



Secretary's Corner

The August 2, 2016 meetings will be held at the Glenmore Offices
101 West Frederick St., Staunton, Va.

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

August 2 - Glenmore Meetings
August 13 – Clay Shoot, Flying Rabbit, Mt. Crawford
August 27 – Glenmore FUN Horse Show
September 10 – Cubbing Begins
September 11 – Landowner Social
October 7-9 – Tri-Hunt Foxhunting Weekend
October 22 – Opening Meet, Breakfast Social

From the President

Thanks to all who braved the heat to come out and volunteer or attend the foxhunting clinic on July 23rd. I know I was sweating as I was manning a posthole driver and finishing up some fence lines. I'm not sure why we picked the hottest, driest time of the year for that job. Hopefully by the end of August it will have cooled enough to make it a pleasant day for our FUN horse show coordinated by **Brenda Simmons**.

We are also less than two months away from the start of cubbing season and our first ever Landowner Appreciation cubbing season kickoff pig roast so watch for details as that event unfolds.

I hope everyone is able to keep their horses in shape, practicing their field hunting skills for the start of the season. A few members have been happily taking group lessons with Vonda Johnston this summer to help hone some skills and build a better bond with our mounts. You are never too old or too good for lessons!

Mary Lee McDavid, President

Master's Corner

As I began to collect my thoughts for this month's Master's Corner I realized that we are an active club, even in the off-season! Congratulations to **Mary Lee McDavid** and her team of volunteers who hosted another successful Murder Mystery Ride! Our 79 participants included riders from Deep Run, Middlebrook, Oak Ridge, and Rockbridge Hunts as well as Botetourt County Horseman's Association, Breezy River Stables, Cedar Creek Farm, Kemper Knoll Farm, and New Meadow Farm. The Bonnie Doon Farm is the perfect location for this event; **Angelika & Rod O'Donnell** were fantastic hosts who worked tirelessly to create additional coops and other jumps for our guests! Thank You to all who contributed to our success!

Thank you **Missy & John Burnett** and **Cindy Kiser** for organizing and hosting the Glenmore Summer Trail Ride and Social. What a wonderful space you guys have along the North River. The ride was a new adventure among your neighbor's pastures and fields and wow, we sure can pull together a bounty for a potluck tailgate! If anyone went home hungry they simply didn't visit the spread. Thanks guys!

The **John Meyer** Countdown to Cubbing has begun and the Glenmore Hounds are looking forward to showing good sport this season! **Dan Jones** is introducing several new hounds to our pack while he's retiring out a couple of our proven hounds who we have enjoyed hunting with over the years. If you have space in your

family for a hound in need of a forever home please share your interest with one of the masters. The Glenmore Staff is beginning to walk hounds in preparation for the upcoming season so we'll be ready on September 10th for our first day of cubbing. **Brenda Weintraub** has done an amazing job walking out our youngest hounds Ripple and Havoc. Thank you **Brenda** for continuing to expose our new hounds to the sights and sounds of everyday life. As we prepare for the upcoming season be on the lookout for some **Work Days** and **Trail Clearing** activities to ensure safe passage of hounds, horses, and humans! Start sharpening those blades and refilling the string in your weed eaters; more to come!

Save the Columbus Day Weekend of October 7-10th for our semiannual Four Day Foxhunting Weekend when the Glenmore Hunt will host and visit Bedford Hunt, Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club, and the Rockbridge Hunt. Details and schedules are being finalized but for now save that weekend! It's always enjoyable to visit with our foxhunting friends at neighboring hunts and experience their territory while their hounds show good sport.

Cindy Kiser and I are continuing to offer our **Glenmore Hound Sponsorship** program for members who wish to contribute a little extra to the Glenmore Hounds. Several members have already renewed their annual hound sponsorship, we appreciate your commitment to our hounds. If you have ideas or suggestions of ways to recognize our hound sponsors please feel free to share. We're looking for creative ideas.

Joe Manning, MFH

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GLENMORE FOXHUNTING CLINIC

The bi-annual Foxhunting Clinic was held on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at **Missy and Dr. Bob Ruth's** lovely farm in Arbor Hill. Organizer **Gail Struble** did an outstanding job of managing the event, from arranging for the clinicians, getting volunteers to help during the day and with setup, and taking the entries, with all the questions and difficulties that go with that. At the last minute the weather decided to not cooperate, sending us a heat wave with temperatures predicted to be in the mid-90s and high humidity. In the interest of helping both horses and riders in the heat, the mock hunt was postponed until a later date, when participants are invited to come out to a hound walk and get a real feel for what hunting actually is. This was a popular decision with the participants, who are looking forward to an early morning work with hounds on a Saturday in August.



Jr. Member **Caleb Meyer** working on position



Member **Erin Hartman** working diligently

Clinicians Laura Hunt, a foxhunter with experience in both North America and Great Britain; Carol Anne O'Connor, a three-day event rider, teacher and former member of Glenmore; and Ester Simms, a well-liked local trainer and instructor; were our clinicians for the day. All received rave reviews as the riders moved through a gymnastic jumping lesson in the ring, a lesson over outside fences similar to those found out hunting, and working on basic hunting skills such as riding in a group, opening a gate, and not following too closely. Many thanks to **Emily Reno** and **Missy Ruth** for providing water and Gatorade so everyone could stay hydrated in the high temperatures.

Many thanks to the **Ruths**, who so generously allow us to use their farm and its spectacular ring, all the volunteers who worked so hard in the heat, and the participants, all of whom made the day a great success.

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Sporting Clays & Cookout Social

**August 13, 2016
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Join us for a late afternoon shoot at the Flying Rabbit in Mount Crawford, VA.
Open to all hunt club members and their guests. All skill levels are welcome.

Try your hand at any of the following:

50 Rounds Sporting Clays (2 Boxes of shells included): \$38

25 Rounds Sporting Clays (1 box of shells included): \$19

Five Stand or Wobble Station (1 box of shells included): \$16

Shotgun rentals are available at \$10.00 per gun, shooters may share.

All shooters are required to check in and sign a release.

Shooters need to be checked in by 5:00 pm, in order to finish in time to eat.

All minors must have a parent or guardian present to sign the release.

Hearing and eye protection are required.

The Flying Rabbit will have both available at no cost for those who do not have any.

Cookout Social will follow at 7:00 pm

Hotdogs and Hamburgers provided. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Non-Shooters are welcome to attend the social.

R.S.V.P. by August 7th

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* For weather decisions or changes - call the hunt line (540-885-7004) the day of event*

Directions:

5537 S. Valley Pike, Mt. Crawford, VA 22841, 540-574-2529

I-81 Exit 240 West (VA-257/VA-682). Turn onto Rt. 11 North (South Valley Pike).

Go 1 mile. Turn at the traffic light (Rt. 704) and the Flying Rabbit sign.

Go across bridge and follow lane 0.2 miles to the office.

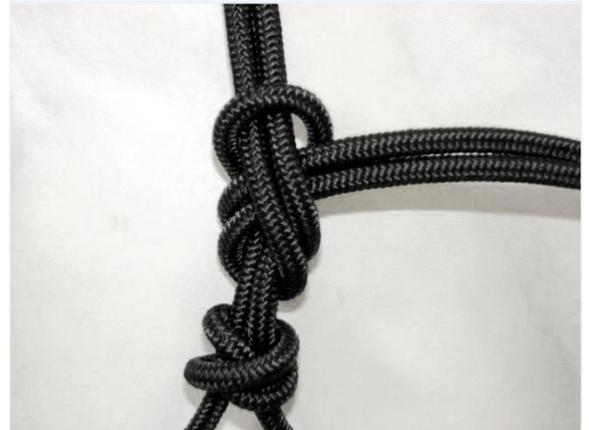
Thanks to **Lauren Stout** for the flyer, wish I could have included her nice graphics - *Editor*

Emergency Release in a Rope Halter Knot

I recently read an article online about the Correct and Incorrect way to tie a rope halter. We all know how easy it is to break a web halter, in fact they are designed to break at the buckle, snap, or the leather safety strap. The rope halter is specifically designed to apply pressure in the correct places when your mount pulls away from their anchor. An incorrect knot in a rope halter pulled tight by your horse could result in having to cut the halter off their face in an emergency – who wants to do that!?

Refer to the photos with this article to see the proper tying of a rope halter. The knot should always be between the halter permanent knot and top of the loop. In addition to tying the rope with a quick release knot, the correct rope halter knot has an emergency release. If your horse has a properly tied rope halter and pulls against the trailer or some other anchor, your quick release to loosen the knot is to bend the loop of the knot upward to release the pressure.

Joe Manning, MFH



Did You Know? That Penn-Marydel hounds may have dual registrations – a non-purebred Penn-Marydel can be listed (PL) both in the stud book of the Penn-Marydel Association and in The Foxhound Kennel Stud Book of America (MFHA) while a purebred will be entered in both as a Penn-Marydel (PM).

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