



## Masters' Corner

With cubbing well underway, it has been interesting to observe the changing dynamics of the pack. Several new hounds have been introduced. They are doing well in their new territory and have folded into the pack without skipping a beat. **Oprah**, entered last year and sponsored by **Joe Manning**, demonstrated great steadiness at the recent Deere Run meet. While Deere Run got its name from Daniel Croft's favored tractor brand, the fixture produced a sea of white tails at our first meet there. While it kept staff vigilant, I am glad to be able to say that all hounds were steady, even as deer rose in their midst. Hopefully, cooler temperatures and added moisture will bring improved scenting conditions and the white will only be on the tip of smaller tails.

While I don't get to observe a lot of the goings on in the field, I can't help but notice new horses under familiar riders as well as new riders. Although we have been out but a few times, I can see horses as well as riders getting more familiar with the sport. For your new horses, now is the time to bring them on gently. For new riders, I encourage you to observe, read, and learn as much as possible about the sport as you introduce your horse to foxhunting. As you learn more about the quarry, the hounds, and the country, it will broaden your understanding of how it all goes together.

As we go about our hunting we also need to keep in mind that foxhunting is under continuing attack from the anti-hunting groups, most notably HSUS and PETA. These two groups have joined forces to become the largest animal rights collation in the world with an annual budget of well over \$130,000,000. While Virginia has had a strong hunting heritage, we need to keep in mind that the demographics of the state are changing. Each year the percentage people that have any real association with the more rural and agrarian aspects of Virginia are declining. Meanwhile there is a well organized and financed effort by those opposed to any hunting, let alone hunting by use of dogs.

We need to thank the Virginia Foxhound Club for their efforts over the past year to protect the sport of foxhunting. They were instrumental in working with the delegates to see that numerous pieces of legislation proposed that would be detrimental to the sport were changed or stopped. They worked with wildlife, sociologic and statical research professionals to produce an in depth review of the results of the "Hunting with Hounds" study. This resulted in disclosing so many biased results that the study itself has been withdrawn by VDGIF. Additionally, they had a Va. Constitutional review done that can be used to support the foxhunters' positions, most notably the right to retrieve. Last year VFC raised nearly \$80,000 for these lobbying and research efforts. Glenmore supported these efforts through the contributions of some of our members. Knowing that this is an ongoing effort, I feel that Glenmore needs to continue to support this effort to the extent possible, not only financially, but in being prepared to express our desires to delegates and senators as well as educating those around us about foxhunting. Each of us has something that we can contribute to preserve foxhunting.

Dan

*Support your Hound*  
*Remember to send a fall gift to your "special Hound" as*  
*a reward for all the pleasure they bring to our hunts.(ed)*



## Secretary's Corner

The October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Berk and Lee Pemberton

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

For directions call 886-5571

No Membership Changes

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

## Events of Special Note

### Looking Ahead—The Calendar

#### October

10<sup>th</sup>—Glenmore Invitational Hunt/ Western Day at *Deere Run*, 8AM

20<sup>th</sup>—Glenmore Hosts VHW at *Walnut Grove*, 9AM

31<sup>st</sup>—Opening Hunt and Breakfast Social

#### November

22<sup>nd</sup>— Fall Hunter Pace (rain date: Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

### Planning to Attend Opening Hunt?

The Glenmore Hunt Club will host our Opening Hunt on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Social Committee is making plans for this catered Hunt Breakfast and looks forward to a fun gathering of members, guests, and neighbors. Please contact Joe Manning, [manningjp@jmu.edu](mailto:manningjp@jmu.edu), (540) 886-6359, or (540) 290-2423 to make your reservation.

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### A Gathering to Remember Margot Case, MFH

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
5 PM  
Shenandoah Farms

Margot is a past MFH of both the Glenmore Hunt and the Middlebrook Hounds. There will be a short program, including an opportunity for those who wish to share their memories of Margot with others. (Please bring stories to share!!!) This will be followed by an informal mingling with light refreshments. We hope you will all join us in remembering such a special lady! If anyone has old pictures or video that they would like to share on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact Kiki, or just bring them along. Kiki's email address is [dappirhorse@yahoo.com](mailto:dappirhorse@yahoo.com).

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## Fall Horse Show Review

Finally! We got a gorgeous day for a horse show. Does anyone remember the last time that happened? The promise of sun and low humidity brought out 47 riders and 61 horses to Mill Creek Farm for our second show of the year. Everyone agreed that it was a good turnout in these difficult economic times.

It takes a large and dedicated team to put on a good horse show, so there are many Glenmore members who should be recognized for their efforts. On Thursday before the event, course designer Luanne Leonard directed the Glenmore set-up crew to construct a very inviting course and we got lots of compliments on it. Thanks to **Dan & Jan Jones** and **Linnette & John Coaker** for once again cutting and hauling the cedar for decoration and for helping stuff the jumps. **Sandy & John Cryder, Kay Frye, Marge Hays, and Joe Manning** were also of huge assistance with the dirty and prickly job of jump setup and decorating. I've forgotten who chased away the mice and toads from inside one of the jumps—thank you!

Behind the scenes, **Angelika O'Donnell** edited the prize list, posted it to our website, and send out countless email messages. Marge Hays generated a lot of the necessary SWVHJA show paperwork and typed up the results.

We had a great team of officials for the show and things ran very smoothly all day. Judy Spitzer was our judge, Diane Hinch returned as secretary, and Molly Moore served as our announcer. We also had a great non-member volunteer for the day who helped in the secretary's stand—Michelle Huffer. Michelle volunteered all day at the spring show and then came back to help us again this fall. Thanks Michelle!

Glenmore members were out in force on show day to help make the show go smoothly. Sandy Cryder and **Brenda Simmons** shared the complex task of tracking the jump order and keeping the riders moving in and out of the ring. Jan Jones, **Cindy Kiser**, Joe Manning, **John Meyer, Jewell Phelps, Campbell Thompson, Bebe Wills** and **Joanne VanSiclen** all helped ringside—serving as gatekeepers and/or ring crew for different parts of the long day.

**Stacy Thompson** served as our medical staff person—all day! Thankfully, we didn't need her medical expertise. Both Stacy Thompson and Joe Manning put in 12-hour days at the show and I am deeply grateful for their help and support.

**Molly** and **Harriett Kiers** returned as our ribbon presenters for the third Glenmore show in a row and they really seem to love it!

**Emily Guyer** and **Bob Heitler** both brought horses and coached their students at the show. Thanks to both for helping to swell the entry box!

The show isn't over until the host venue is cleaned up. A huge thanks goes to Linnette and John Coaker, Joanne VanSiclen, Joe Manning, and John Meyer for pulling all the cedar out of the jumps, bagging the trash, and a host of other clean-up details.

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped in big and small ways to pull off this important fundraising event for Glenmore.

*-Hugh Brown*

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## Counting Blessings—The First Day of Cubbing

We are so fortunate and blessed to live and foxhunt in the Shenandoah Valley. The Glenmore Hunt Club experienced firsthand how beautiful and peaceful our territory is on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Walnut Grove offered great vistas from which to observe hounds doing what they love so much. Once situated on the hillside behind Walnut Grove, the field had a bird's-eye view of the cornfield below where Dan cast the hounds. I've heard it said that during the cubbing season, the riders are there for the hounds, and during the formal season the hounds are there for the riders!

Our first day of cubbing served to introduce new horses, hounds, and foxhunters to the sport we so enjoy. The field of twenty included active members, prospective members, guests, and recently proposed members to Glenmore. We enjoyed the chilly Saturday morning following ~~ing~~ **following Dan Jones, j-MFH** and Huntsman who was whipped-

in by **Jan Jones, Sara Wood, Linnette Coaker, and Julie Bullock. Jewell Phelps, j-MFH; Mike Hidecker, Kennelman; and Hugh Brown** followed the field as car followers.

**Jenner Brunk** once again organized a fantastic fall tailgate and providing wonderful breakfast quiches, homemade individual grape pies, and roasted vegetable straight from the garden. Thank you to everyone who made our first day of cubbing a successful kick off to our season.

Joe Manning



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### Learning your way around the Tailgates and the Breakfasts

Please remember that the Glenmore Hunt Club has three different kinds of gatherings after foxhunting: Pot Luck Tailgate takes place after each hunt unless noted on the Fixture Card. During a Pot Luck Tailgate we gather to enjoy the food and drink provided by those participating. On occasion we also have Organized Tailgates indicated as (t) on our Fixture Card where a couple members join forces to provide the tailgate for the hunt. And finally our most formal hunts are followed by a Hunt Breakfast indicated on the Fixture Card as (B) where reservations are required as the event is typically catered. The Social Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with Organized Tailgate Socials and Hunt Breakfasts. *We are currently seeking a few volunteers to help organize the tailgate planned for October 20th as Glenmore will be hosting VHW. Please contact me if you can assist.*

Joe Manning

Social Committee Tri-Chair

## Landowners Appreciation Dinner Party

The Landowners' Appreciation Dinner Party was held on August 29, 2009 on the lawn at the home of **Julie A. Bullock, D.V.M.** in Mt. Sidney, Va. **Jt. MFHs Jewell Phelps** and **Dan Jones** welcomed 57 guests to the Hawaiian-themed party on the beautifully prepared setting. As each guest arrived he or she was presented with a lei, which added to the festivities. Many of the guests were arrayed in Hawaiian attire, including one of the Masters who surprised everyone by wearing a Hawaiian print shirt.

Although the clouds were threatening rain it did not, and it was cool enough that the fire pit became quite an attraction later in the evening. The main course of eye of the round and pork loin was supplemented by a variety of contributions from Glenmore's fine cooks and bakers. At this harvest season there was truly an abundance of good things to eat.

**Dr. Bullock** was presented with the Glenmore colors by the Masters, but had to undergo some good-natured teasing about a certain small pony before they were awarded to her. Several landowner families and some prospective members joined the Glenmore members for a memorable evening as a good time was had by all.

*Jan Jones*



*Clockwise: Gerald and Mo Blyth; Jan Jones demonstrates hula-hooping to Eliza Kiers; Landowners: Dick Obenschain and John Kiers.*



*Above: Joint Masters Dan Jones and Jewell Phelps present Glenmore Colors to Dr. Julie Bullock.*



## Lesson Learned (Again)

When I first started hunting again after college, I made the newcomer's mistake of forgetting to verify the meet location, time, etc one bright sunny morning. As it turns out, it was raining cats and dogs at the kennels, and the day's meet had been cancelled. I, of course, was waiting at *Springbrook*, wondering where everyone was! Oops.

Well, guess what? I did it again! On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the sun shown brightly and I was very excited about a day of cubbing. The fixture card stated *Bellvue*, but once there, I had memories of my early morning sojourn to *Springbrook* ten years ago. Either no one else wanted to foxhunt that day or I was at the wrong place at the wrong time. Enter the search for the cell phone. Oops. That was left at the in-laws the evening before. Hmmmm. So, I drove haphazardly by *Mountainside* hoping that maybe folks would be gathering there. No such luck. The time was now 7:50 AM, so I drove by *Willow Pond Farm* to retrieve my cell phone and check the hunt line. That was when I learned that my trusty stead and I were supposed to be at *Deere Run*! Oops.

Hopefully, all my fellow friends will learn from my mistakes and avoid similar disappointments by remembering to check the hunt line—even on bright, sunny mornings!

*Jakki*

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