

# Glenmore News



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Monthly Meeting	Calendar
<p>The Tuesday, March 2 meeting was held remotely. Members received additional information on this by email.</p> <p>The Board of Directors met at 6:30 pm and the Membership meeting followed at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Please plan to attend next month and share your ideas!</p>	<p>The Calendar Committee set a tentative calendar for 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 13– Glenmore Closing Hunt</li><li>• March 27—Bye Day—Rockbridge with GH hounds</li><li>• April 11—Trail Ride Social</li><li>• April 17—Spring Hunter Pace</li><li>• May 1—Derby Day Party</li></ul> <p>Online at: <a href="https://www.glenmorehunt.org/events">https://www.glenmorehunt.org/events</a></p>

## Board Nominations

### 2021—2022

The Nominations Committee proposed the following nominees for the Board of Directors of the Glenmore Hunt. Voting will be held at the annual meeting April 6, 2021. The bylaws require that the voting take place at the Glenmore Office, however, the ongoing COVID emergency will require a change of venue. We will plan to have this meeting in person, but we're asking members to volunteer their barn or other large gathering place to encourage social distancing. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all positions on April 6.

<b>President</b>	John Meyer	<b>Vice President</b>	Jake Arbaugh
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<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Carol Demeo	<b>Treasurer</b>	Meaghan Brunot
<b>Treasurer</b>	Meagan Brunot	<b>Member at Large (Non-riding)</b>	Berk Pemberton
<b>Master of Foxhounds</b>	Joe Manning	<b>Member at Large (Riding)</b>	Jenner Brunk
	Mary Lee McDavid		Missy Burnett
	Brenda Simmons		Vonda Johnston
	Stacy Thompson		Hugh Sproul

## Masters of Foxhounds Candidates

Glenmore Hunt is fortunate to have four excellent candidates asking for your support as Master of Foxhounds for 2021—2022. Each of these candidates provided a description of their aspirations for our hunt. These are presented below in last name order. Please plan to attend our meeting on April 6 and vote!

### Joe Manning, MFH



The Glenmore Hunt has been my equine therapy for the past fourteen years. It feels like just three years ago I was riding with Jewell Phelps in third flight learning all that I could about foxhunting while watching the hounds. It has been an enjoyable ride with the Glenmore Hunt from third flight with Rocky to leading second flight as Master of Foxhounds on Cupcake. I've served the Glenmore Hunt as MFH for the past seven years and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve for the 2021-2022 leadership cycle. There aren't many Glenmore fundraisers, socials, hound trainings, trail clearing work days, or kennel workdays and hounds walks that I've missed. Coordinating our Murder Mystery Ride with Mary Lee and Angelika might just be the highlight of the year. Saturday, June 13th – save the date and spread the word for our seventh Murder Mystery Ride!

Creating and maintaining relationships with landowners has helped open and expand new fixtures as well as restore lost fixtures. The members of the Glenmore Hunt are excited about our hounds and continued conversations of expanding fixtures and cultivating new fixtures in our MFHA territory. I look forward to being part of those efforts as Master of Foxhounds on our 2021-2022 Board of Directors. Joe Manning, MFH

### Mary Lee McDavid



On April 6th 2021 Glenmore Hunt will have its annual elections and I am running for Master of Foxhounds. I've been asked several times by members why I am running so I thought I'd share a little bit about myself, for the new members, and share my reasons for running.

I've been hunting and a member of Glenmore Hunt for close to 15 years. I've been very active since the first year I joined. I started by helping with food for a hunter pace which then evolved to coordinating one. Back when the Maury River hunter trials were a thing I took our tailgate competition as a pet project and had a lot of fun doing it. That eventually led to my being on the social committee which I co-chaired for several years. I've taken a lead role in putting on our hunt ball every year and started our Sponsorship program which bore out of the original hunt ball sponsors. I developed the Murder Mystery Ride which has been one of our best and most talked about fundraisers. I served on the board as a member at large for years before becoming President and only recently stepped down during my son's senior year of high school. I was appointed to the board when a vacancy happened in 2020 after the elections.

These past few years I've become an active third and occasionally second flight leader. I enjoy helping new members, new horses and guests find their way in our club. It has brought a new and exciting joy for me while hunting. It is also customary for field masters to be Masters of Foxhounds which is one reason I am running. I also feel my time as president gave me the understanding of the intricacies of the hunt club and an intimate knowledge of the by-laws.

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# Masters of Foxhounds Candidates

## Mary Lee McDavid—Continued

Having attended several Virginia Hunt Weeks, being an associate member with Oak Ridge Hunt Club, capping with several other hunts, and being very active on foxhunting social media I have made many contacts throughout the foxhunting community which is an asset for a master to possess. I've worked alongside every one of our current masters and work well with each of them. Brenda Simmons has been a mentor for me for many years and taught me how to lead third flight. We've spent many hours working together on projects such as the newsletter and table seating at the hunt ball (which can be quite challenging). I co-chaired the social committee with Stacy Thompson and we complimented each other nicely in that we both were good at different parts of the job that needed to get done, which means it always came together. Joe Manning and I have been running the Murder Mystery Ride together since the inception. We have our mojo down and know exactly what each is doing every year. Working with each of them has been easy to do and we get along well as co-workers on projects and I feel that can translate easily in the master position. Lastly, one of my passions is looking at land and potential hunt fixtures. If I become a master that is one of the tasks I would like to take an active roll in.

I believe my next opportunity to serve the hunt club is through being a master. I know the duties that are involved, I can work well with whoever else is elected and I'm ready and willing to step up and take on this role. ~ Mary Lee McDavid

## Brenda Simmons, MFH

I am honored to have served as a Master, first from 1998-2001, and again 2019 to present. As one of the joint Masters, my duties include huntsman coordination, kennel operations, supervision of kennel person, appoint hunt staff, whipper-in and junior whip development and training, hound shows, hound breeding, and hound care.

Our huntswoman, Missy Burnet and I work well together. For two hunts my horse Teddy became her mount while Dewey recovered from a bruised heel. I felt it more important Missy ride to hunt our hounds. On Tuesdays in January, while Jess attended her in-person surgery class, Missy would pick up hounds and I would pick up Missy's horse Dewey. Teddy and Dewey became close, eating out of the same hay bag in the trailer. I guess Teddy thought Dewey's hay tasted better.

Kennel operations are going well, and we are lucky to have Jess Arnold as our kennel person, whom I might add is close to completing the Vet-Tech training program and helpful with hound care. I have not needed to run out to the kennels 4-5 days in a row. Missy also noted kennel runs are clean when picking up hounds, so hounds are not jumping and messing up her clothes!

Our hunt staff work hard at keeping our hounds safe during hunts. If any member is interested in learning to whip-in or interested in the junior whip training, please let me know.

One requirement of the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA) is to have a breeding program. I am pleased with our current breeding program, as we did not have a breeding program for several years. We currently have 10 Glenmore entered hounds, with five unentered that will be entered during our 2021-2022 hunt season, bringing Glenmore entered hounds to 15. Fifteen hounds will be half our pack registered as Glenmore entered.



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# Masters of Foxhounds Candidates

## Brenda Simmons, MFH—Continued

Glenmore's pack consists of 27 entered hounds (13 females, 14 males) with five unentered "R" pups (two female and 3 male). The MFHA requires 24 hounds (12 couple) to be a registered hunt. We will have a couple hounds that will be needing a foster home so if you are interested or know of someone who would love a retired hound, please let me know.

While Mother Nature has not been kind to us during the month of February, and with COVID restrictions, we are holding our own in the number of times hounds have been hunted. Your three Masters and huntswoman are in close contact to decide if conditions are safe for hounds, horses, members, and landowner properties. Please bear with us during these trying times.

I will run for Master again in the upcoming April Annual Election of Officers and Staff and hope to continue serving you. ~ Brenda Simmons, MFH

## Stacy Thompson, MFH



For the last two years I have had the privilege of serving as one of three Joint Masters for the Glenmore Hunt. My husband and I have been active members of Glenmore for over twenty years. I have served as the Social Chair for many years and was elected to the Board as the Riding Member at Large throughout the years. In addition, I have consistently been the First Flight Leader for over fifteen years and competed in the Virginia Field Hunter Trial Championship in 2009 and 2010. Chris and I host the Annual Friends of Glenmore Kick-Off Party and many other socials at our farm in Swoope, Campbellot. And...I believe I can safely say that I have been the EMT for over 100 events Glenmore has hosted over the span of my membership.

However, even with all this experience, there was so much to learn as I was elected to serve as Master of Foxhounds in 2019. My purpose had to transition from one of fun to one of meaning. As a leader of Glenmore, I recognize the important role I serve in mentoring new riders to the sport and grooming juniors to one day assume the same position I currently hold, sometime in the future. For juniors who ride along side of me, I must conduct myself in a way that I hope they will emulate when it is their turn to ascend to the position. I hope they will hear the kindness in my voice when I encourage

my horse through difficult terrain, when I provide clear directions to navigate the riders to safety in the field, and when I encourage a timid rider to believe in themselves. Foxhunting is a sport of traditions; but, it should never come at the cost of making anyone feel inferior.

I am proud and humbled by the respect Glenmore has earned from the community throughout the many years of its development. I feel strongly that Glenmore needs to be actively involved in the community in which we live. I also believe that Glenmore cannot be self-serving. In an effort to spark the interest of juniors from local barn to foxhunting, I facilitated the support of Triple Crown to fund the Triple Crown Series of food and fun watching the Kentucky Derby and Preakness at Campbellot.

When the community has supported our fundraisers reliably year after year, we must give something back. It is for these reasons that I work with Ride With Pride to host our joint endeavor for the Judged Trail Ride in the summer. I have also represented Glenmore at the Ride With Pride Annual Gala.

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## Stacy Thompson, MFH Continued

When our hunt club suffered the immeasurable loss of one of our youngest members to leukemia in June of 2019, Colton Kopcinski, along with other members, I was compelled to contact the media to bring awareness to the deficit in funding for pediatric cancers during our Blessing of the Hounds. With the approval from the Kopcinski's, I was also interviewed by the host of "Horses in the Morning" an international horse radio network, to discuss our Blessing of the Hounds dedicated to Colton and the challenges facing children with cancer. People are intrigued by the true beauty of the hounds and horses. I feel Glenmore needs to use that platform for social good.

I would like Glenmore to be known for the sport they show, the class that they exhibit to execute that sport, and the integrity it brings to the foxhunting community. To enhance Glenmore's involvement with fellow foxhunters, I coordinated the 4 Day Hunt 2020 when Virginia Hunt Week was canceled due to Covid-19. I am coordinating an effort for us to host a qualifying hunt for the Junior North American Field Hunter Trial Championship. I am also pursuing a position on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Horse Council for the upcoming year to represent foxhunting interests.

If given the opportunity, I will continue to provide support and guidance to every aspect of Glenmore. This club often feels like a family. I may have provided care for an injured hound, emergency aid to a fallen rider, encouragement to a new rider, urgent problem solving in the middle of a chase, etc. But, this club has returned everything I have ever given ten-fold. With the recent loss of my dad and accident, Glenmore reached out and hugged me from every household on the roster. It is true that it is in giving that we receive the most. ~ Stacy Thompson, MFH

## Hound Walking at the Kennels—February 28, 2021



Missy organizes the hounds for a walk—Photo by John Meyer



Treats for all—Photo by John Meyer

With ground conditions still sodden, many members turned out to the kennels to walk the hounds and celebrate Waverly McDavid's birthday. Noah Avery provided a lovely cake for the occasion. ~ John Meyer



Noah's cake was as good as it looked—Photo by Mary Lee McDavid



## Mountainside—March 6, 2021



Joe and Scotty lead second flight—Photo by John Meyer



Cindy and Pixie lead first flight at a gallop—Photo by John Meyer



Missy and Waverly lead the hounds—Photo by John Meyer



Anne and Gemma—Photo by John Meyer



Duncan and Meagan enjoy the breakfast—Photo by Katie Robinson

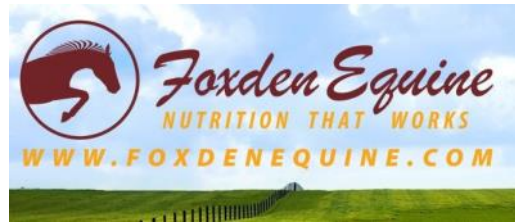


Scarlett and Kingsley take the coop—Photo by John Meyer

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**Spring Hunter Pace**  
**April 17, 2021**



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