



## Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* November 15, 2019

*“Fox-hunting, with its difficult science, its ritual, its hardness, is the one thing that stands alone in life for those who love it—the one thing that cannot be shared or halved, and if the spice of it live in you, never can you lack forgetfulness of all else in life beside it.*

From Taking Chances by M. J. Farrell (Molly Keane)

**1. Holiday Craft Show. SATURDAY! NEW EVENT!** A special date for your Autumn calendar – Saturday, November 16 at the Virginia Horse Center 10AM-4PM. Trish Lyons is heading up this exciting new fundraising venture for us. Get the holidays started early with a visit to our holiday craft show. We’ve been inviting vendors and crafters to set up tables in the Appomattox Room in the main coliseum at the Virginia Horse Center. Sarah Edwards is heading up the advertising for this event. We’ll be looking for help on Friday, November 15 to help the vendors get set up (4-7PM) and early Saturday morning (7-9AM) as well. More than ten vendors have signed up but we could use more! If you know a crafter or artisan who is interested in renting a space at a Christmas market, please pass along the information. We will also need CUSTOMERS – to make this show a success the vendors need to sell their products. Get a jump on your Christmas shopping! Please plan to stop by and bring friends! For more details or to refer a vendor, please contact Trish Lyons at 650-690-1802.

**2. Hunter Pace Series. SUNDAY!** There is one more hunter pace coming up this weekend in this year’s Hunter Pace Series. This one is hosted by the Glenmore Hunt at their beautiful Arbor Hill fixture. 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 date is

**Sunday, November 17**

**Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace**

**[glenmorehunt.org](http://glenmorehunt.org)**

**3. Questions about your Income Taxes and Investments?** Come and join us! The accountant for Rockbridge Hunt, David Black, regularly meets with his clients before the end of the year to answer questions, and advise on the best ways to lessen income taxes. As the hunt is his “client”, he has offered to meet with us, give advice, and answer questions about personal income taxes. In addition, he is bringing Matt Woodford, financial advisor from a Lexington branch of Edward Jones, to supplement with financial and investment advice. All are welcome!! We will meet in the Hunt Lodge Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Louise if you have questions: [louisegolian@gmail.com](mailto:louisegolian@gmail.com) or (540) 460-2628

**4. Glenmore Hunt & Rockbridge Hunt Online!** Members of the Glenmore Hunt arranged for a drone videographer to film their very special 90<sup>th</sup> Opening Meet on October 26. The meet was dedicated to a young member of the hunt who died earlier this year after a long battle with Leukemia. The videographer got some incredible footage of the hunt and the gorgeous fall colors which were at their peak that day. There are a number of Rockbridge Hunt members visible throughout! It was a great day with the Glenmore Hunt!

You can watch this wonderful video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26bWOd4IZGw&t=10s>

**5. Opening Meet Thanks!** Our annual Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds was held on Saturday, November 2 at 2:30 PM at The Hunt, Inc. We had a large group of friends from the Glenmore Hunt join us for the day's events. Many hands worked together to put on a great day of sport and fellowship for our members and guests. Valerie Mann and Hugh Brown started us all off on the right foot with a splendid stirrup cup with help from Pete Holladay, Laura Arnold, and Sue Charlton. Rev. Phillip Parker gave us a wonderful blessing of the hounds and the hunt – an old and inspiring tradition. Then the hounds and our hard-working hunt staff gave us a rousing chase through The Hunt, Inc. Almost everyone in the field got a good view of the large Bobcat that ran right between first and second flights!

Special thanks to the Eichelberger family for hosting the hunt breakfast after the chase and preparing the main course and several sides. Many members brought food and drink to go along with the Eichelbergers' centerpiece – no one could have gone home hungry! It was a fantastic meal. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

When you get a chance, please thank our Opening Meet team:

**Hunt staff in the field:** David Conner, Katharine Conner, Cindy Morton MFH, Bob Richardson, Rebecca Tilson Thacker, and Jake Wilson

**Wheel Whips:** Nancy Conner, Joe Conner

**Field Leaders:** Kathy Eichelberger 1<sup>st</sup> Flight, Terry Whitmore 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight, Diane Long 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight

**Stirrup Cup:** Valerie Mann, Hugh Brown, Pete Holladay, Laura Arnold, Sue Charlton

**Hunt Breakfast Coordinator and Lodge Setup:** Valerie Mann

**Chefs:** Eric & Becky Eichelberger

**Food Donations:** Rockbridge Hunt members and friends

**Decorations:** Annie Lichtenstein

**Extra Cleanup on Sunday:** Lauren Keating

**6. Holiday Festivities!** Mark your calendars! We have three special meets coming up in December and early January! We'll start with our traditional Christmas Meet following by a dinner party on Saturday, December 14. The hounds will meet at 11:00AM and the party will follow the hunt at the Tex Tilson Lodge. Valerie Mann is coordinating this special party. Sue & Roger Charlton are coordinating the hunt breakfast for our next big event – our Boxing Day Meet on Thursday, December 26 at The Hunt, Inc. This mid-week meet is currently scheduled for 2:30PM with the hunt breakfast to follow. Our New Year's Meet will be on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 11:00 AM at The Hunt, Inc. Erica & Blair Jones have graciously offered to coordinate our hunt breakfast that day. All of our breakfast coordinators will be looking for help. We hope the holiday spirit will inspire everyone to give generously of their time and talents to make these events extra special for everyone. Let's celebrate the season!

To get ready for all this fun, we'll have a lodge decorating party after our meet on Sunday, December 1. While we tailgate, we'll put together the Christmas tree, put up some lights and decorations. More hands will make light work. Join us if you can! No special decorating talents necessary!

**7. Foxhunting Reading Group.** The next meeting of the Foxhunting Reading Group will be on Monday, December 2. We'll be discussing a variety of books on foxhunting in Ireland. If you'd like to borrow a copy, let one of us know. Everyone is welcome!

~Cindy, [mortonc@wlu.edu](mailto:mortonc@wlu.edu) and Hugh, [brownhh@jmu.edu](mailto:brownhh@jmu.edu)

**8. Rockbridge Hunt Ball. Save the Date! Saturday, February 8, 2020, Natural Bridge Hotel.**

The coordinators of the Rockbridge Hunt Ball are already hard at work. They have selected a date, location, and secured the band! They also have designs on a special new theme with a more relaxed dress code, and a reduced ticket price. Watch this space for more details! It's going to be a blast!

**9. Educational Bits** – courtesy of the Education Committee

**Ware** – A shortening of the word beware, i.e. ware hole, ware wire, etc. Should not be used to alert the field to passage of individuals. Instead use, “staff, please” or “huntsman, please,” etc.

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

'Ware' is a warning and command used to stop hounds doing anything or going anywhere that's not wanted. It's short for 'beware', but pronounced 'war', and is taught very early on. 'Ware haunch', somewhat quaintly, is used to keep them away from deer.

**10. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar**

Saturday, November 16	*Rockbridge <b>Holiday Craft Show</b> , Virginia Horse Center
Sunday, December 1	Lodge decorating party following the meet at The Hunt, Inc.
Saturday, December 14	<b>Christmas Meet &amp; Party</b> , The Hunt, Inc. Meet at 11:00 AM
Thursday, December 26	<b>Boxing Day Meet &amp; Hunt Breakfast</b> , The Hunt, Inc. Meet at 2:30 PM
Wednesday, January 1, 2020	<b>New Year's Meet &amp; Hunt Breakfast</b> , The Hunt, Inc. Meet at 11:00 AM
Saturday, February 8, 2020	* <b>Rockbridge Hunt Ball</b> at the Natural Bridge Hotel

**11. Other Hunt-related Dates**

Saturday, November 16	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> at Millington
Sunday, November 17	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace - <b>Hunter Pace Series!</b></i> glenmorehunt.org
Thursday, November 28	Keswick Hunt <i>Blessing of the Hounds</i> , Grace Episcopal Church, Keswick <a href="https://www.gracekeswick.org/blessing-of-the-hounds.html">https://www.gracekeswick.org/blessing-of-the-hounds.html</a>

**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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