

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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*****NEW STICKY NOTE:** Here is the link to the ODH fixture map – save it and study it – it has helpful navigation and parking information for all current ODH fixtures.

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******THIS WEEK’S MYSTERY FOX:**



******GUS FORBUSH RECOVERING:** We learned that former longtime ODH MFH Gus Forbush had a medical issue and was hospitalized recently in Winchester (not Covid related.) He is home (Foxhall Farm on Jericho Road near Flint Hill), said to be doing well. We know he'd appreciate hearing from you – photos, hunt reports, neighborhood news and gossip. Email sandraforbush@gmail.com or text 540.635.1806 to set up a visit.

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

* TUESDAY Nov. 2, 9 a.m. – Destinaire, Hume

* THURSDAY Nov. 4, 9 a.m. – Dix gate, between Orlean and Amissville

* SATURDAY, Nov. 6. 11 a.m. OPENING MEET for formal season. High Meadow, Flint Hill.

***ALWAYS double check the hunt monitor as the above is always fluid due to weather, footing, parking, hay-cutting schedules, etc. 540.364.7457.

******HERE'S THE DEETS FOR OPENING MEET:** Saturday, Nov. 6, is the first day of “formal” hunt season. 11 a.m. move-off from the main house at High Meadow (on Crest Hill Road northeast of Flint Hill.)

Stirrup cup and festivities on the lawn before hunting – everybody is invited and encouraged to come for this outstanding photo opp.

Mounted riders are asked to braid and formal attire is expected (black coat, tan or rust breeches, black boots, etc.) Questions – reach out to a master or the secretary for guidance.

Parking in the hayfield on the way in the driveway- watch for directional signs.

Breakfast to the field and subscribers (social and riding) after hunting.

******NOV. 28 – PHOTO SESSION WITH SANTA: HUNTERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS – EVERYBODY'S INVITED (AND FEEL FREE TO SHARE):** ODH will be hosting a Pictures with Santa fundraising event this year at the kennels on Sunday, November 28 from 1:30-3:30pm. The cost to attend is \$15 per family and includes 2 edited, digital photos (high resolution so you can get all the prints you want.) (More photos can be purchased.) The open house-style event also includes Christmas ornaments decorating and holiday cookie decorating.



Old Dominion Hounds Presents Pictures with Santa



Enjoy a magical afternoon with your family at the Old Dominion Hounds Kennels for Pictures with Santa! Children (and adults) can sit with Santa in his sleigh while sharing with him your Christmas lists followed by a perfect photo opportunity for your holiday cards. Whether you have been naughty or nice, all are welcome to decorate Christmas ornaments, cookies and play with the hounds following your visit with Santa. Time permitting, Santa will read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas before his departure.

Date: November 28th

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Location: ODH Kennels

Cost to Attend: \$15 per family

Should the forecast be dismal, location will change to High Meadow Manor's Indoor Arena



Upon arrival, children can line up and climb into Santa's sleigh and tell him what they want for Christmas followed by parents joining in for a few pictures. A professional photographer will choose a couple of the best shots, edit them and then email family so they can be used for their holiday card.



*****CONGRATS ODH JUNIOR SAM HOMEYER:** Sixth in the super competitive Junior North American Field Hunter Championship over the weekend hosted near Lexington, Kentucky. Sam rode subscriber Jocelyn Cole's Thunderpants, a regular hunting with ODH.

*****ODH INCLUDED IN NEW COOKBOOK:** The Cheshire Hunt in England has produced the delicious "Hunting For a Recipe – Recipes from 100 International Hunts", and Old Dominion Hounds plays a big part! A handsome Michelle Arnold portrait of riders framed by redbuds in the hunt field carries the two-page ODH spread in the "American hunts" chapter, with a recipe for traditional (and very Virginia) buttermilk biscuits and country ham tea sandwiches.

Order copies via Cheshire's special Facebook link – facebook.com/Cheshirehunt1

******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.