



History Committee Social

The Hunt's History Committee, chaired by Honorary MFH, **Hugh Sproul**, hosted a dinner and social event at the Belle Grae Inn on Sunday evening, November 22nd. The purpose of the event, in addition to providing an evening of fellowship and memories, was to recognize those current and former members who helped save Glenmore Hunt in the mid-1990's and who helped in the establishment of the Glenmore Foundation.

Thirty-five people attended the social, twenty-one of whom are current Hunt members. Many of the others were past Hunt members. Twenty-five of the attendees are Foundation stockholders. It was wonderful to see so many of the former Glenmore Hunt members who were vital in saving the Hunt from being taken over and modified in a manner inconsistent with its long history and community involvement. It was also good to see those who participated in establishing a method of assuring the Hunt would always have a home.

Graham Pitsenberger, H-MFH, gave a slide presentation about the recent history of Glenmore Hunt and the rationale for establishing the Glenmore Foundation. His presentation included a summary and several photos of the property clean-up and improvements. He emphasized the tremendous involvement of most Hunt Club members, frequently showing them in work clothes. Anecdotes were plentiful. He recognized many of the people present for their individual contributions to Glenmore including **Charlie Drumheller**, Dr. Mary O'Brien, and Gigi and Joe Kelly, Diane Hinch, **"T" Stewart** and Darlene Kemper.

Graham's presentation pointed out the reason for establishing the Glenmore Foundation. Since the 1930's, various kennel properties were owned by individuals or by the Hunt. The properties failed to be permanent due to death, financial reasons, change of Hunt leadership, or development. This always caused an upheaval and interruption in the Hunt. After the Glenmore Hunt was a functioning organization again in the mid-1990's, the death of landowner, *Mrs. Agnes Bush*, on whose land the kennels were located, punctuated the need for a permanent home for the Hunt. Graham and a few others established the Glenmore Foundation, Inc. It provided a vehicle through the sale of stock to provide funds to purchase property that could be leased to the Hunt for a long term. The only commonality between the Glenmore Foundation and the Glenmore Hunt is the name, Glenmore. They are separate organizations governed and funded in different manners according to Virginia Corporate Law.

The Foundation is a Virginia stock corporation that sells shares of stock for \$100 per share. Money from the original stock sales provided the down payment on the Mount Solon kennel property. It was facilitated by the purchase of adjoining property by Joe and Gigi Kelly (former Glenmore Hunt members). Since the real estate purchase, the proceeds from the stock sales are used to reimburse the Hunt Club for capital improvements to the property. The Foundation cannot reimburse the Hunt for operating expenses or to repay the Hunt's loan.

Many of the stockholders have bought stock in the names of their children and grandchildren. It should be made clear that even though the stock increases in value as the property value increases, it should not be purchased as a financial investment, but as an investment in the long-term future of the Hunt.

Other members of the History Committee are **Brenda Simmons**, **Hugh Brown**, **"T" Stewart**, and **Jean Viel**.

Jeanne Pitsenberger

Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Graham and Jeanne Pitsenberger.

177 Idlewood Blvd.
Staunton, VA 24401
540-885-6589

e-mail: foxpits@ntelos.net

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

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to Welcome the following as members of the Glenmore Hunt

Dr. Pamela Ann Conn
1399 Roman Road
Mt. Sidney, VA 24467
(540) 886-0529

Miss Dasha Hawkins
1113 Stocker Street
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 887-9892

Ms. Virginia Horne
19288 Silcott Springs Road
Purcellville, VA 20132
(540) 338-7568

Miss. Gaberial Baccino
24 North Jefferson Street
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 784-4021

Events of Special Note

Looking Ahead—The Calendar

December

12th—Christmas Party, Cindy Kiser's farm

January 2010

30th—Beat the Winter Blues Social, Irish Alley, Staunton



Celebrate the Christmas Season with Glenmore

Planning to Attend the Christmas Party? The Social Committee is looking forward to celebrate the holiday season with you on Saturday, December 12th at the home of **Cindy Kiser, Riverspring Farm, Verona.**

For planning purposes please contact Joe Manning: manningjp@jmu.edu. (540) 568-3476 or (540) 290-2423 to make your reservation. At the same time let us know what holiday favorites you plan to bring.



Glenmore News® is published by Glenmore Hunt, Inc. for distribution to members and friends of Glenmore.™

Postmaster: Send address changes to: *Glenmore News*, Glenmore Hunt, Inc., P.O. Box 396, Staunton, VA 24402-0396.

Publication Date: 25th of each month.

Contribution Deadline: 20th of the month.

Editors: Anne Avery & Jakki Avery

Email: anneavery@hughes.net or aaavery@comcast.net

Glenmore Hunt Board of Directors 2009-2010

Christopher Thompson, *President*

Col Hugh B. Sproul, III,

Vice President

Diane Gibbs, *Honorary Secretary*

Julie Bullock, *Treasurer*

G. Daniel Jones,

Master of Foxhounds

Jewell S. T. Phelps,

Master of Foxhounds

Janet Jones,

Member at large (Hunt Status)

Brenda Simmons

Member at large (Hunt Status)

Darrell Hurst

Member at large (Non-hunt Status)

Robert C. Heitler,

Member of large (Non-hunt Status)

Glenmore™ makes no representations, warranties or assurances as to the accuracy of the information in this publication.

Glenmore Hunt WebSite:

<http://www.glenmorehunt.org>

Member Profile: Berk Pemberton

As a kid, Berk would visit his Aunts and ride their horses—he'd grab "some old nag" and ride double up in the mountains. He took some hunter jumper lessons, but found his real interest was being in the outdoors riding on trails and across the fields.

While going to college at Hampton Sydney, Berk met Lee. Lee's grandfather would go to livestock sales and bring home horses, often chosen by color. Lee, Berk, and some of his friends would try to get them rideable enough to sell. One horse he brought home was friskier than the usual "old gray mare" bought at the sale. Lee came home and decided she was going to ride it—got stepped on, injured, and was laid up at home for a while. This gave Berk the opportunity to get to know his future wife better.

While living in Virginia the Pemberton's had all kinds of horses from 1/2 Arabs to Quarter Horses and walking horses; but when they bought their present home near Staunton, they fell in love with the Missouri Foxtrotters they now ride. They started doing hunter paces and met several folks who convinced them to try foxhunting. So they enrolled in the Glenmore foxhunting clinic in 2008, got some capping certificates and gave it a try. Berk got hooked. Lee enjoyed it but her horse didn't.

Berk and Lee have had a number of interesting hobbies. They kept a sailboat in Maine and, during the summers, stayed every weekend on the boat and cruised the coast. Winters were spent skiing—cross country and downhill in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. They enjoyed backpacking and mountain climbing on Mt. Rainier and Mt. Saint Helens while Berk was in the Army. He served in the Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis.

They have two daughters, Rosalie Fessier, an attorney in Staunton and new Glenmore member, Mary Lee Pemberton McDavid, an optometrist in Waynesboro.

Berk's "someday dream" is to be able to spend more time traveling to various places to donate dental services. He already goes to S.W. Virginia to under-served communities to provide needed dentistry when his schedule permits.

~Sandy

How's the Hunting

Glenmore's hounds are providing really good sport again this year. On one very warm day in Swoope the hounds opened only a couple of hundred yards from the trailers and a ran a pair of coyotes for almost two hours. The hounds had to be called off (as the coyote jogged past the riders) because many of them and a few of the riders were near exhaustion.

We have viewed multiple foxes/coyotes on several occasions with the record being on November 10th when we viewed four foxes. This was another day when the hounds opened near the trailers and pursued their quarry until they were called off, out of territory, after a couple of hours (we think they put the fox to ground).

For those members not riding, come out and car follow or join us at the informal tailgate following each hunt.

~Dwight Phelps

GLENMORE GREEN PAGES

Published By
Glenmore Hunt, Inc.,
P.O. Box 396, Staunton, VA 24402-0396
www.glenmorehunt.org

For Listing Information Contact:
greenpages@glenmorehunt.org
Angelika O'Donnell 540-249-4200, 540-249-5145 (fax) or
Joe Manning 540-886-6359

Glenmore Hunt Welcomes

Pam Talley Stoneburner Photography

Custom pastel portraits, photography limited edition prints and sculptures. Check out her Glenmore Hunt photography online: www.pamtalleystoneburner.com

Pam Talley Stoneburner
1092 Jefferson Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980

Check back for new advertisers and highlights!

Fall Hunter Pace a Great Success

Once again, a good time was had by all. After weeks of localized torrential downpours, hurricanes, and just generally wet weather and ongoing predictions of more of the same, the Glenmore Fall Hunter Pace was held at Gaie Lea Farm on Sunday, November 22 on what turned out to be a lovely, mostly sunny day. The course was a little slick and muddy in places, but that did not dampen the spirits of the 120+ riders who participated in the event.

This year's event was featured in the *Staunton News-Leader* on Monday the 23rd with a couple of very nice articles written by Ms. Heather Kays, who listened attentively to every story that Joint Master **Jewell Phelps** and members **Cindy Kiser** and **Berk Pemberton** bantered about. The interview ended with Ms. Kays, who rode horses as a child, hoping to attend next summer's Foxhunting Clinic as well!

A delicious luncheon, consisting of several varieties of chili, homemade biscuits, and numerous desserts, was included, ably organized by Joanne Van Siclen. Notwithstanding an emergency trip to Wendy's to provide for the extra-large crowd, this was one of the smoothest running and best attended paces in recent history.

A big thank you to all who came out and flagged the course the week before, including **Gale Struble**, **Joe Manning** and **Hugh Brown**, **Sarah Wood**, **Sandy Cryder**, John Meyer, Dan and Jan Jones and Jewell Phelps. We appreciated the use of **Brenda Simmons'** four-wheeler, **Chris Thompson** and his gate-watchers, Emily and Hunter, **"T" Stewart**, **Bob Heitler**, and **Hugh Sproul**, and **Stacy Thompson**, EMT. **Kay Frye** and **Angelika O'Donnell** did an excellent job as entry-takers, and **John Meyer** handled the computer technology. Jacob Kiser kept time and advised everyone of all the hazards of the course (pirhana??), and **Jan Jones** and Mike Hidecker helped with parking. Thanks to everyone who contributed food, time, and manpower to make this a super successful pace. So many people contributed to making this possible, please forgive me if I have inadvertently left you out.

Cindy Kiser

The Hunt as Viewed From the Lens of a Photographer

My first clue that I really enjoyed taking lots of photos came back in 1975 when I was 16 years old. My parents let me go to Albuquerque, NM to be a contestant in a horse judging contest at the Arabian National Championship Horse Show. Dad loaned me his camera and gave me 2 rolls of film along with money to buy 3 meals a day. He thought that should have been enough film, but once I saw all of the beautiful horses at the show, I knew I had to have more film! So, I decided to eat as cheaply as possible and spend the money saved to buy extra film. I ended up buying 9 more rolls of film! (What I hadn't anticipated in my 16 year old wisdom was the cost to develop all that film!)

Now, with digital cameras, taking lots and lots of photos is easier than in 1975. As an artist, the fall colors, the bright red hunt coats, the handsomely turned out riders, horses and hounds and the splendid scenery in the hunt field, all join to inspire me to attempt to creatively capture the scenes. After trying to catch the mood of the blessing at the Opening Day of the hunt, I busily snapped pictures as riders rode out past me at the start. Once they had all passed, I hurried off to set my tripod and camera up near the coop, ready to capture the horses clear the jump. Then, the wait begins. Which way were they going? I could hear the hounds but wasn't sure. Before too long, my heart was pounding, realizing that the wait was over when I could hear the field approaching. I hoped I had the

correct settings on the camera. Once the hounds scrambled over the coop, the horses came quickly and rhythmically. No time to check the pictures ... just click, click, click! No time to waste after the last horse and rider galloped away. Quick! Get to the next jump to set up. I drove fast along the road, keeping an eye on the field in case there are any good opportunities for photos, but the terrain makes it difficult to get to a good position. So, I chose to shoot the last jump. Once at the gate to enter the hayfield, I saw that the gate was locked shut. So, I climbed over, and hurried to get my tripod set up before the horses and riders arrived. I surveyed the setting, looking for the most artistic way to compose the pictures. As with the previous jump, it is a waiting game, then once the jumping starts, it all happens fast. It is rush, rush until the end. Then I hurried to get positioned to photograph the entire group coming over the hill returning to the trailers. The rushing around was all worth it when I got home and downloaded the photos to the computer so that I could review the day's work! And one of the best parts of photographing is getting to know some of the folks.

Thank you for the privilege to photograph four of Glenmore's Hunts and last year's Hunt Ball! "*Talley-Ho!*"

Pam Talley Stoneburner

2009 Virginia Field Hunter Championship

On November 8th, the 2009 Virginia Field Hunter Championship was held at the “Salem Show Grounds” east of Upperville. Our fellow member, **Stacy Thompson** was selected and honored by our Glenmore Jr-Masters to represent Glenmore Hunt. Another Glenmore member, **Jenner Brunk**, an associate member of Stonewall Hounds, was asked by the Stonewall Hounds Master to represent them at the Championship.

This is a most prestigious opportunity and to be a part of it continues to proudly put Glenmore Hunt more on the MAP (so to speak) among some of the larger and better known Virginia hunt clubs. Both our ladies were well turned out with their mounts braided and immaculate.

As is the tradition of the Championship, which began shortly after World WarII, there was an under saddle phase usually followed by a mock hunt, led by the hosting club. This year, instead of a mock hunt, the host Hunt (Piedmont Fox Hounds) brought a hound pack. They hunted at a very fast pace for about an hour (the temperature was in the mid 70’s) with the riders jumping very large coops and stone walls. The judges were stationed at the jumps as well as riding in the field.

One of the large stone walls had a ditch in front of it which could not be seen until the last moment giving the horse/rider a real surprise resulting in a lot of refusals. Despite the difficulties, both Stacy and Jenner (and of course their mounts) easily cleared all the jumps. Although our members did not win they represented the Glenmore membership in a most honorable fashion. The entry from the Snickerville Hounds won the event (and will host the event next year) with the rider from the Blue Ridge Hunt finishing second. A large group of Glenmore and Rockbridge members banded together watch the event and to provide moral support (and to party). After the event there was a celebration and Breakfast social.

Dwight Phelps

Clockwise from top right: Stacy Thompson and *Sammy*; “The Gangs almost all here” and Jenner Brunk and *Mulligan*.



“In buying a horse or taking a wife, shut your eyes and commend yourself to God.”

Tuscan proverb
Our thanks to Anne Gordon

Masters' Corner

With the rifle firearms season coming to a close we will soon resume foxhunting. Hopefully, our deer hunting friends have had the opportunity to enjoy their days in the field and have been successful in their sport. As the wide open spaces of the County have diminished, it is important that all of us, who enjoy access to some of the most beautiful farms and landscapes of Virginia, continue to work together, in all aspects, to keep the field sports as a viable part of the countryside heritage.

The first part of the season has given some fine days of hound work let alone some great views of the quarry. One of our members recently at the end of the day asked me who was the MVH (Most Valuable Hound) for the day. My first response was kind of split between Virginia and Tulip. However, in discussing the day, I would find that it was Tarbaby that lead across the pasture, Oprah that was first into the brambles at one of the checks, and Leia that came out with the earthy face from marking the earth. As they ran hard, fast and true that day, generally on their own, one would have to say that it was all the Glenmore pack that were the MVHs of the day as I am sure that all in the group were responsible for the fine run. So true for that day, as well as in many other happenings of life.

The Masters wish you a fine holiday season.

Dan

**The Newsletter Photos (in fact everything) look so much better on the Internet!
Try It: <http://www.glenmorehunt.org>**

GLENMORE HUNT, INC.
P. O. Box 396
Staunton, VA 24402-0396

*In
This
Issue*

Christmas Party + Hunter Pace + Virginia Field Hunter Championship Report
