

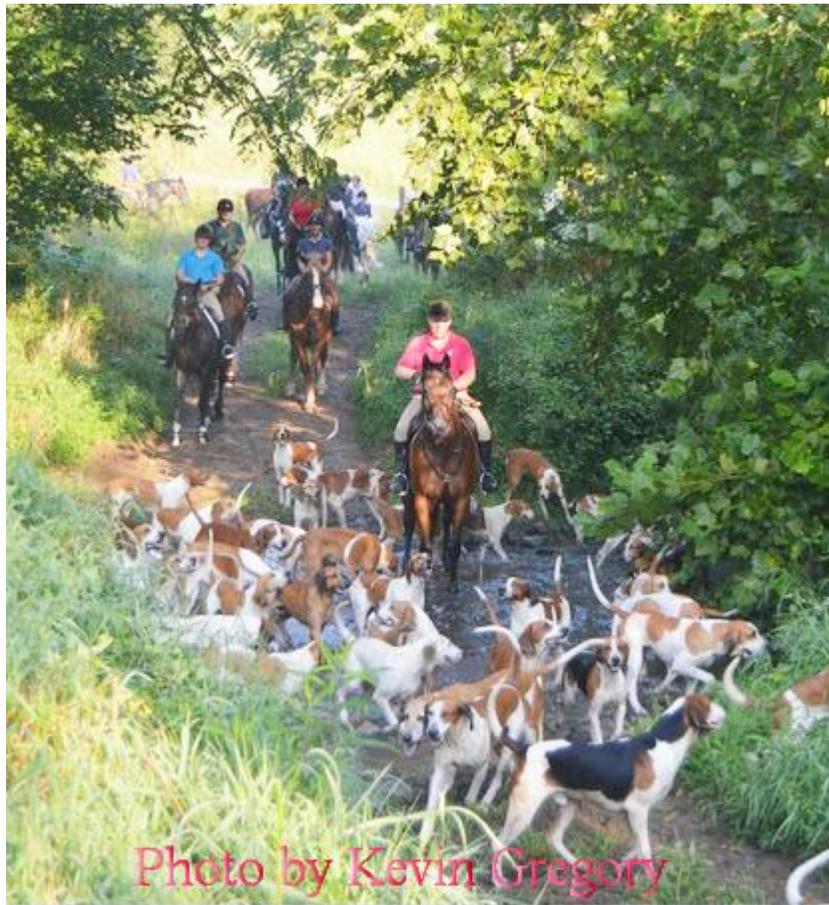
Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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*****IN THIS NEWSLETTER –**

- Updated save-the-date
- Don't forget your hunt license and your (approved) helmet
- Subscription information
- ODH tailgate space Sunday at the Warrenton Horse Show hunt night (and all week)
- Read carefully re: cap bundles and cap-to-subscribe riders
- Ashland Bassets benefit Sept. 18
- The regular stuff (Food pantry, how to find out more, etc.)
- Photo caption below: Josh Bentley crosses Thumb Run with the ODH pack on Saturday hound exercise in preparation for the highly-anticipated season that opens Sept. 4. Photo by Kevin Gregory.



*****SAVE THE DATE:**

* Thursday, Sept. 2 – 7:30 a.m. Hound exercise (on horseback.) Hunter trial field, Orlean. Free.

* Saturday, Sept. 4 – First day of cubbing

PAY YOUR FULL (complete riding) SUBSCRIPTION BY THE first day of cubbing and get a free ODH 2021-2022 “special cubbing” polo shirt!!

- * Sunday, Sept. 5 – Warrenton Horse Show Hunt Night. 5 p.m. ODH tailgate space ****available ALL WEEK****. Sunday potluck (sign-up genie listed below) during hunt night.
- * Monday, Sept. 6 – Labor Day cubbing
- * Sunday, Sept. 26 – Landowners’ picnic. Marriott Ranch, Hume. 6-9 p.m. Free and open to all (but please RSVP, to a master or the honsec)
- * Sunday, October 24 – Hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean. 9 a.m. Entry details TBA.
- * Tuesday, October 26 – ODH hosts a Virginia Hunt Week hunt. Details TBA.
- * Saturday, November 6 – Opening meet. Details TBA.
- * Sunday, November 28 – Kennels open house and Christmas photos with Santa and his sleigh. ODH kennels, Orlean. Details TBA.

Already thinking about 2022:

- Tree burning ceremony January 5, 2022
- Sleigh ride party-location TBD February, 2022
- Chili cook-off/yard sale March, 2022
- ODH point-to-point April, 2022
- Wine trail ride May, 2022
- Kentucky Derby party May, 2022
- Schooling days August, 2022
- Hunter pace October, 2022
- Hunt Ball November, 2022

******HUNT LICENSES, HELMETS:** Reminder, all Virginia foxhunters must have a current small game hunting license **WITH THEM** in the hunt field. These can be obtained online or at Walmart etc. Reminder, all ODH riders must wear ASTM approved helmets when hunting.

******SUBSCRIPTION LETTERS:** If you did not receive one and want to receive an invitation to subscribe to the hunt (riding member, social member, family, professional or many capping package options), send the honsec an email – we’ll email you the forms for you to print out and return by U.S. mail (or by hand-delivery) to a master or officer. betsyburkeparker@gmail.com

******ODH at WHS:** The 122nd Warrenton Horse Show runs Sept. 1-5 – Labor Day week/weekend. Feature events: Jumper classic Thursday evening; Hunter classic Saturday evening; Hunt Night all day (and night) Sunday. Our space will be marked – it is near the judges’ stand. Sunday afternoon/evening/night, ODH will have a potluck tailgate party (and/or bring your own packed picnic, or purchase food on the grounds.) Join us starting at 5 p.m. (or earlier if you’re showing earlier in the day.) Bring a dish and drinks to share. Sign-up genie – perfectpotluck.com/MPBF4871

******CAPPING BUNDLES, and with those who ‘pay as you go’ thru the allowed capping limit:** Last year was tough on your secretary, trying to keep capping bundle counts straight. This year, I need **ALL CAP BUNDLE AND CAP RIDERS TO CHECK IN WITH ME, AT MY TRAILER BEFORE HUNTING** (because I may or may not be the person tending the entrance gate.) I will mark your hunting day on the cap bundle list, and will record individual cappers as well. Otherwise, you risk **NOT** being credited correctly for pre-paid subscription/caps, and not being tallied correctly for your 5-pack and 10-pack bundles (because if I **think** that you hunted, I may mark it down incorrectly which will affect your bundle count.) This will mess up your total paid when it comes to subscribing and it will wreck your ability to add a second cap bundle after mid-season.

Reminder: Half-price cap fees in September, unlimited, which means you pay \$50 or \$75 each hunting day. All capping fees COUNT TOWARDS AN EVENTUAL FULL SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

Starting in October, cap fees are \$100 on weekdays, \$150 on weekends and holidays, and there is a "limit of 5" caps until you will be asked to subscribe. Those capping fees also count towards an eventual full subscription fee.

The pre-paid 5-pack bundle and 10-pack bundle - *both screaming good deals, by the way, **also** can be applied to an eventual full subscription fee.

******HUNTING: SATURDAY, Sept. 4** – First day of cubbing. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

Time: TBD (CALL THE HUNT MONITOR FOR TIME: (540) 364-7457.) Formal ratcatcher attire expected from Sept. 4-Nov. 4 (brown or black boots, buff or rust breeches, shirt and tie or shirt and colored stock tie, tweed or other-color coat, helmet with hairnet for hair longer than your earlobes, gloves if desired.) OR, prepaid ODH polo shirt, breeches, boots, helmet, hairnet.

→ **MONDAY, Sept. 6** – Labor Day cubbing. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

Time: TBD (CALL THE HUNT MONITOR FOR TIME: (540) 364-7457.)

******ASHLAND BASSETS BENEFIT:** Our friends at the Ashland Bassets have invited friends and subscribers of the Old Dominion Hounds to their annual benefit party. The event is Sept. 18 from 4-7 p.m. at Winged Foot Farm in Midland. Guest speaker is Virginia State Police K9 trooper B.R. Boteler and his bloodhound. Dinner, drinks and dessert, plus a silent auction.

Text 540-522-6857 or email ashlandbassets@gmail.com to reserve a ticket.

******NORTH AMERICAN FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The 2021 Theodora A.

Randolph Field Hunter Championship, (formerly the North American Field Hunter Championship) will be held October 4 - 9. This event features four days of hunting privileges with four local packs: Bull Run, Blue Ridge, Orange County Hounds and Old Dominion Hounds. The event benefits the INOVA Loudoun Hospital Foundation.

ODH hosts the championships on Tuesday, October 26.

The championship finals are at Glenwood Park in Middleburg Saturday, October 9 before the Virginia Fall Races.

Entries are now open and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis – 60 total entries are being accepted.

This competition awards a total of \$4,000 in prize money; \$500 each to the champion and reserve champion rider, \$2,000 to the hunt of the champion rider and \$1,500 to reserve. An award for the highest placing thoroughbred in memory of Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith is a new prize this year. Entry form and more information – vafallraces.com or on the Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship Facebook page.

******OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY NEWS:** 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.