

March Madness



BULL RUN BABBLINGS

April 2023

Another March Madness has come and gone, which also means our 22/23 season has sadly come to a close. Everyone had a great time, with five fantastic days of hunting and relatively good weather, only cancelling on the final day due to soaking rains. Riders from around the country, including new friends from Belle Meade (GA) and our faithful Battle Creek Hunt (MI) friends that have made this event a yearly pilgrimage, joined us for the week. There was even one international guest partaking this year. "A picture is worth a thousand words", so please enjoy a visual representation of the week rather than the usual newsletter babblings!



Above: Views of the Blue Ridge Mountains during March Madness



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Tech Talk @BullRunHunt

Just because hunt season is over doesn't mean the fun stops. Bull Run has a packed summer schedule available on their website. Did you know we use a Google Calendar on the website? You can easily add the calendar to your phone, outlook, etc for direct access and skip the website all together! [Direct Link](#)

Bottle Report

As so often happens, a whipper-in was galloping down a heavily wooded trail to get ahead of the pack. As he came around a sharp corner, he was met by two second flight defectors headed down the same trail on their way in. This startled the otherwise stable staff horse. The horse zipped, rider zapped, eventually gravity kicked in, resulting in a slightly muddled whipper-in who doubles as our club president. Ok, it was Mark!

Fox FAQs

It's kit season! Most baby foxes, or kits, are born with tan, brown, or charcoal-colored fur, and no teeth. They are extremely fuzzy and look very different from their parents. They will get their first teeth after a few weeks, and their baby teeth a few weeks later. After a few months their red fur starts to show.

They will stay with the Vixen up to 7 months. During this time, it is not unusual to see the Vixen moving her kits from den to den.



From The Archives

Looks like this year was not the club's first time claiming to have the "hunt ball to end all hunt balls".

From April of '99

Y2K HUNT BALL

New Date for a New Millennium
(or for the last year of the old one, if you prefer)

The '00 Hunt Ball will be moved from February to the first Saturday after closing hunt. The reasons? The weather is nicer, the hunt season is over, we can give more end-of season awards like the Otis, etc. This will be the hunt ball to end all hunt balls (since the world may be coming to an end).

For the next cliché - "It takes a village" to make this week a success. Special thanks is owed to the following:

Breakfasts! Thank you to Andy Stahling, Clay Chase, Elizabeth Breon, Emmy Nichols, Jamie Temple, Jessa McCartney, Martha Strawther, Samantha Schiff, Vanessa Massaro, and Vicky Mitchell for all of the delicious food after hunting

Cocktail Parties! Thank you to our masters, Adrianna Waddy and Jay Moore for hosting the evening cocktail parties.

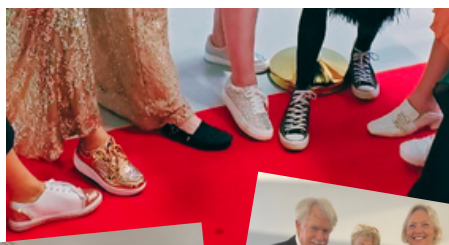
Oyster Roast! Thank you to Kristi Clore and her helpers for a great night and perfect start to the week. A special thank you to Mike & Betty Long for hosting the event at their beautiful farm as well as securing the oysters.

Hunt Ball & Kennel Gala

We literally rolled out the red carpet for this year's Hunt Ball & Kennel Gala. It was a wonderful night celebrating the end of the season and the grand opening of our brand new kennels.

Inventive footwear, lively music, dancing, incredible auction items, and fantastic people made for an evening to remember!

If you weren't able to attend, you really missed out on a spectacular event!



Thank you to Vicky & Mark Mitchell, Davera Ackenbom, and Toni-Ann Gambale for sharing pictures from this year's event

Special thanks to those that helped make this a successful night, including, but not limited to Thomas & Adrianna Waddy MFH, Betty & Mike Long MFH, Jack & Martha Strawther, Jill Marshall, Judy Allen, and Paige Riordan.

NOTE: If you won items in the online auction, please contact Adrianna ASAP to arrange pick up. Also, please make sure you've paid!

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Mark Your Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day History Ride
2 Spring Hunter Paces	3	4	5	6 Full (Pink) Moon	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day Jumper Show
23 Bike Ride	24	25	26	27	28	29
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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Hunter Show
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Virginia Hound Show	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



If you have ever had a question about anything hunt related, please send it in to Miss. Appropriate.

Dear Ms. Appropriate: Can we discuss boots? There are so many styles, and I'm not sure what is correct when. Leather/rubber, laces/dress, tops/plain, etc. I'm so confused!

-Puss In Boots

Dear Mr. Boots: As with most things, safety is most important, and why a sturdy, tall riding boot with a heel is required. On informal days, black or brown field boots (with laces) are most correct. Typically riders will match their boot color to their helmet color. Formal days are a little more complicated. Only black dress boots (leather or rubber and never with laces) should be worn. Men who have earned their colors may wear brown tops on their boots, although this is typically reserved to those wear scarlet. At Bull Run, this is also true for our female Huntmasters, but that will vary from club to club. For the rest of the women who have earned their colors may wear paten leather tops on their boots. On a related note, any boots with tops should be reserved for those formal days. And most importantly - leave the cowboy, polo, and Durbarry boots in the trailer as none of them are ever appropriate while mounted.

-Ms. A.

Season Statistics

The 2022-23 season is in the books. Autumn hunting kicked off at Freedom Fields on September 6th. Opening meet was held at Locust Hill on October 29th. Bull Run's

Nelson (pictured below) was the top overall hound, POTUS had the number one hunting score, and Bull Run had the top pack at Belle Meade's performance trials held January 20th & 21st. Had it not been for the rain, closing meet would have been held March 25th. Bull Run Hounds went out 69 times this season, including joint meets and March Madness.



Kennel Update

The kennels are in the home stretch with some finishing touches to be done. The Hunt Ball & Kennel Gala was the final fundraising event for this project, and we're excited to announce that we've reached our fundraising goal! The hounds took a field trip to inspect their new home this past week, and it looks like they approve!

Submissions?

If you have an article, bottle report, advertisement, photo, or question for Miss A that you'd like included in next month's newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

Submissions are due by April 20th and can be submitted to Jessa at 603-479-6006 (text preferred) or bullrunhuntva@gmail.com.

The next newsletter will be released on May 1st.