



Secretary's Corner

The January 3, 2017 meetings will be held at the home of Brenda and Jamie Simmons 173 Wakefield Dr., Verona, VA 24482

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

January 1 – Joint Meet with Rockbridge Hunt
January 28 – Beat the Winter Blues Social
February 25 – Surprise Social
March 11 – Closing Hunt
April 8 – Hunt Ball
April 1 – Spring Hunter Pace
April 22 – Maury River Hunter Trials

Master's Corner

It's hard to figure that we are better than half way through the 2016-2017 hunting season. Since starting back after deer season, we have had some good hunting. How often do we get to run a fox and see coyote and bear in the same day. It has been interesting to watch as the younger hounds have learned the job and are beginning to show the way. Last year as a young entry, Glenmore Warcry '15 was pretty shy in the pack. This year he has become more comfortable in the pack moving from covert to covert and around the horses. He has taken up with Mousetrap and Evelyn (pretty good influences) as his preferred hunting partners. Sister, Glenmore Watchful '15, is showing lots of enthusiasm. On Dec.20 at Trimble Mill she was in the lead as the fox, followed by the deer broke covert from the same game trail. This scenario, with a young hound in front, can give the huntsman a moment of pause, but she never let up in cry as she turned with the fox. In speaking of hounds, I would be remiss not to mention Glenmore Doorknob '14, and Delores '14 as part of the younger group. Doorknob has shown to be one of those steady, dependable ones and has hunted every time out this year. For what Delores lacks in size, she more than makes up for in enthusiasm. By next year this time, I would not want to be the game in front of her. I expect to have Glenmore Havoc and Ripple out some this season.

On Dec. 4th 16 members returned to the Fort Lewis territory to better learn and map out the trails and roads on the mountain side of the property. While there are some stretches that need a little work, most were very horse friendly. The next step is to find the connections to the network of logging/access trails in the National Forest, and meet with some of the adjacent landowners. I was also interested to find out that on the other side of the mountain there are several farms owned or rented by persons that farm in Augusta County. One thing for sure, we will not be impeded by roads and traffic. Looks like some great hunting awaits at Fort Lewis.

During this Holiday Season the other Masters and I want to thank the landowners, hunt supporters and all those many other persons that have made it possible to enjoy the tradition of foxhunting. Merry Christmas and may all have a great New Year.

Dan Jones, MFH

Socially Speaking

The annual Glenmore Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at **Mel and Scott Parson's** lovely home at Breezy River Stables. More than 50 members and friends of Glenmore attended and enjoyed a night of camaraderie, the lovely decorations and delicious food prepared by the Breezy River Crew (who know who you are). Quite a few of our junior members were present and added their special flair to the festivities.



An Ugly Sweater contest was held and **Scott Parsons** was the undisputed winner, with **Emily Reno** and **Becky Meyer** being runners-up. The Glenmore Hounds profited from nearly \$150 donated by those who competed or voted in the contest.

Thank you very much **Mel and Scott** and the Breezy River Crew for putting on such a nice evening!



Emily Reno, Scott Parsons and Becky Meyer flaunting their Ugly Sweaters

SAVE THE DATE

Glenmore Hunt Ball

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

HERMITAGE HILL FARM & STABLES

PLEASE SHARE NAMES & ADDRESSES OF
FAMILY & FRIENDS YOU'D LIKE TO INVITE!!!

HORSE SAFETY AFTER THE HUNT



The Glenmore Hunt will park on hard surface roads when access to fixtures might damage fields or pastures. When we park on roadways every consideration should be given to the neighbors of those communities. Please remember to keep your horse safe and the road clear when we park on Smoky Row Road, Scott Christian Road and Boy Scout Lane. Do not leave unattended horses tied to the road side of your trailer. Remember to pick up after your horse if they are tied to your trailer.

Joe Manning, MFH

Did You Know? There is ongoing discussion about the genetics of the eastern coyote and why it is different than its western counterpart. The portion of coyote/wolf/dog genetics in the eastern coyote varies from area to area. The gene sources of the eastern coyote in the Northeast are mostly coyote (60-84%) with lesser amounts of wolf (8-25%) and dog (8-11%) genes. Moving south this mix changes. In Virginia the animals average more dog than wolf genes (85% coyote: 2% wolf: 13% dog). In the Deep South there was even a lesser amount of outside genetics (91% coyote: 4% wolf: 5% dog). Ref: Roland Kays, Research Associate & Professor of Wildlife, North Carolina State Univ.



I'll be at the Hunt Ball, will I see you there?

HOUND SOUNDS

Each year the Masters of Foxhounds Association requests a list and registration of all foxhounds in the kennels. In order to be recognized by the MFHA a hunt must, among other criteria, keep 12 couple (24) entered hounds (hounds which have been hunted) in the kennel. At this time Glenmore has 14 couple entered and 1 couple unentered hounds. The information on the Kennel List for each hound includes: the prefix (the name of the hunt that entered the hound, if not the hunt submitting the list); the hound's registered name; the year the hound was entered; the breed, either American, English, Crossbred or Penn-Marydel; the volume of the MFHA's Stud Book; and the sire and dam, with their year of entry. Bedlam's information appears as follows:

ESSEX Bedlam ... 2009, (A), (49), Potomac Tester 2000, Essex Essay 2005

Frances was entered by Glenmore so her information has no prefix:

Frances ... 2010, (PM), (50), Rose Tree Mouse 2001, Rose Tree Frances 2002

Pedigree registration forms are required for all new entries, regardless of who bred them. Information required on that form includes: breeder's name; breed; year of entry; place of birth; from whom the hound was acquired; date of birth; date when acquired; draft status; name of hound; sex, tattoo (if used); and parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

The Foxhound Kennel Stud Book of America began publication in 1909 and has been published annually since 1973. A list of the books is available. The MFHA Pedigree Database Search, an online hound search program, is another source of approximately 80,000 hound registrations from 1956 to the current time.

The purpose of assembling all this information is to advance the breeding of foxhounds. In the best of all worlds the hound with the finest conformation would also have the greatest voice, best nose and most drive to chase foxes, but that is not usually the case. As in the world of horse breeding the old adage "Breed the best you have to the best you can get and hope for the best!" holds true for foxhound breeding, too. By reading the stud book and speaking with other huntsmen a breeder can determine which lines have the best chance to serve him well in his situation, irrespective of which characteristic he wants to increase, whether it be voice or drive, or to produce a hound for the show ring.

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The field taking a breather after putting the fox to ground on Opening Day, October 22, 2016

Photo thanks to Mary Lee McDavid

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