



New Horse—Old Horse

Major Leo Doc—that's the registered name of my 23-year-old Quarter Horse. Kelly Hall, a former member of Glenmore, suggested I try him out. He was 14 at the time, and I wasn't so sure I wanted to buy an "old" horse.

The first time we hunted together, he was very out of shape and had 2 gaits—low walk and lope. Turned out he did have one more gait—RACE!

After one run down a steep hill at the Miller place someone commented, "You're a brave woman!" I didn't confess that bravery had nothing to do with it—I was out of control! Leo, however, simply stopped when he got to the bottom and joined the other horses—totally unconcerned.

I still remember my hunt epiphany while on Leo. We were at an opening hunt at Oakridge. As the field galloped through the woods, it suddenly struck me, Leo knows what he's doing—so let him! What a great time I had after that and have had ever since.

Leo has been a perfect horse—a gentleman at all times, takes care of his rider, jumps beautifully, and is always keen for a run. Great in the field and at the front of the field, good as a whipper-in's horse, and a super trail horse. Even at 23—he's got the heart to hunt. He's now often used as a guest hunt horse and by some of our Glenmore members who are getting back into hunting again after years off. He's becoming a little stiff in his old age (but then so am I), and geriatric management is necessary, but most folks would hardly believe he's going to be 23 in May.

I'm now on a quest for another Leo—it's hard to find a horse when you've had the "perfect" horse. People say I'm spoiled. I'd have to agree.

Sometimes the "old" seasoned hunter is the best choice. Leo certainly has proved that these past 9 years.



Spring Hunter Pace

The Glenmore Hunter Pace, Spring 2006, will begin at *Cottage Hill*, the home of **Frank and Margaret Henderson**. First riders will go out at 11 AM and last riders at 2 PM. To qualify for awards, riders need to be in by 3:30 PM unless unusual circumstances dictate otherwise.

Helpers are needed to watch gates, and do the timing. There will also be some minor trail clearing to do and course flagging.

Mo Blyth is chairing the lunch arrangements. Call her if you can help, 337-7527.

Veto HB339, Request to Governor

As directed by the Glenmore Board of Directors at the March 7th, 2006 meeting, I have asked Governor Kaine by both phone message and email to veto HB339.

Dwight Phelps
Hon. Secretary
Glenmore Hunt, Inc.

Secretary's Corner

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and election of Master(s) of Foxhounds, Officers, and Directors of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at the Glenmore Office, 101 Frederick Street, Staunton, Virginia.

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 P.M. and the General Membership at 8:00 PM.

The Nominating Committee consists of the following members: **Brenda Simmons**, (Chair), **Margaret Henderson**, **Frank Hall**, **JoAnne VanSiclen**, and **Chris Thompson**.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

April

4th Glenmore Hunt Officer Election General Membership Meeting.

8th /9th MFHA seminar

23rd Spring Hunter Pace (note change of date)

29th Day at the Foxfield Races

30th Spring Hunter Pace rain date

May

6th Hound Show/Derby Day party, Phelps,

13th Bedford Hunter Pace and point-to-point

June

19th Glenmore Horse Show at Mill Creek

Report from Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met March 8th. We have talked to possible candidates and will meet again March 28th to finalize the nominees. Ballots will be prepared with the Nomination Committee recommendations after the March 28th meeting. As always, nominations can be made from the floor.

Candidates are being considered for President, Vice-President, RMAL, SMAL. The Secretary and Treasurer are both willing to continue in their current positions. One of the two SMAL has also said they would continue on the Board.

The Nominating Committee feels the current 3 Masters have been working well together and recommends their re-election.

Special April Event!! Out to the Races!!

Glenmore members **Darrell and Lida Hurst** have reserved a space on the rail (Blue C-34) for the Spring Foxfield Races to be held on April 29th at the Foxfield Race Course in Charlottesville.

Darrell and Lida have graciously invited Glenmore Members and guests to share the space on the rail.

See Flyer for details

Annual Hound Show and Derby Day

The Hound Show/derby day will be at the home of MFH **Jewell and Dwight Phelps** on May 6th. The hound show will start at 3 PM and derby day will begin at 5 PM. Attendees to the hound show, if showing, need to come by 2 PM.

Attendees to the derby day party are asked to bring finger food to share.

We'll have our usual race "betting" event sweetened by mint juleps.

The hounds will show, rain or shine. The hound event will be basically for the younger set, so invite all junior members and their friends to come out and try their hand at hound show-

ing.

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Masters' Report—Season Wrap-up

What a great season Glenmore had in '05/06! hounds were out 43 times. Ten hunts were cancelled due to weather or out of respect to landowner's property if the footing or parking area was soft. One hunt was cancelled due to illness in the family of the huntsman.

Two hunts were away joint meets—Oak Ridge Hunt and Reedy Creek Hunt. A joint meet was hosted for Oak Ridge Hunt that provided a day of excellent hound work. While the scheduled joint meet with Rockbridge Hunt had to be cancelled due to weather, they were able to join us the following week. A number of our members also attended the opening meets of Rockbridge Hunt and Oak Ridge Hunt. We always enjoy these days of hunting and hospitality with our neighboring hunts.

We viewed at least 21 reds, 7 grays, 7 coyotes and more than one turkey! Some of the viewings were on the same hunt and some were the same fox on a different date. At various times, fox or coyote were viewed by the whole field, by the huntsman and whippers-in, by the wheel whips and also by car followers. The Master's (once again) thank our landowners for so generously allowing us to hunt their land!

This season we often accommodated three flights—First and Second Flights and Hilltoppers. The Hilltopping flight was very popular and gave a number of folks with green horses (or rusty spurs) a chance to test their mettle on the hunt field. Artfully situated by Master **Jewell Phelps**, the Hilltoppers often had an excellent chance of viewing Mr. Reynard.

We averaged about 17 people on Saturdays and about 10 people on the Tuesday hunts. We enjoyed welcoming back members to our hunt field that hadn't been seen in a while, (**Roger and Joan Ashley Bebe Wills, Ginny Bauman and Kay Tysinger**).

It was great to have a place for returning riders, young riders and those w/ young horses to feel comfortable.

Sandy Cryder, MFH, Dan Jones, MFH, Jewell Phelps, MFH

My First Away Hunt by Logan Stewart Hedrick

Getting up at 4:00 am was not the most fun thing I have ever had to do. In the end, it was worth it. The Reedy Creek Hunt was so much fun!

We all met at the Park and Ride (Waynesboro) and left there at 6:00 am, after a good breakfast made by **Sara Wood**. My pony, Leo, and I rode with **T Stewart** and **Sara**, while Nana (**Brenda Simmons**) rode with **Nickee Randolph**. I slept most of the 3-hour trip. When I woke up we saw wild turkeys in fields everywhere.

Once we got to Reedy Creek it was very warm. There were several vehicles with the name Reedy Creek on them and I thought they must be a rich hunt. The Master excused coats. I'm thankful **Nickee** loaned me a vest, or I would have been very hot in that black wool coat. We were treated to pastries on silver trays. Leo shied away from the trays! Then they brought the hounds, out, and they all matched! They were all black and brown.

The hunt was very fun. It felt like we never stopped running and jumping. I was so proud of Leo, he jumped all the jumps really good, even the 3 foot jump, he was so excited and I was very happy.

When we came back we went by the kennels, and I saw the matching puppies. Reedy Creek had so much food and it was so good, I ate so much I was full the rest of the day.

If I could do that hunt 100 times over, I would!!!

Glenmore's Hunt Ball Festive Occasion

Glenmore Hunt held its annual Hunt Ball on Friday, March 3rd 2006. It was well attended, with approximately sixty guests gathering at the Holiday Inn in Staunton. I always enjoy seeing everyone in their fancy dress, and the Hunt Ball tends to bring out friends of the Hunt and that is a special pleasure.

This year's event mixed tradition with a few new twists. Blue Suede, a band that has played for our event for years, provided a mix of music that appealed to all generations of foxhunters. Our silent auction featured a large variety of traditional foxhunting items, but the Hunt Ball committee also did an exceptional job of reaching out to the community for donations from local businesses. One could bid on everything from autographed books by **Rita Mae Brown** or Dennis Foster to an oil change at the local chevy dealership.

A few happy events made this Hunt Ball really special. First, Glenmore was pleased to be apart of **Roger and Joan Ashley's** 45th wedding anniversary celebration! Congratulations, and thanks for spending your special evening dancing with Glenmore—your waltz was lovely! We were also glad to have Junior Members **Lucy Gordon** and **Allie Farley**, escorted by Lucy's grandfather, John Shumate for the evening. These young ladies are superb dancers and we enjoyed having them attend.

We owe a special thanks to President **Jean Viel**, who headed up the planning for this year's Ball. The silent auction is the big fundraiser, and many members and friends contributed items. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success, but especially to **Marge Hays** and **Bob Heitler**, who kept track of the treasury.

Thanks also to those who acted as hosts and sponsors: **Mr. and Mrs. G. Daniel Jones, MFH, Mr. and Mrs Dwight C Phelps MFH; Mr. and Mrs. John Cryder, MFH; Mr. and Mrs. Graham A. Pitsenberger HMFH; Colonel and Mrs. Hugh B. Sproul III, HMFH; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis T. Avery; Mrs. Marjorie B. Hays; Mr. Robert C. Heitler; Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Moran; Ms. Theresa L. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Thompson.**

A lot of people were involved in decorating, setup, and cleanup. **Brenda Simmons** and **Jo Anne Van Sieten** provided the "huntsman and pack" artwork that graced the ballroom while Joyce Eavers, **Bebe Wills**, and **Sandy Cryder** created the table decorations. The foxes on display were courtesy of **Graham Pitsenberger** and **Ed Moran**. The setup and cleanup crew consisted of **Jan and Dan Jones, Jewell and Dwight Phelps, Sandy and John Cryder, Bebe Wills, Diane Gibbs, Marjorie Hays, Chris Thompson, and Bob Heitler**. Thank you to everyone who helped—the Hunt Ball could not happen without you!

Jakki

Lauren Mazzotta will join Peace Corps

At the tailgate following our Closing Hunt on March 18th we said goodbye to Fellow member **Lauren Mazzotta** who has been a regular in the hunt field the last couple of seasons.

Lauren graduates from JMU this spring and has volunteered for a three year period of service in the Peace Corps. She does not know exactly where she will be stationed, but knows it is in Africa.

Lauren was always one of the best "turned out" riders in the field and had impeccable field manners. We will miss **Lauren** in the hunt field next season. We all wish **Lauren** the very best and hope she will return to this area (and to Glenmore) when her service with the Peace Corps is concluded.

Dwight



Hunt Ball 2006



Glenmore's Closing Hunt—March 18, 2006

Glenmore's closing hunt of the 2005-06 season was held at *Cobble Hill*, home of **Harriet Hanger**.

The day was sunny, nippy, and breezy, but the cold didn't discourage nearly 30 riders, including 6 juniors, and staff who came out to end the season. The Joint Masters welcomed all and provided three flights to be able to include all riding levels and the presence of green ponies.

Huntsman MFH **Dan Jones** recognized **Gerald and Mo Blyth** for the times they volunteered to wheel whip (guard the roads).

The hunt set out with red coats in full view and covered territory that included *Cobble Hill*, **John Hardy's**, **Carr's**, and *Merrifield*. The hounds had a short run but the weather wasn't co-operating for great scenting.

Upon returning, a wonderful tailgate was provided at the *Cobble Hill* barn by **Bebe Wills**, **Terri Smith**, **Bob Heitler** and others.

Sadly, we all had to recognize the end of the 200-06 foxhunting season. It has been a good one!
Jewell

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