

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes



Sunday, December 18, 2022

The gift that keeps on giving: The traditional Christmas Purse

(From organizer Dr. Joe Davis --)

Dear fellow subscribers, cappers, social members and friends of the Old Dominion Hounds:

2022 has been a great year for ODH! We've secured our excellent huntsman and able whips, and they have worked diligently to build on the existing assets of ODH. They opened new territory, built coops, trained horses and hounds and the result has been great sport.

We are fortunate to see continuity in leadership, and I see even better days ahead as more of Josh's program reaches fruition.

It is a tradition in foxhunting for hunt subscribers and friends to express appreciation for such exemplary service by contributing to the Christmas Purse, the proceeds of which are distributed by the masters to the hunt staff.

The Christmas Purse is not a function of ODH or ODCEF, instead it is a collective gift from subscribers and friends of the hunt. To maintain donor anonymity, one person collects and disburses the funds;

I will be filling that role this year. Donations can be made by check made out to me, or, if digital payment is preferred, by Venmo or Paypal. Checks can be given to me at a meet, or mailed to me at 10610 Warland Road, Marshall, VA 20115.

Please discuss first for Venmo or Paypal (540-229-1483). Keep in mind that USPS will likely be slow with the onset of the Christmas rush.

Feel free to ask me if you have any questions about this process, and please join me in making a donation.

Thank you
Joe Davis



Lure coursing practice trials Saturday, Jan. 7



Photo by Betsy Burke Parker/huntersrest.net

From landowners and national championship level sighthound breeders and handlers Scott and Ceil Dove --

Scott & I are planning our Foxcliffe 12th Night Lure Coursing for Saturday, Jan 7th. Lure coursing beginning at noon.

At Poes Run (on North Poes Road north of Flint Hill.)

Hounds/dogs must be on leash unless running the lure.

All neighbors are welcome to spectate or participate.

Email for details - foxcliffe4@gmail.com

Use your head! Modern helmet rating study released

https://vtx.vt.edu/articles/2022/12/ictas-equestrian-helmet-ratings.html?fbclid=IwAR3-MIFydUzb__Y9ZGDt3BcT5SIE_x8ePiUXR5

Check out the latest ODH photos from Kathryn Southard and Scott Canard

<https://ponyprintsplus.smugmug.com/Old-Dominion-Hounds>

Fixture card

(Some details are still being worked out - fixtures and complete information are released as soon as the masters confirm them. Check the hunt monitor for the fastest info: 540.364.7457)**

Tuesday, Dec. 20 -- 10 a.m. Texas, Hume. Tailgate breakfast to the field and staff and social subscribers.

Thursday, Dec. 22 -- Fixture: TBD

Saturday, Dec. 24 -- 10 a.m. Kennels, Orlean. Parking in the hunter trial field - hack up to the kennel yard for a festive holiday stirrup cup (*arrive early for the stirrup cup around 9:30 a.m.) Festive tailgate breakfast to the field and staff and social subscribers in the hunter trial field after hunting. Subscribers please bring something to share.

Monday, Dec. 26 -- Orlean Market - Boxing Day meet with colors awarded.

Thursday, Dec. 29 -- Fixture: TBD

Saturday, Dec. 31 -- 10 a.m. Out of the Way, Orlean. Hunt breakfast to the field and staff and social subscribers.

Photo of the week

Photographer Douglas Lees captured this fun family shot from last week's junior meet from Copperfield as the field moved up Lake Sunset Lane to stay with the pack making their second (of four!) loops around the coverts at Houyhnhnm and the Keyser place.



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 Fixture Map](#)

******KEAL HORSE BLANKET CARE SERVICES:** Vanessa Keal is offering horse blanket repairs and waterproofing. She lives in Hume, and her father, Gerald, can collect your blankets for repair to deliver (and return them to you at a hunt meet once they're done.) Email vgirl@rocketmail.com or call 540.364.7624.

******OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY:** The Old Dominion Self-Serve Food Pantry is 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 website – theolddominionhounds.com Or call the hunt monitor for up-to-the-minute hunting information and changes – 540.364-7457.

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