

Glenmore News



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Monthly Meeting

The Tuesday, May 2, 2023 meetings will be held at the Glenmore Hunt Office 101 W. Frederick Street (Room 7) Staunton, VA 24401 .

The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 7:30 PM by the Membership.

To access the Glenmore members-only calendar go to the website: www.Glenmorehunt.org then log in with your email and password. Contact Carol Demeo for more information.

Calendar of Events

Be sure to join us for the following events!

- April 25—Calendar Committee
- April 29—Work day at the Kennels/Property Comm
- May 6—Derby Day Social
- May 28—Virginia Foxhound Show
- June 10 – Murder Mystery Ride

Keep an eye out for hound walk outs to be scheduled over the coming spring and summer. Walk outs are a great opportunity to meet our hounds and socialize.

New Masters and Officers Elected for 2023—2024

At the meeting of April 4, 2023, the Glenmore Hunt elected a set of officers for the 2023—2024 season. Two new Masters were elected. Anne Brooks and John Meyer will work with Joe Manning and our Huntsman Julie Bullock DVM to ensure the continued growth of the Glenmore Hunt. The Masters are deeply grateful for the work of the previous Masters, Brenda Simmons and Mary Lee McDavid.

Other officers include Ida Rademacher, President, Jake Arbaugh, Vice President, Jakki Avery, Treasurer and Carol Demeo, Secretary. Board Members at Large include Col. Hugh B. Sproul III, Julie Bullock DVM and Crystal Carter. The membership elected Megan Ryan-Brunot as Board Social Member at Large.

The next step in the process will be the assignment of Committee Members including the Finance, By-laws, Social, Membership and Hunt Committees as defined in Glenmore By-laws. Other important committees include Publicity/Publications, Calendar, History, Sponsorship and Junior/Pony Club Liaison. Member participation is critical to making our club function. Contact Ida Rademacher at Ida's email address to let her know which of these important committees you'd like to be a part of. ~John Meyer

Colors Awarded to Brie Richards and Kayla McCoy

At the most recent Glenmore Hunt Ball, the Masters awarded colors to Brie Richards and Kayla McCoy for their outstanding service as Whippers In. Brie joined Glenmore in January 2019 and trains horses at her farm in Verona. Kayla is a teacher and has been a Junior member for the last four years. Kayla hunts her mare, Audrey, and trains her gelding Prince for cross country.

Brenda Simmons recognized the two for their work to develop their skills as Whippers-In and their critical efforts to keep Glenmore's hounds safe.

The awarding of colors by the Masters marks a member as an active and contributing member to the continued success of our hunt. Be sure to congratulate Kayla and Brie the next time you see them! ~ John Meyer



Glenmore Hunt Ball

Ida Rademacher secured a beautiful location for Glenmore's 2023 Hunt Ball, the Lodge at Massanetta Springs. About 60 members and spouses celebrated the close of Glenmore's 93rd season. The evening included a DJ, silent auction and much dancing.



Mike Graham, Vonda Johnston, Donny Johnston and Chris Thompson enjoy the evening.



James Tonery, Cindy Kiser and Paul arrive for the festivities at Massanetta Springs.

Sedgefield Hound Performance Trials

The Sedgefield Hunt hosts the Sedgefield Hound Performance Trials at a 9,000 acre game preserve near Hoffman, NC. Sedgefield invites all fox hunters to join this fundraising event. A neutral huntsman hunts the hounds for two days. A group of judges works to score the hounds on the skills of hunting, trailing, full cry, marking and exemplary performance.

In March 2023, four Glenmore hounds, Oprah, Tennessee, Tuesday and Tugboat joined hounds from 10 different hunts for a total of 60 hounds competing over the two days. Brenda Simmons said "We are very pleased with the performance of Glenmore Hunt's hounds that went to the Performance Trials in Hoffman, N.C. this past weekend! I am pleased as punch, tickled pink, I couldn't stop smiling!"

The judges scored all four Glenmore hounds, but Tennessee stood out. On Day 1, March 25, 2023, Tennessee placed first in Hunting and seventh Best Hound. On Day 2, March 26th, Tennessee placed third for Trailing, fourth for Hunting and sixth for Best Hound.

The two day scores were tallied and Glenmore Tennessee received third in Trailing, fourth in Hunting and sixth Best Hound for the two day period. The judges also named Glenmore as fourth overall with the top three hunts, Last Chance, Red Oak and Lowcountry hunts receiving ribbons. Julie Bullock also entered Tennessee in an impromptu hound show and Tennessee received a fifth place ribbon.

The "T" puppies are the progeny of Piedmont Tangent and Piedmont Grouse. Oprah traces her lineage to Rockbridge Laser and Rockbridge Opal and was exchanged with Rockbridge for a "T" puppy.

Thank You to Missy Burnett who has hunted these hounds and developed their hunting skills. Thank you T Stewart for helping me transport and care for hounds going to the Performance Trials. Thanks also to Joe Manning, MFH; Anne Brooks and Sadie Stott for helping with hounds. Also, a huge THANK YOU to Jake Wilson, David and Nancy Connor for transporting our hounds from Rockbridge to the event. ~ Brenda Simmons

Closing Hunt—Bellvue—March 18, 2023

Today was to be Missy Burnett's final hunt as huntsman. She has done a wonderful job and I'm so grateful for all of the joy she brought to me and to Glenmore over the last four years. Staff today included Ida and PJ, Kayla and Audrey, Brie, Julie, Christine on Nation, T on "Wulfie," and Brenda on Teddy and Sarah on Heidi.

Stacy and Solomon led First Flight joined by Kenzie and Firefly, Meghan and her mare, Lindsay and Charlie, Jakki and Pigpen,

My Second Flight consisted of Carol D. and Toby, Anne and Kiowah, Katie on her first hunt as a full member on her mare, Whitney and her handsome gray, Holly and Zephyr and Britney.

Mary Lee's Third Flight included Jenn H., Addison, Susannah on Birdie, Jen P. on Patrick.

During the announcements, Joe noted that we had six and a half couple of hounds out for the day. Following a heartfelt prayer from Missy, we started out on our adventure by trotting through the farmyard and greeting Charlie and Bobby near the machine shed and through the gates to begin our gallop up the hill. Grayson started out well, but ran out of steam about two thirds of the way up the hill.

We followed First Flight's gallop around the crest of the hill and then proceed downwards to the gate. Grayson did fine on the gallop, but our work down the hill was painfully slow. Second Flight arrived at the gate with First Flight only a few hundred yards ahead. I heard Yoplait speaking occasionally in the CREP, but none of the other hounds honored him.

With nothing here, we passed again through the farmyard and into the CREP that runs northwest towards Picnic Hill, We followed First Flight up the hill and along the woods above the creek. Grayson did a really nice job framing up as we cantered along this path. He also kept a respectful distance from Meghan's Miss Molly in First Flight.

We chopped down the hill and, as we came to Ida's Creek. We crossed the creek and Grayson eagerly cantered at the rail jump and cleared it nicely. With little effort, we caught up with First Flight and scaled the hill up to the coop below Picnic Hill. My flight enjoyed a glorious gallop up the hill to the Line Gate.

Arriving here, First Flight followed Missy to the Bone Yard for the cast. Concerned that this gate must be secured, I decided to jump off Grayson and manage this gate. I asked Carol to take Second Flight a little down the hill to observe the cast while I waited. Ida had initially opened the gate and started down the hill to Charlie's side of the Bone Yard. She and PJ made an about face and came through the gate again to get on the other side of the gate.

The hounds found nothing of interest here so Missy picked them up and headed for Wilson's woods. First Flight thundered by my post at the gate keeping to the crest of the hill before turning down the hill. Second Flight returned and I secured the gate. Turning to the Flight, I said "Pray for me" as I tried to balance on an eight inch stump and remount my beast. Grayson patiently waited for me to gather my stirrup and we began the slow process of descending the hill. I invited the others to proceed in the hopes that this would encourage Grayson to move forward a bit more.

During our descent, Stacy radioed me that we should avoid the gate into Joel's Wood in the corner but proceed to the gate on the other side of the Bull Pasture. Anne Morrison offered to get the gate into Joel's Woods and I gratefully agreed.

Arriving at the double gates, Whitney offered to jump off and help with this obstacle. I worried that managing all these gates and Grayson's slow progress left us far behind Missy and First Flight. The cry of the hounds to the northwest in Coyote Corner confirmed my worries.

With Whitney mounted, we trotted up a few yards to figure out what our next steps might be. To the west, I could see the clearing that runs along the south side of Coyote Corner and the sound of the hounds in full cry. Suddenly, I saw a tawny flash streak across the opening. Remembering my previous failures to respond appropriately when viewing the game, I managed this time to shout "Tally ho" and pointed to him. My Flight immediately caught site of the coyote and I could hear their delighted murmurs as we watch our quarry streak across the landscape.

I radioed Missy that we spotted the coyote headed south along the creek and heard Ida confirm that she saw the coyote crossing Joel's hayfield.

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I took my back down to the double gate where Anne Morrison hopped off to begin the process of dealing with the gate. She had it open and just then Missy and First Flight came thundering down the hill. We watched as the horses made their way over the yawning ditch just below the gate. Megan's mare, Miss Molly, made a particularly spectacular four-footed leap over the ditch.

We waited as Anne dealt with the gate and remounted Kiowah. As I pushed Grayson up the hill and down towards the gate into the Bull Pasture I heard Brie on the radio announce that she had spied our pilot headed towards the Quonset Hut.

I turned my field around again and headed back to the Double Gate thinking we could take a short cut back to the Quonset Hut. Apparently, the coyote turned and headed west towards Augusta Springs. I volunteered to get the Double Gates again for our third passage. As we crossed through the gate, I asked Carol to take Toby and Second Flight to the top of the hill to have a look. Whitney volunteered to stay behind and I, gratefully, led Grayson to the drainage pipes to the right to remount. Once remounted, I knew that Grayson might be a less than interested in a gallop, so I asked Whitney to take her gray thoroughbred up the hill. Whitney fulfilled this request and more and Grayson and I had a breathtaking gallop up the hill.

As we joined Second Flight, Grayson managed to canter ahead of the rest of the Field. First Flight appeared just in front of us as they had made a complete circuit around the base of Picnic Hill. As they cantered to the south around Coyote Corner, we followed and then paused again on the western side of Coyote Corner. Radio traffic indicated that the coyote had been turned so we cantered back to the deer blind just to the west.

We paused here for a moment when Stacy started to take her field back to the west. Several alert members asked her to hold. Within a few seconds we saw a coyote appear along the tree line to the northwest then canter directly across the pasture and headed back into Coyote Corner.

We continue to watch as Missy put the hounds on the line. At first, the hounds struggled to lock into the trail and some seemed to follow the heel line. When a few of the hounds crested the hill in front of us, they opened with roar a full five minutes behind the quarry.

Again, we followed First Flight though Stacy opted out of yet another run through Joel's Woods and led us down the hill and through the Line Gate. Kenzie and Megan were kind enough to hold the gate for Second Flight. I heard Brie of the radio indicating the coyote seemed to be, again, headed in the direction of the Quonset Hut. Instead of following first flight to the right along the path below Picnic Hill, I opted to take a left over the creek, up the hill and around the wood.

As we approached the Quonset Hut from the north, I could hear the hounds in the creek below baying their quarry. Below we could hear Julie whipping the hounds off of the game. Missy and T came up behind us and we moved out of the way to accommodate their passage. Missy began to call the hounds to her and asked that we move from the narrow path to the pasture above.

We did this and the hounds began to gather near Missy. First Flight also joined us in the pasture. Christine and Julie remained near the creek below to fend off any hounds who might be reluctant to leave.

As we sauntered towards the trailer parking area, we immediately began processing what was certainly one of the most brilliant day's hunting in many a year. ~ John Meyer

Juniors Receive Fairly Hunted Awards

The Fairly Hunted Award is awarded by the Masters of Foxhounds Association. The Masters of each hunt recognize any young person 18 years or younger who hunts five times during a season. No examination is given and no requisite skills are required beyond an ability to ride out with the hounds.

At our Closing Hunt on March 18, Glenmore recognized our Junior Riders with the MFHA Fairly Hunted Award. Glenmore is very proud of our Juniors including Julianne, Kenzie, Addison and Waverly.



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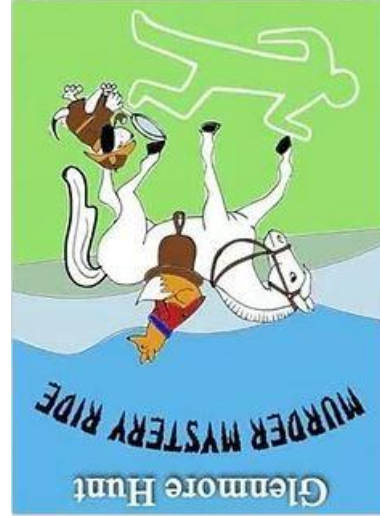
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