

# BULL RUN HUNT NEWS

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Hunting Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and Spotsylvania Counties



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## Important Reminders

There are some changes to our normal meet times in March:

- **Thursday meets in March begin at 2:00 p.m.**
- **The Saturday, March 4th meet is at 9:00 a.m.** (one hour earlier than normal due to Rappahannock Hunt's Point-to-Point races that day).

The last meet for this season is April 1, 2006. No foolin'!



Inga Rogers & Carmen Marco at the Pairs Races

## News from Joe

I'm happy to report that Greg Schwartz has accepted the position of Kennelman and Huntsman under Billy for the next year. In 2007, he will take over as our full time Huntsman. Greg comes to us from Loudoun West, where he worked under Billy for a year, and where he has been Huntsman for the past four years. For 16 years previous to that, he whipped-in for various hunts.

Having Billy and Greg working together this year will enable a smooth transition and continued great hunting. It gives Greg the opportunity to learn our territory, landowners, and hounds so that he is fully ready to take over completely next year. At that time, Billy will whip-in to Greg as his new job permits.

At our Feb. 13 meet, Greg hunted the Bull Run pack by himself. If that day is any indication, we should not

miss a beat when Billy steps down. The hounds accounted for the first fox we hunted that day. At that same meet, both Leslie Hay and Mike Long were officially blooded by the Master. Congratulations to all.

Our joint meet with Casanova Hunt at Richard & Martha Harris' Hawfield was a delightful time for all. We mixed packs, with Billy and Tommy Lee Jones hunting them together. Although scenting was poor, foxes were viewed more than once and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Our joint meet with Loudoun at Mike & Betty Long's The Preserve brought a turnout of 70 riders and plenty of good hunting...despite the tendency of short runs due to foxes having young and being more prone to going quickly to ground.

I am looking forward to more great foxhunting during the remainder of this season and in the seasons to come.

Joe

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If somebody says you ride like you're part of the horse, you might wanna ask 'em which part they're talking about.

*--From Don't Squat with Yer Spurs On II*

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## News from Cap'n John Smith

Even though our last day of hunting for the season is April 1, it doesn't mean the year is over...rather it signals the start of a new year with lots going on, including the following:

- Greg Schwartz will be joining us as kennelman and huntsman (see Joe's news).
- Our annual meeting is being planned—more details are coming, but pencil in Friday, May 12 and plan to join us at the Clubhouse for this important event.
- Activities are well underway for our May 7 point-to-point races. The April newsletter will share some of the progress and details.

- Work on the kennels has begun. The roof has been painted, whelping pens finished, work on the hound runs is underway, and the grass lots will soon be built.
- Our Clubhouse roof has been painted and the water fixed. Renovations inside will begin in April once hunting is finished for the season.
- It's time to start planning our summer trail rides—would you like to volunteer for this job? Speak with Judy or Rosie if you're interested.

As you can see, there is a lot of work underway to support the Hunt—we need 100% participation to complete these tasks. I urge every member to step up to the plate and lend a hand. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, every effort helps and is very much appreciated. I personally want to thank everyone for their past, future, and ongoing efforts that are making Bull Run Hunt so successful!

Cap'n John

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**There is never a shortage of good horse sense on this planet. Of course, it's mostly the horses that have it.**

*--From Don't Squat with Yer Spurs On II*

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Yellow Fox at Hawfield  
Photo by Dana Lee Thompson



Life-size wire sculpture of fox by Kathryn Capley

## Web Site Updates

Have you visited our Web site recently? Here are some good reasons to take a trip over to [www.bullrunhunt.com](http://www.bullrunhunt.com):

- New pictures from the pairs races and our recent joint meet with Casanova Hunt are on the home page, as well as a link to a page full of pictures from a recent meet at the Clubhouse.
- The current fixture card can be viewed on the Fixture page.
- All newsletters since October 2005, as well links to various articles previously published on the site, can be explored on the Archive page.
- Big plans are underway for the Hounds page. We are also developing a Gallery of Hounds containing photos and information about each of our hounds—it will be a great way to get to know the most important members of our hunt. Stay tuned!

If you have images from recent meets or other Bull Run Hunt activities, we'd love to feature them on the Web site or in the newsletter. See the editor's note at the end of this newsletter for submission information.

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### From the Editor...

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