



## Secretary's Corner

The December 6, 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

December 3 – Glenmore Holiday Social  
December 17 – Invitational Western Day  
December 24 – Christmas Hunt  
December 31 – New Year's Hunt  
January 28 – Beat the Winter Blues Social

## From the President

Hunting is in full swing and we've had some great hunts this year. My favorites have been riding in third flight with all of the juniors. Election Day hunt turned into an impromptu junior hunt as the kids were out of school. Quite a few showed up at Cottage Hill that day and a great day it was. **Brenda Simmons** is an awesome third flight leader as she allows the kids to ride up with her and explains what is happening. She is patient and careful, making sure all are ready when going up and down hills, transitioning from trotting to cantering and going through trappy conditions. There were only a few "HARKS!" this time compared to other hunts as it can be difficult to keep kids quiet (and adults for that matter) for that long. She manages it well and is a good teacher/leader. When a junior is having trouble she allows them time to try and figure it out and then calmly offers advice. I don't think there is a better person to help bring these kids along! Thank you **Brenda!**

It should be especially exciting for the adult members to know there is a "gate war" brewing. The juniors are asking to get gates and vying to see who gets to do it. It's an exciting time in the club and I look forward to watching these kids grow and become excellent field hunters and contribute to our club. I thank **Melody Parsons** and **Christi Meek** and all of the Breezy River Crew, and to **Anne Brooks** who is working on Clover Grove. They are inspiring the next generation and without juniors our sport will die. So this month I say CHEERS to juniors!

*Mary Lee McDavid, President*

## Master's Corner

Our formal hunting season is in full swing after our Opening Meet at Cottage Hill. The sudden change to blustery weather made the formal attire feel pretty good as we looked for Charlie in the CREP and on Picnic Hill. After we came in and were gathering for the meal, 2 beautiful reds were viewed, one after another, running behind the barn where our meal was set up! It was a beautiful day. Thanks to all who worked to make it possible and especially to our generous landowners.

A week later we had a good turnout for our Junior Meet, also held from Cottage Hill. Many thanks to Mel Parsons and the Breezy River crew for bringing out so many enthusiastic young riders.

Our Fall Hunter Pace at Arbor Hill was a huge success: beautiful weather, great course, and lots of riders. Many new faces came to play and will hopefully return to hunt.

We are seeing some positive growth in our membership efforts, with several new people in the pipeline. Warm welcome to Stephanie and Mike Kopcinski and their family. Next month we should be able to welcome a couple more!

A Western Invitational Hunt is scheduled for December 17. If you know someone who may wish to participate, please speak with a master.

*Cindy Kiser, MFH*

## Socially Speaking

The Glenmore Family Holiday Social will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, 6-9 p.m. at the home of **Mel** and **Scott Parsons**, better known as Breezy River Stables, at 143 Rife's Ford Rd., Verona, Va. This is a family-friendly event and children are welcome. The wonderful and talented Breezy River Crew will be supplying the food. New this year is an Ugly Sweater Contest – wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, make a monetary contribution in order to vote for yourself or someone else (let's be honest!) and the proceeds will go to the Glenmore Hounds. So, come out and enjoy an evening of fun and good food socializing with Glenmore members and friends.

## Hound Sounds

Essex Bonny '09

Sponsor: **John Meyer**

Essex Bonny '09 was drafted to Glenmore in the spring of 2016. She is an American hound with predominately Essex, Potomac, and Middleburg bloodlines. She is a full sister to Essex Bedlam '09. Bonny is by Potomac Testor '00 and out of Essex Essay '05. Bonny and Glenmore Egy '08 have a common maternal grandmother, Essex Easel '97. At first glance you will notice mostly white, but she has some lemon markings. In the kennel she is just one of the pack, fairly laid back and always ready for the stroke of the head, but no "in your face" attitude. Her stature does not appear to be as long and leggy as Jiffy or even Nibble's offspring, but is more compact with good muscle.



When I picked her up at Essex, both the huntsman, Bart Poole, and one of the whips noted, “she’s good and you’ll know it when she opens”. She is thorough and steady when casting, honest on her game, and when she speaks you know that you need to be looking for the fox. Her voice is distinctively a sweet high cry with a little added inflection at the end. As the whipper-in noted, it will make hair on the back of your neck stand up. In the hunt field you will seldom hear her name spoken unless it’s to note, that is Bonny speaking. If you see a white hound near the front of the pack as they are running, you can rest assured that it is Bonny.

*Dan Jones, MFH*

## 2016 FALL HUNTER PACE

The Fall Hunter Pace was held Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Arbor Hill fixture. We were blessed by a gorgeous fall day that saw 80+ riders compete on a well-marked course set out by event organizer **Diana Hicks** with help from **Cindy Kiser, MFH**. From the start/finish area, one could see horses on the way out until they went out of sight over the hill behind the Green’s barn on their way to the most distant point of the course (Griner Rd.). There they looped around and headed back on the other side of the valley. Riders and spectators commented

on the rural beauty of the Arbor Hill area, that many had never seen before. Once back on the Williver farm a portion of the ride ran on the old stage route from Staunton to Middlebrook. At the completion of the pace, riders were treated to a taco spread, accompanied by lots of desserts, organized by **Sandy Cryder**. Thanks to all the gate persons and other volunteers that helped make this a successful event. A special thank you goes to the landowners and operators who make such rides possible.

*Dan Jones, MFH*



Young riders on the pace – Photo by Missy Burnett

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