

## March Madness

The biggest event of the year is around the corner! Get ready for March Madness, now in it's 13th year! Kick off the week with our Annual Oyster roast on Sunday, March 17th. Enjoy 6 days of hunting, 3 hunt breakfasts, and 2 cocktail parties. Finally, end the week with our closing meet and Hunt Ball.

We've added quite a few new March Madness packages this year, both with and without hunt ball tickets.

As with last there, there is a fee for car topping/non-mounted guests. If you plan on car topping or joining us for a few events without riding, there is a package that will offer you the best price for the week.

We have a TON of information regarding the events, ticket pricing, places to stay, etc available on the website.

<https://bullrunhuntclub.com/march>

Direct link to tickets:

<https://bullrunhunt.ticketspice.com/march-madness-2024>

### Hunt Ball

With March Madness comes the Hunt Ball! Adrianna Waddy, MFH and Merri Wade are chairing the event this year. If you'd like to help, please reach out to one of them.



This year's event will be held at Inskeep Hall on March 23rd, featuring music by local celebrities, The Unsuitables. There will also be both a silent and live auction at the event.

<https://bullrunhuntclub.com/hunt-ball>

Ticket prices are \$175/Adult and \$100/Under 21 and can be purchased through the website.

### Spring Hunter Pace

HARK! The Spring Hunter Pace will be hosted at the Preserve. The date has been moved to May 11th and 12th. (Please ignore the date on the BRH printed calendars.) A full weekend of hunter paces! The course will be ridden in one direction on Saturday and the opposite on Sunday. Snacks and drinks provided. We've also added a fun game of "I Spy" while you ride.

Tickets can be purchased online ahead of time or day of. Note that day of entries are \$5 more than pre-entries. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie.

<https://bullrunhuntclub.com/hunter-pace>

### Bottle Report

At the new Rapidan fixture, after copious amounts of rain, one of our newer member's horse failed to stick the landing when she ambitiously attempted to jump over a sloppy creek crossing. They both ended up on their butts, feet and hooves in the air. Luckily both report being unharmed. The clothes, on the other hand, are complaining of mud stains that will live on. A bottle of bourbon has been promised to the club collection as a result.



# BULL RUN BABBLINGS

March 2024



A foggy morning at March Madness in 2021 PC: Clay Chase

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### Vixen Hunt

Bull Run's first ever Vixen hunt is just a few days away! We're looking forward to a fun filled day of hunting, socializing, and shopping with lady foxhunters from all over.



Formal attire; *colors not recommended*. Juniors, Sidesaddle riders, and car toppers all welcome.

There are some wonderful prizes for best turned out, best horse, and the "Kick On" award for sportsmanship. Door prizes, swag, and a delicious breakfast await our guests.



We have an incredible "Vendor Village", including On the Hunt, Grey Horse Saddlery, and Loose Horse Mobile Tack just to name a few. In total, eight vendors will join us during breakfast.



The website has lots of information, links, FAQs, a map, and more. Please check it out! And if you still have questions, reach out to Jessa M or Liz B.



<https://bullrunhuntclub.com/vixen-hunt>

Online entries close tonight, but we are accepting day of entries. First 50 registrants receive a fun swag bag. Please note that this is a fundraiser and a ticket is required for entry.

#### Ticket Prices

\$50 BRH Vixens  
\$200 Vixens  
\$100 Car Toppers &  
Non-mounted Guests  
\$75 Kits (under 21)



## Summer Show Series

You're favorite show series is back! After a stellar first season, the management team, their wonderful sponsors, amazing judges, and great food are all back for another season hosted at the lovely Locust Hill in Locust Dale. A **HUGE** thank you to Betty & Mike Long, MFH for allowing us to use their facilities for this series.

Prize lists, sign up, and other details are available on the website.



### Jumpers

3/10 ~ Judged By: Chuck Clement  
6/23 ~ Judged By: Robin Wood  
Photographer ~ Shamrock Studios

### Hunters

4/21 ~ Judged By: Edee McGregor  
6/2 ~ Judged By: Alisa Berry  
Photographer ~ TBD

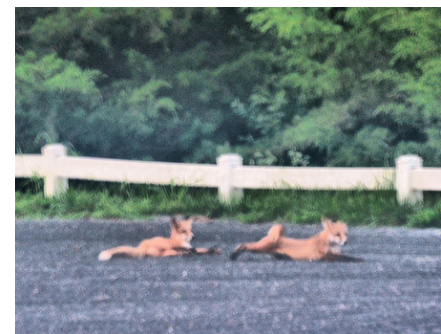


### COME SHOW WITH US

If you'd like to sponsor, please contact Sam Schiff at (804)761-6182

## Fox FAQs

Did you know - the only continents that don't have red foxes are South America and Antarctica?



PC: Clay Chase

**From The Archives**  
**From March of 1999**

A poem of March Foxes with a few bonus pictures 99 hunt ball pictures since we have them!

MARCH foxes are lovers  
 That glide to far coverts  
 To dally and play  
 Till the dawning of day,  
 Then slowly return  
 When the sun is on high  
 Like ghosts through the fern-  
 And give me, O give me March foxes, say I

March foxes are fliers,  
 Lone hands and outliers,  
 Springing out of the pack  
 To a 'Tally-ho back I'  
 And away like a flash  
 With the beauties full cry  
 Ere you've gathered your lash-  
 And for cunning and running, March foxes, say I!

March foxes are roamers,  
 And therefore straight-homers  
 The point that they choose  
 By bold rush or ruse  
 They'll make; though Hell's gate  
 In the line of them lie  
 Their masks are held straight-  
 So give me, O give me March foxes, say I

March foxes are dearer  
 For May coming nearer  
 And ending the fun  
 That seems scarcely begun  
 Ere it's over and past  
 Like a bird in the sky.  
 The best rides are the last,  
 And nothing can match the March foxes, say I

**HUNT BALL A GREAT SUCCESS!**



Carmen Marco proposed one of a series of toasts with what can safely be called "enthusiasm."



Of course, the stag line left a bit to be desired this year. John Moore & pals.

**March 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Vixen Hunt						JT Meet Away At Deep Run
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
New Moon Jumper Show						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Oyster Roast		Cocktail Party		Cocktail Party		Closing Meet Hunt Ball
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Full Moon					
31						

**April 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	New Moon					Hunter Pace
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bike Race Hunter Show		Full Moon				
28	29	30				

**Spring Bike & Run Event**

**DIRTY KITTEN GRALLEY CAT**  
 Sunday - April 21, 2024  
 Rapidan, VA

Hosted by Dirty Kitten Productions  
 Sponsored by Bull Run Hunt



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

**Dear Ms. Appropriate:** I understand the overall utility of members carrying a hunt whip, but it's a handful! What about juniors and ladies?  
 -All Thumbs

**Dear Thumbs:** Carrying a whip is optional, but it's a useful way of keeping hounds from being kicked by your horse (which is an offense) by quietly dropping the whip quietly on the side of the horse. They should not be used in any other way to control hounds. Leave that to the staff.

Since carrying some sort of whip is necessary for disciplining your horse anyway, it's not a big leap to carry one with a thong (the long, braided piece). If you start by carrying one while hacking out, you'll quickly get used to it without the added pressures of the hunt field. Ladies' whips are more slender than a gentleman's. Juniors may carry one if they can do it safely.

They also come in handy when reaching for a chain over a gate or a dropped glove. Other useful skills to practice at home!

-Ms. A.

Join us on April 21st at Locust Hill Preserve in Rapidan, VA for a fun, family-friendly bike & run scavenger hunt! This is a choose-your-own-adventure event (not a race). Participants can participate solo, in pairs, or in teams. Each person or group is given a map with a series of marked checkpoints that they have to visit in a designated period of time (depending on their chosen distance: long or short course).

More information can be found on the event webpage here:

[www.dirtykittengravel.com/gralleycat](http://www.dirtykittengravel.com/gralleycat)

**Hound Truck Needed**

Bull Run Hunt is looking for a new "hound truck". This is a vital piece of equipment for the club. Our road whip uses it at every hunt to help keep our hounds safe, whether that means keeping hounds off of main roads, transporting hounds that are left behind, or responding to other emergencies. It's also useful on non-hunt days to transport hounds to the vet, pick up feed, and other club errands.

We are looking for a truck or SUV with 4 wheel drive, in reasonable, running order. The value can be considered as a charitable contribution and is tax deductible through the hound foundation.

Please contact Mark Mitchell, MFH if you have any leads or questions.

