



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* October 10, 2018

“Gold and green the elm leaves lean and interlace,
All the colored woodlands are calling to the Chase.
Dew is on the stubble field, ruddy grows the thorn,
All the withered meadow-land is listening for the horn.”

From *The Call* by Will H. Ogilvie

1. Hunter Pace Thanks! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who helped put together and run our Fall Hunter Pace! We had a solid turnout despite the hot and humid conditions. We had visitors from as far away as Midlothian in the East and Woodstock in the north! Bedford County Hunt, Deep Run Hunt, and Oak Ridge Fox Hunt were all represented along with a great turnout of Rockbridge Hunt members.

Hunter Pace Team:

Trail design & signage: Cindy Morton

Trail flagging: Lauren Keating, Katharine Conner, Valerie Mann, Cindy Morton, Kathy Eichelberger, Laura Jarvis, Hugh Brown

Advertising: Liz Hall & Hugh Brown

Parking: Hugh Brown

Registration: Sarah Edwards & Liz Hylton

Start/Finish: Lauren Keating & Duane Hylton

Time calculation: Louise Golian

“Gate” watchers: Lu Dooley, Cindy Morton, Rick Siebert

Check-Point: Joe Palermo

Lunch Coordinator and Chef: Sue Charlton

Lunch donations: Hugh Brown, Louise Golian, Liz Hall, Abby, Liz & Duane Hylton, Diane Long, Brenda Ratcliff Palermo, Arran Siebert, Lynn Williams (and maybe more!)

Cleanup: Sue Charlton, Diane Long, Hugh Brown

Course de-flagging: Laura Jarvis, Kathy Eichelberger, Cindy Morton

The Hunt, Inc. Wildlife Update: Gretel Mangigian from the Deep Run Hunt viewed (and filmed) a coyote on course during the pace! There were also quite a few spider sightings. Special thanks to Louise Golian and Lucy Turner for clearing many of the webs from the course and digesting a few spiders along the way!

Rockbridge Hunt Fall Hunter Pace 2018

Results

Full Cry Division Optimum Time: 1:30

1 st	Brooks Arrington Diana Lesser Mackenzie Shine	1:36
2 nd	Gretel Mangigian Elizabeth Wood	1:38
3 rd	Louise Golian Lucy Turner	1:44

Second Flight Division Optimum Time: 1:30

1 st	Debbie Bono Annie Lichtenstein	1:26
2 nd	Trish Lyons Arran Siebert	2:00
3 rd	Debby Bright Diane Long Brenda Ratcliff Palermo	2:08
4 th	Barbara Allen Hayley Osborne	1:53 (short course)
5 th	Lisa Apfel Matthew Marshall	2:01 (short course)

Hilltopper Division Optimum Time: 1:45

1 st	Mallery Denison Amy Kryder	1:35
2 nd	Rhonda Kuhn Karen Martin	2:02
3 rd	Abby Hylton Bernard Hylton	1:10 (short course)
4 th	Tina Bachman Debbie Mooty	2:21 (short course)
5 th	Lynn Williams	0:45 (short course)

Junior Division Optimum Time: 1:30

1 st	Camryn MacDonald Kenzie Miller Anne Morrison Anna Short	1:48
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2. Hunter Pace Series. There is one more hunter pace coming up this fall in this year's Hunter Pace Series. We are participating in this series with the Glenmore Hunt and the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt. Points will be awarded to riders who place first through sixth in all divisions. All other riders will receive an attendance point at each event toward the Championship. Bonus points will be awarded to riders who participate in all six events. Series participants who forego riding in an individual hunter pace in order to volunteer at the pace will also be awarded points toward the Championship. The final event is being hosted by the Glenmore Hunt. Their fall pace is terrific fun and the scenery is always spectacular!

3. Virginia Hunt Week Breakfast. After a two-year hiatus, Virginia Hunt week is back! We will be hosting a meet on Sunday, October 21 at The Hunt, Inc. Valerie Mann and Hugh Brown are coordinating the hunt breakfast that day. They could use some help with appetizers, sides, and desserts. If you can help, please contact Valerie (valeriemann1229@gmail.com; 540-580-6614) or Hugh (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-886-6359).

The full Virginia Hunt Week schedule is posted here: <http://www.vahuntweek.org/>

4. Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Saturday, October 27. 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!

5. Opening Meet! Our annual Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds will take place on **Saturday, November 3 at 2:30 PM at The Hunt, Inc.** This will be a joint meet with our good friends from the Glenmore Hunt. A hunt breakfast will follow the hunt at about 5:00 PM. The Eichelberger family has once again graciously offered to prepare the main course and some sides. They are looking for some help putting a well-rounded meal together, so please email Kathy Eichelberger (bergrbnch@aol.com) if you would be willing and able to contribute. Typically, we have 70 to 80 hungry folks, so we need to begin preparing now! Invitations will be in the mail soon. If there is someone you would like to receive an invitation, please contact Hugh (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-886-6359).

6. Foxhunting Reading Group. The Foxhunting Reading Group met on Tuesday, October 9 to discuss *The Derrydale Press Treasury of Foxhunting* edited by Norman Fine. It was one of the first books we have read that everyone in the group really liked. There was something for every kind of taste in the collection of stories and articles that were taken from Derrydale press foxhunting books from the past century.

Our next book is Barclay Rives's *See You at Second Horses*. We have at least two copies circulating. We plan to meet on **Tuesday, November 13** to discuss the book. Time & location TBA

For questions about the Reading Group, please contact Cindy Morton, mortonc@wlu.edu or Hugh Brown, brownhh@jmu.edu.

7. Dues. A polite reminder that all members should make at least a first payment on their dues on or before Opening Hunt, November 3. Checks to be made out to "Rockbridge Hunt." You may either hand the check to Treasurer Louise Golian any time you see her, or mail it to: Louise Golian, Treasurer, 105 Rock Ridge Lane, Vesuvius, VA 24483. Thank you and kudos to those who have already paid some or all of their dues!

8. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology: **Capping Fee**

From *Foxhunting in North America* by Alexander Mackay-Smith

"The term goes back to earlier days when the Secretary passed his cap and the fee, paid in silver, was dropped into it. W.P. Wadsworth wrote:

The Secretary will observe visitors in the field and will be attempting to put together the faces he sees with the names on his list of contributors. Do not fail to make yourself known to the Secretary. It is not considered necessary to present your calling card. Your bank will provide you with a printed slip of paper, which, properly filled out and signed, will be a perfectly acceptable substitute."

9. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Sunday, October 21	Rockbridge Hunt hosts Virginia Hunt Week at The Hunt, Inc.
Saturday, October 27	Joint meet at Glenmore Hunt's <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, November 3	Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds
Saturday, December 15	Christmas Meet & Party
Tuesday, January 1	New Year's Day Meet
Saturday, February 23	*Rockbridge Hunt Ball, Natural Bridge Hotel *Fundraising events

10. Other Hunt-related Dates

October 8-13	Theodora A. Randolph <i>Field Hunter Championships</i>
October 13-28	Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, October 20	Bull Run Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 27	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Saturday, October 27	Bull Run Hunt <i>Puppy Party</i>
Saturday, October 27	Keswick Hunt <i>Opening Meet</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
Saturday, November 10	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 11	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Sunday, November 18	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i>

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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