



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* May 5, 2021

*“To finish the Season!
Lonesome words
That spelt the end of your early jobs
Past waking woodlands and wind-swept bogs.
Through hedges snaring the morning mist
In nets of gossamer. One more tryst
To finish the Season!”
~Stanislaus Lynch*

1. New Member! We've been blessed over the past year with six new members and we've just added our first one for 2021-22! Please welcome Mary Ann Jacobsen to the Hunt when you see her. Mary Ann, through her business – Grey Horse Saddlery – has been a sponsor and supporter of the Hunt for several years. She has hunted with us many times and recently rode in our hunter pace. She and her husband Ken set up a tent at the hunter pace with their lovely foxhunting and equestrian items. Welcome Mary Ann!

2. Annual Meeting! Please mark your calendar for Annual Meeting to be held next Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM, Tex Tilson Lodge at The Hunt, Inc. We will be electing new officers for the year ahead, voting on the proposed budget for the 2021-22 year, and attending to other matters important to our organization. Members whose dues have been paid in full by the time of the meeting are eligible to vote. Each single hunting membership, each family membership, and each landowner membership has one vote. In order for the Hunt to conduct business, there must be a quorum at the meeting of 20 members present. Family and landowner memberships may have more than one member, and the numbers matter. Our president, Lauren Keating, runs a very efficient meeting and we always have an enjoyable evening discussing the past year and laying the groundwork for the new year.

We plan to follow COVID-19 protocols as much as possible to keep everyone safe and give peace of mind. If the weather cooperates, we will meet outside and have chairs at safe distances. If the weather is wet or cold, we'll meet in the Tex Tilson Lodge with open doors, physical distance, and we will strongly encourage masks. Although we won't be providing food this year, feel free to bring a snack or beverage of your choice for personal consumption. *Please plan to attend!*

3. Hunter Pace. Thank you to everyone who helped put together our very successful Derby-Day Hunter Pace last week. We had 60 riders participate and that's a record for recent years! We had participants from many other hunt clubs including Bedford County Hunt, Bull Run Hunt, Deep Run Hunt, Keswick Hunt, and Stonewall Hounds. Hillery and Matthew Lester had new jumps built on their property (labor donated by Hunt member Jake Wilson!) which were an added treat for the riders. They also cleared trails and even hauled out a tree that fell at the last minute before the pace and got a rider's car unstuck after the pace! Thank you Hillery and Matthew!

The Derby-Day Hunter Pace team included:

Organizer: Liz Hall

Course design & flagging: Lu Dooley, Lauren Keating, Cindy Morton, Brenda Radcliff-Palermo

Trail work and tree removal: Matthew Lester

Jump building: Jake Wilson

Advertising: Liz Hall & Hugh Brown

Parking: Hillery Lester

Registration: Liz Hall & Hugh Brown

Start/Finish: Louise Golian, Valerie Mann, Caryn Switzer

Volunteers On Course: Lu Dooley, Gabriella Jones, Lauren Keating, Gary Mantello, Cindy Morton

Food: Hillery Lester

Food donors: Laura Arnold, Wendy Kagey, Annie Lichtenstein, Louise Webster

Ribbons: Hugh Brown

4. Foxhunting Reading Group. After a long, COVID-related hiatus, we are hoping to revive the Foxhunting Reading Group this summer. 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 . 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

5. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday, May 12	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Annual Meeting</i> , 7:00 PM, Tex Tilson Lodge
Saturday, July 17	Judged Pleasure Ride at Broadview
August TBA	Jumping Clinic with Diane Long
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 – - <i>tentative</i>
Sunday, October 3	Fall Hunter Pace - <i>hunter pace series</i>
Saturday, October 23	Joint Meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet
Saturday, November 6	Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds, Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt
Sunday, November 21	Schooling Hunter Pace at Goose Creek Highlands Farm - <i>tentative</i>

6. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday May 8	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> , Tea Time Farm - <i>hunter pace series</i>
Sunday, June 6	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Judged Trail Ride</i> , <i>judged trail ride series</i>
Saturday, June 12	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Mint Meadows
Saturday, June 12	Glenmore <i>Murder Mystery Ride</i>
Saturday, June 19	Bedford Co. Hunt <i>Hunter Pace & Judged Trail Ride</i> , <i>judged trail ride series</i>
Thursday, June 25	Farmington Hunt <i>Junior Foxhunting Clinic</i>
Saturday, July 10	Glenmore <i>Judged Trail Ride</i> , <i>judged trail ride series</i>
Saturday, July 17	Farmington Hunt <i>Poker Ride Hunter Pace</i> at Indian Echo
Sunday, July 24	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Safari Hunt</i> , Wood Ridge Farm Brewery
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, 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

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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