

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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**\*\*\*\* IN THIS NEWSLETTER –**

- **BIG CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK’S TRAIL RIDE**
- **August training days**
- **Wow! U.S. Pony Club champions alongside you in the ODH hunt field!!**
- **Updated save-the-date calendar**
- **The regular stuff (Food pantry, how to find out more, etc.)**

**\*\*\*\*CANCELED/RESCHEDULED – The evening walk-and-talk ride for tomorrow, Thursday July 29, has been CANCELED and RESCHEDULED due to predicted storms tomorrow night/predicted perfect weather this weekend. )**

JOIN US INSTEAD at 9 a.m. on SATURDAY JULY 31 at the Hunter Trial Field near Orlean.

MORNING Walk-and-Talk trail ride Saturday morning – Masters or field masters will lead a 2 hour slow-paced ride, with possible schooling (creek crossings, gates, forward-reverse etc. for young hunters (horse and human) as requested. Possible small jumps for individual schooling.

The hunt coolers will be filled with cold drinks and riders are welcome to bring a snack to share for afterwards.

\$30 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under. Call secretary Betsy Burke Parker 540 364-2929 for details and directions.

**\*\*\*\*AUGUST HUNT-PREP TRAINING:** ODH will host August hunt-prep training sessions Aug. 8, 15 and 22. Mark your calendar to save the date and stay tuned for details.

**\*\*\*\*CHAMPIONS IN OUR MIDST:** Remember to congratulate the 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP Virginia Region novice eventing team that included THREE ODH junior members – Sam Homeyer led the 5-member team to victory (capturing the individual win, too), with Colby Poe and Ainsley Colgan joining for team gold (along with two team members from the Deep Run Hunt Pony Club.

**\*\*\*\*HOUND EXERCISE:** Join ODH for walking hounds (on foot) from the kennels every morning (usually not on Sundays), usually at 7:30 a.m., though days and times are fluid because of the weather, so call or text master Debbie Welch to confirm: 540-631-8607.

**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE/S:**

- \* Daily (except Sundays) – from kennels – hound exercise.
- \* August “Schooling Days – ODH hunter trial field. August 8, 15, 22. \$30 schooling fee. Details TBA.
- \* September – Autumn wine trail ride – Sunday, September 26. Henchman’s Lea, Orlean. 12 p.m. start for self-guided wine-tasting ride. Details TBA.
- \* October – Oyster roast – mid-October during Virginia Hunt Week. Details TBA.
- \* October – Autumn hunter pace – Sunday, October 24. Hunter trial field, Orlean. Details TBA.
- \* November – Opening meet – Saturday, November 6. Details TBA.
- \* November – Kennels open house and Christmas photos with Santa – Sunday, November 28. ODH kennels, Orlean. Details TBA.

**\*\*\*\*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.

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](http://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](mailto: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](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.