



## Hunt Ball Gala at Fairfax Hall—80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

It's time to put on your dancing shoes! Mark your calendar for March 13, 2010 6 PM, and expect your invitations to arrive by February 13th.

The committee is working very hard to make this Special 80th Anniversary Hunt Ball our best ever! It's a huge and exciting endeavor, and a very big financial commitment. Since we missed our Hunt Ball in 2009, more than ever, we'll need each and every member's support and involvement.

Just think of how much you saved last year, so you can spend twice as much this year! All proceeds are PRIMARILY, for the housing and care of our Glenmore hounds and for member services. In return you and your guests enjoy an evening with friends, a meal, dancing, the thrill of a silent auction .

Please give generously in these various ways.

- ✍ Hosts—Contribute \$100 (or more) and receive special recognition and appreciation.
- ✍ Tickets—Buy, Donate, Gift, Sell (Entice Sales). \$75 per adult \$50 under 21—includes everything for the evening—drinks, dinner and dancing!
- ✍ Auction - Donate, Solicit & Purchase Items

If there is someone you know that should receive an invitation, please let me know.

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### ***Donating How To's:***

#### **What?**

We have had artwork, sculptures, weekend getaways, glider plane rides, lessons, gift certificates from restaurants, tack shops and a variety of businesses, gift baskets, veterinary services/supplies, tack, hunt attire, tools, massages, salon services, jewelry, books, voice lessons, homemade goodies, steaks and even freshly laid eggs to mention just a few. If you have a skill or can provide a service, you can donate it.

#### **How?**

To make it easy, Donation Forms are available. We will need to know 6 (maybe 7) things; what is being offered (good/s or service/s), any terms or conditions that may apply, pick-up/delivery arrangements if applicable, the approximate value of the donation, suggested minimum bid and non-member contact information (phone and e-mail addresses) for the donor. We have member contact information on file. If you have photos or a website for your good/s or service/s, please provide that information.

#### **Where?**

Items will need to find their way to **Angelika O'Donnell's**. All items will be solicited and cataloged with the help of the Auction Co-Chairs, **Jenner Brunk** and **Liz Kiss**.

#### **When?**

We will need your items as soon as possible (before the end of February). All donors will receive a personal thank you and listing in the Glenmore Newsletter. This year, as the list of auction items develops, the list will be posted on our website, including website links – FREE ADVERTISING – for our donors! Donate soon and maximize free advertising time.

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## 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~~ Cindy at 248-4868 or email  
Glenmore@glenmorehunt.org

### Recent Resignations:

Sarah Dean Duncan

Allie Farley

Amanda & Scott Johnson

Emily & Chad Guyer

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

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## Events of Special Note

### Looking Ahead—The Calendar

#### February

15<sup>th</sup>—Junior Hunt, Bull Run Hunt details: at <<http://brhjuniormeet.googlepages.com/>>

#### March

13<sup>th</sup>—Glenmore Hunt Ball, Fairfax Hall inc. Silent Auction,

20<sup>th</sup>—Closing Meet with breakfast social, Joint Meet with the Rockbridge Hunt

#### April

16<sup>th</sup>—Spring Hunter Pace (Rain date: Sunday, April 18)

### A Special New Glenmore Member

Welcome to our youngest future Jr. Member, Colton Jennings, infant son of Sheila and Jeff Jennings and baby brother to Jarrett. Colton was born on December 11th and all the family is doing well.

### Legislative Update

As I noted at our October meeting, we continue to need to be proactive in our efforts to protect the sport of foxhunting, particularly as we move into the Virginia Legislative Session. We are fortunate to have an effort by the Virginia Foxhound Club, spearheaded by three highly capable and energetic individuals who chair the Legislative Committee. To help in this effort they have engaged Hunton & Williams to help review bills and from the legal aspect determine how best to address the issues.

At this time there are some 18 bills that have been proposed in the House and 4 in the Senate that affect dogs and animal owners. Several of these could present significant problems for us as a hunt. I will be sending out some updates on those bills that are especially onerous. At the next meeting we will be discussing this. Also we need to financially support the VFC in their efforts. Last year, through individual contributions, Glenmore contributed \$450 to this effort. I would hope we can meet or exceed that amount this year. All contributions should be noted "VFC Leg. Fund" and may be given to the Treasurer.

~Dan

### New Horse Search Underway

**Sandy Cryde** r is starting her search for a "Half Pint" replacement. It appears that his arthritis and ringbone has gotten worse and he may have to be retired from hunting and certainly from jumping. "Toby," the new guy, may work for a 2nd flight horse but it's doubtful he'll ever be a 1st flight horse. Please keep your ears to the ground for any possible replacements. Prefer a draft, draft cross or QH cross or QH, not a TB or Arab. Can be older but I want something that can go 1st flight already. "Half Pint" is going to be a hard one to replace!!! Unfortunately, I also have a "beer" budget.

~Sandy, [VARussellrescue@gmail.com](mailto:VARussellrescue@gmail.com) Tele:540-421-2511

## February Member Highlight: Diana Hicks

Diana, her husband John, and their 4 children, moved to the Valley around 1996. Her one request when they were house hunting was that they get some land and horses. While she had ridden on and off since Junior High, she didn't have her own horse. At first she started with two Engleman camp horses and took lessons from Kiki Osbourne. Finally, at the age of 48, Diana got her first horse.

She developed an interest in foxhunting by attending hunter paces at Middlebrook and Glenmore and started actually foxhunting in 2000. "I wasn't very good", she quipped," but I was having fun!"

One year, after relaxing for 2 weeks on an Alaskan Cruise, Diana decided to go ahead and take her TB to a Glenmore Hunter Pace. She hadn't ridden for a while and the horse hadn't worked for a while—not a good combination! Her horse was so fresh, in fact, that at one point he bolted. Diana lost her balance and ended up breaking her pelvis. **Stacy** and **Chris Thompson** were her "angels in distress"—Chris bringing back her mount while Stacey drove her back to the trailers.

Diana attended the Glenmore Foxhunting Camp (the same year as **Cindy Kiser** and **Jenner Brunk**). Having heard about **MFH Dan Jones** and how well the Glenmore Hounds were hunting under his Master-ship, she had the chance to talk extensively with him while at the camp.

At one of the hunter paces, she and her partner won two Glenmore capping certificates so in January of 2009, she and **Liz Kiss** took advantage of them. The first capping was at VDOT where a fox was viewed and the second time at Meadowspring where two fox were viewed (described by Diana as a "wild and woolly" ride.) By then she was hooked!

These days, Diana spends as much time as possible with her 8 grandchildren. She laughed when she told me, "how many grandmothers do you know that have an F250 Crew cab diesel truck with three car seats in the back?!"

~Sandy Cryder

## Glenmore Goes International

Did you hear? In 2009, the Glenmore Hunt went international. Well, actually, Glenmore's lapel pin did. A photo of our lapel pin was posted in December to a British website dedicated to hunt pins or badges (as they are called on that side of the Atlantic).

Glenmore member **Hugh Brown** has been collecting hunt badges from the UK and USA for a number of years. When doing some research on the pins and badges, he found the Hunt Badges website, which shows badges from all sorts of hunt clubs – fox hunt clubs, stag hunts, mink hunts, beagle packs and more. Until now, the website had only featured badges from hunting organizations in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Hugh contacted the webmaster and asked if he would like to have photos of some American hunt badges and he received a very enthusiastic reply. So, Hugh sent a photo of our pin along with pictures of pins from several other Virginia hunts including those of our neighbors in the Rockbridge Hunt and the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt. You can see pictures of our lapel pin and hundreds of other pins/badges at: <http://www.hunt-badges.co.uk/>

## Thank You from Jean Viel

I want to thank hunt members who chose shovels rather than reins on December 22,<sup>nd</sup> knowing full well the threat of possible blisters and backaches, to help clear the paths to the apartment after the Big Storm.

Paths were even cleared to the bird feeders, for which the feathered ones are also grateful and *very* spoiled.

I wish you many "Talley Ho's" in the Hunt Season,

~Jean

## SNOW ANGELS

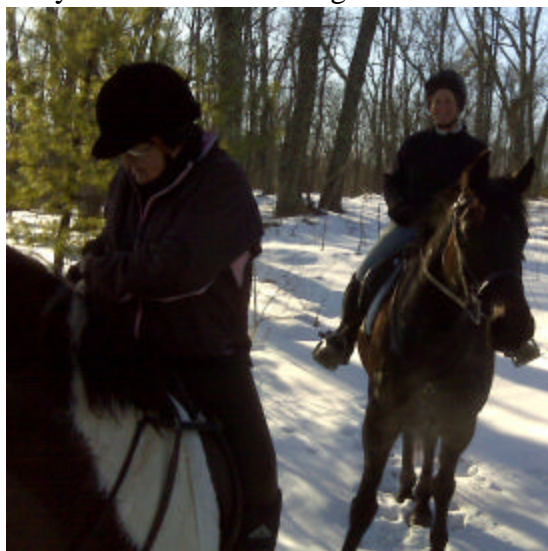
Suffering the claustrophobic-like feeling of cabin fever from recent snows and the undeniable desire to sit again astride a horse, three Glenmore members braved unknown road and riding conditions and high temperatures in the low 20s for a trail ride Sunday afternoon, January 10th. Brave or crazy—always aware there is that fine line between the two characteristics—neighbors Pam **Julie Bullock**, **Pam Conn**, and **Sandy Cryder** struck out for the George Washington National Forest.

The road near Stribing Springs leading to the turnaround where we would park the trucks and trailers proved icy as we feared, yet once committed there was no turning back and we dared not stop the forward momentum. Making it all the way down to the turnaround point without incident, one of the rigs moved a hair too far into the snow and all four truck tires began spinning. The efforts of 4-wheel drive and all three women, digging snow from under the tires, placing hay and make-shift ramps underneath the tires, even unloading the horse, proved useless in the slick ice.

Then, driving down this road seldom-frequented on such a day, came a big red Dodge 4x4, driven by the first “Snow Angel” we would see that day. A kind stranger, who admitted he hadn’t been on the road in a very long time, agreed to give the stuck rig a tug . . . just enough to get it moving again. Luckily, one big yank did the trick and then as quickly as he appeared, our “Snow Angel” was heading back toward the main road with our undying gratitude. Perhaps his haste was brought on by the fear that we’d ask for more help!

Having lost some riding time, Sandy quickly saddled up Toby, while Julie and Pam, taking longer as usual, tacked up Elizabeth and Brumby. Riding down the fire road toward the trailhead leading to our first ascent, the recently-transplanted Texan admitted to the two long-time Virginians that she’d never ridden in snow before. Oh, what a beautiful and exciting experience Pam was in for! The crunchy snow crumbled under the weight of horses hooves, the sun beamed off the snow making everything brighter, and the air felt light and crisp, with both humans and animals able to see their own breath. Looking down into the valley and the town of Mt. Solon from the top of the ridge was a spectacular site! Slowed up at times by Julie’s persistent “tracking,” we were shown the snow prints of deer, coyote, fox (we might have made that one up in our minds), wild turkey, ruffed grouse and rabbit. Much to Julie’s chagrin and Pam’s relief, no bear tracks were discovered.

About 4 miles into the 8-mile loop, at a brief rest stop, our second “Snow Angel” appeared. Hot, sweaty and itching, Toby decided the snow looked like a great place to cool off, the fact that Sandy was still in the saddle made no difference to him! Sensing what was about to happen, having seen a horse do this before and coincidentally just telling Pam the story about it that morning, Julie calmly said, “Ah, Sandy, I think your horse is about to roll.” Caught completely off guard, Sandy was still onboard when Toby suddenly went to the ground, yet quickly gathering her wits, she gently stepped off as he proceeded to roll about, creating what was really more like a “horse angel” in the snow!! We all laughed so hard!



Sandy, Julie,  
and Pam  
and their Snow  
Angels  
at Play



## Jr. Members, Pony Clubbers Meet the Hounds

On Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, a dozen pony clubbers and junior members gathered at the Glenmore Kennels to learn about the hounds. Assisting with the event were **JMFH Dan Jones, Jan Jones, JMFH Jewell Phelps, T Stewart, Mike Hidecker, and Linnette Coaker**. Dan started the lesson by speaking about the origins of the English and American Foxhounds. With help from *Oprah, Landsdale, Top Gun* and *Nibble*, he then discussed the hounds' conformation and how their build affects their skills in the huntfield.

Following his presentation, the kids took a tour of the kennels to see where the hounds live. Everyone enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about the hounds and hunting. It was good to see so many interested young riders, and we look forward to seeing some of them in the huntfield.



Glenmore junior members **Lauren Stout** (left) and **Molly Kiers** with *Top Gun*



The whole group — Zach Hinch, Sarah Howard, Gabby Deering, Kendall Benner, Emily and Cady van Assendelft, Katie Laser, Kaye Benner, and Shannon Jenkins.

Hounds: *Egy, Nibble, Oprah, Lansdale, and Top Gun*

*Thanks to Sandy Cryder, we are introducing a new, fun NL feature to get to know members better—all the things you would never suspect. We invite you to join in by submitting your “special” information.*

NAME THAT MEMBER:

1. I am a nurse at UVA and I ride a horse named Sam.
2. I was an opera singer and taught voice at JMU.
3. I'm a crack shot and was an international competitor in “Olympic Clay Pigeon” or “Trap” shooting.
4. I am a soccer fan and coached my son from the time he was 6 years old.
5. I'm a mountain climber, hiker and dentist.

See page 6 for the answers

## Masters' Corner

Annually, the Masters are required to submit to the MFHA the "Kennel List", noting the dates of birth and entry, sex, along with the dam and sire together with the "Pedigree Registration Information" for new entry. The MFHA uses this information to maintain its Foxhound Studbook that keeps pedigrees on all hounds entered by hunts belonging to the Association. This is done in the early winter, generally some time after opening meet. By that time, newly drafted puppies have started hunting. Entered hounds that may just have been kept to start the young entry, or need to be drafted out to level the pack have been drafted, so the huntsman will have a good idea of the hounds that will make up the pack for the coming season. Up until last year the Stud Book was divided into English (E), American (A), and Crossbred (CB) hounds. Last year a separate section was added that included both listed and registered PennMaryDel hounds. Prior to that PMD hounds in the MFHA book were listed in the American section.

Having recently completed this, I thought it may be interesting to take a look at some of the prior year's lists. Taking five lists, starting in 1997 and going every few years until the one for 2010 there were several observations that I found interesting. The number of entered hounds was always close to 30, give or take a few. Of most interest is the type of hound. In 1997, the pack was 22 CB, 2 A, and 1 E. By 2005, there were 27 A and 6 CB, a significant shift in type.

This year the list shows 24 A and 3 CB. While these numbers look close to the 2005 numbers, the difference lies in the fact that 14 of the 24A hounds are PMD. Interestingly, this shift is also mirrored in the hound registrations in the MFHA Stud Book. What causes this shift? Some of it is definitely huntsman preferences, based on familiarity with the breed. Other reasons are undoubtedly changes in the hunting country. In future newsletters, I will provide a little more insight into the PMD. With little doubt they are raising their cry in the Glenmore coverts.

~Dan

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