

Glenmore News



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Monthly Meeting	Calendar
<p>The Tuesday, February 5 meeting will be held at the Glenmore Offices at 101 West Frederick Street, Staunton, VA 24402</p>	<p>February 16: Junior Hunt @ Bonnie Doon February 23: Game Night March 9: Hunt Ball @ Hermitage Hill Farm & Stables March 16: Closing Hunt @ Bellevue March 29—31 : Sedgefield Hunt Performance Trials (NC) April 13: Glenmore Hunter Pace</p>
<p>The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm and the Membership meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>Online at: http://www.glenmorehunt.org/list-of-events/</p>
<p>Please plan to attend and share your ideas!</p>	

Welcome Julep and Kahlua!

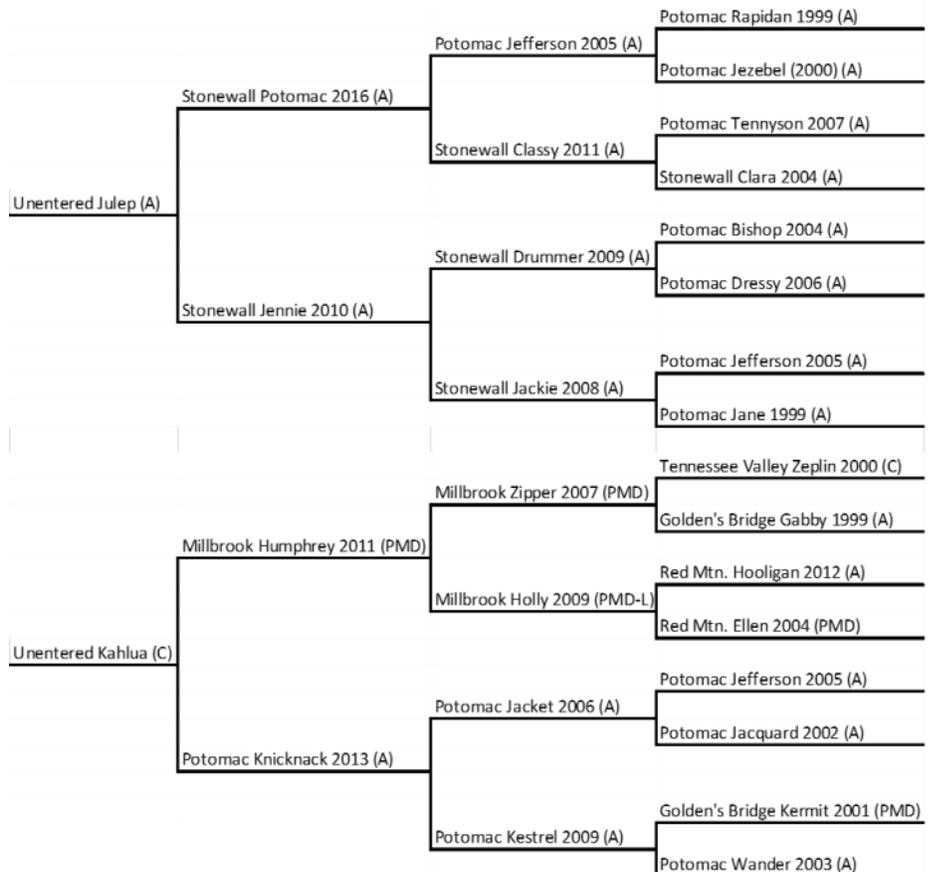
Jenner Brunk and Brenda Simmons traveled to the Stonewall hunt to bring home two exciting additions to the Glenmore pack. Julep and Kahlua are two well bred young ladies neither of whom have been entered to hunting yet. Both have Potomac Jefferson, Grand Champion of the 2007 Virginia Hound Show, in their lines. Julep is a pure American (A) hound with a beautiful brown oval on her head. Kahlua is a crossbred hound whose sire was a PennMaryDel (PMD) out of an American hound. Kahlua's left eye is blue. ~ John Meyer



Julep and Kahlua (Jenner Brunk Photo)



Potomac Jefferson (Donna Ross Photo)



Fox Hunting Memories

On this particular cold winter day the plan for the hunt was to hack the hounds across county to the meet and hunt back toward the kennels. Pop and I started out down the hill behind the kennels to the creek crossing. The creek was frozen out about 2 to 3 feet from either side and flowing in the middle. My horse clumsily slid on the ice and went down on his knees depositing me flat face down in the creek. The water was so cold it took my breath away and I lay there until "Pop" yelled at me to get up. There was nothing to do but go on. "Pop" gave me his dry cloves (the only dry garment I had) and we proceeded to the meet. The hunt went as scheduled. By the time we came in, my clothes were frozen and my toes frostbitten. That is the only time I was ever cold on a horse. ~Col. Hugh B. Sproul

Glenmore Wiley Fox Gift Exchange — January 26, 2019

Pictures provided by Mary Lee McDavid

Vonda and Donnie Johnston hosted the Wiley Fox Gift Exchange at their home in Verona. The evening included a pot luck dinner and a gift exchange.



Meagan Ryan-Brunot received her colors and congratulations from Joe Manning, MFH and T. Stewart, MFH. Congratulations to Meagan!



A prize was awarded for the following; Jacob Brunot—worst gift, Hugh Brown—most stolen from, Vonda Johnston—best gift, Mary Lee McDavid—sorest loser

Glenmore Hunt Ball Donations Accepted

I know this season has been rough on us all, because of weather and other forces working against us. But don't let it get us down in prepping for my favorite social event of the year, the Hunt Ball! Jacob and I are currently collecting the donations for the silent auction at our home in Staunton. The Hunt Ball Committee is looking for new or vintage quality items that may or may not be hunting and horse related. Donating services (tack or trailer cleaning, etc.) is also encouraged.

You are welcome to drop off any donations at any time convenient to you, no arrangements necessary. Mi casa, su casa!!! Just don't be alarmed if a Rottweiler sounding Corgi and an overly enthusiastic Golden Retriever meet you and ask for kisses and lovings, despite their territorial sounding barks, they are harmless. I am also happy to take things home with me from the hunts, whatever works easiest for you. I have created a google document for everyone to share and add information of their projected donations to.

Please see <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16P8CC7kCgIMD2XF7IB8ZsntlhAQ3gEjFjWxz9Z3DQMs/edit#gid=0> to make additions. Call or text me at 812-276-9680 for my address or directions. ~ Meagan Ryan-Brunot

Mountainside—January 19, 2019

In the week prior, the Harrisonburg weather presenter noted that the Valley experienced precipitation every single weekend since late August. On January 19, Mother Nature kept her streak alive as a fine mist fell from the leaden sky in the hour before the meet. This did not deter hounds, staff and fields who enjoyed a day of hunting in the crusty snow and chilly temperatures. ~ John Meyer

Photos by John Meyer



Excerpt from *The Noble Science* by F. P. Delme Radcliffe, Esq. published February 1839

The veriest tyro must have heard of, if he have not witnessed, the effect of a tally-ho as soon as a fox puts his nose out of covert ; and, with all due allowance for exuberance of delight, he has no business out hunting if he have not learned to view the animal in respectful silence till he is quite clean "gone away." A view halloo given then, to the full extent of the utmost capability of lungs, can do no harm, but will be thankfully acknowledged by the huntsman.

If hounds should be running, and settled to another fox, they will not be disturbed by it ; if they are not, the sooner the huntsman is aware that one (and probably the good one) is gone, the better. A clear, good, musical view halloo, either in or out of covert, is one of the most inspiring accompaniments of the chase ; and, as a sequel to the cheering encouragement given to the hounds by the huntsman, in a tone of voice harmonizing with the floating melody which has arisen from the breath of the first challenge which proclaimed a find, it creates a moment of excitement and pleasure indescribable. You knew before that it was all right ; you could swear by "old Medler, who never spoke false;"
" You would lay ten to one 'twas a find."

But now you have the evidence to prove the fact, by ocular demonstration. He has not stolen away, leaving a steaming trail behind ; there he is, and you see nothing to hinder a continuance, upon fair terms, with him. Grateful, however, as is—welcome as must be— this tocsin to the ear, it is far better altogether dispensed with, than used incautiously or out of place. I would not divest the sport of one particle of its animation and cheeriness; but fox-hunters do not, generally, err in silence.

Too much noise must create confusion, and render hounds wild. A noisy, over-vociferous huntsman sets a fatal example to his field, and is only preferable to one who, in the other extreme, may be silent and sulky to a degree of slackness. He must neither attempt to find a fox with his horn, and frighten him to death with his tongue; nor must he talk to his hounds with apathy and indifference. When I say that fox-hunters do not err in silence, I mean that the proportion of mischief far exceeds the benefit resulting from halloos.

The human eye is supposed to have a wonderful effect upon the brute creation.

"It is said that a lion will turn and flee
From a maid in the pride of her purity."

But I doubt whether the "human voice divine" is not far more powerful in its operation. How often does the partridge shooter inwardly consign the tongues of his attendants to * * *, where they might want cooling?

How many instances could I recount of foxes having been rescued from the jaws of death, from the very middle of the pack, by the tally-ho, here,—halloo, there, which gets their heads up, and prevents their running, infallibly, from a burning scent, into view of the devoted carcase, within a very short distance of their noses.



The Huntsman—Illustration from *The Noble Science*

CITY, COUNTY

Glenmore Hunt Club members negotiating to avoid split

By CHRISTINA NUCKOLS
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBROOK — Members of the Glenmore Hunt Club plan to meet this month in an attempt to resolve internal conflicts that have led to legal action and threatened to split the organization.

The fox hunting club has added a touch of pageantry and polish to the countryside of Augusta County for more than 60 years. But the group has been torn by discord within its ranks that came to a head earlier this

year in a struggle over the ownership of the club's trade name.

After a lawsuit was filed this spring in the Augusta County Circuit Court over ownership of the name Glenmore Hunt Club, Inc., both sides agreed to settle the case and seek mediation through the Master Fox Hounds Association, a national organization which authorizes hunt clubs to operate in given areas. Members hope by the end of the month to have a solution designed to preserve an institution that now encompasses three generations of sportsmen.

"This club has been a part of this community since 1930," said member Hugh Sproul III. "It's a bigger thing than a few individual people."

Both sides agree that it will be difficult to heal the wounds because they cannot even agree on the reason for their disagreement.

Frederick G. Getty said the membership is split roughly in half over how the club should be run between what he described as the "socials" and the "riders," whose leadership apparently has arisen out of the club's executive hunt club committee.

as an alternative to the board of directors.

Getty said the riders — those who actively participate in the hunts — pay higher dues than non-riding members and perform most of the upkeep of the hunting territory by mending fences and maintaining trails. Getty is master of the hounds for the club, which means he acts as host and is responsible for leading the hunt, ensuring that traditions are followed, training the hounds and working with the landowners who allow the club to hunt on their property. He also is on both the board of directors and the executive hunt club committee.

Getty's interpretation of the split is refuted by directors Sproul and Charles T. Drumbheller, who also is president of the club. In the lawsuit filed in county court, they alleged that a group led by Getty was unsuccessful in getting their panel of directors elected during the annual membership meeting in April. Nevertheless, Drumbheller said, "The club is essentially being taken over by these folks."

Drumbheller said the club has become too dependent on Getty, who allows the club to use his hounds for the hunts. The group also uses Getty's kennels, and a grainery on his property serves as its clubhouse.

All three men have a long family history steeped in the traditions of fox hunting. Getty is a third-generation fox hunter who moved to Middlebrook from Long Island in 1986, bringing his unique pack of cross-bred bluetick and Pennymar-del hounds with him.

Both Drumbheller and Sproul grew up in the Glenmore club, and both of their fathers previously served as masters of the hounds. Drumbheller himself was master the year before he left to attend college, an honor amplified by his youth. Sproul's father was one of the 20 charter members of the Glenmore club.

The club today has about 60 members who meet from September to April of each year for what Sproul called "fox hunting and fellowship."

The club's original stomping grounds stretched from Barterbrook

to Stuarts Draft, but it moved to the Middlebrook area in 1974 to escape encroaching development. It now hunts on about 10,000 acres, with 10,000 additional acres available on reserve.

Formed in 1930, it is one of the oldest fox hunting clubs in the Shenandoah Valley. It previously organized a prestigious A-rated horse show each year at the former fair grounds adjacent to Gypsy Hill Park, which attracted entries from 15 states.

With the purchase of a farm in 1948, the club became incorporated. When the racetrack at the fair grounds was demolished, the club sold its original farm and purchased a larger one in hopes of holding the show there, but the plans fell through and that property also was sold.

Nevertheless, the club continues to sponsor horse shows in varying locations around the county and also held onto its incorporated status.

Until last year, that is. Because paperwork was not filed with the State Corporation Commission in 1992, the club lost control of the name.

In a lawsuit filed by Drumbheller, Sproul, Henry Myers, Brenda Simms and Marcie Simmons, all directors in the club, they alleged that the lapse may have occurred by oversight or through a "conspiracy" involving Getty, John L. Patten and John Flinton, who are also members of Glenmore.

Getty, however, said the blunder occurred during a disagreement within the board of directors over a change in its legal representative, who handles such paperwork.

The suit said that Getty filed articles of incorporation in September and created a rival club using the name Glenmore Hunt Club, Inc. without notifying the other club directors. Drumbheller said he only learned of the problem in January when directors attempted to pay annual dues.

Drumbheller's group succeeded in obtaining a court injunction preventing the use of the tradename Glenmore Hunt Club until the dispute could be resolved. The injunction

also prohibits conversion of the club's assets.

"It's a very distressing situation," Drumbheller said.

However, Getty said the name was never taken away from the club. He said the executive hunt committee reapplied for the name, but was not attempting to split from the club.

"The members of the executive committee were holding the name for safety," he said.

In spite of the differences that still exist, officials with the Master Fox Hounds Association are pleased that the dispute has moved out of the courtroom and into more amicable territory.

"I would say the fact that they requested arbitration is an encouraging sign," said James Young of Orange County, president of the association.

He said masters from two hunt clubs in Virginia have been appointed as mediators in the dispute and will meet with the Glenmore members. He said the July 31 deadline is not "hard and fast" and will be extended if progress is being made.

Young said disputes within hunt clubs, as with any organization, are not uncommon and sometimes result in the creation of two clubs which then divide the assets and territory. There are 150 recognized hunt clubs in the United States.

"Whether or not it'll mean two clubs, I don't know," said Getty. "I don't see how it would be territorial seeing that the social club doesn't need land."

However, in order for a club to be authorized by the national association, it must have its own territory. Drumbheller and Sproul said they do not want a final solution that results in the drawing of lines. By the opening meet in October, they hope Augusta County will have a united hunt club ready to give chase to the season's first fox.

"We hope it's going to be solved quickly," Sproul said.



HUNT CLUB CONFLICT — Members of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be meeting in an effort to solve internal conflicts that resulted in a lawsuit earlier this year. The lawsuit has been withdrawn, and club members have requested arbitration through the national Master Fox Hounds Association. Pictured is Fred Getty, master of fox hounds for Glenmore, from a 1989 photograph.

(Photo by Vincent Lerz)

Editor's Note: Shortly after this article was written, the club split forming Glenmore and Middlebrook Hunts. The current Glenmore Kennels were purchased by the Glenmore Foundation and leased to the Glenmore Hunt beginning in 1995. At the kennels, there is a plaque honoring those who donated to build the kennels for our hounds. If you see these folks in the community, please thank them!

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Bonnie Doon—January 26, 2019

Recent warm temperatures melted most of the remaining snow and a frigid night froze the ground leaving us free to hunt at one of our favorite fixtures. We set out heading to the far eastern corner of Bonnie Doon. A draw of the woods did not rouse any foxes out of their slumber, but near the river, the hounds almost immediately picked up the scent of a wandering fox. We followed the beautiful music along the river. The Middle River runs almost due west for about three quarters of a mile before making a sharp horse-shoe bend to the south and then south east. At the bend, a steep bluff on the far side amplifies the baying of the hounds nicely. This ducked into a hole and T and Mike moved them on.

The Glenmore hounds found and chased a second fox in a short burst near the river path where he ducked quickly found safety somewhere in the vicinity of the old farm house. Staff picked up the pack and led them to the covert near Craig Shop Road to draw them through the woods to the north east. Second Flight watched the hounds work this wood until they disappeared. We had a nice canter around the covert and emerged at the gate to the north west corner of the large pasture. We moved to the top of the hill with a beautiful view of the Alleghenys to the west and the Blue Ridge to the east. Massanutten Mountain can also be seen to the north west.

The hounds chased another fox through this wood and back to the old barn foundation near the abandoned house. Mike collected the hounds and we cantered up the hill to the trailers, took care of the horses and enjoyed a breakfast in the cool air. ~John Meyer

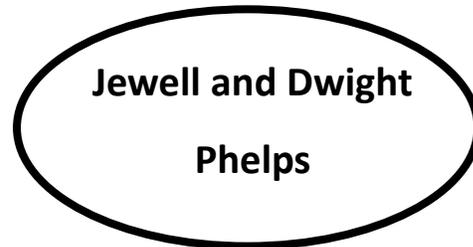


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February 23, 2018 Game Night!



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