

Bull Run Hunt News

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Hunting Culpeper, Orange, Madison, and Spotsylvania Counties



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Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members Donna Martin, Tinker Lyman, Barbara Houston, Don Davis, Mary Potter, Martha Harris, Mary Millhiser, Richard & Laura Hansen, Wesli Turner, and "Little Neil" Donnelly.

Welcome Back, Returning Members!

A warm welcome to returning members Sue Homan, Midge & Bethany Bryant, Carole Pivarnik, Wayne Hawkins & Patricia O'Bryant, Jim "Red Dog" Covington, Jaci McDermott, Peter Ault, Travis Toms, Lani Newcomb & Kathi Broaddus, Pam Cross, Walt Holloway, Shack Shackelford, Peter & Helen Evans, Alan & Peggy Place, Carl Kincheloe, Mark Mulhern, Lindy Sanford, Richard Harris, William & Inga Rogers, Chris Allen, Larry & Judy Frederick, Janice Kraus, Kim Allen, Charlie Selby, Terry Whittier, Bennette Clinton, John & Cindy Grano, Ed & Ada Harvey, Stacey Donnelly, Marianne Sobchak, and Fred Burks.

Important Upcoming Dates

October 8

Opening Meet at Birmingham, 9:00 (yes, NINE!) a.m.

October 17

BRH hosts Virginia Hunt Week Meet at the Clubhouse, 10:00 a.m. Virginia Hunt Week runs from October 13-30. For more information, visit vahuntweek.org.

December 10

BRH Christmas Party at the Clubhouse; see the article elsewhere in this newsletter for important news.

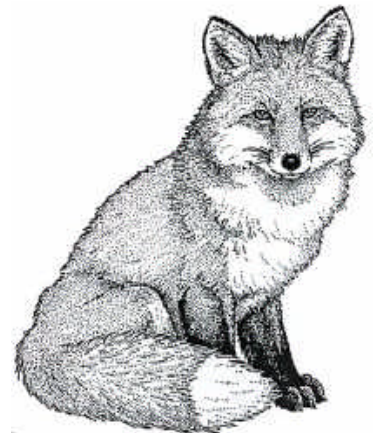
Also keep in mind that we are in the process of finalizing dates for the Pairs Races and Hunt Ball; both will be after the first of the year. Why bother to put anything else on your calendar until you know which dates to save for these important event?!

Notes from Joe

Cubbing season is in full swing and doing well, despite the dry weather. Billy and staff are doing a great job giving us good sport!

A few reminders: If you are interested in having a Hunt Breakfast, please let me know. ♦ Note the changing times for meets on our fixture cards—as the days get shorter, we'll be hunting later in the day. ♦ Always check the monitor for last-minute changes to meet or event locations or times.

Special thanks to Janice Kraus for letting us have the Junior North American Field Hunter Championship series at Cedar Mountain Farm. We had approximately 35 juniors competing, along with four judges and numerous family members. The kids out-jumped all of us old folks!



Also a big thank-you to Rosie Forte, Bennette Clinton, and everyone else who helped make the Landowners Party such a huge success...it was a great time and one of our most successful landowner parties to-date!

How fortunate we are to own our kennels, barns, huntsman's house, and clubhouse thanks to the support and hard work of so many. These assets, along with great members and our wonderful landowners, all contribute to the success of our Hunt and the good sport we will hopefully enjoy long into the future. Thanks to all!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Opening Meet on October 8.

Joe

Clubhouse Wish List

We could use a few items for the Clubhouse, as listed below. If you have an extra one of these lying around, please consider donating it to the Clubhouse:

- Vacuum cleaner
- Wide-head push broom
- Kitchen broom

Please contact Hon. Sec. Judy Berger if you can help us out with the Wish List. Thanks!

New 2005 Capping Fees

Cap fees are listed on the fixture card but here's a rundown for this season:

- Adults: \$100 Holidays and Saturdays; \$75 Weekdays
- Juniors: \$15
- Grooms: \$35

If you're going to bring guests to hunt, please let the Hon. Secretary know in advance when possible. Her contact information is on the fixture card.

Share Your Time and Talent

A great way to get involved and support the Hunt is by volunteering or even chairing a committee! Committees are responsible for organizing and conducting our most important annual events such as the Hunt Ball, Point to Point Races, and Christmas Party & Silent Auction.

Whether you have just a little time to spare or are willing to take on a major role, your participation is welcome and encouraged. Many hands make work light...and fresh ideas and energy can really make a difference in the success and fun of any event. Enthusiasm is way more important than experience, so don't let inexperience stand in the way of stepping up to the plate. If every member would join one committee and agree to do one task, it would significantly lighten the load on the core group of folks who often end up doing everything. So come on...get involved with your Hunt, have some fun, get to know everyone better, and earn the undying gratitude of all!

Ready to help? Please get in touch with the Masters or Board Members to let them know what talents you can offer, how much time you can spare, and what you'd like to do so that you can be matched up with a committee!

AND if you're a super-organized, take-charge type with good diplomacy skills who can motivate people, delegate tasks, and Get Stuff Done, consider Chairing the Point-to-

Point Races. Our Races are an important source of revenue for the club; under the direction of the right person, they could be a whopper of a success. Wouldn't YOU like to be elevated to the status of Hunt Superhero by taking on this challenging but rewarding job?

Christmas Party & Silent Auction

We might still be complaining about the heat that is making scent difficult, but the Christmas Party & Silent Auction is only a mere nine weeks or so from now.

Since some of us have closets that could take nearly that long to search (not mentioning any names here, you know who you are), it's not too soon to start choosing items to donate to the Silent Auction. At a loss as to what would be a good donation? Here are some ideas:

- Hunt-, hound-, or horse-themed housewares, decorative, or handcrafted items, or art
- Hunt-themed clothing
- Services such as braiding, tack cleaning, clipping, gourmet dinners for four, pet portraits, massages, riding lessons, etc. from those talented enough to offer such things
- Gift baskets with tailgate goodies, horse & dog treats, or personal pampering items
- Vacation packages at cabins, condos, or timeshares
- Books and videos on our favorite topic: hounds and hunting
- Services or products donated from your business or businesses you frequent (don't be shy—ASK THEM!).

That's just a start...all items big and small are welcome, because EVERY penny raised benefits BRH. So open those closet doors and start LOOKING!

Silent auction donations can be handed off to Hon. Secretary Judy Berger at meets or other pre-arranged locations. There is some organization involved in managing auction donations, so make her job easier by getting your donations in as soon as you can.



Got News?

If you have news for the newsletter, please submit it to editor Carole Pivarnik. She can be reached at mulelady@bullrunhunt.com or by calling 540-987-8566 (before 8 p.m. please).

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To get BRH's weekly email announcements, email Cathy Marco at cathy@bullrunhunt.com and ask to be added to the mailing list.