



Hunt Field Safety—a Few Reminders

Don't Tailgate: Keep at least one horse length between you and the horse in front of you at all times. Remember that rule of thumb: If you can not see the horse's hocks in front of you, then you are too close. Not all horses like another horse being on its tail. There are a few great souls out there that don't mind a horse bumping into the back of them, but many don't or may feel threatened if crowded. This is also the best way to make a horse a kicker!

Kickers: Attach a red ribbon at top of tail if your horse is a kicker.

Jumping: Give the horse in front of you space to be away safely. Allow the horse in front of you enough space to take the jump and land before you take the jump (this requires more than one horse length). You and your horse don't want to land on the person who came off at the jump; has just taken the jump, lost their balance, and is falling; or is on the ground.

Refusing an obstacle: If your horse refuses, do not attempt the jump again until the rest of the jumping field has gone over the jump. Do not cut in front of someone approaching the jump.

Gates: Leave all gates as you found them. Close gates if they were opened for you. You may hear "gate please" from the field in front of you. If you are the last person through a gate, **even if you are in the jumping field** you need to make sure the gate is closed. The hilltop group may or may not be coming the same way. If that group is close enough behind, please make sure they know the gate is to be closed. Remember that one to two riders should stay behind while the gate person shuts the gate and remounts. The rest of the field should move off slowly until the others catch up.

Field Hazards: Warn those behind you with "Ware" and name the hazard; "Ware Wire" "Ware Hole" etc.

Equipment: Be sure your equipment is in good repair.

Flasks: Remember, that I may have forgotten mine, so please be generous with yours.

Brenda

JoAnne VanSiclen graciously provided the Hunt Breakfast following the September 16th meet at Cobble Hill. Thank you, Joanne!

Photo by Hugh Brown.



Secretary's Corner

The next meeting of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd at the home of Dwight and Jewell Phelps. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 P.M. General Membership at 8:00 P.M.

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Events of Special Note

October

- 7th—Glenmore Horse Show, “rain”date
- 7th—Jt Meet with RockBridge & Oak Ridge@RBH
- 14th—Tailgate after cubbing, Livick/Cattleman
- 14th—31st Virginia Hunt Week
- 21st—“Open Invitation” Hunt, Livick, informal tailgate
- 31st—Glenmore Hunt hosts Virginia Hunt Week

November

- 4th—Opening Meet at Rockbridge Hunt
- 11th—Opening Meet at Glenmore Hunt
- 18th—Dec 2nd General Firearms Season
- 19th—Fall Hunter Pace

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Virginia Hunt Week

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, Glenmore will host Virginia Hunt Week at **Henderson's Cottage Hill** the hunt starting at 9:30 a.m. Many thanks to **Frank and Margaret** for being willing to let us start the hunt from their beautiful farm! We also thank **Charlie and Vicki Drumheller** and **Joel, Edith, and Tommy Wilson** for so generously allowing us to bring Virginia Hunt Week to this gorgeous fixture.

All Glenmore members are invited to hunt with us on this day but no cappers are allowed during Virginia Hunt Week. There is also the possibility that car followers can be arranged if someone is willing to drive the spectators in their 4 wheel drive vehicle. A Hunt Breakfast “al fresco” will follow the hunt. All Glenmore members are invited to attend. Reservations are required. Contact **Jakki Avery** to RSVP at 540.885.5667.

Sandy Cryder, j-MFH

News from Other Hunts

Farmington Hunt: Foxhunters' Day, October 8th to be held at Millington Stables. Mary Harp ((434-985-6649) writes: Please join us for a day of friendly competition that celebrates the field hunter. Participate, or just join us ringside for the old-fashioned Pigpen and to enjoy the beauty and pageantry of the Hunt show.

Legislative Update

From Bob Kane, President, VA Hunting Dogowners Assoc: The Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance today unveiled its new website at <http://saova.org>

The site contains additional research and lobbying resources, volunteer identities and our endorsements of 182 candidates running for federal office in November. The Endorsed candidates understand the animal rightist, anti-hunting threat and have voting records or exceptionally strong values that demonstrate their commitment to protecting our interests. Virginia's delegation ratings dropped again.

Please take the time to visit and study our analyses. We make no pretence of evaluating candidates' positions on national security, taxes, education, medical care or social issues.

To the degree that hunting and animal ownership are important to you, we offer this review to be combined with other, personal considerations to determine your vote on November 7, 2006. Control of the U.S. House and possibly the Senate are on the line.

Be Sure to Vote! The world is governed by those who show up.

Rescheduled Fall Horse Show

As Glenmore members are aware, the Fall Horse Show was postponed due to the hurricane rains. Finding a new date to comply with the SWVHJA schedule was a challenge. Our new show date is Saturday October 7th—the same day as the Rockbridge Joint Meet.

Sarah Dean Duncan, event coordinator, says this will not be a problem as long as she has enough help. (At the September meeting we voted to support the horse show if they would re-schedule it.)

This means, those of us hunting at Rockbridge will hopefully step up to the plate to help with set-up (probably Thursday evening Oct. 5) and/or Clean up after the show on Sat., Oct. 7 (5:00 p.m.) at Mill Creek Farm.

We NEED your help as the funds from this show are critical to our budget! Please, say "yes" when you are called to work. We all would LOVE to be able to just hunt and have fun—but to have fun (in our own backyard) we absolutely need to support our fund-raising events. If you want to see Glenmore continue to thrive, it is essential that all members, but particularly riding members, pitch in and help.

Thank you for your support in advance!!

P.S. If you can't work—how about sponsoring a class or a division? Contact Sarah Dean.

Your comrade on the huntfield,
j-MFH Sandy Cryder

"Open Invitation" Hunt

Western Riders will again be invited to try foxhunting with Glenmore Hunt! In 2005, our Western Day Hunt was a big success with many new cappers attending this hunt.

This year, ALL riders interested in experiencing the joys of foxhunting have an OPEN INVITATION to hunt with Glenmore on Saturday, October 21st. This means they do not need a special invitation from a member to cap with us.

The fixture will be **Linda Livick's Cedarfield** in Fort Defiance (where we almost always view at least one red fox). A big thank you to Linda for allowing us to hunt her land, and to the Armstrongs who lease the land for their cattle!

This fixture has no jumping but is a rugged territory with other riding challenges. We hope to have 3 flights—"Moving On Flight," "Moving On a Little Less Flight," and a "Leisurely Viewing Flight".

There will be a capping fee of \$35 for non-members hunting. An informal tailgate will follow. All members are encouraged to contribute food and libations to the tailgate. Please tell your all your riding friends about this opportunity to try foxhunting.

j-MFH Sandy

A Moment for History

After a somewhat lengthy time out, the History Committee is back in the game. On the 25th of May, I interviewed Dr. John W. Todd to expand what we know about the early years. In 1930, when Glenmore Hunt began, he was 8 years old and rode a pony “Bay John.” “Bay John” kept up with the horses all over the county, and handled most of the jumps. His only bad habit was occasionally deciding to lie down in a creek.

The hunting format in those days was drag hunts on Saturday afternoons and live hunts on Wednesday mornings and holidays. Hunt breakfasts were held at Glenmore, prepared by Mrs. Todd (his mother). The breakfasts were attended by car followers and social members as well as the riders. The hounds were kenneled at Glenmore, mostly Walkers and Blue Ticks, that had been donated by various members. Customs of the day: A gentleman who fell off had his shirt tail cut. The first lady to a kill (which rarely happened) was given the brush. Hunter Trails were conducted at Glenmore during the 30’s before moving to the Rohr property on Buttermilk Spring Road.

There were five children in the Todd family of which he was the youngest. Jack (MFH), Wayt, Tiddle (who married Charles S. Roller III) and John Jr. all hunted; Ami did not. Some of the other Glenmore members whom he recalls were: Moffett Black and his sister Martha, from Stuarts Draft; Louis Southerland, Bill Copper, Ned and Tommy Bush, and Billy Drumhellar from Waynesboro; Bill Perry, Ann Loth, and Lizzy Perry, from Staunton. His oldest brother Jack, a game warden, was MFH and huntsman.

Jack rode “Important Business.” Whenever Jack’s wife Jane would take a call for him when he was hunting, she would inform the caller that Jack was out on important business. She was sufficiently knowledgeable about the game business that in most instances she could handle the call. Major Roller, Superintendent of Augusta Military Academy and successor to Jack as MFH, rode a big gray called “High Boy.” The Major was known for jumping “High Boy” over the 4 foot fence out of the barn yard at the beginning of a hunt.

Dr. John Todd today recalls trading hunts with some of the nearby clubs, and the individuals who to this day stand out in his memory: Mrs. Faye Ingalls (MFH Bath County Hunt) rode side saddle on a big gray called “Jumping Jack,” She also enjoyed jumping 4’ fences; Gover Van Devender huntsman at Farmington Hunt had “Little Brown Jug” and “Big Brown Jug;” Marian DuPont Scott, heir to the DuPont fortune, was married to movie star Randolph Scott and owner of James Monroe’s “Montpelier” was a member of Keswick Hunt and an avid fox hunter.

Later, I asked him about his experiences in the Korean War. He was a surgeon in a MASH. Obviously his surgical experience became vast in a short period of time. After the war he returned to Staunton with dreams of continuing to fox hunt. But, like Erskine Sproul, he found that the demands of a medical practice left no time for such pleasures.

Hugh Sproul

(The time-out was made longer because of your editors’ inexplicable oversight in not printing this in the August Newsletter—and we are two of Hugh’s biggest history-loving fans—Sorry.)

Halloween Hunt Breakfast

Don’t miss the Hunt Breakfast festivities October 31.st See the hounds off (a few morning munchies and libations will be provided beginning at 8 a.m; follow the hounds (either by horse or car), and then enjoy a wonderful meal by Prime Time BBQ after the hunt. Food, fellowship, and fun should be abundant. Reservations are required; help would be appreciated. Call **Jakki Avery** to make reservations or volunteer to help at 540.885.5667.

Property Committee Doings

When August heated up, I stopped working on the siding on the Stable Building. The trim and soffets are all that have to be done to finish the outside. September has been a vacation and trip month, so no property work was done at the kennel. We did have to get the well pump checked and fixed due to lightening ruining the starter box and burning out the contacts on the well pressure switch. **Eddy Sater** was a big help changing out the pressure switch and keeping me informed on the status of the well repairs.

Property work completed during the summer:

1. Siding put up on the Stable Building and windows installed.
2. New shingles put on the attached (West) end of the Stable Building – thanks to Eddy doing the work.
3. Straightened and cleaned up the basement in the House.

Planned work for the month of October:

1. Finish the trim and soffets on the Stable Building.
2. Getting water connected to the Kennel Annex.
3. Fixing the stairs and landing up to the Stable second floor.
4. Cut an access lane through the trees in the center of the pasture to the fence.

Thanks also to Eddy for the nice look of the lawn and pasture—the Kennel looked great all summer. I had lots of help from **Graham** and **Dwight** in putting up the siding on the Stable during the spring and summer. I will take pictures and include them in next month's letter.

Frank Hall
Property Chairman

Mounted Hound Walking

Great for green horses

Stalwarts of our club have shared with me the old adage that some people ride to hunt and others hunt to ride. I probably fall into that later category. As a kid, foxhunting was an opportunity to ride my pony fast and jump big fences. The coops seem smaller from a larger steed, but I can't say that my reasons for foxhunting as an adult are any different than they were in my younger years.

It is common knowledge that mounted hound exercises are the best introduction to foxhunting for green horses, but I've not had the propensity to always use wisdom. Motherhood certainly makes one reevaluate risk, and thus, I decided to make the effort to take my four-year-old mare out to meet the hounds before attempting to hilltop her this fall. It was the first mounted hound walking experience for both of us.

Our first outing could not have been more perfect. A slow trail ride behind the pack amongst fellow foxhunters capable of giving confident leads over anything my mare thought possessed demons—I could feel her relaxing as the ride progressed, and we were on a long rein for much of the later portion. On our second outing, the staff took the hounds on a much longer walk that included some trotting. The company of seasoned horses rubbed off on my mare and she settled in quickly to her first big group trots. She could not have gotten a better, more confident introduction to hounds.

It was also fun to learn some of the hounds' names, watch the staff interact with the pack, and just be part of the camaraderie during the summer months. I wish I had gone more often, and would encourage other members to take advantage of this opportunity next year. It makes for a perfect summer evening.

Jakki

Masters' Corner

WELL! Cubbing began September 9th, so those of you that have missed our first few meets, have missed a treat. So far, our hounds have chased up several red and grayfoxes. What appears to be our "favorite" red from Hardy's woods, provided our hounds with some good runs on Saturday the 16th. He was viewed by the field, sauntering across the new road at Carr's. He did not appear to be overly concerned that there was a pack of hounds behind him, in full cry. He'll be there, another day, to lead our hounds on a merry chase.

The three masters encourage you to come watch or join the field, to watch our hounds work. They're doing well. You sponsors should be proud. The hounds and staff appreciate whatever support you, our members, can give. We're trying hard to keep a very old and great tradition continuing.

Jewell



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