

## Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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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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### **\*\*\*\* IN THIS NEWSLETTER:**

- **Wow! Opening meet at High Meadow is one for the record books!**
- **Hunting this week**
- **ODH fundraiser: Plan your Xmas cards at Photos with Santa Nov. 28**
- **Perfect, unique Xmas gift – Foxhunting cookbook (yep, ODH is in it!)**
- **The regular stuff (Food pantry, how to find out more, etc.)**

**\*\*\*\*RECORD NUMBERS AT OPENING MEET:** Saturday, November 6, Old Dominion Hounds friends, family and supporters met at historic High Meadow near Flint Hill for the opening formal meet of the 2021-2022 season. The day was spectacular – from the custom-crafted, life-sized horse pinata at the entrance, to High Meadow owner Matt Neiswanger's décor from gateway to ballroom, to the string quartet and free flowing stirrup cup that met guests on the porch of the grand, stone manor house, to the lovely and meaningful blessing of the hounds (and horses, and riders, and landowners, and foxes!) by the Rev. Kate Bryant of Leeds Episcopal Church, to the 100 mounted followers (and dozens of car followers, to the superb hunting by hounds in tricky scenting conditions.

Hounds picked up a line in the rough brush on Dr. Burdick's farm by the old silo, and third field viewed a fox away to the east towards Grimsley Road from the covert. The pack worked the line carefully, but there wasn't much to go from.

They had better luck behind Fox Hill and carried a second line from there into Big Woods and nearly to the pink cottage and past to Adams processing house, but after 3 ½ hours of solid try, lifted and came in with the stalwart 15 that rode in with hounds and staff.

(\*\*Photo below by Michelle O'Hanlon Arnold – Longtime ODH rider Bill O'Hanlon (pictured) and Steve Vorpahl performed the day's most important duty – they safely and surely led a fourth field made up of what we look at as, quite literally, the future of foxhunting. Imagine yourself as a mounted 5-year-old on your gentle hunting pony, being led by two perfectly mounted gentlemen on their grand black foxhunters resplendent in their pinque coats in the unbelievable beauty of the High Meadow fixture – that's something that would burn on your memory and drive you to supporting the sport for life. Thank you Bill and Steve.)



**\*\*\*\* HUNTING NEXT WEEK:**

\* TUESDAY Nov. 9. 9 a.m. Hunter's Rest, Flint Hill. (\*\*Breakfast to the field and spouses and social members after hunting.)

\* THURSDAY Nov. 11. 9 a.m. Colline, Orlean.

\* SATURDAY Nov. 13. 9 a.m. Winterset, Orlean.

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

**\*\*\*\*GUS FORBUSH RECOVERING:** (Wrong number posted on the last newsletter – corrected below.)

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), and would certainly love to hear from fellow foxhunters – photos, hunt reports, neighborhood news and gossip. Email [sandraforbush@gmail.com](mailto:sandraforbush@gmail.com) or call 540.636.1507 to set up a visit.

**\*\*\*\*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 28<sup>th</sup>

**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.



**\*\*\*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](https://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](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.

**\*\*\*\*File it under 'a master's work is never done':** Joint master Debbie Welch had to rescue one of the decorations from Sunday's hunter pace. The masters join in a big 'thank you' to hunter pace chair Pam Davis, all the volunteers and all the competitors who made the day a huge success (and a big benefit to the hound-kibble-fund.)

