

Glenmore News

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Secretary's Corner

March 6, 2018
meetings will be held at the
Glenmore Office in Staunton

The Board will meet at **6:00 PM** followed at
7:00 PM by the Membership.

Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary

Calendar of Events

March 6	Board and Membership Meetings
March 6	Junior Hunt
March 17	Closing Hunt
April 7	GHC Hunt Ball
April 14	Spring Hunter Pace

President's Message

It's hard to believe we only have a little over a month left in the season. It's been so much fun hunting at new territories and having a blast at socials and we have more to come!

This month I'd like to focus on working as a team within the club. It has been fantastic to watch everyone come together to work this year, whether it be a kennel work day, planning and executing a club social, picking up manure as opposed to riding in the parade. Everyone has given a little and I am so appreciative. As president, it is my job to oversee all of the committees and make sure the day to day operations of the club run smoothly. I need your help. I am currently doing the job as president and social committee chair. In addition, I oversee the sponsorship program, coordinate the hunt ball and am helping guide those new to a chair position in their duties so they don't become overwhelmed. I love doing all these things for the club but I can't do all things, all the time. I'm reaching out to you, to ask that you look at your schedules and see if you can make time to head up a social, work on the hunt ball, run a hunter pace, contribute to the newsletter, spread the word about the sponsorships, or aid the club in other ways not mentioned.

I've taken on too much and I don't want to let the club down by not giving 100% to a particular task. If you have a particular talent you could share with the club or you can volunteer your time in other ways, please contact me and let me know what you are willing to do. Thank you so much. We are a member run club and I gently remind you that your participation is critical to our future. Please attend membership meetings and plan to get involved. Even a small amount of your time makes an enormous impact.

Mary Lee McDavid, President

Master's Report

The members, hounds, and staff of the Glenmore Hunt have enjoyed great hunts in recent weeks when Mother Nature cooperates. When making the call to hunt, cancel, or relocate our first priority is to mitigate damage to the fields and pastures of our gracious landowners. The Glenmore Hunt is fortunate to have several fixture locations with hard surface parking which have come in very handy these past few winter months. Thank you for your patience as your masters have changed parking locations or had to cancel the morning of the hunt – always remember to call our Glenmore Hunt line the evening before and the morning of every hunt.

Our Western Invitational Hunt held on Saturday, January 27th at **Margaret Henderson's** Cottage Hill was enjoyed by many guests and members sporting their Western tack and apparel. Thank you to everyone who invited guests to experience foxhunting from the comforts of their Western tack! Luckily the weather held off four one of our recent winter hunts at our Fort Lewis fixture in Bath County. Concern for soft ground conditions were dismissed by **John, Caryl, and David Cowden** who indicated that parking would not be a problem as the lower field along the river would be frozen solid – and solid it was! Our Fort Lewis fixture proved to be an enjoyable hunt covering land from Indian Draft Road at Cowpasture River to the River Bend house. Hounds definitely enjoyed their run below and around River Bend house which provided excitement for the field. Kudos to **Hugh Sproul** for joining us at Fort Lewis as honorary Wheel Whip and traffic stopper at critical moments of the hunt.

Please continue to keep **Colton Kopcinski** and his family in your prayers while he continues his fight against Leukemia. Colton has been an active participant in Glenmore Hunts while supporting his mom **Stephanie** prepare for the day's sport and dad **Mike** wheel whipping with the GPS tracking device with siblings **Abigail** and **Connor**. The Kopcinski's have a long fight ahead of them and can will this battle with the support of their Glenmore and other extended families.

The Glenmore Hunt will honor Dr. Mary T. O'Brien at a joint meet with the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club on Sunday, March 4th. Please note that Glenmore will not hunt on Saturday prior in order to honor Dr. T. with our friends from Oak Ridge. A celebration of life will take place in the form of a foxhunting tailgate at Headquarters at Tea Time Farm.

We look forward to socializing with our members and guests at the **Glenmore Hunt Ball** on Saturday, April 7th. Hermitage Hill Farm & Stables will once again complement our hunt ball with their equestrian and foxhunting decorated facility. Please support our Hunt Ball by making a donation, purchasing tickets, inviting friends, and bidding during the Silent Auction. Invitations are in the works and the Hunt Ball Committee appreciates your quick RSVP to assist with planning. Please let me know if you have friends or neighbors you'd like invited to our 2018 Glenmore Hunt Ball.

Joe Manning, MFH

Glenmore Foundation

Last Tuesday the Glenmore Foundation held its annual meeting of stockholders at my house. The foundation is a Virginia stock corporation which was created for the purpose of acquiring property on which to establish kennels for the hounds of the Glenmore Hunt. Shares of stock in the corporation were sold to raise money for the purchase. Shares were purchased by nearly all of the members of the hunt and many others not affiliated with the hunt. The foundation owns the real estate (land and improvements); the hunt rents from the foundation. The rent money pays the mortgage, taxes, and insurance. The fact that the hunt owns no significant assets provides a degree of insulation from a vicious law suit. If the hunt makes improvements to the property, these expenditures are reimbursable by the foundation; however, this can only occur if the foundation has money. For this reason, it is important for members and friends of Glenmore to continue to support our sport by purchasing stock in the Glenmore Foundation.

Hugh Sproul, Vice President, h-MFH

Hunt Report

February 3, 2018 – What a Day!

The fixture for Saturday was Fort Lewis. **Joe's** message on the hunt line said, "the temperature at 10:00 A.M. would be 25°F, so dress for the weather." We met at Tastee-Freez in Churchville at 8:00 A.M. for the hour drive to the meet. As we drove we couldn't help noticing the frost in the fields and the frozen ponds and river. We pulled in together and parked in the pasture below the lodge. As everyone got out of their trucks, we just looked at each other and laughed. We all had on so many layers, we walked like zombies.

We mounted up and as the seven couple of hounds were unloaded, Joe greeted everyone and announced that today's hunt would be dedicated to **Colton** who is in hospital at UVA.

We cast along the river toward the bridge and realized that there was NO wind. As we circled into the bridge CREP, hounds spoke almost immediately beside the fence line. Rummage wanted to cross the road, but **Missy** and **Alisha Gordon** (riding Missy's "Cow-pony") passed **Hugh Sproul** (our wheel whip) and stopped hounds as they came out to the road. **Mike** packed them up and cast them into the thick cover heading toward the lodge. We hunted along the river into the pasture toward the barn with no results.

When we stared down toward the hard-top road, Mike put the hounds into the wooded bank on our right. As we hacked down the road, we could see hounds feathering as they hunted the steep bank.

When we turned into the marshy CREP, hounds were moving faster along the bank. Mousetrap spoke, and all the hounds honored. They were in full cry along the edge of the woods, then across the open field toward the silo. Mike, Missy, and **Cindy** tried to go across the field where there had been an opening, only to find it closed with electric wire. They had to turn back toward the road. **Sara**, **Brenda**, and I galloped back up the hard surface to the farm road leading to the silo.

The front four hounds – Mousetrap, Bonnie, Velvet, and Francis – had gone past the silo and checked behind the barn so Sara was able to get in front of them. Mike had gotten to the top of the farm road by then and not knowing if we could go any further in that direction, started calling them in. Sara sent the front four and I sent hounds to Mike as they came under the gate at the silo. Missy and Brenda were with Mike and had them all accounted for after a couple of minutes. We were all happy to see that Ripple and Nugget were in the middle of the pack.

We hacked back down the road and hunted through the marshy CREP. They hunted hard but found nothing there. Missy's dad, Eddie, was on the road when Sara and Brenda went by. Brenda stopped and was able to shed a layer of clothing since the sun was out and the day was warming up.

We crossed the creek into the moss hillside with Mike at the bottom. Hounds were hunting the steep hill, so I went to the top toward the old barn. Missy and Alisha were in the pasture out front. Sara and Brenda were on the lodge road. After hunting the hillside and coming out into the open, Mike packed up the hounds and we all hacked past the lodge together.

We arrived at the parking area with tired horses and happy hounds. The hounds must have heard the hunt was dedicated to Colton because they hunted together and were perfect all day. We miss having the Kopcinski family with us and thought of them often.

A nice tailgate was held on the patio with comfy chairs, good food, and lots of smiles.

T Stewart, MFH

Another Hunt Report

A Wheel Whip's Perspective

This hunt season I have been car following and attempting to make myself useful monitoring the tracking collars, opening gates, hauling spectators and photographers, etc. On 26 December at Arbor Hill I was attending a gate on the Welliver farm when I was rewarded with beautiful music of the whole pack in full cry in the woods east of the creek. Pretty soon a big dark red fluffy-coated red fox came right through my gate. Not far behind, hounds and riders followed through the gate.

On 16 January, again at Arbor Hill, I had driven to Griner Road (the far end of the country we hunt) and pulled into the driveway of the Fauber log house when a beautifully appointed red fox trotted across the grass to the right of the driveway and disappeared under the bridge where Griner Road crosses the creek. I announced "Tally Ho" over the radio and waited. Soon after hounds and riders came along. Mike cast the hounds where I had seen the fox, but they were unable to acquire the scent. (Just as well; we were out of country.)

As the hunt moved back to the north through Tom Williams' woods, I decided to follow on Stingy Hollow Road. I got a call on the radio to go to Stingy Hollow Road to look for hounds. I was in the right spot before any hounds showed up. A few crossed a large hay field between Tom's woods and the road, but most were called back. I was able to slow some traffic on the road while Missy and Anne took one shy hound back to the pack.

Wheel whipping is not like riding to hounds, but I'm having fun and occasionally able to be helpful. I invite others to join in the fun.

Hugh Sproul, Vice President, h-MFH

Calling Contributions for the Glenmore Bar

The Glenmore Bar has always been the benefactor of donations by the membership and very little needed to be supplemented. This year's Hunt Ball will be relying on generous donations of Wine and Spirits from our members.

If you have been intending to make a donation, please know that our **Glenmore Bar is lacking in White Wines, Bourbon, Rum, and Gin.** We have plenty of Whiskey; be sure to donate your drink of choice to ensure it's on the bar at the ball; for planning purposes it's best to have your contribution prior to the Hunt Ball!



Joe Manning, MFH

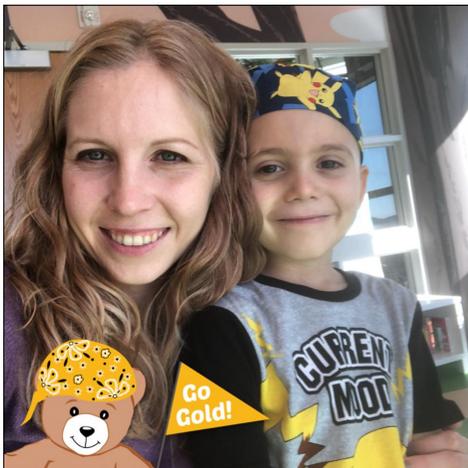
Thank You

A huge Glenmore “Thank You” to the many landowners who share their land with the Glenmore Hunt. We appreciate you and continue to respect your land and your farming operation. Feel free to put us in touch with neighboring farmers as we’re always looking to expand our options for foxhunting in the Shenandoah Valley.

Joe Manning, MFH

Western Hunt Conservation
Glenmore Hunt Appreciation
Equestrian Events
Welcome New Riders
Junior Hunt Guests
Family Generosity Tradition
Landowner

*We send our love to **Colton Kopcinski**, his mom and dad, **Mike** and **Stephanie Kopcinski** and his family.*





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