



News from West Africa

*As many Glenmore members recall, when Junior Member Lauren Mazzotta graduated from JMU last year she joined the Peace Corp, and was eventually assigned to Burkina Faso, West Africa. **Dwight and Jewell Phelps** have been in touch with her, and she has sent Glenmore members a lovely catch-up letter. Hopefully, we can send her news of Glenmore on a regular basis and in return we will learn more about life in Bobo-Dioulasso during the next two years. Email is the best way to contact her, but I am sure a few “packages from home” would be welcome. Non-perishables including comfort food such as boxed Mac and Cheese and Coco would be good, perhaps later letters will provide some suggestions. (Anne)*

Lauren writes:

It is so nice to hear from you two!! The best way to contact me I guess would be through email. I don't have electricity (or running water) in my village and check my email when I come into the big city about every 2 weeks. Feel free to send emails and the newsletter, I would love to read it!!

In terms of my job, I work mainly with trying to promote health. That seems like an incredibly broad topic, and believe me, it is. I work with the local hospital (and by hospital, I mean a three-roomed concrete building with a “doctor” and very limited medical supplies), with local groups such as women's organizations and a theatre troupe, and schools. My main job is to identify what types of problems exist in my village and figure out ways to help solve them. The biggest problems are of course HIV/AIDS, malaria, and elephantitis, plus women giving birth at home rather than in the maternity, which results in lots of baby deaths. There is lots of farming that goes on in my village, mainly corn, millet, beans, and other local plants, but the problem is that there is no type of equipment to help harvest, so everyone works by hand. That isn't necessarily a health problem, but my job isn't just for health specifically. Also, the schools, both primary and high school, in my village are very motivated so I will probably work to promote good hygiene and good nutrition, plus safe sex and family planning with the older kids.

So as you can see, my work is all over the place. At the moment, I am just studying my village and figuring out what types of activities and projects I can help lead for the next two years. The main goal of the Peace Corps is to lead activities that are sustainable in the village, so when we go home, the projects will hopefully continue.

Its all very overwhelming and some days are better than others, but there are definitely some days where I am ready to get on a plane and come home, as much as I hate to say it. But all in all, its all O.K. This work is just very hard and the country is very hard to live in. But I love it, or at least am trying to. But I miss home, Echo, life, family, and friends. Thank you so much for your email. I would love to get some mail, or even just some pictures of horses!! Haha! Its the little things in life, right.

Peace and love always!

Lauren

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Secretary's Corner

The next meeting of the
Glenmore Hunt, Inc.
will be on Tuesday, February 6^t
at the Glenmore Offices
The Board of Directors will meet
at 7:30 P.M.
General Membership at
8:00 P.M.

Member Roster Changes

Add Jr. Member

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Events of Special Note

February

10th—Jt meet w/Rockbridge and Stonewall at Rockbridge
17th—Rockbridge Hunt Ball

March

3rd—Glenmore Junior Hunt
17th—Closing Hunt
31st—Glenmore Hunt Ball at the Holiday Inn

April

22nd—Spring Hunter Pace

Christmas Cookie Express

A big thank you to those of you who provided cookies, brownies, breads and pies to be given to our landowners for Christmas! I understand we have now delivered to everyone except for those who may be on a trip during the holidays.

As usual, our Glenmore members are fantastic!

Happy New Year to all of you.

Sandy

Note on Events from the President

It's hard to believe February is upon us. As you have probably been reading, hunting members have been having a great time on the hunt field while our non-hunt members have enjoyed several very nice social affairs, including the recent 12th Night, hosted by **Sheila and Jeff Jennings**. We thank Sheila and Jeff for their hospitality and opening their lovely home to us.

It's time to start thinking ahead to the Glenmore Hunt Ball and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 31st. Please start acquiring Silent Auction items. More information on which committee member will be responsible for collecting the items will be forth coming. Again the location is the Holiday Inn and the band is Blue Suede. Mark the date, pull out your dancing shoes, and plan on having a good time.

Elections of Officers & Staff will be April 3, 2007, just 3 days after the Hunt Ball. Please be thinking ahead of how you can help Glenmore by volunteering to serve. If you are interested in serving on the Nomination Committee, please let me know.

Happy Hunting!

Brenda

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News from Other Hunts

Cindy Morton writes:

Rockbridge Hunt invites area youth to join us in Beagling on Sunday February 25th at 3 PM. Larry Bright will bring his beagle pack, Octorara Beagles, to Broadview. A potluck tailgate or breakfast will follow.

We will follow the beagles on foot, and family and friends are welcome. We usually hunt even if there is rain, so a raincoat and/ or umbrella are a good idea.

Beagles are scent hounds, just like foxhounds. The way they hunt, and the way the quarry eludes the pack is very similar to foxhunting. Both the hounds (beagles instead of foxhounds) and the quarry (rabbits instead of fox or coyote) are smaller than in foxhunting so the territory they cover is smaller. Generally, you can see more of the hunting because you can get closer to the action and you're not worried about dealing with the horses.

If you have any questions or would like directions, please email <mortonc@wlu.edu>
Cindy Morton, MFH



Through the Snow and over the Mountain

On Sunday, Jan. 21, a few of the braver souls in Glenmore ventured over Afton Mountain to participate in the joint meet with Oak Ridge Hunt at Tea Time Farm. A few “fluffs” stayed at home but the courageous few—**Ed Moran, Sandy Cryder, JoAnn VanSiclen, Angelika O'Donnell, Joe Manning and Diane Gibbs** decided to take a chance in spite of the impending snow.

Sure enough, as the field struck off, the snow flurries began, soon developed into snow flakes, and then began covering the ground. The trails at Tea Time Farm were in excellent shape and watching the Oak Ridge hounds hunt their hearts out was a treat. After a number of starts and stops on a line of fox they managed to scare up a fox for a good run. Unfortunately, those of us anticipating the drive over the mountain had already decided to call it a day.

Riders were ready to pass on the breakfast until one of the Oak Ridge members begged us to stay or they'd have food enough for the whole county! It didn't take much “arm twisting” for us to agree to partake of the (now legendary) Oak Ridge hospitality.

Apres breakfast—we forged our way up the mountain with little difficulty since the plows were in force by that time. Arriving home, this rider quickly sank into bed under an electric blanket set on “high” and started a good book—by Rita Mae naturally!!

Sandy Cryder

Twelfth Night Party

Hats off to **Jeff and Sheila Jennings** for hosting a lovely party, complete with valet parking! Jeff and Sheila live in a wonderful old farm house that once belonged to Jeff's grandparents. They've done a beautiful job of decorating, especially when one knows that they've only been in residence for about two years.

This party really brought out Glenmore's younger set, further evidenced by the hour at which the greens were finally burnt above the Jennings' chiminea on their back porch. Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship, and by my best count, there were over fifty attendees.

The dining room table was full of festive fare, with a ham being the center piece. Members brought sides and deserts, but Sheila provided the main course.

The weather leading up to the party was quite warm and wet, and parking could have been a concern, but thanks to Sheila's planning there were no problems. Folks drove right up to the front door of the Jennings' home and, like magic, young men appeared to park your vehicle across the street in **Jerry Lynn and Roller Shiplett's** driveway. Thanks so much to Sheila and Jeff for sharing their home with us and throwing such a fantastic party; And, a thanks to Sheila's brother and friends for the parking luxury. We could get spoiled very easily.

Jakki A very

Equine Genesis: “And God Created the Horse”



On the first day of creation, God created the Horse.
On the second day, God created Man to serve the Horse.
On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse when Man was upon his back.

On the fourth day, God created an honest day's work so that Man could labor to pay for the keeping of the Horse.

On the fifth day, God created the grasses in the field so that the Horse could eat and Man could toil and cleanup after the Horse.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and Man broke.

On the seventh day, God rested, and said this is good. This will teach Man humility; it will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse.

**And Horses and Hounds and Humans
say AMEN**



Thanks to
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known author)
and photos of
Jan. Hunt

Glenmore Oldest Hound



ZigZag was born at Wheatlands in 1996. Her independent attitude and selective hearing caused Huntsman **Gerald Blyth** to cull her before she was entered into pack. ZigZag, at slightly over a year old was given as a pet to Marlee Putnam, age 2 (granddaughter of **Dwight and Jewell Phelps**).

The hound was moved to Roanoke Island (Manteo, NC) in 1997 where she has grown up with Marlee (and sister Sidney). ZigZag continued to exhibit her independence by escaping from her yard and touring the island. Over the years she has tagged along as other residents walked there dogs around Manteo.

Today, at age 11, ZigZag spends a lot of quality time sleeping on her bed next to the sofa waiting to be petted. She is now the oldest living hound bred by The Glenmore Hunt.

Dwight

Long-Range Planning Committee Established

On Monday, January 15, 2007 several Glenmore members gathered at the Glenmore Offices. The meeting was proposed by a few forward thinking members who want to ensure that The Glenmore Hunt remains a viable, healthy organization for years to come. The following members were in attendance: **MFH Dan Jones, Brenda Simmons, Graham Pitsenberger, Joe Manning, Jakki Avery, Dwight Phelps, Stacey Thompson, Frank Hall, MFH Sandy Cryder, and Angelika O'Donnell.**

MFH Dan Jones served as moderator of the meeting and encouraged group participation in a brainstorming session of general topics of concern to the hunt club. Many topics were mentioned, ranging from land conservation to family fun. Topics were then grouped and the meeting participants chose one stated goal for each group, which are listed below:

- ?????? Expand and improve the field sport of hunting
- ? Glenmore should remain a community based hunt
- ? Develop long-term plan for financial security
- ? Membership Development

The Long-Range Planning Committee plans to meet several more times during the year to flesh out each goal and develop suggestions for the membership to consider. We encourage everyone to attend the February monthly meeting to hear a report and give input to the committee. In addition, please feel free to call any of the committee members to share your ideas with them. The Glenmore family is full of fun, friendly people, and we want to make sure that the tradition of foxhunting in Augusta and Rockingham counties continues for a long time to come.

Jakki Avery

Happy Winner

Kimberly Smith (daughter of **Dwight Phelps**), winner of the Pat Moss print. Kimberly was given the lucky ticket by her father, as a house warming gift.



Masters' Corner

“Who” is Glenmore? That was one part of the discussion an ad hoc committee of members had at a recent meeting. How do we see ourselves? How do others see us? How do we want to define ourselves as a Club?

What do I see? I see a welcoming club encouraging others to enjoy themselves on the hunt field and to have great fellowship at socials, breakfasts, and tailgates (and, yes, even work days); one that urges new folks to try foxhunting (without fear of censure if the “attire” isn’t totally traditional at first) by providing hunting/riding opportunities for all ages and skill levels by having three flights; one that encourages young people through our “Junior Whip” program and by offering clinics to our pony club members. A Club that wants to be a part of the community, not just a hunt club; that wants to work together to make our events successful, our trails clear, our kennels spiffy; that is respectful of the land over which we hunt and appreciative of the landowners who so kindly allow us to hunt their property.

What do I see? I see a Club that I want to be an important part of my life. I see wonderful friends for whom I am grateful. As our ad hoc committee discusses goals and objectives for the Club, I hope each of you will participate with your honest thoughts and brilliant ideas when the committee lays out their musings for our membership.

Happy Hunting!

Sandy Cryder

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