

## Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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### \*\*\*:HIGH PRIORITY NEWS:\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*POINT-TO-POINT MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26: The Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point is scheduled Saturday, April 9 at historic Ben Venue Farm near Flint Hill, Virginia.

The ODH hunter pace is Sunday, April 10.

These are the hunt's primary fundraisers.

A race planning meeting is set Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 pm at High Meadow near Flint Hill.

The meeting is to discuss all of the aspects of putting on the races, specifically volunteer needs and critical dates and activities. We will send out the agenda, assignments list and other docs prior to the meeting.

Subscribers, friends, neighbors, family members, pony club kids and more are encouraged to help out.



### \*\*\*\*IN THIS NEWSLETTER

→ Christmas tree bonfire **Jan. 30** (new date)

→ The Well-Read Rider: Bits and pieces of literary ventry

→ Fun Fox Facts: All about *vulpes vulpes*

→ The regular stuff (Attire requirements, food pantry, find out more, etc.)

### \*\*\*\*HUNTING THIS WEEK:

\*\*\*Call the hunt monitor - 540.364.7457 - for updates until the weather and footing improve.

The masters confirm that hounds may walk out for road exercise, and subscribers, neighbors, friends and landowners (and families) are invited to take part.

\*\*\*\***CHRISTMAS TREE BURNING/BONFIRE JAN. 30:** Bring your Christmas tree to the hunter trial field for a bonfire party next Sunday, Jan. 30 (\*new date) – subscribers, neighbors, friends and family are all invited to attend the free afternoon event that begins at 3 p.m.

→ Bring new or gently used winter clothing and shoes for charity collection being arranged with Hope Heals.

→ A sign-up genie is being created to bring cookies, hot chocolate, cider, etc.

[ttsu.me/sg78dh](https://ttsu.me/sg78dh)

\*\*\*\***THE WELL-READ RIDER:** Bits and pieces of literary ventry, an ongoing compilation of favorite short (and long) sporting quotes. Please plan to contribute – send your favorite – new or old – selection, or your own hunting stories are encouraged.

### ***Storm-Stayed***

*When snowflakes are whirling and highways are drifted*

*When hounds are in kennel and nags in their stalls;*

*When the centre of faith to the fireside has shifted*

*And life is confined within four solid walls.*

*There's never a storm-cloud too dark to be lifted*

*When dream-logs are burning in horse-lovers' halls.*

~~ Will Ogilvie

\*\*\*\***FUN FOX FACTS:** (Subscribers and friends are encouraged to send their favorite fox facts, general or specific.) Foxes are great night-time predators because their eyes are specially adapted to night vision.

Behind the light sensitive cells lies another layer called the *tapetum lucidum* which reflects light back through the eye. This doubles the intensity of images received by the fox.

Their eyes glow green when light is shined into them at night.

### **(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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\*\*\*\***ATTIRE REMINDER:** ODH is formal on Tuesdays, Saturdays and holidays. Ratcatcher is welcome on Thursdays (though formal is always correct.)

Ratcatcher is always correct for juniors (formal is also acceptable for juniors.)

Subscribers with their colors **wearing** their colors, MUST wear rust breeches. Regular subscribers are welcome to wear rust breeches (or tan.)

**\*\*\*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

**\*\*\*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.