

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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→ Photo caption below: We're all about etiquette – and mad saddle skillz – at Old Dominion Hounds. Ella Martin and her pony Hufflepuff were quick to get the gate for the hilltoppers' field on opening day. Photo by Tom Donley.



Photo by Tom Donley

******CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF SALLY LAMB:** On Sunday, Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. a Celebration of Life will be held at the late Sally Lamb's beloved Oakland Heights Farm. She loved to share stories, laugh and feed everyone, and that, according to the family planning the party, is exactly how they'll remember her.

Friends and fans are asked to gather in true Sally fashion by sharing their favorite story, laughing and taking part in feeding all of her friends. Please bring your best Sally story, a side dish to share, and your own beverage. Everyone is welcome to this celebration as Sally never met a stranger and welcomed everyone into her life.

Donations are welcome to Sally's non-profit organization, Four Horse Shoes.

******SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

->> Saturday Sept. 4, 2021

Meet: 8 am. Hunter trial field, Orlean, Virginia.

The weather was perfect -- sweatshirt-cool morning, and the footing softened by the Wednesday hurricane.

And the foxes came to play.

Hounds were put in by Josh Bentley behind Mrs. Ryan's, finding near the silo and carrying a half-mile wide circuit twice around Manassas woods in full cry. They widened as far as Putnam's Mill Road then across Crest Hill Road into Crest Hill and back into Deerfield before lifting for the long hack home.

->> Monday Sept. 6, 2021

Meet: 8 am. Hunter trial field, Orlean, Virginia.

Again, the weather was perfect, footing ideal and a big holiday crowd was out.

Monday was sort of like Saturday.

But on steroids.

Hounds were put into Anderson's woods by Thumb Run, striking uphill from the creek and carrying a small circle before checking near the historic Soldier's Rest house. Josh took the pack back into the woods in front of Linda's house and they were off to the races, crossing Thumb Run to the north, Volgeneau's into Ardmore, then Winterset then across Crest Hill Road into Priestly. Reports have the lead hounds finally losing the line at the Texas meet parking on Silo Road off of Dixons Mill.

A full five-mile point.

Special thanks to Laurey Branner and Tom Donley for the traditional Labor Day grill for lunch afterwards.

******SAVE THE DATE:**

* Thursday, Sept. 9 – 8 a.m. Dix gate (on Tapps Ford Road, about 1 mile from Crest Hill Road.)

* Sunday, Sept. 26 – Landowners' picnic. Marriott Ranch, Hume. 6-9 p.m. Free and open to all (but please RSVP, to a master or the honsec)

* Sunday, October 24 – Hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean. 9 a.m. Entry details TBA.

* Tuesday, October 26 – ODH hosts a Virginia Hunt Week hunt. Details TBA.

* Saturday, November 6 – Opening meet. Details TBA.

* Sunday, November 28 – Kennels open house and Christmas photos with Santa and his sleigh. ODH kennels, Orlean. Details TBA.

Already thinking about 2022:

- Tree burning ceremony January 5, 2022
- Sleigh ride party-location TBD February, 2022
- Chili cook-off/yard sale March, 2022
- ODH point-to-point April, 2022
- Wine trail ride May, 2022
- Kentucky Derby party May, 2022

- Schooling days August, 2022
- Hunter pace October, 2022
- Hunt Ball November, 2022

******SUBSCRIPTION LETTERS:** If you did not receive one and want to receive an invitation to subscribe to the hunt (riding member, social member, family, professional or many capping package options), send the honsec an email – we’ll email you the forms for you to print out and return by U.S. mail (or by hand-delivery) to a master or officer. betsyburkeparker@gmail.com

******CAPPING BUNDLES, and with those who ‘pay as you go’ thru the allowed capping limit:** Last year was tough on your secretary, trying to keep capping bundle counts straight. This year, ALL CAP BUNDLE AND CAP RIDERS CHECK IN with the secretary BEFORE HUNTING.

I will mark your hunting day on the cap bundle list, and will record individual cappers as well. Otherwise, you risk NOT being credited correctly for pre-paid subscription/caps, and not being tallied correctly for your 5-pack and 10-pack bundles (because if I **think** that you hunted, I may mark it down incorrectly which will affect your bundle countdown.)

Reminder: Half-price cap fees in September, unlimited, which means you pay \$50 or \$75 each hunting day. All capping fees COUNT TOWARDS AN EVENTUAL FULL SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

Starting in October, cap fees are \$100 on weekdays, \$150 on weekends and holidays, and there is a “limit of 5” caps until you will be asked to subscribe. Those capping fees also count towards an eventual full subscription fee.

The pre-paid 5-pack bundle and 10-pack bundle - *both screaming good deals, by the way, **also** can be applied to an eventual full subscription fee.

******ASHLAND BASSETS BENEFIT:** Our friends at the Ashland Bassets have invited friends and subscribers of the Old Dominion Hounds to their annual benefit party. The event is Sept. 18 from 4-7 p.m. at Winged Foot Farm in Midland. Guest speaker is Virginia State Police K9 trooper B.R. Boteler and his bloodhound. Dinner, drinks and dessert, plus a silent auction. Text 540-522-6857 or email ashlandbassets@gmail.com to reserve a ticket.

******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

******HUNT LICENSES, HELMETS:** Reminder, all Virginia foxhunters must have a current small game hunting license WITH THEM in the hunt field. These can be obtained online or at Walmart etc. [Reminder, all ODH riders must wear ASTM approved helmets when hunting.](#)

******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.

Photo caption: Practicing for the traditional hunting song, “Drink, Puppy, Drink,” some grateful ODH hounds take a refreshing gulp after Monday's huge gallop. Thanks to Anusha Gregory and Donna Lumsden for providing the water.

