

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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******SPRING TRAIL RIDE SERIES STARTS SATURDAY:** 9 a.m. Saturday, May 14. Hunter's Rest, Flint Hill. (First place on the left on North Poes Road.) Two-hour guided slow-pace ride. Possible break-out group for a bit of trot or canter; possible individual jump schooling; possible hunt field skill drills – the spring rides are ****specifically designed**** for bringing young horses along to produce quality hunters for the 2022-2023 season.

Potluck lunch in the house afterwards – Social members and neighbors/landowners are encouraged to come for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Riders please bring a dish to share (*to compliment homegrown fresh pork BBQ provided by the landowner.)

Directions or details? betsyburkeparker@gmail.com or text 540.229.2048

******HELPING HAND FOR ODH FRIEND MARY EWING:** Mary Ewing had an accident and hurt her leg – No bending, no driving and would be most appreciative of some meal help (any day but Tuesday). She will have knee replacement surgery once everything stabilizes. Nicole Gossage has created a meal sign up on SignupGenius.com, so folks can sign up (see what folks are bringing the week before to avoid duplication.
signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAFA72EA1FBC25-odhmeal

******POINT-TO-POINT DEBRIEFING AND PRE-PLANNING:** It's never too early to think about ODH Point-to-Point 2023 Subscribers and friends are invited for burgers and beer and to talk about point-to-point 2022 and plan ahead for point-to-point 2023. Joint-master Debbie Welch invites all volunteers (past, present, future) and subscribers (riding and social and prospective) to her barn (on Hume Road, next door to the old Desert Rose Winery near Marriott) at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday May 18. RSVP if possible via text so she knows how many to cook for – 540.631.8607.

******HUNT BALL AUCTION DETAILS (AND GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN ASAP):** The hunt ball is quickly approaching – June 4 – and seating is limited, so get your reservation card in ASAP. (Text joint-master Kim Poe for an invitation if you didn't get one – 540.270.3585.)

Here are details about the auction from the social committee –

OLD DOMINION AUCTION

Subscribers and friends are invited to participate in the ODH auction! For the first time, ODH is using an online auction site: <https://www.32auctions.com/odh2022> to advertise the auction items, accept bids and payment for auction items.

ODH is a non-profit organization funded by its subscriber fees, donations, and fundraisers. Auction proceeds go to the Old Dominion Conservation and Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit which supports fox chasing, open space preservation, community services and education in the ODH territory.

This year, the auction is open early to allow people who cannot attend the Hunt Ball to participate. The auction is advertised on Facebook to allow non-subscribers to bid on our wonderful auction items.

New items are being added regularly so check out the site often. If you realize you have an item that should be offered, contact Tanya Masiello, tanya.masiello@yahoo.com, 703 675 4701 or Mary Ewing, ex-MFH, maryewingesq@aol.com, 303 886 5400.

Please consider placing a bid ahead of the ODH Ball – proceeds go to help defray the \$26,000+ the hunt puts into the kibble fund each year.

*****GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 24:**

**Old Dominion Conservation & Educational Foundation
Golf Tournament**
"Supporting our first responders in Fauquier & Rappahannock Counties"



Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club
Front Royal, Virginia
24 June 2022

Format: 4 person Teams/Captain's Choice
7:30 Chicken/Breakfast
8:00 Shotgun Start
Entry Fee: \$100/player or \$400/team
Includes: green fees, range, cart, breakfast & lunch
Prizes: 1st/2nd/3rd place
Closest to pin on par 3's
Longest drive
Other contents & prizes
Hole sponsorships \$250/other sponsorships available

Players may sign up as a team of 4 or be assigned to a team, if needed

Player #1 Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Player #2 Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Player #3 Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Player #4 Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

*Please make out checks to ODCEF

*The Old Dominion Conservation and Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization according to Internal Revenue Code, education, and science organizations in the Old Dominion/NoVA area.

Contact:
Jerry Dabrowski
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Old Dominion Conservation
and Educational Foundation

2nd Annual Golf Tournament supporting our First Responders
24 June 2022 at the Blue Ridge Shadows Golf Club
8:00 a.m. shotgun start, lunch and awards at conclusion of Tournament

- Tournament Title Sponsor: \$4,000
 - Large signage (10') at registration, on course and at the clubhouse
 - Thank you remarks and recognition at the clubhouse
 - Recognition on pre- and post-event participant emails
 - Promotional materials provided to each participant
 - Includes one tournament
- Tournament Sponsor: \$1,000
 - Signage (10') on course
 - Recognition on pre- and post-event participant emails
 - Recognition at Registration and the Clubhouse
 - Includes one tournament
- Hole Sponsor: \$250
 - Large signage (10') at your sponsored hole
- Hospitality Sponsor: \$1,000
 - Signage (10') at the clubhouse or on the Beverage Cart
 - Recognition on pre- and post-event participant emails
 - Recognition at Registration and the Clubhouse
 - Includes one tournament
- Prize Sponsor: \$500
 - Presentation on pre- and post-event participant emails
 - Recognition at registration and the clubhouse
 - Opportunity for large giveaways on prizes
- Tournament Friend: \$100
 - Recognition at Registration and Clubhouse
- Beverage Sponsor: \$300
 - Recognition at Registration, on course and Clubhouse

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Poker Run Trail Ride

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Start times run from noon to 2 pm

Refreshments and Prizes!

Saddle up your steed for a leisurely ride over the hills and through woods of our beautiful Virginia Hunt Country, supported by the ODH Pony Club volunteers!

Pull your first card of your five-card hand, gather three more cards along the way and finish back at Destinaire for your final card to see if you have WON!

Destinaire, Home of Pacific Farm and ACE Equestrian
6090 Leeds Manor Road (Rt. 688), Hume, Virginia
Trailer entrance 1/4 mile north on an Keyser Road (Rt. 735), off Leeds Manor, just north of Crest Hill Rd.

Entry fee: \$40 per rider includes one poker hand.
Additional poker cards may be purchased at \$5 each.

QUESTIONS? CLICK HERE OR CALL
Tanya Masiello 703-675-4701 tanya.masiello@yahoo.com



******PLANNING CALENDAR:**

- May 14 – ODH spring trail ride – 9 a.m. Hunter’s Rest, Flint Hill. \$30 for adults, \$10 for riders 18 and younger. Possible jump schooling and hunt field skill drill practice. Potluck lunch afterwards.
- May 22 – ODH Poker ride – 12 p.m. Destinaire, Hume. Refreshments and prizes
- May 29 – Virginia Foxhound Club show. Morven Park, Leesburg.
- June 4 – Hunt ball. Hertneky’s, Orlean. **Invitations are being mailed soon – NOTE – only 90 couples can attend so make sure to return your reservations quickly.
- June 5 – ODH spring trail ride – 11:30 a.m. Running Fields, Orlean.
- June 24 – Old Dominion Conservation Educational Foundation benefit golf tournament.
- August – Schooling days. Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- Late summer – Puppy party. Kennels.
- September – Landowners’ picnic.
- October 23 – 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.

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

Riding Lesson

I learned two things
from an early riding teacher.
He held a nervous filly
in one hand and gestured
with the other, saying, “Listen.
Keep one leg on one side,
the other leg on the other side,
and your mind in the middle.”
He turned and mounted.
She took two steps, then left
the ground, I thought for good.
But she came back down, humped
her back, swallowed her neck,
and threw her rider as you’d
throw a rock. He rose, brushed
his pants and caught his breath,
and said, “See that’s the way
to do it. When you see
they’re gonna throw you, get off.”

– 1986 Pulitzer Prize winner Henry Taylor in *‘Cadence of Hooves’*

******FUN FOX FACTS:** (Subscribers and friends are encouraged to send fun facts.)

Kits are out!! Check out the nursing vixen witnessed by ODH subscribers Donna Lumsden and Laurey Branner at the Clorevia entrance a few days ago. (Photo above.) They watched her bring a mouse to 3 kits hiding and playing in the culvert under the Clorevia driveway (Photo below) and then scold the kits with two yips and a yap “to stay in the damned culvert” while she foraged for more dinner!



(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.

[google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=38.77660207373195%2C-78.068409834375&z=12&mid=1pb_IoihkWji63lNqRTsHMnfFOJX31tzn&fbclid=IwAR0oy2JsI8oIX-RUDkC_HO5m6q2qQG-7J1nBcwMYdoDLIUNQ-xvmZW10Yp8](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=38.77660207373195%2C-78.068409834375&z=12&mid=1pb_IoihkWji63lNqRTsHMnfFOJX31tzn&fbclid=IwAR0oy2JsI8oIX-RUDkC_HO5m6q2qQG-7J1nBcwMYdoDLIUNQ-xvmZW10Yp8)

*****DOG-PALOOZA WEEKEND:** The Virginia Foxhound Club show at Morven Park is 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

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

*****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

******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?** 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.