



What's the Story on Virginia Hunt Week?

Virginia Hunt Week (VHW) was the brain-child of Rita Mae Brown, best-selling author and MFH at Oak Ridge Fox Hunt. In May of 1999 she, Glenmore MFHs **Graham Pitsenberger** and **Hugh Sproul** and Rockbridge MFH David Bolin met for lunch in Staunton with three members of the Middlebrook Hounds, who had attended a similar foxhunting function in SC.

From that meeting, the VHW Organizing Committee consisting of Rita Mae, Graham, and David was established. Rockbridge MFH Cindy Morton later took David's place as one of the three to go on to make the venture a reality. Then CPA and now Oak Ridge MFH David Wheeler became the group's accountant. The group defined the scope, the objectives and tackled the multitude of details involved in establishing such a venture. They split up the various jobs with Rita Mae being designated to approach hunt clubs about being part of this enterprise and oversee the advertising. Virginia Hunt Week officially began in October 2000. Cindy is now the main communications person and Graham is still designing and keeping secret the lapel pin designs.

On each day of Virginia Hunt Week, a different Virginia Hunt hunts their hounds, as usual. The only difference from a "normal" day of hunting is that they have a whole lot of guests! Individuals pay one fee for the entire "week" and fill out one form to register. Although the registration asks that they indicate which meets they plan to attend, they are free to attend all or any of the days. Each meet is followed by a breakfast or tailgate. Asking people to pre-register gives each club some idea of how many guests to expect. This event was created with several goals in mind. First and foremost, it gives many foxhunters some exposure to Virginia foxhunting. Second, it offers a chance for some of the lesser-known clubs to show off their hounds and hunt staff, their territory, and their hospitality. Third, it provides a venue for foxhunters from around the country to become acquainted. In the current political climate it's important to the sport to have people make these connections. And . . . it's just plain fun!

In looking back, all will agree that it's been successful. VHW has visitors from Australia, England and Ireland as well as all across the US. Members of the participating clubs have gotten acquainted and made friends. And, we've all learned a lot about the different kinds of hounds, different styles of hunting, and different territory, not to mention the geography (and roads!) around the State of Virginia.

The fact that the "week" now boasts 17 days of hunting has actually made it more fun. Almost no one can attend them all so the crowds are quite reasonable at most of the meets. More information, including registration forms, is available on the website <http://www.vahuntweek.org> Registration begins September 1st and closes September 30th.

Remember the September 1st Glenmore Horse Show!
Mill Creek: Come to Watch, to Ride, or just to
Have Lunch and Enjoy Friendships

Secretary's Corner

The September meeting of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be held at the home of Chris and Stacy Thompson, 69 Bradford Street, Swoope, 337-7879
Board - 7 PM
Membership - 8 PM

No Changes in Membership

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

September Events of Special Note

1st— Glenmore Hunt Fall Horse Show
8th—Cubbing starts
15th—Cubbing Opening Breakfast Tailgate
23rd—Lure Course Event – Bonny Doone Farm

October

13th—Hunt/Western Day w/ tailgate
16th—Glenmore Hosts Virginia Hunt Week
27th—Opening Hunt and Hunt Breakfast

November

18th—Fall Hunter Pace

If its September, It has to be Cubbing Time

September will usher in the coming year of hunting, starting with our cubbing season. This is the time for the education of new hounds and young foxes. It also gives staff a chance to learn where the quarry may be found and how the new quarry is likely to run. It is also a chance to provide some added fitness to hounds by hunting.

This year September 8th will be the start date of cubbing. The first several outings will likely be short days in the field, as the morning coolness is soon chased away by warm a September day. Thus, we have decided not to have the Opening Cubbing Breakfast this year until Sept 15th hoping for a bit cooler weather. Dress for Glenmore for the first part of cubbing may be polo shirts, or a light sleeved shirt if desired. Ratcatcher is always proper if you so wish and may feel good as we get cooler weather.

So don't hesitate to set your alarm for the dark hour, and join us for the cooler morning hours. Cubbing time: 8 AM, but double check with the hotline.

Glenmore to Host Virginia Hunt Week October 16th

Glenmore's day to show hospitality to the Hunt Clubs of Virginia is always a special event. This year "our" day will be Tuesday October 16th. We will hunt the Swoope Territory again this year, with parking at the Cattleman and Livick Roads fixture. The hunt will begin at 9, with the traditional early morning refreshments available. A catered Hunt Breakfast will follow at the fixture. Watch for more details on the Glenmore Website and in next month's newsletter.

For Sale: 2001 Sundowner Valuelite, 3 horse slant load goose-neck, dressing room with walk thru door, rear tack – very little use, excellent condition, \$12,000 Pat Trippel; 540-337-7453, Swoope VA

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Appreciating Our Landowners

After days of torrential afternoon thunderstorms, the clouds parted and the sun came out just in time for the annual Glenmore “Landowners Appreciation” party on August 26th sponsored by our joint Masters of Foxhounds, **Dan Jones** and **Jewell Phelps**. Our hosts this year were **Anne and Dennis Avery** at their beautiful *Willow Pond Farm* near Swoope. What a lovely evening it turned out to be!

After drinks and wonderful hors d’ourves (including **Bob Heitler’s** very addictive homemade pretzels and dip) on the patio and lawn behind the Avery’s home, about seventy guests were treated to delicious cooking—grilled pork loin, poached salmon, grilled corn on the cob and roasted baby potatoes— plus savory wild rice salad by **Hugh Brown.**; blue cheese Slaw with grapes by Kevin Cowger; and, the ever-popular Mac and Cheese by **Jerry Lynn Shipplett**. Anne completed the dinner with a unique version of Bananas Foster of grilled bananas, ice cream, nuts, and a special Bourbon-caramel sauce. Scrumptious!

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take down the tents and tables. Because of the rain, this turned into three-day project with Hugh B, **Joe Manning**, Jewell and Dwight, Dan, Anne and Dennis doing Herculean work to put things up and out—and take things down and in, multiple times.

The evening was designed to honor Glenmore’s landowners without whom we would not be able to chase the elusive fox. A number of our landowners were in attendance at the party—**Frank and Margaret Henderson** of *Cottage Hill*, **John Kiers** of *Ox-Eye Vineyard & Farm* and three of his lovely daughters, and **Katie and Norman Spurlock** and their sons of *Meadowspring Farm*. Whether or not they were individually able to attend the party, we honor and thank all of Glenmore’s landowners—we are indebted to them for their trust and support of our sport!



The Hounds of Glenmore Hunt

Part Two:

Middleburg Tingle '98—Tingle was drafted from Middleburg Hunt to Glenmore in 2004. So how would you expect to pick out Tingle. When waiting to move off, she will be sitting by the side of my horse with her eyes looking directly at me, as if awaiting instructions for the day. When hounds are hunting, don't expect to see her charging along in the front of the pack. However, it is not for her lack of enthusiasm, but her more thorough and methodical way of hunting and physique that dictates her place. Her short stature, and, in her younger years, the tendency to carry a little extra weight, makes it more of an effort to cover ground, lacking that long graceful stride.

So what has made Tingle special? On more than one occasion, it has been Tingle that started the fox that felt if it laid right tight it would be passed by. This was so visually demonstrated two years ago as we were finishing a draw of the pines below the haybales at Crofts'. Most all of the hounds had passed through the draw and it appeared to be blank. Tingle was coming along toward the back when all of a sudden you could see her make a hard turn to the base of a large clump of grass to roust out a large red fox that made haste toward the Kiers' property. The early speed of the hounds on a fresh scent soon left her behind, but by the time things had settled down, she had come along and was in place to lend her knowledge to those less seasoned hounds.

Breeding: Middleburg TEXAS TNT '96 out of Potomac Tippet '93. Sponsor: Bob Heitler

(Watch for Tingle's photo in next month's edition.)

JMFH Dan Jones

Glenmore Canine Capers

On Sunday, Sept. 23 from 11 am to 3 pm, Glenmore will host a new fund-raiser for the Glenmore Hounds – Glenmore Canine Capers. Dogs of all ages, all sizes, all breeds, mixed breeds and their owners will enjoy a day of canine activities at Bonnie Doone Farm, owned by **Rod and Angelika O'Donnell**.

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH, ALL DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON RABIES.

Some of the events to be offered are:

Lure Coursing: (Provided by "Wayne's Lure Coursing" from Richmond)Dogs chase a lure over a 400 yard field track. \$10 per run.

ANY DOG WHO LOVES CHASING THINGS WILL LOVE LURE COURSING!

Timed event –

- 1. Fastest small dog** (Height: 16 " and under)
- 2. Fastest medium dog** (Height: 16 1/2" to 24")
- 3. Fastest large dog** (Height: over 24 1/2") (Measurement from the ground to the top of dog's withers)

Frisbee Challenge: \$5.00 each (**Bring your own Frisbees**)

- Most number of Frisbee retrieves in one minute ----- Longest retrieves in one minute

Tennis Ball Challenge: \$5.00 each (**Bring your own tennis balls**)

- Most number of tennis balls retrieved in one minute ----- Longest tennis ball retrieve in one minute

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT PACKAGE: \$15 per dog

ONE Lure coursing run-----ONE Frisbee Challenge-----ONE Tennis Ball Challenge

Enter in advance by Sept. 15. Entry form on the Glenmore website.

To learn all about Lure Coursing: <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdC-gcT34WI>>
directions and other questions: contact: Sandy Cryder: 234-6084 <scryder@mac.com>

Glenmore Adventure in West Virginia

On August 19th fourteen intrepid Glenmore riders trailered over the mountain to the small town of Brandywine, West Virginia. **Joan** and **Roger Ashley** invited Glenmore to come and trail ride on family and neighboring properties near their home on *Sugar Run*. There were some concerns among the riders about hauling horses over Shenandoah Mountain, but all found that their tow vehicles were up to the task and the distance wasn't that long. After all, the Ashleys have been doing it for years to hunt in the Shenandoah Valley!

We parked in a nice, level field with large shade trees on the western edge, which were much appreciated on that warm August afternoon. Joan and Roger took the lead along a stream and eventually into the stream and past an ancient swinging bridge. A good portion of the ride was on an old road which, although not steep, made us all thankful for the ease with which we can run errands and pick up supplies. As we proceeded the lead riders flushed a fawn, which circled back and ran right under **Stacy Thompson's** horse. Sam was not real happy about that, but with a remarkable display of horsemanship Stacy rode it out, the fawn ran past the last horses and order was restored. Near the end of our leisurely hour and a half ride up and down the valley we were treated to a spectacular view of the mountains.

Back at the trailers **Dan Jones** lit up the grill and everyone pitched in for another delicious Glenmore tailgate. It was obvious that the Ashleys had spent considerable time clearing the trail and getting permission from the landowners over whose land we rode and we appreciated it. Everyone agreed that the ride had certainly been worth the trip as West Virginia lived up to its slogan "wild and wonderful".

Jan Jones

HOOFBEAT First Fall Festival

Family Fun Weekend: September 6 thru September 9, 2007, Carnival & Live Music
at the Beautiful Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA. Proceeds benefit Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center.

Thurs. 6-10 P.M. Fri. 6-11 P.M. Sat. 1-11 P.M. Sun. 1-6 P.M.

Saturday - Trail ride, registration starting at 1:00 P.M.

Trail ride & cookout \$35 Adults/\$30 under 18 Trail ride only \$30

Cookout only \$10 Current Negative Cogging Required

Cookout starting at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday - Hear the Beat Open Horse Show starting at 9:00 A.M.

All classes \$8.00

Current Negative Coggins Required; All must sign release.

Cowboy Church at 8:00 A.M. - East Complex

For information, Prize List, Entry Forms: <<http://www.hoof-beats.com/>>
www.hoof-beats.com

Call 540-460-2542 or 540-874-3002

Masters Corner

The Glenmore Masters party on August 26th was to honor our landowners as well as providing Glenmore members with an opportunity to get together and enjoy friends. Glenmore wouldn't be a Hunt without its landowners.

Those of us that hunt need to be mindful that we respect the land and farms we ride over. We need not ride through crop fields, leave gates open, or put hoof prints in lawns. We need to thank our landowners for allowing us to cross their farms and to hunt their coverts.

Dan and I hope we were able to at least impart our thanks on August 26th at *Willow Pond Farm*.



Jewell

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