

Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound

March 11, 2020

Forgive any errors here – substitute editor! CM

1. Closing Meet. The end of the hunting season is just around the corner! You should have received an invitation to the closing meet on March 21. We've invited our good friends from the Glenmore Hunt to join us for a joint meet at 2:30 PM at The Hunt, Inc. on Saturday, March 21. We'll have our traditional grill-your-own-meat cookout following the hunt at the Tex Tilson Lodge and everyone is invited to come. Valerie Mann has graciously agreed to coordinate the cookout following the hunt. BYOB. Cost is \$10 per Rockbridge Hunt member unless you have pre-arranged to bring food or volunteer in some other way. Please let Valerie know if you can help with the meal – food and/or cleanup. Contact her at valeriemann1229@gmail.com or 540-580-6614. Please make reservations with Hugh Brown by Thursday, March 19 (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-568-3501, 540-886-6359).

2. Sedgefield Cup 2020. The dates have been set for the 2020 renewal of the Carolinas Foxhound Performance Trial – The Sedgefield Cup – March 27-29. A number of Rockbridge Hunt members are planning to ride or car follow again this year. The team has been tentatively set as follows. Best of luck!

Rockbridge Opal 2014 (F), sponsored by Laura Arnold

Rockbridge Widget 2015 (F), sponsored by Blair and Erica Jones

Rockbridge Thursday 2016 (F), sponsored by Cynthia and Terry Secker

Rockbridge Amstel 2017 (M), sponsored by Annie Lichtenstein

Rockbridge Woody 2018 (M), sponsored by Jake Wilson

Rockbridge Teasel 2012 (F) (alternate), sponsored by Brent and Liz Hall

3. Logo Merchandise. At Sedgefield, everyone wears their hunt logo hats and polo shirts and it's really a team look. When Rockbridge Hunt runs a fundraiser it's nice for the event staff to wear the RH logo – visitors can find help easily. And Liz Hall has found some wonderful products! She organizes all this stuff and sends periodic emails about merchandise to this list. There is always information on the Rockbridge Hunt Facebook page.

Here's the latest from Liz: We have enough jacket orders! I will place the order for the Rockbridge logo jackets in the next couple of days and then will let everyone know when they'll be in. I'll order a few extra so people can swap sizes if needed, but if you want me to order one, let me know quickly! I'd still love to order wine and/or champagne glasses too...so if you haven't already, let me know if you're interested.

The new items: We have new green polo shirts and both white and green saddle pads. Polos will be \$30 and Saddle Pads \$25. These are in the lodge and I usually have some in my truck for away hunts. Bring your checkbook to Closing Hunt and go on a shopping spree!

4. Calendars. Louise Golian has produced yet another gorgeous Rockbridge Hunt wall calendar for 2020. They are \$20 each. There are copies at the Tex Tilson Lodge. Thank you Louise!

5. Volunteers. As you can see from the calendar at the end of this message, we have a lot of activities planned for this spring and summer. Most of these are fund-raising events whose purpose is to supplement our main source of income which is dues. Successful fundraisers mean

reasonable dues for members! Please check the calendar and plan to help out when you can. You can pay an entry fee, help with preparation before the event, help on the day of the event, or help with cleanup.

6. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your calendar

Saturday, May 2, 2020	RH Derby-Day Hunter Pace*
Wednesday, May 13	RH Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 24	RH with Glenmore Hunt at Virginia Hound Show
Saturday, July 25	RH Judged Pleasure Ride**
Saturday, August 8	RH Gymnastics Clinic with Diane Long
Sunday, August 30	RH Poker Ride
Saturday, September 12	RH Kick-off Party
Sunday, September 13	RH Volunteers' Hunt
Saturday, September 26	RH Western Day
Sunday, September 27	RH Fall Hunter Pace*
Sat-Sun, October 10-11	Rockbridge Artisan Show
Late October	Virginia Hunt Week

* Part of the Judged Pleasure Ride series with Bedford County Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, and Oak Ridge Fox Hunt.

** Part of the Hunter Pace series with Glenmore Hunt and Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club

7. 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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