

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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**\*\*\*\*ODH POINT-TO-POINT – 6-day countdown:** The Ben Venue racecourse is looking great for the April 9 races, with an army of volunteers putting in hundreds of hours on clean-up, painting, set-up and more.

→ **HELP WANTED –**

\* Tuesday, 10 a.m. (to put up the national fences, starting to put in snow fences – rain or shine; bring work gloves)

\* Wednesday, 10 a.m. (finish installing snow fence)

\* Thursday, 10 a.m. (putting up parking stakes)

\* Friday, 10 a.m. (extras)

→ Tailgate spaces are selling fast, but there will be plenty of general admission passes available for purchase at the gate on race-day.

→ The first race (of at least 8) begins at 12 p.m.

→ Rum cakes from ODH subscriber Judy Allen – Judy will bake her famous rum cakes by special order for race-day tailgate parties. They're \$35 each, with all proceeds going directly to the hunt.

Flavors are: Vanilla, pistachio, lemon, butterscotch, raspberry and chocolate raspberry.

Email muskateer00@aol.com or call/text 540.229.1420 to put in your order.

→Box lunches from the Griffin Tavern in Flint Hill – they’re taking orders for box lunches on race day.

Plan your railside picnic but don’t worry about the cooking. Choices are: chicken wing sandwich, Italian Stallion sub or ham biscuits – each boxed lunch comes with sides, chips and dessert. You can also order a box of one item – more ham biscuits, for instance, or a box full of cookies.

Pre-orders are being taken over the phone.

The Griffin will have a tent at the entrance of the racecourse where pre-purchased, pre-paid lunches can be picked up.

Call 540.675.3227 to order.

**\*\*\*\*CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS (AND ENTRIES) FOR THE APRIL 10 HUNTER PACE:** ODH hunter pace is scheduled Sunday, April 10 at the hunter trial field. Competition starts at 1 p.m.

→ Volunteers are needed to help with parking, registration, setup-cleanup, starting, timing, on-course attendants, the snack tent and more. Subscribers and friends are also welcome to bring snacks and-or drinks for the registration tent.

For volunteers: Set-up begins on pace day at 11 a.m.; registration opens at 12 p.m.

For competitors: There are five divisions for pairs – over fences (fast time, optimum time, junior optimum time), and hilltoppers (optimum time and junior optimum time.)

Pre-entry (\$30 per rider, by April 6) is required for division points to count; post-entries accepted on competition day (\$35 per rider.)

*centralentryoffice.com*

#### **\*\*\*\*PLANNING CALENDAR:**

→ April 9 – ODH Point-to-Point. 12 p.m. Ben Venue.

→ April 10 – ODH hunter pace. 1 p.m. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

→ April 30 – ODH spring trail ride, 9 a.m., fixture TBD. \$30 for adults, \$10 for riders 18 and younger. Possible jump schooling and hunt skill drill practice. Potluck lunch afterwards.

→ May 14 – ODH spring trail ride – 9 a.m. Hunter’s Rest, Flint Hill. \$30 for adults, \$10 for riders 18 and younger. Possible jump schooling and hunt skill drill practice. Potluck lunch afterwards.

→ May 22 – ODH spring trail ride – Poker ride. 12 p.m. Destinaire, Hume. Refreshments and prizes

→ May 29 – Virginia Foxhound Club show. Morven Park, Leesburg.

→ June 4 – Hunt ball. Hertneky’s, Orlean.

→ June 5 – ODH spring trail ride – hangover trail ride. 2 p.m. Running Fields, Orlean.

→ June – Puppy party. Kennels.

→ June 24 – Old Dominion Conservation Educational Foundation benefit golf tournament.

→ August – Schooling days. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

→ September – Landowners’ picnic.

→ October – ODH fall hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

→ October 29 – ODH opening meet. High Meadow, Flint Hill.

→ November 27 – Photos with Santa. ODH kennels, Orlean.

**\*\*\*\*THE WELL-READ RIDER:** Bits and pieces of literary venery, an ongoing compilation of favorite sporting quotes. Send your favorite selection, or your own hunting stories.

“The early bird gets the worm, and the early fox gets the bird.”

– *Matshona Dhliwayo, Canadian philosopher*

**\*\*\*\*FUN FOX FACTS:** (Subscribers and friends are encouraged to send fun facts.)

According to lifescience.com, female foxes are usually monogamous – one mate for life. They also take on nannies to help with their pups. The nannies are female foxes that are not having a litter that year. Sometimes, one male fox will have several female mates. Females that have the same male mate are known to live in the same den together.

### **(sticky-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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**\*\*\*\*DOG-PALOOZA WEEKEND:** The Virginia Foxhound Club show at Morven Park is Memorial Day Sunday, May 29, on the lawn of historic Morven Park in Leesburg.

And, new this year, add Saturday, May 28 to your calendar – plan to attend the fabulous Dog Daze at historic Glenwood Park in Middleburg.

Host: Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America

A full day of demos and competition by working dogs and hounds.

Retrievers – Labs, Pointers, Spaniels

K9 Demonstration

Beagles and Basset Hounds

Sheep Dogs

Search and Rescue

Terrier Races

Lurcher Races

Agility

Guide & Companion Canines

Foxhound Parade

Plus, shopping, food-trucks and canine-focused activities and presentations.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Billie-Jo Pearl at (540) 883-0883 or [office@mfha.com](mailto:office@mfha.com)

**\*\*\*\*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)

**\*\*\*\*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?** 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.