

Old Dominion Hounds Report
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******SPECIAL OFFER:** Those who have capped with ODH in the 2020-2021 season are offered a COMPLIMENTARY cap on closing day, Saturday, March 20. Those limited subscribers who purchased 5-pack and 10-pack bundles, who were “out” of pre-paid caps, are also extended a COMPLIMENTARY cap on closing day. See the HonSec at the meet to sign in.

******LAST DAY OF HUNTING:** Saturday, March 20. 10 a.m. Hunter trial field, Orlean. (**NOTE the time change – 10 a.m. Saturday)

******ODH POINT-TO-POINT APRIL 3:** At this moment, we’re selling limited tailgate spaces at the April 3 Old Dominion Hounds Point-to-Point. Parking spaces will be widely spaced around the Ben Venue Farm property, and shopping and food sales on site will be limited to pre-orders. *This may change*, up to race morning, if Virginia “opens up” more to a different pandemic level. Contact parking chair Linda Reynolds to reserve your space – merryweatherfarm@gmail.com.

******ODH HUNTER PACE APRIL 4:** A new location for the April 4 hunter pace – the timed pairs competition will be held at the hunter trial field near Orlean. Contact chair Debbie Welch for details – 540.631.8607.

******OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY NEWS:** The Old Dominion Self Serve Food Pantry is up and running 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 is newly partnering 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. Bring food to Saturday (or any) ODH hunt meets.
2. Place donations directly in the white shed behind the pantry.
3. Go by the pantry any time to check on it. If it's empty or needs attention, e-mail ODFoodpantry@gmail.com.



*****RACECOURSE WORK PARTIES:** Join subscribers, friends and family of ODH to help prep the Ben Venue racecourse for the April 3 point-to-point races. (Photo above – a brief pause in the action last week, a work-party still-life in the shadow of Meeting House Mountain.)

→ Sunday, March 28 – 1 p.m. Work party, ODH racecourse, Ben Venue

→ Monday, March 29-Friday, April 2 – Work parties, ODH racecourse, Ben Venue (*will need help early week to set up the hurdle fences, later in the week to set up the snow fence for the outer rail and paddock area, race morning to set up ??)

→ Saturday, April 3 – Race day. Post time: 12 p.m.

→ Sunday, April 4 – 9 a.m. Work party, ODH racecourse, Ben Venue (to dismantle and re-load the hurdle fences, snow fence, clean up crew, etc.)

→ Sunday, April 4 – Hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean. 2 p.m.

*****SPRING/SUMMER TRAIL RIDE SERIES:** Join ODH for our spring/early summer trail ride series, and plan ahead for our summer weekday evening trail rides and pre-hunt season August rides.

→ → All rides are guided, two-hours, gentle pace, suitable for new foxhunters.

Rides are every-other-Sunday, April 25-June 6, with weather make-up dates the next Sunday.

Rides are followed by a potluck tailgate/field lunch.

Bring something to share. \$30/adults, \$10/riders 12-18. Free/kids under 12 (*MUST BE accompanied by a paying adult.)

→ Sunday, April 25 – 9 a.m. (*may change to 10 a.m. if the weather is cool.) Houyhnhmn hayfield. Keyser Road, Hume. Bonnie Barr Briggs/host.

→ Sunday, May 9 – 9 a.m. Hunter's Rest. North Poes Road, Flint Hill. Betsy Burke Parker/host.

→ Sunday, May 23 – 9 a.m. Running Fields. 11034 Victor Lane, Marshall. (off Warland/off John Barton Payne, near Orlean.) Les Moeller/Kim Poe/hosts.

→ Sunday, June 6 – 9 a.m. Tanner Branch Farm. Mountain Shadow Lane, Marshall. (off John Barton Payne, near Orlean.) Andy Hertneky/Sherry York/hosts.

******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.