



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* October 23, 2019

“Someone once said that a fisherman is satisfied if he makes a good catch; that a shooting man is quite content after a good day’s sport; but a foxhunter is never satisfied, and even after the best of runs, is always anxious for the morrow; and even our friend Surtees once said to a lady, “If you are lucky enough to marry an out and out foxhunter, you will find that a good run is only adding fuel to the fire, only making him anxious for more.”

J. Stanley Reeve, *Foxhunting Recollections*

1. Holiday Craft Show. 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. Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Saturday, November 2 at 2:30 PM at The Hunt, Inc. Our Opening Meet will once again 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. Valerie Mann is helping coordinate the meal and she is looking for some help putting a well-rounded meal together, so please email Valerie if you would be willing and able to contribute (valeriemann1229@gmail.com). Typically, we have 70 to 80 hungry folks, so we need to begin preparing now! Invitations have been mailed. If there is someone you would like to receive an invitation, please contact Hugh (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-886-6359).

3. The 4 Hunt Weekend! We had an extremely successful return of the 4 Hunt Weekend with Bedford County Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, and Oak Ridge Fox Hunt – October 11-14. All capping fees and donations collected by the sponsoring hunts are being donated to the Deep Run Hunt Kennel Fund to help them rebuild their kennels. They experienced a terrible fire earlier this year and we want to help them rebuild. Our own meet on Monday, October 14 raised \$600 in caps and donations! In addition to members from all four sponsoring hunts, our field included visitors from Sewickley Hunt (PA), River Hills Foxhounds (PA), Carrollton Hounds (MD), Princess Anne Hunt (VA), and even one member from Misty Morning Hounds in Florida. We also had a riding guest from Kansas! Our hounds and staff gave us a fun coyote chase and we followed the hunt with a great breakfast in the Tex Tilson Lodge. The beautiful lodge decorations were done by Annie Lichtenstein and the sumptuous breakfast was coordinated by Hillery & Matthew Lester with help from Laura Arnold, Annie Lichtenstein, Wendy Kagey, and Terry Whitmore. Our Stirrup Cup team got the day started - special thanks to Sue Charlton and Pete Holladay for getting the morning off to a great start. Thank you all for providing the best in Rockbridge Hunt hospitality for our visitors and members!

4. Hunter Pace Thanks! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who helped put together and run our Fall Hunter Pace earlier this month! We had an excellent turnout despite the hot and dry conditions.

Hunter Pace Team:

Trail flagging: Cindy Morton, Lauren Keating, Lu Dooley

Extra Trail Clearing: Bob Richardson and Jake Wilson

Volunteer Coordinator: Liz Hall

Advertising: Liz Hall & Hugh Brown

Parking: Joe Palermo

Registration: Hugh Brown, Kathy Munsey

Special Junior Escort Service: Lu Dooley

Start/Finish: Trish Lyons, Sarah Edwards

“Gate” watchers: Louise Golian, Lauren Keating, Cindy Morton

Lunch Coordinator and Chef: Sue Charlton

Lunch donations: Sue Charlton, Liz Hall, Trish Lyons, Hugh Brown, Diane Long, Kathy Eichelberger, Valerie Mann, Annie Lichtenstein, Liz Hylton, Kathy Munsey, and probably more!

Cleanup: Sue Charlton, Diane Long, Duane Hylton, Abby Hylton, Hugh Brown

Course de-flagging: Cindy Morton, Lauren Keating, Katharine Conner, Laura Jarvis, Lu Dooley, Louise Golian, Lucy Turner, Pam Schnake

Autumn Hunter Pace and Trail Ride Results, Sunday, October 6, 2019

Full Cry, Optimum time 57 minutes

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| 1 | Arrington/Jones | 1:07 |
| 2 | Eichelberger/Hall | 1:10 |
| 3 | Hylton/Hylton | 1:44 |
| 4 | Long | 1:47 |

Second Flight, Optimum time 1 hour, 12 minutes

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| 1 | Webster/Lichtenstein/Bono | 1:15 |
| 2 | Purswell/Whitfield | 1:20 |
| 3 | Jackson/Gather | 1:22 |
| 4 | Mann/Mann | 1:33 |

Hilltopper, Optimum time 1 hour, 23 minutes

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| 1 | Martin/Robinson | 1:50 |
| 2 | Brooks/Waterbury | 1:51 |
| 2 | Watkins/Ratcliff | 1:51 |
| 3 | Moses/Moses | 1:52 |
| 4 | Pogue/Orrison | 2:01 |

Junior, Optimum time 1 hour, 12 minutes

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| 1 | McDonald/Miller/Morrison | 1:24 |
| 2 | Vest/Kosky | 1:36 |
| 3 | Remington/Vest/Kosky | 2:01 |
| 3 | Frein/Sullivan | 2:01 |
| 3 | Rowe/Dooley | 2:01 |

5. 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 date is

Sunday, November 17

Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace

glenmorehunt.org

6. Foxhunting Reading Group. The next meeting of the Foxhunting Reading Group will be on Tuesday, October 29. We'll be discussing *Martha Doyle & Other Sporting Memories* by Richard E. Danielson. 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

7. 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!

8. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee

Entered Hound – A hound which has been hunted for one season or more. During his first season of hunting a hound may be referred to as an unentered hound.

“To enter a hound is to start it on its hunting career.”

*Excerpt from **Fox-Hunting** by the Duke of Beaufort*

9. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Saturday, October 26

Joint Meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds

Saturday, November 2

Rockbridge Hunt **Opening Meet** & Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt

Saturday, November 16

*Rockbridge **Holiday Craft Show**, Virginia Horse Center

Saturday, February 8, 2020

***Rockbridge Hunt Ball** at the Natural Bridge Hotel

10. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, October 26

Glenmore Hunt *Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds*

Saturday, October 26

Bedford County Hunt *Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds*

Saturday, October 26

Middlebrook Hounds *Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds*

Saturday, October 26

International Gold Cup *Races*, Great Meadow Race Course, The Plains

<http://www.vagoldcup.com>

Saturday, November 2

Montpelier *Fall Races*, Montpelier Station

<https://www.montpelieraces.org/>

Sunday, November 3

Farmington Hunt *Fall Hunter Pace*

www.farmingtonhunt.org

Saturday, November 16

Farmington Hunt *Opening Meet* at Millington

Sunday, November 17

Glenmore Hunt *Fall Hunter Pace - Hunter Pace Series!*

glenmorehunt.org

Thursday, November 28

Keswick Hunt *Blessing of the Hounds*, Grace Episcopal Church, Keswick

<https://www.gracekeswick.org/blessing-of-the-hounds.html>

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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