



## Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound July 22, 2022

*“Ahead in the hollow one or two hounds began to speak separately. Then came a sudden screaming bedlam. The sound echoed back through the trees as the rest took up the scent, and went fairly hammering round the hollow among the bare trees. The notes of the horn, quick and urgent, bounded to and fro, and rose in a final single wail above the tumult. “We’re Away!”*

-John Chaloner in To the Manner Born

### **1. Free Marked Trail Ride – TOMORROW! Saturday July 23, 8-10 a.m. at Broadview**

**Ranch!** We have left the trail that Bob Richardson marked for the Judged Trail Ride last weekend up so that folks can enjoy it - come out Saturday morning. It is a lovely trail, mostly through the woods, with a few low/small stream crossings, 7.1 miles and all visibly flagged.

Bring your friends - we'd love to introduce more folks to our wonderful territory - but we do need Broadview waivers signed. Liz Hall is coordinating this ride for us and plans to be there at 8 a.m. She would like riders to start out no later than 10 a.m., so we can head out to pick up the ribbons before it gets too hot (let Liz know if you want to join her for that!). If you can, let Liz know you're coming -- and it's essential that you see her to sign a waiver before you head out so we have that on file and know how many riders are out on the trail. Liz has a white Kiefer Built 2-horse gooseneck with dark grey F-250, license plate Flipsd.

**2. Judged Trail Ride. Saturday, July 16, Broadview.** Thank you so much to Bob Richardson for clearing and marking the trail - also David Bolen for mowing on his property. Thanks to Susan Richardson for designing the 7 obstacles and the judging instructions & score sheets, Carol Atwood for helping, judging and hosting, as well as Hugh Brown (registration), Lu Dooley (greeter/parker/start/finish), Valerie Mann (judge), David Bolen (judge - last minute sub for his wife, thanks David!), Margaret Brech (judge), and Kelly Anderson (judge). Also huge thanks to Joe and Rebecca Thacker for rearranging the cattle rotation at Broadview to accommodate our ride!

**Results:** (we had a number of other riders who just went out for fun)

Division - Age	Division - Level	Pinny #	Rider Name	Horse Name	Score	Placing
Adult	Experienced	114	Heidi Davis		56	1
Adult	Experienced	115	Amanda Malone	Ironwood Turbo	55	2
Adult	Novice	111	Laura Plumley	Lucy	56	1
Adult	Novice	112	Cathy Romage	John Wayne	54	2
Adult	Novice	116	Shannon Myers	Amora	53	3
Adult	Novice	108	Scottie Palvick	Pookies Princess	49	4
Adult	Novice	101	Selena Lucas	Perfection's Prince	48	5
Adult	Novice	109	Lynda Fox	Paladin	40	6
Junior	Novice	113	Olivia Delamarter		47	1

**3. Work Days!** It's that time of year again! Our first work day is scheduled for **Saturday, August 6**. We plan to have work days on August 6, 13, 27, and a weekend in early September. Please plan to help as much as you can. We have had some frightful storms and there is a lot of cleanup to be done.

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).

We will have a special hunt for trail clearing volunteers on Sunday, September 11 at The Hunt, Inc. with a light lunch provided.

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

**4. Gymnastics Clinic with Diane Long!** We have another special event coming up soon – **Saturday, August 20**. Diane Long has graciously agreed to conduct a gymnastics jumping clinic in the riding ring at The Hunt, Inc. Diane has been starting horses for over 40 years. She galloped racehorses and earned her certificate to teach from 4 Seasons Farm where she coached and trained. She has been a Rockbridge Hunt member for over 30 years and has introduced countless horses and riders to the joys of jumping and foxhunting.

All jumping disciplines are welcome. The clinic will be organized in groups of four by skill level – 18''–2', 2'–2' 6'', 2'6''–3', and 3'+. Entry fee is \$40 per horse/rider. For more details contact Liz Hall at [ehhall1229@yahoo.com](mailto:ehhall1229@yahoo.com), 434-760-3784. Rain date: Sunday, August 21.

**5. Trail Riding Reminder - Summer Trail Riding at The Hunt, Inc.** Rockbridge Hunt members have permission from many generous landowners to *hunt* on their property. This does not entitle any individuals to *trail ride* on private property. Rockbridge Hunt members can ride on much of the property at The Hunt, Inc. but you must know where the boundaries are and respect them. Many of our landowners do allow trail riding but not all of them do. When individuals ride on private property without permission, landowners are (justifiably) displeased. These situations are one of the main causes of permission to hunt being withdrawn. If you don't absolutely know for certain where you can ride and where you can't, please make arrangements to ride with someone who knows the territory. Most of the Executive Committee and the Hunt Staff know the property and will be happy to meet you and ride with you.

Also, please be very certain that any dogs you have with you are under your control at *all times* and kept off private property. Thank you!!

**6. More 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!

## 7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Saturday, July 23	Trail Ride at Broadview, 8-10 a.m.
Saturday, August 20	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Gymnastics/Jumping Clinic</i>
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. (tentative)
Saturday, October 29	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds – joint meet with Rockbridge Hunt</i>
Saturday, November 5	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Opening Meet &amp; Blessing of the Hounds – joint meet with Glenmore Hunt</i>

## 8. Other Hunt-related Dates

Saturday, July 23	Farmington Hunt <i>Poker Ride-Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, July 23	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Safari Hunt</i>
Saturday, August 13	Glenmore Hunt <i>Moonlight &amp; Fireflies Ride</i>
Saturday, August 13	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Judged Trail Ride</i>
Fri, Aug 19-Sat. Aug 20	Farmington Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i>
Saturday, August 27	Glenmore Hunt <i>Foxhunting Clinic</i>
Saturday, September 17	Glenmore Hunt begins <i>Autumn Hunting</i>
Saturday, September 17	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Sunday, September 18	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Saturday, October 29	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>

**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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