

# Glenmore News



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## Monthly Meeting

The Tuesday, February 6 meeting will be held at the Glenmore Offices at 101 West Frederick Street, Staunton, VA 24402

The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 7:30 PM by the Membership.

To access the Glenmore members-only calendar go to the website: [www.Glenmorehunt.org](http://www.Glenmorehunt.org) then log in with your email and password. Contact Carol Demeo for more information.

## Calendar of Events

Be sure to join us for the following events!

- February 24—Beat the Winter Blues Social
- March 16—Closing Hunt
- March 29—31—Carolina Hound Trials
- April 6—Glenmore Hunt Ball
- April 20—Spring Hunter Pace
- May 26—Virginia Hound Show

## Exciting Sponsorship Opportunities for 2024 with Glenmore Hunt!

**Dear Members and Friends of Glenmore Hunt,**

We are delighted to announce the opening of our 2024 Sponsorship Program. This is a unique opportunity for businesses and individuals to align with our wonderful club, showcasing their brand and enjoying exclusive benefits, while supporting the heritage and traditions of the Glenmore Hunt.

### Why Sponsor Glenmore Hunt?

Sponsoring Glenmore Hunt offers a chance to connect with a passionate community, gain visibility for your business in high-quality settings, and be part of our commitment to helping to preserve and promote the rural beauty of the Shenandoah Valley. Your support plays a pivotal role in maintaining the quality and sustainability of our events and initiatives.

2024 Sponsorship Benefits Include:

- **Branding Opportunities:** Your logo on our club website, banners at events, and advertising in social media and our publications.
- **Exclusive Access:** Invitations to special events, private demonstrations, and annual galas.
- **Community Engagement:** Opportunities to present your business at club gatherings and feature in our newsletter and social media shoutouts.

These are just a few highlights of what we have in store for our sponsors in 2024! There are many levels of Sponsorship so please refer to the Sponsorship Flyer for further details.

### Join the Tradition, Support the Future

We invite you to become part of our Glenmore Hunt community in 2024. With a growing member base, popular public horse events, a rapidly expanding social media audience and an expansive email distribution, your involvement not only elevates your brand but also supports the Glenmore Hunt in its mission to preserve tradition, promote conservation, and foster a vibrant community spirit.

Please reach out to Ida Rademacher to discuss Sponsorship opportunities for yourself or a business you feel might be a perfect fit for our growing sponsorship program for 2024. Sponsorships must be paid in full prior to April 1, 2024. ~Ida Rademacher

## New Member Rides Out with the Huntsman

December 12, 2023 • Arbor Hill • Every morning while we are getting ready to mount up and cast the hounds I get excited and full of anticipation. So, when Huntsman Dr. Julie Bullock, DVM and Master of Foxhounds Anne Brooks, asked if I would accompany the Huntsman that day, I eagerly accepted. As this is my 1st season fox hunting and I have mainly ridden in the field, I was thrilled for the learning experience. As we roaded the hounds, I watched with fascination as the hounds obediently stayed behind the Huntsman with a simple voice reminder, and the flick of her whip. Though I have seen this from the flights, it was amazing to see the hounds excited faces up close

As we began to hunt the fixture, it appeared the hounds were not catching a scent. Julie stopped and emphasized that we must listen to what the hounds are telling us, if they can't pick up a scent we need to stop, reevaluate and move on. While riding in the field, I have often wondered how she knows when to do this. It was then that I realized just how much she has to keep track of.

Who is a puppy, a senior? Who is deer broke? Who is not the hardest worker?  
Who is cold nosed?

Where are we in relation to our boundaries?

If I were a fox, where would I hide? Where would I make my den? Where would I hunt for mice and other small mammals?

I was unaware of all the quick decision-making, trusting of instincts, keeping track of everyone and everything else that she does with grace and patience. These complexities are why I fell in love with fox hunting. Even if the day does not go as planned, it's always a good day being outside, riding my beloved horse, conversing with great people and watching fabulous hounds do what they were bred to do. ~ Corrie Janocka



Corrie and Indy

## Regift Party

After a dreary series of hunting cancellations, gathering with friends from the hunt field and their spouses is a wonderful way to lighten the day. Mary Lee and Fred hosted the event which included some delicious brews prepared by Fred. Holly organized the evening with a potluck dinner and regift referee.

Participants bring a gift and are assigned a random number. The first gift is selected. Subsequent participants may either "steal" the previously opened gift or select from the remaining unopened gift. Perpetual awards include Most Desirable Gift, Least Desirable and Good Sport. ~ John Meyer



Party Goers Enjoy the Mayhem



Holly Organized and Mary Lee Hosted



Courtland won Worst Gift and Best Sport, Jane won Most Desirable Gift

## January 1, 2024—Bonnie Doon

Before preparing the write up for the first day of January 2024, a review of documents for past New Year's Day hunts revealed that two had occurred since 2008. The first hunt occurred in 2009 and the second in 2011. Both hunts were memorable in their own way.

My old thoroughbred Max and I had enjoyed a very cold day hunting, crowned by Half Pint, Sandy Cryder's Irish Sport Horse, leaping over a four-foot fence in an attempt to follow the hounds. Sandy accompanied Half Pint on about half of his leap. Long time Glenmore members reverentially remember this amazing feat.

For 2011, I noted in my journal that Snoopy, Max's successor, decided to promote himself to First Flight on this day. Essentially, Snoopy had enough of moving cautiously through the forests and fields of the Valley and wanted to go at a gallop. I reluctantly agreed but for the rest of our time in the hunt field, he and I were much happier in First Flight.

For this New Year, nothing nearly so memorable occurred but Glenmore welcomed 2024 in the best style!

After the hounds settled in, we moved away from our rigs south through the gate into the Narrow Eleven and into the Bud's Pasture. We passed through the angus who, by this point in the season, have seen us many times. Julianne deftly managed this gate and the next gate into the path that runs between Bud's Woods and Pasture.

I fully expected that the hounds would jump a fox here as they have so often in the past. Despite the hound's diligent work, nothing came of this effort. Second Flight followed First through the Wasp Gate, then north through the Skull Gate and around the old house. To our disappointment, the hounds could not wrinkle the fox out of his warm, cozy hole in the old house foundation.

We had a nice gallop up the hill to the north. As we approached the gate at the top of the hill, Julie noticed some hounds feathering and working their way back west. We followed the hounds at a walk back down the hill and onto the path that leads to the Jumping Trail. We paused at the head of the trail and heard the hounds open briefly. The Flights moved up the trail to find the hounds working a hallow tree leaning over the river. Julie dismounted to investigate and praised the hounds for putting the fox to ground.

Julie picked up the hounds and we headed north east to the round bales near the barn where the hounds held an inquest, but discovered nothing. We moved down the road and through the gate on the way to Stoney Point. Stacy took First Flight on a gallop through the copse of trees to the east and around the pasture fencing into the Stoney Point Wood. Second Flight followed the hounds as they moved directly to the pond at the bottom of the hill, skirting the western edge of the wood.

The hounds found nothing here, so we exited the pasture and headed to the hayfield bordered by the Middle River to the north. The hounds announced that they discovered a scent here. We enjoyed some music as the hounds worked the river bank back and forth for about 200 yards in either direction. We hoped to see a red break covert and give us a nice gallop over the hayfield. Unfortunately, the hounds settled on one particular place that Julie identified as a nice, river front hole. Two foxes put to ground but without the hoped for long run and glorious music.



After a sweep along the loop of the river, we paused near the waterer below the barn. Julie polled the group to see what our next move might be. As the weather forecast for Saturday promised snow, sleet and all manner of other inclement weather, the hunters agreed to continue across Battlefield Road to try our luck at Quiet Acres.

We crossed the road with help from our dedicated road whips turned left and followed as the hounds worked the tree line that runs south east. Julie pushed the hounds through a trappy tree line and into the fields to the north. First and Second Flight followed. Stacy turned to me and asked if I brought my chainsaw to cut through the brush. I responded that I would use my head. And I did. Jakki, on her pony, Feather, and directly behind me, noted that she had not been inconvenienced at all. "Pony power!"

After working these fields, we crossed back to Quiet Acres and headed for the trailers to enjoy a lovely tailgate in the bracing wind at the top of the hill in Jay's Hayfield. ~John Meyer, MFH



## Cave View– December 16, 2023

Allison Schott graced Glenmore with her presence at our meet near Weyers Cave. While with us, she took some beautiful pictures of the day. Thank you Allison!



Huntsman and Whip Lean In



Tally Ho!



Second Flight Follows the Action



Anne Brooks, MFH and Figgy

## Holiday Hunt– December 23, 2023



Jake and Honor show their winning form.

Today, we gathered for a Holiday Celebration - Glenmore Hunt style! We had a festive contest which rewarded the best decorated rider and/or horse with small prizes. Congrats to our many winners!

Jolliest Jumping Junior Jokester (Junior award) — won by Sage Wise

Gaudy Garland Guru (Most outrageous/tacky) — won by Jake Arbaugh

Foxiest Festive Frock (Classic look, and matching) — won by Jane Andrew's

Cheeriest Claus (Overall representation) — won by CJ Wise

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**Winter Blues Social and Game  
Night  
February 24, 2024**



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