



Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes
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*****PHOTO (above) BY SCOTT CANARD. PHOTO (below) BY ANUSHA GREGORY:** Colline, Tuesday March 1



*****EXCITING NEWS, Part 1 – SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ODH ‘LAST HUNT OF THE SEASON’ ON MARCH 19:** The joint masters of the Old Dominion Hounds invite anyone who capped with ODH during the regular, formal 2021-2022 season to hunt on Saturday, March 19 for no

capping fee. There will be a Hound Fund jar set on the lunch table for anyone (guests and subscribers) to contribute, but no capping fees are owed by those who capped during the season. Regular cappers are also welcome.

All cappers (including comp'ed cappers) please check in with the secretary upon arrival. The fixture is likely to be the hunter trial field, meet time 9 a.m., and there definitely will be a big subscribers tailgate open to all subscribers (riding and social and families) after hunting that day. Please plan to bring a dish to share.

******EXCITING NEWS, Part 2 – NEW SOFTWARE/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS COMING SOON:** Looking ahead at next season – we're changing payment methods and automating our records. This summer, ODH goes live with Contact Management Software, Bloomerang.

We are working towards automating mailings, online payments by credit card or eCheck, event invitations-RSVPs, volunteer events and more. Bloomerang will even give us the ability to swipe credit-debit card payments on site.

Please update any contact information and preferences by email – Sheila DeHart at quinndehart@msn.com for more info!

******HUNTING THIS WEEK:**

*Tuesday, March 8 – Texas, Hume, 10 a.m.

*Thursday, March 10 – Marriott, Hume, 10 a.m.

*Saturday, March 12 – TBD (*either Ridder's cabin or Houyhnhmn, Hume), 10 a.m.

Call the hunt monitor - 540.364.7457 – to confirm for ****every**** hunting day in case of last-minute changes and *****possible bye-days** scheduled on day's we don't regularly hunt due to weather issues.*******

******SAVE THE DATE:** The ODH Conservation Education Foundation hosts their annual golf tournament June 24. Details will be released soon, but make sure to mark your calendar.

******CALLING ALL CLASSIC CARS:** Our friends from Blue Ridge Hunt shared a fun invitation for their April 17 point-to-point races – They're having a classic car show and rally, and everybody entering in their classic car gets in to the races ****for free.****

There's a special parking corral for classic cars (25 years old or older) on the Woodley Farm hillside tailgate area, and spectators are invited to view the show throughout race day.

******PLANNING CALENDAR:**

→ April 4-8 – ODH racecourse prep – come help clean up, set up and doll up Ben Venue.

→ April 9 – ODH Point-to-Point. 12 p.m. Ben Venue.

→ April 10 – ODH hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

→ Late April, May, early June – ODH spring training trail ride series.

→ May – Theme trail ride. Location TBD.

→ May 29 – Virginia Foxhound Club show. Morven Park, Leesburg.

→ June 4 – Hunt ball. Hertneky's, Orlean.

→ June – Puppy party. Kennels.

→ June 24 – Old Dominion Conservation Educational Foundation benefit golf tournament

→ August – Schooling days. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

→ September – Landowners' picnic.

→ October – ODH fall hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean.

→ November – ODH opening meet. High Meadow, Flint Hill.

→ November 27 – Photos with Santa. ODH kennels, Orlean.

******DOG-PALOOZA WEEKEND – MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Virginia Foxhound Club show at Morven Park ****is a go**** this year after two years off. It is scheduled for Memorial Day Sunday, May 29, on the lawn of historic Morven Park in Leesburg.

And, new this year, add Saturday, May 28 to your calendar – plan to attend the fabulous Dog Daze at historic Glenwood Park in Middleburg.

Host: Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America
Glenwood Park, Middleburg

A full day of demos and competition by working dogs and hounds.

Retrievers – Labs, Pointers, Spaniels

K9 Demonstration

Beagles and Basset Hounds

Sheep Dogs

Search and Rescue

Terrier Races

Lurcher Races

Agility

Guide & Companion Canines

Foxhound Parade

Plus, shopping, food-trucks and canine-focused activities and presentations.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Billie-Jo Pearl at (540) 883-0883 or office@mfha.com

******THE WELL-READ RIDER:** Bits and pieces of literary ventry, an ongoing compilation of favorite short (and long) sporting quotes. Send your favorite – new or old – selection, or your own hunting stories.

“When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk: he trots the air; the earth sings when he touches it; the basest horn of his hoof is more musical than the pipe of Hermes.”

– *William Shakespeare*

******FUN FOX FACTS:** (Subscribers and friends are encouraged to send their favorite fox facts, general or specific.)

From The Wildlife Trust in England:

Q: Do foxes get lonely?

A: No. While foxes live in family groups that average three to four adults, with four to five cubs born each spring, they generally lie up alone during the day, and also forage alone.

(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.**

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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.