

Bull Run Hunt News

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*Hunting Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and
Spotsylvania Counties*



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Important Dates & Reminders

May 7: Bull Run Hunt Races at Brandywine Park.

May 26: Annual Meeting at Clubhouse

Members: your help is needed on Race Day! Show your support for the Hunt by volunteering for one of the many jobs that need doing. It is a perfect way to fulfill your member volunteer obligation if you haven't already done that this season. Contact Karen Trimmer (540.832.2726) to learn where volunteers are needed.

Summer trail rides are being planned now! Dates will be posted on the Web site as soon as they are finalized. Contact organizer Bridget Efaw (540.937.7205) if you'd like to host a ride or help out.

News from Joe

Aren't we lucky! The 2005-2006 season showed just what a wonderful Hunt and pack we have. I would put our hounds up against any pack—their performance this past season was the best one could ask! Thanks to all for their hard work, smiles, and participation—they have been much appreciated and are the key to our having had a tremendous year.

We're looking forward to opening new territory across from Locust Hill thanks to Mike Long's good work with the landowners. Late last season, we began hunting more territory near Lake Anna, thanks to help from Adrianna and Bucky Waddy. It runs from Rt. 522 all the way down to Orange.

Renovations at the Clubhouse have begun. Walls are being knocked out, doors added or moved, and a large bar and gas log fireplace installed. These changes will make the Clubhouse an even better place for large groups of members and friends to gather—in fact, we'll have our 2007 Hunt Ball there. Please try to attend the Annual Meeting on May 26 to see the exciting changes!

Thanks again for making Bull Run Hunt the best it can be—keep smiling and I hope to see you at the Races and upcoming summer activities.

Joe

Captain John Smith Reports

On March 15, we met at 8:00 a.m. at Indian Rock. Weather was warm, dry, and windy. Spencer Allen hunted the hounds, as Billy was still recovering from his shoulder injury. Adrianna and Joe rode with our substitute Huntsman. Nicole whipped in. Kristin and Paul led the first field. I led the second field.



Billy had sent 8 of his finest hounds, which Spencer cast along a winter wheat field heading in the direction of Lake Anna. Sally soon scented in the wheat and hounds worked that line across a hay field into some cedars. However, they were unable to find the fox.



Spencer then picked up hounds and cast in a wooded area behind Adrianna's new house, down Waddy Lane to Lake Anna. We circled the edge of the lake along

the other side of Waddy Lane and back toward the meet across several fields and woods.

Sometime after 10:00 a.m., Joe decided to call it a day. Everyone had fun and we got a great chance to become more familiar with this wonderful territory.

Kennel Update: New run fencing is completed so we offer much improved housing to all hounds, including the four litters expected this year. Both Dr. John Moody and Billy have commented that recent improvements at the kennels have made them much easier to keep clean, resulting in a pleasant, fresh environment for hounds.

Captain John

Truly One of the Best

By Bridget Efaw

Spencer Allen hunted hounds from Knights of Columbus March 6, and again from the Kennel the following Thursday while Billy remained on the sidelines due to an injury. Even with Billy in the truck and on the radio providing him with information and guidance, Spencer's greenish-gray color gave away his lack of sleep and nervous condition! I worried that he might throw up before we took off, but thankfully he kept it together—it would not do to hunt hounds on an empty stomach! Besides, he had the calm support and assistance of his family, Nicole, and Rosie, plus lots of encouraging words from the small field. As it turned out, Spencer did a very good job both days. All of us appreciated the 100%-plus effort he put into providing two great days of sport.

Billy has been training Spencer and Nicole to whip in this season and has also continued with the education of his young pack. Although it is obvious to and appreciated by all that Spencer is an eager, hardworking student, he himself would tell you that the success we enjoyed when he hunted Billy's hounds is directly creditable to Billy. If those hounds were not all about finding that fox and working out a snag in the line, we wouldn't run and run the way we so often do. Time and again, we've seen Billy encourage his hounds to move on to a certain location to help them pick up the line. If you watch him attentively, you'll soon notice that his timing is excellent. He never moves the hounds until he is sure they need his help and always before they stop working a line. The result is a hard-working, diligent pack—a pack that will hunt with confidence even when The Boss is laid up. More and more often as the season progressed, we saw these young hounds figuring out where the quarry went on their own. When Billy tells the hounds that he found a fox or that he knows where the fox went, the hounds hark to as if his voice is the most trusted voice in the pack.

We are very fortunate to have a focused, talented, hardworking, consistent Huntsman—and one with such a fantastic work ethic. Although I am no expert on the sport I love, I have followed enough Huntsmen over the years to know that Billy has enormous talent and a consistency

driven by his work ethic that is rare. He is truly one of the best.

Hunt Ball Highlights

Our February 25 Hunt Ball offered great food, dancing, fun and games, successful fund-raising, and lots of camaraderie for the revelers. Here's a candid of some folks in action on the dance floor (courtesy of Chris Allen).



From the Editor...

Thanks to all who've sent articles, hunt reports, and photos for the Web site and newsletter—if I haven't used them yet, I will soon! Keep 'em coming! Send to Carole Pivarnik at mulelady@bullrunhunt.com.

To get BRH's weekly email announcements, email Cathy Marco at cathy@bullrunhunt.com.

Small horse property for sale. Culpeper County/Reva area. 2 stall horse barn, new 3 board fence, large garage on 2 acres. \$150,000. Call 540.829.6125 for information.

A Heartfelt Thank You: Clyde Inskeep would like to thank everyone associated with Bull Run Hunt for their support when his wife Louise went to Heaven. He appreciates all of your cards, phone calls and visits.