

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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**\*\*\*\*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 15 – Hungry Run, Amissville 10 a.m.

\*Thursday, March 17 – Running Fields, Orlean, 10 a.m.

\*Saturday, March 19 – **Last** Official day of hunting. Hunter trial field, Orlean. Subscribers (all subscribers, landowners, friends) field tailgate to follow hunting. 9 a.m. (tailgate around 12 p.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.**\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* 'TOP DOG' CONTEST:**

Check out the hunt staff notes below about the highly-anticipated and highly-competitive 2022-2023 season Dog Contest – these hounds were purchased by individuals or syndicates at the puppy-naming auction or the hound-sponsor event summer.

The sponsor of the hound voted by staff to be Top Dog of the season will receive recognition and a special prize TBD.



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No.	HOUND	SPONSOR	Update 3/9/2022
1	Majic	Running Fields	A great hound and a front runner on most days. Super friendly and easy in the kennel
2	Lea	Marie Ridder's Cabin	Confidence is improving greatly which will hopefully show in her hunting as she integrates into the pack
3	Kestrel	Copperfield Farm	First season dog that is improving day by day. He has really begun to fill out and is going to be a very nice foxhound.
4	Daylight	Copperfield Farm	Settling into the job and hunting well. Very good pack hound.
5	Dunster	Copperfield Farm	Very good pack hound that never puts a foot wrong.
6	Rumour	Douglas Wise	She's a very good hound that has bounced back from her litter of puppies. She's a great hound who loves to hunt.
7	Kermit	Pacific Farms	Good looking hound with loads of character. He has a promising future.
8	Keepsake	Leeds Manor Farm	Beginning to fill out and is improving day by day.
9	Ketchup	Siena Hills	Lots of personality and confidence.

10	Leopard	Hunter's Rest	Happiest hound in the kennel. He's always eager to go hunting.
11	Abe	Winterset Farm	Amazing personality who is still learning the ways of hunting.
12	Barney	Gale and Brian	Very friendly and learning to hunt better with the pack.
13	Kettering	Star Belson	Good young dog that is improving tremendously.
14	Lewis	Emmy Lewis	Very nice character that has begun to understand the ways of hunting and continues to improve every week.
15	Dallas	Tessa Wilett-Jensen	Senior dog that has been a superstar his whole life. With his age, he has begun teaching the puppies the correct way to hunt.
16	Leroy	CaraLyn Daniel	First season dog that hasn't put a foot wrong. He is a major prospect with high hopes.
17	Maude	High Meadow Farm	Very promising hound who will potentially have puppies this year

\*\*\*\***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.
- October 29 – ODH opening meet. High Meadow, Flint Hill.
- November 27 – Photos with Santa. ODH kennels, Orlean.

**\*\*\*\*FULL-CARE BOARD AVAILABLE ON KEYSER:** From new owners Eric and Anne Diello –

41 Gorgeous Acres on Keyser Road in Hume (formerly Andie Gillman and Gail Keys' home). The Barn received new windows and paint in 2021. Sanded and refinished 12x12' and 12x14' oversized Stalls, brand new Tack Room w/ Samsung laundry, heated wash rack. Outside: New Shaving Shed, Run-in sheds, Automatic-waterers and new fencing. Daily feeding x2, Lessons available (or bring your own Trainer), blanket changes, private trails w/ ODH access, well maintained pasture. Nice barn environment- very clean and friendly. \*Riding arena coming soon. Call Anne Diello (206) 579-5039

**\*\*\*\*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.

“I can make a general (officer) in five minutes, but a good horse is difficult to replace.”

– *Abraham Lincoln*

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

From the Naturalist website:

Q: What does the fox say?

A: Male red foxes make a noise like a screaming woman, often when they're warning off competing mates. The female red fox cry is usually short, shrill shrieks meant to attract males.

Gray foxes make dog-like barking noises.

Hear them here: [youtube.com/watch?v=iPFTEuT3d4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPFTEuT3d4I)

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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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**\*\*\*\*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](mailto:office@mfha.com)

**\*\*\*\*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](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.