



Rockbridge Hunt NewsHound October 4, 2022

“Strung out like a troop of cavalry, the Borridge Hunt jammed along the driveway between the beeches, beginning to trot now. Heavy steam from the horses rose on the damp air, gravel splattered under the hooves, bits and bridles jangling and slapping, rumps heaving. Above the saddles, human seats rose and fell like some solemn tribal rite. As it indeed was, I thought looking ahead down the long line of riders. How many times, for how many centuries had this scene here been the same? Were the ghosts of all those who had gone before, unseen and silent, standing under the dark beeches, in the shadows, where the long grass and nettles lined the way? In the damp and cold of the morning air with the degree of tension that makes for heightened senses, it seemed not impossible.”

-John Chaloner in To the Manner Born

1. Hunter Pace! Now that hurricane Ian has blown away, we’ve rescheduled our fall Hunter Pace for Sunday, October 9. *This is our showcase fall event:* the Rockbridge Hunter Pace & Trail Ride at Goose Creek Highlands in Raphine. The course features lovely rolling terrain, a mix of wooded trails and open fields, amazing views, and jumps, jumps, jumps (all optional)! Riders will go out from **10am-noon**, for \$40/adult, \$25/junior.

Thank you to Lucy Turner for offering her incredible property and trails for this event.

We’ll have a tailgate tent placed on a scenic spot where spectators can watch four jumps while sipping the beverage of their choice (some snacks and beverages provided)... and our own Grey Horse Saddlery and Fair Chase, Inc. vendors tents will provide a perfect opportunity for some early holiday shopping!

We are set for volunteers - thank you for the great response!

For online entry (preferred but not required by 5pm 10/7: <https://forms.gle/fD5m6tu64fY9m6pKA>

For more info, see Facebook event (link below) or [Rockbridge Hunt](#) or flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19bCj6ErkdwE51bCHb9ubvfv9_1ORahyM/view?usp=sharing

See: [Rockbridge Hunt Fall Hunter Pace & Trail Ride](#)

2. Hunter Pace Series. The popular Hunter Pace Series with Oak Ridge and Bedford County 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, October 2 Rockbridge Hunt Fall *Hunter Pace* <http://rockbridgehunt.org>

Sunday, November 6 Bedford County Hunt Fall *Hunter Pace* <https://bedfordcountyhunt.com/>

Sunday, November 13 Glenmore Hunt Fall *Hunter Pace* <https://www.glenmorehunt.org/>

3. Hunting Weekend Returns! The very popular 4 Hunt Weekend with Bedford County Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, and the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt returns next week - October 14-17. These are joint meets, so capping fees are waived for hunting members of the four sponsoring hunts. Capping fees are payable by other guests to respective hunts before each meet. Attire is Ratcatcher for all meets. Please contact or RSVP the respective hunts in advance and remember to check each hunt line on the day of hunting.

Rockbridge Hunt is hosting the meet on Sunday, October 16. We'll be looking for food donations for our breakfast. Watch for the call for help coming soon!

4 Hunt Weekend in the Virginia Countryside - The Schedule

Friday, October 14 Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club Tea-Time Farm, Afton VA 22920

oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Contact: Jane Andrews, Hon. Secretary Janeandrews24@gmail.com 434-962-3302

Hunt line is 540-456-8787 Capping fee is \$60, no fee for juniors

Saturday, October 15 Glenmore Hunt Bonnie Doon Farm, Grottoes, VA 24441

glenmorehunt.org

Contact: Mary Lee McDavid, MFH marylee@hoppinfoxfarm.com 540-292-9634

Hunt line is 540-885-7004 Capping fee is \$60, \$30 for juniors.

Sunday, October 16 Rockbridge Hunt Broadview, Lexington, VA 24550

rockbridgehunt.org

Contact: Hugh Brown, MFH brownhh@jmu.edu 540-290-9868

Hunt line is 540-462-1113 Capping fee is \$50, \$25 for juniors.

Monday, October 17 Bedford County Hunt Oldenacres, Goode, VA 24556

bedfordcountyhunt.com

Contact: Mary Long, MFH longmeadowsfarm@yahoo.com 540-297-8911

Hunt line is 540-586-1051 Capping fee is \$50, \$35 for juniors.

**4 Hunt Weekend
in the Virginia Countryside!**
October 14 - October 17, 2022



Each day's hunting will be followed by an ample tailgate.

Current negative Coggins, hunting license, and signed waivers are required for all meets.

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Check each hunt line on the day of hunting.

The Schedule

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Afton VA 22920

oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Jane Andrews, Hon. Secretary
Janeandrews24@gmail.com
434-962-3302

Hunt line is 540-456-8787.

Capping fee is \$60, no fee for juniors

Saturday, October 15

Glenmore Hunt

Grottoes, VA 24441

glenmorehunt.org

Mary Lee McDavid, MFH
marylee@hoppinfoxfarm.com
540-292-9634

Hunt line is 540-885-7004.

Capping fee is \$60, \$30 for juniors.

Sunday, October 16

Rockbridge Hunt

Lexington, VA 24550

rockbridgehunt.org

Hugh Brown, MFH
brownhh@jmu.edu
540-290-9868

Hunt line is 540-462-1118.

Capping fee is \$50, \$25 for juniors.

Monday, October 17

Bedford County Hunt

Goode, VA 24556

bedfordcountyhunt.com

Mary Long, MFH
longmeadowsfarm@yahoo.com
540-297-8911

Hunt line is 540-586-1051.

Capping fee is \$50, \$35 for juniors.

4. Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Saturday, October 22. 9:00 AM. We have our annual joint meet at Glenmore Hunt's Opening Meet on Saturday, October 22. This is always a special occasion. The fixture is the gorgeous Bellevue Farm in Swoope and the time is 9:00AM.

Please let Hugh Brown know by Wednesday, October 18 if you plan to attend the meet on horseback or on foot.

Directions to Bellevue Farm, Swoope

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.

5. Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds. Our own Opening Meet will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 AM at The Hunt, Inc. We will have our blessing done by Rev. Phillip Parker, father of our own member Joy Watkins. We are inviting our good friends from the Glenmore Hunt for this special joint meet. Our traditional hunt breakfast follows the hunt at around 12:30 PM at the Tex Tilson Lodge. Invitations will be mailed soon.

6. 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 5), 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 5, 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.

7. Rockbridge Hunt Dates for your Calendar

Sunday, October 9	Rockbridge Hunt Fall <i>Hunter Pace</i> at Goose Creek Highlands Farm
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 & Blessing of the Hounds – joint meet with Rockbridge Hunt</i>
Saturday, November 5	Rockbridge Hunt <i>Opening Meet & 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, October 15	Farmington Hunt <i>Fall Horse Show with Hunt Night/Cocktail Party</i>
Saturday, October 22	Glenmore Hunt <i>Opening Meet & Blessing of the Hounds</i>
Sunday, October 23	Virginia <i>Field Hunter Championships</i> , hosted by Middleburg Hunt
Saturday, October 29	Bull Run Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, October 29	Farmington Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Sunday, November 6	Farmington Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 6	Bedford County Hunt <i>Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 6	Virginia District <i>Qualifier</i> for the MFHA National Field Hunter Championship, hosted by Deep Run Hunt
Sunday, November 13	Glenmore Hunt <i>Fall Hunter Pace</i>
Sunday, November 13	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Opening Meet</i>
Saturday, December 17	Oak Ridge Fox Hunt <i>Ball</i>
Saturday, May 27, 2023	MFHA National <i>Field Hunter Championship</i>
Sunday, May 28, 2023	Virginia Foxhound Show, Morven Park, Leesburg

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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