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

Tuesday Sept. 20 – 8 a.m. Dix gate, Amissville

Thursday Sept. 22 – 8 a.m. Hungry Run, Amissville

Saturday Sept. 24 – 8 a.m. Winterset, Orlean (Marshall address)

Call the hunt monitor for last-minute changes – 540.364.7457

******HUNT REPORT:** Wow, the hounds – entered and new entry, have been hunting well in the first couple weeks of the 2022-2023 season. This Thursday was especially notable – Cooter gets top marks from huntsman Josh Bentley for being at the head of the pack on (probably/suspected) two different foxes that started a game chase in the Destinaire woods, darting through High Horse (former Cabins Two, former Spencer Sport Horse), and into Nelson's woods where they seem to have had a hand-off to fresh game. That fox sped through Dr. Bowman's old place, across Crest Hill Road into River Horse and the longhorns before turning back towards Putnam's Mill Road.



******ISO – THE NATION’S TOP FIELD HUNTER, PART I:** ODH will host a qualifier for the Masters of Foxhounds Association Field Hunter Championship. The ODH meet is on Sunday, November 13 at the hunter trial field in Orlean. Time TBD.

Here is the MFHA press release:

The 2022–2023 MFHA Field Hunter Championship is a chance to win regional and national field hunter titles, and raise funds for your hunt.

This is similar to the Centennial Field Hunter Championship held several years ago. Hunts will host qualifiers in each of the MFHA’S 15 districts, with the top horses qualified to attend the finals next May during the Virginia Hound Show weekend.

Qualifiers are also fundraisers for the host hunts.

Two divisions will be offered; jumping and non-jumping. Competition is open to juniors (all compete equally.) A Best Junior Award will be given at qualifiers and the finals.

Find the full schedule at mfha.org.

*****ISO – THE NATION’S TOP FIELD HUNTER, PART II:** The 2022 Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship, (formerly the North American Field Hunter Championship) will be held October 3 - 8. This event features four days of first field hunting privileges: Middleburg Hunt, Blue Ridge Hunt, Rappahannock Hunt and Piedmont Foxhounds.

Held in the memory of Mrs. Theodora A. Randolph, the event benefits INOVA Loudoun Hospital Foundation.

Mounted judges will ride with the competitors during the week, selecting finalists. The championship will be determined at Glenwood Park in Middleburg, Virginia on Saturday, October 8 before the Virginia Fall Races.

\$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 the hunt of the reserve champion rider. There’s a new award for the top-placing Thoroughbred in memory of Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith.

Enter at vafallraces.com. Follow our Facebook page Theodora A. Randolph Field Hunter Championship for more information including stabling and housing opportunities.

Details: karynwilson.fhc@gmail.com or 703-403-4884.

*****FALL HUNTER PACE SERIES:** Old Dominion Hounds hosts a fall hunter pace on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the hunter trial field in Orlean. Competition begins at 10 a.m.



Virginia Fall Hunter Pace Series

2022

Information

Have a great time competing in a relaxed, fun pace over courses that are approximately 5-7 miles. All jumps are optional and can be ridden around or through a gate. The courses are well marked and you will not need to walk them. Register with each individual hunt, and continue to check hunt websites for updated details. Side-saddle riders please join us!!

Series Awards: Points will be accumulated for each division. The series winners of each division will receive a year end award.

Divisions: Teams will be judged on optimum time for each division: Hunt (jump), Pleasure (flat) and Junior (1 or more rider(s) under 16 on the team. 1st place prizes and ribbons through 4th place will be awarded. Other divisions and awards may be offered by individual hunts.

Entry Fees: \$50 for each adult and \$25 for each junior (under 16). Day of entries are allowed as space permits with appropriate paperwork.

Attire: Safety helmets are required while mounted. Otherwise, whatever makes you comfortable.

Details: Entry forms must be submitted with fees, negative Coggins and signed waivers for each rider. You may download waivers from hunt websites or sign them when you register on the day of the event. Each hunt will have its own order of go and rules, please contact them for details. Children may be ponied. Food will be available; please bring your own water. Unsound horses will not be allowed to participate. Dogs are NOT permitted.

18 September 10:00 AM
Sunnyside Farm
 2882 Courthouse Rd
 Wilmington, VA 22963



Contact: Jessie Clise
 Deeprunhuntclub@gmail.com or (804) 921-0146
 www.DeepRunHuntClub.com

16 October 10:00 AM
Millpoint/Clovercroft
 8714 Springs Road, Warrenton



Contact: Janet Boots
 BootsJanet@gmail.com or (703) 927-8532
 PO Box 266, Casanova 20139
 www.WarrentonHunt.com

25 September 9:00 AM
Highlands
 23042 Cedar Mtn. Dr.
 Rapidan, VA 22733



Contact: Andy Stahling
 (804)784-2222
ONLINE ENTRIES: www.bullrunhuntclub.com

23 October 10:00 AM
Hinckley Memorial Hunter Trail Field
 6511Thumb Run Road, Marshall



Contact: Debbie Welch
 Debbie6Welch@gmail.com or (540) 631-8607
 PO Box 192, Flint Hill 22627
 Hunt Monitor: (540) 364-7457

2 October 9:00 AM
Bridlespur Farm
 233 Bridlespur Farm, Keswick



Contact: Erica Stevens
 HappyHorses@EquineWelfareSociety.org
 (561) 601-9531
***ON-LINE PRE-ENTRIES ONLY**
 www.EquineWelfareSociety.org

30 October 10:00 AM
PAH Kennels
 12200 Tyler's Mill Road, Charles City



Contact: Edward Mitchell, MFH
 EMitchell@PrincessAnneHunt.com
 (804) 277-4567
 www.PrincessAnneHunt.org

9 October 10:00 AM
Pine Rock
 6553 Glebe Way, Reva



Contact: Mandi Dillon
 RappahannockHuntSecretary@gmail.com
 (703) 509-6151
 11460 Old Stillhouse Road, Boston 22713
 www.RappahannockHunt.com

6 November 9:00 AM
The FHC Kennels (Free Union)
 5926 Wesley Chapel Road



Contact: Nancy Howell
 Nancy.Howell@yahoo.com (434) 566-8561
***PLEASE ENTER ON-LINE:** www.FarmingtonHunt.org

*****PLANNING CALENDAR:**

- October 23 – ODH fall hunter pace. Hunter trial field, Orlean.
- October 29 – ODH opening meet. High Meadow, Flint Hill.
- November 27 – Photos with Santa. ODH kennels, Orlean.

******WARRENTON HUNT CLAY SHOOT OCT. 2:**



**WARRENTON HUNT
CLAY SHOOT
AT GRANVILLE FARM
7585 WILSON ROAD
WARRENTON, VA 20186**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

EVENT BEGINS AT 10 AM

CHECK-IN OPENS AT 9 AM

SHOOTERS' MEETING AT 9:45

\$450 PER TEAM • 5 MEMBERS PER TEAM

PLEASE INQUIRE ABOUT INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES @ \$90

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PRIZES TO BE AWARDED.

Registrations at the door cannot be guaranteed, due to space restrictions, so please be sure to register online, or by mail, no later than September 26, to ensure your team's entry.

www.warrentonhunt.com

Shooters are responsible for providing required eye and ear protection, as well as their own ammunition.

FOR MORE INFO:
AHNASH362@GMAIL.COM • 540-270-3671

******THE WELL-READ RIDER:** A reminder about the power of the ego, courtesy of Aesop and his fable about the fox and the grapes.
read.gov/aesop/005.html

******FUN FOX FACTS:** A really good scientific article about the red fox and its wiles:
mdpi.com/2076-2615/9/11/907

*****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. ODH Fixtures

*****KEAL HORSE BLANKET CARE SERVICES:** Vanessa Keal reminds horse owners that summer is the perfect time to take care of horse blanket repairs and waterproofing. Vanessa lives in Hume, and she’s available for horse blanket washing and waterproofing and works with a repair person.
Email vgirl@rocketmail.com or call 540.364.7624.

*****OLD DOMINION FOOD PANTRY:** 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

*****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?** 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.