

## Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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### \*\*\*\* IN THIS NEWSLETTER –

- **All-on for Orlean FD breakfast Aug. 15**
- **Updated save-the-date calendar**
- **Subscription letters, take 3**
- **August (weekend) training days**
- **August (Wednesday) work parties**
- **The regular stuff (Food pantry, how to find out more, etc.)**

\*\*\*\***FEED YOUR NEEDS (AND HELP THE LOCAL FD):** The monthly Orlean Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department country breakfast is scheduled this Sunday, Aug. 15, from 8-11 a.m. at the handsome new Company 11 fire hall. All you can eat, and it supports a great cause.

### \*\*\*\***GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS TO \*\*Save the dates\*\***

- \* Daily (except Sundays) – from kennels – hound exercise.
- \* August 15 – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Hunt training/open schooling. Hunter trial field, Orlean. \$30.
- \* August 22 – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Hunt training/open schooling. Hunter trial field, Orlean. \$30.
- \* August 28 – 7:30 a.m. Hound exercise on horseback. Hunter trial field, Orlean. Free.
- \* Sept. 2 – 7:30 a.m. Hound exercise on horseback. Hunter trial field, Orlean. Free.
- \* Sept. 4 – First day of cubbing
- \* Sept. 6 – Labor Day cubbing
- \* Sept. 26 – Landowners’ picnic. Marriott Ranch, Hume. Details TBA. Free.
- \* September/October – Autumn wine trail ride. Henschman’s Lea, Orlean. Details TBA.
- \* October – Oyster roast – mid-October during Virginia Hunt Week. Details TBA.
- \* Sunday, October 24 – Hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean. Details TBA.
- \* Saturday, November 6 – Opening meet. Details TBA.
- \* Sunday, November 28 – Kennels open house and Christmas photos with Santa (And a foxhound! And a horse!) ODH kennels, Orlean. Details TBA.

Already thinking about 2022:

- Tree burning ceremony January 5, 2022
- Sleigh ride party-location TBD February 2022
- Chili cook-off/yard sale March 2022
- ODH point-to-point April 2022
- Wine trail ride May 2022
- Kentucky Derby party May 2022
- Schooling days August 2022
- Hunter pace October 2022
- Hunt Ball November 2022

\*\*\*\***SUBSCRIPTION LETTERS ARE OUT. DID YOU GET ONE?** Because of a computer glitch, some 2021-'22 season subscription invitation letters were not mailed. If you did not receive one, or would like to be added to the snail-mail list to receive an invitation to subscribe to the hunt (as a riding member, a social member, family, professional or any of the other options) please send your mailing address (and emails so we can confirm correct information) and text number (so we can add landowners to the correct distro list for a new “hunt day alert” system) to HonSec Betsy Burke Parker – [betsyburkeparker@gmail.com](mailto:betsyburkeparker@gmail.com)

**\*\*\*WORK PARTIES...AUGUST WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:** Wednesdays (Aug. 18, 25), subscribers/friends/family/landowners/neighbors/kids are invited to meet at the hunter trial field in Orlean at 6 p.m. to help with trail clearing, jump repair and more. Masters and staff will meet helpers there and send you out in the territory to help prep the area for hunting. Bring tools – hand nippers, weed eaters, chainsaws, scythes, adjustable wrench, etc.

**\*\*\*HUNT TRAINING SESSIONS:**

For young hunters (horse or human) or those returning that need to work on their fitness, ODH has a range of training sessions this month.

→ **SUNDAY, August 15** – Open schooling at the hunter trial field. The jumps (big, medium and small) will be freshly mowed and weed eaten. Subscribers and friends of ODH are welcome to school the jumps, and/or hang out with young horses near the kennels' grass yard to acclimate to the sights and sounds of foxhounds.

Fee: \$30

Time: Open schooling 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Contact: MFH Debbie Welch 540 631 8607

→ **SUNDAY, August 22** – “” “”

→ **SATURDAY, August 28** – Hound exercise **\*\*on horseback.\*\*** Take the gentle education you've given your horse through the month and put it all together with a simple walk-out with the ODH pack out in front of you.

Fee: none

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Contact: Debbie 540 631 8607

→ **TUESDAY, August 31** – Hound exercise **\*\*on horseback.\*\*** Take the gentle education you've given your horse through the month and put it all together with a simple walk-out with the ODH pack out in front of you. Park at the hunter trial field.

Fee: none

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Contact: Debbie 540 631 8607

→ **THURSDAY, Sept. 2** – Hound exercise **\*\*on horseback.\*\*** Take the gentle education you've given your horse through the month and put it all together with a simple walk-out with the ODH pack out in front of you. Park at the hunter trial field.

Fee: none

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Contact: Debbie 540 631 8607

→ **SATURDAY, Sept. 4** – First day of cubbing. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

Time: TBD (but probably 8 a.m.)

→ **MONDAY, Sept. 6** – Labor Day cubbing. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

Time: TBD

**\*\*\*\*DAILY HOUND EXERCISE:** Join ODH for walking hounds (on foot) from the kennels every morning (usually not on Sundays), usually at 7:30 a.m., though days and times are fluid because of the weather, so call or text master Debbie Welch to confirm: 540-631-8607.

**\*\*\*\*NORTH AMERICAN FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The 2021 Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship, (formerly the North American Field Hunter Championship) will be held October 4 - 9. This event features four days of hunting privileges with four local packs: Bull Run, Blue Ridge, Orange County Hounds and Old Dominion Hounds. The event benefits the INOVA Loudoun Hospital Foundation. The championship finals are at Glenwood Park in Middleburg Saturday, October 9 before the Virginia Fall Races. Entries are now open and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis – 60 total entries are being accepted. This competition awards a total of \$4,000 in prize money; \$500 each to the champion and reserve champion rider, \$2,000 to the hunt of the champion rider and \$1,500 to reserve. An award for the highest placing thoroughbred in memory of Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith is a new prize this year. Entry form and more information – [vafallraces.com](http://vafallraces.com) or on the Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship Facebook page.

**\*\*\*\*OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY NEWS:** The Old Dominion Self Serve Food Pantry is located behind the post office in Olean. The easy-access assistance system is for families who need a little help to get through the next meal. ODFP partners with Fauquier for Immediate Sympathetic Help (FISH) to get the word out about the pantry. FISH is in Warrenton near the Salvation Army and is a privately funded food bank. FISH arranges for needy children to take home backpacks of food every week through the elementary schools. Here's how you can help:

1. Place donations directly in the white shed behind the pantry.
2. Go by the pantry any time to check on it. If it's empty or needs attention, e-mail [ODFoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:ODFoodpantry@gmail.com)

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE SEND** any news, or notes, photos, interesting items or upcoming events to be included in this ODH online newsletter. **Feel free to forward** this to friends and family and anyone you think might be interested in ODH happenings. **Send current/updated email** addresses if you'd like to be included on our direct newsletter list.

**\*\*\*\*WANT MORE? THERE ARE THREE WAYS:** If you can't get enough ODH news, check out the regularly updated and ongoing newsfeed on our Facebook page. Or dive deep into club history, photo galleries and more on our newly-refreshed website – [theolddominionhounds.com](http://theolddominionhounds.com) (\*don't forget the 'the' at the beginning of that website address.) Or call the hunt monitor for up-to-the-minute hunting information and changes – 540.364-7457.

**\*\*\*\*CAPTION CONTEST!!!!** Think of the perfect caption for the photo below, and the ODH honsec will reward you with a Free ODH ball cap!! Starter caption: Foxhunters – one made veteran, one first-year greenie – are already dreaming of the 2021-2022 hunt season. (But you can ramp it up a notch!)



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