

## 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 (\*\*lots of stuff this week – make sure to read everything carefully\*\*):**

- **Hunting this week – holiday plans**
- **ODH friend, landowner and military hero Bob Belford laid to rest at Arlington**
- **ODH fundraiser: \*\*\*NEW FUN STUFF ADDED – Plan your Xmas cards at Photos with Santa Nov. 28 plus puppy-naming auction, 'sponsor-a-hound' (with season-end prizes) and more**
- **Hunt kit for sale by former Casanova subscriber Valerie Huffman**
- **Rainbow Therapeutic looking for a few special TPR horses**
- **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 Nov. 23.** 10 a.m. Texas, Hume.

\* **THURSDAY Nov. 25.** 10 a.m. Hunter trial field, Orlean. \*\*Stirrup cup at kennels before move-off so plan to be in the saddle before 10 and hack over to kennels for a sip of holiday cheer.

\* **SATURDAY Nov. 27.** 10 a.m. Hunter trial field, Orlean. **\*\*SUBSCRIBERS' TAILGATE PARTY after hunting – BRING A DISH TO SHARE.\*\***

The honsec will make homegrown sweet potato soup with goat cheese and bacon – bring sides to complement the main course, drinks, hors d'oeuvres or sweets to share.

**SOCIAL SUBSCRIBERS** are heartily welcome as are family members, spouses, kids, guests, etc. Please just bring/send extra dishes if you bring/send extra people.

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

**\*\*\*\*WITH THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL NATION (AND NEIGHBORHOOD) –**

**REMEMBERING COL. ROBERT BELFORD:** Worth the 16-month wait, according to ODH landowner and longtime subscriber Diane Belford. That's the report from the beautiful, solemn full military honors accorded to her late husband, Col. Robert "Bob" Belford, who died last year.

Diane says there were more than 50 participants in the service, with the military band, a rifle salute and more. The riderless horse followed the horse-drawn caisson with Bob's ashes going to his final resting place at Arlington cemetery. "It was a really beautiful service and a gorgeous day," Diane reports, "but sad for me."

Here's the obituary from the local paper: [https://www.fauquier.com/obituaries/col-robert-e-belford-usa-ret/article\\_e3de98e6-c219-11ea-b103-97062c81d21a.html](https://www.fauquier.com/obituaries/col-robert-e-belford-usa-ret/article_e3de98e6-c219-11ea-b103-97062c81d21a.html)

(Photo below of the solemn procession in Arlington cemetery. The horse-drawn caisson led the way with the flag-draped casket and the traditional solo, led horse with tack and boots backwards in the stirrups.)



**\*\*\*NOV. 28 – PHOTO SESSION WITH SANTA: HUNTERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS – EVERYBODY’S INVITED (AND FEEL FREE TO SHARE):** ODH will be hosting a Pictures with Santa fundraising event this year at the kennels on Sunday, November 28 from 1:30-3:30pm. The cost to attend is \$15 per family and includes 2 edited, digital photos (high resolution so you can get all the prints you want.) (More photos can be purchased.)

The open house-style event also includes Christmas ornaments decorating and holiday cookie decorating.

\*NEW fun stuff added include a puppy-naming auction, ‘sponsor a hound’ for the season – with season-end prizes for the ‘owner’ of ‘the best dog hound’ for the year, ‘best bitch hound’, ‘best voice’, ‘best overall’, etc.

Contact subscriber Anusha Gregory for details – [anushagregory@gmail.com](mailto:anushagregory@gmail.com).



## Old Dominion Hounds Presents Pictures with Santa



Enjoy a magical afternoon with your family at the Old Dominion Hounds Kennels for Pictures with Santa! Children (and adults) can sit with Santa in his sleigh while sharing with him your (abbreviated) Christmas lists and have a couple of photos taken by a professional photographer. First come, First Serve basis. Photographer will choose the best shots, edit, and then email them to families. This is the perfect opportunity to get a great photo for your holiday card! Whether you have been naughty or nice, all are welcome to decorate Christmas ornaments, cookies and enjoy pony rides following your visit with Santa. The afternoon will conclude with a Puppy Naming Auction and a bonfire!

**Date:** Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** ODH Kennels: 6692 Leeds Manor Rd Marshall, VA

**Cost to Attend:** \$15 per family (Cash or Check only)



### Festivities Schedule

**1:30pm-3:30pm:** Pictures with Santa, Christmas Cookie Decorating/ Crafts, and Pony Rides

**3:30pm-4:00pm:** Puppy Naming Auction

**4:00pm-4:30pm:** Bonfire and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' reading by Master Kim Poe

Want to help support one of our beloved hounds? We will have a table set up where you can go and "Sponsor a Hound" for this upcoming hunt season!



Please call ODH Hunt Monitor at (540) 364-7457 for new address should weather be an issue.

**\*\*\*\*HUNT KIT FOR SALE:** ODH subscriber Nicole Gossage is helping retired Casanova and ODH subscriber Valerie Huffman sell her kit. Non-smoking home, all coats have been cleaned. Text Nicole at 703-401-6461 or email [ngossage2004@yahoo.com](mailto:ngossage2004@yahoo.com) with questions/requests for photos. She can bring items to ODH meets for you to see and/or try on. Tack and blankets also available – let her know what you want and she'll ask Valerie. All sales final – cash or Zelle.

### Stock Ties

Assorted, mostly for cubbing, four-fold \$10

### Breeches

Tailored Sportsman higher waisted, size zip breeches:

Rust: 32R, \$25

Beige/greenish: 32R, \$25

Beige: 32R, \$25 (2 pair of these)

Rust: 32R, \$20, faded

Millers higher waisted side zip breeches, beige/greenish: 30R, \$20

Devon-Aire higher waisted front zip breeches, beige: 30R, \$20

Equi full seat, higher waisted front zip breeches, beige: 30R \$20

#### Boots

Dress Boots with patent tops in serviceably sound condition, need new soles. Good for bad weather days/when you want to keep your new boots nice. Heel-toe is 11", ball-foot is 3.625", top of knee to top of sole is 18".

\$50

#### Vests

Heythrop satin-backed, wool front in good condition, does need to be cleaned, has horse hair on front. Chest 17", Back length 18.75"

\$50

Belvoir wool vest, in ok condition, Chest 16.5", Back length 17.75"

\$30

#### Misc

Very cute ladies chocolate felt hat with little fox on the brim & feathers, \$50

Winter zip-up jacket, Navy color, has Casanova logo, size L, never worn.

#### Jackets

(She's using Rachel's Riding Closet for measurements (see FB page, 8/21/21 post for how measurements were taken: <https://www.facebook.com/rachelsridingcloset>)

Cubbing: "Bernard Weatherill" lightweight olive green coat with light purple & orange stripes in excellent condition, pretty gold lining, double back vents, no rips or tears, has all buttons.

Chest 19.75", Pit 16", Waist 18", Sleeve 23.75", Back length 26.25", Shoulders across back 15.25"

Marked as 12R, more likely 14

\$250

Cubbing: "Horse Country" heavy weight dark brown on cream tweed in immaculate condition with lovely rose pink lining, double back vents, no rips or tears, has all buttons.

Chest 18", Pit 16", Waist 16.5", Sleeve 23.5", Back length 26", Shoulders across back 15.25"

\$300

Cubbing: Pytchley light weight brown in very good condition, no rips or tears, has all fox buttons!

Chest 16.75", Pit 14", Waist, 14.5", Sleeve 22.5", Back length 25", Shoulders across back 14", likely a size 0 or 2.

\$175

Formal: "Horse Country" lightweight Shadbelly with Casanova colors & buttons (removable) in beautiful condition, no rips or tears, has all buttons.

Chest 19.75", Pit 18", Waist 17.5", Sleeve 24", Shoulders across back 16"

Marked as 38

\$500

Formal: "Horse Country" (no tag, but suspect based on appearance, quality & other coats) NAVY heavyweight with Casanova collar & buttons, single back vent, lightly frayed at bottom of inside of coat. Chest 19.25", Pit 16.5", Waist 18", Sleeve 22", Back length 27.25", Shoulders across back 15.5"

\$200

Formal: "Horse Country" medium weight black frock coat in fantastic condition with single back vent, no rips or tears, has all buttons.

Chest 19.5", Pit 17", Waist 16.5", Sleeve 23", Back length 28.25, Shoulders across back 15.75"  
Stamped as 38R  
\$300

Formal: "Equestrian" medium blue lightweight jacket with double back vents in very good condition, no rips or tears, has all buttons. "Old School!" style & color! Chest 17", Pit 15", Waist 15", Sleeve 22.75", Back length 26.5", Shoulders across back 14"  
\$50

Formal: "Brittany" Black medium weight in fabulous condition (no colors), single back vent, no rips or tears, has all buttons. Chest 17", Pit 16", Waist 15", Sleeve 23", Back length 29", Shoulders across back 13"  
\$250

Formal: "Tailored Sportsman" lightweight in ok condition – faded & has 2 missing buttons tear on inside at arms, double back vent. Has Casanova collar & buttons. Chest 17.5", Pit 15.75", Waist 15.5", Sleeve 22.5", Back length 25.5", Shoulders across back 14"  
\$75

**\*\*\*\*RAINBOW THERAPEUTIC RIDING LOOKING FOR HORSE DONATIONS:** From Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center:

"The program has been growing and is in need of additional horses to be able to increase our services to the disadvantaged youth, veterans, and children with physical and emotional issues, that we serve. We would like to reach out to the hunting community to see if anyone has a horse to give away or to sell at a reduced price. It can really help many people who are in these programs.

-- Min age 7 per PATH (where we get our therapeutic riding certification). We are quite willing to look at older horses that are still capable of giving these lessons.

-- No Thoroughbreds. Yes, we all know that there are super quiet TBs but they are usually too athletic IF they do something unexpected.

-- W/T/C sound, but maintenance is not a problem. Some horses may never have had the benefit of joint injections/acupuncture/proper saddle fitting so a "sound-ish" horse could be considered if maintenance can improve the well-being.

-- 14.3-16.2. A small horse has to be stocky so adults can ride it but not so wide that our small riders cannot sit comfortably.

-- Ideally, we can have a horse on a trial or a seller who is willing to take a horse back, if it absolutely doesn't work out for us.

If you have any leads please contact Andy Hertneky [ahertneky@gmail.com](mailto:ahertneky@gmail.com), 617-416-8429

**\*\*\*\*THE WELL-READ RIDER: Bits and pieces of literary vengery:** A casual conversation in the hunt field last week turned into a research quest that unearthed some provocative quotes from sporting literature.

It gave us an idea to develop a regular feature to highlight our favorite short (and long) quotes from classic hunting books, and quotes about hunting from general literature.

Our first entry, provided by well-read rider Nancy Hedin:

Nancy explains: "I just finished Anthony Trollope's six "*Palliser*" novels; foxhunting features in all of them (apparently he was a big fan). Here from the fourth novel, "*Phineas Finn*," published in 1873, is his view of the perfect Master of Hounds:

"It is essential that a Master of Hounds should be somewhat feared by the men who ride with him.

There should be much awe mixed in with the love felt for him. He should be a man with whom other men will not care to argue: an irrational, cut-and-thrust, unscrupulous yet distinctly honest man, one

who can be tyrannical but will tyrannize only over the evil spirits. He should be savage and yet forbearing, truculent and pleasant in the same moment. He should exercise unflinching authority, but he should do so with a consciousness that he can support it only by his own popularity. His speech should be short, incisive, always to the point, but never founded on argument. His rules are based on no reason and will never bear discussion. He must be the most candid of men, also the most close, and yet never a hypocrite. He must condescend to no explanation yet must impress men with an assurance that his decisions will surely be right. He must rule as though no man's special welfare were of account and yet must administer all so as to offend none. Friends he must have, but no favorites. He must be self-sacrificing, diligent, strong in purpose, strong in heart, and strong in purse. He should be assured that of all human pursuits, hunting is the best, and of all living things, a fox is the most valuable. He must so train his heart as to feel for the fox a mingled tenderness and cruelty which is inexplicable to ordinary men and women..... and he should do it all in a code of unwritten laws which cannot be learned without profound study.”

Please plan to contribute – send the honsec any favorite – new or old – selection from your readings, with any personal commentary to include.

(Photo below of two of our three masters – Dawn Colgan, left, and Kim Poe, right – by Anusha Gregory heading in from a good day at Colline.)



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**(sticky-notes)**

**\*\*\*\*ODH INCLUDED IN NEW COOKBOOK:** The Cheshire Hunt in England has produced the delicious “Hunting For a Recipe – Recipes from 100 International Hunts”, and Old Dominion Hounds plays a big part! A handsome Michelle Arnold portrait of riders framed by redbuds in the hunt field carries the two-page ODH spread in the “American hunts” chapter, with a recipe for traditional (and very Virginia) buttermilk biscuits and country ham tea sandwiches.

Order copies via Cheshire's special Facebook link – [facebook.com/Cheshirehunt1](https://facebook.com/Cheshirehunt1)

**\*\*\*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](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.

**\*\*\*PHOTO GALLERY:** Photo below by Anusha Gregory of joint-master Debbie Welch acting as stand-in huntsman while Josh Bentley is getting his visa stamped back home in England. Debbie and the pack move to a fresh covert behind Copperfield last Tuesday from the meet at Marie Ridder's cabin.

