

Bull Run Hunt News

September 2006

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



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Important Dates

September 2: First day of cubbing
September 3: BRH Trail Ride at Birmingham, 9:00 a.m.
September 9: Landowners Round Up at "Clubhouse Saloon"
September 17: BRH Fun Hunter Pace at Peacock
October 14: Opening Meet
October 18: BRH Hosts Virginia Hunt Week
December 9: Christmas Party
February 17, 2007: Hunt Ball



Joe's Notes

There are exciting times ahead for Bull Run Hunt! Greg is settling in with the hounds—I'm looking forward to a seamless transition with Billy's help; I am sure we aren't going to miss a beat. We've already started pre-cubbing and the hounds are doing fine. By the time you read this, they'll have been out at least 15 times and look to be in excellent shape for the upcoming season.

I can't thank everyone enough for all their help this summer with trail clearing, jump-building, cleaning the Clubhouse, mowing grass, organizing trail rides, building the deck on the Hunt house, and everything else that needed doing. The kennel and Clubhouse are essentially finished—many thanks to everyone who contributed. The dedicated and energetic support of everyone involved in all of these projects is what makes our Hunt the very best!

Lindy Sanford is scheduling hunt breakfasts and looking for volunteers to sign up to host at least one breakfast—either individually or in a group.

Workdays are still being scheduled...if you find you have some time to lend a hand on a non-scheduled day, give Greg a call—he'll be happy to work with you.

I hope that everyone will come out and join us for some or all of our upcoming events: cubbing, the final trail ride this year, the Landowners' Round Up, the Hunter Pace, Opening Meet, and Virginia Hunt Week! We will have fun!

Joe

Corrections, Reminders & Updates

Dues for a Single Membership are \$925 (the application that went out with the Membership Letter showed an incorrect amount). Please send your dues in as soon as possible!

Field Secretary Judy Berger's official contact number is now her cell phone (**434.987.2008**), so that she can respond to calls and messages even when she is not at home.

If you need a copy of the fixture card or map, you can get them at our Web site. The link is <http://www.bullrunhunt.com/fixture.htm>.

Got Hunt news, stories, or pictures? Send to them to newsletter and Web site editor Carole Pivarnik at mulelady@bullrunhunt.com. To get regular Hunt news by email, send your email address to Cathy Marco at cathy@bullrunhunt.com and request she add you to the list.

President's Message: Volunteering

The Board of Directors has decided to make the work requirement that was described in previous letters voluntary. I agree with that decision. I would like to share my opinion of volunteering with the Hunt membership.

Volunteering is vital to the existence and longevity of any club. If the membership only paid dues, little would be accomplished. In Bull Run's case, no trails would be cleared, no jumps made, no hounds walked, no kennel maintenance, no Clubhouse work, no parties, no Point to Point Races, no trail rides, no Hunt breakfasts and more. There would be no Bull Run Hunt without members' help. Our dues cover only 39% of what it costs to keep the hunt going. The rest of the money is made through functions run by volunteers, donations and lower building costs due to free labor and materials contributed by members. Volunteering also builds camaraderie as we work together to build and maintain Bull Run Hunt. It makes foxhunting all the more fun when you have worked with the people you are hunting with to build the territory, clubhouse and kennels.

Volunteering takes many forms. Some people donate time; others donate money; others help organize functions. The point is, there are many ways to volunteer and they are all important to the health of the club. I encourage everyone to step forward and help Bull Run Hunt in any way they can. The effort will only make the social activities and foxhunting more fun. Tally Ho!

John Moody

Upcoming Fun

The Bull Run Hunt Fall calendar is busy, busy, busy! Take your vitamins and get those horses legged up...you don't want to miss out on any of this fun! Hope to see you out at some or all of these events:

- **Cubbing** kicks off on September 2 at the Clubhouse, 8:00 a.m.
- Our final organized **trail ride** this year is at Birmingham on September 3 at 9:00 a.m. Bring a dish to share after the ride!
- The **Landowners Round Up** is the 9th at 6:30 p.m. This is a western-themed event at the "Clubhouse Saloon." Live music, dinner, and dancing! Cowboy boots and ten-gallon hats encouraged, cattle prods optional! The generous folks over whose land we ride are our most precious asset—please plan to join in the fun and say “Thank you!” in person.
- Organizers are making fine progress getting ready for the **Fun Hunter Pace** on the 17th. This “competitively relaxed” event is a great way for riders of all disciplines and experience levels to get out in our gorgeous countryside and have fun while supporting the Hunt! Encourage your riding friends to enter—there is something for everyone! Info/entry forms are on the Web site.
- Looking ahead, **Opening Meet** is October 14th and a mere four days later, we host **Virginia Hunt Week** on the 18th.

Info is always available at the Web site: www.bullrunhunt.com.

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