



Secretary's Corner

The October 4, 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

October 4 – Glenmore Meetings
October 7-10 – Four Hunt Foxhunting Weekend
October 15 – Junior Meet
October 22 – Opening Meet, Breakfast Social
November 5 – Jt. Meet – Rockbridge Hunt Opening
November 13 – Glenmore Hunter Pace
November 15 – Glenmore Night at VTO Saddlery
December 3 – Glenmore Holiday Social

From the President

Questions always arise at the beginning of each season and we have a lot of new members. I will go over proper hunt attire, tack and field rules. I will spread these out over several months. This month I will address hunt attire during cubbing season. There are so many rules, exceptions to rules and individual hunt rules it can be difficult to keep track of. I'm sharing this information to help those who want to learn what proper turnout is. I can remember when I first started hunting and had nothing and I tried to buy a few things and while what I bought was OK I would have bought the "correct" items but just didn't know what they were. There is traditional attire/tack (what we call "correct") and then there is accepted and/or functional attire/tack. There are also basic no-no's. Glenmore Hunt encourages members to acquire proper hunting gear, however we also don't expect everyone to run out and spend a fortune on new clothes and tack. We often have joint meets with other hunts who pride themselves on proper turnout and therefore it is a good idea to have the basics down so when visiting other hunts you fit in. (Some hunts will not even allow you to hunt if you are not "correct"). One of the best sources of information on turnout is <http://www.mfha.com/foxhunting-attire.html>. If you are ever in doubt consult their guidebook. Another good resource is Foxhunters on Facebook. You can ask any question about foxhunting attire, tack and field etiquette. The responses can be varied and heated at times but informative. There is also information in the new member packet each member is given after they join. Lastly, ask a Master. They ultimately have the last say for each hunt.

Cubbing Season: Glenmore is fortunate in that our club allows polo shirts during this often hot time of year. Blue Glenmore polos are encouraged but any muted, light color or black polo shirt will suit. Red or any color close to red is not acceptable attire unless worn by staff. (I can remember one year it was raining and "dress for the weather" rain gear was announced. Oooops, I had a red raincoat. Fortunately, **Dan Jones, MFH** allowed me to wear it that day and I've since purchased different rain gear).

Ratcatcher: Ratcatcher can be fun because you can vary all sorts of things to create your own style yet maintain tradition. I'm going to list the general guidelines to follow but there are many other options. Helmet can be black or brown velvet – the ribbons should be up (however this can be difficult to find these days). Breeches are in earth tones. If you ever find the elusive rust breeches in your size – buy them. They are also hard to come by. Shirts are muted and light in color. As the weather cools Glenmore has some nice turtlenecks with our logos in different colors available for purchase. (Other hunts may not allow turtlenecks). Stock ties (this is my favorite part of ratcatcher dress) can be varied in color and design as long as the color is muted. White stock ties are not appropriate for ratcatcher. Men's neckties are also correct and may be worn by ladies. Stock pins

should be the traditional straight pin; however Glenmore tends to allow varied horse themed pins as well. (Again, this may not be acceptable at other hunts). Boots should be black or brown dress boots (no patent leather or leather tops) or brown field boots. In our hunt you will often see black field boots (brown are hard to find). This is one example of something that is not considered “correct” but is generally accepted at our hunt. Half chaps are never correct. Coats should be tweed or wool in muted colors.

Junior: Glenmore is happy to have juniors out and doesn't expect a completely proper turnout. However, if one wants to follow tradition it would follow ratcatcher which is also acceptable even during formal days for juniors. Breeches should be jodhpurs and black or brown jodhpur boots (paddock boots) with matching garters. As juniors become teenagers they can follow the same traditions as adult members. (This can vary from hunt to hunt). When in doubt ratcatcher with jodhpurs is always correct. Hair bows on girls is never correct.

Hair: This is the bane of my hunting existence. I have a massive amount of hair and it always manages to evade the hair net by the end of the hunt. Ladies, gentlemen and juniors: if you have shoulder length or longer hair it needs to be confined and in a hair net. I've tried just about every kind and highly recommend some of the newer types of nets that hold hair better and last longer. They come in different colors to match hair color as well. If you have trouble taming your mane consult one of our seasoned members with lots of locks. **Brenda Simmons** and **Stacy Thompson** are experts at keeping those fly-aways at bay.

I hope this information helps. Don't feel you have to run out and buy everything right away. I'm still acquiring new things and adding to my turnout. One day I will be all put together! Start with the basics and build from there. Most importantly, have fun hunting.

Master's Corner

While many were anticipating the start of cubbing, it seemed to me that the sultry heat of August was carrying right into September. This made it difficult to condition hounds as due to work schedules, hound exercise is in the evenings, but temperatures were still in the 80's. There were times that the spring fed watering trough provided little relief for the hounds. In spite of the conditions, hounds enjoyed their time out. Even the youngsters, Havoc and Ripple, learned that being coupled in the pack was not all that traumatic. Thank you Brenda Weintraub for all your efforts with Ripple and Havoc.

For the first few days of cubbing, I went to the corn at Walnut Grove as it is a good place to be able to see what hounds are doing as well as exercise control. Unfortunately, the knolls in the corn were so dry one could nearly put a hand in the cracks. The fields were hunted with barely a whimper to be heard. The second Saturday we met at Trimble's Mill. After drawing all the likely foxy or hopefully damper locations of the fixture we headed for the trailers and one final draw toward the barn. My mounting doubts as to whether these hounds had lost their ability to hunt were soon pushed out of mind. After a while, the viewed fox morphed into a coyote somewhere behind Dwight Wood's pavilion. Half of the pack came to the horn around noon and thanks to the GPS technology and Dwight Phelps big screen, staff was able to intercept the hard core front runners (moving slowly by then) around 2:00 pm, front runners logging some 13+ miles.

With a little damper conditions, the Sept. 20th hunt provided little Delores and several of the other younger hounds that had seen only limited hunting last season, with a solid 40 minutes of education. From the knoll at the Walnut Grove house, the ebb and flow of hound music rising from the “pit field” kept all eyes peeled but to no avail. I expect that Charlie in the end sought refuge in the den at the far end of the corn.

This year we have several new landowners at our fixtures and continue our efforts to ensure that the current fixtures remain hunttable. I want to thank all of our landowners for their generosity. Without that we would not have the memories generated by such days as mentioned above.

Dan Jones, MFH

Did You Know? Depending on size, age and environmental factors a gray fox can run 20-28 mph; a red fox 30-40 mph; a foxhound 20-30 mph and a galloping horse 25-30 mph.

THOUGHTS ON GLENMORE

For people who have hunted for many years, with many hunts, this will not be news but for those of you who are relatively new to the sport of hunting with hounds you may not be aware of how much happens in the “off” season just to get the hounds ready to hunt from September to March. Just like our horses, the hounds must be “legged up” also and that requires walking them, initially on foot but then on horseback. That generally begins in August and is therefore a good time to begin introducing new recruits or, in this year’s case, our two new puppies, Ripple and Havoc. Dan has knowledgeable and masterfully coupled those two puppies with older, more experienced hounds so that they can get the idea of being out without leads and begin to learn how to channel and use their natural born instinct to nose and hunt.

These outings require the commitment of two to three days a week and that is no small commitment for our huntsman and our whips, as well as a few intrepid hunt members. I want to emphasize here that these people are VOLUNTEERING their time and expertise for the good of the sport and for our enjoyment and it is a huge outlay of time and effort. I have never been to a workday or walked hounds when Dan was not present and almost always Jan and Sara and T and Missy and Linnette were there too. How many of you know the names of every hound and whether it is a good pack hunter, a strike hound, good in the briars or best out in the open? They do and in order to do their jobs they need to know the hounds well enough to choose the right hounds for the right fixture and the whips need to know where to be in order to “hold” the edges of the cast. Moreover, Brenda Weintraub has spent six months raising and training our two puppies, seeing to all their veterinary needs, as well as training and socializing them. THAT too is a full time job which she has done willingly and skillfully even when Ripple dug up her yard and destroyed her flower beds.

All this is to point out what a tremendous time commitment this is for our huntsman, our masters, and whips and for which they do not get paid. There are very few hunts who have volunteer huntsmen and NONE that I know of who have volunteers with anywhere near the skills and expertise that Dan has. Jan has been the treasurer of this hunt, a member at large and now publishes the newsletter and is always there on workdays and walk days. If our hunt had to pay someone to do what these people do we would need to double our membership fees at the very least AND provide appropriate mounts for huntsman and whips and probably insurance too and, in some cases, housing. Keep that in mind when you make arbitrary demands for more of their time and be observant of their skills as they go about introducing the new hounds into a working pack.

I, for one, am more than grateful for what they are willing to do for our enjoyment. Cindy and Joe and Dan and all our whips work extremely hard for the reward of seeing a small hunt provide quality sport for stunningly low membership fees. Hopefully everyone understands this and will be willing to contribute any way he or she can on workdays and fund raisers, hound sponsorships, hunt ball sponsorships, and hunter paces. It takes a village.

Respectfully submitted, **Margo Clegg**

Thank You Glenmore Hound Sponsors 2016-2017!

The members and friends of the Glenmore Hunt were very generous in stepping forward to sponsor our foxhounds. Your contributions will help offset veterinarian costs, training expenses, hound collars, etc. to ensure we have happy and healthy hounds. Hound Sponsorship is one of the many ways members and friends support the Glenmore Hunt. A special note of thanks to the following members:

Kendall Brent – Captain
Hugh Brown – Wingshot
Eric & Margo Clegg - Bedlam and Inkwell
Sandy Cryder – Tantivity
Diana Hicks – Velvet
Cindy Kiser – Francis
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Jewell & Dwight Phelps - Warcry
Richard & Claudette Obenschain - Doctor
Angelika O'Donnell - Egly
Brenda Simmons - Watchful
Brenda Weintraub - Door Knob and Ripple

If you're interested in joining the Glenmore Hound Sponsors 2016-2017 please contact me and I'll help match you with one of our available hounds.

Joe Manning, MFH

The Perfect Day

September 18th was truly a perfect day. My pony loaded onto the trailer fairly easily, and when I arrived at the hunt, **MFH Dan Jones** asked me if I would like to ride with him. I jumped at the chance, and I'm pleased to report that not only am I here to tell about our adventures, but my pony took very good care of me. He followed Timer through a wall of vegetation that I would have categorized as impenetrable. When **Dan** followed hounds at a hard gallop, my little guy kept up. When I needed to hold Timer for **Dan**, he stood and was almost patient. I was able to remount after getting gates safely. When a hound crossed under Pigpen's belly (between his front and hind legs) to return to **Dan**, he wasn't rattled. And, as all the staff horses did that day, he showed endurance. I could not have been more pleased with my little SPCA rescue pony.

At the start of the day, everyone assumed we were out for a glorified trail ride. The land was bone dry, and it was hot. We got a little mist mid-morning, and I commented to **Dan** that it was too bad we didn't get that touch of rain earlier to help the scent stick. We had already retired one hound (Captain) who was lame on his right hind after coming out of thick cover. We were about to go in, but **Dan** decided to draw one more time on the way home. When he heard a hound open, **Dan** said to me with a certain annoyed parental tone, "That was just Velvet." Apparently, Velvet isn't typically first to find Mr. Reynard. But then the pack honored her, and **Dan** asked me to watch for the hounds around the other side of the woods. I tried to line my pony up with the front of the music, and moved parallel with the sound. It wasn't long before **Dan** caught up to me, and then as the hounds worked the line, they turned back. I think this is about when Junior member **Caleb Meyer** viewed our quarry. The hounds' pace picked up, and I was impressed with both the speed of the pack, and how much ground Timer can cover! Pigpen and I barely kept up. It was an impressive run, and certainly unexpected on the second Saturday in cubbing. When **Dan** blew the hounds in, he said proudly to the whips, "And to think Velvet started that!"



Photo by T Stewart

Five of our hounds were not finished for the day. They found a coyote to chase up the mountain, and it took nearly two hours to get them in! It took a lot of coordination from the ground crew (**Dwight, Jewell, Mo, Brenda, and Mike**) and the staff. **Dwight** and **Mike** were watching the radar from the hound collars and directing staff. I was lucky to be included in this adventure, and get to see up close the care and commitment our hunt staff has for keeping our hounds safe. We heard Mousetrap about a quarter mile north of the spring. **Sara** was able to entice him, and once Mousetrap was caught, it became easier to get the others. Doorknob was rather humorous, as once he could hear us, but couldn't see us; he began bawling like a toddler lost in Walmart. He was the second catch. All five were so exhausted, that they could hardly find the energy to cross a simple log on the walk back to the hound truck!

We were mounted and hacking off at 8 AM. I dismounted Pigpen at 2:30 PM. And to think that it was just a day out cubbing!

Jakki Avery

LETTER FROM A RETIREE

Dear Glenmore Kennel mates, I've heard that some of you have been wondering about my whereabouts since I left on my little "vacation." Well, I regret to inform you, that although I love you all dearly, (sob) and will miss you more than words can say, (boohoo) I have fallen in love with the **Heitler** Senior Citizen Retirement Resort and have decided to make it my permanent home. I've got to tell you all about it, as it is like nothing any of you would imagine! When the Baja 747 landed and I disembarked, Stewardess **Suzanne** introduced me to the strangest menagerie of local natives. First to make my acquaintance was a hideous looking duck. He was a pompous fellow, his bulk stuffed unflatteringly into some sort of black and white tuxedo. He had a bulbous red nose, (I suspect from excessive drinking.) He swaggered up to me bowing and scraping, but I refused to be impressed. I soon learned he kept company with a common flock of chickens...they were all chatty enough with me (though I soon learned they love to gossip) and that their condo was next door to mine. I took an instant shine to the handsome rooster in their midst. He is a cock who knows how to take charge and keep his flock in line and abiding by the pecking order... a trait I recognize and admire! Nose to ground, I sniffed my way as **Suzanne** escorted me to my new quarters by way of a delightful smelling barn filled with the odors of new-mown hay and well, yes, cats! I must confess I saw about a half dozen of them darting about in the haymow. I feigned indifference in front of the stewardess as I detected an air of anxiety about how I would react to her precious mouse catchers. Descending a ramp into the cool of the stone lower level of the barn, we passed the horse's box

stalls; three amiable geldings who made me feel right at home. At last we came to the honeymoon suite. The stall door was flung open wide and out sauntered the current resident. To my horror, he hadn't a black, brown, lemon or white spot upon him! He was a ridiculous shade of solid yellow! Still, he was friendly and welcomed me into what was apparently, hither to for, his private boudoir. Imagine living alone for all those years! Surprisingly, for a bachelor, he had a neat and tidy abode, complete with a raised bed and lower berth. The whole place had a nice earthy smell. We have already taken a keen interest in each other... and I'll keep you posted as to how our relationship blossoms... yes, romance is still possible in my twilight years, you youngsters! A few months ago, when I heard



Dan & Jan whispering things to **Mike** like "she can't keep up", "she can't take another winter here" and "retirement"... I had visions of palm trees and sandy beaches laden with bulldogs; muscles well-oiled and glistening in the sunshine. Then Emily burst my bubble by snarling at me that retirement in Florida was nothing but shuffleboard courts and a sea of white hair and walkers. Well, it turns out that retirement was neither in

Florida nor Bulldogs or Walkers... but rather a common (yet sweet) yellow cur right here in Virginia. The food's good, accommodations comfortable. I have a favorite spot on the human's back porch where, perched upon a table I can look through the window into the kitchen where it seems they are always cooking things with the most delicious smells! I go out exploring everyday around the farm and the mister and missus are kind. Though I haven't spotted a red coat, or even given chase to a gray one yet, I'll keep on sniffing. I can definitely say I am content! I'll write again with an update. Until then, stay well and keep your noses to the ground.

Love, Spice (with help from **Suzanne Heitler**)

Socially Speaking

The Glenmore Hunt sure knows how to kick off the Foxhunting Season! A huge thank you to **Chris and Stacy Thompson** for welcoming Glenmore to the Stables at Campbellot for our Season Kick Off Party. As the invitation indicated we enjoyed the evening with our Friends of Glenmore! Next year we'll schedule the festivities a little earlier in the evening to avoid the hunting for desserts with cell phone flashlights. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, setup, decorate, loan, and prepare the wonderful assortment of covered dishes.

While not strictly a social event, Glenmore's **Opening Hunt & Blessing of the Hounds** is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at Cottage Hill, the beautiful farm of **Frank & Margaret Henderson**. Invitations for Opening Meet have been organized and mailed to landowners and friends of the Glenmore Hunt. If you have a friend to be included in the invitation list please let me know as soon as possible. I'm sure there will be sign-up sheets and solicitations for support for these upcoming events; be prepared to say yes when asked!

Joe Manning, MFH

FOUR HUNT WEEKEND COMING UP

The Glenmore Hunt will once again participate in the **4 Hunt Weekend** October 7-10, 2016. We schedule this joint hunting weekend with Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club, Rockbridge Hunt, and Bedford County Hunt on years opposite Virginia Hunt Week. The meets are free for the members of the participating clubs; guests are encouraged – the capping fee for each hunt is \$50. Please let one of the masters know if you intend to bring a guest when Glenmore hosts on Saturday, October 8th. The flyer for the 4 Hunt Weekend is included in this issue of the Glenmore News for your reference as well as on the club's website.

JOE MANNING, MFH

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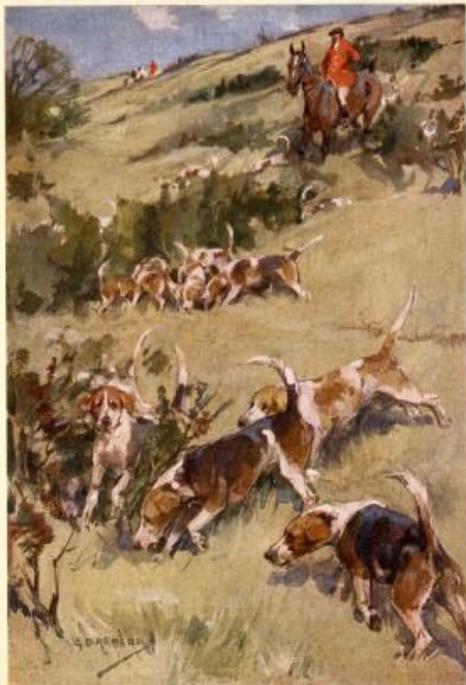
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4 Hunt Weekend in the Virginia Countryside!

October 7 - October 10, 2016



Each day's hunting will be followed by an ample tailgate.

Current negative Coggins, hunting license,
and signed waivers are required for all meets.

Capping fees are payable to respective hunts
before each meet.

Fees are waived for hunting members
of the four sponsoring hunts.

Attire is ratcatcher for all meets.

Please contact or RSVP the respective hunts in advance.

Check each hunt line on the day of hunting.

The Schedule

Friday, October 7

Oak Ridge Fox Hunt Club

Afton VA 22920

oakridgefoxhuntclub.com

Bob Satterfield, MFH
rossfields@aol.com, 434-361-1696

Hunt line is 540-456-8787.

Capping fee is \$50.

Saturday, October 8

Glenmore Hunt

Swoope VA 24479

www.glenmorehunt.org

Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary
brenda.foxhunt.simmons@gmail.com

540-292-8948

Hunt line is 540-885-7004.

Capping fee is \$50.

Sunday, October 9

Rockbridge Hunt

Natural Bridge VA 24578

rockbridgehunt.org

Cindy Morton, MFH
mortonc@wlu.edu
(H) 540-463-6025 (M) 540-570-0770

Hunt line is 540-462-1113.

Capping fee is \$50.

Monday, October 10

Bedford County Hunt

Bedford VA 24523

bedfordcountyhunt.com

Jane Garland, MFH
Cifaxjane@aol.com, 757-285-7501

Hunt line is 540-586-1051.

Capping fee is \$50.

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