



## Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* September 18, 2019

*"In the next field we viewed our fox fairly flying down the hillside, and, crossing the meadow, went to earth on the edge of Castle Rock. Reynard must have met a friend in his house, or else he was waving a farewell salute to us, for he left his brush sticking up from the earth, waving it from side to side, and only pulled it in when hounds were practically at the earth."*

J. Stanley Reeve in *Radnor Reminiscences*

**1. Kick-off Party.** Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Kick-Off Party on Saturday, September 14. 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 for cleaning at the lodge before the party. Thank you to Valerie Mann and Trish Lyons for setup, decorations, and food coordination. And thank you to Lauren Keating & David Bolen for providing the delicious fried chicken 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 and all of our hounds now have sponsors! Thank you to all of this year's sponsors. A full list will be out soon. 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! Very special thanks to Dr. Brent Hall for continuing our hounds' veterinary care this year!

**2. Work Days!** We've had two very productive work sessions at Broadview so far this month! Thank you to our volunteers for coming out to free our trails from unbelievable amounts of blockage:

**Saturday, August 3 at Broadview:** Bob & Susan Richardson, Valerie Mann, Diane Long, Kathy Eichelberger, and Hugh Brown

**Saturday, August 10 at Broadview:** Bob & Susan Richardson, Duane Hylton, Diane Long, Kathy Munsey, and Hugh Brown

**Saturday, August 24 at The Hunt, Inc.:** David Conner, Cindy Morton, Rebecca Tilson Thacker, Bob & Susan Richardson, Kathy Munsey, Lauren Keating, Liz Hall, Hugh Brown.

**Saturday, August 31 at Broadview:** Laura Grantham, Lauren Keating, Valerie Mann, Cindy Morton, Bob & Susan Richardson, Jake Wison, Felicia Mays, Hugh Brown.

Very special thanks to our energizer bunny Bob Richardson! He's been spotted clearing trails on non-work days - many, many times! The list of trails he has reopened for us is amazing. Thank you Bob!!

Thank you everyone! Let's Hunt!

**3. Hunter Pace!** Our final fundraising ride of 2019 is scheduled for **Sunday, October 6**. We're looking for several volunteers to staff important positions. 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 Liz Hall at 434-760-3784 or [ehhall1229@yahoo.com](mailto:ehhall1229@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**4. 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 6	Rockbridge Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	<a href="http://rockbridgehunt.org">rockbridgehunt.org</a>
Sunday, November 17	Glenmore Hunt Fall Hunter Pace	<a href="http://glenmorehunt.org">glenmorehunt.org</a>

**5. 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.

**6. Foxhunting Reading Group.** The next meeting of the Foxhunting Reading Group will be on Tuesday, September 24. We'll be discussing *Radnor Reminiscences* by J. Stanley Reeve. 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)

**7. The 4 Hunt Weekend Returns!** Mark your calendar for the return of the 4 Hunt Weekend with Bedford County Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, and the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt – October 11-14. These are joint meets, so capping fees are waived for hunting members of the four sponsoring hunts. Capping fees are payable by other guests to respective hunts before each meet. Attire is Ratcatcher for all meets. Please contact or RSVP the respective hunts in advance and remember to check each hunt line on the day of hunting. More details will be coming out closer to that weekend.

Special this year: All capping fees and donations collected by the sponsoring hunts will be 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.

**8. Holiday Craft Show. NEW EVENT!** Another 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 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, and we need some more volunteers. 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. We are also looking for members who would be willing to make things to sell like baked goods, Christmas ornaments, face painting, kids activities, etc. If you know a crafter that could set up a table, let them know about our event. Does anyone know someone who makes and would sell wreathes? Bring friends! Spread the word! For more details or to refer a vendor, please contact Trish Lyons at 650-690-1802.

## 9. Save the Date! Rockbridge Hunt Ball – 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!

## 10. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee

**Scent** - The smell of a fox and the physical and chemical phenomena by which the smell gets from the fox's footprints to the hound's nose.

*"It seemed an impossible day to hunt. One would have said there would be no **scent** at all, which only goes to prove that the longer one hunts, the less one really knows about **scent**; or maybe it isn't so much the foxes' **scent** as it is the condition of the hounds; how they are hunted and whether they rely on themselves or rely on their huntsman; and whether they are keen for their work or are slack."*

Excerpt from *Radnor Reminiscences* by J. Stanley Reeve

## 11. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday, September 18	<b>Autumn Hunting</b> Begins!
Sunday, October 6	*Fall <b>Hunter Pace</b> at The Hunt, Inc. - <i>Hunter Pace Series!</i>
Saturday, October 26	<b>Joint Meet</b> at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet
Saturday, November 2	Rockbridge Hunt <b>Opening Meet</b> & Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt
Saturday, November 16	*Rockbridge <b>Holiday Craft Show</b> , Virginia Horse Center
Saturday, February 8, 2020	* <b>Rockbridge Hunt Ball</b> at the Natural Bridge Hotel

## 12. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, September 21	Glenmore Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i> glenmorehunt.org
Sunday, September 22	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> Maceland, Chatham VA, rain date 9/29 www.bedfordcountyhunt.com/
Sunday, September 22	Bull Run Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Highlands www.bullrunhuntclub.com
Sunday, September 29	Foxfield <i>Races</i> , Charlottesville http://www.foxfieldraces.com/fall
Saturday, October 12	The Theodora A. Randolph <i>Field Hunter Championship</i> finals, Middleburg http://www.vafallraces.com/Field_Hunter_Championships
Saturday, October 12	Virginia <i>Fall Races</i> , Glenwood Park, Middleburg http://www.vafallraces.com/
Saturday, October 19	Bull Run Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> , Locust Hill Stables www.bullrunhuntclub.com
Sunday, October 20	<i>Virginia Field Hunter Championship</i> hosted by Loudoun Fairfax Hunt, 11 AM, Johnson Field on Harmony Church Road, Hamilton, VA
Saturday, October 26	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds</i> glenmorehunt.org
Saturday, October 26	Bedford County Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds</i> www.bedfordcountyhunt.com
Saturday, October 26	International Gold Cup <i>Races</i> , 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](http://www.farmingtonhunt.org)  
Saturday, November 16      Farmington Hunt *Opening Meet* at Millington  
[www.farmingtonhunt.org](http://www.farmingtonhunt.org)  
Sunday, November 17      Glenmore Hunt *Fall Hunter Pace - Hunter Pace Series!*  
[glenmorehunt.org](http://glenmorehunt.org)  
Thursday, November 28      Keswick Hunt *Blessing of the Hounds*, Grace Episcopal Church, Keswick  
<https://www.gracekeswick.org/blessing-of-the-hounds.html>

**13. 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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