

Bull Run Hunt News

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Hunting Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and Spotsylvania Counties



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Important Dates

- 2/23/2008: Hunt Ball at the Clubhouse
- 4/12/2008: Pairs Race

Notes from Joe

The trip down south has been postponed until next year so we will be hunting in Virginia all of January.

We are having some of the best hunting that I can remember...and my memories goes back 57 years since I started hunting at age 8!

Greg is doing a fine job with hounds—we are very appreciative of his great work. Please be sure—if you haven't already—to say thank-you to him with a Christmas Cap.

Our Christmas Party was a huge success, with almost 200 people attending. Thanks to everyone who helped plan, decorate, cook, serve, clean up, and any other activities that made for such a great evening. It was a lot of fun to finally be able to enjoy our bar in “party mode” and to see everyone having a great time.

Remember—keep smiling, because we are going to have fun!

Joe

The Kennels' Conservation Easement

Submitted by Kristen Ford

What is a conservation easement? An open-space or conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a public body or conservation group. The parties agree to protect the open space and natural resource values of the land. The easement runs with the land and is recorded in the local courthouse. Each easement is tailored to reflect the conservation values of the property and the individual goals of the landowner.

Easements have several benefits. They may lower the estate tax due on a family's land and make it possible to pass the land to the next generation in an affordable way. For this reason, an easement is often an important estate-planning tool for land-owning families. There may also be significant federal and state tax benefits associated with the gift of easement.

Many hunt members have open space easements on their land. This helps keep the land available for hunting in the future. Bull Run Hunt recorded an easement on the Kennels property with The Virginia Outdoors Foundation (the state agency that holds conservation easements) in June, 2004. Our Board voted to take this action for several reasons. One was that the Inskeep family has been very generous to our club; the easement protects them by forever restricting the use of the 60 acres known as “The Kennels” to low impact uses, compatible with the surrounding Inskeep lands. Another reason was that this permanently keeps the land open for hunting with owner's permission. The Kennels easement specifically restricts further division of the property, and allows only 2 houses and 1 barn apartment to ever be built on the property. Another important reason for the easement is that we were able to generate approximately \$70,000 for the club from the sale of State Tax Credits. This money went a long way towards paying off the debt for the purchase of the kennels and Clubhouse.

Several members of our hunt worked very hard to develop and record the easement and sell tax credits for the benefit of the hunt. Please thank the Inskeeps for making the Kennels available to the hunt, Joe Kincheloe for having the vision to make it happen, Shack Shackelford for his legal support, Paul Brand for selling the tax credits, Adrianna Waddy for dealing with income tax issues, and Rick Nishanian and Jeff Rizer for purchasing the tax credits. We appreciate all of you! We are very fortunate to have such generous people in our hunt community, and to have such wonderful kennels and Clubhouse.

Colors Cloth Available

The fabric that we use on our collars is available for \$15/strip (enough for one collar). Contact Capt. John if you'd like to obtain some. Thanks, Lindy Sanford for locating a supplier!

Newsletter Content

Everyone is invited to submit short articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Interview Greg about his favorite hounds, report on a great day out hunting, discuss the history of a fixture—there are lots of topics the membership would love to read about! Submit items to Carole Pivarnik, mulelady@bullrunhunt.com.