



## Masters Corner

With the heat and dryness of the summer, it is hard to comprehend that it will be cool enough to cub anytime in the near future, even when getting up in the dark. The vision of cool morning mist rising over the fields in the early morn seems so foreign as the nights struggle to get down to the upper 60's and the grass crunches under foot. However, after double checking the calendar, I affirmed that at the time of writing this, there is a little more than seven weeks until we get back in the field. This means all those preparatory things are soon upon us as we look for a break in the heat and look for moisture to make scenting possible.

In May, Hugh Sproul, as Ch. of the Hunt Committee, assigned different fixtures to persons to head up trail clearing. I expect that in the next few weeks these persons will be looking to getting the fixtures in order. With the dry conditions, this should be somewhat less work this year, but an adequate number of hands help make light work, so when notice is given please check with the organizer.

We will be adding several entered hounds this fall. New to the list will be RMH Tankgirl '04 and RMH Isadora '04 from Red Mountain. Anyone that has been to the kennel can easily see the similar mannerisms between Tankgirl and her mother Tulip. There are also three young entry that will demand more than their share of attention.

Lastly, let's not forget our trusty mounts. I understand that there have been a number of horses that have been fairly consistently ridden through the summer. Hats off to you folks. You have a good start on those that haven't been riding. Your horses will thank you in the end. For the rest of us, the sooner we start the quicker we will get there. The other night in thinking about fitness, I did a web search and found an excellent article from the Government of Alberta, Dept of Ag and Rural Development. It can be found at [www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/hrs6942](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/hrs6942). It discusses lung and cardio, muscle, and bone and tendon responses. Excellent reading and well worth typing in all that string.

Dan



Let the Games Begin:  
Eager Participants at the Glenmore Clinic.  
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Berk Pemberton  
Glenmore on Parade  
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## Secretary's Corner

The August 3<sup>rd</sup> Glenmore Board of Directors and Membership meetings will be held at the home of Hugh and Jill Sproul in Staunton, Virginia.

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 PM followed by the membership at 8:00 PM.

As always, feel free to bring snacks. For directions please call (540) 885-7622.

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

## Events of Special Note

### Looking Ahead—The Calendar

#### August

15<sup>th</sup>—Summer trail ride and picnic social at Deerfield

28<sup>th</sup>—Landowner's Appreciation Social at the Simmons

#### September

4<sup>th</sup>—Fall Horse Show at Mill Creek Farm

11<sup>th</sup>—First day of Cubbing w/social

#### October

9<sup>th</sup> — Invitational Hunt/Western Day

30<sup>th</sup> — Opening Meet with breakfast social, Jt. Meet w/ Rockbridge

### Landowners' Appreciation Social

The Glenmore Hunt Club is looking forward to our 2010 Landowners Appreciation Social Saturday Evening August 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Brenda and Jamie Simmons**. During this event we'll warmly welcome the members who make our foxhunting sport possible—the owners of the land on which we ride, tailgate, celebrate Opening Hunt, and host Virginia Hunt Week—and always look for the red and gray foxes who also appreciate the protection of our landowners.

Jt. Masters **Jewell Phelps** and **Dan Jones** are co-hosts of this special event. Meat dishes will be provided by the Masters, please bring a salad, special side dish, or dessert to share. The Landowners are our most welcome guests and we're inviting a few special guests to join our celebration. Questions? Ask the Social Committee Tri-Chairs—Jenner, Joe, and Stacy.

### News from Other Hunts:

#### Palmyra Benefit Trail Ride—September 24–26, 2010

\* Profits going to Fluvanna County Sheriff's Dept, Palmyra Fire & Rescue Squad

\* Ride Friday, Saturday, & Sunday! Well marked, self guided long and short rides. Rolling terrain—through wooded trails, fields, streams, scenic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, just outside of beautiful Charlottesville (one hour west of Richmond).

\* Primitive Camping, set up electric pens, picket, or tie. Weekend stall rental is available—\$25

\* Dinner will be served on Friday & Saturday nights, lunch on the trail Saturday.

\* Trail Horse Competition on Sat night with cash & prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place (indoor arena)

Cost: \$55 per person (registered by Sept 10, 2010) \$70 after Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

Location: Saddle Creek Farm, 815 Saddle Creek Lane, Palmyra, VA 22963

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## The Fall Horse Show Needs Your Support!

I know it feels like we just finished the Spring Horse Show, but the Fall Horse Show is approaching fast - Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at Mill Creek Farm. Please consider supporting this important fundraiser in one way or another. 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<sup>nd</sup> in the late afternoon/early evening to help set up and decorate the jumps.

No time to volunteer? How about becoming a sponsor? We haven't asked for individual sponsors for the horse shows for the last three years, so we're hoping you'll consider a generous donation toward the success of the fall show. Donations are applied toward the many expenses associated with putting on a horse show – facility rental, judge, course designer, secretary and announcer fees, as well as printing and postage costs. I'll need to have sponsorship commitments by August 5<sup>th</sup> in order to have your name printed in the program (Prize List) for the show.

There are four sponsorship levels this year:*Gold Medal Club \$100+; Silver Horn Club; \$75 Bronze Spur Club; \$25 Friend of the Horse Show \$?* All donations appreciated!

Contact Hugh (brownhh@jmu.edu, 540-568-3501 to volunteer or become a sponsor.

### From the President

Cubbing season with cool autumn days and formal foxhunting with layers of warmth are just a few couple months away! Our club has been busy over the past couple months from shows, parades, and clinics that I'm sure we'll be ready to for the season when it arrives. Our members and guests endured the heat and humidity during our Spring Horse Show at Mill Creek Farm. **Hugh Brown** and his team of volunteers once again offered the hunter/jumper community the opportunity to compete at our SWVHJA horse show. *Thank You* to Glenmore friend Michelle Huffer for once again volunteering at our horse show and supporting our club!

Our local high of 94 degrees did not keep Glenmore members and guests from enjoying **Lee and Allison Hereford's** farm in Deerfield, VA. Although most of the ride was shaded by the George Washington National Forest, I was told it was still hot in the shade. Thanks to our explorers, clearers, organizers and partiers everyone enjoyed our Spring Trail Ride and Social! The Glenmore Hunt Club was once again represented in the annual Staunton Independence Day Parade. Thanks to **Sandy Cryder** for once again coordinating our participation; **Dan Jones, Jr.** MFH for ensuring our hounds were well behaved; and **Joe Manning** for organizing our picnic social.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Foxhunting Clinic at Cedar Creek Stables. Jan Thomas and **Dan Jones** offered suggestions for improvements to help create a balanced horse and rider. And before our Cubbing season begins, mark your calendars for our Landowners Appreciation Party Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Brenda and Jamie Simmons** and our upcoming Summer Trail ride August 15<sup>th</sup>. I know Hugh Brown could still use volunteers for our Fall Horse Show; remember this is an important fundraiser for our club.

~Chris

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## Independence Day Parade 2010

In a normal year, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July always seems to be one of the hottest days of the summer. This year, we got a break, and those Glenmore members marching in the Staunton Independence Day parade were grateful for the sudden change from the oppressive heat and humidity that have dogged us since late spring. The parade is our annual chance show off our wonderful hounds and horses and colorful apparel to the excited crowd, many of whom are astonished by our existence.

**Jacob Kiser** and I led our group's entry with the Glenmore banner. We were followed closely by **Dan Jones** and a select group of Glenmore's best behaved hounds. They were kept in order by the whippers-in of the day—**Bob Heitler, Jan Jones, Brenda Simmons**, and **T. Stewart**. Representing Glenmore on horseback (in formal dress with horses braided!) were **Sandy Cryder, Linnette Coaker, Cindy Kiser, Joe Manning**, and **Berk Pemberton**.

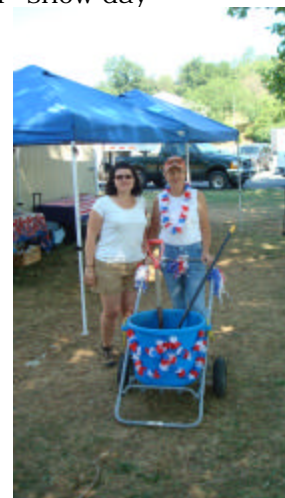
Next in our group were the very important pooper-scoopers, **Joanne Van Sielen** and her daughter, Heather. Finally, **John Meyer** drove a horse trailer—just in case—with **Jewell Phelps** and **Mike Hidecker** along to help out.

Following our walk around Gypsy Hill Park, we got a chance to relax in the shade next to Lake Tams and enjoy a terrific pot-luck lunch organized by Joe Manning and the Social Committee. Thank you to everyone who participated in the parade – you made Glenmore look great, and to everyone who brought food for the picnic. Special thanks to Sandy Cryder for organizing our entry in the parade again this year. No one really knows how many times the Glenmore Hunt has walked in the parade, but every time we participate, we get to show the public that foxhunting is alive and well in the Shenandoah Valley!

~Hugh Brown



It all starts here, early morning beauty appointments for horses as the hounds prepare for their "show day"



## Hunt Clinic Profits from Guest Instructor

Hot and humid weather and a brief thundershower did not dampen the enthusiasm of the eleven riding participants and seven auditors attending the Glenmore Hunt Foxhunting Clinic held at Cedar Creek Stables on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two hunt members and volunteers were involved in organizing and setting up for the event. Thanks to All!

Under the instruction of the able Jan Thomas, a long-time friend of **Bob Heitler** and **MFH Dan and Jan Jones**, who graciously came down from New Jersey for the occasion, a group of seven members and juniors worked on maintaining balance and rhythm over a challenging grid of jumps and gymnastic courses. Four other participants who either were newer riders or more experienced riders on green horses worked with Huntsman Dan Jones and **Linnette Coaker** on maintaining control and responsiveness in their mounts.

During lunch, **Col. Hugh Sproul**, former MFH and Huntsman, gave a talk and slideshow on safety and etiquette in the hunt field, highlighting the differences in riding style that have evolved over the past several generations, particularly the more perched-on-the-neck crest-release style now being taught in the show-hunter ring versus the balanced seat or safety seat and automatic release used by more advanced riders in cross-country riding and hunter shows of the past.

Dan Jones followed up with a brief discussion of using studs versus borium for traction in the hunt field and on the roads. The main advantage offered by studs is the ability to remove them, if desired, for regular turn-out and the option of using different studs for different ground conditions. The disadvantage is the time and annoyance of putting them on and taking them off. Dan showed us an invention of his, which is now available through local farriers, consisting of a flat road stud with a borium tip, giving the best of both worlds. Something to think about!

Following lunch, riders and hunt staff brought their horses back out for a mock hunt around the fields and cross-country course of Cedar Creek. Although no hounds came along, many of the experienced hunt horses pricked their ears at the sound of the familiar horn. Practice in the stop-and-go of the hunt field, reverse field, standing quietly at the checks, and jumping a few field obstacles gave a taste of what might be expected in an actual hunt, minus the excitement of the chase.

Glenmore Hunt wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the Cedar Creek Stables staff, owner Melyni Worth, manager Ellen Maddox, and Ride with Pride Therapeutic Riding for once again allowing us to access this wonderful facility on Friday and Saturday for setting up and holding the clinic this year. And I know I speak for all of you fellow hunters— we are *so ready* for cubbing to begin! Tally-ho!

~Cindy Kiser



Instructors: (left) JtMFH  
Dan Jones; Linnette  
Croaker

Col. Hugh Sproul enu-  
merates safety and  
ettiquette procedures in  
the field

all photos curtesy of  
Hugh Brown:

## A Letter from Your Partners at the Kennel

To each of you faithful hound sponsors, thank you for your loyalty and support. It's been too hot to write, so we decided, as a pack, to do a group letter. Maybe when it is cooler, we'll do better. We thought we didn't like snow; but, just a little now would be fine.

We have some new residents from Red Mountain Hunt. We would like you to meet them. There's Velvet, Vivian, Frances, Isoradora "Dora", and Tank Girl.

We've seen some of you at the kennel this summer and at the 4th of July parade. Laural liked all the people. Others were a bit worried about all the noise and the people. But the all baths and the fussing before hand was nice. Those of us that were there noticed we didn't get invited to the picnic afterwards. Perhaps next year if we are *really* good.

Soon we'll be working on our skills to be ready for cubbing. Huntsman **Dan** with the help of Kennelman **Mike** and Others will have us walking out and remembering our manners.

Again, to all our sponsors, we'd love to hear what you've been doing And to have you visit. Just call Mike or Dan.

~The Glenmore Hounds~

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