



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* May 13, 2019

“...a magnificent fellow in a spotless suit of fur crossed the ride before him at a quiet, stealing, listening sort of pace, and gave a whisk of his well-tagged brush on entering the copse-wood.”

-R.S. Surtess, *Handley Cross*, 1843

1. Annual Meeting! Thank you to everyone who came out for our very important Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 8. We started the evening with a terrific lasagna dinner coordinated by Valerie Mann and provided by members of the Executive Committee. We had a solid turnout of members and made our quorum. We had reports on the past year from our President, Treasurer, and Joint Master, and held elections for officers to lead us through the 2019-20 year. We also approved the 2019-20 budget. Thank you again to everyone who attended the meeting - the new year is off to a great start!

2019-2020 Officers & Stewards Elected at the Annual Meeting

President:	Lauren Keating
Joint Masters of Foxhounds:	Cindy Morton and Hugh Brown
Treasurer:	Louise Golian
Hon. Secretary:	Valerie Mann
Steward 2019-2023	Liz Hall
Steward 2019-2023	Diane Long

2. Derby-Day Hunter Pace! When the early morning fog lifted, we were left with a perfect day for a hunter pace! We had a great turnout including many first-time hunter pace participants! We also had foxhunters from Bedford County Hunt, Deep Run Hunt, Farmington Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, Rockbridge Hunt, Stonewall Hounds, and even the North Hills Hunt in Nebraska! Special thanks to our hosts at Broadview for allowing us to use the farm and facilities for the pace and to Susan & Bob Richardson for designing and marking a wonderful course for us!

Thank you to our 2019 Derby-Day Hunter Pace Crew:

Organizer:	Hugh Brown
Advertising:	Liz Hall & Hugh Brown
Course Design & Flagging:	Susan & Bob Richardson
Registration:	Candi Hylton & Valerie Mann
Start & Finish	Lauren Keating & Lu Dooley
Time Calculator	Louise Golian
Lunch Coordination:	Liz Hall & Lauren Keating
Extra Volunteer Support	Carol Lueder & Sandy Collier
Food Donors & Transporters:	Lauren Keating, Liz Hall, Hugh Brown, Diane Long, Carol Lueder, Trish Lyons, Valerie Mann, Cindy Morton, Kathy Munsey, Bob & Susan Richardson, Arran Siebert, and Lynn Williams.

2019 Derby-Day Hunter Pace Results

Full Cry Division Optimum Time: 87 minutes

Place	#	Riders	Time
1 st	6	Cara Potter	87
		Kelly Van Scoter	
2 nd	5	Gretel Mangigian	90
		Elizabeth Wood	
3 rd	2	Kathy Eichelberger	96
		Liz Hall	
3 rd	3	Anne Howard	96
		Diane Long	
4 th	4	Brooks Arrington	97
		Michelle Rogers	
5 th	1	Makenzie Shine	98
		Lindsay Paulette	

Second Flight Division Optimum Time: 96 minutes

Place	#	Riders	Time
1 st	105	Laura Arnold	88
		Terry Whitmore	
2 nd	101	Sherry Nedzbala	79
		ShellyThompson	
3 rd	108	Billie Bryant	114
		Lili Wykle	
4 th	104	Joy Watkins	133
5 th	102	Justine Betzler	139
		Kallie Hainline	
		Rachael Mills	
6 th	107	Adrianna Lomansney	145
		Meghan Rexrode	

Hilltopper Division Optimum Time: 107 minutes

Place	#	Riders	Time
1 st	201	Kathy Munsey	81
		Arran Siebert	
2 nd	302	Bruce Evans	136
		Robyn Sazonov	
3 rd	204	Morgan Hufford	163
		Samantha Hufford	

Junior Division Optimum time: 96 minutes

Place	#	Riders	Time
1 st	301	Bekah Honaker	85
		Caryn Switzer	
2 nd	304	MaryLee McDavid	132
		Waverly McDavid	
3 rd	303	Jen Faust	137
		Callie Miller	

3. 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 another 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!

4. More Reminders - Summer Trail Riding at The Hunt, Inc. 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 next meeting of the Foxhunting Reading Group will be on Thursday, May 23. We'll be discussing *Yonder He Goes* by Ralph Greaves (author of *Dainty, A Story of a Foxhound*). If you'd like to borrow a copy, let one of us know. Everyone is welcome!
~Cindy, mortonc@wlu.edu and Hugh, brownhh@jmu.edu

6. Virginia Foxhound Show. 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 26**. 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.

It's a great day out, so please consider joining us in Leesburg on the 26th 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 23 if you can join us. (brownhh@jmu.edu H 540-886-6359, W 540-568-3501)

7. More Hunter Paces! On **Saturday, May 18** the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt will have their Spring Hunter Pace at Fox Hill Farm, 330 Ennis Mountain Road, Afton, Virginia. This is the third pace in our 6-event Hunter Pace series with Glenmore and Oak Ridge. More details here: <https://oakridgefoxhuntclub.com/>

The second Middlebrook Hounds hunter pace weekend of the season is coming up too – **May 18 and 19** at Bold Stream Farm, Dutch Hollow Road in Middlebrook. For more information visit their Facebook page or contact Mary Ann Getty at 540-886-6817 or firstwhipmh@aol.com.

8. Murder Mystery Ride! Saturday, June 9. For another great riding opportunity, the Glenmore Hunt has scheduled their annual Murder Mystery Ride at the Bonnie Doon Farm near Grottoes (2190 Battlefield Rd Grottoes Virginia 24441). The ride is based on the board game Clue – except you are on horseback. It’s a very fun and well-organized ride on a beautiful farm with lots of optional jumping. Lots more information about how the ride works and how to register can be found here:
<http://www.glenmorehunt.org/>

9. Poker Ride! Saturday, June 22. Organizer Louise Golian has started work on our annual summer Poker Ride at Greenock Farm (near Fairfield/Brownsburg). Be on the lookout for requests for help with this very important fundraiser – our first of the new budget year. We’ll need help clearing trails and building jumps before the event, and volunteers to work the event and help with lunch. You know you want to help!

10. Rockbridge Hunt Lending Library. Looking for something to read at the beach or inside when it’s too hot to ride? 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!

11. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology: **By-Laws**

By-laws

The By-laws of any corporation or organization detail how it is organized. By-laws usually include: member or shareholder rights; board member and officer elections, terms, and duties; along with details about the operation of the corporation. Our by-laws set the date for the annual meeting, designate our fiscal year, and much more. The by-laws for the Rockbridge Hunt are located on our website under “About RH.”

“The Treasurer should observe a fiscal year of June first to May thirty-first.”
From the Rockbridge Hunt By-laws (Amended 1994)

12. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

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	* Poker Ride at Brownsburg
Saturday, July 27	* Judged Pleasure Ride at Broadview
Saturday, August 3	* Jumping Clinic with Diane Long at The Hunt, Inc.
Saturday, September 14	Kick-Off Party at the Tex Tilson Lodge
Sunday, September 15	Volunteers’ Hunt
Wednesday, September 18	Autumn Hunting Begins!
Sunday, October 6	*Fall Hunter Pace at The Hunt, Inc. - <i>Hunter Pace Series!</i>
Saturday, October 26	Joint Meet at Glenmore Hunt’s Opening Meet
Saturday, November 2	Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt

13. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, May 18	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Spring <i>Hunter Pace</i> – <i>Hunter Pace Series!</i> oakridgefoxhuntclub.com
Sat May 18-Sun May 19	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i> https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/
Sunday, May 26	Virginia <i>Foxhound Show</i> , Morven Park, Leesburg https://virginiafoxhoundclub.org/hound-show
Sunday, June 9	Glenmore Hunt <i>Murder Mystery Ride</i> www.glenmorehunt.org
Saturday, June 15	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> Oldenacres, Goode, rain date June 22 www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/
Saturday, June 15	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Poker Ride</i> oakridgefoxhuntclub.com
Sat June 15-Sun June 16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i> https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/
Sat July 20-Sun July 21	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i> https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/
Saturday, August 10	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Hunting Clinic</i> oakridgefoxhuntclub.com
Sat August 17-Sun Aug 18	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i> https://www.facebook.com/MiddlebrookHoundsHuntClub/
Saturday, September 7	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> - <i>Hunter Pace Series!</i> oakridgefoxhuntclub.com
Saturday, September 7	Glenmore Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> www.glenmorehunt.org
Sunday, September 22	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> Maceland, Chatham VA, rain date 9/29 www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/
Sunday, November 17	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> - <i>Hunter Pace Series!</i> www.glenmorehunt.org

14. 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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