

Bull Run Hunt News

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



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Important Dates

October 14: Opening Meet

October 18: BRH Hosts Virginia Hunt Week

December 9: Christmas Party

February 17, 2007: Hunt Ball



Notes from Joe

First, I can't say enough about the hard work that so many members put into territory maintenance and other jobs this year...a big thank you to everyone.

We are off to a great start this season; hounds are hunting well and Greg is doing a great job. Keep showing our appreciation by getting out to the meets whenever you can!

The Hunter Pace was a huge success—we had a super turnout and by all accounts, everyone had a great time. I heard many people say they can't wait for the next one! The Hunter Pace not only raised good money for the Hunt, it was a great venue showing everyone how friendly and fun Bull Run Hunt is. This kind of PR is extremely important in keeping up the positive energy we've got going. Organizers Rosie Campbell and Fiona Tustian and their dedicated support team deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done.

Thanks to Judy Berger and her team for putting on a successful Landowners Round Up party...we all had a great time socializing, dancing to live country music, and enjoying ourselves!

Looking ahead, our Christmas Party and Hunt Ball aren't too far in the future. Volunteers to assist with these events would be most appreciated...please get in touch with Social Committee Chair Rosie Campbell if you'd like participate. Also, a trip south is planned for early January. Stay tuned for details as we work them out; if you'd like to go or want more information, let me know.

And don't forget to keep smiling, because we are having fun!

Joe

Notes from Captain John

I'd like to thank everyone for their calls and letters when I had an unanticipated encounter with gravity and a horse's hoof! I am on the mend and have been following hounds on foot or in the car. I expect to be back in the saddle for Opening Meet and hope to see you there!

Clubhouse renovations are essentially complete. We're now waiting for the last major piece—the bar—to be finished and shipped. Like most old building renovations, actual costs slightly exceeded original estimates due to a few unanticipated problems. Even so, our investment compared to the value is excellent, plus we now have a Clubhouse to rival that of any other hunt! Donations by several generous members have helped to fund the major share of renovation costs; if you'd like to contribute to help fund bar installation or other associated costs, any size donation would be most welcome and appreciated!

Captain John

Please Welcome...

New Members (in no particular order): Abby Harper; Francis M. Mulhern; Kristi Harcum; Kaitlyn Gill; Kimberly Wilkins; Douglas Luke. **Returning Members** (in no particular order): Midge & Bethany Bryant; Karen Killion; Bob & Judy Holmes; Alice Meyers-Paulin; Joanne Kline & Nicholas Gudka; Barbara Lawrence; John, Cyndy & Aiden Grano Sid & Karen Trimmer; Gordon Smith; Peter Martin & Lynn Freeman; Jeff Rizer; Covington Association; Walt Holloway; John & Jane Hampton; Carl Kincheloe; Chris Allen & Rosie Campbell; Art Leiss; Kelly Morgan; Larry & Judy Frederick; John Smith & Emily Chewing; Jerrie & Meredith Wade; Peter & Linda Ault; Sandra Worsham; Mike & Betty Long; "Shack" Shackleford; Terry Whittier; William & Inga Rogers; Dick & Robin Bickel; Roger, Kem, & Carroll Courtenay; Jaci McDermott; John & Suzanne Moody; Bill & Lindy Sanford; Joanne Norman; Bridget Efaw; Jim Craig; Carole Pivarnik, Mary Potter; Paul Kraus; Caroline York; Marvin Gordy.

New Field Secretary

Emily Chewing is taking over the role of Field Secretary, with backup by Robin Bickel and Cameron Smith Toms. Please note the new number on the back of your fixture card: **434.973.3006**

Hunter Pace Results

Forty-four teams of riders met at Peacock on a September 17, 2006 for a day of low-key, fun competition over a 9-mile course dotted with optional jumps of all sizes. From little kids on fat ponies to professionals on sleek Thoroughbreds, riders and horses of all types and skill levels competed in four divisions (Hunter, Pleasure, Junior, and Western) over the fabulously-marked, delightfully varied course. At the end of the day, results were as follows:

Hunter Division:

1. Hamptons
2. Holloway/Heider
3. Wade (Family)
4. Wehner/Graf
5. Moody
6. Sweet/Gulick

Pleasure Division

1. McNear/Twyman
2. Plummer/Curry
3. Moody/Cross
4. Pivarnik
5. Monticelli
6. Carrier/Rozell

Junior Division

1. McLean/Gill
2. Reiff/Jankauskus/Ayrey
3. Turner/Donnelly
4. Petersen
5. McKay/Lovett
6. Cooley

Western Division

1. Tuck
2. Lawson



Organizers Rosie Campbell and Fiona Tustian would like to recognize and thank everyone who helped make this event a success, in particular: Mike & Betty Long, the Inskeep family, John Smith and Emily Chewning, Dick & Robin Bickel, Emily Cross, Charlie Selby, John Moody, Walt Holloway, Lex, Chris Allen, Jill Hay.

Pictures and a short video clip are available on the Bull Run web site.

Got Something to Share?

Everyone is encouraged to submit Hunt reports, pictures, stories, and gossip (but only the good kind!) for our newsletter and Web site. You can also publish in the BRH Online Journal, our blog located at <http://bullrunhunt.com/BRHBlog>.



Our English Bar

At the last Board meeting, Mike Long gave a status update on the custom bar being made for our Clubhouse. Although custom order shipments are difficult to accurately predict, it appears (based on information about our bar #202 on the vendor's Web site) that the bar is scheduled to be on a shipment that arrives in the U.S. at the end of October. Is it possible we could be enjoying our new bar at the Christmas party? Keep your fingers crossed!

The bar pictured above is not our bar, but shows the quality and style of the vendor's work. To see more, visit their Web site:

<http://www.englishbars.com>

Meanwhile, Mike is in regular contact with the vendor and will let us know when there is progress to report.

Opening Meet Photos: Get Yours!

Opening Meet is just around the corner! This year, photographers from Bella Vita Foto are going to be in attendance. These folks have had photos in Covertside and have photographed many Hunt- and horse-related events. They'll be available (advance appointments highly recommended) to do brief portrait sittings before the meet begins. They'll photograph the Blessing and group portrait (backing up Chris Allen who will also be shooting a group portrait and candids). During the meet, they'll ride with cartoppers to capture the action in the field. At the end of the meet, they'll set up a computerized slide show of all the shots they took. You can purchase any images you like and receive high quality prints right at the meet, as they'll have their mobile lab there. Talk about instant gratification!

Visit their Web site at <http://www.bellavitafoto.com/>. Process, prices, and other information will be posted on the Bull Run web site soon. Look for the link on our home page.