



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* September 28, 2018

“In 1925 a fox entered the town of Wendover in Buckinghamshire followed by a single very persistent bitch hound. In its effort to escape its pursuer, the fox entered a dairyman’s house by the back door. It jumped on the dining-room table and through an open window to the street. The fox’s cunning put the hound off the scent and it returned to the pack. Reynard then took refuge in the shrubbery of another house, and so eluded its pursuers.”

Great Days Two, from Baily’s Hunting Directory

1. Hunter Pace! Our final fundraising ride of 2018 is scheduled for Sunday, October 7. We’re looking for several volunteers to staff important positions – registration, start/finish, parking. Sue Charlton has graciously agreed to coordinate the lunch and she’ll be looking for some help with that closer to the event date. So, if you aren’t planning to ride in the pace, please consider volunteering to help your Hunt reach our fundraising goal. We can’t hunt if we can’t pay the bills. To volunteer, please contact Hugh Brown at brownhh@jmu.edu or (H) 540-886-6359 or (W) 540-568-3501.

2. Work Days! Many thanks to everyone who came out this summer to help clear trails in our hunt country! We’ve battled heat, hurricanes, and rain, rain, rain! If you weren’t able to come out and help this summer, please thank those that did!

Saturday, August 11: Hugh Brown, Bob Richardson

Saturday, August 18: Lora Volant, Rebecca Tilson, Joe Thacker, Bob Richardson, Kathy Munsey, Cindy Morton, Valerie Mann, Diane Long, Blair Jones, Liz Hall, Lu Dooley, Joe Conner, David Conner, and Hugh Brown.

Saturday, August 25: Hugh Brown, Pete Holladay, Lauren Keating, Valerie Mann, Cindy Morton, Kathy Munsey, Bob Richardson, and Rebecca Tilson

Saturday, September 22: Rebecca Tilson, Bob Richardson, Kathy Munsey, Cindy Morton, Valerie Mann, Lauren Keating, Hugh Brown.

Special thanks to our summer mowing crew! It was a constant battle to keep the grass cut at the Lodge, barn, and riding ring. Thank you to Cindy Morton, David Conner, Katharine Conner, Kathy Eichelberger, Diane Long, and Jake Wilson for keeping the grass under control in spite of the constant watering from Mother Nature!

3. Save the Date! The 2019 Rockbridge Hunt Ball will be on **Saturday, February 23 at the Natural Bridge Hotel**. Terry Whitmore and Trish Lyons are gearing up for a great party. Please let them know if you’d like to help plan our annual winter celebration and fundraiser.

4. Kick-off Party. Thank you to everyone who attended the rescheduled Kick-Off Party on Sunday, September 23. We had a great crowd of over 50 who got to socialize, share a fabulous dinner, shop at the silent auction, and support our hounds. Thank you to Lauren Keating & David Bolen for providing the delicious barbeque main course and to everyone who brought side dishes and desserts. No one went home hungry! The silent auction brought in more funds than we expected – special thanks to Carol Lueder for coordinating the auction and making so many generous donations! All of our hounds now have sponsors! Special thanks to Valerie Mann for coordinating the sponsorship program. This is an important fundraising effort to help keep our hounds fed, vaccinated, given flea preventative treatments and medical attention. We expect to spend over \$330 on each hound each year!

2018-19 Foxhounds & their Sponsors

Kathy Munsey	Rockbridge Legend 2010
Sue Charlton	Andrews Bridge Laser 2011
Valerie Mann	Rockbridge Omelet 2011
Bill and Barbara Luton	Rockbridge Tansy 2012
Liz and Brent Hall	Rockbridge Teasel 2012
Ellen Oliver	Rockbridge Outlaw 2014
Carol Lueder	Rockbridge Opal 2014
Bonny Wilson	Rockbridge Wade 2015
Laura Grantham	Rockbridge Waffle 2015
Blair and Erica Jones	Rockbridge Widget 2015
Cynthia and Terry Secker	Rockbridge Thursday 2016
Trish Lyons	Rockbridge Weasel 2017
Lu Dooley	Rockbridge Whistle 2017
Liz and Brent Hall	Rockbridge Wonder 2017
Bill and Barbara Luton	Rockbridge Acadia 2017
Gary Mantello	Rockbridge Amstel 2017
Lynn Williams	Rockbridge Willy 2018
Ray and Lynn Tuckwiller	Rockbridge Wizard 2018
Jake Wilson	Rockbridge Woody 2018
Aaron Siebert	Rockbridge Willow 2018
Jake Wilson	Rockbridge Wilson
Janet Wynot	“O” Puppies (Laser x Opal)

5. Hunter Pace Series. There are two more hunter paces 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 dates and links to more information are:

Sunday, October 7	Rockbridge Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	rockbridgehunt.org
Sunday, Nov. 18	Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	glenmorehunt.org

6. Are you licensed to Hunt? Remember to get a new Virginia Hunting License before the start of hunting season. This is not optional, everyone must purchase and carry a current hunting license. 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 or you can get one at Walmart too!

7. Virginia Hunt Week. After a two-year hiatus, Virginia Hunt week is back! Updates will be posted here: <http://www.vahuntweek.org/>

Schedule:

Saturday, October 13	Deep Run Hunt
Sunday, October 14	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt
Monday, October 15	Keswick Hunt
Tuesday, October 16	Farmington Hunt
Wednesday, October 17	Middlebrook Hounds
Thursday, October 18	Bedford County Hunt
Friday, October 19	Stonewall Hounds
Saturday, October 20	Glenmore Hunt
Sunday, October 21	Rockbridge Hunt
Monday, October 22	Shopping!
Tuesday, October 23	Casanova Hunt
Wednesday, October 24	Rappahannock Hunt
Thursday, October 25	Old Dominion Hounds
Friday, October 26	Bull Run Hunt
Saturday, October 27	Commonwealth Foxhounds
Sunday, October 28	Caroline Hunt

8. Foxhunting Reading Group. The Foxhunting Reading Group met on Wednesday, September 5 to discuss Peter Beckford's 1781 classic *Thoughts on Hunting*. While we all agreed that although the English language has changed greatly since 1781, foxhunting has not. Apart from medical advances, the other issues related to raising, training, and hunting a pack of hounds have remained amazingly constant through time.

For our next book, we selected *The Derrydale Press Treasury of Foxhunting* edited by Norman Fine. We have at least one copy circulating already and Carol Lueder has ordered a couple of copies. They will be available by the middle of next week for \$19 (retail price is \$40). If you'd like to purchase a copy, please contact Carol Lueder (shop@fchase.net or (H) 540-463-9189).

We plan to meet on Monday, October 8 to discuss the Treasury. Time & location TBA

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

9. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology: **Whip**

The following is from *Foxhunting in North America* by Alexander Mackay-Smith:

Whip: The assembly of crop, thong and lash is known as a hunting whip, incorrectly called a crop or hunting crop. The thong carried by a member of the field should be looped through the hand, the thong carried by a member of the staff should hang straight down. The thong should be used by members of the field under one set of circumstances — held out in the direction of hounds, when they are being taken past the field in a narrow place such as a lane, so as to prevent them from getting so close to horses that they might be kicked.

10. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Sunday, October 7	*Fall Hunter Pace at The Hunt, Inc.
Sunday, October 21	Rockbridge Hunt hosts Virginia Hunt Week
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

11. Other Hunt-related Dates

Sunday, September 23	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Maceland, Chatham
Sunday, October 7	Virginia <i>Field Hunter Championship</i> , Piedmont Fox Hounds
Sunday, October 7	Keswick Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
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>

12. 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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