



## Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound

August 26, 2022

*“The huntsman pulled the short brass horn from the front of his jacket and licked his lips. At the sudden, quick note, the hounds all spoke as one, and it was, with that sense of time telescoping back over the years. I heard again the bedlam of the noise, like a circular saw biting into timber. Above it, the fine, quick notes of the horn echoed off the front of the house and up into the cold air and there was a great stirring and movement of horses and riders.”*

-John Chaloner in To the Manner Born

**1. Work Days!** We’ve been making great progress, but there is much still to be done on our hunt country. We’ll be clearing trails at Broadview tomorrow, **Saturday, August 27. Meet at the Broadview barn at 9:00 AM.**

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

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.

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

**2. Volunteers’ Hunt.** Due to scheduling challenges, we’ve had to move the Volunteers’ Hunt to the morning of Saturday, September 10 at 8:00 AM (or possibly later if it’s not too hot.). We realize this is the same day as the Kick-Off Party, but the change was unavoidable this year.

**3. Hound Sponsorship.** We traditionally focus a lot of our Kick-Off Party energy on our hound sponsorship program. We are hopeful that many of our Rockbridge Hunt members and friends will consider choosing and sponsoring a hunting hound this year. We extend a big "Thank you!" to those of you who have already reached out to sponsor your hound again or to sponsor for the first time. 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> to renew sponsorship of “your” hound. [valeriemann1229@gmail.com](mailto:valeriemann1229@gmail.com)) or 540-580-6614. The list of hounds available for sponsorship will be available after September 1st.

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

**4. Are you licensed to Hunt?** Remember to get a new Virginia Hunting License before the start of hunting season. This is *not optional*; everyone must purchase and carry a current hunting license. 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/> or <https://gooutdoorsvirginia.com/>

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.

**5. Getting Ready for the Hunt Season.** The start of hunting season is only a few weeks away now! Our huntsman and staff are hard at work training the hounds for the upcoming season. Here are some things you can be doing now to get ready for the fall:

1. Buy a Hunting License. This is *not optional*, everyone must purchase and carry a current hunting license. (See “Are you Licensed to Hunt” above for instructions.)
2. Start legging up your horse – and yourself!
3. Make sure your Coggins is up to date, along with other vaccinations and worming.
4. Sign a waiver for the season.
5. Pay some or all of your dues.
6. Check your tack for wear and tear.
7. Check your trailer and towing vehicle - tire pressure and wear, electrical systems, etc.

**6. Hunter Paces!** The popular Hunter Pace Series with Oak Ridge and Bedford Count hunts continues this fall! These events are either encouraging or requiring advance online registration, so be sure to check their websites carefully for details. The current schedule is:

Sunday, September 27	Rockbridge Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <a href="http://rockbridgehunt.org">http://rockbridgehunt.org</a>
Sunday, November 6	Bedford County Hunt Fall Hunter Pace <a href="https://bedfordcountyhunt.com/">https://bedfordcountyhunt.com/</a>
Sunday, November 13	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> <a href="https://www.glenmorehunt.org/">https://www.glenmorehunt.org/</a>

### **7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar**

Saturday, August 27	Work Day at Broadview, 9:00AM
Saturday, September 10	<i>Kick-Off Party</i> at the Tex Tilson Lodge, 5:00 PM
Saturday, September 17	<i>Autumn Hunting</i> begins
Fri, Oct. 14 - Mon. Oct 17	<i>Hunting Weekend</i> with Bedford County Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, Oak Ridge Fox Hunt, and Rockbridge Hunt
Saturday, October 22	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds – joint meet with Rockbridge Hunt</i> <b>NEW DATE!</b>
Saturday, November 5	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds – joint meet with Glenmore Hunt</i>
Saturday, December 10	Christmas Meet & Party at The Hunt, Inc.

## 8. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, September 17	Glenmore Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i>
Sunday, September 18	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, October 22	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Sunday, November 6	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 6	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 13	Glenmore Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 13	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, December 17	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>

9. **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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