, but we did have 16 brave souls ride the course and had perfect weather! Very special thank you to the Broadview Ranch team for hosting the ride as well as a great deal of the hard work of clearing trails, mowing, course flagging, and more!

Thank you to the great crew that put on the event:

Organizer:	Lynn Williams
Trail & Obstacle design:	Carol Atwood & Susan Richardson
Trail flagging:	Carol Atwood & Susan Richardson
Trail clearing:	Bob Richardson
Mowing:	Susan Richardson
Entries:	Hugh Brown & Cindy Morton
Start/Finish:	Tenney Mudge
Obstacle Judges:	David Bolen & Lauren Keating, Sue Charlton, Lu Dooley, Kathy Munsey, Susan Richardson, Cynthia & Terry Secker, Arran Siebert, Karen Zitz
Lunch setup:	Carol Atwood & Lynn Williams
Food & Drink:	Lynn Williams, Hugh Brown, Lauren Keating, Carol Lueder, Kathy Munsey
Course de-flagging:	Carol Atwood & Susan Richardson

**2. Poker Ride! *New Date!*** Our summer Poker Ride at Greenock Farm (near Brownsburg) has been rescheduled from July 14 to **Saturday, July 28**. This change is to accommodate the rescheduling of the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt’s hunter pace. We are participating in the hunter pace series with Oak Ridge and Glenmore, so we want to be supportive of their event on July 14. The rains have wreaked havoc on the equestrian calendar this spring! Louise Golian is once again coordinating our summer Poker Ride, so be on the lookout for requests for help with this very important fundraiser.

**3. Mowing.** Very special thanks to Kathy Eichelberger, Cindy Morton, and Jake Wilson who have been helping with the huge task of mowing at the Tex Tilson Lodge, huntman’s house, barn, and riding ring this spring. We’d like to try to keep the grass tamed this summer as best we can. If you have time, energy, and/or equipment and would be willing to help, please let Laura Jarvis, Cindy or Hugh know. We would really appreciate the help!

**4. Important Reminders: Insurance, waivers, and helmets!** The new year has started for us – so that means **new waivers are needed for everyone.** For insurance purposes, it is *critical* that any member or guest riding at The Hunt, Inc. have a signed waiver on file. There is a box with waivers on the mounting block in The Hunt, Inc. parking lot and on the hunt barn. We will also have new waiver forms available at summer events, and work days. If you are not sure if your guest has a current waiver, you may check with Hugh Brown or just sign a new one. We also *strongly encourage* everyone to wear approved helmets when riding. Thank you!

•**Summer Trail Riding.** Rockbridge Hunt members have permission from many generous landowners to *hunt* on their property. This does not entitle any individuals to *trail ride* on private property. Rockbridge Hunt members can ride on much of the property at The Hunt, Inc. but you must know where the boundaries are and respect them. Many of our landowners do allow trail riding but not all of them do. When individuals ride on private property without permission, landowners are (justifiably) displeased. These situations are one of the main causes of permission to hunt being withdrawn. If you don't absolutely know for certain where you can ride and where you can't, please make arrangements to ride with someone who knows the territory. Most of the Executive Committee and the Hunt Staff know the property and will be happy to meet you and ride with you. Also, please be very certain that any dogs you have with you are under your control at all times and kept off private property.

**5. Foxhunting Reading Group.** The reading group will meet on Wednesday, June 27 to discuss *Fox-Hunting* by the Duke of Beaufort. Let one of us know if you need to borrow a copy. If you want to look up what we've read in the past, there is a list: [http://foxhuntinglibrary.blogspot.com/p/blog-page\\_31.html](http://foxhuntinglibrary.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_31.html)

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**6. Educational Bits** – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology: Venery

**Venery:** hunting or chasing wild game (from Old French *venerie*, which comes from Latin *venari*, to hunt)

“Hunting takes a fair imagination, some trust, and a little blind faith. Between a man and his horse, the hounds and the fox, some will excel where others will fail. Venery is a game, a war game, a puzzle and a gas. It's ‘something of the whimsical combined with an eeriness boarding on the supernatural’ It's a science. But mostly it's an art.”

Excerpt from: Martha Wolfe from *The Great Hound Match of 1905*

## 7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Wednesday, June 13	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, June 23	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Wednesday, July 18	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, July 28	*Summer Poker Ride ( <i>Louise Golian organizer</i> ) <b>New Date!</b>
Saturday, August 4	*Gymnastics Clinic with Diane Long
Wednesday, August 8	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, August 11	Work Day at The Hunt, Inc.
Wednesday, August 15	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, August 18	Work Day at Broadview
Saturday, August 25	Work Day at Broadview

Wednesday, September 5	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, September 8	*Fall Poker Ride
Wednesday, September 12	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, September 15	*Kick-Off Party at the Tex Tilson Lodge
Sunday, September 16	Volunteers' Hunt at The Hunt, Inc.
Wednesday, September 19	Autumn hunting begins
Sunday, October 7	*Fall Hunter Pace ( <i>Sue Charlton &amp; Laura Jarvis organizers</i> )
Saturday, November 3	Opening Meet
Saturday, December 15	Christmas Meet & Party
Tuesday, January 1	New Year's Day Meet
	*Fundraising events

## 8. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, June 9	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> – Mint Meadows
Sunday, June 10	Glenmore Hunt <i>Murder Mystery Ride</i>
Sunday, June 10	Central Virginia Young Entry <i>Junior Handlers Hound Show</i> , Foxfield
Friday, June 15	Farmington Hunt Evening Gymkhana & Social – Millington
Saturday, June 16	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Oldenacres, Goode
Sat.-Sun, June 16-17	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Fri. June 22-Sun. June 24	MFHA Biennial <i>Seminar</i> , Mount Vernon/Alexandria
Friday, July 13	Farmington Hunt <i>Fun Hunter Show and Evening Gymkhana</i> – Millington
Saturday, July 14	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> – <b><i>New date!</i></b>
Saturday, July 21	Farmington Hunt <i>Poker Run</i> – Location TBD
Saturday, July 21	Glenmore Hunt <i>Judged Trail Ride</i>
Sat.-Sun, July 21-22	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Saturday, August 4	Farmington Hunt <i>Jumper/Dressage Show</i> – Millington
Saturday, August 12	Farmington Hunt <i>De-Spooking Day</i> – Toad Hollow
Saturday, August 18	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> – Millington
Sat.-Sun, August 18-19	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Sunday, August 19	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> – Kennels
Sunday, September 2	Warrenton Horse Show <i>Hunt Night</i>
Monday, September 3	Farmington Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i>
Sat.-Sun, September 15-16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Sunday, September 23	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Maceland, Chatham
October 8-13	Theodora A. Randolph <i>Field Hunter Championships</i>
Sunday, November 4	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at The Cedars, Cifax
Sunday, November 4	Farmington Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> – Durbin's
Sunday, November 18	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <b><i>New Date!</i></b>

**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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