

Old Dominion Hounds News and Notes

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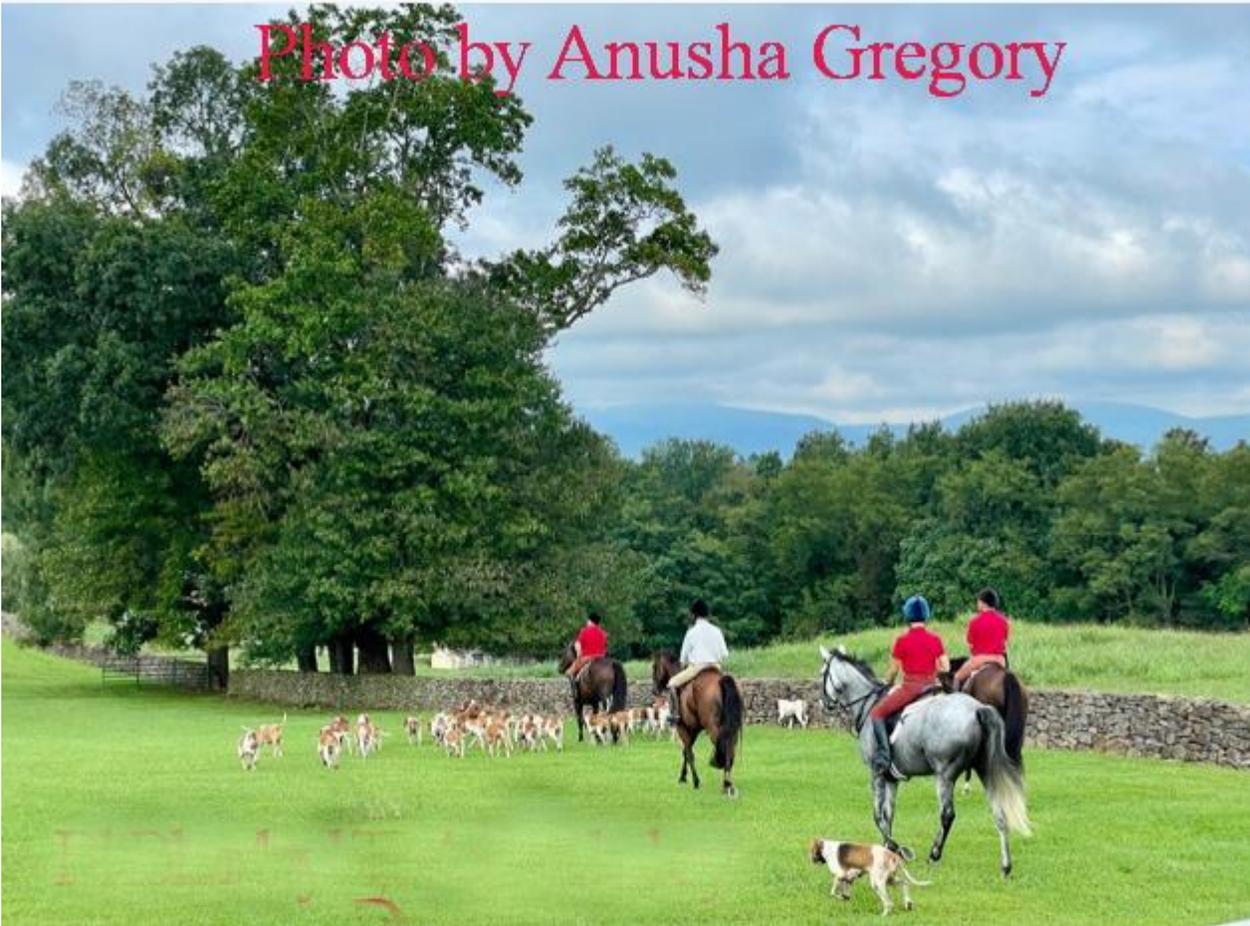
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****** THURSDAY HUNT REPORT:** Hounds moved off from the front field at High Meadow at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. Josh Bentley, accompanied by former ODH huntsman Gerald Keal, joint-master Debbie Welch and first-whip Connor Poe, traced the coverts from the cabin, past the chapel and into Dr. Burdick's polo pony field next door. When they put into 2 acres of thick russian olive bramble around the old silo, hounds struck hard, racing a fast clockwise circuit, then counterclockwise. The road whips viewed away at least two foxes breaking from the far edge of the covert but hounds remained inside, full cry on a different line. They checked briefly and Josh moved towards Dr. Burdick's main farm and found again, striking back into the thicket. Two members of the field saw the fox duck his head out but he never bothered to break covert because his home territory apparently provides such excellent hiding places. Josh picked up and hacked in, after nearly two full hours of hound music.

Photo below – Is it Devon, England or Flint Hill, Virginia? Tom Donley made the capture of Josh Bentley, left, Gerald Keal, Debbie Welch and Connor Poe headed in after a gorgeous morning at High Meadow.

Photo by Anusha Gregory



******JUNIOR NORTH AMERICAN FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP qualifier Saturday with ODH:** Mark your calendars – young competitors and subscribers/cappers interested in seeing the best of the best. 8 a.m. meet at the ODH hunter trial field just north of Orlean. Kids will be judged in all three fields – first field, hilltoppers/non-jumping and a new division for younger kids in third field.

The ODH Pony Club will host a breakfast after hunting.

******SUBSCRIPTION LETTERS ARE OUT. DID YOU GET IT?** Because of a computer glitch, some 2021-'22 season subscription invitation letters were not mailed.

If you did not receive one, or would like to be added to the snail-mail list to receive an invitation to subscribe to the hunt (as a riding member, a social member, family, professional or any of the other options) please send your mailing address (and emails so we can confirm correct information) and text number (so we can add landowners to the correct distro list for a new “hunt day alert” system) to honsec Betsy Burke Parker – betsyburkeparker@gmail.com.

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

- * Sept. 26 – Landowners’ picnic. Marriott Ranch, Hume. Details TBA. Free.
- * October – Autumn hunter pace – Sunday, October 24. Hunter trial field, Orlean. Details TBA.
- * November – Opening meet – Saturday, November 6. Details TBA.

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

******(Adults) NORTH AMERICAN FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The 2021 Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship, (formerly the North American Field Hunter Championship) will be held October 4 - 9. This event features four days of hunting privileges with four local packs: Bull Run, Blue Ridge, Orange County Hounds and Old Dominion Hounds. The event benefits the INOVA Loudoun Hospital Foundation.

The championship finals are at Glenwood Park in Middleburg Saturday, October 9 before the Virginia Fall Races.

Entries are now open and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis – 60 total entries are being accepted.

This competition awards a total of \$4,000 in prize money; \$500 each to the champion and reserve champion rider, \$2,000 to the hunt of the champion rider and \$1,500 to reserve. An award for the highest placing thoroughbred in memory of Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith is a new prize this year. Entry form and more information – vafallraces.com or on the Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship Facebook page.

******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 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.