



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* March 1, 2019

*“A man ain’t so different from a horse or a mule, come long come short,
except a mule or a horse has got a little more sense.”*

-William Faulkner

1. Rockbridge Hunt Ball 2019. We had a ball at the ball! We had a fantastic dinner and the band was better than ever. Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with this major event! Whether you were on the organizing committee, bought a ticket, brought a friend, made a donation, or bought an item in the silent auction, every contribution made a difference!

Grateful thanks to our hard-working hunt ball committee that included:

Organizer: Terry Whitmore

Hotel, Catering, & Band Arrangements: Terry Whitmore, Trish Lyons, Rebecca Tilson

Invitations, Table Decorations & Slideshow: Hugh Brown

Setup & Decorating Team: Terry Whitmore, Trish Lyons, Hugh Brown, Liz Hall

Silent Auction: Carol Lueder, Hugh Brown, Cindy Morton

Website advertising: Cindy Morton and Blair Jones

Silent Auction check-out: Louise Golian, Hugh Brown, Valerie Mann

Merchandising: Liz Hall

While the price of the subscription covers the cost of the dinner, ballroom and band, the Silent Auction is what generates the profit to help feed the hounds and fund the hunt. Very special thanks to our many Silent Auction Donors: Ardmore Equestrian Center; Blue Ridge Equine; Hugh Brown & Joe Manning; Casanova Hunt; Center of Gravity; Susan Conner & Blue Cedar Farm; Billie Rae Croll; Lu & Ed Dooley; Dover Saddlery; Edgewater Animal Hospital; Flex Fitness; Glenmore Hunt; Louise & Bruce Golian; Great Valley Brewery; Grey Horse Saddlery; Liz & Brent Hall; Bernard Hylton; Duane Hylton; Dan & Jan Jones; Erica & Blair Jones; Lauren Keating & David Bolen; Carol Lueder & Fair Chase, Inc.; Trish & Charlie Lyons; Mane Gait Equestrian Center; Valerie & John Mann; Cindy Morton; Kathy & Jeff Munsey; Wendy Orrison; Brenda Ratcliff Palermo; Beth & Steve Pappas; Torben Pederson; Rappahannock Hunt; Rockbridge Farmers Co-op; Rockbridge Hunt; Peggy Russell; Saddles ‘N Stuff; Shenandoah Framing; Arran & Rick Siebert; The Southern Inn; Virginia Horse Center; Joy & Andy Watkins; and Susan Wildfong.

Our silent auction was a great success! This was due in great part to the tremendously generous donations from Carol Lueder as well as her hard work in soliciting donations from many local businesses. Our sincere thanks *once again* to Carol Lueder – Honorary Member *Extraordinaire!*

And very special thanks to the following for financial donations to the ball: Laura Jarvis; Ann & Allen Layman; Hillery & Matthew Lester; Annie & John Lichtenstein; Kathy & Jeff Munsey; Raymond & Lynn Tuckwiller; and Lynn & Joe Williams.

2. Closing Meet. Saturday, March 23. We're hoping the weather will break and things will dry out soon so we can hunt some more this season before our Closing Meet! We've invited our good friends from the Glenmore Hunt to join us for a joint meet at 2:30 PM at The Hunt, Inc. We'll have our traditional grill-your-own-meat cookout & potluck following the hunt in the Tex Tilson Lodge and everyone is invited to come – riders and non-riders too. Please let Valerie Mann know if you can help with the meal – food and/or cleanup. Please make reservations with Hugh Brown by Thursday, March 21 (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-568-3501, 540-886-6359).

3. The Year Ahead. Even though we haven't been hunting a great deal this winter, your hard-working Executive Committee has kept busy keeping the Hunt moving forward into 2019. The committee met last night and set a *tentative* schedule for this calendar year. Here are some things to look forward to in 2019!

Saturday, March 23	Closing Meet , 2:30 PM, The Hunt, Inc. Joint meet with Glenmore Hunt Cookout/potluck to follow the hunt at the Tex Tilson Lodge
Saturday, May 4	*Rockbridge Hunt Derby-Day Hunter Pace at Broadview
Wednesday, May 8	Rockbridge Hunt Annual Meeting , Tex Tilson Lodge, 7:00 PM
Sunday, May 26	Glenmore Hunt & Rockbridge Hunt Reception at the Virginia Foxhound Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, June 22	* Judged Pleasure Ride
Saturday, July 27	* Poker Ride
Saturday, August 3	* Jumping Clinic with Diane Long
Saturday, September 14	Kick-Off Party
Sunday, September 15	Volunteers' Hunt
Wednesday, September 18	Autumn Hunting Begins!
Sunday, October 6	*Fall Hunter Pace
Saturday, October 26	Joint Meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet
Saturday, November 2	Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt

4. Foxhunting Reading Group. The Foxhunting Reading Group is scheduled to meet again on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 PM to discuss this month's selection: *Famous Foxhunters* by Daphne Moore. We have several copies circulating if you'd like to borrow one. We'll also have a special showing of the short film "Goodnight Ladies" about the famous Pennsylvania Master and Huntsman Nancy Hannum. The film was made by her granddaughter Christina Hannum and features beautiful foxhunting footage. Location TBA. For questions about the Reading Group, please contact Cindy Morton, mortonc@wlu.edu or Hugh Brown, brownhh@jmu.edu.

5. Annual Meeting! Please mark your calendar now for Annual Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM, Tex Tilson Lodge at The Hunt, Inc.** We will be electing new officers for the year ahead, voting on the proposed budget for the 2019-20 year, and attending to other matters important to our organization. Members whose dues have been paid in full by the time of the meeting are eligible to vote. Each single hunting membership, each family membership, and each landowner membership has one vote. In order for the Hunt to conduct business, there must be a quorum at the meeting of 20 members present. Family and landowner memberships may have more than one member, and the numbers matter. Our president runs a very efficient meeting and we always have an enjoyable evening discussing the past year and laying the groundwork for the new year. ***Please plan to come!***

6. Rockbridge Hunt Lending Library. Looking for something to do when it's cold and/or rainy outside and we can't hunt? How about reading about foxhunting? Our lending library at the Tex Tison Lodge has grown and there are some terrific books to be borrowed. Anyone is welcome to check out books from the library and there is a sign-out book located on the shelf. Included so far in the library are copies of many of the books read by the Reading Group, a whole collection of Dick Francis racing thrillers, and a number of other books about horses and riding. Happy reading!

7. Sedgefield Cup 2019. The dates have been set for the 2019 renewal of the Carolinas Foxhound Performance Trial – The Sedgefield Cup – March 29-31. A number of Rockbridge Hunt members are planning to participate again this year. If you'd like to join us, contact Hugh Brown or Cindy Morton for a copy of the registration form and schedule. Mark your calendar now for an exciting weekend of foxhunting and fellowship in North Carolina!

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

Changing foxes – Hounds ought to stay on the line of one fox until it is accounted for. Changing foxes means they have left the line of one fox (or coyote) without accounting for it to begin hunting another.

Excerpt from **Diary of a Fox-hunting Man** by Terence Carroll

Often, when hunted, one [fox] will scramble into a covert and put up another fox. There are people who believe that the fresh fox voluntarily takes over, like a relay runner, to lead hounds away. What is far more probably is that the hunted fox dives for a hiding place it knows, finds it occupied, and that the tenant is frightened or driven out, to be hunted. In hunting circles this is known as 'changing foxes'.

9. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, March 2	Farmington Hunt <i>Ball</i> , Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville
Saturday, March 2	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Ball</i> , Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton
Saturday, March 2	Bedford County Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, March 9	Glenmore Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, March 10	Blue Ridge Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Trelawny Farm, Berryville www.BlueRidgeHunt.org
Saturday, March 16	Warrenton Hunt <i>Point to Point</i> , Airlie Race Course www.warrentonhunt.com
Saturday, March 23	Piedmont Fox Hounds <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Salem Course, Upperville
Saturday, March 23	Piedmont Fox Hounds <i>Point to Point</i> , Salem Course, Upperville
Sun. March 24-Sat. Mar 30	Bull Run Hunt <i>March Madness</i> www.bullrunhuntclub.com
Fri. Mar 29-Sun Mar 31	Carolinas <i>Foxhound Performance Trials</i> "The Sedgefield Cup" www.sedgefieldhunt.com
Saturday, March 30	Bull Run Hunt <i>Ball</i> www.bullrunhuntclub.com
Saturday, March 30	Orange County Hounds <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Middleburg
Sunday, March 31	Orange County Hounds <i>Point to Point</i> , Middleburg
Saturday, April 6	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club <i>Judged Pleasure Ride</i> oakridgefoxhuntclub.com
Saturday, April 6	Bedford County Hunt <i>Ball</i> www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/
Saturday, April 6	Old Dominion Hounds <i>Point to Point</i> , Ben Venue olddominionhounds.weebly.com

Sunday, April 7 Old Dominion Hounds *Hunter Pace*, Ben Venue
olddominionhounds.weebly.com

Saturday, April 13 Glenmore Hunt Spring *Hunter Pace*
www.glenmorehunt.org

Saturday, April 13 Rappahannock Hunt *Hunter Pace*, Greenwood Farm, Washington
www.rappahannockhunt.com

Sunday, April 14 Loudoun Hunt *Point to Point*, Oatlands Plantation, Leesburg
www.loudounhunt.com/point-to-point-races.html

Saturday, April 20 Warrenton Hunt *Hunter Pace*, Clovercroft/Millpoint Farm
www.warrentonhunt.com

Saturday, April 20 Middleburg Spring *Races*, Glenwood Park, Middleburg
www.middleburgspringraces.com

Sat April 21-Sun April 21 Middlebrook Hounds *Hunter Pace Weekend*
<https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/>

Sunday, April 21 Blue Ridge Hunt *Point to Point*, Woodley Farm, Berryville
www.blueridgehunt.org

Saturday, April 27 Bedford County Hunt *Hunter Pace*, Sweet Briar College, no rain date
www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/

Saturday, April 27 Loudoun Fairfax Hunt *Hunter Pace*, Philomont
www.loudounfairfaxhunt.com

Saturday, April 27 Foxfield Spring *Races*, Charlottesville
www.foxfieldraces.com

Sunday, April 28 Middleburg Hunt *Point to Point*, Glenwood Park, Middleburg
www.middleburghunt.com/

Saturday, May 4 Virginia Gold Cup *Races*, Great Meadow, The Plains
www.vagoldcup.com

Saturday, May 18 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Spring *Hunter Pace*
oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Sat May 18-Sun May 19 Middlebrook Hounds *Hunter Pace Weekend*
<https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/>

Sunday, May 26 Virginia *Foxhound Show*, Morven Park, Leesburg
<https://virginiafoxhoundclub.org/hound-show>

Sunday, June 9 Glenmore Hunt *Murder Mystery Ride*
www.glenmorehunt.org

Saturday, June 15 Bedford County Hunt *Hunter Pace* Oldenacres, Goode, rain date June 22
www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/

Saturday, June 15 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt *Poker Ride*
oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Sat June 15-Sun June 16 Middlebrook Hounds *Hunter Pace Weekend*
<https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/>

Sat July 20-Sun July 21 Middlebrook Hounds *Hunter Pace Weekend*
<https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/>

Saturday, August 10 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt *Hunting Clinic*
oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Sat August 17-Sun Aug 18 Middlebrook Hounds *Hunter Pace Weekend*
<https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/>

Saturday, September 7 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Fall *Hunter Pace*
oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Saturday, September 7 Glenmore Hunt *Foxhunting Clinic*
www.glenmorehunt.org

Sunday, September 22 Bedford County Hunt *Hunter Pace* Maceland, Chatham VA, rain date 9/29
www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/

10. 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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