



Masters' Corner

Each July, the Masters are requested to submit information to the MFHA concerning the plans for hunting for the upcoming season as well as data on the past season. The information for the upcoming season is used for publication in the hunt roster of the MFHA. The information on the past season allows the MFHA to be able, among other things, to determine the overall impact that organized hunting is having as far as participants hunting. Since becoming Master, Jewell has kept records from each hunting day, which allows us to provide good information concerning the hunting.

I thought you may be interested in some of the facts and figures for the past year and projections for the coming year. The MFHA's request to suspend hunting in late winter and early spring for what seemed like forever (actually a little less than a month), as well as the loss of several days in October due to kennel cough, took its toll on the number of days hunting this season.

In spite of all this, hounds hunted 32 times (as compared to 39 times the previous season). With a hunting season of mid-Sept. to mid March and a two-day-a-week schedule, a season with perfect ground conditions would give about 48 scheduled fixtures.

While not requested by the MFHA, it is of interest that on 22 of the days fox was viewed, often with multiple views for the day. A most dramatic view came from a to-be-unnamed field member who, seconds after a rapid dismount, was sitting on the ground to view at nearly eye level, less than 50 yards distant.

The game has been predominately red fox, although a few gray fox were run, keeping the hounds honest to their noses. While coyote are in the territory, it seems that this pack has a preference for the red fox, which from my perspective gives the hounds a more challenging hunt.

Not considering staff, the average number of riders was 9, with the largest field being 20 for the fall Junior Hunt. This does not include joint meets. Of particular interest is the fact that there were 68 different persons that participated during the season. These numbers have seen a slight increase each year for the past three years.

Taking a quick look at hounds in kennel for the 06-07 season there were 13 ½ couple American and 2 ½ couple Crossbred hounds. For the upcoming season it is anticipated that there will be 13 and 2 couple respectively. Several of these will be young entry.

Considering the above trends, we should be in for a good season for 07-08. In about seven weeks we will be back hunting again. Foxes willing, I trust that the staff will again be able to show good, if not better, sport in the coming year.

Dan

Glenmore's June trailride at *Endless Trail Stables*. Pictured: **Mo and Gerald Blyth, Hugh Sproul, and Ed Moran**. Be sure to join us for our trailride and picnic scheduled for August 19th.



Secretary's Corner

The next meeting of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at the home of Frank and Margaret Henderson Collage Hill, Swoope, VA. The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00pm. General Membership at 8:00pm.

Snacks are Welcome

No Member Roster Changes

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

July

29th—Aug. 1st Adult Riding Camp sponsored by GH Pony Club

August

4th - 50th Annual Middlebrook Horse Show

19th—Trail ride and Picnic—location to be announced, trail ride: 3pm; picnic social 6pm

26th —Landowners' Appreciation party hosted by the Masters, held at the Averys

September

1st— Glenmore Hunt Fall Horse Show

8th—Cubbing begins

15th—Cubbing Breakfast Tailgate

23rd—Lure Course Event – Bonny Doone Farm

August 19th Trail Ride and Picnic Social

The August trail ride will be on Sunday August 19th at 3pm. The location and directions will be posted on the web site and hunt line the week before. We are looking into a new place and have not finalized the details at this time. Tailgate social following at 6pm. Grills will be provided. Bring your own meat for the grill and dish to share.

Landowners' Appreciation Garden Party

August 26th

Come enjoy a summer evening dining alfresco (weather allowing). The 2007 Landowners Appreciation dinner will be held at the home of **Dennis and Anne Avery**. It Masters **Jewell Phelps** and **Dan Jones** are co-hosts of this special event.

This is one of Glenmore Hunt's most traditional parties. As accurately as memory provides, this is the 13th year the Masters' have honored our landowners. On this evening, we warmly welcome the people who make our foxhunting sport possible—the owners of the land on which we ride, tailgate, celebrate Opening Hunt and host Virginia Hunt Week—and always look for the red and gray foxes who also live on the land under the protection of the landowners.

Invitations have gone out and planning is underway to make this a special night. If you can help in the set up, menu planning or cooking, call or email Anne Avery (337-6320 or anneavery@hughes.net) to exercise your talents as a Party Planner.

Where: 226 Last Raid Lane, Swoope

Time: 6:00 drinks; 7:00 dinner

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Glenmore Foundation Hosts Picnic

The Glenmore Foundation hosted Glenmore Hunt members, Foundation stockholders, and kennel neighbors for a July Fourth cookout. The Foundation provided hotdogs, hamburgers, beverages, and lawn games for all ages. Thirty people attended, and each family brought a side dish or dessert to share. Foundation board member **Frank Hall** served as the honorary grill master working two grills simultaneously. Thanks Frank!!

The kennel property looked fantastic thanks to the hard work of our kennelman, **Eddie Satter**, and the Hunt Club's property committee. Attendees enjoyed a tour of the kennel, and the hounds obviously liked the attention and having visitors.

Our club is blessed to have the support of the Glenmore Foundation. In turn, we can support the Foundation by purchasing stock to help continue the Foundation's primary goal, which is to provide an affordable, secure home for Glenmore's hounds. Proceeds from share purchases are used either to reduce the mortgage held on the property or for property improvements. Inquiries regarding share purchases may be addressed to **Jakki Avery** or **Jeanne Pitsenberger**.

Jakki

Glenmore Road Show

On June 13th, **Hugh Brown** and I took Glenmore's "Road Show" to Hunters' Edge Stable. The road show consists of a PowerPoint program, put together by Hugh B., of current hunting scenes and a text that adds background and explanation to the images. I went along to help with the PowerPoint show and to discuss some of the hunt appointments. And, of course, we took along Glenmore's ambassador hound, TOP GUN (sponsored by the Brooks Family).

The presentation was well received by the campers and is well worth borrowing for anyone who wants to introduce a group to the Glenmore Hunt and to foxhunting in general.

Thanks to Hugh B. for a terrific program and to TOP GUN for being TOP GUN.

Jt. MFH Jewell Phelps

Glenmore Hound Sponsor Program

Glenmore is a fox hunting club. In order to find foxes we need our hounds. To keep the hounds happy, Glenmore gives it's members the unique privilege of sponsoring a hound at our kennel.

This means you can help support your hound with an occasional donation or treat, come watch your hound hunt, or visit your hound at the kennel. The Glenmore staff works hard to keep the hounds healthy and happy. This means daily feeding, shots, and vet visits. Collars and other equipment periodically must be replaced. Sponsor support and interest is very much appreciated by the hounds and by those who care for them on a daily basis.

AND, your own personal hound may write you when he/she isn't too busy being a hound. On the Fourth of July, the hounds at the kennel asked me to thank their sponsors for the support they've been given; and, to the best of my ability I have put down exactly what they told me.

Jewell

Glenmore Needs You!

The Glenmore Fall Horse Show is one month away—Saturday, September 1st at Mill Creek Farm. **Hugh Brown** and **Sarah Dean Duncan** are heading up the show and they need your help.

Volunteers are needed for all sorts of jobs—course set-up, gate crew, ring crew, greeting, jump order, clean-up, and more. We'll also need volunteers for a couple of hours on Thursday, August 30 in the evening to help set up and decorate the jumps.

Don't think you have any horse show skills? Never fear, we'll find a job for you! This is an important fund-raiser for Glenmore, so please consider volunteering. Half day? Whole day? We'll take you any way we can get you! To volunteer, you can contact Hugh (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-568-3501 daytime, 540-886-6359 evenings) or Sarah Dean (540) 448-1606. See you on the 1st!

The Hounds of Glenmore Hunt

Part One:

The sport of foxhunting can be enjoyed on many levels. Most often those relatively new to the sport are concentrating on their horse, the field, and getting across country. In this case, the hounds are part of the larger picture of the general hunting scene. Often with Glenmore, the size of the riding field enables riders to be in close proximity to the hounds and see the individual hounds as they are hunting.

Each hound has unique characteristics not only in color, size, and the way they move, but in the way they cast, the amount of energy they display, what level of scent they will work, voice, and the speed with which they will try to pursue the quarry. It is through reading and evaluating these characteristics that huntsman and staff make the decisions in the field about what is happening during the hunt and what actions they need to take to have a good day of sport.

In order to enable members to learn some of these characteristics, and become more attuned to what is happening during the day from the hound perspective, we plan to give a little information on some of the hounds each month. In case you didn't know, each hound name has three parts. The first part is the name of the hunt that first hunted (entered) the hound. The second part is the hound's name and the last is the year that the hound was first hunted. This allows one to search the MFHA records for the hound and get a pedigree.



Middleburg FAITHFUL 98—FAITHFUL's quiet demeanor and desire to stay out of the thick of things in the kennel carry into the hunting field. Before moving off or in the kennel he will quietly saddle up to you and without jumping up will reach out with his right paw to hold onto your leg saying "Look at me, I'm here, give me a little attention." In the field he is absolutely honest, much a pack hound. When the run is over he will always be there, looking for that word of praise and eagerly waiting for your next cast. Breeding: Potomac FORGO 93 out of Middleburg Tonto 96, Sponsor: **Hugh Brown**



Middleburg Taylor 98—Taylor is an intent, "look at me" hound in the kennel and on walk. She will be the one standing slightly out of the pack having intent eye contact with the huntsman. In the hunt field, she moves forward through coverts, reaching the other side with buddy WARRIOR before the other hounds. She moves with focus and purpose. From a distance, her color and size are similar to FAITHFUL, but she moves with more authority. When hounds open, and get going, she will be with the front runners. Breeding: Potomac TILLAGE 93 out of Middleburg Riddle 93, Sponsor: **Jean Viel**

Photos by Hugh Brown

July 4 Parade—Glenmore Awarded BEST EQUESTRIAN ENTRY.

One of the goals of Glenmore Hunt is to become more visible in the community. A great way to do this over the years has been to participate in the Staunton Independence Day Parade. July 4, 2007 was no exception.

We had a great group of riders—Horses all braided and riders spiffed up in the formal hunt attire! Luckily, the day was not terribly hot and the park shady, so riders and hounds did not suffer from the heat as in years past. Participating as riders: **Dan Jones, Hugh Sproul, Dwight Phelps, Angelika O'Donnell, Kay Frye, Hugh Brown, Linette Smith Coaker, Stacey Thompson.**

Bebe Wills and **Joe Manning** carried the Glenmore banner and the walking Whippers-in were **Jan Jones, "T" Stewart, Bob Heitler, Jewell Phelps** and **Brenda Simmons.** **Eddie Satter** and **Sara Wood** assisted with watering the hounds enroute.

Sandy Cryder and **Diane Gibbs** stole the show as the "scoopers." We would like to report that the following riders received an "A+" from the scoopers—Linette Smith Coaker, Dan Jones, Hugh Sproul and Hugh Brown (A+ being ZERO scooping required!)

Thank you to all of you who participated! The horses behaved wonderfully, the hounds were perfect and the human participants were beautiful!

Story by: Sandy Cryder -----Pictures by: Joe Manning and Jakki Avery



The Parade



And, the Picnic



50th Annual Middlebrook Horse Show

Saturday, August 4th

The Middlebrook Horse Show has been held continuously for 50 years, sponsored by the Ruritan Club. Over time many of the local horse shows in the Shenandoah Valley have disappeared, especially the ones such as Middlebrook with such an emphasis on grassroots horses and riders. This year every ~~participating rider~~ will receive a 50th anniversary commemorative medal, and a special anniversary hat will be given to the Blue Ribbon rider in every class. We hope you will come and participate, celebrate and help keep alive the tradition of this local horse show! A summary is provided below, but check the website at www.middlebrookva.org for a complete class list.

Special Events:

9AM Jumping classes

Noon Tot Lead Line followed by afternoon show

4PM live acoustic music by Breaking Nu Ground
Chicken BBQ Dinner (while it lasts)

6PM Costume Class followed by evening show

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