



## Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound*

May 17, 2018

*“Hunting is the soul of a country life: it gives health to the body, and contentment to the mind; and it is one of the few pleasures that we can enjoy in society; without prejudice either to ourselves or our friends.”*

~Peter Beckford, *Thoughts on Hunting*

**1. Hunter Pace!** Our annual Derby-Day Hunter Pace at The Hunt, Inc. was a success! We worried that the rains would force us to cancel like last year, but they held off and we had a great morning for the ride. We had 40 participants including members from Deep Run Hunt, Farmington Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, and Stonewall Hounds. Thank you to the great crew that put on the event:

Organizers:	Kathy Eichelberger & Arran Siebert
Trail design:	Cindy Morton
Trail flagging:	Lu Dooley, Kathy Eichelberger, Cindy Morton
Trail clearing:	Joe Conner, Kathy Eichelberger, Duane Hylton, Aran Siebert
Mowing:	Cindy Morton, Jake Wilson
Parking:	Hugh Brown
Entries:	Carol Lueder, Sarah Edwards
Start/Finish:	Kathy Munsey, Arran Siebert
Time calculation:	Louise Golian
Checkpoints:	Lu Dooley, Diane Long, Cindy Morton, Lynn Williams
Grill master:	Rick Siebert
Food & Drink:	Arran & Rick Siebert, Hugh Brown, Sarah Edwards, Laura Jarvis, Diane Long, Carol Lueder, Kathy Munsey, and Cynthia & Terry Secker
Clean-up	Hugh Brown, Kathy Eichelberger, Laura Jarvis, Arran & Rick Siebert
Course de-flagging:	Kathy Eichelberger, Lu Dooley, and Cindy Morton

**2. Annual Meeting.** Our Annual Meeting on May 9 was a great success! We started the evening with a terrific spaghetti dinner prepared by Carol Lueder with contributions from Trish Lyons, Valerie Mann and others. We had a solid turnout of members and easily made our quorum. We had reports on the past year from our President, Treasurer, Joint Masters, and Huntsman and held elections for officers to lead us through the 2018-19 year. Thank you to everyone who came out for our Annual Meeting! The new year is off to a great start!

### Officers Elected for 2018-2019

President:	Lauren Keating
Joint Masters of Foxhounds:	Cindy Morton and Hugh Brown
Treasurer:	Louise Golian
Hon. Secretary:	Valerie Mann

**3. Judged Pleasure Ride! Saturday June 2 at Broadview.** Organizer Lynn Williams and her committee are putting the finishing touches on our second annual Judged Pleasure Ride at Broadview. If you missed it last year, this is a quiet, set-your-own-pace ride through lovely open fields and shaded trails, with 7-10 Judged tests (obstacles) to be negotiated by you and your horse. All tests will simulate natural situations you might encounter on a trail ride or hunt. There will be judged divisions and also non-judged divisions for those who just want a nice ride but would prefer not to attempt the obstacles. Either way, it's a great day out! If you'd like to volunteer to help on the day of the event, please contact Lynn Williams as soon as possible at 540-258-1136 or [jandwillia@gmail.com](mailto:jandwillia@gmail.com). Come on out to Broadview on June 2 and bring your friends for a great ride! More details are on our website <http://www.rockbridgehunt.org/> under the events tab.

**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!

**5. Foxhunting Reading Group.** The reading group met on Wednesday, May 16 to discuss [the book, \*Dainty, The Story of a Foxhound\*](#) by Ralph Greaves. This was chosen to celebrate the Virginia Hound Show at the end of May. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 27. We'll 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. Virginia Foxhound Show with Special Art Exhibit.** The Glenmore Hunt and Rockbridge Hunt are teaming up again for a joint reception at the Virginia Foxhound Show at Morven Park in Leesburg on Sunday, May 27. This is a very informal event. There will be a tent set up ring-side at the show from 9AM to 4 PM for members and friends to hang out and socialize during the show. A light lunch will be served at noon and the organizers welcome contributions of food – light tailgate items are the order of the day. The Virginia Foxhound Show is a great place to learn about foxhounds. There are separate rings for showing American, English, Crossbred, and Penn-Marydel hounds. This is the largest show of foxhounds in the world and it's right here in Virginia! Hunts from all over the country show their hounds singly and in groups. At noon, there are special junior handlers' classes which are always fun to watch. There are a number of vendors at the show selling hunt clothing, antiques, books and more.

In conjunction with the hound show, The Museum of Hounds and Hunting North America which is housed in the Morven Park mansion will be open and free on the day of the show. There is a large collection of foxhunting memorabilia and art in the museum. This year, there will be a special exhibition of foxhunting art called The Year of the Hound: Showcasing the Foxhunts of Virginia. Artists from the American Academy of Equine Art were commissioned to paint every recognized hunt in Virginia. One of the artists visited with us at our Opening Meet, so we should be represented in the art show!

It's a great day out, so please consider joining us in Leesburg on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Bring a chair and a hat for the sun and enjoy a day celebrating our beloved foxhounds. **RSVP to Hugh Brown by Thursday, May 24 if you can join us.** ([brownhh@jmu.edu](mailto:brownhh@jmu.edu) H 540-886-6359, W 540-568-3501)

**7. MFHA Subscribing Membership.** If you are not already a subscribing member of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, please consider becoming one. The most tangible benefit as a subscribing member is that you would receive *Covertside*, a beautiful magazine devoted to mounted foxhunting. You would also have other benefits such as attending MFHA events and seminars and subscribing membership helps pay for the very important Foxhound Show here in Virginia. The MFHA also provides financial support to The Pony Club, the MFHA professional development program, US Sportsman's Alliance that does great work protecting our hunting interests in all states and our investment in cures for canine diseases to name just a few. You can also get significant savings on nationally known products through NTRA Advantage. John Deere, Sherwin Williams, and UPS are a few examples. Individual MFHA subscribing memberships are just \$35. You can apply online here: <https://mfha.com/> or download and print a membership form at that same address. If you'd like more information or help obtaining a membership form, please contact Hugh Brown.

**8. Educational Bits** – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology: To bay or At Bay

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“Hounds marking a fox to ground are said to bay. If a stag faces his pursuers, he is at bay, and hounds barking defiance are said to be baying him. A terrier facing a fox or badger underground and giving tongue is also said to be baying.”

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

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

Wednesday, May 23	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Sunday, May 27	Glenmore Hunt & Rockbridge Hunt Joint Reception at the Virginia Foxhound Show, Morven Park, Leesburg
Saturday, June 2	*Judged Pleasure Ride ( <i>Lynn Williams organizer</i> )
Wednesday, June 13	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, July 14	*Summer Poker Ride ( <i>Louise Golian organizer</i> )
Wednesday, July 18	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
Saturday, July 28	Rockbridge Hunt Trail Ride
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

## 10. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, May 19	Farmington Hunt <i>Puppy Show</i> – Kennels
Sat.-Sun, May 19-20	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
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 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>New Date!</b>

**11. 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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