

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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****IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- **Hunting this week**
- **Wow! Hounds on fire! Check the stats.**
- **Wow, x2! Meet ODH junior Sam Homeyer, USPC feature eventer of the week.**
- **Wow, x3! Meet the sponsors – and spons-ees of the inaugural Sponsor-A-Hound sale**
- **The Well-Read Rider: Bits and pieces of literary venery**
- **(Another) New feature: Fun Fox Facts. A collection of “did you know” tidbits about *vulpes vulpes*.**
- **The regular stuff (Attire requirements, food pantry, find out more, etc.)**

****HUNTING THIS WEEK:

* **TUESDAY Dec. 14.** 10 a.m. Tapps Ford, Amissville.

* **THURSDAY Dec. 16.** 10 a.m. Field House, Hume.

* **SATURDAY Dec. 18.** 10 a.m. Hunter's Rest, Flint Hill. **Breakfast to field and subscribers (riding and social). (Please bring a side or dessert – chili and fixin's and drinks provided.)

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

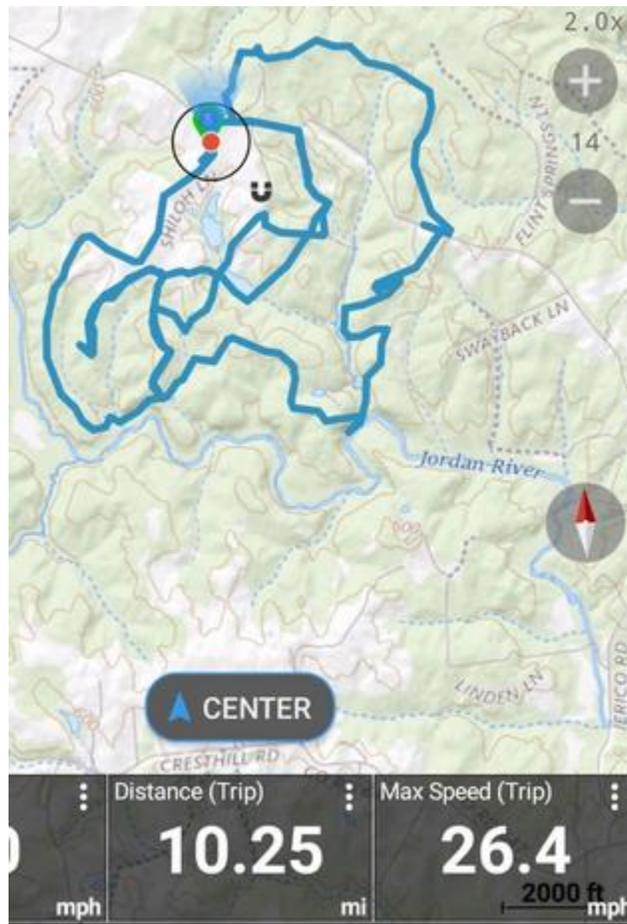
******HUNT REPORT AND STATS:** ODH sport was on fire last week, with an epic day Tuesday from Soldier's Rest and again on Thursday from Windrush (with a split pack, ODH and Rolling Rock, plus RR staff).

And check out the numbers from Saturday's junior meet at Copperfield – 105 mounted riders (that's ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE!) in four fields, with every single participant getting to see and hear the hound music as the hounds found, and found and found again in Wilson Keyser's 'bramble field' between Lake Sunset Lane and Wedderburn Lane.

Plus, check out our visible proof about the old saying that “red foxes run circles” provided by geo-tracker Tom Donley. He pulled out from a lost front shoe on Thursday's hunt at 12:30 p.m., so his track only shows 2/3rds of the day's sport.

Imagine the recorded track like a conch shell – the first circle (counter clockwise) was small, the next one bigger and the last one (that Tom recorded) bigger still.

Hounds and staff picked up a third fox (behind Sacred Springs) and pressed that one to Linden Lane and back, probably adding another 5 miles to Tom's tracking data (10+ miles when he cut out.) 26+ mph top speed. They were **flying** after fox #1 and fox #2.



******ODH JUNIOR SAM HOMEYER CREDITS FOXHUNTING FOR HER EVENTING**

SUCCESS: Read all about it in the USPC newsletter: https://blog.ponyclub.org/2021/12/06/pony-club-member-spotlight-samantha/?fbclid=IwAR3DBkWIB9ercM3TMNEskOqThpNioJSiw2XH_YVv6oaCI80idBEZ-eKO8_s

******WITH THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL SUBSCRIBER-SHIP (AND KENNEL):** Thanks Tanya Masiello for thinking up a creative way for ODH subscribers to support their tribe, by chipping in to directly sponsor a hound. Here's the list of 'owners' of some of the club's top dogs (and bitches). Prizes to be determined at the end of the season for 'best hound', 'best voice', 'most drive', etc.

1 MAJIC RUNNING FIELDS

2	Leroy	Marie Ridder's Cabin
3	Kestrel	Copperfield Farm
4	Daylight	Copperfield Farm
5	Dunster	Copperfield Farm

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6	Rumour	Douglas Wise
7	Kermit	Pacific Farms
8	Keepsake	Leeds Manor Farm
9	Ketchup	Siena Hills
10	Leopard	Hunter's Rest
11	Abe	Winterset Farm
12	Barney	Gale and Brian
13	Kettering	Star Belson
14	Lewis	Emmy Lewis
15	Dallas	Tessa Wilett-Jensen
16	Lea	CaraLyn Daniel
17	Maude	High Meadow Farm

******THE WELL-READ RIDER: Bits and pieces of literary venery:** An ongoing compilation of our favorite short (and long) sporting quotes: This jewel – again, comes from equestrian writer *Steve Price* (Google him – he’s a prolific author, including “The Quotable Horse” and dozens of others):

Apart from the crowd with its banter and mirth,
 Sitting loose on his mare with an eye to the whins,
 He has looked to his curb, he has tightened his girth,
 He has marked out a place where the big double thins.
 Here's a good one to follow,
 A good one to follow when business begins.
 - *Will H. Ogilvie, "The Man To Follow"*

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

******FUN FOX FACTS:** (A new, regular feature with all sorts of fun facts about foxes in general, and tidbits about some of our local favorites. Subscribers and friends are encouraged to send information, general or specific!)

→ Foxes are members of the dog family. A female fox is called a “vixen”, a male fox is called a “dog fox” or a “tod” and baby foxes are called “pups”, “kits” or “cubs.”

A group of foxes is called a “skulk” or a “leash.”

→ Foxes are omnivores and eat small mammals, birds, reptiles, frogs, eggs, insects, worms, fish, crabs, mollusks, fruits, berries, vegetables, seeds, fungi and carrion. In summer they eat tasty insects like crickets, beetles and caterpillars as well as frogs and mice.

(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.)

Subscribers with their colors **wearing** their colors, **MUST** wear rust breeches. Regular subscribers are welcome to wear rust breeches (or tan.)

******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.

******PHOTO:** Photo by Sherry York of joint-master and whip Debbie Welch taking in “the finest view in Virginia” – the back field at Crest Hill overlooking the farm pond and Blue Ridge backdrop.

