



80th Anniversary Celebration Glenmore Hunt Ball held at Fairfax Hall

Kudos to the hard work of **Angelika O'Donnell** and the rest of the Hunt Ball coordinators for a fabulous time. Eighty-three enthusiastic party-goers, Glenmore members and friends, celebrated the 80th anniversary of Glenmore Hunt on March 13th, 2010 in glittering finery at the elegant Fairfax Hall in Waynesboro, in what was, in my opinion, the most fun hunt ball in a long time! Pete Witlock was also honored upon the occasion of his 80th birthday and it was noted that he celebrated by going hunting!

I attended with two of my favorite people, Mr. Walter Ramsey and **Jacob Kiser**. This was Jacob's first formal event, and I was so proud of him in his tuxedo, mingling with many of the young lovelies who attended, and even dancing! I agree with **Marlee Putnam's** (**Dwight and Jewell's** granddaughter) post-ball comment on Facebook—"Glenmore can dance!!" After a long, snowy winter, we were all aching to get out and party, and it showed!

Pre-auction cocktails and conversation enabled us to renew friendships and even re-acquaint with old, old, old friends! One interesting case in point was when my friend, Walter, was casually introduced to Ms. Sally Fulton, after conversation she suddenly cried out, "Walter???" Is it really you?" Apparently, when they were children, Walter would mow the family's yard and work around the farm when Walter's father was the caretaker at Mt. Horeb Church.

Beautiful table decorations consisting of hand-etched glass vases by **Brenda Simmons** and **Joanne Van Sielen** complemented the delicious meal. Many foxes costumed in hunt attire watched over the dining/dance area and auction section, adding to the festive ambiance. (A special thank to the **Fashion Gallery** for the Fox Decor). A brief presentation by **Col. Hugh Sproul** included introducing John W. Taylor, son of former MFH Forest T. Taylor and Edwin Brown, son of former MFH Dr. Leland Brown.

The crowded dance floor testified to the power of the music and the band. **Stacy Thompson** did a great job selecting the music for the event, with folks dancing even to the recorded music during the band's breaks!

In the end, many wonderful auction items found new owners, and reluctantly, as the evening was over, we packed up and headed home, tired and a little sweaty but smiling at the fun time we had and the choice items we had won in the auction. This one will be hard to top! (Pics and "thank you's" to the many who made this Ball possible are on Page 5)

~Cindy Kiser~

Nominating Committee Announcement

The Annual Meeting and election of Master(s) of Foxhounds, Officers, and Directors of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at the Glenmore Hunt office in Staunton, Virginia. The Nominating Committee, charged with identifying candidates for positions on the board, would like to announce that the following list of members have expressed interest in running for office for 2010-2011.

President: Chris Thompson; Vice President: Hugh Sproul; Secretary: Dwight Phelps;

Treasurer: Jan Jones and Graham Pitsenberger

Member at Large, Hunt Status: Julie Bullock, Brenda Simmons, and Joe Manning

Member at Large, Non-Hunt Status: Bob Heitler and Darrell Hurst

Joint-MFH: Jewell Phelps; Joint-MFH: Dan Jones

Any voting member may nominate additional candidates at the meeting. If you wish to nominate someone for a position, please check with that person prior to the meeting to be sure they are willing to serve. To be eligible, a candidate must have been a member for a full two years

~The Nominating Committee: Stacy Thompson, Brenda Simmons, Linnette Coaker, and Hugh Brown

Secretary's Corner

The annual meeting and election of Master of Fox Hounds, Directors, and Officers of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the Glenmore Staunton Office

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

Resignation

Carol Ann O'Conner

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

Looking Ahead—The Calendar

April

16th —Spring Hunter Pace (Rain date: Sunday, April 18)

May

2nd —Hound & Horn Social at the Kennel Property
30th —Virginia Foxhound Show reception, Morven Park, Leesburg

June

5th —Spring Horse Show (SWVHJA) Tentative date, details TBA
13th —Spring Trail Ride & picnic social, details TBA

July

24th -27th —Glenmore Pony Club Adult riding camp

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Glenmore Spring Hunter Pace

After a long, long winter, thankfully spring has arrived bringing warmer weather and better footing, just in time for the Glenmore Spring Hunter Pace, being held on April 17th (rain date April 18th) in the beautiful Swoope area. Parking and lunch will be at *Cottage Hill*, graciously permitted by **Frank and Margaret Henderson**, with pace activities taking place on several adjacent farm properties. As usual, there will be four divisions with the course opening at 11:00 am. Lunch will be available from 11:00 to 1:00. Riders who wish to ride later should eat lunch first or pack some up for later consumption. The course closes at 3:00 pm.

Awards will be given to the top six finishers in each division, so come enjoy the camaraderie and countryside, and celebrate spring with all your horsey friends!

For a copy of the pace flyer, go to Glenmorehunt.org

~Cindy Kiser~

3rd Annual Hound, Horn, Hunting Kennel Social

The Hound, Horn, and Hunting Social will be at the kennel on Sunday, May 2nd. Enjoy a fun afternoon including a chance to learn about your hound and their different traits, followed by some friendly competition on hound showing and recognition of the horn calls. The day concludes with a fine spread and cookout organized by the Social Committee. Hounds will be out starting at 2:30, with the cookout beginning at 4:30. Members are asked to bring a side to share. Hot dogs and burgers will be provided by the Committer as well as water and soda.

This is a good time to invite friends and potential members to learn a little more about Glenmore. If you know of any juniors that would be interested in learning more about the hounds, please invite them.

Masters' Corner

Record snow ,with somewhat colder than normal temperatures prolonging the melt, gave us a short spring season here in the valley. Being somewhat warmer Oak Ridge Hunt was able to resume hunting a little sooner than Glenmore, allowing for several earlier days of riding. The invitation of join them was much appreciated.

Hunting in March showed the sometimes divergent conditions of the late season. March 9th hounds set a blistering pace as they pushed a coyote from Anne's briar patch out of territory; and, from best accounts, lost it in the vicinity of the by-pass and Middlebrook Rd. The following meet was a frosty morn at Deere Run. A red was viewed across the field as we arrived at the meet. This produced some great anticipation by eager riders, and a change on casting plans for staff as to how best to keep this fox in territory. However, as often the case in spring, this fox stayed close to the den and safely ducked in as hounds briefly opened as they marked the hole. Hounds also diligently worked from Miller's woods and marked an earth in the field close to the coop at the top of the hill.

Thirty plus riders, parents, and friends gathered for Closing Hunt at Deere Run. Rapidly rising temperatures proved that spring was indeed on its way. Those who came out got to see first hand the tenancy of the pack as they worked several lines in the rapidly rising temperatures. Tables of fine food and desserts along with the wonderful views of the Swoope area and mountains beyond closed out the season.

The Masters want to thank all those that have helped throughout the past season. Firstly, the landowners who have generously opened their lands; the staff members for their help hunting the hounds; our kennelman, **Mike Hidecker**, for tending to the daily needs of the hounds, and our Glenmore members for their help in all those things that make for hunting, not least the fine breakfasts and ample tailgates enjoyed by all.

~Dan ~

Hounds Enjoy Job as Community Ambassadors

The Glenmore hounds served as foxhunting ambassadors at Buffalo Gap High School on March 31st. The morning was spent with the Equine Science Class taught by Rosalie Riley, daughter of landowner **Doug and Donna Riley**. With the hounds serving as the focal point, students are educated about the traditions of foxhunting, the importance of conserving farmland, and how form and function in the equine and canine are similar.

For most students, foxhunting is a thing of movies or old England, and are amazed that such traditions exist in their back door. More than just the class members interest peaks as the notes of the horn echo the halls of BGHS, as **Gerald Blyth** lays out the hunt by the sounds of the horn. While the lesson is centered on the sport of foxhunting, the take home message is about developing a respect for the land, the people that manage it, and the vital role both have for the future of field sports.

~Dan~

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Who wouldn't rather be out in the field, galloping after the hounds on the back of a trusty hunter with the voices of the hounds raising goosebumps on the back of one's neck? But what is a fox hunter to do as Mother Nature inflicts one frigid indignity after another on our lovely country? The answer—pour another drink, power up the PC and turn to the Internet, of course!

List servers

List servers are among the oldest forms of internet communication and still very effective. Submitting an email to a list server forwards this e-mail to everyone who has agreed to receive the message. Mr. Matt Simpson has hosted a "listserv" dedicated to fox hunters, Fox Hunters On Line, for many years. One can either sign up to receive individual emails as they are posted or a digest of all e-mails can be delivered to you once or twice a day. Most folks on the listserv are "lurkers", that is, they rarely send an email, but enjoy the posts of the vocal ten percent. Topics include horse care, trailer advice, attire discussions, politics, amusing stories for those that love horses and hounds, links to other sites of interest and an occasional hunt report.

To sign up for Fox Hunters On Line **Point your browser to:** <http://foxhunters.org/newshtml> **and read the FOL rules.** When you've done this, subscribe to the digest by sending an email to FOL-digest-subscribe@foxhunters.org. After responding to a confirmation, you'll begin to receive your FOL digest.

Websites

Most Glenmore members are familiar with our club's website, which includes so many resources including the newsletter, fixture card, updates on social events, photographs, Glenmore's history and information on our hounds. The Masters of Fox Hounds Association (www.mfha.org) contains a list of all the recognized hunts in North America with links to their websites. Enjoy the opening video, then click on Foxhunting Info, Member Links to browse a comprehensive list of hunt clubs across the continent. **While browsing the site, be sure to sign up for the MFHA e-covertside newsletter.**

Many of these sites include beautiful photographs of our fellow hunters engaged in the pursuit. Rockbridge Hunt's website (www.rockbridgehunt.org) includes a wonderful collection of photographs, many of them taken by our own Hugh Brown and Joe Manning. Other notable sites include the Genesee Valley Hunt (www.geneseevalleyhunt.org) in New York and Bridlespur (www.bridlespur.com) in Missouri which have outstanding collections of photographs going back several years. The Bridlespur photo collection also includes a map overlay of the day's hunt! For some wonderful pictures of some recent Glenmore hunts, visit Pam Stoneburner Talley's online gallery at <http://pamtalleystoneburnergallery.exposuremanager.com/>.

Message Boards

The Chronicle of the Horse hosts the most active message board dedicated to fox hunters (www.chronofhorse.com/forum/forumdisplay.php?f=70)

Social Networking

Social networking sites allow one to keep friends and family informed of the ups and downs of daily life. Facebook is the best know of the social networking sites and already counts a number of Glenmore and Rockbridge members as regulars.

Video

One of the best YouTube videos on fox hunting is of the Quorn Hunt in England (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXtrv11h8tE>). Included here are some breathtaking aerial shots of horse and hound hot on the scent of Sir Charles across the English countryside. Finally, a lovely 1970's documentary on Melvin Poe, huntsman for the Orange County Hunt can be found on folkstreams.net (<http://www.folkstreams.net/film,198>).

The Internet can be a wonderful place to spend a snowy morning, but it will never replace the thrill of hearing the voices of the Glenmore hounds echoing through the hills and hollows of Swoope!

Our thanks to John Meyer for this very informative article. (ed)

Thanks to all who made this event a success:

The Committee: without their hard work there would have been no Hunt Ball:

Event Coordination: Angelika O'Donnell , Hunt Ball Chair & Auction

Brenda Simmons, Invitations, and with Joanne VanSiclen, Etched Centerpieces

Liz Kiss, Auction Co-Chair; Jenner Brunk - Decorations

Joe Manning and Stacy Thomopson, Bar; Hugh Brown, Video; Stacy Thompson Music Selection;

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Vendors:

Cindy Steed of Fairfax Hall; Patsy Wood of Country Cupboard Catering; Bill Hunter of "Blue Suede" Band



From our Oak Ridge friends and Hunt Ball guests:

Hi, Angelika. Kudos on a job well done. Gib, the Satterfields and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves last evening at the Glenmore Hunt Ball. Please extend our thanks to everyone at Glenmore for making us feel welcome and for a lovely evening. Believe me, I know the amount of blood, sweat and tears it takes to pull off such an event. Please be kind enough to forward this on to your members.

Thank you again and looking forward to seeing many of you again Sat. night.

Until then.....Lynn Stevenson

Pictured above left: Liz Kiss and guest. Pictured above: Marlee Putnum (granddaughter of MFH Jewell and Dwight Phelps) and Jacob Kiser, son of Cindy Kiser.

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Join to support hunting with hounds and to support the fight to continue countryside values.

~Jewell~

Good News to Share

Ahlia (pronounced "all -ee-uh") Sidney Kite was born on Saturday, March 27, at 0615 via a planned home birth. Paige, Jason, Zylar and Ahlia are all doing well! She weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz, and is 19 1/2 inches. She is nursing well and kept her mommy and daddy awake quite a bit last night! They all hope to sleep well tonight. :-)

Proud grandparents, Graham & Jeanne Pitsenberger, and Doug & Pat Kite are ecstatic about their little granddaughter!

The Newsletter Photos (in fact everything) look so much better on the Internet!

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