

Glenmore News



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Secretary's Corner

The Annual Election of officers and Staff and the Board and Membership Meetings

will be held on April 3, 2018

at the Glenmore Office, Staunton.

The Board will meet at 6:00 pm and the Membership will meet at 7:00 pm.

Calendar

April 3 : Annual Elections, Board & Membership meetings

April 7: Glenmore Hunt Ball

April 14: Glenmore Spring Hunter Pace (1st Pace of 3-hunt pace series

May 6: Rockbridge Spring Hunter Pace

May 7: Hound and Horn Social (TBD)

May 27: VA Hound Show

Annual Election of Officers and Staff

The Annual Election of Officers and Staff will be held during the April 3rd Membership Meeting. The proposed slate by the Nominations Committee is as follows:

The first vote to occur will be for the number of Masters, followed by voting for the Masters (1, 2, or 3).

Before any voting occurs, nominations for positions will be taken from the floor.

Masters: Cindy Kiser, Joe Manning, and T Stewart

President: Mary Lee Pemberton

Vice-Pres.: Hugh Sproul

Secretary: Brenda Simmons

Treasurer: John Meyer

Hunt Status MAL: Anne Brooks

Hunt Status MAL: Missy Burnett

Hunt Status MAL: Diane Gibbs

Non-hunt Status MAL: Graham Pitsenberger

Please plan to attend the April 3rd Membership Meeting for your vote to count. You must be in good standing in order to cast your vote. All voting is by secret ballot, proxies are not allowed. ~ The Nominating Committee: Missy Burnett, Berk Pemberton, Stacy Thompson, Brenda Simmons.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Keith Stewart, **Dickie** and T **Stewart**'s son, who built Glenmore hounds two

Hunt Reports

Bonnie Doon Junior Hunt March 6, 2018

Picture it, your typical early March morning; kind of bleak, gray and cloudy, a little on the chilly side, but dressed for the weather, we are bound and determined to enjoy our Junior Hunt at Bonnie Doon. We started out as we always do moving our way through and or around the rambunctious cattle that grace the farm. Riding Teddy, (Brenda Simmons' horse) we worked on our Boy Scouts Honor badge for "Trying Our Hardest to be a Quarter Horse" while protecting Mike and the hounds from any charging cattle. Back and forth, around and through the trees, down to the old house in the woods we roam. A split second later, the hounds open. I turn Teddy and head for the gate, trying to keep the cattle at bay long enough for Mike and the fields to get through. While working cattle at the gate, we got to see our first glimpse of the lovely red that put the wily in fox. The fox ran out of cover and out in a large circle through the hay field, as if to say, "well crap, where do I go from here?" Mr. Magnificent, aka the fox, decided to duck back around towards the river bank and quickly disappeared. I was still posted at the gate shoeing cattle, but I couldn't wait any more. If memory serves me correctly, **John Meyer** was on foot and he relieved me of my gate duties. I took off towards the skinny gate to join Mike and the rest of the staff.



Missy Burnett and **Berk Pemberton** followed the river down to the far end of the field, while Mike Hideccker and the hounds circled out in the hay field trying to pick up Mr. Magnificent's scent. **Cindy Kiser** and I were a few horse lengths apart on the river bank, walking our horses along looking for a sign. The hounds periodically opened on Mr. Magnificent, but never really took off on his trail. A few minutes of searching, Mike blew his horn and motioned to Cindy and me that we would move on and to gather the hounds from the river. Cindy and I had been wandering the river bank, watching hounds come and go up the steep drop down into the river and looking at all of the large holes we found, discussing how maybe the fox was at home in one of the cavernous holes. On final tally, of course Mousetrapp was missing, so we were all shouting for Mousetrapp to pack up. Finally, Mousetrapp comes up out of the river and I joked with Cindy that he had been swimming and that it was too cold for that. About that time, it happened. OUT POPPED MR. MAGNIFICENT!!! This beautiful red orange bushy specimen of a fox leaped out of one of the very holes that I had just been standing on top of. I wasn't more than 20 feet away from him when he made his exit. I was so excited to see this fox, so up close and personal I couldn't even yell Tally Ho! The only words I could muster was "Mike, Mike the fox! Over here!" Like that, the hounds where on him. Up the fence line and down the river he ran, as did our enthusiastic hounds! I navigated Teddy back through that darn skinny gate, shaving a little bit of knee off with the post as we passed. Teddy was tuned into his hounds in full battle cry! It all was a blur after that second wonderful sighting, but I know we gave good chase to that wily fox. He took us all the way down to where Battlefield Road splits off from Rockfish road. It was a day to remember, that was for sure. I tip my hat to you, Mr. Magnificent, and I hope we have the pleasure of a chase again next season! Thank You to the **O'Donnell's** for allowing Glenmore to hunt your Bonnie Doon properties. ~ **Meagan Ryan-Brunot**.

Closing Hunt March 17, 2018 – What a Fun Season!

Glenmore Hunt's Closing Hunt completed its 88th season from the beautiful Bellevue Farm, home of **Vicki and Charlie Drumheller** and **Bobby Drumheller**, and **Edie and Joel Wilson's** Mountainside. While the sunrise was pretty, the weather forecast called for rain/freezing rain later in the morning. Seven and a half couple (15) hounds went by road to the CREP to be cast, while the fields followed in the pastures from our new parking area. While awaiting hounds to find a scent in the CREP, of course a train made an appearance, causing a bit of excitement to a couple of horses. Hounds worked hard in the CREP below Charlie's house but did not hit. Hounds were still working hard moving on toward picnic hill and the green hut, then toward coyote corner and turning back to the CREP beyond picnic hill, speaking off and on but nothing was viewed. About the time the hounds were speaking in coyote corner, the heavens gifted the riders with some freezing rain. I was road whipping from the hound truck, due to pacemaker surgery, and was warm and dry even though I was jealous of not riding. In the CREP below the switch grass field, hounds spoke but had to be stopped a quarter way into the switchgrass heading toward the railroad tracks. Jenner Brunk mentioned she viewed a gray out of the switchgrass which crossed the railroad tracks. While the quarry was not viewed, the hounds worked really hard; the field saw some amazing hound work and had a very pleasant day, despite the freezing rain.



(Photos courtesy of Susannah Via and Jenner Brunk)



Keeping with Glenmore's expertise in tailgate goodies, everyone enjoyed our fantastic closing hunt tailgate and camaraderie in the warmth of Charlie's heated machine shed. Thank you Charlie! ~ Brenda Simmons

Master's Report

Before casting hounds for closing hunt, I thanked many members and landowners for their support. I wish to reiterate my heartfelt thanks once again. First, thank you to my joint Masters, **Cindy Kiser** and **Joe Manning** for the support they have given me this year. I thank our whippers-in **Missy Burnett, Brenda Simmons,** and **Sara Wood**; and whippers-in in training **Meagan Ryan-Brunot** and **Anne Brooks**. Also, thank you to our road whips **Mike Kopcinski, Hugh Sproul, Chris Thompson, Jewell** and **Dwight Phelps**.

Thank you to our field masters **Stacy Thompson, Sandy Cryder, Mary Lee McDavid,** and others who have served. A big thank you to **Jenner Brunk** for the use of Thessaly during the season. Thank you to Mike Hidecker, huntsman-in training, for a job well done. Thank you to our members for a very pleasant and fun season. And a huge THANK YOU especially to all our landowners who have allowed us to hunt their beautiful properties.



My First Foxhunt

I was so excited when John Meyer told me there would be a junior foxhunt at Bonnie Doon on Tuesday, March 6th during Bridgewater College's spring break. I work on Saturday mornings, so trying to go then has been difficult. I got even more excited when my best friend Morgan Kanney said she would come along too. The amazing Jenner Brunk allowed Morgan and I to borrow her Django and Beowulf for this hunt; thanks Jenner!

I was not expecting to see the fox on my first hunt, I was just along for the experience! However, as we were resting a bit on a hill, down in the meadow there the fox was jumping out of the grass. Then there was the rush! Although the hounds lost the fox, that was enough for me to be hooked on foxhunting. Thank you to everyone at Glenmore for having me! I hope to be able to come on another hunt in the future! ~ Lilly Caricofe (guest of John Meyer)

Hunt Season Summary



HIP HIP HOORAY !!!

love our Glenmore hounds!

Our Blessing of the Hounds kicked off our 88th season of the Glenmore Hunt at **Margaret Henderson's** lovely Cottage Hill Farm. We dedicated our Opening Hunt in the memory of Frank Henderson who loved sharing his little piece of the earth with the Glenmore Hunt. This past Saturday marked the closing of the Glenmore Hunt season at **Charlie & Vicki Drumheller's** Bellevue Farm, being managed by the next Drumheller generation of **Bobby Drumheller**; and on **Edie & Joel Wilson's**, when we raised our flasks to the many landowners, friends, sponsors and members that support the Glenmore Hunt. Together we'll continue honoring the traditions of foxhunting for many decades to come. With my sincere thanks for a fantastic season. ~ **Joe Manning, MFH**

Congratulations Mike Hidecker and the Glenmore Hunt for a successful 88th season foxhunting in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. I'm so proud of all we accomplished this season with the fun and comradery we created every Tuesday and Saturday. Autumn Hunting started with **Angelika, Rod, and Jay O'Donnell's** Bonnie Doon Farm training hounds and also in **Sylvia King's** Quiet Acres Farm. Our dedicated staff of whippers-in **Missy Burnett, Brenda Simmons, and Sara Wood** helped keep hounds out of harm's way listening to their huntsman **T Stewart**; thank you for your support. At some point most members served in honorary Whippers-In rolls to support our club. A special shout out to **Meagan Brunot, Anne Brooks, and Cindy Kiser** who were there to support the day's sport in any role requested!

Our mounted day of sport is almost impossible without our members Wheel Whipping from the roads. If hounds needed to be stopped quickly or picked up after lagging behind our team of wheel whips were in the right place at the right times. Kudos to **Hugh Sproul, Mike Kopcinski** (and his little helpers!), **Dwight & Jewell Phelps**, and the dynamic duo of Mo Blyth and **Kay Tysinger** helping to protect and

Hunter Pace Series

Glenmore Hunt, Rockbridge Hunt and Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club are proud to announce their new for 2018 Hunter Pace Series. Each Pace you attend will earn points towards a series winner fleece cooler! Points are earned by placing in a division, riding in a pace, volunteering for a pace, and bonus points for attending all six paces throughout the season. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars for each pace now!



2018 Hunter Pace Series

Glenmore Hunt - Oak Ridge Fox Hunt - Rockbridge Hunt

All riding disciplines welcome! English, Western, Foxhunters, Trail riders!

Seven to Ten Mile courses in beautiful Augusta, Nelson, & Rockbridge Counties

Divisions: Full Cry, Second Flight, Hilltoppers/Trail, and Juniors.

- Full Cry: Fast pace with jumps
- Second Flight: For riders who enjoy a challenging ride, jumps optional
- Hilltoppers/Trail: A relaxed and leisurely stroll through foxhunting country
- Juniors: One rider on the team must be under 18



In all events, teams consist of two or more riders but only two ribbons will be awarded per team. Each team member will receive points toward the Series Championship.

Signed waiver & copy of current negative Coggins required for all riders in all divisions. Some events may require protective head gear. Please check individual event requirements.



Series Championship

The rider with the most points at the end of the series will win an embroidered fleece cooler!

Points will be awarded to riders who place first through sixth in all divisions. All other riders will receive an attendance point at each event toward the Championship. Bonus point will be awarded to riders who participate in all six events.

Series participants who forego riding in an individual hunter pace in order to volunteer at the pace will be awarded points toward the Championship.

More details about the point scoring can be found on our Facebook page:
Hunter Pace Series: Glenmore Hunt-Oak Ridge Fox Hunt-Rockbridge Hunt



Hunter Pace Series Dates

Series Events

For details visit:

Saturday, April 14
Saturday, May 5
Saturday, May 26

Glenmore Hunt Spring Hunter Pace
Rockbridge Hunt Derby-Day Hunter Pace
Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Spring Hunter Pace

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oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Glenmore Foundation News

The Board of Directors of the Glenmore Foundation decided to offer a short presentation to the Glenmore Hunt Club members at the Horn and Hound Social on May 6, 2018. As many new members may not understand how and why the Glenmore Hunt Club property is owned by the Foundation, which leases it to the Glenmore Hunt, this will be a great opportunity to understand the origins and purpose of this arrangement, without which there would be nowhere to house our hounds.

I personally hope there will be "before" pictures available so you may see the transformation, as verbal description would not do it justice. The kennel property is an ongoing work in progress, is dependent on the Foundation, and of course the Glenmore Hunt Club members. Hope to see you there. ~ Diane Gibbs

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