

# Updates from the Annual Meeting

The Annual Board Meeting was held at Inskip Hall on Friday, May 26th.

The Joint Masters gave an overview of the hunt season and how well Bull Run is doing as one of the smaller hunt clubs, as made evident by the funding of the new kennel project.

President, Mark Mitchell, provided an update on the kennel project, which is entering its final stage. Thanks to the funds raised during the hunt ball, the fund raising efforts are complete!

Huntsman, Tim Michel, spoke about how the season went for him and thanked the honorary staff for their continued efforts and dedication. A special thank you to Jeff Nichols, our amazing road whip, who didn't miss a single hunt *again* this season.

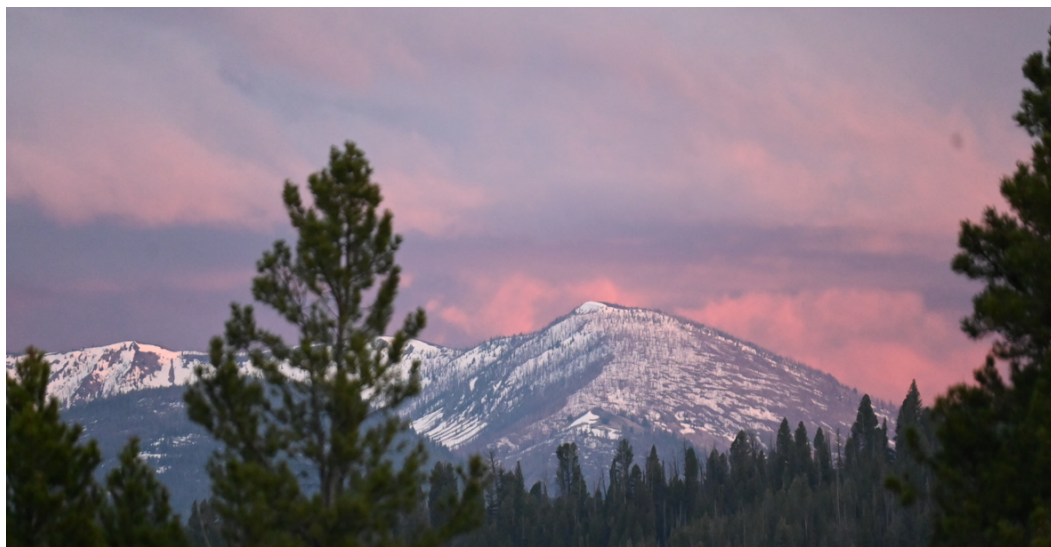
The Bylaw changes were reviewed and approved by the membership. And it was announced that hunt days are changing to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday for the 2023-24 season.

The meeting was closed and members enjoyed a pasta dinner provided by the board of directors.



# BULL RUN BABBLINGS

June 2023



Above: Hunting Trip in Idaho PC: Clay Chase

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### Bottle Report

The bottle report will be on summer hiatus. Unless we have some unusually exciting trail rides or horse shows, in which case, please feel free to submit your entertaining tales.  
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### Tech Talk @BullRunHunt



**Two Factor Authentication (2FA)** - You hear it all the time, but what is it and why does it matter?

2FA strengthens login security by requiring a second piece of information in addition to the traditional username and password. The second piece of information is usually a temporary code sent by email, text, or a dedicated app.

Large scale password breaches happen more often than you think. And we're all guilty of re-using passwords, or worse, using easily guessed passwords. If Bob's Feed Store is hacked and your password exposed, thieves will then take that password and use it on banking and other prominent sites.

By configuring 2FA, having just your password isn't enough to access your accounts. Yes the extra step can be a little annoying, but it's far less annoying than having your bank account accessed and drained. At a minimum, you should configure 2FA for your bank and email accounts. Social media sites are also popular targets and a good place to utilize 2FA.

### From The Archives

It's Spring and that means Hound Shows!  
From August of 1996



Photo by Rosie Merle-Smith  
Olympic teaches Jim Quinlan to toss biscuits.



Photo by Rosie Merle-Smith  
Eileen Barney shows Winter.

### Foxhound shows

By Grosvenor Merle-Smith, MFH

There is always a bit of sadness that comes with the end of the hunt season. We miss the camaraderie of the hunt field, the parties and balls, the joyful scream of hounds racing across country; then we have to get down to the business of dealing with summer.

For the Masters and hunt staff, it's the beginning of a new season. There is much to do: puppies being born, older puppies learning the way of the pack, and the preparation of selecting and training the hounds that will compete in the hound shows. For us, the show season begins with the Carolinas' Hound Show in mid May and ends with the Bryn Mawr Show the first Friday of June.

### Fox FAQs



Just because it isn't red, doesn't mean it isn't a red fox! The red fox is best identified by its reddish coat (which itself can vary from yellowish to dark burgundy), black legs and ears, and long, white-tipped, bushy tail. It has an elongated muzzle, pointed ears, and a white underside. Other coat colors include a cross of red and silver (25%), silver (10%), rarely black (1%), and even more rarely an albino. With the exception of albino, red fox coat deviations will always have the white-tipped tail and black legs. Generally speaking, white tip equals red fox!

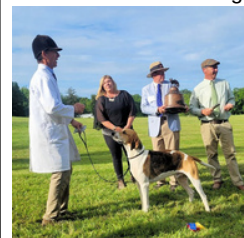
### Hound Show Results

Rappahannock Hunt hosted an inter-schooling hound show on May 20th, which was attended by many VA hunt clubs. Bull Run's *Social* won Champion hound at the show.



The 75th Annual Virginia Hound Show took place on May 29th at Morven Park. It was a beautiful day with foxhunters from around the country, great shopping, and some impressive club tail gates. Stiff competition was the theme of the day, but Bull Run members and hounds found success.

Congratulations are in order! In Sammy's first year participating in the 11-18 junior handler class, she received second place with Norman. Henry received a third place with Postman in the 10 and under junior handler class. Tim and POTUS won the performance trial class, in addition to a few other placings throughout the day.



PC: "Team JM"  
Jody Michel, Jill Marshall & Jessa McCartney



## Show Series Updates

Bull Run's first Hunter Show of the season was held on May 20th with great success and, fortunately, no tornado warnings this time! The show was judged by the wonderful Carla Francis. Some of the cutest short stirrup and lead line competitors around filled the morning divisions and put a smile on everyone's face.



Competitors enjoyed a pizza lunch break thanks to show management's quick thinking when the food truck was unable to attend. Rapidan Volunteer Fire Dept once again watered the ring during the respite. Post lunch, the rails were raised, and the afternoon classes went off without a hitch.



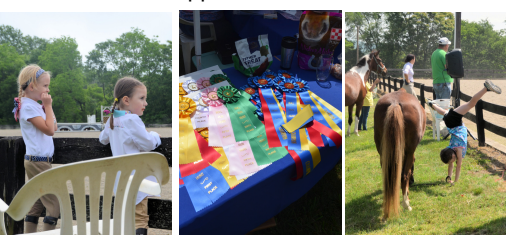
Great rounds had by all, including some of Bull Run's very own - Becca Pizmohr & Katie Brazzle - showing that their seasoned hunt horses can also get it done in the show ring. Well done ladies!

Dream Rogers and Martha Strawther have been a blessing. Keeping the secretary table organized and running smoothly. A big shout out to Jack Strawther for his wonderful announcing skills. And our show team for all of their hard work, enthusiasm, and creativity this show season.



There are only two shows left this season  
June 3rd - Jumper Show  
June 25th - Hunter Show

If you've been considering dipping a hoof in the show ring or want to start preparing for Warrenton Hunt Night (more on that later), these are great opportunities!



June 3rd's jumper show will be judged by Robin Wood. E Berkery Photography will be our official show photography again. And Messy Bun Bites food truck will be selling concessions, so come hungry! It's sure to be another convivial day.

## June 2023

Mark Your Calendars

| Sun                | Mon | Tue | Wed            | Thu                                  | Fri | Sat                            |
|--------------------|-----|-----|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
|                    |     |     |                | 1<br>Trail Ride<br>Freedom<br>Fields | 2   | 3<br>Jumper Show               |
| 4                  | 5   | 6   | 7              | 8                                    | 9   | 10<br>Trail Ride<br>Maple Lawn |
| 11                 | 12  | 13  | 14<br>Flag Day | 15<br>Trail Ride<br>Location TBD     | 16  | 17                             |
| 18<br>Father's Day | 19  | 20  | 21             | 22                                   | 23  | 24                             |
| 25<br>Hunter Show  | 26  | 27  | 28             | 29                                   | 30  |                                |

## July 2023

| Sun             | Mon | Tue                      | Wed | Thu                              | Fri | Sat             |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
|                 |     |                          |     |                                  |     | 1               |
| 2               | 3   | 4<br>Independence<br>Day | 5   | 6<br>Trail Ride<br>Location TBD  | 7   | 8               |
| 9               | 10  | 11                       | 12  | 13                               | 14  | 15              |
| 16              | 17  | 18                       | 19  | 20<br>Trail Ride<br>Location TBD | 21  | 22              |
| 23              | 24  | 25                       | 26  | 27                               | 28  | 29<br>Bike Race |
| 30<br>Bike Race | 31  |                          |     |                                  |     |                 |



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

**Dear Ms. Appropriate:** As a 30 something year old, I am dismissed as a junior while visiting hunts as a guest. I have had members and field masters on more than one occasion tell me, "Juniors ride in the back of the field." Although I am flattered that my looks deceive them, I often find it rude they aren't aware of who their guests are. I understand that as a guest I cannot ride in the front without invitation from the field master, but I don't think that warrants the back of the field with the juniors. Please advise the etiquette on how to handle this situation with class and grace.

-Woah is me in the back

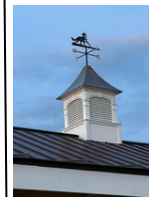
**Dear Woah:** Traditionally speaking, field order dictates members with their colors in front, members without colors, and then guests in the back. Juniors earn buttons, not colors, so they should ride in the middle with other members that do not have their colors. As a guest, regardless of age, it's expected that you ride in the back of the field. However this is inevitably up to the field master. Here at Bull Run, they will often invite guests to ride up in front.

-Ms. A.

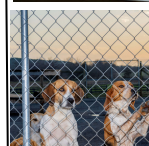
P.S. - Enjoy the mistaken age while you can!

## FINAL Kennel Update

A year after the project broke ground, one of Bull Run's biggest projects is coming to a close. The hounds are using the new building while a few finishing touches are added, including plumbing and some final electrical. The runs and yard are complete while the office, exam room, and utility room are close to completion.



We can't express our gratitude enough to those who have contributed in many ways.  
**CHEERS TO YOU!!**



## BRH Bulletin Board



### Rubber Stall Mats

5 available, asking  
\$40 OBO  
Contact  
Becca Pizmohr  
540-537-1203

Items for the bulletin board can be sent to  
bullrunhuntva@gmail.com



## Warrenton Hunt Night

It's never too early to think about Warrenton Hunt Night! This year, Hunt Night will be held on Sunday, September 3rd at the Warrenton Show Grounds. A note from Petrina, who will be organizing our team this year, below.

For those of you who are in the habit of showing regularly, it may seem early to start thinking about Warrenton Hunt Night because your show skills are well tuned but for those of us whose main activity is fox hunting, now is the perfect time to start getting ourselves and our beloved fox hunters tuned into horse showing. It takes my horse all summer to comply and it's always rewarding to see how far riders and their mounts come during these summer months of practice and preparation. Other benefits are that it is fun and our horses will be fit and ready to start cubbing the week after Hunt Night!

Please let me know if you are interested in showing at Warrenton Hunt Night this year and please include preferred practice times and locations. Currently, I can help coordinate some practices starting on Sat, May 27th, Tuesday, May 30th and Sunday, June 4th. Remember that local horse shows such as those that Bull Run is having at Locust Dale are also a good way to give our foxhunters some show experience.

My contact is [petrinathomas@hotmail.com](mailto:petrinathomas@hotmail.com) and 540-729-1040

Please let me know questions, concerns and how I can help!  
Thank you,  
Petrina



### Details on Hunt Night Classes:

<https://www.warrentonhorseshow.com/hunt-night>

Don't forget the tailgate! Bull Run has a long tradition of an epic Hunt Night Tailgate. If you'd like to volunteer or get involved, please reach out.

## Summer Trail Rides

The Summer Trail Ride series continues at 9am on the first and third Thursday of each month with some Saturdays.

We've been fortunate with weather so far, but please remember check the calendar or hunt monitor before heading out in case of last minute changes.



### Current Schedule

Thursday, June 1st at Freedom Fields  
Saturday, June 10th at Maple Lawn  
Thursday, June 15th at TBD  
Thursday, July 6th at TBD  
Thursday, July 20th at TBD  
Thursday, August 3rd at TBD



Price: \$20 adults, \$10 Juniors (under 18). Current negative coggins, helmets, and waivers required.

Everyone is invited! Please tell your friends.



## Summer Adventures



The hounds are enjoying the dog days of summer and their new digs. Are you doing something fun or interesting outside of foxhunting this summer? Please share your adventures with us this off season!



### Hunting of a Different Kind

To kick off this new column  
*"Clay's Half-Assed Bear Hunt"*

Just before Memorial Day, Clay (BRH's hound truck copilot), traveled to Idaho with a few friends for a spring black bear hunt. Unlike the early mornings required while targeting most prey, bear hunting is closer to a 9-5 activity. The trip was more of a vacation, but also a great excuse to scout territory for Elk, Mule Deer, and Pronghorn hunts the group plans to enjoy in the future.

The group spent four days camped at 7,000 feet about 40 miles South West of Salmon, Idaho. While they saw an abundance of wild life, including just about every large, indigenous mammal and a fox (of course!), the bear were conspicuously absent from their sightings. In the end the group declared the trip a success, in part because they found a number of large Elk sheds. Not having to process and ship a bear's worth of meat added to the success of the trip.



A quick stop at the "Yellowstone-Dutton Ranch" on the way back to civilization was icing on the freeze-dried camp food cake.



Story & Photos By: Clay Chase



## Tails from the Couch



Hi ya'll, it's me again, with a new report from everyone's favorite foodie and reality star.

So lately I've been pondering the old adage "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". Myself, I've never been much for tricks. Really, in the wise words of Teddy the dog, "Never beg, never fetch, be your own dog". It's my life mantra. Anyway, this old dog has learned something new. Don't worry it isn't a trick like the suck-up Aussie that's forever shaking hands and catching balls and frisbees, it is actually useful information.

Just last month I learned about horse shows. Really, Bull Run Hunt puts these events on where the horses parade their stuff without the help and leadership of us hounds. They and the humans chase their tails around the sandbox at the Long's farm.

I was able to go with the humans and for the first time I was able to appreciate the beautiful scenery at Locust Hill, I wasn't rushed off to chase foxes. The human and I watched this thing called jumpers. It was pretty interesting, the humans and horses wore colorful gear and zipped around the sand; highly entertaining, much like squirrel watching.


There's an added bonus. These horse shows offer a wide range of gastronomic delights, kind of like a tailgate or hunt breakfast but better as it's available all day. At the jumper show I sampled some fruit salad and a sandwich, both top notch.

While the food at the May hunter show was delicious, those horses aren't as entertaining. They are more like watching cattle graze but still amazing as they go out and jump all those obstacles without a hound in the lead.

I saw that there is another coming up next weekend. I'll have to get my formal collar and leash cleaned. I highly encourage you to come out to watch the spectacle too.



Fairly retired in 2019 and has been working as a food critic and security consultant in the area as well as working on her reality TV series Foraging with Fairly in her spare time.

Submitted by: Fairly & Becca P 

We have several hounds looking for a couch of their own. Please contact the huntsman if you're interested in adopting a BRH hound.

### 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 June 20th** and can be submitted to Jessa at 603-479-6006 (text preferred) or [bullrunhuntva@gmail.com](mailto:bullrunhuntva@gmail.com).

The next newsletter will be released on July 1st.