



Guess Who's In the News?

Congratulations to Glenmore Hunt President **Chris Thompson** for being selected to coach both the Buffalo Gap High School baseball *and* golf teams in 2009-2010! In case you missed it, the *Daily News Leader* ran a very nice story on Chris's promotion and his dedication to high school student athletes. Anyone who spends time with Chris knows that he loves working with kids as much or more than he likes foxhunting and, of course, the kids love him as much as we do. Congrats Chris and Go Gap!

You can check out the whole story on the web:
<http://www.newsleader.com/article/20090715/HSSPORTS05/907150330/1006/SPORTS>



Membership Update

The Glenmore Hunt Membership Committee welcome proposals for new members. Current Glenmore members may propose prospective hunt and non-hunt members in accordance with our By-Laws by contacting the Membership Committee. Proposal letters shall include reasons why the prospective member should be invited to join the club. Please contact **Joe Manning**, Chairperson, **Bebe Wills**, or **Jenner Brunk** if you have questions regarding or proposals for membership.

During the July membership meeting, Diana Hicks was proposed for immediate hunt status and will be voted on during our August meeting. Diana was proposed by **Jewell Phelps, MHF**; **Cindy Kiser**, and Joe Manning who have all hunted with her during the past hunt season. If you have information to share regarding Diana's proposal, please plan to attend the next Glenmore Hunt general membership meeting on August 4th.

Joe Manning

This is a good time for a special thanks to all the members that have kindly hosted a meeting in their home. As you know, it is so pleasant to meet in someone's home. To host a meeting there are no expectations or elaborate preparations necessary other than providing a room, table (if available) and some seating (whether it be chairs or steps) for about 10-15 people. The timeframe is the first Tuesday of the month for 3 hours from 7-10 pm, which includes 2 hours for the meetings and maybe an hour of socializing afterwards. Opening your home, like breaking bread together, strengthens our member relationships and friendships. It would be really great to see some new names and some that haven't hosted in a while on the list.

If you would like to host the November 3, 2009 or a 2010 meeting at your home, or have any questions, please reply to this e-mail or contact me at 540-249-4200 or a.angelika@att.net. Meeting locations/hosts information is always available and updated 24/7 on our website's "Calendar" page.

Angelika O'Donnell

Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held on August 4th at the home of Jenner Brunk
158 Wayside Drive
Weyers Cave

The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00.

For directions call Jenner at 234-7614

No Membership Changes

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

Looking Ahead—The Calendar

August

9th—Charity Trail Ride and Picnic Social

September

5th—Glenmore Fall Horse Show
12th Cubbing season Breakfast/tailgate

October

10th—Glenmore Hunt Ball (tentative)

Summer Trail Ride & Picnic Social

Sunday, August 09, 2009 Arrive 3:00, Mounted & Ready to Ride at 3:30, Picnic starts at 6:00 PM

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- ✍ Whether riding or not, come and enjoy an afternoon with friends and neighbors in the beautiful Bonnie Doon Farm area on the Middle River.
- ✍ Donations will be accepted for the Glenmore Hounds
- ✍ 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, your favorite protein to grill, drinks and 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 the day of: Call Huntline 540-885-7004 after 12 noon. Or contact: Angelika O'Donnell 540-249-4200 or a.angelika@att.net

Volunteer for the Fall Horse Show!

The Glenmore Fall Horse Show is coming—Saturday, September 5, 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, September 2 around 4:00pm to help set up and decorate the jumps.

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)

Hugh Brown

Remembering Max

Max came to my family when my daughter, Sally, had outgrown her pony. Sally showed him in the hunter ring for about a year. Max tended to get more excited over fences than the hunter judges liked and he would stop if the rider peeked at the jump, but they did well competing against some of the packer ponies at the local shows.

In the summer of 2007, Max became mine. I began to consider a long dormant dream of fox hunting. Eventually, three things help us develop our partnership into one of the most satisfying of my life; **Julie Bullock** wisely noted that Max needed to be in first flight, **Sandy Cryder** graciously allowed me to “park” Max right behind Half Pint and we determined that Max suffered from ulcers and addressed this painful condition.

By the fall of 2008, Max and I were completely synchronized. He could still be a little grumpy at times and he expected me to do my job (“Keep your eyes up over these coops or I’m stopping!”), but when we were on a run, getting into two point over that beautifully smooth canter was a thrill I will never forget.

Max surprised us with the depth of feeling he could display. Max was fiercely loyal to Topper, a retired show pony now very old and nearly blind. If Max was led out to pasture before Topper, Max would stand at the gate and protest loudly until his pasture pal was brought to him.

Topper passed away in the early spring. A few days later, I led Max out to his field. He stopped at the top of the hill, looked about and then whinnied quietly. He repeated this several times and then heaved a sigh and began to graze.

After hunting season was over, Max had a bout of colic the day after the hunter pace at Cottage Hill. He was medicated for this condition and ulcers.

On Wednesday, July 1, I received the call that every horse owner dreads, Max had a severe case of colic and, even with surgery, the prognosis was not good. I had to make the difficult decision to end his pain.

Max rests in a Kemper Knoll field near his friend Topper. Our relationship was all too brief, but many more years of hunting with Max would not have diminished the joy I derived from our partnership.

John Meyer



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America's Birthday Celebration; Staunton Parade



Foxhunting is steeped in tradition and one of Glenmore's special traditions is to march in Staunton's Independence Day Parade in Gypsy Hill Park. **Jt.-MFH Dan Jones** and the Glenmore hounds led a crew of Glenmore members on horseback and on foot, proudly representing the club to the admiring public. Representatives of the club were cheered on by family, friends, and current members of Glenmore as we made our way down Thornrose Avenue and around Constitution Drive lined with parade-goers. Our hats and helmets come off to **Sandy Cryder**, who once again organized Glenmore Hunt's involvement in this great public relations activity.

Following the parade, and once our hounds and horses were cooled off and resting comfortably, Glenmore Hunt members and guests gathered for an overflowing potluck tailgate hosted by the Social Committee. While relaxing under the shade trees next to LakeTams, we reconnected with friends and made some new ones. Stories of past hunt seasons were exchanged while excitement about the upcoming cubbing season helped us pass the time.

Joe Manning

GLENMORE HUNT CLUB FOXHUNTING CLINIC

The Foxhunting Clinic was held on, July 11th 2009 at Cedar Creek Stables. Well organized by **Linnette Coaker** and **Carol Ann O'Connor**, it attracted 23 horses and riders of varying abilities, including Glenmore members **Jenner Brunk**, **Cindy Kiser**, **Dwight Phelps**, **Marlee Putnam** and **Joanne VanSiclen**. Linnette and Carol Ann each instructed a group with **jt. MFH Dan Jones** instructing the third group. They were ably assisted by **Mo Blyth**, **Jan Jones**, **Joe Manning**, **Stacy Thompson** and **Sara Wood**. **Hugh Brown** and **Angelika O'Donnell** provided assistance both before and after the event, which was appreciated very much. A special thank you goes to Melyni Worth and her staff for allowing us to use her superb facility. The following is an account of the day as seen through the eyes of Junior Member **Marlee Putnam**.

Every year Glenmore's Foxhunter's Clinic is different. This year's clinic was held at beautiful Cedar Creek Stables in Staunton. I rode my grandmother's (**Jewell Phelps**) horse, Skip. And for those that don't know Skip, he's not the most forward of horses. I know Skip really well and was feeling pretty confident. My grandfather, **Dwight Phelps**, who was riding his relatively new horse Valiant, and I decided to be in group two, which I concluded was the equivalent to second flight in the hunt field. We started out the morning in the ring, where **Jan Jones** and **Linnette Coaker** had us to do a line of jumps while staying in two-point through the line. Everyone did well in the beginning, but as the jumps got bigger, problems started arising for some people. It seemed like most of the horses had to be held back (especially my granddad's). My problem was I couldn't get Skip going fast enough! There was one point when he went too slow, so when we jumped the last jump in the line, a small oxer, it sent me flying out my saddle, stirrups gone, and when I landed I was half way up his neck! I gained my composure and got back up in the saddle, but I was definitely not expecting that to happen. Other than that, the morning went by fast and I had no more problems.

Next we went out on the cross country course where **Carol Ann O'Conner** and **Stacy Thompson** gave us pointers about riding in the open field. We started out trotting in a huge circle around Carol Ann and Stacy. We were suppose to keep our horses at a steady pace in order to practice control in rougher terrain. Carol Ann reminded me about keeping my heels down and Stacy had to remind me to breath and relax. I think we all did really well, especially when we all started jumping, we didn't do anything big, but we were learning about control more than big jumps. Again, Skip was one of the hardest to keep going fast enough, no surprise. But Carol Ann and Stacy did a really good job and I had so much fun being out there with them.

After lunch, we were treated to a slide show (prepared by **Hugh Brown**) of beautiful pictures from previous Glenmore events. **MFH Dan Jones** gave a talk on Foxhunting and how he uses the hunt horn to communicate with the hounds and staff. We also had a presentation from Master Saddle Fitter Ann Mary Bettenson.. Then it was time for the mock hunt. We tacked up and assembled into groups. I joined the second flight (led by Linnette Coaker) to begin with, but after Skip bucked going up a hill, I joined Joe Manning and the hill topper group. But all in all, it was another great clinic. So Kudos to all who helped! It was an awesome clinic that I'm sure everyone enjoyed!

Marlee Putman



Masters' Corner

Although it is only the first of August, I feel that the summer is waning and fall cubbing will soon be upon us. The dynamics of the pack are still changing. It will be interesting to see how the new entry, second year hounds as well as some new drafts meld together this year with the older faithful. If last year can be used as an indicator, I think that we will be in for some good hound work. That answer though will not be finalized until some time next spring.

About this time of year the question is, "When will hound exercise start?" As you are aware, the past couple of years we have changed this. With the new entry and drafts the first order of business is to build these hounds' confidence, trust, and rapport in a quiet and controlled setting, thus the first part of mounted exercise is restricted. Once this is accomplished mounted hound exercise will be open to members. Check the hunt line for this information around mid August. In the meantime, take this time as a chance to sharpen those skills of horse and rider that make for a safer and more enjoyable day in the hunting field.

Dan

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