



## Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* July 21, 2021

*“Few pursuits in life are so conducive to the preservation of one’s sanity as a good day with hounds.”*

*-Stanislaus Lynch in Echoes of the Hunting Horn*

**1. Annual Meeting!** Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM, Tex Tilson Lodge at The Hunt, Inc. Since the last issue of the *NewsHound*, we’ve had our Annual Meeting to elect officers and stewards for the new year and conduct other important business of the Hunt. We weren’t able to meet last year due to pandemic restrictions, so it was great to finally be able to get together as a group. We met outside and safely spaced. We more than met our necessary quorum, so we were able to approve the minutes (from 2019!) and the budgets (2020-21 and 2021-22) and elect leaders for the new year. The results of the election were:

Lauren Keating, President

Cindy Morton & Hugh Brown, Joint Masters of Foxhounds

Louise Golian, Treasurer

Valerie Mann, Hon. Secretary

Laura Arnold, Steward, 2021-25

Susan Richardson, Steward 2021-25

(Liz Hall & Diane Long are also Stewards in the middle of their four-year terms 2019-2023)

Thank you to all for agreeing to serve the Hunt this year. Again!

Hugh Brown also presented some informal Rocky Awards at the end of the meeting. Congratulations to those recognized for their extraordinary service to the Rockbridge Hunt and hounds.

**Outstanding Foxhound of the 2020-21 Season: Rockbridge Widget 2015** (Widget’s Rocky Award is being kept by her sponsors Blair & Erica Jones)

**Outstanding First-Season Foxhound: Rockbridge Ballad 2020** (Ballad’s Rocky Award is being kept by her sponsor Lynn Williams)

**Outstanding Veterinary Care for the Pack: Dr. Brent Hall**

**Outstanding Support of the Pack (Sponsorship Coordination): Valerie Mann**

**Fundraising Super Star Award: Liz Hall**

We also honored long-time member and Hunt supporter Pete Whitlock posthumously with a framed photograph that is now hung in the Tex Tilson Lodge.

**2. Judged Trail Ride.** Our fifth annual Judged Trail Ride at Broadview on July 17 was a great success! Over 30 riders negotiated six trail obstacles and then had a wonderful, shaded ride through Broadview. We are deeply grateful to the Broadview Ranch team of Richardsons, Atwoods, and Tilsons for hosting this important fundraiser for us. We are also grateful to the team of people who put together this special event.

**Organizers:** Susan Richardson and Liz Hall

**Trail Clearing:** Bob Richardson, David Bolen, Brooks Cushman, Lu Dooley, Liz Hall, Duane Hylton, Diane Long, Cindy Morton, and Louise Webster

**Course & Obstacle Design & Setup:** Susan Richardson, Carol Atwood, Bob Richardson

**Trail Course Marking:** Bob Richardson

**Obstacle Loans:** Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center (the bull!), and Megan Hess (the Matador!)

**Greeting & Parking:** Lu Dooley

**Registration:** Hugh Brown (on site), Liz Hall (online)

**Judges:** Susan Richardson, Lauren Keating, Margaret Brech

## Results!

Rider Name	Horse Name	Age	Division - Level	Total	Place
Karen Robertson	Lily	Adult	Experienced	52	1
Elizabeth Hylde	Bullseye	Adult	Experienced	51	2
Tanner Price	Charitable Storm	Adult	Experienced	49	3
Melody Puffenbarger	Bella	Adult	Experienced	48	4
Reagan Thielecke	King	Adult	Experienced	48	4
Courtney Pugh	Irish	Adult	Experienced	47	6
Susan Migliore	Coffee to go	Adult	Experienced	47	6
Heidi Davis	Jazmin	Adult	Experienced	42	8
Melissa Downs	Wonder Lady Dahr	Adult	Experienced	40	9
hailey huffman	cassie	Adult	Experienced	40	9
Hannah Gignoux	Captain	Adult	Experienced	40	9
Claire Kosky	Blue	Adult	Experienced	34	12
Lisa Salopek	Jack	Adult	Novice	52	1
Margaret Jones	Time to Shine	Adult	Novice	46	2
Tracy Burton	Penny	Adult	Novice	43	3
Gail Nickerson	ABE	Adult	Novice	43	3
Margaret Heiston	Piper	Adult	Novice	43	3
Melanie Bond	Glory	Adult	Novice	41	6
Shannon Downs	Arwin	Adult	Novice	41	6
Amy Wade	Diez	Adult	Novice	41	6
Shannon Critzer	Dutchess	Adult	Novice	40	9
Summer Sullivan	Jaxy	Adult	Novice	38	10
Kim Rath	Via	Adult	Novice	36	11
Allie Hilton	Ranger	Junior	Novice	39	1

**3. Work Days!** It's that time of year again! Our first work day is scheduled for **Saturday, August 7**. We plan to have work days on most Saturdays in August. Please plan to help as much as you can. 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!

**4. 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 waivers on the mounting block in The Hunt, Inc. parking lot and another on the hunt barn. We will also have new waiver forms available at summer events and work days. 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!

**5. Foxhunting Reading Group.** After a long, COVID-related hiatus, we are hoping to revive the Foxhunting Reading Group soon. With so many new members, we thought we would invite everyone to join us. Over the last few years, our group has read quite a number of books on hunting – fiction and non-fiction. The complete list of our past reading is here: [http://foxhuntinglibrary.blogspot.com/p/blog-page\\_31.html](http://foxhuntinglibrary.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_31.html). We'd love recommendations for new books to read. If you'd like to join us, let one of us know soon and we'll invite you to our next meeting. ~Cindy, mortonc@wlu.edu and Hugh, brownhh@jmu.edu

## 6. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

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
Saturday, November 13	Jumping Clinic with Diane Long– <i>tentative</i>
Sunday, November 21	Schooling Hunter Pace at Goose Creek Highlands Farm – <i>tentative</i>
Saturday, December 11	Christmas Meet & Party – <i>tentative</i>
Sunday, December 26	Boxing Day Meet 7 Potluck– <i>tentative</i>
Saturday, January 1	New Year's Day Meet & Party – <i>tentative</i>

## 7. Other Hunt-related Dates

Sunday, July 24	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Safari Hunt</i> , Wood Ridge Farm Brewery
Saturday, August 21	Glenmore Hunt <i>Moonlight &amp; 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
Fri. October 8-Sun Oct 10	Carolinas <i>Foxhound Performance Trials</i> , “The Sedgefield Cup”
Sat. October 16-Wed Oct 27	Virginia Hunt Week
Sunday, October 17	<i>Virginia Field Hunter Championship</i> hosted by the Farmington Hunt
Saturday, October 23	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i> , Joint Meet with Rockbridge Hunt
Sunday, November 7	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Huddleston
Sunday, November 7	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Overstreets
Sunday, November 14	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i> , (rain date 11/21) - <i>hunter pace series</i>
Sunday, November 21	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Turkey Trot</i> , Wood Ridge Farm Brewery

**8. 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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