

April 22nd Jumper Show

Bull Run Hunt's first show of the season was held on Saturday, April 22nd at Locust Hill Farm. This was the first of two shows in our **BRAND NEW** Jumper Series. The weather held off for most of the day. Riders enjoyed pristine jumps in a relaxed atmosphere with phenomenal prizes and tasty concessions. With over 60 entries, it was a busy show, and a great start to the series.

Congratulations to our Jumper Style Award Winners, personally chosen by the Judge.

Senior Jumper Style Award: Becca Pizmoht

Junior Jumper Style Award: Rebecca Jones

Congratulations also goes to the show team -

Leslie Williams, Liz Breon, Sam Schiff and Jamie Temple - on a successful, fun day!



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Thank you to all of the sponsors and participants. Special thank you to Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department for watering down the ring. Last but not least a huge thank you to Mike and Betty Long for allowing us to host shows at their farm. In true Bull Run fashion, Mother Nature had the last laugh and caused the show to end slightly earlier than planned. Apologizes to those who were not able to compete. Show management managed to clean up and pile into a horse trailer just as the tornado warning was issued.



Left: Show staff & volunteers piled in a horse trailer, waiting for the storm to pass.
PC: Liz Breon

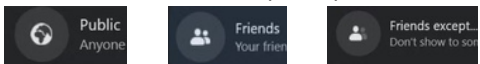
Remaining Show Dates:

May 20th & June 25th - Hunter Shows

June 3rd - Jumper Show

Tech Talk @BullRunHunt

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BULL RUN BABBLINGS

May 2023



Above: View of the Jumper Ring. PC: Samantha Schiff

Coggins Explained

A Coggins test is a blood test to identify if a horse is a carrier of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), a viral disease found in horses. A negative Coggins test is required for all travel between states, at most equine facilities (especially state run facilities), and just about any equine centric activity.

The state of Virginia requires a negative coggins test performed within 12 months for any horse going to a show, race meet, or any other function. This means that any time there are multiple horses from multiple owners, every horse should have a current, negative Coggins on hand.

It's a good idea to keep your coggins up to date even if you don't plan on showing or otherwise taking your horse off property. If you ever find yourself needing to evacuate with your horse in an emergency/natural disaster, you'll need one before you can enter any emergency facilities too.

At Bull Run Hunt, during hunt season, this means having a current and negative copy regularly available in your tow vehicle. To clarify, current means that the draw date must be within the last twelve months. For any other club sponsored event (shows, hunter paces, etc), that means having a current, **hard copy** you can leave with the event secretary. This has always been club policy, and in alignment with laws set by Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). You will be refused event entry for an invalid/missing coggins. VADAS can audit any club hosted events and hold the club responsible for invalid paperwork.

Please help make the lives of our event coordinators easier by having a printed copy that you can leave with us at any event.

[Useful Coggins FAQs by VADAS](#)

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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From The Archives

2023 was a season also full of wonderful spreads to satisfy any "big eater" each Saturday, and even after some weekday hunts. Special thanks to Mark & Vicky Mitchell for a season of endless stirrup cups, and to everyone who helped with various, delectable breakfasts throughout the season.

From April 2000

Big Eater Satisfied

by Mark Checchia

A while ago, this big eater wrote a little item asking all the riding friends of Bull Run to remember our stomachs after hunting. I'll have to admit, even I (big eater that I am) have not gone away hungry since then! I sure am glad people have been so generous in bringing tasty morsels for our after-hunt buffet, to fill the hungry bellies of the followers and the staff. I have seen some of the best after-hunting spreads ever in the last three months!

Thanks to all our good friends for making Bull Run's hunts memorable in every way we can!

Now, I'm looking forward to the trail rides!

Fox FAQs

The gray fox is occasionally spotted in the Bull Run Hunter territory. Gray foxes can be found throughout most of America. The live anywhere from from the south of Canada all the way south to Colombia. They prefer deciduous forests which incorporate brushy, woodland areas. Many of them live where farmlands and woodlands meet.



They prefer to be close to water. They make their dens in caves, rocky crevices, trees and hollow logs. Gray foxes will sometimes extend a woodchuck burrow for their den.

Spring Hunter Pace Results

The annual spring hunter pace was held on Sunday, April 2nd at the Preserve. It was a sold out event! A huge thank you to everyone who joined us to compete and volunteer. Special thanks to Andy and Mona Stahling for heading up the event and organizing a delicious surprise lunch afterwards.

Congratulations to our top placing teams!

Hunter Division

- #1 - DRHC DGs
- #2 - Galloping Goose
- #3 - It's Fine

Pleasure Division

- #1 - Free Time
- #2 - B2B Homestead
- #3 - Gone Away

Junior Division

- #1 - Half Awake
- #2 - Liberty Hall #2
- #3 - Oakland Heights

Further results available on the [website](#).

Join us Sunday, September 24th, for our annual Fall Hunter Pace.

Summer Trail Rides

The first trail ride of the season will be held at Winston Springs at 9am on Saturday, May 6th.

\$20 adults, \$10 under 18 y/o

Waiver and current coggins required. Drinks provided. Please bring a snack to share.

More dates and locations have been posted on the website. This summer, trail rides will be at 9am on the first and third Thursday of the month with a few Saturdays throughout the season. We're still working to schedule the beloved Moonlight Ride and a joint ride with Keswick.

Please check the website and call the hunt monitor before heading out in case of any last minute changes.

Hound Show Season

Calling All Juniors!

Calling all juniors. Hound show season is upon us. If you are a junior (3 - 17y/o) and want to be involved with the hound shows, now is your chance! The club is seeking junior handlers for our puppy party on May 13th at Inskip Hall. Required practices leading up to the party have been scheduled at 5pm on Mondays and some Thursdays. Please contact Jody if interested. And any juniors who do well at the party are invited to show hounds at the Virginia Hound show on May 29th at Morven Park.



Left: 2019 Puppy Party at Meander Inn

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9am Trail Ride Winston Springs
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 5pm Inskip Hall Puppy Party
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 9am Trail Ride Location TBD	19	20 Hunter Show
21 Celebration of Life of Jerrie Wade	22	23	24	25	26 6pm Inskip Hall Annual Board Meeting	27
28 Virginia Hound Show	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Jumper Show
4	5	6	7	8 9am Trail Ride Location TBD	9	10 9am Trail Ride Maple Lawn
11	12	13	14	15 9am Trail Ride Location TBD	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Hunter Show	26	27	28	29	30	

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at Inskip Hall on Friday, May 26th. Cocktails start at 6pm, and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 7pm with dinner to follow. All members and hunt supporters are welcome to attend. Invitations have been mailed. On the agenda this year is a vote to update and modernize the club By-Laws, which haven't been updated since 2014. A copy of the bylaws has been emailed to members. If you need a hard copy, please contact our secretary, Jamie Temple, at 804-306-7267 or BRHSecretary@gmail.com. Voting members are encouraged to attend in person or send in a proxy vote for this especially important topic.

Kennel Update

Most of the electrical has been completed and the building has been switched onto permanent power. Kennel runs, grass yard, and fencing between old/new kennel yards was completed. The HVAC unit was installed. Final touches and finishing work will be completed over the next month, including the surgery and whelping rooms. Also including the long anticipated bathroom, Lindsay's Loo! Rumor has it, Lindsay's Loo is the real motivation behind the entire project!

In the mean time, the **HOUNDS HAVE MOVED IN!!!** That's right. They officially in the new building and loving the new space.

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 May 20th and can be submitted to Jessa at 603-479-6006 (text preferred) or bullrunhuntva@gmail.com.

The next newsletter will be released on June 1st.



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

Dear Ms. Appropriate: I often hear people talk about hunter/jumper shows. I've competed in hunters, but while attending the recent jumper show and found it a little confusing. I'm not sure which "side of the fence" you're on, but was hoping you could enlighten me with some of the key differences

-Hopeless Hunter

Dear Hope: Fear not! Both disciplines are meant to be fun and great experience for horse and rider alike. **Hunters** are focused on the horse. Judges observe how the horse moves, manners/attitude, turnout, stride, shape of jump, and conformation. While jumping, judging is based on accuracy, grace, and elegance.

Jumpers: Show jumping is more straight forward as there's no subjective scoring. Jumpers is all about numbers. The horse/rider team with the fastest time and the fewest faults wins. Riders are faulted if a pole or portion of a jump falls to the ground, a horse refuses a jump, rider falls, or goes over the optimum course time. If more than one rider has a clean round within the optimum time, they move to a jump-off round. In that case, fastest time with the least amount of faults win. If you feel the need for speed, give jumpers a try!

-Ms. A.