



## From the President

After a long and hot summer, we all welcome the change of weather and the beginning of our foxhunting season. It's so nice to see our members and guests coming together to enjoy each other's company around the sport we all enjoy! We've already had several successful hunts to kick off cubbing, and I look forward to seeing our hounds work our covers during the next six months.

**Hugh Brown** organized his seventh Glenmore Horse Show this past September at Mill Creek Farm. We are grateful to Hugh for organizing these important fund raisers and community awareness events. The Horse Events Committee is looking for our next show chair and welcomes nominations and volunteers; please contact **Cindy Kiser** for more information. Please refer to Hugh's article for more details about the Glenmore Fall Horse Show.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our annual Glenmore Land Owners Appreciation Social a success. **Brenda and Jamie Simmons** welcomed Glenmore members and guests to their home for a poolside party with the Beach Boys. Hugh Brown, **Jenner Brunk, Julie Bullock, Joe Manning,** and **Stacy Thompson** helped transform Brenda's quiet pool deck and yard into party central. Thanks for sharing your home with your Glenmore family Brenda and Jamie!

Make plans to attend our Opening Hunt on Saturday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at **Frank and Margaret Henderson's** Cottage Hill. We are fortunate to have such wonderful landowners like the Hendersons who welcome us to share their land and enjoy our sport. We should expect to experience wonderful views as the remaining fall colors shine from the mountain backdrop of Cottage Hill.

Chris Thompson, President

## Licensed to Hunt?

Foxhunters are required to purchase and carry a valid hunting license while foxhunting. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries offer four convenient ways to purchase the required hunting license to foxhunt in Virginia. Visit their website at [www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/) to learn more about the purchasing of this annual license.

How to carry it with you? I've seen foxhunters tuck a laminated license inside their hunt cap; they also fit neatly into a sandwich case; or you could keep a copy in your hunt coat(s).

Our Masters of Foxhounds recommend that we spend the additional \$4 for a National Forest Permit, which can be done while purchasing the license.

A Resident State License for 2010-11 costs \$18 and allows us to hunt statewide; license fees support conservation and habitat preservation. Our sport does not require the Hunters Education certificate.

Joe Manning

## Red Fox Tidbits

The gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) is capable of climbing a tree—and does so frequently to escape predators or to get a meal of bird eggs. He is able to rotate his forelegs to grasp branches.

The red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) does not climb. I finally found out why. He can't. Over thousands of years his wrist bones (scaphoid and lunar) have become fused and the front leg bones (radius and ulna) locked. These adaptations facilitate running and pouncing but don't help at all with climbing.

*[I write these little articles, believing that foxhunting knowledge of our crafty quarry is directly related to the enjoyment and appreciation of the sport.]*

~Graham, h-MFH]

## Secretary's Corner

The October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Glenmore Membership and Board of Directors will be held at the home of Cindy Kiser in Verona, Virginia. The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 8:00 PM by the Membership meeting. For directions call Cindy at (540) 248-3868.

As always, please feel free to bring snacks.

No Membership changes.

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

## Events of Special Note

### Looking Ahead—The Calendar

#### October

9<sup>th</sup> –11<sup>th</sup>—3 Hunts/3 days joint hunting and tailgating, see below

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>—Joint meet with Red Mountain Hounds, NC, & Rockbridge Hunt

30<sup>th</sup> — Opening Meet with the Blessing of the Hounds, Hunt Breakfast joint meet with Rockbridge Hunt

#### November

7<sup>th</sup>—Joint Meet at the Rockbridge Hunt Opening Meet

21<sup>st</sup> —Fall Hunter Pace (Rain date: Sunday, November 28)

#### December

11<sup>th</sup> —Christmas Party, details to follow

## Special Hunt Events in October:

Members (and guests) of Glenmore, Rockbridge, and Bedford County Hunts will enjoy a three day (back-to-back) hunt experience on October 9-11. Each Hunt will allow guests to participate (and pay the usual cap fee to the host Hunt). We will hunt at Glenmore on the 9th, at Rockbridge on the 10th, and at Bedford County Hunt on the 11th. The promotional flyer is on the Glenmore website. Each day's hunting will be followed by a tailgate, so get out your recipe books and help Glenmore provide our usual friendly, ample tailgate. Please get in touch with the Social Committee (**Stacy Thompson, Joe Manning and Jenner Brunk**) to see how you can help.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> the Red Mountain Hounds (NC) are coming to the area for a joint meet with Glenmore and Rockbridge. On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be hunting in the afternoon at Rockbridge's Hunt Inc. fixture and on Sunday morning we will hunt at Rockbridge's Montafon Farm fixture. Even though we are hunting at the Rockbridge fixtures, Glenmore will help provide the tailgate following each hunt. Again, please get in touch with the Social Committee to see how you can help.

We will close out October with our Opening Hunt and Blessing of the Hounds on October 30<sup>th</sup>. As in past years, this will be a joint meet with our friends from Rockbridge.

~Dwight

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## Dan Jones speaks to the Tuesday Club of August County

**MFH Dan Jones**, accompanied by **Jan**, took time from his busy schedule to be the speaker at the September meeting of the Augusta County Tuesday Club. The Tuesday Club has been an active part of Augusta County for 96 years. They are known for interesting and informative monthly lunch meetings as well as community service. Membership is comprised of ladies who live, at the time of joining, in the county. Most, since the beginning, are landowners. As such, to this day, the membership has deep ties to the rural lifestyle, including foxhunting, and a passion for land preservation.

The program was styled as "Foxhunting and Fashion" and was hosted by Fashion Gallery owner Linda Holden. MFH Dan was the Foxhunting expert part of the program, but looked the fashion part in formal attire. As traditional black ball gowns were modeled, he discussed foxhunting history, hound training, why people enjoy foxhunting, and reminded the landowners that we may chase foxes, when we get the opportunity, but it is a skilled sport involving the fox, hounds, horses and humans and the quarry happily lives to play another day.

It was a very lovely presentation, done with knowledge and grace and I was proud that he and Jan represented the Glenmore Hunt.

~Anne Avery

## Glenmore Welcomes Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club to Swoope

The first weekend of fall felt more like the middle of summer when our friends from Oak Ridge joined us for a day of hunting at our Walnut Grove fixture. Although the hard, dry ground proved problematic for scenting, our joint meet with the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club was an opportunity for us to share our rolling ~~terrain and watch the seven couples of Glenmore hounds work under the direction of huntsman~~ **Dan Jones**.

Bob Satterfield, MFH, joined ten of his members, fifteen Glenmore members, and one guest who enjoyed our hospitality that started with a Stirrup Cup generously organized by **Julie Bullock** and **Liz Kiss**. Our hunt was supported by several wheel whips, car followers, and observers that included landowners and neighbors to the fixture. After a couple hours of hunting, we shared stories and got reacquainted with a bountiful fall tailgate.

Thanks to everyone who made the day a success. We hope to share more Hunt days with Oak Ridge during the season.

~Joe Manning

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## Fall Horse Show Review

After a freak storm late Friday night knocked down almost all of our carefully set and decorated jumps, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> dawned crisp and clear and brought out 45 riders and 51 horses to our annual Fall Horse Show. It was a beautiful day for “horsing around.”

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 to put together a great show. On Thursday before the event, course designer Maureen Waldron directed the Glenmore set-up crew to construct a very inviting course and we got ~~lots of compliments on it. Many thanks to Dan & Jan Jones and Linnette Coaker~~ for once again cutting and hauling the cedar for decoration and for helping stuff the jumps. **Diana Hicks, John Meyer, and Joe Manning** were also of huge assistance with the dirty and prickly job of jump setup and decorating. **Michael Stout** unveiled a beautiful Glenmore Hunt “jump” that he made. We used it as decoration for the entrance to the show ring.

Behind the scenes, **Angelika O'Donnell** helped with our advertising effort and former member Marge Hays generated a lot of the necessary SWVHJA show paperwork.

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 Kathy Tryon served as our announcer.

Glenmore members were out in force on show day to help make everything go smoothly. **Sandy Cryder** and **Liz Kiss** shared the complex task of tracking the jump order and keeping the riders moving in and out of the ring. Diana Hicks, **Cindy Kiser**, Joe Manning, John Meyer, **Berk Pemberton, Jewell Phelps, and Chris Thompson** all helped me ringside, serving as gatekeepers and/or ring crew for different parts of the long day.

Grateful thanks to **Stacy Thompson** who served as our medical staff person – all day long!

The show isn't over until the host venue is cleaned up. Huge thanks to Cindy Kiser, Liz Kiss, Joe Manning, Berk Pemberton, Michael and **Courtney Stout**, and Chris & Stacy Thompson, for pulling all the cedar out of the jumps, bagging the trash, and a host of other clean-up details.

Finally, many, many thanks to our horse show sponsors who helped make the show a big success.

### **Gold Medal Club** (\$100)

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Thank you again to everyone who helped in big and small ways to pull off this important fundraising event for Glenmore.

~Hugh Brown, Show Chair

## Masters' Corner

Though we have been out only a few times to date (Sept 21<sup>st</sup>), I thought some of the early observation of the pack may be of interest. In spite of the rock hard dry ground and warm temperatures, the hounds have provided some early runs and shown some intense hound work on lines in difficult scenting. Interestingly, the pack we have been hunting this season so far is predominantly bitches. Some huntsmen, if given the choice prefer to hunt bitches in that they feel that they are a little keener/more dedicated than dogs, though I'd say that we have had some pretty resourceful dog hounds of late.

There have been two new hounds out that you may not know, namely Red Mountain Tankgirl and Red Mountain Isadora, Dora for short. Drafted in May, at first they were a little reserved, but have warmed up to the Glenmore way of doing things and have adjusted quite well to their new lot in life. Tankgirl is the mother of Tarbaby and daughter of Tulip, giving us three generations in the field. Both have turned out to be good **additions to the pack as evidenced at Deere Run Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** and the Briar Patch Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. They may be difficult for the field to learn for seldom do they need to be spoken to.

With the limited hunting last season, as we started back I must admit I was a little apprehensive about teaming up what I oft think of as the fearsome threesome (the youthful ones). While they may not have the experience of some of their mentors, Oprah, Tarbaby, and Ege have performed well for the start of the season showing good enthusiasm with measured exuberance. If you watch Tarbaby closely when drawing in confined trails, it is quite comical to see her nearly upend Grandma Tulip as she drives between her hind legs trying to get her nose to the spot where Tulip spoke. Ege will settle with time, and Oprah continues to be all fox. Leia and Lansdale continue to make the dust, in this case, fly at the hole. I speak of these but feel the others are also doing well.

I think staff and I are all pleased with what we've seen to date.

Dan



**Pool Party Honors Landowners**  
*(L) Brenda Simmons with Berk Pemberton*  
*(R) Sandy & John Cryder; Graham & Jeanne Pitsenberger*

Close to 80 happy partygoers gathered at the home of **Jamie and Brenda Simmons** as Glenmore held their annual landowners appreciation party on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Wrought iron tables, chairs and beach umbrellas surrounding the pool lent a festive air. As we watched the sunset and drank Margaritas, foxhunting seemed far away. The seasonal weather, the magnificent view from the Simmons' pool (and the food, food, food) gave our members a perfect opportunity to become better acquainted with our generous landowners who allow us to hunt their property.

A big THANK YOU goes to Jamie and Brenda for opening their home for this annual event. Glenmore is fortunate to have a wonderful group of landowners and we thank you for supporting our sport. We hope to see you on the hunt field!

~Sandy Cryder

## Glenmore Hunt Club 80<sup>th</sup> Opening Hunt

You are invited to share in the 80<sup>th</sup> Glenmore Opening Hunt and the Blessing of the Hunt. The Blessing will be held at Cottage Hill, home of Frank and Margaret Henderson, Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. The Reverend Frank H. Wyche, Pastor Hebron Presbyterian Church will preside. Following the hunt there will be a Hunt Breakfast Social beginning at approximately 12:30.

For all of us, but especially for anyone who has not attended a Blessing of the Hunt, this is a once-a-year truly special event filled with ancient pageantry, traditional formal dress, beautiful horses and hounds. Friends and neighbors who have heard you talk about foxhunting will find the pre-hunt opening ceremony something to cherish in memory.

A bit of history: Since Medieval times, hounds have been blessed at the beginning of the season, often on St. Francis' Day (October 4) or St. Hubert's Day (November 3). The first "Blessing of Hounds" in the United States probably took place on October 1, 1927. The ceremony used the same rituals used in England and Scotland.

It seems very natural to bless the Hunt and to pray for the welfare of the riders and landowners; the safety of horse and hound, and, in modern times, the fox.

Come to participate in the pageantry and cheer the horses and riders safely on their way. (Don't forget your camera.)

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