



## Secretary's Corner

The February 7, 2017 meetings will be held at the Glenmore Office  
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

January 28 – Beat the Winter Blues Social  
February 18 – Western Invitational Hunt  
February 25 – Junior Hunt  
February 25 – Surprise Social  
March 11 – Closing Hunt  
April 1 – Spring Hunter Pace  
April 8 – Hunt Ball  
April 22 – Maury River Hunter Trials

## Master's Corner

I'm pleased to report that the Glenmore Hunt celebrated the New Year in style with our foxhunting friends from the Rockbridge Hunt for back to back joint meets. On New Year's Eve, members of the Glenmore Hunt and Rockbridge Hunt and our respective guests hunted together from Bellevue Farm. We had an absolutely splendid hunt riding across Bellevue Farm, a brief pass into Cottage Hill, and eventually hounds found their way into Mountainside briefly while chasing their elusive fox. The field was excited to view multiple quarry within the day's hunt to include a brace of fox early in the day, a coyote in full view along the creek bed and pasture as we hunted toward home, and somewhere in between a second brace of fox and another coyote. Our members and guests had a fantastic day's sport thanks to a few of our supportive landowners; thanks for sharing your land **Charlie & Vicki Drumheller; Bobby Drumheller; Frank & Margaret Henderson; and Joel & Edie Wilson!** The Glenmore Hunt members look forward to seeing Bellevue Farm, Cottage Hill, and Mountainside on our Fixture Card. Thanks for your generosity and support!

Glenmore Hunt members have been organizing winter activities for our entire membership to enjoy! Our annual Beat the Winter Blues is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at a local Staunton restaurant; details to follow on email or Facebook. Our members are coordinating a Surprise Social toward the end of February which helps to keep club members connected and engaged. And as we work our way into late winter we'll be looking forward to seeing you at the Glenmore Spring Hunter Pace on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – beware of the April Fools and the Glenmore Hunt Ball on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Joe Manning (540) 290-2423 if you have family members and/or VIPs to be included in the Glenmore Hunt Ball invitations.

Please let me know if you'd like to invite prospective members to join us in the hunt field. The upcoming months of hunting may be hit or miss for hunting in order to prevent field damage and hound/horse injury but you're welcome to invite quests to join the Glenmore Hunt and view great hound work. Please help us introduce riders to the sport of Foxhunting by inviting juniors to our **Junior Hunt** on February 25<sup>th</sup> and our **Western**

**Invitational Hunt** scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>. Capping fees of those invited guests are waived and should be coordinated with one of the masters.

*Joe Manning, MFH*

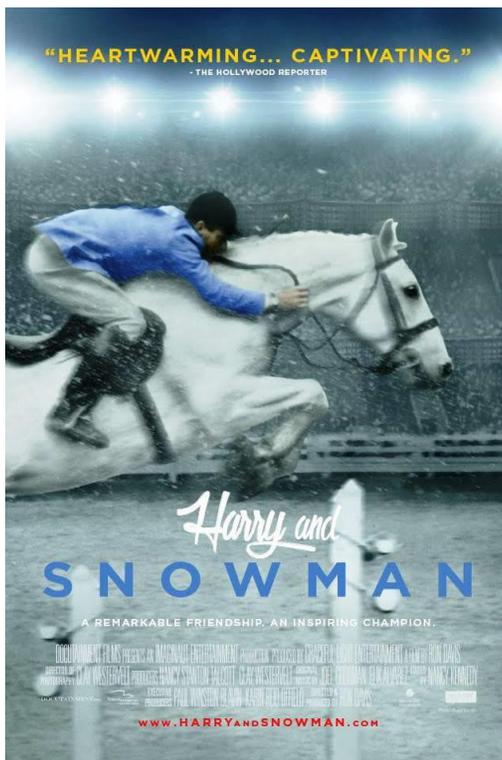
## Socially Speaking

The Social Committee has been hard at work planning Glenmore's social events for this winter and spring. Look for more information coming out soon about the Surprise Social to be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Glenmore Hunt Ball will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Hermitage Hill Farm and Stables. Invitations should be coming out soon so save the date and plan to attend Glenmore's only formal event. The Silent Auction is one of Glenmore's premier fund-raisers. Please begin gathering new or little-used items (not garage sale quality) for the auction. Hope to see you there!

## HARRY AND SNOWMAN COMING TO THE HORSE CENTER

The movie "Harry and Snowman" will be shown as a fund-raiser for the Virginia Horse Center on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3 p.m. on the Mezzanine of the main building at the Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.



There will be posters for the movie available, including one nicely framed. Joining the fun will be Snowman, the anatomically correct Breyer model horse. This is a chance to see this charming rags-to-riches story about Harry de Leyer and the horse he rescued from slaughter. Join your horsey friends for an enjoyable evening and help the Virginia Horse Center, too.

## WESTERN INVITATIONAL HUNT

Glenmore's Western Invitational Hunt will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017. This hunt is by invitation only to guests of Glenmore members. Capping fees will be waived to those guests wanting to come out in their western gear. This is an opportunity to introduce your western friends to foxhunting, while allowing them to stay in their own comfort zone. Glenmore members who also ride western are welcome to do so on that day. All visitors must sign a waiver. Round up your cowboy friends and show them just how exciting foxhunting can be!

## JUNIOR HUNT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25

A Junior Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017. Glenmore Hunt invites junior riders to join us for a day of hunting. This is a day for juniors – there will be no capping fee for juniors and in addition no fee for a guest chaperone for each junior. Depending on their ability, juniors may be invited to ride “up front” with the Huntsman or whippers-in. Any junior who can safely walk, trot and canter across country is invited to attend. Waivers must be signed by parents or guardians for each junior participating. This should be a fun day for all!

## GPS COLLARS SAVE THE DAY

Several years ago, T Stewart and several of the other staff were instrumental in getting Glenmore more updated equipment to locate hounds. It started with the purchase of the receiver and two collars with transmitters. Since that time we have added an additional eight collars, the maximum number capable of operating on the system that we run. Prior to each hunt, the system needs to be charged, past hunts cleared, the receiver calibrated, and then the most important hounds to keep track of must be decided on. While all of this may seem like a lot of extra work, it is one of those things that when you need it, you need it.

December 27, 2017 we hunted from Trimble's Mill. About 10:15, a coyote was viewed away and with hounds running hard behind, headed directly for the mountain. After looping to Dwight Woods', it continued up to King's Gap, where at a check I stopped most of the pack, taking them back down to the truck. By then Bonnie, Nifty, and Evelyn had struck the line, and were running southwest. In spite of the ridges and valleys of the mountain making hearing faint and tracking sketchy, using the GPS, Dwight Phelps was able to direct the field to Bonnie where she was picked up. The system gives an alert when a hound's collar loses signal, so when Evelyn went over the top of the mountain, he, Jan, and Jewell went to the Rt. 42 side. They soon determined that she crossed back to the east side. On returning to the east side Dwight was soon able to pick her up as she ran large loops. Though staff was able to get close, the quarry was the only thing on her mind. Obviously this coyote had a pattern, so at 3:30 it was decided to put up the horses and return later. On return, she was still running. Dwight was able to restart his receiver and after several more loops determine that she was near the road to the spring. As she crossed the road Dwight was there and blew the truck horn and she was caught. One exhausted hound. Thanks to Dwight, Mike, Chris, and Joe for their final efforts and all the others for their help that day. While this is the short story, GPS was what brought all in at the end of the day.

*Dan Jones, MFH*

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