

Glenmore News

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Secretary's Corner

The August 1, 2017 meetings will be held at the Glenmore Office in Staunton

The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 8:00 PM by the Membership.

Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary

Calendar of Events

August 1 Board and Membership Meetings

August 26 Glenmore "Fun" Horse Show at Breezy River Stables

President's Message

We had another very productive meeting last month. Plans are being finalized for the Fun Horse Show coming up August 26th at Breezy River Stables.

Brenda Simmons has a signup sheet for time slots to help with jump crew, office help, in-gate, set up and clean up throughout the day. We are also looking for a member who would be interested in manning the food or knows of a food truck that would be available for the day.

The Hunt Committee will be meeting and scheduling workdays to spruce up our fixtures in time for hunting. If you have any questions or suggestions for areas that you would like to see paneled, gates that could be made easier to navigate or any other suggestions regarding our fixtures please contact our Hunt Committee Chair, **Hugh Sproul**.

The Calendar/Horse Activities Committee met and presented their calendar to the membership. A few changes were proposed and will be represented at the next meeting. One significant change you will notice is that our first day of Autumn Hunting will be moved to September 23, a more traditional date later in the month and our closing hunt will be pushed out to March 17, 2018. We are excited to have our closing on Saint Patrick's Day! If you have any questions about these changes please contact our Calendar/Horse Activities Chair **Susannah Via** or attend our next meeting, August 1 at the Glenmore office in Staunton.

At the last meeting a resolution was unanimously voted upon and signed honoring Dan Jones for his service as Master and Huntsman to Glenmore Hunt. It was delivered the next day by Honorary Master **Graham Pitsenberger**.

Mary Lee McDavid, President



Resolution honoring G. Daniel Jones.



G. Daniel Jones receiving Resolution presented by Hon. Master, Graham Pitsenberger.

Master's Report

Do you know these Gentlemen?

The gentleman on the far left was truly that, a “gentle man.” He was the Master of Foxhounds from 1958-1961. He was also the Huntsman when I started hunting with my dad as a child. His daughter, who is a well-known horsewoman, was a whipper-in for him at that time. I was riding a pony with a shaggy winter coat. They were so well turned out and looked so elegant I wanted to grow up to be just like that. The story goes that while this gentleman was hunting with Rockbridge at a joint meet, he left the keys in his vehicle. **Graham Pitsenberger**, a young teenager who was not riding, became bored and decided to take this vehicle for a joy ride. Needless to say Graham wrecked the car! The incident was never mentioned and Graham's parents never found out.



Identify these gentlemen for a chance at a “prize” from T Stewart. See article for details.

The youngster in the middle was an equitation rider at the time this picture was taken. He also showed hunters and jumpers in the 60's before going off to college. During the 1963 – 1964 season, at the age of 16, he was named as whipper-in. He became Huntsman two seasons later, normally hunting ten-couple of hounds. He stated that he was probably the youngest person to have ever been huntsman of a recognized hunt. Five-foot gate on the farms stopped everyone else but not this guy. He is really one of a kind. He and his family are valued landowners. We are so fortunate to have them as supporters of Glenmore Hunt. I call them friends!

The gentleman nearest was a great horseman and a wonderful person. He was a Whipper-in with **Hugh Sproul** and was also huntsman for Glenmore's drag pack. He showed hunters in the Valley and was know to have a toddy or two. Unfortunately if he had one too many his horse would sometimes stop at a jump but he wouldn't. He was quite entertaining and I think of him often.

Members like these keep Glenmore and the sport of foxhunting alive and well. That is our goal along with having lots of fun.

The first person to call me with the most correct names gets a prize! T at 540-256-3593.

Masters invited to play, but not eligible to win!

T Stewart, MFH

The Thruster, with the Hunt Whip, at Deere Run

Results from the 2017 Glenmore Hunt Murder Mystery Ride

Congratulations Glenmore Hunt for coordinating another successful event in our equestrian community! Together the members of the Glenmore Hunt converted the Bonnie Doon Farm into our popular summertime equestrian event. Our members welcomed guests as Foxhunters, Outriders, Parking Attendants, and Fixture Volunteers ensuring a smooth and successful event. We had 67 riders representing 23 different teams from many of the local barns and hunt clubs including Middlebrook Hounds, Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club, Rockbridge Hunt, and the Sedgfield Hunt from North Carolina.

Many thanks to our gracious landowners **Angelika and Rod O'Donnell** who worked tirelessly to prepare The Bonnie Doon Farm for our third annual Murder Mystery ride! Kudos to **Mary Lee McDavid** for coordinating such an exciting event and keeping the conversation

going on social media. Six teams successfully solved our murder and were forced into a tiebreaker involving a Western Saddle and Ring Toss. Baker Street Detectives; Beer Drinking Bays; Brookhill Babes; Dead or Alive; Hitchcock Harpies; and Right Side Up competed for the coveted Muck Bucket of Equine Essentials including Capping Certificates to join the Glenmore Hunt during our upcoming season and gift certificates to the Fishin' Pig in Waynesboro, Triple Crown, and Foxden Equine. Congratulations to the Baker Street Detectives – Ida Rademacher and Austin

Mikolin who won the Ring Toss and bragging rights until next year!

Our Murder Mystery Ride is a labor of love – I'm rewarded frequently when the participants sing our collective praises for a wonderful event.

Joe Manning, MFH



WhoDonIt? The 2017 Glenmore Hunt Murder Mystery Ride.



Clockwise from top left. Lynn Struble and Dusty; Heidi owned and ridden by Waverly McDavid; Glenmore staff, Mike Hidecker, Sara Wood, Brenda Simmons, and T Stewart; Gale Struble and Playboy; Rockbridge Hunt friends Hugh Brown, MFH, Laura Jarvis, Susan Charlton.



Hound Sounds

News from the Glenmore Kennel

“Hi everyone! We are sooo excited! It is a beautiful day and **Dwight and Jewell** have invited us over for some much needed exercise. We are so happy! I have never been out before on my own,” says Doctor. “I thought it was all about me but I quickly learned that I had to travel along with the pack-drats! I caught on quickly and I enjoyed my walk.” My sponsor, **Brenda Simmons**, was out and was really impressed.

“We had an awesome socialization program,” say Havoc and Ripple, “thanks to Brenda Weintraub. Thanks to her we know no strangers. We nearly pulled the necks off of our teachers, Inkwell and Nifty! They told us we had to stay with the pack. I caught on quickly but Inkwell had to work harder with Ripple. We did well enough to be released from our teachers and did a great job.”

“There are other hounds in our pack looking for sponsors,” says Havoc, sponsored by **Angelika O’Donnell**. “They look forward to showing their skills to new sponsors.”

“I haven’t been out in a long time because I am timid I get a case of the nerves,” says Petra. “I was so relaxed, my tail just wagged and wagged. My sponsor, **Missy** is really special to me. She gives me lots of encouragement.”

“I made Jewell smile,” says Warcy. “I personally went to see her for some very special pets and affection. I love my sponsor, Jewell!! She is the greatest! The rest of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves but we all cannot have a word or there would be no room in the newsletter for those humans to speak their piece.”

Until next time,

Your Devoted Glenmore Hounds



Dwight and Jewell, we cannot thank you enough for allowing us to come share your property and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you again.

Glenmore Staff



The boys . . .



And the girls.



The Glenmore Hounds enjoy a day out at Dwight and Jewell Phelps’.

Summer Riding Fun

Rockbridge Hunt Judged Trail Ride

Saturday July 15th Sara Phagan, Waverly McDavid and I attended Rockbridge Hunt's inaugural Judged Trail Ride. After the first obstacle we met up with Gale Struble and together we completed the course. We all had a lot of fun seeing what our horses could do. Some of the obstacles were dragging a tree branch a certain distance; walking across water; backing into the water; getting a bottle of water out of a bucket, drinking, and throwing it in the trash; and opening and closing a gate. Our horses all did very well and we had a great time.

Most of the ride was situated in the woods and was shady so we were very thankful! Gale piloted Dusty to a 2nd place finish in the Open Division. Paris and I placed 6th in the Easy Division. (I was very pleased with Paris' performance!) Waverly finished 2nd in the Junior Division riding Heidi. We do hope they continue this event and I encourage our members to try it.

Mary Lee McDavid, President



Glenmore members Gale Struble, Waverly and Mary Lee McDavid, and Sara Phagan at Rockbridge Hunt Judged Trail Ride

Glenmore Staff Explore Territory at The Bonnie Doon

Thank you to **Angelika and Rod O'Donnell** for having Glenmore staff out to explore territory surrounding The Bonnie Doon Farm. The horses enjoyed cooling off in the Middle River.



Recalling Curly

Memories of Herbert "Curly" Terrell by Missy Burnett

Herbert "Curly" Terrell was T Stewart's father and my grandfather. He was quite a character. A wiry bald man that had a stub of a cigar in his mouth at all times. He was loved by everyone who knew him. If you didn't like Curly you probably weren't much 'count to begin with. Curly was an avid hunter who loved to chase bear, raccoons, and foxes with his beloved hounds. He would always say there was nothing better than the sound of hounds on a hot track. "Hot damn! There they go!" is what he would say. He hunted bear on Bald Mountain and followed the hounds on foot thru some of the roughest terrain in Virginia. He knew every inch of those mountains and there were many young men that couldn't even begin to keep up with him. He fox hunted with Glenmore for many years and even hunted the hounds at one point. He introduced me to fox hunting as a small child. I remember falling off over a large coop in Middlebrook territory. I couldn't have been much older than 6 or 7. Curly stopped long enough to make sure I was not injured and then he galloped off. My pony was excited and would not stand still for me to get back on so I found the tallest hill I could find and stayed put until he came back for me. He put me back on the pony and off we went. I didn't realize until years later the reason he left me that day was because he was carrying the whip. We had many fun days out hunting. He would always tell me to preserve my horse because you never know when you might be chasing a fox way after dark. I experienced this a couple of times while hunting with Rockbridge.

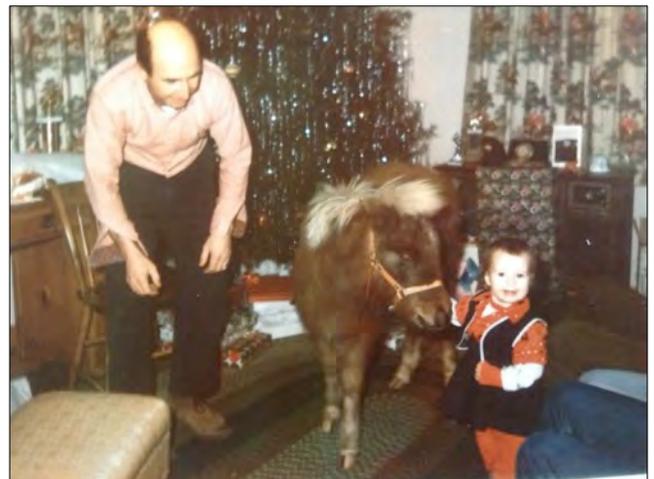


Curly Terrell with two of his beloved hounds

Curly loved a good horse show. Not the ones like we have today, I'm talking about the ones that included western, hunter, jumper, roadster, pony, and gaited classes. The shows that lasted way into the night where you got to show under the lights and people clapped and yelled for their favorite entry. Where the jumps got raised until the jumpers knocked them down. There was no timer in those classes. The horse that jumped the highest won. I remember being at shows where there weren't many jumpers entered and Curly would talk me into taking my pony in those classes. Back in those days you could win some real prize money even if you placed 3rd or 4th. Before he sent me in the ring for the jumper class he would say, "turn his head loose and let his mind wander." Curly was a wonderful horseman. He got the biggest kick out of taking backyard or problem horses and ponies to a show and winning over the fancy expensive ones. He really liked the handy hunter classes and outdoor courses. He said these classes separated the good riders from the average ones. Curly took a crooked legged colt name Peter Gun and showed him in the jumper classes. He won enough to get the attention of Rodney Jenkins. Gun was not an easy horse to ride. T and my uncle Dee rode him the best. Mr. Jenkins came to try Gun but couldn't ride him one side of him. Needless to say Peter Gun got to live out his days in Curly's excellent care.

Learning to ride with Curly was pretty basic. The rule was, "stay off their backs and out of their mouths." Oh, and he had extremely good aim with a meadow muffin if you didn't listen. People would bring less than desirable horses to our place to be ridden. I would hate riding some of the ponies he put me on. He would tell me "bad ponies make good riders." All I know is that a bad pony will make you appreciate a good one, that's for sure! I thank God everyday for Paddy :)

Curly was a wonderful human being. He fed those that were hungry and took in those who felt they had nowhere to go, human or animal. He even loved those who were pretty unlovable. He served his country, family, and Lord the best way he could with patience, love, and compassion. He was a blue-collar man but to me he was a king! Until we meet again my dear Curly, "heels in the hair, whip in the air" and hunt on!



Curly Terrell with granddaughter and Glenmore whip, Missy Burnett and her first pony, Pistol. Christmas 1971.

Horse and Rider

Horse: NanandalesContender “Broadway”

Breed: Thoroughbred ‘00

Rider: Sara Phagan

Member of Glenmore Since: 2016

Broadway and I are new to the foxhunting scene – as many of you have seen first-hand – us being ‘slightly’ out of control in the field. There is certainly a bit of a learning curve for a retired racehorse. Broadway and my story actually began before I adopted him. Three years ago I had a very sweet Appendix Quarter Horse named Lonestar, who unfortunately became so ill I had no choice but to put him down. It was a devastating moment, as anyone who has had to make that decision knows. Shortly after I wanted to adopt a horse that needed saving, as my way of commemorating Lonestar. I began searching rescues sites and soon came across this emaciated retired Thoroughbred, Jockey Club name – NanandalesContender. Something about him and his story spoke to me. I called the rescue center, paid his adoption fee over the phone, and picked him up that weekend. Not wanting to have to pronounce such a long name, I nicknamed him Broadway.

Broadway’s mental and physical journey back to health was a long one. He was infested with worms, several hundred pounds underweight, with ulcers, terrified of trailers, hadn’t had his feet done in at least 6 months, and was generally afraid of people. Believe me – he was NOT a horse you wanted to walk behind in those first few months. I can’t thank some very special people back in Vermont enough who helped me through the healing process and for becoming his champion as I was. Over the course of a year we watched him regain health, strength, and confidence. I knew we had officially turned a corner when my trainer picked up her 4-year-old daughter and rode double with her on Broadway. Eventually we got to the point where we were able to compete in some green cross county courses.

I left Vermont for work related reasons, and relocated with Broadway to Florida. It was there that I got to complete something on my bucket list – gallop my horse on the beach. It’s one of my favorite memories. From Florida I came to Virginia, also for work reasons. I’ll never forget the morning that **Anne Brooks** mentioned that she fox hunts and asked if I would like to tag along one day. I was so excited about that prospect, the night before my first hunt I barely slept. I was hooked after the first 10 minutes.

As I prepare to leave for Pennsylvania, I am ready to embrace the next challenge that awaits me, as well as the next adventure that Broadway will take me on.



Glenmore member Sara Phagan and Broadway, Trimble’s Mill, Feb 21, 2017.

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