



Masters' Corner

As we approach 2006, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on my Glenmore "Gratitude List." First and foremost, I'm grateful for our landowners who so kindly allow us to hunt their property. Without our landowners, there would be no hunting. The beauty of our fixtures makes each hunt a great day whether it's blank or a fast run.

Glenmore is thriving; for the first time in a long time, our financial situation is more secure. It's so nice to see those numbers in black on our treasurer's report!

Our new kennel man, **Eddie Satter**, is doing a wonderful job caring for the hounds and helping out as his hours permit. He enjoys coming out to see his "babies" work.

Glenmore hounds are hunting well under Master **Dan Jones's** gentle approach. They are impressively ignoring deer. On one of the Tuesday hunts at Walnut Grove, **Dan** was working the hounds on foot in the cornfield. Those of us watching from the hillside above saw a deer run into the corner. We thought he'd probably jump the fence. Instead, the deer turned and ran pell-mell along the fence line directly toward **Dan** and the hounds. We thought for sure the deer would run into **Dan**. The deer bounded past the hounds (who didn't even turn their heads)! We practically cheered from our "gallery" view.

The kennel property has been improved with siding on the kennel building and stable building thanks to **Frank Hall, Graham Pitsenberger** and those terrific folks they were able to rope into helping them. All members owe it to themselves to come out and take a look. The foundation is planning a special event at the kennels this spring as a way of thanking our stockholders and to give people the opportunity to see what incredible progress has been made since we purchased the property.

Our membership is made up of a great group of people who are willing to dig in and help and also are a lot of fun at parties! I wish all of you a Happy New Year!

Sandy Cryder, j-MFH

Glenmore Foundation Annual Meeting

The Glenmore Foundation held its annual shareholder meeting on November 30, 2005 to elect 2006 Board members and to give a report of operations to the shareholders.

President Jeanne Pitsenberger reported on Foundation activities. The Foundation sold 17 shares of stock during the year. The proceeds were used to bury the trash pile at the kennels. The removal of the trash pile allows the Hunt Club to use the pasture for hound walking during the summer and greatly improves the appearance of the grounds. In addition, the Foundation gave the Hunt Club permission to remove balconies from the kennel and stable buildings and add puppy doors to the kennel annex building. All of this work improves the usefulness, safety, and appearance of the facility. Finally, the Foundation was forced to increase the rent charged to the Hunt Club for the first time due to a substantial increase in the Foundation's insurance premiums.

Treasurer Graham Pitsenberger reported that Glenmore Foundation shares are now worth \$197.97 per share, using the Augusta County tax assessment as the real estate value. The Foundation books were examined by Hannah Bush, who found them to be in good order. Secretary Jakki Avery reported that the Foundation now has 485 shares outstanding with 101 shareholders representing 57 families.

The following shareholders were elected to serve on the 2006 Board: Jeanne Pitsenberger (President), Bebe Wills (Vice President), Jakki Avery (Secretary), Graham Pitsenberger (Treasurer), Roger Ashley, Ed Moran, Frank Hall, Sandy Cryder, and Hugh Sproul. The Foundation would like to thank retiring board members Joycea Eavers, Margaret Henderson, and Darrell Hurst for their past service.

Secretary's Corner

The next meeting of the
Glenmore Hunt, Inc.
will be on Tuesday, January 3rd
At
The Glenmore Office
The Board of Directors will meet
at 7:00 P.M.
General Membership at
8:00 P.M.

Member Roster Changes

Address Change

Ms Vonda Reel
Hunters Edge
10207 Rawley Pike
Hinton, VA 2208

Resigned

Mr/Mrs Wm Davick
Ms. Joyce Eavers
Mr. William T. Ruark

Events of Special Note

January:

7th Joint Meet with Oak Ridge Hunt, Merrifield 10 am, informal
tailgate:
7th Twelfth night Party, Joyce Eavers' Shiloh 6:00 pm
14th Joint Meet with Rockbridge, Mountainside 10: am, Bob
Heitler Tailgate host.

February

11th Hunt Mountainside 10:00 am. Hunt Breakfast in the evening.

March

3rd Hunt Ball, Verona Holiday Inn

2006 Budget Approved

The Board and the membership approved the 2006 budget by unanimous vote at the December 13 meeting. It is balanced and is a little less than the 2005 budget. Dues will remain the same. Expenditures are down because of the decision to replace the professional huntsman with a contract kennelman. This is working very well and will allow us to reduce our bank loan principal. All of this is very good financial news.

Traditional 12th Night Celebration at Shiloh

Joyce Eavers has once again opened her beautiful Shiloh Farm home to Glenmore members and friends for the traditional Twelfth Night celebration. Festivities start at 6 pm, dress to participate in the burning of the greens later in the evening. Bring a covered dish to share and greens to throw on the fire.

This always the most beautiful Glenmore social event of the year and we are fortunate to be able to enjoy such a wonderful setting and such a gracious hostess. Members and friends are invited to feast, toast the New year with good cheer, and enjoy the fellowship of The Glenmore Hunt

February 11th Hunt Breakfast

There will be an evening social event on February 11th. Please mark the date on your social calendars and watch this column for further details.

Hunt Ball Date Set for March 3rd

Plans are being made by the Social Committee (Ball Committee chaired by Jean Viel) for the 2006 Annual Hunt Ball at the Verona Holiday Inn. Silent Auction items are sought to make this year's auction as successful as last year's. Dance music by Blue Suede will provide after dinner entertainment. Call Jean, 886-0225, to volunteer time and talents.

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Snowy Weather Spoils Junior Hunt

If I have babysitting set up, and the huntline says hounds are going out, then winter weather is not going to alter my plans to foxhunt! Thus, on the crisp morning of Saturday, December 10th, I was one of two non-staff foxhunters to brave the snowy (some said crunchy) conditions. Unfortunately, this was also supposed to be a Junior Hunt, and not surprisingly, the two snowstorms that caused school cancellations during the week also kept kids home from hunting.

My trusty steed didn't seem to notice the icy conditions, proved extremely surefooted, and even game for the few fences with MFH **Sandy Cryder's** lead. I feel lucky to have attended that meet. I learned so much! The benefit of a tiny field freed me to ask numerous questions, and **Sandy** began pointing out various tracks of different animals as we watched the hounds work.

My favorite moment occurred at the new road at Carr's. MFH **Dan Jones** trotted by **Sandy**, telling her that he thought the hunted fox had crossed the road. **Sandy** took us to a spot with a good view, and sure enough the hounds crossed the road in single file with noses to the ground. Finding his trail, hounds opened again, proving **Dan** right.

Hardy hunters were rewarded with **Anne & Dennis Avery's** famous hotdogs and hot chocolate complete with marshmallows. **Diane Gibbs** provided a yummy potato salad and cookies. It was a feast indeed.

The most important thing I learned on this day was that there is nothing more magical than foxhunting in snow!

Jakki

Christmas Parade – Take 3

The Christmas Parade was postponed twice due to foul weather. On Monday, December 12, 2005, it was finally “a go” until snowflakes once again appeared!

Worried that the sticking snow would accumulate and make it difficult to return hounds to the kennel safely, the Masters decided to cancel Glenmore's participation. However, not all members wanted to sit things out! Augusta County Board of Supervisors member **Kay Frye** was ready to ride, and **Bob Heitler** and **Alex Avery** were on hand to walk. Alex had been scheduled to act as the “pooper scooper,” so he gladly performed this function when Kay's mount provided the opportunity. We are glad these hardy folks were able to participate.

Reminder: Call the Hunt Hotline before saddling up for a meet. The weather can change the plans for the day! 540-885-7004



Christmas Breakfast A Big Bash!

As we drove up Bradford Street, my spirits lifted and I felt the Christmas spirit from just gazing at the **Thompson's** beautiful home all decked out for the Holidays. Christmas wreaths, lights, and red ribbons decorated the outside, and the inside showed careful touches of holiday grandeur placed throughout the home. **Stacey** and **Chris** went above board in hosting this year's Christmas Breakfast. They set tables throughout their home to ensure that there would be plenty of seating for the feast. **Chris** had the chiminea going on the back patio for those who enjoy the ambience of an outdoor fire. **Stacy's** table was completely covered with a well-planned menu, which was not easy to coordinate given that all who came contributed something!

Before dinner, **MFH Dan Jones** recognized **Chris Thompson** for his contributions to the Hunt, and officially awarded **Chris** his colors. This was followed by the Masters recognizing their staff of whips: **Jan Jones, Nickee Randolph, T Stewart, Mo Blyth, and Sara Wood**. The staff also recognized the Masters for their leadership, and **J-MFH Sandy Cryder and Jewell Phelps** gave **MFH Dan and Jan Jones** a special Christmas gift for their diligence and help with hound care during our kennel staff transition this past summer. After the awards, **Stacy** asked **Alex Avery** to say grace, and then the party really began!

Everyone enjoyed the food, drink, and fellowship. Some enjoyed playing with the chiminea a little too much, but perhaps that is for another article! Truly, it was one of the best Glenmore social functions I've had the pleasure of attending. This Christmas Party will be hard to top next year!



New Year Resolutions for Your Horse

I will NOT leave when my rider falls off.
My stall is NOT my litter box. I will NOT go back inside to pee.
I will NOT roll in streams or try to roll when my human is on my back.
I will NOT leap over large nonexistent obstacles when the whim strikes.
I will NOT walk faster on the way home than I did on the way out.
I promise NOT to swish my tail while my human is cleaning my back feet.
I promise also NOT to choose that particular time to answer nature's call.
I will NOT bite my farrier's butt just because it is there.
I will NOT confuse my human's blond hair for really soft hay.
I will NOT wipe green slime down the back of my human's white shirt.
I will NOT blow my nose on my human.
I will NOT try to mooch goodies off every human within a one mile radius.
I will NOT lay totally flat out in my stall with my eyes glazed over and my legs straight out and pretend I can't hear my human frantically screaming "Are you asleep?"
I will NOT chase the ponies into the electric fence.
I will promise NEVER to dump the wheelbarrow of manure over while my stall is being mucked
I will NOT grab my lead rope in my mouth and attempt to lead myself.
I will NOT have an attitude problem. I won't, I won't, I won't!
I will NOT pull my new shoes off the very next day just to prove that I can.
I am neither a beaver nor a carpenter. I promise I won't eat or remodel the barn or the new fences.
I WILL forgive my human for the very bad haircut, even though I look like a freak.
I accept that not every carrot in the barn is for me.
I will NOT do the Arab Teleport Trick when a bad/naughty/awful Horsasaurus Monster breathes at me.
I will NOT jump in the air and turn 180 degrees every time I see a bicycle.
I will NOT shy at familiar objects just for fun.
I will NOT bite the butt of the horse in front of me during the trail ride just to say HI.
I WILL put my ears forward and cooperate when it comes to photos.

O.K. The tricky part is to post this where your horses see it; read it; sign it; and keep their resolutions better than any of the rest of us.



**Best Wishes for a Happy New Year from the Glenmore
Masters, Staff, and Officers!**



“Merry Christmas” to the hounds from the Property Committee. Their new kennel annex was just completed! Thanks to **Graham Pitsenberger** and **Frank Hall** for their leadership roles in this project.

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