



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* August 19, 2021

“People come hunting for so many different reasons – some for riding, some for fresh air, some for gossip, some to see their neighbors.”

~Max Hastings, Outside Days

1. Work Days! It’s that time of year again! We’ve had two successful work days so far and we are planning for at least two more – this Saturday, August 21 Broadview and Saturday, August 28. Please plan to help as much as you can. Watch email and call the Huntline for locations and times.

Remember, advanced skills are not necessary! If you can’t run a chainsaw, bring loppers. If you don’t do loppers, wear gloves and you can help drag the cuttings off the trail. All levels of skill and ability welcome! Just come. We’ll find something for everyone to do. You really can make a major difference!

Want to work, but not on weekends? We would welcome teams of members doing trail clearing on alternate days – we just need to make arrangements with landowners to have you there. Please contact Cindy or Hugh if you want to schedule an alternate work party.

Work day packing list: gloves, bug spray, protective clothing, hat, loppers or chainsaw (if you have them).

Thank you everyone! Let’s work together to get our hunt country in good shape for the fall!

2. Kick-off Party. The Executive Committee is busy making plans for our annual party to kick off the hunting season on **Saturday, September 11**, at the Tex Tilson Lodge. At 1:00 PM you can get a look inside the Kennels with Huntsman David Conner and see our foxhounds. We have a number of young hounds this season--come and meet them. The rest of the evening’s events will start at 2:00 PM on the lawn outside the Tex Tilson Lodge. The pandemic situation is still fluid, so we plan to have everything outdoors – we’re even setting up a tent to keep the sun off our backs (donated by Hillery & Matthew Lester). Reservations are not needed for this casual event. We are going to make this an afternoon potluck affair – not dinner. A loyal group of members has offered to provide liquid refreshment. So, bring a chair and a nibble to share. Invitations will be in the mail soon. Please let Hugh know if there is someone you would like to receive an invitation. We hope to see you there!

3. Hound Sponsorship. We are hopeful that many of our Rockbridge Hunt members and friends will consider choosing and sponsoring a hunting hound this year. Throughout the year our hounds must be fed, vaccinated, given flea preventative treatments and receive medical attention. We can expect to spend over \$330 on each hound each year. The importance of hound sponsorship cannot be overstated. Your contributions are vital to the well-being of our pack. We will have a hound sponsorship table at our Kick-Off party on September 11. Sponsorship for an entire year is \$200, or \$100 for a half year. Many of us like to sponsor the same hound year after year and if that is your wish, please contact Valerie Mann by September 1st to renew sponsorship of “your” hound. (valeriemann1229@gmail.com or 540-580-6614). The list of hounds available for sponsorship will be available soon.

We also have three hounds that are ready to retire and would love to have a forever home with a member. If you would be interested in adopting a retired hound, please contact Cindy, Hugh, or David.

Very special thanks to Dr. Brent Hall for continuing our hounds’ veterinary care this year!

4. Important Reminders. Hunting season is only a few weeks away! Have you...

Bought your hunting license? Remember to get a new Virginia Hunting License before the start of hunting season. 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.

Paid your dues? While it's customary to pay dues (or at least a substantial portion of dues) by the date of our Opening Meet (November 6), we certainly appreciate payment of dues in any amount before that time. Early payment helps keep the hounds fed and our Treasurer's blood pressure under control as the summer bills roll in. Louise Golian is very willing to set up a payment plan for any who cannot pay dues in full by November 6, just contact her: (540) 377-9212 or Louisegolian@gmail.com

Signed a new Waiver? The new year started for us in May – so that means new waivers are needed for everyone for hunting and trail riding. 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 waivers on the mounting block in The Hunt, Inc. parking lot. If you are not sure if your guest has a current waiver, you may check with Hugh Brown, or just sign a new one. We also *strongly encourage* everyone to wear approved helmets when riding. Thank you!

Dressed for success? **Casual attire** is appropriate for most meets at Rockbridge Hunt during Autumn hunting season (before Opening Meet) and on Wednesdays after Opening Meet. ***These particular standards are unique to Rockbridge Hunt and should not be construed as being generally acceptable.*** Safe riding boots and a hunt cap or helmet are required. The boots may be any of the standard styles of riding boots (paddock, jodhpur, dress, field, or polo boots). If short boots are worn, leggings or chaps or half-chaps are recommended for comfort. White helmets are discouraged; black helmets or black helmet covers are preferred. The rest of the outfit is up to the individual. A neat, conservative, workmanlike appearance is desirable. Many members wear “correctly informal” attire (see below) on “casual attire” days. Exceptions will be made for a variety of reasons but please speak to the Master(s) beforehand.

Informal attire. The Pony Club describes **traditional ratcatcher** attire as **correctly informal**. The attire in this section is strongly encouraged for joint meets during Autumn hunting (before Opening Meet). Coats are of the same style as a traditional hunting coat (no seam at the waist) but in fabrics of tweed, check, plaid, or herringbone. Earth or forest tones are preferred, red should be avoided.

Traditionally, the appropriate boots for ratcatcher or informal attire would be brown field boots, or brown or black dress boots (without colored tops). At Rockbridge Hunt, black field boots are acceptable as are black dress boots with colored tops. You should be aware that there are hunt clubs where these would not be acceptable.

Considerable variation in shirts, ties, and vests is allowed. Light colored shirts are preferred. A standard, dark necktie, or a “choker” to match the shirt, or a stock may be worn. A vest is optional. If a vest is worn a variety of color and fabric choices are appropriate.

Rockbridge Hunt strongly encourages every member to wear a black hunt cap or helmet for hunting.

Also remember to:

1. Start legging up your horse – and yourself!
2. Make sure your horse's Coggins is up to date, along with other vaccinations and worming.
3. Check your tack for wear and tear.
4. Check your trailer and towing vehicle - tire pressure and wear, electrical systems, etc.

5. Virginia Hunt Week is Back for 2021! The schedule for the 2021 renewal of Virginia Hunt week has been set! The schedule and details can be found here: <http://www.vahuntweek.org/> Registration forms will be available on the website around September 1.

Virginia Hunt Week 2021 schedule

Saturday, October 16	Princess Anne Hunt
Sunday, October 17	Deep Run Hunt
Monday, October 18	Caroline Hunt
Tuesday, October 19	Oak Ridge Hunt
Wednesday, October 20	Stonewall Hounds
Thursday, October 21	Farmington Hunt
Friday, October 22	Bedford County Hunt
Saturday, October 23	Glenmore Hunt
Sunday, October 24	Rockbridge Hunt
Monday, October 25	Shopping!
Tuesday, October 26	Old Dominion Hounds
Wednesday, October 27	Rappahannock Hunt

6. Field Hunter Honor Roll. Our fabulous sport could not exist without our horses and Hunt members have the opportunity to honor exemplary hunt horses we have known through our Field Hunter Honor Roll established in 2000. A plaque is displayed in the Tex Tilson Lodge with engraved plates to honor horses that have been special to their owners and hunting partners, as well as being recognized by other members of the Hunt. Nominated horses must be retired or deceased and must have hunted regularly with Rockbridge Hunt. They do not have to have been actually owned by the person nominating. The selection committee will interview hunt members (former and current) to find people that can remember the horse in the case of horses hunting in the more distant past. Otherwise the horse must be remembered by the committee members. A nominating fee of \$100.00 should be included with the nomination. Please contact Hugh Brown for further information.

Nomination for Field Hunter Honor Roll of the Rockbridge Hunt

Name of horse:

Name of owner and/or farm:

Name of person(s) regularly hunting with the horse, if different from above:

Years of birth and death (or retirement):

Years hunting with Rockbridge Hunt:

Physical description of horse:

Brief biography or interesting information about the horse and his or her special attributes as a memorable field hunter:

Please enclose the nomination fee of \$100.00. Make checks payable to Rockbridge Hunt and mark check 'Field Hunter Honor Roll Nomination'.

Please indicate whether you prefer the years of birth and death/retirement, or years hunted listed on the brass plate. Mail to: Hugh Brown, 1616 Gibson Court, Staunton, VA 24401.

Thank you for your participation in honoring our outstanding hunt horses!

7. Rockbridge Hounds Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Rockbridge Hunt. Mary Ann Jacobsen and Trish Lyons are heading up a Christmas craft show for us this fall – Saturday, November 20 at the Fairfield Volunteer Rescue Squad House. It's a convenient location right off I-81. It has both indoor and outdoor spaces available. There is also a big kitchen that will be a great way to make money off concessions.

Roger Charlton, Ken Jacobsen, Arran and Rick Siebert have volunteered to help in kitchen, but we need more volunteers. Please let Trish know if you can come and help take orders, make coffee, help clean up, etc. Also, anyone who would like to make chili, or any other foods you think might be good please Trish or Mary Ann know. We are thinking, chips in bags, hot dogs and hamburgers. Sweets of some sort. Other suggestions are appreciated and welcomed.

We will also need people on Saturday to greet, to stand in for vendors when they need a break and such. We are allowing vendors to set up Friday evening or early sat morn. We will need volunteers to help with this as well.

Charlie Lyons is working on flyers to advertise the event and we are using social media as well. After the flyers are printed up we'll ask for help distributing them to Post offices, store fronts, etc.

If you know of a starving artist that would like to show off his or her talents please have them contact Trish or Maryann. Trish = 650-690-1802 and Mary Ann = 301-305-2832.

Even if for a few hours, your help will be so appreciated. There is a great potential to make money for our hounds.

Rockbridge Hounds



Christmas Bazaar
November 20, 2021
10am to 5pm

Fairfield Vol Rescue Squad
5885 N Lee Highway
Fairfield Va 24435

Sponsored by Rockbridge Hunt

Jewelry, Wreaths, Equestrian Gifts, Art, Food and much more

Help support our Hounds

Contact Trish Lyons at trishlyons47@yahoo.com
for Questions or Vendor Application

8. Educational Bits – courtesy of the Education Committee. Hunting terminology.

These “educational” definitions are *just for fun* and taken from *Tickner's Horse Encyclopedia* by John Tickner.

Dogs. Hairy creatures with a bark at one end, and sometimes a bite as well, and a wag at the other and the only reason for mentioning them at all in a horse encyclopedia is that they go quite well with horses and almost all people who can talk horse can also talk dog and usually just as loudly. It is absolutely vital to

remember that all dogs are cur-dogs except dogs that officially hunt foxes... and these are not dogs at all but hounds and they don't bark but give tongue instead. They may look something like dogs to unsporting, unknowledgeable types, but that has nothing to do with it.

Fox. A small, sharp-featured creature with a long nose, pointed ears, short black legs, cunning habits and a coat which is usually some shade of red. No, not that one –that's the Huntsman. The one we mean is the smelly furry person with four black legs who lives in the woods waiting for foxhounds to come a chase him in the daytime and goes out at night annoying farmers, especially farmers with poultry which that have forgotten to shut up. In fact, one of the fox's favourite games is shutting poultry up.

Foxes are considered frightfully sporting creatures because they leave scent about so that it is easier for hounds to know where they've been. Some of them are frightfully unsporting and mean and careless and run out of scent altogether and then hounds have to go home and eat a lot of revolting-looking porridge stuff instead.

Horse. All horsemen and horsewomen should know what a horse is because to do so helps them with their horsemanship and horsemanship. A horse may briefly be described as an animal with four legs, a long face, large teeth, large hoofs and a long hairy tail. The old joke about a horse being dangerous at both ends and uncomfortable in the middle has been proved by modern horse scientists, after considerable personal research, to be inaccurate. After taking statements from all kinds of horses and riders they have become convinced that a horse is liable to be dangerous all over.

9. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Saturday, August 21	Work Day at Broadview
Saturday, August 28	Work Day
Saturday, September 11	Kick-Off Party at the Tex Tilson Lodge - <i>tentative</i>
Sunday, September 12	Volunteers' Hunt
Wednesday, September 15	Autumn Hunting Begins
Sunday, October 3	Fall Hunter Pace - <i>hunter pace series</i>
Saturday, October 23	Joint Meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet, Swoope, VA
Sunday, October 24	Rockbridge Hunt Hosts Virginia Hunt Week
Saturday, November 6	Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds, Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt
Sat. Nov 13- Sat. Nov 27	Firearms Deer Season in Rockbridge County
Sunday, November 13	Schooling Hunter Pace at Goose Creek Highlands Farm – <i>tentative</i>
Sunday, November 14	Jumping Clinic with Diane Long– <i>new tentative date</i>
Saturday, November 20	Rockbridge Hounds Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Rockbridge Hunt, Fairfield Firehouse
Saturday, December 11	Christmas Meet & Party – <i>tentative</i>
Sunday, December 26	Boxing Day Meet & Potluck– <i>tentative</i>
Saturday, January 1	New Year's Day Meet & Party – <i>tentative</i>

10. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, August 21	Glenmore Hunt <i>Moonlight & Fireflies Ride</i>
Saturday, August 21	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> – Day 1 at Millington
Sunday, August 22	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i> – Day 2 at the Kennels
Saturday, August 28	Glenmore Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i>
Saturday, September 11	Glenmore Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i>
Sunday, September 12	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i> - <i>hunter pace series</i>
Sunday, September 19	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Goode
Sunday, September 19	Deep Run Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i> , <i>Virginia Fall Hunter Pace Series</i>
Sunday, September 26	Bull Run Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i> , <i>Virginia Fall Hunter Pace Series</i>

Fri. October 8-Sun Oct 10 Carolinas *Foxhound Performance Trials*, “The Sedgefield Cup”
Sat. October 16-Wed Oct 27 Virginia Hunt Week
Sunday, October 17 *Virginia Field Hunter Championship* hosted by the Farmington Hunt
Saturday, October 23 Glenmore Hunt *Opening Meet*, Joint Meet with Rockbridge Hunt
Sunday, November 7 Bedford County Hunt *Hunter Pace*, Huddleston
Sunday, November 7 Farmington Hunt *Hunter Pace* at Overstreets
Sunday, November 14 Glenmore Hunt Fall *Hunter Pace*, (rain date 11/21) - *hunter pace series*
Sunday, November 21 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt *Turkey Trot*, Wood Ridge Farm Brewery

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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