



Meet Our New President: Chris Thompson

As a self proclaimed “simple, country boy,” I have found myself far, far away from the poultry farm of West Virginia. I barely understand proper dress etiquette for foxhunting and anyone who has ridden with me can clearly see how I struggle to tie a perfect square knot; however, I feel humbled to have been selected to represent The Glenmore Hunt Club as president. As Ralph Waldo has said, “always do what you are afraid to do”.

If it is true that motivation is what gets you going and habit is what keeps you going, then my priority as the 2008–2009 President of The Glenmore Hunt Club will be to motivate. Motivation is what has allowed the Glenmore Hunt Club to persevere since 1930. Whether it be the thrill of the chase on horseback, the entertainment of social events or the casual friendship kindled at a hound show, each of us have been drawn to this club to fulfill something in our lives. We each need to remember what compelled us to want to become a member of this honorary tradition. Hold on to that memory and make a habit of contributing to the continued success of this club. This means that current members need to share their gifts with the club. Each member has a special talent that enhances the club and its efficiency. We need and appreciate you and your time.

The “oldies but goodies” members keep this club moving forward but the task can be exhausting. We need to always be conscious of potential new members. People we casually ride with or enjoy their company need to be invited to be part of Glenmore. Our motto should be “the more the merrier”.

The encroachment of residential life on the territory we have enjoyed hunting for years is a sad but obvious truth. The only alternative is to find new property to add to the already spectacular fixtures we enjoy. If we are to experience fox hunting to its full potential, we need to have the space to do it. It is my hope that we will expand our hunting property in all ways possible.

Finally, it is my vision that both riding and social members will have a sense of importance in this hunt club. For without all the members, and especially the land owners, none of this excitement would be possible. I encourage all members to attend the monthly meetings.

I wish to thank everyone for this opportunity to allow me to dive into this new adventure. I understand there is a learning curve with every experience. Please be kind.

As my hero Forrest Gump would say, “and that’s all I have to say about that”.

Chris Thompson

2008 Annual Meeting

Thirty-two members crowded into the Glenmore Office to attend the Annual Glenmore meeting on April 1st 2008. The Glenmore membership elected Officers, Masters, and Directors for the next year.

The 2008-2009 Officers, Directors and Masters are:

President :	Christopher Thompson
Vice President:	Hugh B. Sproul III
Secretary :	Dwight Phelps
Treasurer :	Graham Pitsenberger
MFH:	G. Daniel Jones
MFH:	Jewell Phelps
MAL (Hunt):	Janet Jones
MAL (Hunt)	Brenda Simmons
MAL (N-Hunt)	Darrell W. Hurst
MAL (N-Hunt)	Robert C. Heitler



President Chris Thompson

Secretary's Corner

The May 6th meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Cindy Kiser in Verona, Virginia. The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00. For directions call Cindy at (540) 248-3868 or the Secretary, Dwight Phelps, at 337-6659.

No membership changes this month

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

May

4th Kennel: Hound, Horn, and Social
25th Virginia Foxhound Show

June

7th Glenmore Spring Horse Show, Mill
Creek Farm, Port Republic
22nd Trail Ride & Picnic Social

July

26th -27th Foxhunting Clinic: See web
for further information

Great Happenings at the Kennel:

Horn, Hound, Hunt Social—Sunday May 4

The hounds invite you to their home on May 4th for a Hound, Horn, and Hunting Social. Starting at 2:00pm there will be hands on demonstrations about hound conformation and presentation as well as a short backgrounds on their individual characters. All will be invited to show and place hounds with grand prizes given to the best handlers. While the hounds had to begrudgingly turn down the invitation (this took strong persuasion), all Glenmore members, friends and guests are invited to a cookout starting a 5:00pm. At this time there will surely be some fine horn blowing and story telling, all surely nothing but the truth. We hounds and new drafts hope to see you then.

Virginia Foxhound Show

On Saturday, May 25, the annual Virginia Foxhound Show will take place on the grounds of the beautiful Morven Park estate just outside Leesburg. Hounds are shown individually and in groups in several rings throughout the day. The day typically starts at 9:00AM and culminates in the early evening with the pack classes. In the pack and performance classes, huntsmen walk their packs through a designated course on the Morven Park mansion lawn and they are judged on their ability to stay with the huntsman and the pack. The show is a great place to learn about the different types of foxhounds – American, English, Cross-bred, and Penn-Marydel, and see them in action.

It's also a great time to mix and mingle with foxhunters from hunt clubs throughout the state and region. Many hunts set up hospitality tents so you can find friends at other hunt clubs or make new friends. Glenmore will have a tent again this year and we'll have refreshments throughout the day including a light lunch. So bring a folding chair and join us for a relaxing day of watching the best foxhounds in the state and region in the shade of Morven Park's ancient trees.

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Sadly, Glenmore lost two esteemed members this past month. Highlights of their activities with the club are described below by our Honorary Masters, Graham Pitsenberger and Hugh Sproul, III.

ANNE MOFFETT

Again, we must say farewell to one of our esteemed members. Anne Moffett died Friday, April 18, 2008. Frank and Anne Moffett are the last Honorary Members of the hunt. Honorary Membership was created in the 50's, but no such memberships have been awarded in recent years. Frank was Master of Foxhounds from 1954 to 1956. Frank, the prayers and deepest sympathy of every member of the Glenmore Hunt are with you.

Hugh Sproul, H-MFH

DANIEL K. CROFT

Glenmore Hunt lost a good member on April 14. Mr. Daniel K. Croft died unexpectedly at his Swoope farm. Daniel was a very quiet land-owner member. He was seldom seen but certainly inherited his unqualified support for Glenmore from his parents, Kemper and Betty, and from his uncles French and Charles Croft. When Hugh Sproul and I were filling the active Masters' slots, not once can we recall a request to Daniel that the answer wasn't "yes." The Glenmore Hunt Club has lost a great supporter. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Betty and Susan and to the entire Croft family for their loss.

Graham Pitsenberger, H-MFH

Resting Time

Will H. Ogilvie

The gold is on the gorses,
The leaf is on the plane;
There's rest for all good horses
Till cubbing comes again.

The beeches throw new shadow,
Wild flowers the pasture fill,
There's clover in the meadow
And round the sheltered hill.

And shoeless feet go lightly,
As slow our favourites pass,
And forehead stars gleam whitely
Among the cool wet grass.

The bright spurs languish idle
Through many a sunlit day,
The saddle and the bridle
Are cleaned and laid away.

Yet who but will remember
The rides that went between
The red leaves of November
And April's early green?



Pictured in photo, left to right: Mary Kaye Tatersall, Pat Tatersall, Billy Brown, Hugh Sproul, Jr., Ned Bush, Frank Moffett. This was taken January 2, 1953 and supplied to your editors by Hugh Sproul, III, H-MFH.



Glenmore Hounds TOPGUN (top) and TUCKER (bottom) enjoy their Resting Time in their nice, clean runs. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped spruce up the kennels! (See article and more pictures on page 5)

The MHHNA Receives a Scholarly Work:

A Timeline of Foxhunting in the United States¹

History quiz: Who was the first European to bring hunting dogs to an area of the New World that would become part of the United States? If you said Robert Brooke in the 1650s, you're obviously a scholar of ventry. You'd also be incorrect. According to a newly developed timeline created by Rita Mae Brown and Jeanne Pitsenberger, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto arrived in what is now Florida accompanied by Mastiffs and Irish Greyhounds as far back as 1539.

Dr. Brown, a member of the Museum's Advisory Board, and Ms. Pitsenberger have spent the past two years researching references to hunting with hounds, or other canine breeds, during Colonial times, through the early decades of US history, up to the present day. The final entry in the current version of the timeline cites 2004's founding of Saxonburg Hunt in Pennsylvania. The timeline is accompanied by a narrative report, *Notes on the History of Foxhunting in the United States*.

Between the first and final entries, the timeline provides a fascinating synopsis of key developments in what was to become foxhunting as we know it today in the United States. For example, the bounty placed on foxes in New Jersey in 1714, followed by a similar action in New York in 1723, offered a financial incentive to what was then a form of pest control. Not long after, the need to protect livestock from the predation of foxes merged with the desire to enjoy good sport and socializing while also sharing the expenses associated with maintaining a pack of hounds. According to the *Notes*, the first club organized for this purpose in the Colonies was the Gloucester Foxhunting Club established near Philadelphia in 1766. Today's Rose Tree Foxhunting Club claims to be a direct descendant. In 1768 John Evers began hunting his own pack of hounds near Hempstead, Long Island. Hounds descended from this pack were used to form the Meadow Brook Hounds in the nineteenth century.

It's remarkable to think that organized foxhunting began in Brooklyn, NY, in 1781 and that the Belvidere Hunt Club started in New York City in 1812. Details like these attest to the role mounted hunting has played in the development of the United States during both Colonial times and following the Revolution.

The purpose of this effort is to serve as a starting point from which even more detailed historical studies can be built. The timeline provides a listing of key dates set in a horizontal framework. Future studies can begin with any given point on the timeline and delve into the depth of that topic. For example, the founding date of every foxhunting club currently listed with the Masters of Foxhounds Association is shown in the timeline. Someone wishing to provide the full history of one such club can begin at the founding point noted on the timeline and expand the historical record to encompass as much detail as can be gathered about that club. Many hunts have already put together their histories and we would encourage them to allow the Museum to add this information to our repository. Others may consider using this timeline as a catalyst to start such a project.

The Museum of Hounds & Hunting North America is privileged to benefit from the work of Dr. Brown and Ms. Pitsenberger. We look forward to many more submissions to assure that this important historical record is preserved and expanded.

1. *Museum News*, Official Publication of the Museum of Hounds and Hunting N.A., Volume 17, Number 1, February 2008, p. 5.

This article appeared in a *Museum of Hounds and Hunting* recent newsletter. We are honored to have **our own** Jeanne Pitsenberger and Rita Mae Brown, MFH featured *Museum News*, Official Publication of the Museum of Hounds and Hunting N.A.. We are confident that you will find it as fascinating as we did (Anne and Jakki)

Volunteer for the Spring Horse Show!

The Glenmore Fall Horse Show is a little over a month away – Saturday, June 7, at Mill Creek Farm. Volunteers will be needed for all sorts of jobs on the day of the show –greeting, ring crew, gatekeeper, jump order, clean-up, and more. We’ll also need volunteers for a couple of hours on Thursday, June 5 in the late afternoon/early 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 a very important fund-raiser for Glenmore, so please consider volunteering. Half day? Whole day? We’ll take you any way we can get you! Also mark your calendar now for the Fall Horse Show, which will be held September 6 at Mill Creek.

To volunteer, you can contact Hugh (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-568-3501 daytime, 540-886-6359 evenings) I hope to see you at Mill Creek! Thanks!

Hugh Brown

Spring Kennel Spruce Up

On April 13, the kennels and lawns received a cleaning and spruce up as nine intrepid hunt members applied their energies in the kennels, runs, and yard. Soap suds, clorox, a hard scrubbing and Brenda’s new power washer brightened up the kennels and runs. Volumes of leaves and fallen branches were removed from the outdoor runs and off the fences. In the meantime the lawn was picked up and mown, hounds shuffled to make way for cleaning, the driveway graded up. It’s not possible to say who did what ‘cause as one task was nearing completion members just kicked on to the next task. Thanks to **Brenda Simmons, Joe Manning, Dwight and Jewell Phelps, Bob Heitler, Jan Jones, Hugh Brown, and John Meyer** for a great job in getting so much done.

There are several other jobs that need to be taken care of to ensure the safety and security of the hounds. The new property chair will be asking for help with these items. In the meantime I will be asking for help to address the most pressing of these needs.

Dan

Kennel clean up
Leaf raking
crew, pictured
left to right: **Jan
Jones, Bob
Heitler, Dwight
Phelps,** and
John Meyer.
Photo courtesy
of **Hugh Brown.**



Masters’ Corner

As Glenmore members, you are aware of the VA Hunting with Hounds study. I’ve had members ask me what is the Masters’ of Foxhounds Association Masters doing? I asked that question of Dennis Foster, the Executive Director of the MFHA. He replied with the following information: He said the MFHA is very much involved. He suggested that members go to the VDGIF web site for information. This web site has been given to members previously. There is also a survey that can be completed as Brenda Simmons let members know about earlier this month. Dennis Foster also said that he and Joyce Fendley are members of the committee and that they are doing all they can. He also said that there is a huge amount of misinformation about the study and that the study is to make sure hunting with hounds is around for future generations.

Jewell



Junior Horse Show a Huge Success

“There were 212 entries and over 60 horses exhibited at Sweetbriar Farm, showing the keen interest in horseback riding in Bucks County (Pa.). The highlight of the show was the Lead Line Class for children under 6 years of age. There were so many entries, each deserving an award, that it was difficult for the judges to select the winners; therefore, the class was divided into two sections - children 4 years old and under and the 5 and 6 year olds. It’s out of diapers and into the saddle with some youngsters these days.

At least we guess Master George Daniel Jones (age: eight months) was out of diapers when he won the lead line class. The young son of the George M. Joneses, West Trenton, N.J., wore full riding attire consisting of a white jacket and jodhpurs, but from the fit of the jodhpurs it was difficult to determine whether they were padded or not. He was riding astride a tiny burro (no larger than a collie dog) named Genevieve. We shall look forward to Master George’s further appearances in the rings.” *From Bucks County PA newspaper article.*



You've come a long way, Dan!

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