

Glenmore News



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Monthly Meeting

The Tuesday, December 5 meeting will be held at the Glenmore Offices at 101 West Frederick Street, Staunton, VA 24402

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!

- December 5—Hunting Resumes
- December 3—Landowners' Goodies Packing
- December 9—Holiday Party
- December 23—Christmas Dress Hunt
- December 26—Boxing Day Hunt

Julep's Thanksgiving Adventure

On Saturday, November 18, Julep slipped under the gate in the draw pen and went hunting. Anne Brooks and John adjusted the gate (again) and began the search around the Kennels. Jacob sounded the horn to try to draw Julep home but no Julep.

Over the next few days, Julie, Anne and Jacob responded to rumors and phantom sightings in the area. On Wednesday morning, Mary Lee went to the Dayton Farmer's Market to pick up a Thanksgiving centerpiece. On the way home, she passed a hitchhiker near the Bridgewater Cemetery. They made eye contact and but Mary Lee drove on. Moved by the spirit of the season, Mary Lee turned around and gave the hitchhiker a ride to his home and congratulated herself for a good deed done.

Little did she know that her detour would take me to the intersection of Route 11 and Dice's Spring Road at exactly the same time as Julep! She noticed a dog in the road and thought, "Hey, that looks like Julep!" The hound turned and Mary Lee saw her distinctive spots and the Glenmore collar. Mary Lee pulled over and rolled down my window called "JULEP!" Julep seemed excited to hear someone call her name. Mary Lee got out of her car and slowed traffic down and called her again. Julep came within about 5 feet of my car, tail wagging. When Mary Lee reached out her hand, Julep decided "Nope" turned and ran back into the woods. Mary Lee called Anne B and she and Sadie joined the search.



Julep's Reunion

On Thanksgiving evening, Mary Lee saw a comment on the Facebook lost and found a picture of Julep posted by a Cave View neighbor. Mary Lee, Jacob and Julie immediately agreed to meet at Cave View to try to call Julep in. Mary Lee drove to the fixture by Battlefield Rd in the event that Julep might be headed to another place she was familiar with—Bonnie Doon. Upon arrival at Cave View, Julie blew the horn for a few minutes and we decided to walk to the fixture parking spot as this was we had started hunting the last time.

They walked a short distance while Julie blew the horn. Suddenly, all three of them heard a scuffle behind us and we turned around and there was Julep just following along behind us. The reunion was full of tail wags and tears. Later at Julie's home, with many ticks removed, Julep put her head into Mary Lee's lap and fell asleep. ~ Mary Lee McDavid

Glenmore Swag for the Holidays



Cotton Polo—\$25



Wicking Polo—\$30



Caps—\$25



Square Pads—embroidered on both sides—\$50

Royal Blue acceptable for Ratcatcher days.

White acceptable for Formal hunt days along with fitted white pads.



Contact Glenmore's hard working elf Carol Demeo to purchase these items. Carol can be reached by email at carolddemeo@gmail.com or by phone at 352-249-6555.



Fall Hunter Pace—November 12, 2023

Glenmore hosted another successful Hunter Pace. Thanks to Angelika O'Donnell for stepping up (again) to offer Bonnie Doon as a venue. Other volunteers included Carol Demeo, Anne Brooks, Joe Manning, Kendall Calvert, Ida Rademacher, Stacy Thompson and Christine Brady. Christine helped set the time and provided some lovely photographs of the participants.

Hunter Pace—Christine Brady Photography



Corrie and Indy



Katie riding with Three Sox Farm



Shelby riding with RE Sporthorses

Proper Attire

Each Hunt prescribes the proper foxhunting attire for that hunt. Glenmore's attire was established in the early 1930's and reflects the Hunt colors, vest, buttons, etc. as registered with the Masters of Foxhounds Association. Glenmore's dress is very traditional.

While listed below is the "proper" Glenmore attire, the official position of the Hunt is: "Dress and groom as correctly as you can afford; it is a compliment to landowners, officers, staff, members and the sport when you look your best." While it is desirable to dress traditionally, the lack of proper attire will not prohibit members and their guests from joining the hunt field and enjoying the sport. For example, a tweed or salt sack coat, breeches and boots are the preferred dress at informal meets, but feel **free to wear riding clothing you find comfortable and appropriate for the weather, including chaps and leggings.**

If the forecast is for hot, humid weather, then the hunt line message may suggest polo shirts as appropriate. In very cold weather, the field may be given permission to "dress for the weather."

BASIC ELEMENTS (correct for all groups):

Stock tie - White, properly tied with horizontal plain gold pin, Shirt - White, Gloves - (optional) White string; tan, brown or yellow leather, Spurs - (optional) Blunt only Hunt, Whip. - (optional) Hunting whip with thong may be carried by field members but may never be used unless directed by huntsman or staff.

Hunting attire should be clean and hair should be neatly confined. Hair nets are correct and advisable. Like your horse and tack, your attire should be proper, well fitting, & neat.

RATCATCHER - Ladies & Gentlemen - for informal hunting days and for Juniors at all hunts:

Hat - Black bowler, black hunting cap; (ASTM approved safety headgear recommended for all and required for juniors), Coat - Brown, gray, or muted color, tweed or white linen (salt sack), Shirt - Riding shirt with stock (white or colored), plain dress shirt with neck tie, or white turtle-neck, Breeches - Buff, gray, canary, rust or jodhpurs and jodhpur boots, Boots - Black or brown hunt or field boots without tops.

FORMAL - Ladies & Gentlemen - for those without Colors:

Hat - Black bowler, black hunting cap or black safety helmet, Coat - Black melton, Collar - Black only, Buttons - Plain black, Vest - Tattersall or canary, Breeches - Buff, canary, or rust, Boots - Black hunt with no tops

FORMAL - for those who have been awarded Glenmore Colors:

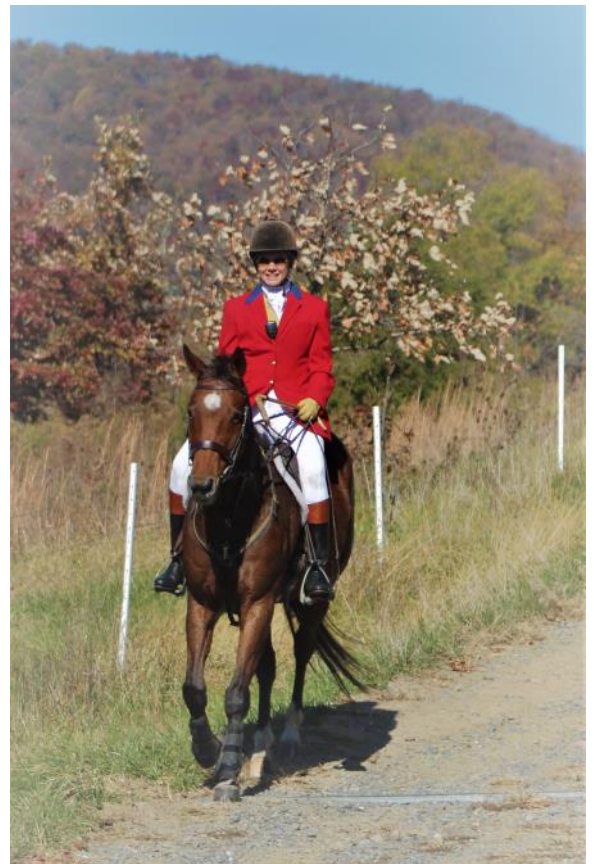
(A) Gentlemen and, optionally, for ladies on active staff:

Hat - Top hat, black hunt cap, or black safety helmet, Coat - Scarlet or black formal frock with self collar Collar, Yale blue Buttons (Brass with GH on scarlet coat), Vest. -Tattersall, Breeches, White only with scarlet & formal frock coat, Boots - Black hunt with tan tops.

(B) Ladies:

Hat. - Black bowler, black hunting cap, or black safety helmet; top hat with Shad-belly coat, Coat - Black melton or Shad-belly Collar, Yale blue Buttons, Black bone with GH insignia, Vest - Tattersall, Breeches - Buff, canary or rust, Boots, Black hunt or Black hunt with patent leather tops (Colors)

Juniors: Same as RATCATCHER, or, if convenient, girls same as ladies; boys same as gentlemen except scarlet may not be worn by Juniors. ASTM approved safety headgear must be worn for all Juniors.



Whipper In Ida and her mount PJ beautifully turned out for Opening Hunt in 2022

Arbor Hill—Junior Hunt—November 7, 2023

One of our members observed that today was “as dry and dusty as a spaghetti western.” Hunt we must, however, and hunt we did.

The Huntsman brought eight couple of hounds and, following the announcements, the small field followed as the staff roaded the hounds from the trailers up to Arbor Hill Road. Dry, dusty honeysuckle, blackberry and other tangled vegetation festoon either side of the road broken occasionally by lanes leading to farmhouses and fields on either side.

Staff scurried to their positions and the huntsman turned the hounds through the gate into the field below Tom’s Woods. One hound, Yoplait, let us know immediately that a fox had been out but the other hounds could not confirm Yoplait’s finding. Julie picked up the hounds and pushed them north to a path that runs through Tom’s Woods.

The hounds worked through this wood, past the Sleepy Hollow Tree and down the hill towards the Log Cabin. Crossing over a trappy creek, First Flight skipped over a little jump near a gate which leads up a hill to the west. Unfortunately, fallen trees blocked the path so the Huntsman turned back to retrace our steps back to the east and First Flight took advantage of this by taking the jump again on the downhill.

Halfway up the hill, Julie took the hounds north to a large, harvested cornfield. After nosing around the periphery, Julie returned the pack to Tom’s Woods and pushed them north. First Flight larked over some deadfall in the woods and then followed the hounds down a steep hill.

Here the hounds opened and a deer popped out of a line of cedar trees, crashed through a tangled CREP area separating two farms and galloped up a hill to the north. Very soon, the hounds popped out of the cedar brake and seemed to follow a similar track. Huntsman and a Whipper In stopped the hounds, but as the most reliable hounds seemed convinced of the track, a consensus developed that the hounds had probably been right.

The Huntsman gathered the hounds, took them over the creek and back to the western side. We proceeded up the hill towards the trailers, but the hounds opened in the covert to our south, passed through the cedar brake and headed up the hill in full cry. From our vantage point on the hill, we heard the hounds turn and head back to the cedars. With the day turning hotter, Julie called the hounds in for a hack back to the fixture. ~ John Meyer

Arbor Hill Pictures—by CJ Wise



Emily and Linette



Sage



Team Zephyr

Sweet Briar College Hunter Trials

The equestrian program at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia has always valued the skills of good horsemanship, including riding out with the hounds.

To showcase the skills necessary for following the hounds, Sweet Briar hosts Hunter Trials each year on their picturesque 2,840 acre campus and I served as the judge for the event this year. Jump courses were set in a gently rolling field with wooden coops of several sizes, a variety of logs, a skinny picket fence and some natural post and rails with cedar tree fillers.

Well turned out competitors and their mounts showcased their hunt field skills with handy hunter type turns, trot jumps, a halt after a brisk canter and turn on forehand.

Congratulations to all the winners on that day and let us all remind ourselves to keep promoting the sport of riding to hounds. ~ Sara Baker

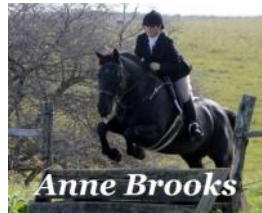
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**Christmas Dress Hunt
December 23, 2023**



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