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Important Events Coming Up!

Our annual Pairs Races will be held February 19, 2006 at Peacock. A flyer is included with this newsletter. Volunteers are needed to help...why not come out for an hour or two and lend a hand?

The Hunt Ball is scheduled for February 25, 2006 at the Holiday Inn (soon to be Best Western) in Culpeper. Invitations will be going out soon.



Notes from Joe

We have been having real good hunting despite the bad weather conditions. The going has been extremely deep, but there has been an abundance of foxes and good scenting on most days.

Thanks to Fiona Tustian, Rosie Forte, and everyone who helped put on a fantastic Christmas Party at the Clubhouse. We had a great turnout, excellent food, a lot of friendly competitive bidding for the auctions, and an all-around good time. A special thanks goes to the Bull Run Bunnies for their contributions to a most special calendar—and to those who donated and bid on auction items.

A trip down south is in the works. We've got 6 days of hunting with Aiken, Belle Meade, Whiskey Road, Why Worry, and Toronto North York lined up. So far, 15 people are planning to go. If you want to join us, get in touch with Judy Berger or Rosie Forte as soon as possible so rooms and stalls can be reserved. Rappahannock Hunt has graciously offered for members not heading south to hunt with them gratis while the rest of us are on the road.

Keep smiling, because we are going to have fun!

Joe

Christmas Party a Big Success

The Clubhouse was the scene of our fabulous 2005 Christmas Party on December 10. The folks responsible for organizing this event did a super job! Decorations were gorgeous, the food was superb, and the silent and live auctions offered a wide selection of great items, resulting in extremely spirited bidding. Over 150 people participated in the festivities, which continued until after midnight.

Total amounts raised from the auctions, Calendar sales, and door will be reported once we have the final figures...but word has it they were quite respectable!

Let's give a big hand to the organizers and helpers who helped make this party so successful... particularly Rosie Forte and Fiona Tustian for doing such a wonderful job of pulling it all together. Other names that immediately come to mind are Judy Berger, Paul Brand, Emily Chewning, Kristin Ford, Cathy and Carmen Marco, and John Smith Jt-MFH who helped decorate. Wesli Turner and Marianne Sobchak did a fine job of working the door. Richard Harris, David and Debbie Hunt, Suzanne Moody, and Jerrie and Meredith Wade made sure our plates were heaped with culinary delights in a most efficient fashion! Auction Diva Judy Berger deserves a special pat on the back for her efforts. Judy Allen, Carole Pivarnik, and Lisa MacDonald assisted in tallying live auction results. Peewee Bennett did the auctioneering for the live auction. If we left anyone out who helped, please let us know so we can acknowledge your contribution when we thank individual auction donors and winning bidders.

Women of Bull Run Hunt Calendar

I wouldn't exactly say that Joe was sweating bullets prior to the unveiling of the Women of Bull Run Hunt Calendar at the Christmas Party, but I'm pretty sure I saw him hyperventilating once or twice. No need to worry—talented posing by the featured ladies, clever photography by Rosie Forte, and great editing and post-production by Chris Allen ensured that our wild women were presented in flatteringly good taste. The calendar was clearly the most talked about item at the party and sales were HOT! If you would like your own copy (so you can stop driving over to Joe's house to look at his), put in your request to Rosie Forte. Each

calendar is \$25. You might as well order two or three...they make great gifts plus all profits go to a good cause: our hounds!

An Important Accounting...

Dick and Robin Bickel have submitted the following very important accounting: who owes the Hunt for “involuntary” dismounts so far this season! Here’s what’s on the books to-date:

- Bridget Efav “fessed up” that she still owes a bottle from last year.
- Betty Long had a slow motion dismount at the Jr. Meet from Cedar Mountain. Mike said to put her on the delinquent list.
- At opening meet, Spencer Allen was found hanging upside down by his stirrups below the high jump at Birmingham. Two-bottle payment is open for discussion when assistance is required to extricate someone from their mount.
- Debbie Hunt had an “involuntary dismount” on Nov. 5 at Maple Lawn after jumping Clyde’s jump above the pines. Her horse now wears tire chains to avoid future mishaps.
- Nicole Villers parted company with her horse on Nov. 17 and was left resting upon a log.
- On Nov. 10 at The Hill, Dick Bickel made an “involuntary dismount” when the horse he was riding made an illegal left-hand turn. This may have been due (in part) to the fact that Dick was having way too much fun the night before making up his list of those that already owed bottles.
- Bennett Clinton would have received a “10” from the judges for the multiple somersaults performed during her dismount on Nov. 20 if she had only landed on her feet! Her husband, Chris, should owe a bottle for his self-inflicted injury while car-topping with Jim but may try to avoid payment since he didn’t fall down. Talk to Chris for his side of the story and let us know what you think.
- On Nov. 24 at the Freedom Fields meet, Kristen Ford found Paul Brand resting under his horse after attempting to jump some eaten down round bales. This may require a 2-bottle payment since assistance was needed to get Paul out from underneath his horse.
- On Nov. 24, Chris Allen didn’t learn anything from Paul’s mishap and claims Beethoven didn’t know whether to eat or jump the round bales when they parted company.
- Spencer Allen and Lisa Simonds both claimed that their “involuntary dismounts” at the Nov. 26 Clubhouse meet were caused by their horses spooking at calves. Lisa promised that she had pre-paid.

- On Nov. 28 at Hawfield, Gordon Smith “bit the dust” so he could help restock the bar.
- On Dec. 1 at Knights of Columbus, Gordon proved what a great guy he is. Always one to go above and beyond, he took another spill so he could make yet another contribution!
- On Dec. 3 at Birmingham, someone took a tumble and no one will spill the beans. You know who you are...1 bottle owed.
- On Dec. 8 at Peacock, a Canadian guest took a tumble. We’re still trying to track down his identity (he was last seen riding a speckled horse).
- On Dec. 10 at Muckamoor, another unnamed guest (this time from Kentucky) took a spill...another bottle owed!

If anyone has any involuntary dismounts to report, please call Dick Bickel at 540-937-6681. Informants will remain anonymous. Honest.



Lost...Has It Been Found?

Adrianna Cowan-Waddy reports that she is looking for her leather sandwich case that contains her silver flask, vet wrap, and various other sundries. She believes she left it somewhere but doesn’t remember where. It’s been missing for several months. If you’ve seen this missing item, please let her know.

From the Editor...

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