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The club also thanks those who stepped forward to serve and the members who participated in the April Annual meeting held on April 7th. Special recognition goes to **Dwight Phelps** and **Graham Pitsenberger** for their years of service to the Glenmore Hunt Club Board of Directors. Thank you for your dedication!

Letter from the President: Beginning the new Glenmore Year

Once again, I find myself humbled that the Glenmore Hunt Club membership should ask me to serve as its president. I consider it a great honor to serve in this leadership role and promise to do my best to move Glenmore forward in a positive and prosperous direction that generations to come may continue to enjoy the great sport of foxhunting.

First on the "list of things to do" as president, is to assign committee chairs and members for the upcoming year. I am very aware of the hectic schedules each of you have to juggle on a daily basis and serving on a committee may seem like an extra burden. Glenmore has proven over and over again that each of our accomplishments is a group effort. If called upon to serve, please consider this as opportunity to further your club's goals. We will rally around you in any way possible to ensure you have adequate support and help. Look for your new Glenmore packet and roster in the coming months.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the gorgeous day enjoyed by over 90 riders at the Spring 2009 Hunter Pace. **Jewel Phelps** managed to pull off another great ride through some of the most spectacular countryside in Virginia. It takes an extraordinary group of people to accomplish such a task. Thanks to all who made it possible.

I want to take this time and give thanks to **Graham Pitsenberger** and **Dwight Phelps** for their long standing commitment to the Glenmore Board of Directors. Both of their contributions are immeasurable in the history and success of the Glenmore Hunt Club. The past and new board members will need everyone's cooperation to ensure a smooth transition. I am confident we all will work diligently towards a common goal.

As one seasons ends and another one is gearing up, let me send a "thank you" to our dedicated newsletter staff. Please contact Anne or Jakki if you would like to provide articles for the newsletter or have information to share with the membership.

I speak for the entire membership when I tip my hat to the huntsman/master who has entertained us with his talent, knowledge and humor for yet another entire hunt season. **Dan Jones**, we appreciate you.

Chris Thompson

Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Rod and Angelika O'Donnell. The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00. For directions call the Secretary, Diane Gibbs at 337-6078

Membership Changes

Add:

Ms. Kelsey Slye, Jr. Member
3085 Koffe Lane, Harrisonburg
540-546-2547

Resigned:

Sarah Davis

Hon. Sec. Diane Gibbs

Events of Special Note

Looking Ahead—The Calendar

May

3rd —Hound Day at the Kennels, Social, picnic, fun
24th—Virginia Foxhound Show, Morven Park, Leesburg

June

6th —Glenmore Spring Horse Show (SWVHJA) Mill Creek
14th —Trail Ride & Picnic Social at Bonnie Doon Farm (Angelika & Rod O'Donnell's home)

July

4th —Staunton Parade with Pot Luck Lunch Social following TBA
11 & 12th —Foxhunting Clinic @ Cedar Creek Stables (tentative)

Hound, Horn and Hunting Social

All Glenmore members are reminded that the annual Hound, Horn and Hunting Social will be held May 3, 2009 at the kennel. Starting at 3:00pm, this will be a fun day to learn more about the hounds and what makes them work. Following an introduction to the hounds and an interactive discussion on what makes them work as a pack, everyone will have an opportunity to work with their favorite hound. Prizes will be given to the best junior and adult hound handlers. Following the Hunt by The Sound of the Horn is sure to get your blood running. The day will conclude with a cookout and pot luck picnic to start at 5:30pm. Please bring a side dish and drinks. Call Chris if you want to help provide Brats and Hotdogs.

Guests and any juniors that may be interested in hunting or hounds are welcome

Volunteer for the Spring Horse Show!

Mark your calendar now! The Glenmore Spring Horse Show is coming—Saturday, June 6, at Mill Creek Farm near Port Republic. 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 4 around 4:00 pm to help set up and decorate the jumps.

You don't have to be highly skilled to be a big help. 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—September 5 at Mill Creek.

To volunteer, you can contact me by e-mail at brownhh@jmu.edu or by phone at 540-568-3501 (daytime) or 540-886-6359 (evenings). Thanks for considering it. I hope to see you there!

Hugh Brown

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News from other Hunts

Closing out the Season at Rockbridge

After our own Closing Meet, we had one more opportunity to hunt the elusive fox this season. A group of about 15 Glenmore members traveled down to a joint meet with the Rockbridge Hunt for their Closing Meet at Hunt, Inc. The weather forecast was grim—rain and thunderstorms but it didn't stop about 30 riders from the two clubs from showing up for the meet. Nor did it keep the fox in his den!

Thanks to Cindy Morton, MFH and Whipper-In for the Rockbridge Hunt, for the following:

“David [Conner, Huntsman] started out hacking down the road to the pond. As he turned right up the hill, heading back toward the old Hunt, Inc. barn, hounds took off. They skittered along like wind-blown leaves, darting here and there but always going along. Pretty soon they opened.

I stayed down in the road and could see them at the top of the hill, just below Harer's driveway. They'd really start to go and then one hound would turn back sharply, practically doing a flip to stay with the line. Back and forth, they gradually worked their way toward the barn. When the covert got too thick for me to see . . . I went on to the end of the covert, below the barn. I could hear hounds coming toward me for a while but then they finally struck hard and really made some noise—and they weren't coming toward me.

I debated taking the path through the middle of the covert and decided to backtrack on the road instead. Good decision! I pounded along about halfway back to the pond. Stopped to listen and hounds were right beside me, on the same slope where they'd started. I waited and they continued on but dropping down closer to the road and into another thick patch where I couldn't see, but they were coming toward the road and I thought I might see the fox cross the road. But no.

The fox ran beside the road, staying in the cover until he was around the curve a bit. He crossed where he'd cover the least distance over exposed ground. (Yet another example of the fact that they absolutely know their territory.) Hounds sailed across the road and started up the ridge. Knowing it was a gray fox helped with a few decisions. And David came along. He went up on the ridge and I stayed down in the Galloping Path.

Hounds had some trouble keeping it moving. It was stop-and-start for a while. Then, a pretty good check; I came back out to the pond, hoping I could hear better. David and the field came off the ridge. About then hounds started again, really running on, and we all went down the Galloping Path. We hit the driveway and, just past the Cabin, we turned to go up to the old barn site. Unfortunately, hounds had another check right there and we ended up in their midst. That's just about exactly what you don't want to happen. Hounds struggled to get it moving again . . . but nothing was sustained.”

We followed the hunt with a terrific breakfast by the fire at the Tex Tilson Lodge. We've enjoyed several joint meets with the Rockbridge Hunt this year and it is always a special treat to ride in their unique country and to enjoy their hospitality. Thanks for a great day Rockbridge! We'll be back in the fall!

Hugh Brown

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Virginia Foxhound Show

On Sunday, May 24, the 62nd annual Virginia Show of Foxhounds 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 show starts at 9:00AM and culminates in the late afternoon 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. Another highlight of the day is the junior handlers class at noon where kids from hunt clubs get a chance to show off their hunt's hounds and be judged for their handling skills. It's a real treat.

A special event this year will be the reopening of the Museum of Hounds and Hunting in the Morven Park mansion during the foxhound show. It has been closed for several years due to renovation of the main house. The museum holds a treasure-trove of foxhunting history and memorabilia and is well worth a visit.

The hound show is 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 from other clubs and even make a few new
Hugh Brown



Sally Meyers with “Shell” (photo by her dad, John Meyer)



First riders out, Stacy Thompson and Joe Manning, confer with Pace Corordinator, Jewell Phelps

PIXs from Spring Hunter Pace



Pace food coordinator Jenner Brunk Brunk (left), new member Jr.Kelsey Slye (right)

Masters' Corner: Spring Hunter Pace Great Success!!

The Glenmore Spring Hunter Pace was held on April 18th at *Cottage Hill*, the lovely farm of **Frank and Margaret Henderson**, in Swoope. There were 91 riders. **Jenner Brunk** and helpers provided lunch to over 100 people. Glenmore members won ribbons in all categories.

45 Hilltoppers: Gayle and Lynn Struble came in second.

26 Hunter Optimum: Jenner Brunk and Kelsy Slye and a guest came second. Sara Wood and **Carol Ann O'Conner** earned a third.

8 Junior Optimum: Marlee Putnam and Sheila Jennings collecting the blue. **Sally Meyer** and father, **John Meyer** came in third.

12 trail riders: Sandy Cryder and partner came in fifth.

It was a gorgeous day and I think all enjoyed the ride. This truly became a group effort. A HUGE THANKS to all the helpers; gate watchers, timers food workers, entry persons, trail flaggers and deflaggers, and any one else who helped. As it's said, "It takes a whole village"!!

Jewell

Molly's First Hunter Pace

On April 18 my sister, **Harriet**, and I arrived at *Cottage Hill* for Glenmore's Spring Hunter Pace. (Dan and Jan Jones very kindly agreed to trailer our horses to the event.) My horse, Bishop, was quite excited when he hopped out of the trailer. At first I was a bit nervous about mounting him as I watched him prance around. At the starting area Harriet and I met Ginny Bauman and Bebe Wills who were also riding as Hilltoppers. We agreed to ride together.

We shortly reached some woods and trotted through the shady clearing. The clearing soon became a tight path that lead to a rocky trail. We had to watch closely for the markers to stay on the right trail. As we rode up and down the treacherous ravines, Bishop quickly learned to be a trail blazer avoiding low branches and winding around bigger rocks. At one point Bobby's bridle slipped off— to everyone's surprise. Harriet had to jump off and put it back on. Riding further through fields and streams, Bobby's bridle fell off once more! This time though we were on a road and thankfully there were no cars coming. I dismounted to help Harriet. After a few unsuccessful tries putting the bridle back on Ginny came and helped. By that time another group of riders had joined up with us. Harriet was feeling a bit uneasy about Bobby so the leader of the other group, Lynn, happily traded ponies with Harriet. We set off again and finished the ride relaxed and happy.

There was never more perfect weather and with so little riding lately, I never imagined Bishop would have so much endurance or to be so sensible in tricky situations.

Congratulations and thanks to Glenmore and Cottage Hill for a successful and wonderful Hunter Pace.

Molly Kiers

Molly and Harriet on Bishop and Bobby. Many Thanks to our newest NL contributor.



Stamping Out Coyote Illiteracy

Glenmore Hunt was well represented at a recent program sponsored by the Beverley Manor Ruritan Club. Our landowner member, Charlie Drumheller hosted the event at Beverley Manor Middle School on April 2.

Mike Fies of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and Chad J. Fox of the USDA APHIS-Wildlife Service were the speakers.

Mike presented an overview on the coyote including his breeding and gestation, longevity, and communications methods. His talk included pack size, adaptability, food sources, and the effects on other game.

Chad gave specifics on the coyote's hunting strategy and methods of livestock kill. He discussed the coyote range and the value of livestock lost in Virginia. These included mainly sheep and cattle/calves. Chad explained the USDA's various programs and offered attendees hands-on examples of control methods, including snare and leg trap. He also explained the possible results of a dense coyote population on the red fox.

In addition to Charlie & Vicki Drumheller, Glenmore members attending were Frank Henderson, Graham Pitsenberger, Gerald & Mo Blythe, Chris & Stacy Thompson, Dan & Jan Jones, Angelika O'Donnell, Joe Manning, Julie Bullock, and Dwight & Jewell Phelps.

The conclusion is: whether you pronounce it cy-ote or cy-o-tee, they are here to stay.

Graham Pitsenberger, Hon MFH

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