



Summer Hunt Camp: Foxhunting 101

I've just spent the last two days at Glenmore's Hunt Camp at Endless Trails Stable. I was promised two days of intensive lessons in riding and in the art and science of foxhunting. Members of the Glenmore Hunt and Sarah Sayre's team at Endless Trails delivered on their promises—it was a terrific weekend!

We were divided into three groups for the weekend based on our riding skills and experience. The Hunters were those with jumping experience, the Hopeful Hunters had riding experience but were non-jumping, and Hilltoppers were novice riders. Although I have been foxhunting a number of times, I haven't mastered jumping yet, so I was assigned to the Hopeful Hunters group.

JMFH Sandy Cryder took charge of my group, with help from **Nickee Randolph**, and we mounted up for a morning of riding and foxhunting instruction. Master Sandy warmed us up in a beautiful, hilly field and then introduced us to mounted foxhunting etiquette and important hunting commands like "reverse field," "staff please," and "ware hole!" We practiced riding up and down hills, through trails, and across small ditches and streams. She also had us working on walking, trotting and cantering in the field—it's very different than in a riding ring! After about two and a half hours, we broke for lunch with food, drink, and rest for humans and horses. We had only just begun!

After lunch, **JMFH Jewell Phelps** instructed all the camp participants on the complexities of informal and formal hunting attire. It's a lot to remember, but we learned a lot about the history and traditions of the sport. Then **Gerald Blyth** introduced two of the Glenmore hounds and gave us a quick lesson in hound conformation. Gerald also instructed and entertained us all with the history of hunting calls like "Tally Ho!" and "Lieu in." We found out that we owe a lot to the French for our hunting language. He blew hunting calls on his horn, which sent a thrill up my spine, stirred up the hounds, and got hilarious replies from one of the Sayre's roosters! Gerald did a great job of telling us what to look and

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Legislative Update: Debate on the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act.

As most of our members were notified via e-mail the MFHA has come out strongly against this bill—H.R 503, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. The Capitol Hill Hearing on the Bill took place on July 25th. Basically, the way I read it, MFHA is against it based on (1) horse welfare issues; (2) horse market issues and (3) the overburdening of the horse welfare system.

Welfare issues: There will be an increase in abandoned and neglected horses because owners who can no longer afford the \$2,000+ each year in care and who can't sell or give away their horses or find them a home, are left with no other option.

Market Issues: The ban will devastate the US horse market: Each horse's value will decrease by \$300 to \$400, or about \$29 million in losses for US horse owners. (Why?)

Horse welfare support: 70,000+ additional unwanted horses each year will flood inadequate, overburdened, unregulated patchwork of rescue and adoption facilities; These extra horses will be competing for adoption with the 32,000 wild horses that US taxpayers are already paying \$40 million to shelter and feed.

For further information, those of you on the internet can go to: "The Unintended Consequences of a Ban on Horse Processing," <www.animalwelfarecouncil.org>

What do you think about all of this? If you want to share your opinions, please send them to anneavery@rica.net or 226 Last Raid Lane, Swoope, VA 24479. I think our readership would like to hear what you think.

Secretary's Corner

The next meeting of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc.

will be on Tuesday, August 1
place TBA

The Board of Directors will meet at
7:00 P.M.

General Membership at
8:00 P.M.

Member Roster Changes

Add

Hugh H. Brown, III
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Delete

Robert J. Chambers family
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Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

August

12th Master's Party "Celebration of our Landowners," Phelps.
20th Summer Hunter Pace, Gai Lea

September

2nd Glenmore Fall Horse Show
9th First day of Cubbing
16th After-Cubbing Breakfast
23rd Glenmore Pony Club Horse Show, Oak Manor

October

7th Joint meet w/ Rockbridge Hunt and Oak Ridge Hunt
14th -31st Virginia Hunt Week
31st Glenmore Hunt hosts Virginia Hunt Week

November

4th—Opening Meet at Rockbridge Hunt
11th—Opening Meet at Glenmore Hunt

2006 Masters Party to Honor Landowners

This year's Masters party will celebrate Glenmore's generous landowners. A fun, family friendly afternoon is planned for Saturday, August 12th at 4:00 at the **Phelps'** homestead. This is a special day for the Masters and Glenmore members to show appreciation to our landowners. Bring your best side dish, with the recipe. (Collection has started for *Taste of Glenmore* Cookbook.) Dessert and the main course will be provided.

Lawn games will offer those lacking cooking skills the opportunity to shine. If you have one you particularly like, bring it along. Tents will be set up, so the party will go on, rain or shine!

Summer Hunter Pace—Fun For All Riders

The second in the Glenmore Hunter 2006 Hunter Pace series is scheduled for Sunday, August 20th at beautiful Gaie-Lea Farm. (Rain date Sunday August 27th). There is a bright red flyer in your newsletter telling all about it.

But also, tell your friends who ride but don't hunt (yet?)—this will be a fun day able to accommodate everyone who brings a horse.

Lunch is included in the \$30 (adult) \$20 (Junior) fee and lunch only is a bargain at \$5.00—so come and bring your family and friends.

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News from other Hunts

2006 Virginia Hunt Week Schedule

October 14	Sat.
Rappahannock	
October 15	Sun.
Middleburg	
October 16	Mon.
Shopping Day	
October 17	Tues.
Old Dominion	
October 18	Wed.
Bull Run	
October 19	Thur.
Casanova	
October 20	Fri.
Colonial	
October 21	Sat.
Middlebrook	
October 22	Sun.
Reedy Creek	
October 23	Mon.
Keswick	
October 24	Tues.
Deep Run	
October 25	Wed.
Commonwealth	
October 26	Thurs.
Farmington	
October 27	Fri.
Bedford	
October 28	Sat.
Rockbridge	
October 29	Sun.
Oak Ridge	
October 30	Mon.
Princess Anne	
October 31	Tues.
Glenmore	

Stormy Weather Clouds June Trail Ride

Even the preparations for the June Trail Ride and Dinner were wet! **Sheila Jennings, Jakki Avery**, and **Brenda Simmons** met at the Shiflet's Pavilion the Saturday before the ride to unload grills, set up tables, and decorate. No sooner had they set the tables and BOOM! Lightning dancing all around the pavilion on the hill had them scooting for shelter in Brenda's car!

Sunday morning looked about as gloomy as it gets. The News Leader, called for 100% chance of rain. After talking with several members, President Brenda Simmons made the call that the ride would be cancelled, but the dinner would go on. Although clouds persisted, the rain actually held off until dinner. We now know that Glenmore men do not melt in the rain. They were out in full force, manning the grills in the downpour.

Sheila Jennings coordinated the dinner portion of the event. The home cooked food was a perfect match for the wet evening. Approximately thirty members and guests enjoyed the beautiful surroundings, complete with a rainbow by the evening's end. Thanks to Riley Shiflet and his family who generously allow us to enjoy the pavilion.

Hugh Sproul and **Joanne VanSiclen** were in charge of the ride, and, even though cancelled, we appreciate the work and effort they put in. To all those wonderful Glenmore cooks out there who contributed to the meal, thank you!

Condolences

We were saddened to learn that **MFH Dan Jones** and **MFH Jewell Phelps** each lost beloved family members last month. Our sympathies go to Dan and Jan on the death of his sister, Georgianne Jones in Ewing Township New Jersey and to Jewell and Dwight on the death of Jewell's father Donald B. Snyder of Staunton on June 23rd, 2006.



Rockbridge/Glenmore Joint Trail Ride

On Saturday, July 15, Glenmore members were invited to join Rockbridge Hunt for a trail ride through the Burke's "Montafon" and the surrounding hunt country. It turned out to be a beautiful day in Rockbridge County. Master of Foxhounds, Cindy Morton led our group through areas with the best views and coolest woodlands. It was a hot day, so we kept our horses in mind as we mainly walked. A few others rode in a faster group following Fred Burke. Following the ride, a potluck dinner was held on the lawn under a shady tree. Fred and Barbara Burke acted as our gracious hosts. As always, Rockbridge showed everyone a good time! Glenmore members in attendance were: **Jewell Phelps, Sandy Cryder, Diane Gibbs** and **Hugh Brown**.

Masters' Corner

While we seem to be in the heat of summer, just the other day I was thinking that it will be September very soon and we will start cubbing for the next season. Successful hunting is the result of bringing together many different aspects of the land, hounds and horses, and people. Primary to any hunting is the land through which we pass. This year we are dedicating the Masters Party to the land-owners. If one stops to reflect a minute they are the greatest supporters of the hunt. We hope that they will join us for the evening of August 12th at the Phelps residence.

Lots of Hound News: The hounds got out to visit the folks at Gypsy Hill Park while starring in the Fourth of July parade.

Most recently 6 couple spent the afternoon at the Foxhunting Clinic at Endless Trails Stables. They looked splendid after the combings and shampoos given by Eddie. In checking with Eddie it just seems like he left out one bit of instruction to his children (the hounds) "don't play in the water." Both days they went for a swim to take a break from the heat.

Having gotten their celebratory appearances out of the way for the summer, they will be going out for exercise generally on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Weekdays will be at 7:00 pm and Sat at 8:00 am. If you plan to come out, please check the hunt line to confirm that it is an exercise night and the location. It will be posted by 6:00 the evening prior. It is a good time to learn about the hounds and during mounted exercise to introduce new horses to hounds.

Mark September 9 on your calendars as it is the first day of cubbing. We hope to have a few new fixtures ready for September so Tuesdays will be TBA as to location so that we can get into some of these places as they become available.

We are working with neighboring hunts to set up joint meets and coordinate opening meet dates. You will find the ones that have been "set in stone" on page 2, "Events of Special Note."

Currently we are planning for several other Joint meets. We will let you know as soon as they are finalized.

Dan

Note from the President:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer: taking vacations, relaxing, riding and thinking about foxhunting. Committees have been busy planning: the Social Committee has exciting plans for us this coming year, the Calendar & Horse Activities Committee ironed out activity dates, the Masters have decided on cubbing dates. Everyone has been busy.

"Thank you" to **Sheila Jennings** and **Jakki Avery** for all their planning for the June trail ride and steak dinner. While the trail ride was cancelled due to torrential downpours, the dinner was well attended. These ladies did a nice job.

We have several events coming up: the Masters' "Celebration of our Landowners' Party" on August 12th, the summer Hunter Pace on August 20th not to mention trail clearing that will need to be done before cubbing starts September 9th. When you get a call from the chair of an event, please do everything you can to help out. Remember, the more we can spread out the workload, the easier it is for everyone.

We also have new ideas for fundraisers. The Social Committee will be busy with collecting recipes for a cookbook "The Flavors of Glenmore" over the next year. We will be initiating a Commemorative Brick Walk program, and there is a possibility of getting a P Buckley Moss print for a "donation drawing". If anyone has ideas for other new and exciting ways of fundraising, or for social events you would like to see take place, please let us know.

Stay cool, see you all at upcoming functions.

Brenda Simmons

Continued from page one: listen for in the field and how to know what the Huntsman and hounds are doing while chasing the elusive fox. Gerald was followed by Dr. Nikki Clayton (from Westwood Animal Hospital) who gave us a lesson in how to cope with injuries in the field .

We all hoped we wouldn't have to face the injuries she described, but she gave us good things to think about—including the many ways to use a stock tie in an emergency!

Then it was “riders up” again, this time for a mounted hound walk. **JMFH Dan Jones**, led the Glenmore hounds on a walk through the Endless Trails fields and we learned some important things about how the huntsman handles the hounds. After another hour in the saddle, we were ready to wrap up the first day. We were all tired but exhilarated by all we had learned.

The Hopeful Hunters started the second day with more riding instruction with Dan and Sandy. They really stressed balance—both uphill and downhill! This was followed by a mini-course in horse gymnastics with Sarah Conner, a whipper-in with the Rockbridge Hunt. Sarah had us jumping cross-rails, working on balance, seat, and communicating with our horses.

After a much-needed break for lunch, my group received a helpful and fun introduction to strength and conditioning exercises for the rider. Kate Kayne-Joyce from the Lifetime Center at Augusta Medical Center got us stretching and moving in ways that would help us develop our balance, as well as our back, abdominal, leg and hip muscles. It was great fun and a good warm-up for our final ride of the weekend.

So, it was back in the saddle for a Mock Hunt! JMFH and Huntsman Dan Jones took a pack of *invisible* hounds and cast them into the first covert. The Hopeful Hunters joined the Hunters under the leadership of Field Master Sandy Cryder. We followed Dan and his “hounds,” listening for them to speak and for Dan’s calls on the horn. We rode up and down hills, through fields and gates, and finally ran our invisible fox to ground in a beautiful patch of woodland. After praising the hounds for a job well done it was “Going Home” on the horn!

I learned so much from my two days at Endless Trails. I learned a lot about foxhunting tradition and etiquette, increased my balance, and definitely tested my riding muscles—four rides in two days! This Hopeful Hunter and new Glenmore member would like to thank all those from the Glenmore Hunt who came out to help with the clinic as well as Sarah Sayre and her team at Endless Trails. I can't think of a better way to spend a summer weekend or a better way to get ready to hunt with the Glenmore hounds in the fall. Kick on!

Hugh Brown



Thanks to Dwight Phelps for providing these photos.

4th of July Parade

Thanks from Hugh: I would like to thank all who participated in the parade for their dedication and willingness to endure the heat. Particular thanks go to **Dan** and the hunt staff. Most of us don't see all the days they practiced with the hounds and horses prior to Parade Day. Few of us saw the hounds being bathed and loaded to go.

Report from Jakki: The hounds were absolutely perfect. They paraded through the Gypsy Hill Park during Staunton's annual Fourth of July celebrations tightly packed and responsive. We always have member volunteers walk with the hounds, and this year **MFH Jewell Phelps, Sara Wood, T Stewart, Bob Heitler,** and **Brenda Simmons** filled this important role. Members riding behind the hounds included **Hon-MFH Hugh Sproul, Logan Hedrick, Kay Frye,** and **Joan and Roger Ashley. Alex Avery,** Glenmore's popular pooper-scooper was back by popular demand. New member **Hugh Brown** and Joe Manning carried the banner. **Nickee Randolph** and Kevin provided the backup vehicle and trailer.

After marching through the sweltering July heat, the hounds enjoyed a dip in Tams Lake. Riders and walkers had to wait for the shade of *Misty Oaks Farm's* oak trees for refreshment, but the wait only made the cool appreciated more. Members enjoyed a lovely picnic, and we thank **Marjorie Hays** for hosting the social gathering at her farm. It is the perfect setting for a hot, summer day.

The Newsletter Photos (in fact everything) look so much better on the Internet!

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