



Secretary's Corner

The April 4, 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

April 1 – Spring Hunter Pace
April 4 - Glenmore Annual Meeting, election of officers
April 8 – Hunt Ball
April 22 – Maury River Hunter Trials
May 7 – Hound and Horn Social
May 13 – Penn-Marydel Foxhound Show
May 28 – Virginia Foxhound Show
June 11 – Glenmore Trail Ride

Master's Corner

As we look back on the 2016-2017 season, I think that members would agree that hounds and staff have been able to provide good sport. During most of the season, weather and ground conditions were favorable. This is not to say that there were not days when there were only a few hardy souls that joined hounds and staff. Other than in January we were able to hunt most days and generally one or more quarry were found. Hounds went out 37 times that included two Rockbridge Hunt joint meets at Glenmore as well as the foxhunting weekend meet hosted by Glenmore. In addition, Glenmore participated in three joint meets with Rockbridge Hunt and participated in the hunts by the Bedford, Oak Ridge, and Rockbridge Hunts that were part of the Four Day Hunting Weekend for a total of 43 days of hunting. Red fox, coyotes and the elusive grey fox at the briar patch were all part of the chase.

While the dry weather and strong winds in late February and early March proved challenging at times, some of our largest fields enjoyed sport as the season wound down. In late February, Glenmore members invited their western riding friends to join them in the hunt field. Nearly forty riders and numerous followers gathered at Cottage Hill owned by **Frank and Margaret Henderson**. A number of Glenmore's regulars pulled out their western tack to welcome our guests. The farthest travelers were from Ogdensburg, NY. The youngest, at age 6, was Sage Wise, under the tutelage of her father, Derek. Finding at the bridge on North Mountain Rd., hounds ran hard until they checked in the open field on the Wilson's farm. That fox was viewed going through the bull yard to Little North Mountain, so hounds were gathered and the rest of Mountainside and Bellevue farms were drawn to no avail. Crock pots of hot food,

sandwiches, and all kinds of other good food was a welcome sight for the returning riders. I think the crowning statement of the day was from Sage, “When are we going to do this again?”



Visitors to Western Day – Photo by Donna Hurst

With the ground still dry and anticipating a large turnout, we returned to Cottage Hill for our customary spring Junior Hunt. Around a dozen juniors plus parents joined the regular field. That day the fox from the bank below the Drumheller’ house took a different route. The fox, switching between the CREP, the open pasture, then back along the stream, turned left handed going up and over Picnic Hill into the Mountainside woods, where it went to ground.



Juniors Enjoying the Day – Photo by Donna Hurst

With the forecast for 10-15 mph wind and temperatures topping out at freezing, Closing Meet was changed to Bellevue. For this type of weather the Drumheller's shop has a great 250 gal. wood stove that is appreciated by all. Fortunately, for those that turned out, the wind was not as high as forecast, but still proved a challenge for the hounds seeking the line. On that day the fox ran immediately behind the machine shed and up the gravel road. With a strong westerly wind blowing perpendicular to the line, hounds wanted to cast to the crest of the hill about 50 yds from the line where the fox was viewed. This fox continued to the Mountainside woods and to ground. Our season was concluded with a warm and bountiful tailgate in the Bellevue shop.

As we close out this season, the Masters want to thank all those who have helped make this season successful. A special thank you goes to all of our most generous landowners and managers that make our sport possible. As huntsman, I want to thank those that help with hounds; whippers-in; kennelman; wheel whip, and I'll add a nontraditional title for a GPS hound locator, ably done by the Phelps.

Dan Jones, MFH



Marlee Putnam on former Master Jewell Phelp's Skip at Closing Hunt – Photo by John Meyer

NOTES ON THE SEASON

Spring has arrived in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where bulbs are blooming, trees are budding, and foxes are raising their cubs. Although Spring marks the end of our foxhunting season, the Glenmore Hunt celebrates a successful end of our 87th season. During the past seven months we've enjoyed our sport of foxhunting thanks to our gracious landowners without whom we could not enjoy the countryside while riding to hounds. As we wrapped up the season with our Junior Hunt and Closing meet we were able to showcase our unique landscapes with several new and enthusiastic members. Fifteen members and guests of

the Glenmore Hunt recently joined our friends from the Rockbridge Hunt for their Closing Meet at the Tex Tilson Lodge with a cookout to follow the hunt.

The Glenmore Hunt looks forward to our upcoming Hunt Ball at the Hermitage Hill Farm & Stable to continue celebrating our 87th season. We introduced foxhunting to the owners and guests of the Fort Lewis Lodge with breathtaking vistas in our new Bath County territory and look forward to continuing our relationship with **John & Caryl Cowden** and **David Cowden**.

Please remember to participate in our election of 2017-2018 Board of Directors during the April 4th Annual Meeting. The Glenmore Hunt is a member led and member-organized club; when calls for volunteers are made please be prepared to respond favorably! It takes an entire club to organize our events for members and the equestrian community.

Joe Manning, MFH

Southern States Proof of Purchase Seals

I continue to collect proof of purchase fields for Southern States products (Triple Crown, Senior, and Complete), I would love to include other members in this small Southern States fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraising effort will go toward the Lead Line Division during our fun Foxhunting show. Please share your proof of purchase labels with me!

Joe Manning, MFH



Calling for Contributions for the Glenmore Bar



The Glenmore Bar has always been the benefactor of donations by the membership and very little needed to be supplemented. This year's Hunt Ball will be relying on generous donations of Wine and Spirits from our members. If you have been intending to make a donation, please know that our **Glenmore Bar is Low on Everything!** Donate your drink of choice to ensure it's on the bar at the ball; for planning purposes it's best to have your contribution prior to the Hunt Ball!

Joe Manning, MFH

GLENMORE HUNT ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Glenmore's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The Board meeting will begin at 7 pm and the Membership meeting will begin at 8 pm. The Nominating Committee consisting of Anne Brooks, Missy Burnette, Mary Lee McDavid and T Stewart presented the following slate of nominees at the March 7, 2017 meeting:

Masters – Dan Jones, Cindy Kiser, Joe Manning

President – Mary Lee McDavid

Vice President – Jan Jones, Hugh Sproul

Secretary – Brenda Simmons

Treasurer – John Meyer

Members at Large, Hunt – Anne Brooks, Linnette Coaker, Diane Gibbs, Diana Hicks

Member at Large, Non-Hunt – Bob Heitler

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Come out and make your voice heard!

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Member at Large (hunt status): Diana Hicks

Member at Large (hunt status): Melody Parsons

Member at Large (non-hunt status): Robert C. Heitler

Did You Know? The list of quarry hunted by MFHA member hunts includes: Red Fox, Gray Fox, Coyote, Bobcat, Boar, Jack Rabbit and Hare; some hunts only drag hunt.

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