

# Bull Run Hunt News

**December 2006**

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



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## Important Dates

**December 2:** Jt. Meet with Rappahannock Hunt at the Preserve

**December 9:** Christmas Party at the Clubhouse

**December 25:** No hunting on Christmas

**December 26:** Boxing Day meet at Birmingham (formal)

**February 17, 2007:** Hunt Ball at the Clubhouse

**It's a good idea to check the monitor before each meet!** Even in good weather, unforeseen circumstances can force a last-minute fixture or other change, or (gasp!) a cancellation.

## Please Welcome...

**New Members:** Alexis Hauge, Don & Mary Lanier, Jeanie McNear, Kristin Morris, John Rhett, Andrea Ridley.

**Returning Members:** Carla Abramcheck, Pam Ault, Peter & Rosalie Brainard, Fred Burks, Bennett Clinton, the Cooley family, Stacey Donnelly & Neil Donnelly, Jr., Lindsey Ellinger, Bob Foster, Stuart Grodd, Richard & Martha Harris, Ed & Ava Harvey, Jill Hay, Leslie Hay, Barbara Houston, Debbie Hunt, Janice Kraus, Tinker Lyman, Todd & Lisa MacDonald, Donna Martin, Rick Nishanian, Andrea Ridley, Mark & Shelly Thompson, Fiona Tustian, Bucky & Adrianna Waddy.

## Master's Notes: Captain John

We are off to a fantastic season—and it shows in the numbers! Since Opening Meet, we have hunted 15 times. There were over 80 hunters at Opening Meet, over 70 for our Virginia Hunt Week meet, and at our recent joint meet with Deep Run, there were more than 60 people following hounds. Our Monday hunts typically see about 20 riders, Thursdays average 30, and Saturdays 50. We have had over 40 guests cap in so far this season. I think the numbers speak for themselves about the vitality and energy present in our club, not to mention the great hunting we enjoy!

As a reminder, be sure to always check the Hunt monitor at 540.829.8353 before departing for a meet. Things can change at the last minute: for example, we have had to change the fixture of one meet and cancel one meet due to weather recently.

In closing, I'd like to thank Lindy Sanford for organizing our hunt breakfast teams (which are working out great and making every Saturday hunt a little extra special) and Karen Rice for donating a new and much appreciated CD player for the Clubhouse.

See you in the saddle,  
**Captain John**

## Master's Notes: Joe Kincheloe

In the last five years, Bull Run Hunt has come so very far! Membership is increasing, we now own the Kennels property (barn, kennel, Huntsman's house, and 60 acres), and we have fully renovated the Clubhouse that was purchased 3 years ago. But perhaps more importantly—given the ever-present concern about the impact of development on our sport—we have opened up thousands of acres of new territory, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our landowners and hard work by many members.

Due to the recent purchase of Horseshoe Farm by Mike and Betty Long, one of the last pieces of the "Rapidan area puzzle" has fallen into place. This gives us over 20,000 acres of contiguous territory in the Rapidan area, of which the Longs own over 5,600 acres that they graciously and enthusiastically allow us to hunt. To Mike and Betty and all our landowners, a heartfelt thank-you for your support!

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party December 9 at the Clubhouse—don't forget to RSVP to Rosie Campbell.

If anyone is interested in going South to foxhunt on January 14 or 15 for a week, please let Rosie Campbell know so that we can arrange accommodations for people and horses.

Remember to smile, because we are having fun!

Joe

## New Fixtures

The fixture map has been updated on the Web site to show two new fixtures: Quiet Shade and Spotswood, both on the Horseshoe property owned by Mike & Betty Long.

## Ooops!

In last month's issue, the "Class of 2006" failed to include Bennett Clinton. Sorry for the oversight, Bennett, and belated congratulations!

## Hunt Breakfast Teams

Saturday hunting may never be the same again, with the Hunt Breakfast Teams putting on fabulous feasts each weekend. A big thank to everyone on the teams who have supported this effort!

## Joint Meet with Deep Run

On November 11, Bull Run and Deep Run Hunts enjoyed a joint meet at The Preserve at Locust Hill. Over 80 riders set out in three flights: First was headed up by Joe Kincheloe (flanked by Mike Long and Deep Run MFH Ginny Perrin to keep him out of trouble), Second by John Smith, and Third by Jill Hay. Jackets were thankfully waived, as the day was quite warm by the meet's 10:00 a.m. start time.

Bull Run and Deep Run hounds mixed well, worked hard as a pack, and were skillfully hunted by Greg Schwartz and Deep Run Huntsman Adrian Smith (a former Bull Run Huntsman, as well). Followers were treated to a fast day with over two and a half hours of fine sport, enjoying several views and three tremendous runs. As a special treat, we got to hunt for the first time across Horseshoe Farm, the beautiful property recently purchased by Mike & Betty Long.

At the end of the day's hunting, followers returned to a splendid breakfast put on by Joanne Norman, Caron Stowell, Jerrie & Meredith Wade, Terry Whittier and Sandra Worsham.

Photos from the meet can be seen on the Web site—including a reprint of two taken by Dana Thompson that appeared in the 11/15/06 Fauquier Times-Democrat.



## Christmas Party Update

Invitations for the Christmas party should have mentioned the cover charge of \$15/person, which will be collected at the door. The Social Committee is planning a wonderful time in our newly renovated Clubhouse, including silent and live auctions, great food and drink, music and dancing for those so inclined, and a chance to relax and enjoy the company of the wonderful members and friends of Bull Run Hunt.

**We need your donations for the auctions...**some of the items donated so far include a ladies western-themed sweater jacket, craft class to make a fox-themed decorative box, wall fountain, horse coolers, case of wine, jewelry, hound painting, and more! Need ideas for what to donate? How about gift certificates to restaurants or tack shops; cap fees; a night at a B&B; gift baskets of goodies; horse treats; or grooming products? With a little imagination, it's easy to come up with all kinds of ideas that will help support our hounds! In order to prepare auction materials, organizers need your donated items as soon as possible; contact Rosie Campbell at 540.672.5128 for more info or to RSVP for the party.

## The Bottle Report Returns

*Submitted by The Bottle Reporter*

It's a tradition at Bull Run that gravity-challenged individuals who experience unplanned dismounts harming only their dignity are obligated to contribute tangibly to the merriment of other club members. Although we have not been reporting these debts, do not doubt that the tally is being kept! Recently, it was decided to once again "share the love" by publishing the antics of those who cannot seem to remain in close association with their saddles. And lest we take ourselves too seriously, a bit of advice from the publication "Bits and Pieces": Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others.

Apparently, so far this season, the thought of having their name mentioned in the Bottle Report has inspired several members to stay in the saddle. Since the Report was not "officially" reinstated until early November, some of you may get away without your name being publicized, but here are the folks whose involuntary dismounts can be recalled prior to reinstatement: Walt Holloway, Meredith Wade, John Taylor, Bridget Efaw, Chris Allen, Joe Kincheloe, Travis Toms, Charlie Selby, Suzanne Moody, and Mike Long. Some details:

- *11-4-06, Cedar Mountain.* **Travis Toms** came off of Paul Brand's trick horse when his brakes locked up the moment he saw Rosie and her horse on the other side of the coop. Travis logged some sky miles.
- *11-6-06, Simms Place.* **Terry Whittier** parted company with her horse while galloping on after a coop.
- *11-11-06, The Preserve.* **Walt Holloway's** horse needed some R&R after the first run of the day. When his horse lay down, Walt extricated himself and claimed he didn't owe, but was subsequently shamed into paying up! **Jill Hay** came off while her horse was in park. The fact that he stepped in a hole did not excuse her from being reported. Mike Long has agreed that she needs to pay up with a high quality bottle. **A Deep Run member** promised shipment of his bottle for his involuntary dismount in the second field.
- *11-18-06, Clubhouse.* **Travis Toms** was again unsuccessful in completing an anti-gravity maneuver he has been researching—causing us to wonder, DOES practice make perfect? Guess he should never have claimed that the bottle paid that morning was his final one of the season! Guest **Allie Hill's** horse dropped to have a roll while walking across a grassy slope of Cedar Mountain. Allie stepped neatly off and immediately declared that she didn't owe because her dismount was by choice. Although observers were impressed with her cat-like reflexes in extricating herself from her nearly prone horse, no one bought her story.
- *11-20-06, Bending River.* Some people will do anything to avoid paying up. **Jill Hay** suggests her method: wade up to your neck in a frigid river to rescue the Huntman's favorite hound. It's rumored that Jill is asking Santa for a wet suit and snorkel this year.

If anyone was missed in this report and feels slighted, please contact the Bottle Reporter (Dick Bickel) to present your version of your involuntary dismount. It won't stop him from making up his own story! Until next month, remember: "Some men can't be trusted too far--others can't be trusted too near." (From Grit & Gumption)