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******SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE:** Subscription invitation letters have been mailed. Contact master Kim Poe if you didn't get one – 540.270.3585.

There are lots of choices – “new” hunters, pony club parents, social, bundles, regular, professional, family. And there are lots of ways to pay – check, credit card (new this year) and an annual payment plan (new this year). Contact odhpayables@gmail.com for details.

******PRE-PAY POLOS:** Pre-pay your full subscription fee and receive a free ODH polo shirt, or, order this year's polo shirt for \$50 to get to wear it during the month of September during informal cubbing season. (Otherwise, full formally-informal ratcatcher attire is expected in September and October.)

Contact the hunt secretary for details: betsyburkeparker@gmail.com.

******HALF-PRICE HUNTING IN SEPTEMBER:** Reminder, capping fees are half-price in September – weekdays are \$50 (instead of \$100) and weekends and holidays are \$75 (instead of \$150.) Remember, hunting days in September can be fairly short because of hot weather, soggy conditions or to protect young hounds still building their fitness and endurance.

******REMINDER ON HUNT BREAKFASTS:** The hunt secretary almost always travels with a full, iced cooler with drinks (soft and hard) and often (usually) with snacks or even a full tailgate meal. But subscribers and friends of ODH are welcome to bring drinks to add to the hunt coolers (soda and beer are the most popular) and are welcome to bring snacks to share (donuts, cookies, mini quiches, cheese and crackers, small sandwiches, pizza bites, fruit platters.)

******CONFUSED ABOUT ATTIRE? HUNT ETIQUETTE? DIRECTIONS? DETAILS? GEAR? ANYTHING/EVERYTHING?** Don't worry if you don't know the answers – all it takes is a call to a master or the secretary. betsyburkeparker@gmail.com.

******ODH SUMMER TRAIL RIDE SERIES:**

August 18

Ride begins at 6 p.m. from the hunter trial field just north of Orlean. (Intersection of Leeds Manor Road and Thumb Run Road.) The ride will be 60-90 minutes, slow paced and carefully controlled or young horses. If 100% agreement, there may be some optional jumping, some trot and canter, some hunt field exercises.

There is **no charge** but hound-kibble-fund donations are welcome and encouraged.

Please bring a snack and drink to share for after the ride.

Text joint master Debbie Welch for details: 540 631 8607.

******WARRENTON HORSE SHOW HUNT NIGHT TAILGATE SPACE:** ODH will purchase and set up a tailgate space for Hunt Night at the Warrenton Horse Show. Hunt Night is Labor Day Saturday – Sept. 4. Hunt classes run all afternoon and night, but the “party” will begin around 5 p.m. A sign-up genie for food is being prepared.

******LANDOWNERS’ PICNIC SAVE THE DATE:** The annual landowners’ picnic is Sept. 11 at Marriott Ranch near Hume. 5 p.m. dinner, open bar and music.

******PLANNING CALENDAR:**

- August 18 – 6 p.m. walk and talk trail ride – 60-90 minute slow paced training/fun ride. Free (but donations are warmly accepted.) Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- September 3 – (probably 8 a.m./TBD) First day of cubbing. Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- September 11 – Landowners’ picnic.
- October 23 – 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:** “A fox should not be on the jury at a goose’s trial.” – Thomas Fuller

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

Two terrific scientific fox articles:

foxhuntinglife.com/foxhunting-horse-a-hound/our-hunting-world/3169-the-mystery-of-the-red-fox

blogs.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/mans-new-best-friend-a-forgotten-russian-experiment-in-fox-domestication/



(sticky-notes)

*****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. ODH Fixtures

******KEAL HORSE BLANKET CARE SERVICES:** Vanessa Keal reminds horse owners that summer is the perfect time to take care of horse blanket repairs and waterproofing. Vanessa lives in Hume, and she's available for horse blanket washing and waterproofing and works with a repair person.
Email vgirl@rocketmail.com or call 540.364.7624.

******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 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

******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 (*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.