



Hound, Horn & Hunt Social

After what seemed like endless early May rains, we finally got a break on May 17th and were able to reschedule the annual Glenmore Hound, Horn & Hunt Social. About 32 members and guests—including a few juniors—gathered at the kennels to meet and learn about our foxhounds.

Jt.-Master and Huntsman, **Dan Jones**, instructed the group on hound conformation and the four main types of foxhounds—American, English, Crossbred, and Penn-Marydel. He showed us the different types that are represented in our pack and introduced us to some of the newer Penn-Marydel hounds recently drafted from other hunts. A group of eager juniors and adults then took turns practicing the art of hound showing. After some practice, it was time for a show! A combined junior and adult class was judged by **Gerald Blythe**, **Julie Bullock** and **Lynn Struble** were named best Glenmore Hound Handlers for 2009.

I think the highlight of the show for most of us was when **Garrett Jennings**, not quite two, walked to center-ring and looked like he was judging the class along with Gerald. Perhaps a future huntsman is in the making?

As is usual at successful Glenmore events, we followed the hound show with great food! **Stacy & Chris Thompson** organized the pot-luck and generously donated brats and hot dogs. **Joe Manning** manned the grill and the rest of us took turns stuffing ourselves on the wonderful picnic dishes everyone brought with them.

Thanks to everyone who helped put together the show and social this year—especially Dan for organizing the event; Gerald Blythe for serving as Judge for the show; and the Thompsons for organizing the food. Thanks also to all those who helped spruce up the kennel property and the hounds. Mike Hidecker has been working hard to keep the grass mowed and the kennels looking great. **Jan Jones** and **Cindy Kiser** served as hound shampooers and, with assistance from Jt.-MFH **Jewell Phelps**, gave the hounds a bath in the morning so they would look their best for us at the event! Their grooming skills paid off and the hounds looked terrific.

Here's hoping the Glenmore Hound, Horn & Hunt Social will return again next year. If it does, you won't want to miss it!

Hugh Brown



Garrett Jennings (almost 2) Judges Hound Show. For more pictures, see page 5

Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Cindy Kiser, Verona The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00. For directions call the Secretary, Diane Gibbs, 337-6078, or check the Glenmore Website.

The website has all the updated meeting locations. There is one meeting date available for 2009. If you can host the November 3rd, 2009 meeting, please contact Angelika: 540-249-4200 or a.angelika@att.net

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

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Events of Special Note

Looking Ahead—The Calendar

June

6th —Glenmore Spring Horse Show (SWVHJA) Mill Creek
14th —Trail Ride/Picnic Social: Bonnie Doon Farm (O'Donnell's)

July

4th — July Fourth Staunton Parade and Breakfast Social
25th to 28th — Adult Pony Club Camp, *Misty Oaks Farm*,

August

9th—Charity Trail Ride and Picnic Social

June 14th Trail Ride and Picnic: *Bonnie Doon Farm*

Whether riding or not, come and enjoy an afternoon with friends and neighbors in the beautiful *Bonnie Doon Farm* area on the Middle River. Ride starts at 3:00 PM, Picnic at 6:00 PM. Donations will be accepted for the Glenmore Hounds.

There will be 2 groups; a leisurely walk group and a faster walk, trot, canter group. There will be 2 groups; a leisurely walk group and a faster walk, trot, canter group.

Non-riders are welcome to take a walk or fish along the Middle River or arrive at mealtime. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share* and your favorite protein to grill, drinks, and a chair.

*Please RSVP for a head count and coordinate food with Jenner Brunk 540-421-5053 or <jennerbrunk@gmail.com> For more information or questionable weather contact: Angelika 540-249-4200 or a.angelika@att.net

The Staunton July 4th parade.

All entrants should be in the Gypsy Hill lot no later than 9 A.M. Earlier if you want to get a parking spot for your trailer. Parade starts at 10 am. More details later.

I need a head-count ASAP so I can fill out the entry correctly if Glenmore wants to do this parade again this year.

Please email or call me NOW with the following info:

1. I will ride my horse in the parade
2. I will walk in the parade
3. I do not wish to participate in the parade

If walking:

4. I am willing to scoop
5. I am willing to carry the Glenmore Banner

Sandy Cryder, VArussellrescue@gmail.com 540-421-2511

2009 Year-to-Date Glenmore Hunt Pony Club Update

2009 has proven to be a very busy, yet successful, year for our pony club community. We started off the year with the Quiz Rally. GHPC participants were Cady van Assendelft and Maddy Silwowski who achieved a fourth place finish in their division. The Rising Star division participants were Kendall Benner and Emily van Assendelft, and they also finished fourth overall. Cady also qualified to participate in the United States Pony Club Nationals this summer to be held in Lexington, VA at the Virginia Horse Center.

In early April Kaye and Kendall Benner, Emily and Cady van Assendelft, Casey Lowe, **Lucy Gordon** and **Allie Farley** participated in a dressage clinic that proved to be beneficial, as reflected in their scores from the Dressage Rally held April 18th through the 19th. Kaye Benner, Melissa Davick and Sydney Scrogam finished eighth in Horse Management. Kendall Benner finished second in the Rising Start division overall and sixth as an individual in Intro Tests A & B. Melissa Davick finished third as an individual in Training 2 and second in Training 4.

Glenmore Hunt Pony Club also hosted a Cross Country Clinic with Tony Russell which Allie Farley, Lucy Gordon, Casey Lowe, Kendall and Kaye Benner, Cady and Emily van Assendelft participated in. The weekend of May 16th through the 17th Melissa Davick, Kaye Benner and Casey Lowe participated in the Eventing Rally held at Deep Run Hunt and won the entire rally! Allie Farley who also participated in the rally on another team won the Frank Bierman Perpetual Trophy aboard her trusty mount, Gabe! This trophy has only been won by two Glenmore Hunt Pony Club members **Emily Helmick-Guyer** and now Allie Farley who both won this trophy on their foxhunting mounts Glenmore Kennedy and Gabe!

Next up for the pony clubber's is their annual Pony Club Camp to be held at Penmerryal Farm in Greenville, VA on June 9th through the 11th. The Pony Clubber's will go from camp straight to Show Jumping Rally held on June 13th and 14th at the Virginia Horse Center. The week of July 23rd through the 26th the kids who have qualified for the United States Pony Club Nationals will be heading back down the road to the Virginia Horse Center for that competition.

Glenmore Hunt Club adult members: Don't miss out on Adult Pony Club Camp, to be held the last week of July at *Misty Oaks Farm* in Staunton. This is fun, provides a great opportunity to improve riding skills with a wide variety of instructors, and is an important fund raiser for The Glenmore Pony Club. Contact Glenmore Hunt Club member **Marjorie Hays** for more information!

Emily Helmick-Guyer

May 1, 2009: News reached us that Topper (Trick or Treat) joined Sarah Lisa in pony heaven today. Please keep Kemper Knoll students and staff in your prayers.

Jakki

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Member Profile: John Meyer

John has been a Glenmore member since December of 2007. It's been a great pleasure to get to know him and his beautiful horse, Max. Always "properly attired", John adds fun, conversation, and a few laughs to our equestrian activities—not to mention another masculine addition to our riding membership. John started riding in high school—he claims because of a girlfriend who was into showing. As we all know, if you ever want to see your equestrienne girlfriend, you have to go where you'll find her—the horse barn!

As college, work and family gained precedence, John stopped riding. About 10 years ago, the Meyer family moved to Virginia and daughter, Sally, took up riding at *Kemper Knoll* farm under the tutelage of Darlene Kemper, a Glenmore Hunt member. Soon Darlene had convinced John to take up riding again.

The Meyers bought Max from the Randolph Macon riding program so Sally would have a show horse. Unfortunately, Max didn't seem cut out for the show ring and on top of that, got sick and was out of action for a couple of months. As a result, they leased a horse for Sally to use for the rest of the show season. Max got better and John started riding him.

In October of 2006, Brooke Kemper took John out hunting with Glenmore. He remembers **Graham Pitsenberger** and **Hugh Sproul** from that hunt. John had not been riding much up to that point so was proud to stay on when Max jumped the stream and thundered up the wooded hill. Max was breathing close on the rump of Hugh's horse and was so out of control that John actually did a VOLUNTARY dismount because he didn't think he'd be able to stop Max. His stopping skills have much improved since then.

At the time, the Meyers didn't have a truck and trailer so John didn't go hunting for a while after this first opportunity. Because "we needed a truck and trailer to take Sally to shows", he searched and found a used truck and bought a horse trailer. (That's his "cover story" and he's sticking to it!)

There are many things John enjoys about hunting, but meeting people is a major reason he likes foxhunting. Of course, learning how MFH, **Dan Jones** hunts the hounds is also high attractions of the sport. He likes being out in the beautiful Glenmore country in all kinds of weather and the thrill of galloping full speed can't be beat for a real adrenaline rush. Besides foxhunting, John is a soccer fan and coached his son from the time Ted was 6 years old. **Courtland**, his wife is a Speech Pathologist for the Harrisonburg and Madison Services boards but she is also musical (with flute playing in her history.) **Ted**, his 18-year-old son, is finishing high school and applying to colleges. He wants to be a journalist and is very much into politics. **Sally**, named after her paternal Grandmother, is 16 years old and a junior at Spotswood High School. She shows her mare in hunter shows and is taking lessons at Kemper Knoll Farm.

Welcome to all the Meyer family!

Sandy Cryder

Glenmore Hunt Pony Club Adult Camp: July 25th to JULY 28th!!

Two months away!! Camp will be here before you know it! Plan to come join us for all the fun . . . as well as the learning experience. This will be our tenth year and it will again be held at *Misty Oaks Farm* in Staunton.

Experience a great line-up of instructors:

*Mike Armstrong of McDowell; *Gordon Reistrup of Lexington; *Luanne Leonard; *Sarah Dean Duncan.

More information on camp will be forthcoming. Check the July Newsletter but write the dates on your calendars. This is going to be another wonderful camp session. Hope to see you all *at Misty Oaks* this year!! You won't want to miss this one!!

Call **Marge Hays** at 886-6081 to register for more early details.



Julie Bullock, pictured above, was named Glenmore's Best Hound Handler for 2009 along with **Lynn Struble**.

Boarding: Pasture board on private farm, with shelter, individual feeding and riding ring. Swoope area, close to Glenmore Hunt fixtures and National Forrest trails.

Call Diane Gibbs at 337-6078 for more details.

Free Lease: Hunt Horse Plus Companion

I no longer have time to Hunt "Eaerhart" and would like to find someone who would like to hunt her and keep her on their farm. I also have another Arabian who is available to go with her as a babysitter. No monthly lease fee, but shoes, feed, and any vet bills would be the responsibility of the lessee. The Arab (Vision) is a low maintenance mare. Anyone interested is welcome to call me at 434 953 5811 or email kkanejoyce@yahoo.com

Kate Kane-Joyce

For Sale: Good Hunt Prospect

Winsome: 6yr. old Hanoverian/TB, 15.3 hands. Has had two foals. Green, but quiet, willing and brave. Loads, clips, bathes, ties. Nice mover, lots of potential. Has hunter paced. \$3200. obo. Winsome is shown in the photo to the right.

This is only one of five good hunt prospects that are being offered for sale, please call the seller, (Christy: findahorse@gmail.com) or contact Jakki or Anne for a complete list.



Gerald Blythe judges Glenmore's Hound Show with the able assistance of **Garrett Jennings**.

Gray Gables Farm Victim of Burglary

Friday night, May 8th the tack room of Grey Gables Farm was burglarized. A total of over \$20,000 worth of tack and equipment was taken. We are completely at a loss, both professionally and emotionally, and are asking the equine community to be on the lookout for anyone attempting to sell used tack without proper identification.

If you have any information or suspicions at all PLEASE contact us at 540-887-8440 and ask for Nicole. Also, please pass this post around to your friends and spread the word to anyone in the Central Shenandoah Valley to keep a close eye on their own equipment. Hopefully, the thieves will be caught and we will all be able to breathe a little easier.

Thank you,
Nicole Frazer and all of the Grey Gables family



Master's Corner

It is slightly more than three months before we start hunting. For some it may seem a long way off. For others twelve weeks seems not so far away. However, the time between now and the first day of cubbing is as important as any other part of the season. Successful horse shows, the hunt clinic, and other fundraising events are crucial. Volunteering to help and participation are important to keeping our hounds fed and dues reasonable.

The June and August trail rides, as well as the hunt clinic are excellent times to introduce potential new members to GHC. I would challenge each member to invite a friend or neighbor to the ride and/or picnic social. It gives them an opportunity to learn about us without the intimidating thought of also doing something maybe quite foreign to horse and rider. Both of these rides will not only give a chance for a good time and good food, but also an inside look at some of the potential territory that we don't hunt at the present time.

Keep in mind that there are several hounds to be retired from the pack to make way for younger hounds. While they may never totally give up their hunting instincts, they are basically loving and loyal. With the proper quarters, they can make a good companion. Let me know if you are interested.

Dan

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