



Rockbridge Hunt *NewsHound* October 6, 2021

“The hack home is sometimes even more pleasurable than the day’s hunting itself—the unexpectedness of who you are with and the consequent tidbits of information that you would never come by otherwise, or if you are alone the sweet communion with your horse who has carried you well all day, and watching the country putting itself to bed.”

~Marion Eason, *The Best Little Hunt in England*

1. Hunter Pace! A big Rockbridge thank you to Broadview Ranch for hosting our fall hunter pace in grand style. What a gorgeous day! Around 30 competitors enjoyed the well-marked 6.5 mile course set by Susan and Bob Richardson. A huge thanks to the Richardsons as well as Liz Hall for organizing, advertising, and setting the ideal time, Lu Dooley for greeting and parking, Hugh Brown for registration, and Louise Golian for start/stop timer/results. Many enjoyed some early holiday shopping at Mary Ann Jacobsen's Grey Horse Saddlery Tent!

We had four divisions of riders, finishing as follows - we will mail ribbons if you didn't pick yours up at the event. Our Full Cry entry should get an extra blue ribbon for viewing a bear! Thank you to all of our competitors! Ribbons were awarded to:

Division	#	Entries	Time	Placing
Full Cry	2	Tracy Ferguson	:57	1
Opt:				
1:00				
Junior	301	Charlie Campbell, Lynda Fox	1:20	1
Opt:		, Scottie Pavlick		
1:15				
2nd Flight	102	Alicia Robinson, Karen Martin	1:13	1
Opt:	107	Jessica & James Swezey	1:24	2
1:15	104	Sally Mann	1:01	3
	103	Jon & Kim Rittenhouse	1:31	4
	101	Haleigh & Kevin Townsend	1:35	5
	105	Erica & Blair Jones	1:42	6
Hilltopper/Trail	205	Joy & Andy Watkins, Jeanne Jeffer	1:34	1
Opt:	209	Lee & Berk Pemberton	1:47	2
1:30	206	Lynne Pollock & Anne Howard	1:48	3
	203	Wendy Meyer & Sally Nunnely	1:49	4
	207	Tracy Burton & Summer Sullivan	2:05	5
	202	Caitlin & Valerie Mann	2:13	6

2. Field Hunter Honor Roll. We have three new entries to the Field Hunter Honor Roll. Frank Sinatra (Lynn Williams), Bellana/Gracie (Hillery Lester & Louise Golian), and Honey Bea (Laura Jarvis & Hugh Brown) have all been honored by their owners for their many years of exemplary hunting. Check out the updated Field Hunter Honor Roll plaque at the Tex Tilson Lodge. Nominations can be made at any time. Contact Hugh Brown for more information.

3. Virginia Hunt Week Canceled. Due to the surge of COVID’s Delta variant, the confusion and conflict over vaccinations and masks, please, we feel it best to cancel Virginia Hunt Week and hope for better times. We will return payment to those who have registered. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. -Cindy Morton, MFH and Rita Mae Brown, MFH

4. Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Saturday, October 23. 10:00 AM.

We have our annual joint meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet on Saturday, October 24. This is always a very special occasion. The fixture is the gorgeous Bellevue Farm in Swoope and the time is 10:00AM. Dress is formal and braiding is not required. Three flights will be available and the terrain is rolling hills with pasture and woods. Suitable for barefoot horses as well

Please let Hugh Brown know by Tuesday, October 19 if you plan to attend the meet on horseback or on foot. (brownhh@jmu.edu 549-290-9868 540-886-6359)

Directions to Bellevue Farm

I-81: Exit 220 West - Rt. 262 N. Go 4.3 mi. to Rt. 254 West (Parkersburg Turnpike) Exit.

Go west 4 mi. (through the village of Westview and across the Middle River)

Turn Left onto Rt. 876 (Swoope Rd.). Go 1.6 mi.

Turn Right onto Rt. 703 (Hewitt Rd.), Go 1.4 mi. (passing Rt. 876 - Cattleman Rd. and Rt. 706 -N. Mountain Rd.) to the historic red brick house at 1632 Hewitt Rd.

Fixture on Left.

There will be Glenmore Hunt signs. (Cell service can be spotty close to the fixture)

Hunt Line: 540-885-7004

5. Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Our own Opening Meet will be held on Saturday, November 6 at The Hunt, Inc. In order for us to be able to gather as safely as possible, we have **changed the time of the meet to 10:00 AM.** We will have our traditional blessing done by Rev. Phillip Parker, father of our own member Joy Watkins. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor buffet at around 12:30 PM at the Tex Tilson Lodge. We will still be inviting our good friends from the Glenmore Hunt for this special joint meet. We are looking forward to a fun day with some important adjustments for safety. Please bring a chair for the outdoor breakfast.

6. Deer Season Blues? We are working on several antidotes for that! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, November 13 for the second annual schooling hunter pace/trail ride at Lucy Turner's farm in the Fairfield area near our West Airlie fixture. The course will be about 4 miles, with many optional jumps, including verticals and logs, a new stone wall, plus all kinds of logs on the ground. Great for schooling. Great for getting you and your horse out while we aren't hunting much and before Thanksgiving. We are also having a Jumping Clinic with Diane Long at the riding ring at The Hunt, Inc. on Sunday, November 14 (more details coming soon and that date may change). We're going to be so busy, we won't have time to miss hunting!

7. Important Reminders. Hunting season has begun! 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 helmet or hunt cap for hunting.

8. Hound Sponsorship. All of our hounds have sponsors for the year! This critical fundraiser helps pay for the ongoing veterinary care for our pack. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to sponsor a hound for all or part of the year. Very special thanks to Dr. Brent Hall for continuing our hounds' veterinary care and to Valerie Mann for coordinating our sponsorship program again this year. We are also especially grateful to Janet Wynot for being Patron of the Puppies again this year!

Hound Sire x Dam	Sponsors Sept '21 - Jan '22	Sponsors Feb -- Aug 2022
Rockbridge Opal 2014 (F) Rockbridge Cinder 2007 x Rockbridge Omelet 2011	Laura Arnold	
Rockbridge Widget 2015 (F) Rockbridge Cinder 2007 x Rockbridge Whisper 2011	Blair and Erica Jones	
Rockbridge Acadia 2017 (M) Essex Adam 2007 x Camden Locket 2013	Caitlin Mann	

Rockbridge Amstel 2017 (M) Essex Adam 2007 x Camden Locket 2013	Annie Lichtenstein	
Rockbridge Mikey 2019 (M) Green Creek Lark 2015 x Goodwin's Molly 2018	Tracy Burton	
Rockbridge Mink 2019 (F) Green Creek Lark 2015 x Goodwin's Molly 2018	Lu Dooley	Arran Siebert
Rockbridge Oliver 2019 (M) Andrews Bridge Laser 2011 x Rockbridge Opal 2014	Jake Wilson	
Rockbridge Oscar 2019 (M) (picture soon!) Andrews Bridge Laser 2011 x Rockbridge Opal 2014	Katie Wick	
Rockbridge Otis 2019 (M) Andrews Bridge Laser 2011 x Rockbridge Opal 2014	Louise Golian	
Rockbridge Orbit 2019 (F) Andrews Bridge Laser 2011 x Rockbridge Opal 2014	Bonny Wilson	
Rockbridge Otter 2019 (F) Andrews Bridge Laser 2011 x Rockbridge Opal 2014	Hillery Lester	
Rockbridge Bacchus 2020 (M) Rose Tree-Blue Mt Watchman 2016 x Rose Tree-Blue Mt Bridle 2015	Candi and Bernard Hylton	
Rockbridge Ballad 2020 (F) Rose Tree-Blue Mt Watchman 2016 x Rose Tree-Blue Mt Bridle 2015	Liz Hall	
Rockbridge Pintail 2020 (F) Deep Run Kinsman 2018 x Deep Run Polish 2012	Terry and Cynthia Secker	
Rockbridge Pippa 2020 (F) Deep Run Kinsman 2018 x Deep Run Polish 2012	Rebecca Thacker	
Rockbridge Tartan 2020 (M) Piedmont Grouse 2013 x Piedmont Tangent 2012	Lauren Keating	
Rockbridge River 2021 (M) Moore County Leonidas 2015 x Glenmore Ripple 2017	Joe Conner	
Rockbridge Outlaw 2021 (M) Rockbridge Amstel 2017 x Rockbridge Otter 2019	Kathy Munsey	
Rockbridge Ozzie 2021 (M) Rockbridge Amstel 2017 x Rockbridge Otter 2019	Katharine Conner	
Rockbridge Ocean 2021 (F) Rockbridge Amstel 2017 x Rockbridge Otter 2019	Laura Grantham	
Rockbridge Olivia 2021 (F) Rockbridge Amstel 2017 x Rockbridge Otter 2019	Wendy Kagey	
Rockbridge Other 2021 (F) Rockbridge Amstel 2017 x Rockbridge Otter 2019	Gary Mantello	
Rockbridge Overdrive 2021 (F) Rockbridge Amstel 2017 x Rockbridge Otter 2019	Kathy Eichelberger	Lynn Williams

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

Breakfast – The meal after hunting is over, no matter the time of day. Originally this was a meal served to early arrivals by the host or owner of the place where the hunt met.

*Excerpt from "Eighty Years Hunting the Fox in Maryland" by Joe Bills in **Covertside**, Dec 2004*

"I learned to be patient, to wait out the time my hounds took to find and get up a fox. You could say that my happiest times were hunting the hounds or riding behind a good huntsman. Each day was a good day because I looked forward to the next hunt and the next **breakfast** when we hashed over each minute of each past hunt!"

10. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

- Saturday, October 23 Joint Meet at Glenmore Hunt’s Opening Meet, Swoope, VA
- Saturday, November 6 Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds, Joint Meet with the Glenmore Hunt. **New time - 10:00 AM!** Outdoor buffet around 12:30PM.
- Sat. Nov 13- Sat. Nov 27 Firearms Deer Season in Rockbridge County
- Saturday, November 13 Schooling Hunter Pace at Goose Creek Highlands Farm
- Sunday, November 14 Jumping Clinic with Diane Long - tentative
- Saturday, November 20 Rockbridge Hounds Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Rockbridge Hunt, Fairfield Firehouse - *tentative*
- Saturday, December 11 Christmas Meet & Party
- Sunday, December 26 Boxing Day Meet & Potluck
- Saturday, January 1 New Year’s Day Meet & Party

11. Other Hunt-related Dates

- Fri. October 8-Sun Oct 10 Carolinas *Foxhound Performance Trials*, “The Sedgefield Cup”
- Sat. October 16-Wed Oct 27 Virginia Hunt Week - **canceled!**
- Sunday, October 17 *Virginia Field Hunter Championship* hosted by the Farmington Hunt
- Saturday, October 23 Glenmore Hunt *Opening Meet*, Joint Meet with Rockbridge Hunt, Swoope
- Saturday, October 23 Keswick Hunt *Opening Meet*, Cloverfields Farm, Keswick
- Saturday, October 30 Farmington Hunt *Opening Meet* at Millington
- Sunday, November 7 Bedford County Hunt *Hunter Pace*, Huddleston
- Sunday, November 7 Farmington Hunt *Hunter Pace* at Overstreets
- Sunday, November 7 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt *Opening Meet*
- 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
- Thursday, November 25 Keswick Hunt *Blessing of the Hounds*, Grace Episcopal Church, Keswick

12. 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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