

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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******WHISKEY RIDE IS A HUGE SUCCESS** – Laurey Branner, chairperson of the May 16 ODH Whiskey Ride says the event was a huge success. She asked to give some shout-outs:

- Hosting landowner Matt Neiswanger “moved cows, cut grass, delivered tables, chairs, trashcans, put up safety signs, provided an amazing spread of food – his cooks served and he spent the whole day greeting guests. Not to mention tolerating riders going off trail and checking out his property. He accomplished this all, despite a trying week.”
- Social committee chair Betsy Stone “for crafting a magical autumn drink that everyone loved, providing table cloths, flowers, coming out and riding the trail before the event to ensure all was well and cheerleading the whole way.”
- Mary Overfelt “created wonderful professional fliers that we posted on facebook and shared, and drawing them in!”

All the servers and individuals who spent the whole day (6 plus hours), in the woods, in the fields serving thirsty riders:

Brian Moore and Gale Johnson

Dana Bolles and Emmy Lewis and Mary Overfelt

Betsy Stone and Babs Timmerman

Susan Barry and Brandon Barry and Ling Barry

Star Belson and Linda Reynolds

******WELCOME TO ODH, JOSH BENTLEY:** Most recently huntsman at the United in Shropshire, England, Josh Bentley, 34, is a native of Scarborough in North Yorkshire. He arrived at kennels on Saturday night, and all subscribers, neighbors, friends, family and prospective hunters are invited to walk with Josh and hounds and staff (on foot) most mornings at 8 a.m. Text master Debbie Welch to confirm days and times (which can be weather and schedule dependent, etc.) – 540 631 8607. (In photo below, Josh meets the pack with former longtime ODH huntsman Gerald Keal and joint-master/whip Debbie Welch. That's Rattlesnake and Buck mountains as a Blue Ridge backdrop.)



Photo by Betsy Burke Parker
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******WHAT'S THE DIFF?** From the FYI department Old Dominion Hounds is a **subscription pack**, which differs from private and membership packs. The differences are minor, but in a major way.

From the MFHA:

TYPES OF HUNTS:

1. **Private Hunt:** This is the simplest and most efficient form of a Hunt. A Master, or Masters, owns and runs a private Hunt. They are self-appointed and responsible for all financial requirements. There are no by-laws. Hunting is by invitation of the Masters only. There are no members per se because there is no voting. Donations are accepted from the those hunting and/or there are subscriptions. Subscribers have no say, no rights and are the guests of the Master. In a private Hunt (also some Subscription Hunts) joint Masters may be appointed or dismissed by the Master who owns the Hunt, hounds and kennels.

2. **Subscription Hunt:** There are various forms of subscription packs. Subscription packs are similar to private Hunts. The Masters can be elected or appointed by committee or they can be self-perpetuated by the Masters themselves with no approval necessary. The foxhunters in a subscription pack are called subscribers. These subscribers have no input in the decision making process of the Hunt. In a subscription pack the subscribers are charged a fee. This fee allows them to hunt. Masters make all decisions and are liable for all financial requirements. Most subscription packs incorporate for tax purposes. The structure of the by-laws is essential for the smooth operation of a subscription pack unless it is a private subscription pack and the Master owns the hounds and kennels.

3. **Membership Hunt:** This is by far the most popular type of Hunt, whereby, the assets of the Hunt (kennels, hounds, horses, and other assets) are owned by the membership and the Hunt is operated in a democratic fashion. The membership elects a Board who appoint Masters and Officers. Masters are responsible for the hunting activities and the Board or Hunt Committee (herein referred to as the Board) are responsible for all other activities. This form of Hunt also has more problems and difficulties than other types of Hunts. As a result of responsibilities being shared by a wide range of members, the opportunity for misunderstandings and personality conflicts can result in serious Hunt difficulties if the Hunt By-laws are not well thought through and presented in a clear and concise manner.
In some cases a Master can own the hounds and/or kennels. In such cases the position of the Hunt must be clearly defined if the Master is not reappointed or resigns from the Hunt. A Board appoints masters for a specific renewable term of generally 3 to 5 years. While not recommended, some Hunts appoint Masters by a vote of the membership, which may result in the mastership being a popularity contest. Experience shows when this happens Masters are forced to spend more time campaigning than running the Hunt.
There can be different categories of membership within membership Hunts. These categories are sometimes tied to the degree of financial commitment. There are usually voting and non-voting memberships.

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

* May 23 – ODH spring trail ride series. 9 a.m. Running Fields. Les Moeller host. Two-hour WALKING ONLY gentle terrain ride. Potluck lunch after the ride – bring a dish to share. \$30 adults, \$10 ages 10-18. betsyburkeparker@gmail.com – weather makeup date May 30

- * June 6 – ODH spring trail ride series. 9 a.m. Tanner Branch. Andy Hertneky/Sherry York hosts. Two-hour WALKING ONLY gentle terrain ride. Potluck lunch after the ride – bring a dish to share. \$30 adults, \$10 ages 10-18. betsyburkeparker@gmail.com – weather makeup date June 13
- * June 12 – Summer solstice party – Saturday, June 12. Copper Fox Distillery. (Fundraiser – details, ticket prices, etc. TBA)
- * June 19 – Golf tournament. Blue Ridge Shadows golf club in Front Royal. An Old Dominion Conservation Educational Foundation golf tournament, there will be prizes, food and fun. You can sign up as a foursome or as an individual (individuals will be formed into teams of four.) dabrowsj@yahoo.com
- * August – Schooling days – ODH hunter trial field. August 8, 15, 22. \$30 schooling fee. Details TBA.
- * August – ODH tent at the Great Meadow International horse trials – August 19-22. Details TBA.
- * September – Autumn wine trail ride – Sunday, September 26. Hungry Run/Big Woods/High Meadow. 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.
- * October – Opening meet – Saturday, October 30. 11 a.m. High Meadow, Flint Hill. 5 p.m. Landowners' party. High Meadow.
- * November – Kennels open house and Christmas photos with Santa – Sunday, November 28. ODH kennels, Orlean. Details TBA.

******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

******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.