



Secretary's Corner

The March 1, 2016 meetings will be held at the home of Mel and Scott Parsons
Breezy River Stables
143 Rife's Ford Rd., Verona, Va.
540 448-1594
The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 8:00 PM by the Membership.

As always, please feel free to bring snacks.
Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary

Calendar of Events

March 1 – Glenmore Meetings
March 12 – Closing Hunt
March 19 – Glenmore Hunt Ball
April 9 – Spring Hunter Pace
April 24 – Maury River Hunter Trials
May 1 – Hound and Horn Social
May 28 – Virginia Foxhound Show

From the President

Ole Man Winter has certainly kept hunting to a minimum. Glenmore hasn't been out since January 9 at Trimble's Mill. Between unprecedented rain in January, 24" of snow and, now, sub-freezing temperatures and strong winds, Mr. Reynard and the hounds have hunkered down for a long winter's nap. I, for one, am seeking warmer temperatures for the rest of February by visiting my sister in Hawaii. Oh, Sun! Oh, Sand! Oh, Trade Winds! I will be thinking of "y'all" as I work on my tan and play my ukulele. I hope hunting will resume upon my return in March. REMEMBER: GLENMORE HUNT BALL, MARCH 19! I hope to see you there.

Sandy Cryder, President

Master's Corner

It seems that when 2016 started, hunt season ended, with weather and ground conditions continuing to be unsuitable in our territory since mid-January. Sadly, our Closing Meet is fast approaching on March 12. The good news is that whether we hunt or not, our Trimble's Mill landowner and member, **Wendy Higginson**, has graciously offered to host us for a Hunt Breakfast on that day. Thank you Wendy!

Saturday evening, March 19, is our annual Hunt Ball, our most elaborate social event and fundraiser. Please get your subscriptions in for what promises to be the best ball ever! The following day we have been invited to join the Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club for their Closing Meet. This is a "high holy day," so braiding is required, but it is always a fun party and breakfast afterward. Please let me know if you are not an ORFHC member and plan to attend so I can give an approximate count.

Recently a number of new members have been invited to join our club. I would like to welcome **Emily Reno** and daughter **Lindsay**; the **Hurst** family: **Jeff, Donna**, and daughter **Ryan**; **Bryan** and **Christi Meek**; **Caleb Meyer** (grandson of member **Diana Hicks**); and **Brenda Weintraub**. It is a pleasure to have you all join our hunt club family!

Cindy Kiser, MFH

Socially Speaking

On Saturday, January 30, 2016 forty-nine Glenmore members and their guests gathered at the Mi Rancho restaurant in Verona, Virginia for a Beat the Winter Blues evening of companionship and camaraderie. As stories, some slightly embellished, from the hunt field were told everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner. People circulated from table to table to visit, as Glenmore hasn't been able to hunt much recently due to the bad weather. It was a nice respite from winter's biting chill.

The next social event is our Hunt Ball on March 19, 2016. You should have received your invitation by now. Please respond promptly. Music will be provided by Jimmy English, a Richmond native, who won the national banjo competition in Union Grove, N.C., while a student at Washington and Lee in Lexington. Hired by the Bitter End in Greenwich Village, he played the Woodstock Festival Grateful Dead stage, and for the next 15 years he toured with artists including The Greenbriar Boys, Tim Hardin, Linda Ronstadt, David Allen Coe, Ramblin' Jack Elliot, Levon Helm, Harry Chapin, Anne Murray, the Flying Burrito Brothers, and played in Broadway musicals. Retired from the road, he leads a double life, playing music in Virginia and designing software in New York City.

Jimmy's cohort in music is Steve Hoke who is originally from the hills of North Carolina, an area renowned for a flourishing music scene. He was exposed to many different genres. After studying at Berkeley School of Music, he transplanted himself into the Virginia mountains, and continued to increase his exposure with new ideas and explorations. His repertoire runs the gamut from his traditional fiddle to screaming rock guitar. A lover of strings he is also an accomplished Luthier. His collection includes some unique instruments as well as beautifully styled traditionals. When he is not recording or building, Steve is also a much sought out instructor for anyone with a hunger to learn.

The Committee is still collecting items for the silent auction. Please bring your donations to the March meeting or contact **Mel Parsons** at 540-448-1594 to arrange for collection.

Glenmore Hunt Welcomes the Hurst Family

Jeff attended Robert E Lee High School and is the Battalion Commander for Augusta County Fire and Rescue. He has been employed in the fire services with Augusta County for the past 20 years. Prior to that he volunteered for 15 years in Fire and EMS agencies in our county. He is certified as an EMT-Intermediate as well as holding innumerable Department of Fire Program certifications. He loves cooking on the grill and the results are always fabulous!

Donna is a graduate of Fort Defiance High School and Eastern Mennonite University School of Nursing. She is the Clinical Coordinator in the Emergency Department at Augusta Health where she has worked for the past 28 years. She is an EMT-Paramedic as well as the President and a Life Member of the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad, where she has volunteered for the past 32 years. She is also very involved in a Relay for Life team and the Hursts participate in many of those activities as a family.

Ryan is a 5th grader at Verona Elementary School. She began riding horses at the age of 5 when she signed up for a week of summer camp. The next summer she began taking lessons at Breezy River Stables. Since then, horses have become a large part of all of their lives. She currently owns a Belgian Draft named Garth and we lease her first lesson horse, Dudley, who she loves very much.

The Hursts were first introduced to the Glenmore Hunt Club when Ryan participated in a Hunter Pace event. They then attended the summer Hunt Club clinics which sparked Ryan's interest in hunting.

MAURY RIVER HUNTER TRIALS

Here's an exciting update from the Maury River Hunter Trials for 2016! NEW VENUE: The event is moving to Penmerryl Farm, in Greenville, VA. The organizing committee will be joined by Gammon Castellvi, of GC Equestrian, who will host the event and serve as the show manager/secretary. NEW DATE: 3rd Sunday of April: April 17th. Penmerryl has a lovely cross country course, stabling and bed & breakfast. More flat classes and lower-level jump classes are planned, but the bigger classes will be available too! This fun day is also a social event for Glenmore Hunt. Plan to join us and bring friends who may be interested in joining Glenmore.

HOUND SOUNDS

Essex Bedlam '09

Sponsor: Margo Clegg

Of medium size, Essex Bedlam '09 was drafted into the Glenmore pack in the spring of 2015. Her dam is Essex Essay '05, a full sister to Essex EBay '05 that is the dam of Glenmore Egy '07. The sire is Potomac Tester '00. Mostly lemon colored, she is easy to pick out and will generally be in the middle of the pack when moving to coverts, not pushing the edges or needing to be spoken to. At the cast she is steady, not needing much encouragement to get into the thick of things. When the pack is running, look for her in the middle group. Having said that, several times along the slope behind the barn at Trimble's Mill, where it is easy to see hounds, she was one of those in the front carrying the line with Warrior.

From the first day at Glenmore, she was very friendly in the kennel. While not pushy, she is looking for the pat on the head and to be acknowledged.



Adleigh Simmons, granddaughter of **Brenda** and **Jamie Simmons** with Bedlam, on the right, overlooking Watchful at the Glenmore Kennels

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Did You Know? The whippers-in carry special equipment – a knife; wire cutters, in case a horse or hound is caught in wire; a set of couples, in case an injured hound needs to be taken back to the place of meeting; and a spare stirrup leather to replace one that may break. All staff members carry a hunting whip with a long, braided leather thong at the end of which is a braided linen or silk “cracker.”

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