

Glenmore News



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Monthly Meeting

The Tuesday, February 2 meeting was held remotely. Members received additional information on this by email.

The Board of Directors met at 6:30 pm and the Membership meeting followed at 7:30 pm.

Please plan to attend next month and share your ideas!

Calendar

The Calendar Committee set a tentative calendar for 2021.

- February 27—Western Invitational
- March 13—Glenmore Closing Hunt
- April 11—Trail Ride Social
- April 17—Spring Hunter Pace
- May 1—Derby Day Party

Online at: <https://www.glenmorehunt.org/events>

Sponsorship Program

Did you recently have a good experience purchasing a car or truck or have home renovations done by an excellent contractor? Why not provide your vendor the opportunity connect with other members of the Glenmore Hunt? Mary Lee McDavid will again be working on Glenmore's annual Sponsorship Program. Glenmore relies on our Sponsorship program to keep our hounds healthy and happy. Please send your contacts within the business community to Mary Lee!



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Glenmore Hunt

2021 Sponsorship Program

Bronze \$100

- Name listed at our events
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- Your Name on the Glenmore T-Shirt

Silver \$300 *includes Bronze pkg plus...*

- Name/Logo listing at our events
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- Invitation to Opening Hunt Breakfast
- Listing on our Website
- Mention on Social Media
- Bold Listing on the Glenmore T-shirt

Gold \$500 *includes Bronze & Silver pkgs plus...*

- Logo Listing in Every Newsletter
- Monthly posting on our Social Media by your business supplied content
- 4' x 2.5' Banner Displayed at our Events
- Name/Logo incl. in our Event Promotions
- Logo on the Glenmore T-Shirt

Platinum \$1000 *includes Bronze - Gold pkgs plus...*

- 1/2 Page Feature in our Newsletter
- Weekly posting on our Social Media by your business supplied content
- Stirrup Cup Sponsorship at Opening Hunt
- Vending at our Events

Diamond \$1500 *incl. Bronze - Platinum pkgs plus...*

- Choice to Speak at an Event
- Exclusive Invitation to our Social Events
- Large Logo on the Glenmore T-shirt
- Event Sponsorship of your Choice

Tally Ho \$2500 *incl. Bronze - Diamond pkgs plus...*

- Reception at your Place of Business or Preferred Location
- Exclusivity for your Business Type
- Stirrup Cup Sponsorship At All Special Hunts
- Opening Hunt Breakfast Sponsorship
- Customizable Options Available upon Request

For more information, contact Sponsorship Chair: Mary Lee McDavid at 540.292.9634 or marylee@hoppinfoxfarm.com

Bonnie Doon—January 30, 2021



Missy and Teddy plan the next cast—
Photo by Jenner Brunk

The day was brisk and breezy, and the hounds seemed keen to get started. All masters were grounded for various reasons, so Mary Lee and I were going to lead the fields with members and several guests. I was happy to have Waverly and Kayla with me as well as Mary and Becky from Oakridge. I hoped Django was up for some speed and modest jumps depending on where we ended up.

After instructions and a prayer from the huntsman we set off from Jay's Hill toward the manor. Hounds inspected the trees next to the cornfield and then bounced through the cornfield toward the farmyard. I invited Waverly and Kayla to do the customary gallop around the South Pond pasture as I followed the pack with Mary and Becky—telling them the pasture lark allows riders to “check the brakes” on any fresh horses. Hounds spread over the barnyard, sterns twirling but without speaking. We could see new young cattle in the North Pasture who were enjoying watching the horses and hounds. The huntsman turned us west toward the Round Bale pasture. We couldn't help but notice the spanking new shed row barn for Bailey that had been recently installed. Hounds worked past the barn and spread out over the round bales. Angelika has seen foxes over this area. We could see the hounds follow a line around them, single file, yet they did not speak. The huntsman moved the hounds into the Middle Pasture along the tree line and admitted to whipper-in, Julie that she was not tempted to bring the youngest hounds into the feisty young cow field, so she cast the hounds at Stony Point into the Riverbend hayfield.



Oak Ridge members Mary and Becky joined us for the day—Photo by John Meyer.

I confessed to Mary and Becky that when its up to me I ride midway through the hayfield rather than next to the river due to the Canada geese, mallards, and heron that take wing with no warning giving Django a rare opportunity to startle. About midway the hounds opened up along the riverbank and crossed the field toward the Butterfly cornfield. Waverly got the gate from pony-back and the huntsman led us into the field where the hounds circled and worked but could not find a confident line.

Braying from the river made the huntsman wonder if a hound had found a den. Asking Mary Lee to check it out it was found that a hound had slid down a steep bank and could not figure out how to get out. Whipper-in, Jake rocketed past us to the rescue. On the

Glenmore private page is video of him climbing down a 9-foot bank, tying his whip to Tuesday's collar and pulling him to safety without getting a lick of dirt on his formal whites. Tuesday had a laceration on a leg, so he earned himself early retirement from the field, his mournful cries from the truck told us later that he was missing the fun. The huntsman cast the hounds again near the riverbend and the spoke again briefly as they moved toward the Butterfly field. At this point Django gave a brief startle as some mallards flew up and we also managed to see the heron wing its way over river following it back toward Stony Point.

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Jake rescues Tuesday from the banks of the Middle River—Video
by Mary Lee McDavid

Bonnie Doon—January 30, 2021—Continued

Around this time was thinking that this was the huntsman's second time hunting from Teddy and I was noticing Missy seemed to get him going pretty well. As we followed the pack at a walk, noting the game trails from the corn to the river, hounds opened up and Teddy transitioned from walk to canter with a gentle lift to his chest. We were off. We swiftly moved into the Shale field and toward Jays woods. Hounds had quieted a little, but we soon got the word from Jake that a large fluffy red has passed in front of him from Jays woods toward the old farmhouse. The huntsman paused to see if the hounds were going to pick up the line. Some hounds ventured over but the rest of the pack opened up and moved toward Bud's woods. At this point we were moving quickly. I had to plant my feet and throw my shoulders back (and I cussed a bit) to make Django slow up from a dead gallop. I heard thundering on my right and feared a loose horse, but saw it was just Beowulf and Jake breaking a land speed record to try and get to Scott-Christian Road before the pack.

By Bud's woods the pack was split with half of them working into the woods and half struggling to try and get under the fencing on the line. I held Teddy while the huntsman tried to pull the fence high enough to get under. Alas those fencers did too good a job and it proved impossible. The huntsman quickly ran back to the Wasp gate and hollered for her pack to come to her there to get around the fencing. Just as she did this, I heard Mary and Becky tally ho! Looking East toward Bud's pasture we could see a small dark red fox heading north toward the rigs. After a moment of excited chatter, we spotted another (the same?) fox, but looking bigger and redder, heading toward the barn foundation this time. The hounds had regrouped in Bud's woods and emerged to follow the line of the first fox. The huntsman led us back to the Skull gate next to the barn foundation. From this spot we saw the hounds speaking on the second fox trail straight to the foundation. The huntsman asked me to hold her mount so she could go praise her hounds.

Chatter was very excited. Mary told me it was her first "Tally Ho". We compared stories and adventure until I realized Teddy was grazing and his reins were on the ground. I had my first opportunity to use my hunt whip to hook them from astride—which I managed to do with two guests watching. They were amazed and so was I--thanks for that trick, Joe. Comparing stories, it is impossible to know if we saw one, two, or three different foxes that day. Brianna saw one fox head toward her while she was near the rigs and saw it turn when it saw her. Angelika told me that Bud had just watch a fox pair in the same spots just a day or so before the hunt. It's not surprising since it is the season for twitter pated foxes. Although it was not a long day of hunting it was a great deal of fun and it seems our guests found it worth the drive, one of them asking me to let her know if any small farms come on the market nearby!



Hounds working the foundation near the barn—photo by Jenner Brunk

Junior Member Shines in IEA Team Competition



Junior member Waverly McDavid has finished her first season on the High School level IEA team. She rides with Clover Grove IEA team as a JV novice rider. She's been on the IEA team for 4 years now competing previously as a middle schooler. Last year she qualified for regionals as a Future Intermediate rider. This year she qualified in her over fences division and will head off to regionals in March.

IEA is an equestrian sport for middle school and high school aged kids. They compete at local shows by riding horses they've never ridden before. It's judged on equitation alone. Riders "draw" a horse on the day of the show and are given a little bit of information on how the horse moves and are asked to compete. If they are doing a jumping course they get the opportunity to jump the horse over two jumps to warm up before entering the ring. Depending on the level competing the riders must demonstrate their equitation

skill at that level and are judged on those criteria. Riders earn points at each show based on how they place and must earn a minimum of 18 points to qualify for Regionals. They have up to 5 shows to earn enough points to qualify.

Waverly had a rocky start to the season as she broke her ankle a few weeks before the first scheduled show. She spent more than half the season unable to ride but came back strong and was able to qualify for over fences. She actually did so well she "pointed out" meaning she got so many points she is required to move up to the next level next year. Normally, you can compete at the same level for 2 years before moving up.

Waverly considers foxhunting a main reason she does so well in IEA. She has to be adjustable and soft with the horse while also maintaining proper equitation. She attributes going up and down different terrain, having to make quick decisions on the hunt field, and staying out of the horses way over coops all to her success in the ring. She's often told she has a soft seat and hands which strange horses love because she allows them a bit more freedom of movement and less stress for them which enables both horse and rider to perform their best.

Waverly also has a teammate and fellow hunt club junior Reisling Sullivan. They competed in the same division last year as well. They've enjoyed spending time together on and off the hunt field. She has also spent time with long time member Jakki Avery getting additional tips and tricks to help improve her performance. Jakki has put her judging skills to good use in helping us pinpoint exactly what Waverly needs to do to kick it up a notch. Most of it is related to her weaker leg that is still gaining strength from being broken.

If you have a good horse that she can practice on in the ring before IEA she would love the opportunity. As many different kinds of rides as possible helps improve different aspects of her equitation and you just never know what kind of horse you will draw.

She's looking forward to heading to Richmond in March for Regionals and is hoping it doesn't conflict with her first passion FOXHUNTING! ~
Mary Lee McDavid



Emergencies in the Field

Recently, Glenmore member experienced a frightful accident in the field. While the member avoided serious injury, it will be some time before she will be out hunting again. Horseback riding is an activity with a high risk for traumatic head/neck/spine injury. Unless a rider casually comes off and jumps back on their horse, a thorough assessment should be performed before moving a person. Such an assessment is beyond the skills of a lay person. It is most appropriate to call 911 and let Emergency Medical Staff assess the injury. Moving a victim risks further injury plus there is an associated liability which could be directed to the individual as well as the club. Below are first aid recommendations from the Mayo Clinic. Please take a few minutes to look these over to help keep everyone safe in the field. ~ Vonda Johnston

If you suspect a back or neck (spinal) injury, **do not move the affected person**. Permanent paralysis and other serious complications can result. Assume a person has a spinal injury if:

- There's evidence of a head injury with an ongoing change in the person's level of consciousness
- The person complains of severe pain in his or her neck or back
- An injury has exerted substantial force on the back or head
- The person complains of weakness, numbness, or paralysis or lacks control of his or her limbs, bladder or bowels
- The neck or body is twisted or positioned oddly

If you suspect someone has a spinal injury:

- **Get help.** Call 911 or emergency medical help.
- **Keep the person still.** Place heavy towels or rolled sheets on both sides of the neck or hold the head and neck to prevent movement.
- **Avoid moving the head or neck.** Provide as much first aid as possible without moving the person's head or neck. If the person shows no signs of circulation (breathing, coughing or movement), begin CPR, but do not tilt the head back to open the airway. Use your fingers to gently grasp the jaw and lift it forward. If the person has no pulse, begin chest compressions.
- **Keep helmet on.** If the person is wearing a helmet, don't remove it.
- **Don't roll alone.** If you must roll the person because he or she is vomiting, choking on blood or because you have to make sure the person is still breathing, you need at least one other person. With one of you at the head and another along the side of the injured person, work together to keep the person's head, neck and back aligned while rolling the person onto one side.

Mayo Clinic—<https://www.mayoclinic.org/first-aid/first-aid-spinal-injury/basics/art-20056677>

Melton

To an outsider, use many unusual and confusing terms. Covert (with a silent "t"), whipper-in, hounds (not dogs) and wearing a "melton." This refers to a coat made of thick, water resistant wool fabric. The fabric is "fulled" which removes oils, dirt and other impurities and then milled to increase the thickness and compactness of the material.

The history of Melton wool making goes back centuries in England, Scotland, and Wales. Melton wool was first produced in the Leicestershire town of Melton Mowbray. At the time, this small east-midlands town was the national hotspot for fox-hunting and other outdoor sports. The weatherproof qualities of Melton wool made it the ideal cloth for producing hunting jackets, including the archetypal scarlet and black fox hunting jacket.

Melton Mowbray and its surrounding areas became a hub for wool production, and the recipe for Melton wool spread far and wide across the British Isles. The name Melton wool stuck, though, and that humble little town remains the namesake of one of the toughest fabrics out there to this very day. Source: <https://www.heddels.com/2019/12/what-is-melton-wool/>



T Stewart stays warm in her melton.

Francy Tales—Stories from a retired Glenmore Foxhound

Frances (Little Miss Francypants) has invented a new version of her tag game. When we go outside in the yard for a walkabout she bounces and play bows and acts like a goofy puppy, but she won't let me get too close to her. If I give up and walk away, sometimes she will creep up to me and put her cold nose in my hand, kind of her way of saying "tag". It will surprise me, and I will yell, and she will bounce away and then grin at me. If I look at her, she will stay away but if I turn away, I can see side-eye see creep closer until she tags me with her nose again. Then she invites me to chase her again. She is too quick. This game can go on for 2 to 10 tags before we go in. She always manages to wait until I am totally engrossed with something and then she will cold-nose tag me again. What a goofball. Our tag game stands at 247 to zero.



Francis and Gideon

One of the biggest constants in Frances life at Checkertree Farm has been her settee. She was timid and shy as she scabbled up my steps, but I lifted her onto her wicker settee and she safely observed the rest of us bustle around from that safe spot. She spends 80% of her retired life there. She buries her treasures under those cushions, sleeps there at night, and runs there when her favorite people walk into the room. The senior dog in my house pack is Gideon, my oldest Irish Setter. He loves lounging on that settee for his mid-afternoon nap and at dusk when the sun is setting. He gave that settee to Frances for weeks and months, but lately he is jumping up there to relax. For a day or so Frances couldn't decide how to react. She would stare at him and the little bit of room next to him and then curl on the floor until he moved. Gideon is a gentle alpha dog and has never given

Frances anything but protection so before long Francy decided she could try curling up next to him. He was so perfect that she now uses him as a pillow if he is on the settee. Look at the pictures for evidence. My top dog and my bottom dog could not be better pals.

Frances has heard from Brenda that there are several Glenmore hounds that are still waiting for a sponsor to adopt them. They are trying to be patient but their best wish (other than being in the lead when they catch that foxy scent) is to have a Glenmore member of their very own. As a sponsor to multiple hounds over the years, I can attest that it is one of the most satisfying things to watch one of "my" hounds puffing the scent with stern wagging and twirling as they work that frosty ground and then throw their head back to give voice. And Frances is not sure but there may be some splendid pensioners who are ready for their retirement home when the season slows down. Additionally, the hounds appreciate biscuit treats in large boxes. And our huntsman is hoping for several more tracking collars to keep our wonderful canine-staff safe while hunting. Frances asks us to step up and invest in our pack—the dividends are wonderful. ~ Jenner Brunk

Boy Scout Camp—February 6, 2021



A whips view of the field—Photo by Christine Brady



Meagan and Floki western attire—Photo by John Meyer

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