



Hunting Please...



BULL RUN BABBLINGS

October 2023



Above: Buck spotted hunting from Hawfield on Sept 30th, 2023. PC: Clay Chase

“Hunting Please” - A polite reminder from your field master to quiet down because the hounds are working. “Hark”, a more sharp warning garnering the same reaction. Either one of these should be immediately respected and result in a quiet, still field.

The Golden Rule: **Watch the hounds working – that is why we are here.** Do not speak to one another when close to hounds. They are working, in order to get on a run, and give you good chase! And they are owed every opportunity to do so.

Chattering in the field is extremely distracting to the hounds. You have a much better chance of being helpful if you know what is going on around you.

Please remember that the huntsman and staff use their voices, whips, and horn to direct hounds, keeping them safe, and progressing the hunt. Chatter and laughter in the field can easily be mistaken by a hound, especially a young one during cubbing, as a command.

Extraneous noise makes it difficult for staff to hear the hounds, radio, etc in order to be able to do their job. It may also negatively affect your fellow field mates trying to enjoy the hunt.

This may be especially important for those who go in early. While your hunt may be over for the day, it’s still active for everyone else. Prematurely recounting your day on the way back to the trailers can easily turn game and ruin a hunt for everyone else.

In general, please keep the chatter to a minimum and save the stories for breakfast after the hunt.

Elmer Fudd said it best!



Congratulations Hunt Night Team!

If you haven’t heard, Bull Run Hunt reclaimed the Warrenton Hunt Night Throne this year. A huge thank you to Petrina Thomas for organizing the team and running practices, and to everyone who lent a practice facility to the team.

Special thanks for Davera for lending her expertise. Thank you to all of the members that helped with the tail gate. A big thank you to both Alexa and Paige for organizing the tailgate. It was a special evening for the BRH family. Good luck to those attending the Pennsylvania Hunt Night!



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Hunter Paces

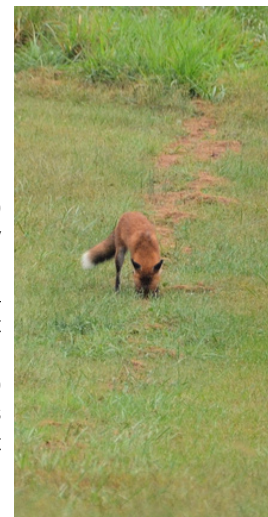
Please note that the fall hunter paces have been rescheduled to November 12th. Registration is currently open. Sign up early to reserve your preferred ride time.

Bullrunhuntclub.com/hunter-pace-fall

Fox FAQs

The red fox is a perceptive hunter, eating smaller mammals like rabbits, rodents, birds, frogs and earthworms as well as eating carrion. Their keen hunting skills are aided by stealthy senses of smell, hearing and night vision. Red foxes can hear the low frequency sounds of small animals digging under the ground, leaves, or snow.

One of the most familiar hunting strategies in the fox’s arsenal is the ‘mousing pounce’, which is employed when hunting these small mammals. They use the earth’s magnetic field to help zero on their prey before pouncing. Once the fox has a good idea where its quarry is, it approaches slowly, stopping frequently to listen. Once it gets within striking distance, it rears on to its hind legs, bends its knees and jumps up, landing with its front paws on its quarry.



Dues Reminder

Reminder that membership dues are to be paid in full by October 15th. That’s just two weeks away. This in accordance with club by-laws. In the past, Opening meet was used, but we are switching back to October 15th for clarity and to align with the by-laws.

Of course, if you’ve made prior arrangements with the membership committee, please disregard the above information.

Tech Talk

From MFHA’s “Guide to Social Media”

Link to MFHA Guides: MFHA.com/policies-guidelines/

Be aware of trademarked and copyrighted content. Respect intellectual property, copyright, trademarks and other relevant laws. A good rule of thumb is: If it’s not yours, and you don’t have permission, don’t post it. The use of a professional photographer’s images without permission is theft. Facebook and other platforms may shut down your page for the use of unlicensed content.

This is an important modern day guideline, and applies to far more than photographs. Copy right laws are very general. It’s always best to err on the side of caution and follow the “if you didn’t make it, don’t use it” rule. This applies not just photographs, but graphics, insignia, and other general content you may find online. Even if you have purchased a professional photo, there is usually a licensing agreement it that limits you to personal use only. Remember to always ask permission and give credit where it’s due.

Moon Phases Affect on Hunting

If you've spent a fair amount of time hunting, you've probably heard mention of the moon phases, especially when right after a full moon: "Those foxes hunted all night and their sleeping in their dens with full bellies."

It makes sense, but I was surprised at the lack of research on this topic when I decided to look into it. The full moon's brightness increases the activity of prey animals that use eyesight as their primary sensory system. Foxes rely on far more than eyesight when hunting, and may not find the moonlight a significant benefit. Meanwhile, it suppresses the activity of species like bats, rodents, and rabbits (staples of a fox's diet) that primarily use other senses like smell and sounds.

Foxes are a crepuscular species, meaning most active at dusk and dawn, but can often be viewed during the day. Maybe the added moonlight acts like extension of dusk.

Pay close attention during the next full moon and decide for yourself!

Bottle Report



Shortly after the hounds were cast from the parking area at Bushy mountain, a spicy, chestnut pony got the best of her little, third flight rider as they moved up the hill. Seemingly made of rubber, the rider jumped right up as if nothing had happened. Eager to get back into the saddle, the rider was seen running up the hill alongside the pony, in a pogo fashion, doing her best to jump back on mid stride.

Rosy Maple Moth

We had a very unique visitor to the kennel last month - a Rosy Maple Moth!

The rosy maple moth stands out with its vivid colors. It is found in various hues, including creams, whites, pinks, yellows, and purples. However, the pink and yellow variation is the most common. It's called the rosy maple moth because of the color scheme of its body, which has sections that are rosy pink in hue, as well as its preferred habitat. These moths usually live in maple trees and are nocturnal.



Found in the kennels during a typical Sunday cleaning, Lindsay and Jessa (both New England natives), have never seen one of these beauties back home among the maple trees.

Fun fact - As adults, the rosy maple moths don't have mouths. As larvae, they get to enjoy a sampling of different maple and oak leaves. However, once they grows, they lose their mouth and no longer eat. At this stage in their life, they don't have much longer to live, and their main focus in breeding.

From The Archives



Feed the hungry, quench the thirsty

Be the most popular person in the hunt. Make new friends. Keep the old. Find yourself the center of attention at every post-hunt tailgate.

How, you say?

Volunteer to be BRH tailgate and hunt breakfast chairperson. It's a lofty title that carries with it the responsibility of a near-monarch but also offers many rewards.

Last year, Laura and John Cooley served with distinction in this capacity. But they are ready to pass the torch.

The job description is fairly simple: Make sure the goodies are delivered at all the Saturday and joint meets. While the chairperson does not actually have to make or bring the food and drink, he or she is expected to make sure everything is taken care of by calling on other members to help out.

Volunteers please call Grosvenor at (804) 295-5339.



Article from October of 1997.

With opening hunt fast approaching, hunt breakfasts are just around the corner. We are hosting several events in October where breakfast will be provided, prior to opening meet.

If you'd like to "be like the Cooleys" and help with a hunt breakfast this season, please reach out to Davera!

BullRunHuntClub.com/Breakfasts

October 2023

Mark Your Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 JT Meet w/ Rockbridge
8	9 Columbus Day	10 Hosting TRFHC	11	12	13	14 New Moon
15 Membership Dues Due	16	17 Hosting VA Hunt Week	18	19	20	21 JR Meet
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Opening Meet Full Moon
29	30	31				

November 2023

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



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

Dear Ms. Appropriate: There are so many fabulous jackets out there these days! I've noticed that they have anywhere from 2-5 buttons on the front. Is there any reasoning behind the number of buttons?

-Franny Fastener

Dear Franny: Field members should wear a jacket with three buttons. Four buttons is generally reserved for masters and amateur staff, traditionally with square cornered jackets (think fock). Five buttons is for Huntsmen, Professional Staff, or Masters who are hunting their own pack. Save the two button tweeds for fashion statement at the post hunt breakfast breakfast. This will vary hunt to hunt, but serves as a general guideline. If you have earned your colors and wear them on your coat, you should also display buttons with your hunt's livery. Black buttons on black coats, gold on scarlets, and silver (if you can find them) or black on navy coats.

-Ms. A.

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

The next newsletter will be released on November 1st.