



## Perfect Season, Perfect Place, Perfect Night—The 2008 Hunt Ball

The 2008 Glenmore Hunt Ball was held once again at historic Fairfax Hall, an estate that sits grandly atop a hill nestled amidst the neighborhoods of Waynesboro. This was returning “home” for many of Glenmore Members who remember when Fairfax Hall was a regular Ball venue. The Ballroom, with its rich dark Mahogany paneling, grand columns, fireplace and palatial windows made for a very elegant backdrop to a very special evening. At 6pm, when the first elegantly dressed guests began to arrive, the soft evening light enhanced the spectacular Autumn views, which continued to be a pleasure from within the enormous window-filled enclosed porch area where the auction items were displayed.

This was the first year the Hunt Ball was held in the fall. As it happened, the change from spring to fall was fortuitous as it also was the first year a Four-Day Hunt Weekend Extravaganza stood substitute for the more traditional Virginia Hunt Week. The Glenmore Hunt Ball became an additional highlight. Earlier that morning, Glenmore hosted 21 mounted guests meeting at Walnut Grove. Four of the attendees from Middletown Hunt stayed on to dance the night away with Glenmore members and friends.

Blue Suede, with two new band members this year and a bit more mellow sound, provided the music for 73 attendees to the Ball. Patsy Wood of “Country Cupboard Catering” provided a hearty, plentiful and delicious meal with chef-handmade recipes, rolls, and desserts

Table centerpieces were fresh pumpkins surrounded by fall leaves and votive candles. Each pumpkin was hand-painted by **Joanne VanSiclen** with unique hunting scenes depicting the horses, hounds and members of our hunt. Each one found permanent home with a lucky table prize winner.

The silent auction consisted of 150 items: Artwork, Books, Vacations, Equine Services, etc. donated by members and area businesses. We live-auctioned one item, a weekend at Lake Anna, creating much interest and introducing **Alex Avery** as an up and coming auctioneer.

A huge thanks to all who made this event a success:

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John & Sandy Cryder  
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Jeff & Sheila Jennings  
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John & Courtland Meyer  
Ruth & Eddie Moran  
Dwight & Jewell Phelps  
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Brenda & James Simmons, IV  
Terri Smith  
Jill & Hugh Sproul, III  
Chris & Stacy Thompson  
Pete & Joanne VanSiclen  
Rod and Angelika O’Donnell

### Event Coordination

Angelika O’Donnell-Hunt Ball Chair  
Brenda Simmons  
Joanne VanSiclen  
Hugh Brown  
Joe Manning  
Stacy Thompson  
Jenner Brunk  
Sandy Cryder  
Cindy Kiser  
Dwight & Jewell Phelps

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## Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the Glenmore Offices in Staunton, Virginia on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00. We will be voting on the proposed By-Law changes at this meeting.

### Membership Changes

Resignation  
Cameron Cash, Jr. Member

*Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary*

## Events of Special Note

### Looking Ahead—The Calendar

#### November

1<sup>st</sup>—Glenmore Hunt Opening Meet with Breakfast Social, J. meet with the Rockbridge Hunt

16<sup>th</sup>—Fall Hunter Pace (Rain date: Sunday, November 23)

#### December

13<sup>th</sup>—Glenmore Christmas Party

#### January 2009

31<sup>st</sup>—Beat the Winter Blues Social

### 2008 Glenmore Hunt Opening Hunt—November 1<sup>st</sup>

Glenmore's Opening Hunt will begin with the blessing of the Hounds and conclude with cocktails and breakfast. Beginning and concluding events will be held at *Cottage Hill*, home of Frank and Margaret Henderson. Schedule:

1. Blessing of the Hounds, Opening Hunt Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. 10 AM.
2. After the Hunt Social beginning at approximately 12:30 PM.
3. Hunt Breakfast (Rain or Shine) 1:00 PM

**Car followers** are invited to enjoy the views of the Hunt from the roads surrounding the beautiful Swoope Hunt Territory.

This is a perfect fixture for car following with lots of road frontage. You may follow in your car or join others in theirs. It's lovely to watch and a great way to learn and be a part of what's happening in the hunt field.

### Fall Hunter Pace—November 16<sup>th</sup>

Glenmore's Fall Hunter Pace will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> (rain date following Sunday) at the beautiful Gaie Lea Farm. Parking will be behind VDOT on Commerce Ave., Staunton. Riders will go out between 11 AM and 1 PM. Lunch will be included in the entry fee. Volunteers are always needed to help and riders of any persuasion are welcome.

Complete information is found on the Flyer in this newsletter. If any other questions and to volunteer to help, contact me at 540-337-6659 or email: [phelpsjs@comcast.net].

Jewell

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## Congratulations to Junior Member, Logan Stewart Hedrick

For those members who have been asking about junior member Logan Hedrick, here's the story. Grandmother Brenda Stewart Simmons (Nana), got Logan into riding at age 3 on a pony borrowed from Mary T. O'Brien. Logan was taken on her 1st foxhunt when she was 5 years old on a pony borrowed from George Moore. After purchasing Logan's very own pony (Leo) she began foxhunting on a more regular basis. In 2007 and 2008 Logan did the Junior Whip Program and loved it, trying not to miss hunts and being able to hunt when her mother or grandmother could get her from Charlottesville to Verona.

In 2008 Logan began Polo lessons in Charlottesville at the UVA polo grounds. Logan spent almost every day this past summer at the polo field with lessons, grooming for the adult players, and exercising the polo horses, and playing polo matches on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings. Her hard work and love of the sport has paid off. In September, before her 16th birthday, she made the Varsity University of VA polo team!

Logan will be playing polo on Sunday afternoons this fall. I've tried to fit in a Social to watch this fun activity, but Glenmore is chocked full of things to do, it hasn't worked out. However, if anyone is interested in going to Charlottesville for a Polo Match on a Sunday afternoon, please let me know. Although I knew nothing about Polo or the rules of the game, I am very slowly learning.

Brenda (Very Proud Nana) Simmons

## Memories of the Ball Linger On



2008 Hunt Ball Chairperson, Angelika O'Donnell and Husband Rod



President Chris Thompson with Stacy, and Vonda Reel.

### Who did what to make it happen? Much applause is appropriate:

Angelika O'Connell—overall organization - location, food, band, auction

Joanne VanSiclen—decorations (hand-painted the pumpkins!)

Brenda Simmons— invitations, reply cards, seating

Joe Manning & Stacy Thompson—Bar

Hugh Brown—slide show

Setup - All of the above plus Sandy Cryder & Mary Dealy

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## ***4-Day Hunt Weekend Extravaganza!***

With the price of gas soaring over the summer and horse events everywhere suffering low attendance, the organizers of Virginia Hunt Week (VHW) made a tough decision to cancel for this year. Before we had long enough to mourn the loss of VHW '08, a new idea was born—the *4-Day Hunt Weekend Extravaganza!* The Masters of the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt, Glenmore Hunt, Rockbridge Hunt and the Bedford County Hunt teamed up to offer foxhunters four days of hunting and socializing in their different hunt countries, with an afternoon of Beagling and the Glenmore Hunt Ball thrown into the mix. Virginia Hunt Week? What's that?

The weekend began on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Tea Time Farm near Afton, home of Dr. Rita Mae Brown, MFH. Early morning fog gave way to lovely sunshine by the 9:00 AM meet time and stayed with us all day. About 40 mounted foxhunters followed the Oak Ridge hounds through the lovely woods and meadows of Tea Time. Members of the four participating hunts were joined by members of the Middlebrook Hounds and the New Market-Middletown Valley Hounds from Frederick, Maryland. The Oak Ridge folks put on a terrific tailgate afterwards and riders and non-riders alike enjoyed the first of four different examples of Virginia hospitality at its best.

Day two dawned colder and much foggier at Glenmore's Walnut Grove fixture near Swoope. After a warming stirrup cup presented by **Joe Manning** and **Stacy Thompson**, the field set off to find a fox. The fog stayed with the 37 riders and hunt staff for the first hour of the hunt. When it finally lifted, the field was treated to gorgeous views across rolling fields and woodlands—some of the most beautiful in the Shenandoah Valley. Again the scenting conditions were poor, and Glenmore huntsman **Dan Jones, MFH** and his hounds worked hard against the rising temperatures. We didn't chase much besides each other, but a memorable day was had by all. In addition to all four participating hunts, out of town guests included members of the Pickering Hunt (PA) and New Market-Middletown Valley Hounds (MD).

Hunting was followed by a spectacular tailgate hosted by Glenmore member **Jenner Brunk** and her good friend John Michael Schott. Rarely has a cow pasture seen a more glamorous display than Jenner's well-appointed tables, which sagged under the weight of beautifully presented finger foods. Joe and Stacy provided the liquid refreshments to quench our thirst at the end of what turned out to be a warm day. That night was the 2008 Glenmore Hunt Ball at Fairfax Hall and Middletown Valley folks stayed for the fun.

A late night at the Hunt Ball on Saturday did not stop another enthusiastic field from assembling at the Rockbridge Hunt's home territory at Hunt, Inc. near Natural Bridge on Sunday morning. Rockbridge members welcomed guests from the other participating hunts as well as Middlebrook and those irrepressible out-of-staters—the New Market-Middletown Valley (MD). Rockbridge members and their guests were blessed with a beautiful autumn ride with lots of opportunities to appreciate gorgeous mountain vistas and the changing fall colors. A bountiful breakfast followed in the Rockbridge Hunt's cozy Tex Tilson Lodge with much exchanging of stories from the weekend so far. One more day to go!

On Monday, the Bedford County Hunt welcomed guests to Willow Spring Farm near Cifax by delivering hot ham biscuits to riders at their trailers (special thanks to Patricia Held). They also served a traditional stirrup cup of port and sherry once everyone was mounted. Mother Nature finally cooperated and gave the hounds the best, if not great, scenting conditions of the weekend. Bedford County Hunt has Penn-Marydel hounds, well known for their scenting ability. They did manage to find and chase a red fox, so members and guests from the Stonewall Hounds, and the Glenmore and Rockbridge hunts enjoyed a great run in a big circle around the mountain, including a bit across some open farm land. Following the hunt, another ample tailgate including a variety of home-made quiches and cakes awaited the riders—some of whom had hunted four days in a row. It was a great way to end a terrific "weekend" of foxhunting in central Virginia.

Thanks are due to all the Masters for organizing the four different hunts – Rita Mae Brown, David Wheeler and Bob Satterfield (Oak Ridge), Dan Jones and **Jewell Phelps** (Glenmore), Cindy Morton (Rockbridge), and Bill King, Jane Garland and Dan Temeles (Bedford County). Many thanks also go to Glenmore member **Angelika O'Donnell** who put together a very detailed invitation and guide to the weekend and worked hard

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to promote the event across the region. Special thanks go to everyone else who helped in large ways and small to make this weekend of foxhunting and so memorable. Great fun, gracious hospitality, and warm and hardy fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Hugh Brown & Joe Manning



### Photos Capture Glenmore's Special Day

clockwise

1. Joe Manning & Stacy Thompson provide the Stirrup Cup
2. Hilltoppers enjoy the view.
3. MFHs Cindy Norton, RB and Jewell Phelps.
4. Jenner Brunk & friend John Schott with her spectacular tailgate presentation compliments of Jennercraft Catering.
5. Morning Fog at Walnut Grove



Master Corner: **Workday at the Kennel Important to Life of the Hunt**

On Sunday, October 19th a group of energetic Glenmore members met at the kennel to work. These ~~included~~ **Dwight Phelps ; Joe Manning ; Hugh Brown ; Brenda Simmons ; John Meyers ; Mo Blyth ;** our kennelmen, Mike Hidecker and D.J Mullins; and **MFH's Dan Jones and Jewell Phelps .**

The kennel fences were cleaned up. The runs in the kennel annex were partially completed and kennel doors were tackled. A good deal was accomplished but Dan will be looking for more volunteers at another date. This is a sometimes forgotten behind-the-scenes part of being in an active Hunt Club. Healthy, happy hounds sustain our sport. To everyone's amusement some of us got to know some of our hounds much better than they thought would by the end of the day.

Jewell



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