



Master's Corner

The study "Hunting with Hounds in Virginia: A Way Forward" has been mentioned several times in this newsletter. This study was initiated by Virginia Division of Game and Inland Fisheries and conducted by Virginia Tech. The goal was defined as: "to provide diverse opportunities for hunters with hounds in Virginia in a manner that is fair, sportsmanlike and consistent with the rights of property owners and other citizens." Virginia Tech's responsibility was to solicit and identify from the overall populous of the State issues and concerns about hunting with hounds. Over the past nine plus months, information has been gathered and considered by the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

This has resulted in the development of a series of "Proposed Strategies," some of which will undoubtedly change regulations that govern hound training and hunting in Va. These are: 1) Repeal/Modification of Va. Right to Retrieve Law; 2) Increased Penalties and Fines; 3) Improved Law Enforcement; 4) Education/Training Program; 5) Better Record Keeping (relative to violations and complaints); 6) Change [of] Hunting/Training Seasons; 7) Hunting From or Near Roads; 8) Increased Funding for Law Enforcement; 9) ID System for Hunters and Hounds; 10) Holding Violators Accountable.

During August and September there will be the final public meetings to solicit feedback on the SAC "Proposed Strategies." This input will be considered in the final recommendations that will be presented to the Board of G&IF in Oct. 2008.

As members of the hound hunting community, it is important that each one of us becomes familiar with the "hot" issues which can affect our sport. Go to the WWW.dgif.state.va.us/hunting/hounds/ website to review what is being proposed. I am sure that within the ten identified Strategies there are items that will enhance foxhunting; however, we need to be sure we do not inadvertently have unnecessary or cumbersome regulation enacted that will choke our sport out of existence. Realize that the voice of hound hunters is not the only voice being raised. We need to attend these meetings and support our sport. Regulation is not written for the benefit of those that do not voice their concern. I am sure there will be change and hope that we can funnel that to be positive change that will help us keep hound hunting in Virginia.

Also—Cubbing is Coming:

Hunting season is soon upon us. Several persons are asking about houndwalking. This year there are quite a few new hounds (entered and unentered). The first several outings will be basically for staff. Once staff gets to learn their traits and personalities and hounds identify with staff and horses, and settle in to the way we do things at Glenmore, we will open walks and exercise to the membership. Houndwalk and exercises is an excellent opportunity to settle seasoned horses, give new ones an exposure to hounds, or provide a venue for getting in shape for the coming hunt season. More detailed information will be sent via e-mail as well as on the hunt line when exercise is open to the membership. I realize this is different than previous years and appreciate your patience as we bring these new hounds into the pack. I am sure their cry will be well worth the wait.

Dan

The following communication was received from Dr. Rita Mae Brown, MFHJA and Cindy Morton, MFHA

Virginia Hunt Week Cancelled

Dear Masters,

Due to the gas crisis, we've decided to put Virginia Hunt Week 2008 on hiatus. It looks as though gas prices will continue to rise, and we need to be sensitive to that. We hope this trend does not continue. Thank you.

Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Dennis and Anne Avery, 226 Last Raid Lane, Swoope. The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00. For directions: call Dwight Phelps, at 337-6659 or email <anneavery@hughes.net>

No membership changes this month

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

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Events of Special Note Looking Ahead—The Calendar

August

5th—BOD and Membership meeting

10th—Trail Ride & Picnic Social,

23rd—Masters' "Appreciation" Social

September

6th—Fall Horse Show, Mill Creek

13th—Cubbing Breakfast/Tailgate

October

11th—Hunt Ball at Fairfax Hall

25th—Open Invitation/Western Hunt

Committee Updates

Please Welcome: Glenmore newsletter's newest monthly column. Send Committee Meeting news, meeting dates, to <anneavery@hughes.net> This will keep the members abreast of all the aspects of Glenmore. Watch for what is going on in the committees and plan to attend the meeting of your choice.

The Next Western Adventure

(West Virginia, that is)

On August 10,th Glenmore will be returning to the Brandywine area for another Wild and Wonderful West Virginia trail ride. The ride will start at 3:00 pm and be about 2 ½ hrs. There will be a picnic social at 6:00pm. Watch the website for further details and directions.

The 2008 Landowners' Appreciation Celebration

The Glenmore Masters will host the annual "Landowners Appreciation Celebration" on Saturday August 23rd at the Verona farm of Cindy Kiser. Invitations will go out shortly and directions will be included.

The party starts at 6:00 PM. Meat dishes and beverages will be provided by the Masters. The Landowners are our most welcome guests.

This is always one of the most popular events of the year, involving the entire membership and our wonderful landowners. Guaranteed to be an evening filled with great food and equally great fellowship.

Horse Show Volunteers Needed

I know it feels like we just finished the Spring Horse Show, but the Fall Horse Show is approaching fast—Saturday, September 6, at Mill Creek Farm. It's not too late to volunteer to help! 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, September 4 in the late afternoon/early evening to help set up and decorate the jumps.

You don't need special horse show skills to help out, we'll find a job for you! This is a very important fundraising event 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: email: <brownhh@jmu.edu>; tele: 540-568-3501 daytime; 540-886-6359 evenings) I hope to see you at Mill Creek!

Thanks!
Hugh Brown

Message from the President:

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. It won't be too long before the heat and humidity will be replaced by cool mornings and the sounds of the hunt. The eager foxhunters can hardly wait to start cubbing again, but all things in good time. First we need to recognize all the accomplishments and extraordinary efforts the members of this hunt have attained this summer season. The frenzy kicked off to a great start with the Hunter Pace in the spring followed by the Horse Show, Trail Ride, and the spectacular 4th of July Parade. I would especially like to comment on how pristine the hounds, horses, riders and walkers appeared at the parade. We represented the club well and the crowd made many remarks about the care our animals obviously receive. Kudos to all involved!

Along the same theme, at the previous two Glenmore meetings I have encouraged all the committees to meet and be prepared to provide feedback to the membership regarding goals, progress and future agendas. As usual, "ask and ye shall receive" . . . I am thrilled to see great efforts in all areas of the Glenmore committees. I kindly request that at each monthly meeting the chair of each committee either (1) attend the meeting in person to provide a brief synopsis of current issues regarding their committee (we love to see you) or (2) send a progress note to be read aloud to the membership by a designated individual, who does not necessarily need to be a member of the committee. We would also like to include this information in the *Glenmore Newsletter* in a new section entitled "Committee Updates." If the chair of each committee could send what has been reported to the membership to Anne Avery's e-mail address anneavery@hughes.net, this information can be published. This will keep the members abreast of all the aspects of Glenmore.

As you will remember, one of my goals as the President of Glenmore Hunt Club is to expand our hunt territory into an area near and dear to me . . . Almost Heaven, West Virginia! The opportunity to share my enthusiasm about the territory in West Virginia up close and personal is right around the corner. I hope all who can come will join me in giving the grand tour of a bit of our western territory on August 10 at our next trail ride. The landowners of this territory have given us the blessing to hunt in the same area we will be trail riding on that day. Event information is provided within this Newsletter.

In order to preserve landowner relations and reduce potential liability claims, it is necessary that members refrain from bringing pets to Glenmore Hunt functions. Effective immediately, there will be a notice on all Glenmore publications that members and/or guests should not bring pets to Glenmore Hunt functions.

In closing, I want to personally thank **Dan and Jan Jones** for their dedication to the Glenmore Hunt Club as evidenced by their relentless work at the kennels before, during and after our new kennelman was hired. On a daily basis, we see both their efforts but in the big picture, few realize how much of their time is spent ensuring the welfare of the hounds and the good of the club. Thank you both for making our sport so fun.

Until next time,

Chris Thompson

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Foxhunting Clinic a Big Success

Glenmore Hunt's Foxhunting Clinic was held on July 19th and 20th at the Sayre family's *Endless Trails Stables* outside Churchville, Va. Despite the extremely hot weather, there was a good turnout on Saturday for morning lessons in basic horsemanship, safety and etiquette in the hunt field, and gymnastic jumping. Everyone adjourned to the cool back porch for lunch and a talk by **MFH Dan Jones** on the history and types of foxhounds and hunting in the field. Then, it was back into the hot sun for a mounted hound walk. Kennelman **Mike Hidecker** brought 5 ½ couple of enthusiastic hounds to give the participants and their horses a taste of riding behind hounds. At the end of the day everyone vowed to come back in the morning, including a couple who traveled from out of the area and stayed overnight.

Sunday dawned hot and humid. All the riders from Saturday returned for the second session, plus several others who only wanted to attend for one day. The group divided into three parts and worked on balance and control, hunt terminology and skills for the horse and rider across country. After the morning session and lunch on the shady porch **Gerald Blyth** gave a talk on following the hunt by listening: sounds of the hunt. Everyone enjoyed listening to his horn calls. Then it was out into the even hotter sunshine for the mock hunt. We divided into three groups as we do when actually hunting and Dan led off. Soon there was hound music to be heard, a tally ho and the field went on after the imaginary fox and hounds.

The clinic's goal was to develop a safe, knowledgeable rider on a responsive horse, both ready to begin hunting. All the participants, including seasoned foxhunters, learned some things that will be useful to them in the hunt field. A bonus was that everyone received a capping certificate for use during the coming season, so we expect to see some new friends hunting with us this year. As usual, an effort of this magnitude would not be possible without the help of many Glenmore members and they richly deserve our thanks.



Jan Jones

To Horse and Away

By Will H. Ogilvie

When sorrows come sobbing
To clutch at the breast,
When trouble comes robbing
The heart of its rest,
When cash columns addle
The brain as they may;
Swing into the saddle,
To horse and away!
To horse and away
To the heart of the fray!
Fling Care to the Devil for one merry day!

When tradesmen importune,
When duns make advance,
When fickle Dame Fortune
Is frowning askance,
When Love's looking lonely
And Life's looking grey,
To horse and away!
To horse and away
With spurs in the bay!
Sling Care to perdition for one merry day!

Verses one and two of three.

Sandy Cryder and Marlee Putnam (Dwight and Jewell's granddaughter) enjoy the Foxhunting Clinic. photos by Jan Jones

*Below:
The Field*



Who is this Man?

For several months, we have been running a sample of poems by Will H. Ogilvie (1869-1963), a Scot, beloved of Australians; a poet; and a journalist. His work reflects his passion for horses, foxhunting, and the Australian Bush, where he worked as a stockman for 11 years while establishing his reputation as a renowned "bush-poet." When read or sung, the line rhythm is the cadence of hoof beats. And now, you know a little bit of the rest of the story. (ed.)

Hounds: The “H” Kids

This month I will offer a little insight into jones Hobo '05, jones Hasty 05, and jones Hurricane '05; three ~~hounds that hunted last season. What were Jan~~ and I doing on New Years Eve '02, awaiting the birth of the “H” litter of a hound named jones Toga '95.

What’s in the name? The mother, jones Toga was a nearly white hound whose sire Monmouth County Hunt Timber goes back to what I would consider one of the most outstanding packs of Penn-MaryDel hounds. This pack was bred by Ralph “Pop” Ford starting in 1907 and carried on by his son Andy Ford until it was dissolved in the late 1990’s. The sire, jones Denver '93, lines go twice back to the Essex Foxhounds pack. Essex is one of the premier American foxhound packs in the United States, often winning the pack class at the Virginia and Bryn-Mar hound show, as well as having a Centennial Champion Hound this past year.

And what about the “H” hounds? Hurricane was a whirl wind of a puppy. Actually the smallest of the litter, she was the first to be out of the nest. Hasty as a puppy was always on the go, and Hobo was the one with the tie-dyed ear. In spite of their late entry, this being their second full season hunting, they were living up to their bloodline reputations at the close of the season. They represent the fifth generation of the mating of Essex Remus and Mischief in the early 1980’s.

Dan



Hurricane;



Hobo



Hasty

Apprentices Wanted!

ap·prentice [uh-pren-tis] *noun*

1. One bound by legal agreement to work for another for a specific amount of time in return for instruction in a trade, art, or business.
2. One who is learning a trade or occupation, especially as a member of a labor union.
3. A beginner; a learner.

Ever wonder what it takes to organize a Hunter Pace or a Horse Show? Here’s your chance! **Jt-MFH Jewell Phelps** is looking for one or more people to help her organize the November Hunter Pace, and I would welcome help with the Fall Horse Show. We would both like to be able to train new folks to be able to organize future fundraising events. A club like ours will only work if we share the workload. Won’t you consider apprenticing yourself so you can help Glenmore succeed in the future? Give one of us a call and we’ll chat. Thanks!!

Hugh Brown

Looking ahead:

The Hunt Ball is Only 75 days and Counting

The Hunt Ball is only 75 days away and we are actively seeking Donation Items for the Auction. Please help us to make this years auction a big success with your generous contributions of artwork, paintings, books, jewelry, services, certificates and more. It would be very helpful if you would call 540-249-4200 or e-mail your listing of the item/s with descriptions, sizes and approximate values to glenmore@glenmorehunt.org as soon as possible. The physical pickup or delivery of the items can follow at a later date.

Angelika, Committee Chair

Wanted: Glenmore Tattersal

I am looking for a Glenmore Tattersal Vest. Red and Blue Check on an Off-White Ground
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Thanks,

Joe

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