



## Linnette Coaker Shines Aboard “Andy”

Bedford Hunt held their annual horse show on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Stone Bridge Farm. **Linnette Coaker** and **Jenner Brunk** both represented Glenmore Hunt in the Foxhunter Division. This division consists of a series of classes designed specifically to test skills needed in the hunt field. No hunter show veteran “ringers” need enter. Competitors must present a letter from their hunt’s secretary affirming that the horse/rider pair has hunted at least six times in the past year.

Competition is stiff. This was the second year the show offered the Foxhunter division, and word about the show had spread. Bedford offers a \$500 cash prize to the hunt club garnering the most points throughout the division, and area hunt clubs turned out to take this prize home.

Linnette Coaker and her mount, Andy, qualified to compete for the championship ribbon by winning the foxhunter hack class. This class required competitors to show their foxhunters at the walk, trot, and canter both directions and then jump two fences.

In addition, Linnette and Andy also placed third in the hunter obstacle class, which required the pair to negotiate a prescribed course including a bridge crossing, several jumps, and opening/closing a gate. Jenner Brunk (riding Jango) and Linnette (aboard Andy) teamed up to win a second place in the pairs class.

The championship class course “asked a lot of good questions that would be asked out in the hunt field,” according to Linnette. She and Andy negotiated a course of jumps with “tests” sprinkled throughout. For example, Linnette had to enter the ring leading Andy and then mount. She demonstrated cracking her whip, and Andy had to stand perfectly still while a hound was let into the arena. Their effort won third place! Glenmore is so proud of both Linnette and her brave little horse Andy!

~Jakki

Photo: Linnette Coaker and Andy show their award winning form over a coop during Glenmore’s Junior Hunt on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Linnette serves as a whip on Glenmore Hunt’s staff.

Photo Credit: Pam Stoneburner captured the action.



### *Secretary's Corner*

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Joanne and Pete VanSiclen. The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00. For directions call the Secretary, Dwight Phelps, at 337-6659.

#### Changes in Membership New Member

Ms. Kelly R. Stoneburner (Jr. Member)  
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#### Delete from Roster

Mrs. Anne Harden  
(deceased)

*Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary*

## Events of Special Note

### Looking Ahead—The Calendar

#### February 2009

TBA—Beat the Winter Blues Social

#### March

21<sup>st</sup>—Closing Hunt, with breakfast social. Joint meet with Rockbridge.

### Loss of a Friend—In Memoriam

Sadly, Annie Harden, landowner of Piney Ridge farm (behind Meadowspring Farm), has passed away. At 95 years old she lived a long life and will always be remembered as the friend she was to Glenmore. She was a landowner member of Glenmore from September 1997, enlisted to join Glenmore by past members Steve and Laura Glassmann. She attended many Glenmore socials over the years. She will be missed.

Our sincerest condolences to her family and friends.

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### Glenmore Foundation Elects Officers

The Glenmore Foundation held its annual shareholder meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Glenmore office in downtown Staunton. Board members for 2009 were elected, and they are as follows: **Kay Frye**, President; **Bebe Wills**, Vice-President; **Jakki Avery**, Secretary; **Graham Pitsenberger**, Treasurer; **Roger Ashley**, **Angelika O'Donnell**, **Hugh Brown**, Frank Hall, and **Hugh Sproul**. We thank retiring board members **Jeanne Pitsenberger** and **Sandy Cryder** for their faithful service to the foundation.

Thanks also goes to Hugh Brown, who filled in as acting Secretary on behalf of Jakki Avery, who was out of town. Hugh did an excellent job of running the election in Jakki's absence.

Shares are available for purchase. The Foundation owns the kennel property that the hunt club leases. Supporting the foundation helps ensure our hounds have a safe, proper home. The foundation has sponsored a number of improvement projects since the property was first purchased and has a rich history. Members wanting to learn more about the Foundation may contact any board member.

## The December Junior Hunt

I woke up on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and jumped out of bed. The cold was not a problem for me this morning because I was going hunting for the first time this season. But, this morning was different than any other. All I had to bring to the hunt was my saddle and myself. I was going to be riding Rocky, **MFH Jewell Phelps's** wonderful pony, for the first time.

We arrived at the hunt, and I found my mount for the day, who was quite handsome, I might add. I mounted and waited for the fun to begin. How could my day be any better? I had on many, many layers on to keep me warm. It was a crisp, clear day, I was with three of my best friends, and I was on an experienced fox hunting pony.

But, Glenmore made sure it got better! I learned that I was getting to ride with the huntsman, **MFH Dan Jones**. We rode out; Rocky and I were both excited and jittery. The chestnut pony jiggled the whole first half of the hunt, but he knew exactly what to do. He never missed a beat. When Dan sent us into a very dense wooded area to locate a hound, Rocky knew exactly where to go to keep us away from the thorny branches. We would go back and pick up straggling hounds, but Rocky never minded leaving the rest of the horses to complete our mission.

Unfortunately, the only fox that we saw was very far off, but we had a few good runs and a very nice day for a hunt. We headed in to a wonderful tailgate. All the juniors had a nice time socializing with the GHC members. Once again, Glenmore provided a wonderful hunt for all the juniors. We really appreciate it!!!

*~Lucy Gordon*



**Lucy Gordon** aboard **Jewell Phelps's** "Rocky" at the Junior Hunt. Photo Credit: Pam Talley Stoneburner.

(Ed.) Thank You to Anne Gordon (**Lucy Gordon's** mom), **Jackie Farley** (Ally Farley's mom), and **Cindy Kiser** for providing a nice tailgate after the Junior Hunt; and to **Joe Manning** who helped with the hunt. There was a good turnout of juniors, including the **Kiers' daughters (Molly and Harriet)** who were on their very first hunt and had a great time.

**Hunt Coat Wanted:** Lucy Gordon, our youngest reporter (see above) is looking for a used hunt coat in probably a ladies size 16 or so. If any hunt members have one they aren't using anymore, please let Lucy or Anne Gordon know by calling 540-363-1013 or email Lucy directly at [1donkey@newhopetel.net](mailto:1donkey@newhopetel.net).

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## Pam Talley Stoneburner: Snapshot of an Artist

Pam Talley Stoneburner has always loved horses and enjoyed capturing their beauty in portraits done in pastels, pencil and pen & ink sketches, oils, sculptures and now photography. Since graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in Animal Science, Pam has specialized in creating life-like portraits of horses and other animals. Her originals and reproductions are displayed in homes across America and abroad. Breyer Animal Creations and Red Mill Manufacturing Company commissioned Pam to do original sculptures for their reproductions. Southern States Feeds and our local Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau have used Pam's artwork for their feed bags. Over the years, many t-shirt designs, greeting cards, magazine covers and decorative flags have featured the drawings and logos done by Pam.

Rob and Pam rode horses to their wedding in 1985, and horses continue to be a part of their family today. Daughters Kelly and Melody ride and train young horses, compete in endurance rides and give riding lessons to beginners. Son Paul prefers deer hunting, but will occa-

sionally take a trail ride in the mountains with the family. Years ago, Kelly, Paul and Melo were members of the Glenmore Hunt Pony Club. Rob's company, Virginia Frame Builders in Fishersville constructs quality horse barns and sells building supplies and fencing materials. Pam also enjoys volunteering as an instructor for the Ride With Pride Therapeutic Riding Program in Staunton and as a coach of the Augusta County 4-H Horse Judging Teams.

With the children getting older, Pam has a little more time to put into her artwork and photography. Check out her website that is under construction to see some of the limited edition prints and other items that will be offered for sale. Visit Pam's website at <<http://www.pamtalleystoneburner.com>> or email Pam at [portrait@ntelos.net](mailto:portrait@ntelos.net). To contact Pam by phone, call (540)476-3246.

*(Note: Pam's daughter **Kelly** has just become a Jr. Member of Glenmore)*

## Wiley Coyote

*Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at Deere Run*

The morning was so warm when we mounted up that I felt sure of two things. First, we were going to have a blank day. Secondly, I was going to roast in my heavy weight melton.

As we moved off, the breeze picked up, making the warm day actually quite comfortable. The breeze, combined with hot dry conditions made me even more convinced we were in for a glorified trail ride.

Hounds worked hard for the ninety minutes with no success. But then **MFH Dan Jones** cast the pack in the little pine woods at Deere Run. I was riding near the back of second flight, and shortly after watching a couple of deer flee the woods, we heard the pack give voice. They were coming back in our direction, so several of us held hard, sure that the field would reverse towards us. **Stacy Thompson** was the first to talley-ho a grand coyote trotting briskly out of the forest about twenty-five yards in front of us. He looked well-nourished and continued toward the fence line before taking off. The pack followed behind him with Yo-Yo-Ma, Yorktown, Virginia, and Hobo in the lead.

We continued to hold hard as staff and the field galloped out of the woods, and then found our places within the field. Coyotes are fast, and we rode hard to keep up.

I was thankful to be aboard a thoroughbred. Like the coyote, my mare was made to run.

The leading hounds had a very quick check that allowed a few stragglers to catch up. The whole pack was on by the time we got to the coop at the Kiers fence line. There they made a hard left to the creek bottom. Shooting through the fence, making a hard right they ran toward Susan Croft's, and then turned right, heading to Miller Farm Road. It was an incredible run, both for its length and speed. The coyote was given best as it crossed the road and out of country at the corner near Deere Run. At that time Dan commandeered **Chris Thompson's** horse on the right side of the page wire to return to pick up hounds. In a few minutes, we were hacking back to the met with all hounds accounted for.

Afterward, Dan shared that the coyote was hiding under a brush pile watching the hounds. Sultan, Virginia, Voodoo, and Tulip rustled him up. We are lucky to have such an awesome pack that can show us fantastic sport even in the worst scenting conditions. On behalf of the riders in the field, we would humbly like to thank our huntsman and staff for tremendous work they've done to create such a biddable pack.

*~Jakki (Thanks to Dan for some details.)*

## 2008 Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> was a perfect evening for a party. Luckily, Glenmore had the perfect one planned! Jenner Brunk's Checkertree Farm and her 1800's restored traditional Virginia farmhouse made a perfect setting on a bright, cold December night for a Christmas celebration.

Her home was artistically decorated with hints of her passion for the theatre—and bulging with hungry, thirsty partygoers. How many can the house hold? As **MFH Jewell Phelps** remarked “I gave up counting.”

No-one gave up eating and talking. Platter of turkey, sweet potatoes, wild rice, vegetables, plus an entire section of desserts were presented. Jenner's pork loin was a 4-star favorite (great to have a caterer as a hostess).

After the feast, **MFH Dan Jones** and MFH Jewell Phelps awarded **Bebe Wills** with her Colors. The whips: Jan Jones, T Stewart, Chris Thompson, Linnette Coaker, and Sara Wood were also recognized for their skill and dedication.

Then, in deep appreciation from all of us, “T” Stewart and Sara Wood presented Dan and Jewell with a Christmas remembrance.

~Anne

### Bebe Awarded Colors

Congratulations to **Bebe Wills** on being awarded her Colors this Christmas for her riding skills and her dedication to Glenmore. She is currently Membership Chairperson.

Bebe started riding when she was eight. She joined Glenmore about 12 years ago—first going on trail rides, hunter paces and other hunt-related activities. A couple of years ago we began seeing her and her horse Scout regularly in the hunt field.

She and her husband, **Rick**, live in North Staunton but she keeps her horse at their farm in Springhill. Their son, Drew, who is a professional horse trainer, runs the farm and has helped make Bebe and Scout the great partners we see today.



## Masters' Corner

I personally would like to thank all the landowners and Glenmore members who've supported our activities this year. This support is vital if we're to maintain a growing and healthy hunt club.

I would also like to mention that, since back issues have interfered with my riding this fall, I've gotten to ride in the hound truck with our kennelman and have seen a lot more hound action than sometimes I get to see leading the hilltoppers.

Yesterday was a wonderful example. We hunted at Bellevue and the hounds found along the creek back where the old house trailer used to sit. The big red fox (viewed by **T Stewart**) led the hounds on a merry chase, played some tricks on them and probably finally went to ground. The hounds didn't quit.

In fact, when Dan asked us to pick up several of the hounds, due to the fact they were heading up Little North Mountain, one hound, Rogers, very strongly objected. She did not want to be put in the hound truck. This was her Christmas hunt and she did not want to end it.

Wishing all a happy New Year and Happy Hunting for years ahead.

Jewell

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