



Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound June 16, 2020

“The foxhound has infinite patience and courage; and being endowed with a purpose in life, he stops at nothing in carrying out the functions to which his existence has been directed. During the chase only his Huntsman’s voice or horn can make him deviate from the line of his destiny—nothing else matters, not even hunger, exhaustion or pain. Once man gives him his orders neither hell-fire nor high water can deter him.”

-J. Blan Van Urk, *The Story of American Foxhunting, Vol II*

1. 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 new 2020-21 waivers on the mounting block in The Hunt, Inc. parking lot and another on the hunt barn. You can leave your signed waiver in the box and I will pick them up. If you prefer, you can print it out from the website and mail it to me or scan it and email it to me. <http://rockbridgehunt.org/archive/2020/2021Waiver.pdf>

Thank you to everyone who has already filled out a new waiver!

We also *strongly encourage* everyone to wear approved helmets when riding.

2. 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 These situations are one of the main causes of permission to hunt being withdrawn.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.

3. Judged Trail Ride. As Virginia begins to open up again, we are ready to restart our “fundraising season.” Our first organized event will be our Judged Trail Ride at Broadview on Saturday, July 25. It will be part of a series with similar events at Glenmore, Oak Ridge, and Bedford County hunts. Liz Hall and the Broadview team have started to pull that event together for us. Mark your calendar and watch for more details about how you can volunteer or enter the event to support your Hunt.

4. Hunter Paces! The popular Hunter Pace Series with Oak Ridge and Glenmore hunts is back! Several of the events have been rescheduled due to the coronavirus shutdown. These events are either encouraging or requiring advance online registration, so be sure to check their websites carefully for details. The current schedule is:

Saturday, June 20	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> https://oakridgefoxhuntclub.com/
Saturday, June 27	Glenmore Hunt Hunter Pace https://www.glenmorehunt.org/
Saturday, September 12	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> https://oakridgefoxhuntclub.com/
Sunday, September 27	Rockbridge Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> http://rockbridgehunt.org
Sunday, November 15	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> https://www.glenmorehunt.org/

5. Kennel News. We have some new hounds in the kennels! Several weeks ago, Tot Goodwin, MFH & Huntsman at Goodwin Hounds (NC) gave us Green Creek Braveheart 2013 – a full brother to Green Creek Banker 2013 who hunted with our pack last season. Last week, John Harrison, Huntsman at Deep Run Hunt (VA) brought us five young hounds that we will enter this year – Bacchus (the only male) and his sister Ballad, and siblings Pillar, Pintail, and Pippa. If you are riding or walking past the kennels, see if you can spot the new hounds. They are all settling in well so far.

6. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee . Hunting Terminology – **Holloa**

Holloa - Pronounced "holler." A scream to denote that a fox has been sighted.
(Variations - View Holloa, Halloo or View halloo)

Excerpt from "**The Hounds of Heaven**" by Willy Poole

*"The fox slipped through the fence at the end of the field. Fred rose in his stirrups and **holloaed**. A good 'view **holloa**' cannot be reduced to print; it is a spine-tingling, nerve-jangling screech – a long descanting scream, as old as hunting itself, that tells everybody that the quarry has 'gone away'."*

Excerpt from "Sketch of a Fox Chase" in **American Turf Register and Sporting Magazine**

"Now let your huntsman throw in his hounds as quietly as he can, and let the two whippers-in keep wide of him on either hand, so that a single hound may not escape them; let them be attentive to his halloo, and be ready to encourage or rate, as that directs; he will, of course, draw up the wind, for reasons which I shall give in another place. Now if you can keep your brother sportsmen in order, and put any discretion into them, you are in luck; they more frequently do harm than good: if it be possible, persuade those who wish to halloo the fox off to stand quiet under the cover side, and on no account to halloo him too soon; if they do, he most certainly will turn back again."

7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Saturday, July 25	Rockbridge <i>Judged Trail Ride</i> <i>Judged Trail Ride Series</i>
Saturday, August 15	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Jumping Clinic</i> with Diane Long
Sunday, September 27	Rockbridge Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <i>Hunter Pace Series</i>

8. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, June 20	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> <i>Hunter Pace Series</i>
Saturday, June 27	Glenmore Hunt Hunter Pace <i>Hunter Pace Series</i>
Saturday, July 11	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Judged Trail Ride</i> <i>Judged Trail Ride Series</i>

Saturday, July 18	Glenmore <i>Judged Trail Ride</i> <i>Judged Trail Ride Series</i>
Saturday, July 18	Farmington Hunt <i>Jumper Show</i>
Sat & Sun July 18 & 19	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Saturday, July 25	Rockbridge <i>Judged Trail Ride</i> <i>Judged Trail Ride Series</i>
Saturday, August 1	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Poker Ride</i>
Saturday, August 8	Bedford Co. Hunt <i>Hunter Pace & Judged Trail Ride</i> <i>Judged Trail Ride Series</i>
Saturday, August 15	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Jumping Clinic</i> with Diane Long
Sat & Sun Aug. 15 & 16	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace Weekend</i>
Saturday, August 15	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> with Lynne Loyd
Sat & Sun, August 29 & 30	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i>
Saturday, September 12	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <i>Hunter Pace Series</i>
Sat & Sun Sept. 19 & 20	Middlebrook Hounds <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, September 20	Bedford County Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Sweet Briar
Saturday, September 26	Bull Run Hunt <i>Ball</i> at the Pavilion on Lakeland Farm
Sunday, September 27	Rockbridge Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <i>Hunter Pace Series</i>
Sunday, September 27	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Trials</i>
Mon-Sat, October 5-10	Theodora A. Randolph <i>Field Hunter Championship</i> Middleburg
October 15-19	Central Virginia 5 Hunt Weekend
Sunday, October 18	Virginia <i>Field Hunter Championship</i> , hosted by Bull Run Hunt
Saturday, October 24	Farmington Hunt <i>Fall Horse Show</i>
Saturday, October 24	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Sunday, November 1	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> at Oak Ridge Estate
Sunday, November 8	Farmington Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, November 14	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Turkey Trot</i>
Sunday, November 15	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <i>Hunter Pace Series</i>

9. 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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