

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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*****ODH FIXTURE MAP:** With helpful navigation and parking information for all current ODH fixtures. **Please understand some of our fixtures have no actual 'address' since a lot of them are just random hayfields or back gates, and maps and GPS doesn't properly 'see' some of the addresses, so READ THE NOTES for each fixture.

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- **Gone away – RIP former ODH joint-master Mildred Riddell**
- **NEW REGULAR FEATURE – The Well-Read Rider: Bits and pieces of literary venery**
- **The regular stuff (Food pantry, how to find out more, etc.)**

***HUNTING THIS WEEK:

* **TUESDAY Dec. 7.** 10 a.m. Soldier's Rest, Orlean.

* **THURSDAY Dec. 9.** 10 a.m. Windrush, Flint Hill.

* **SATURDAY Dec. 11.** 10 a.m. Copperfield, Hume. **Junior Meet**

***ALWAYS double check the hunt monitor as the above is always fluid due to weather, footing, parking, hay-cutting schedules, etc. 540.364.7457.

*****GONE AWAY** – Former ODH joint-master Mildred Gulick Riddell died Saturday, Dec. 4. Complete obituary notice and funeral arrangements will be sent the minute we have them.

Photo by Douglas Lees: A classic shot from Houyhnhmn (showing the main house – burned, and the old barn, also burned) with Mildred Riddell and joint-masters David Semmes and Zeke Ferguson. Betty and Alec Adams house sits on this hilltop now.



Photo by Douglas Lees: And even more classic shot of Mildred Riddell, left, a very young Dawn Dugan (now Colgan) at center acting as Junior Field Master on a junior day in the early 1980s with ODH and David Semmes at right.



*****THE WELL-READ RIDER: Bits and pieces of literary venery:** An ongoing compilation of our favorite quotes.

This classic literature delight comes from equestrian writer *Steve Price*, a regular (up ‘til a few years ago) visitor from his NYC home to Blue Ridge and Old Dominion:

“Men have forgotten this truth, said the fox. But you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.”

– *Antoine De Saint-Exupery* in his 1943 release, “*The Little Prince*”

*****THE WELL-READ RIDER: bonus edition:** We created a monster when we invited writer *Steve Price* to contribute to The Well-Read Reader he’s extremely well-read Here’s another of his favorites:

“There are only two classes of good society in England; the equestrian classes and the neurotic classes. Everybody can see that the people who hunt are the right people and the people who don’t are the wrong ones.

– *George Bernard Shaw’s* 1919 “*Heartbreak House*”

Please plan to contribute – send the honsec any favorite – new or old – selection from your readings.

(sticky-notes)

*****ATTIRE REMINDER:** After opening meet, ODH is formal on Tuesdays, Saturdays and holidays. Ratcatcher is welcome on Thursdays (though formal is always correct.)

Ratcatcher is always correct for juniors (formal is also acceptable for juniors.)

*****OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY:** The Old Dominion Self Serve Food Pantry is located behind the post office in Orlean. 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 located 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

******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 (*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.

******PHOTOS** Photos by Anusha Gregory. Top – Josh, Connor and the hounds skirting a covert at Hungry Run near Amissville last Tuesday. Bottom – Josh and the pack were checking closely in the brush by Wilson Keyser's from Houyhnhmn last Thursday.

