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## TRAIL CLEARING & PICNIC - JUNE 25TH

Calling all hunters to the annual GVH Picnic and Trail Clearing Day Sunday, June 25th.

Please plan to meet near the Horse Trials grounds on Nations Rd. at 10:00 a.m., where captains will organize, assign, and direct teams for effective and efficient trail clearing.

Bring: chain saws, cutting tools, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, bug repellent, and any other tool or prop you think could be helpful.

Then gather afterward at a picnic at Linda and Carl Gibbs' on Huston Road and be awarded your trail clearing pin! Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass if the spirit moves you!

In case of rain: call 243-2606 or 243-2388 for a recorded message concerning the event's happening. If it is cancelled, a rain date will be included in the message.

Not on a trail clearing team? Call Marion to see where your help is needed most: 451-8143.

### 2006 Trail Clearing Captains

Jim & Mary Lou Boynton	243-9728	McQueens - South
Judy Bromley	716-655-3069	McQueens - North
Greg & Sue Carlson	226-6651	Carlland
John Chanler	243-1423	Boulevard, O'Connors, Colmans', Hogmire Rd. north
Linda Gibbs	243-2950	Linda's woods
Eric & Celeste Grace	243-4503	Simpson & Granger
Stirlin & Beth Harris	243-4299	Big Woods
Doug Hart	243-1452	Groveland
Jeff Herberger	226-6047	Black Creek Woods
Steve & Susan Kelley	461-4245	Congressman's Woods
Meg & Billy Lloyd	243-2364	Oneida, Culvert Farm
Gail McGuire	226-2958	Little & Big Oxbow
Annie Morss	243-1892	Annie's woods, Henty Covert, Smith Farm & west
Chip & Sharon Presutti	243-2846	Haverford Farm
Doug & Susi Swanson	814-734-7021	Bottoms
Travis & Marion Thorne	243-1216	Groveland
Martha Wadsworth	243-2388	The Farm Woods
Paul & Gay Frame	335-5444	Pecora Covert

## 2006 GVH DATES

- June 25 - Trail Clearing & Picnic
- July 1 - Hound jogging begins (tentative-see page 2)
- July 8 - 9 GVH Horse Trials (see page 3)
- July 22 - Cub Hunting Begins (tentative-see page 2)
- Sept. 16 - 1st International GV Quiz Night (see page 2)
- Sept. 30 - Opening Meet (see page 2)
- Oct. 13 - Pre-Race Party
- Oct. 14 - Race Meet (see page 3)
- Oct. 14- Hunt Ball
- Oct. 22 - Hunter Pace
- Nov. 4 - Point-To-Point
- Nov. 12- Master's Cup

## E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

We've now compiled over 100 e-mail addresses from GVH members and are finding this electronic mode of communication a quick, convenient and inexpensive way to get messages and reminders out in a hurry. If you have an e-mail address and have not been receiving hunt-related messages, please forward your address to [gvhunt@frontiernet.net](mailto:gvhunt@frontiernet.net). If you don't have access to e-mail -- or you don't check your e-mail regularly -- please find an "e-mail buddy" who is willing to pass pertinent information on to you.

### Genesee Valley Hunt Phone Numbers

To reach the Hunt Secretary, or leave messages for the Masters and Travis Thorne

**585-243-3949**

For recorded messages concerning the start of hound jogging and hunt departure information

**585-243-2606\***

\*Please do not leave messages at this phone number

E-mail:  
**[gvhunt@frontiernet.net](mailto:gvhunt@frontiernet.net)**

## A HUNTING WE WILL GO!

The Hunt Staff has been busy this spring walking, exercising and training the Genesee Valley Hounds for the upcoming season. It's looking like a great season ahead!

**Hound jogging** is scheduled to begin around July 1. Continue to check the recorded message at 585-243-2606. Once hound jogging opens, hounds will depart from the Kennels on Roots Tavern Rd. at 6:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday (No hound jogging on the 4th of July). Hound jogging is open to subscribers and guests, but all participants must have a waiver on file.

Generally, there is one week of hunting FOR STAFF ONLY between hound jogging and the start of cub hunting. This year, staff hunting is expected to be July 15 - 21.

**Cub Hunting** is *tentatively* expected to begin Saturday, July 22 and will extend through September 28. During cub hunting, hounds will go out Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Formal attire is not required. Please check the recorded message at 585-243-2606 to confirm cub hunting has begun, and for the time and location of each meet. GVH contributors and capping guests are welcome to cub hunt.



**The Opening Meet of the Formal Season** is September 30. This meet gathers at The Homestead and begins with a parade down Genesee's Main Street. Only contributors may hunt on Opening Day. (Contributions should be paid in full by September 15 unless other arrangements have been

made with the Secretary.) Formal attire is required from Opening Meet through the end of November.

A note of **etiquette**: the front of the field should include those who will be jumping fences; non-jumpers please remain behind the jumpers.

We welcome **capping guests** sponsored by contributing members. Please remember, sponsors are responsible for their capping guest in the hunt field. Adult capping fees remain at \$75 for weekends and \$50 for weekdays. Cappers are limited to three hunts per year and must sign a new waiver each year. Please inform the Hunt secretary (585-243-3949 - office, or 585-226-2715 - home) prior to the meet if you are bringing a guest. At the meet, present the cap and waiver in an envelope labeled with the name and address of the capper and date of the meet.

Happy Hunting!

## 1ST INTERNATIONAL GENESEE VALLEY QUIZ NIGHT

By Jon Perkins

Quiz nights are essentially a British phenomenon. They often take place in pubs, but happen at all sorts of social gatherings. British pubs, especially rural ones, are probably more family orientated than bars in America. Although children are not allowed to consume alcohol, the village pub is often the social center of the community. The British are also inveterate gamblers and a lot of pub games -- darts, bar billiards, pool and cards -- are played for money, although the stakes are usually very small.

A quiz night is basically a team game. Teams need to have a wide variety of knowledge to draw upon. For example, Granddad may be a whiz at history, but he will undoubtedly have to rely on his 14-year-old granddaughter for the title of Robbie Williams' latest hit.

The Genesee Valley Quiz Night, to be held September 16 at Lockhart's barn on Little Rd. in Avon, has a truly international format, as it has been put together by an organization team from America, Britain and Europe.

Participating teams will be asked to pre-register. Upon arrival, each team will be assigned their own table to sit at. The "quiz" will consist of about 100 questions representing ten subject categories. Questions will be read aloud by the "Quiz master" (QM). Each round (about 10 questions each) is scored immediately and the results written on the board by the QM's henchmen.

Prizes will be awarded for a number of different titles, followed by a traditional pub supper, likely to consist of English Cottage Pie and salads with a dessert buffet. --- And in the tradition of all good pubs, there will be plenty to drink for both young and old right from the start.

Quiz Night will be open to anyone and not restricted to Hunt members -- so invite friends and neighbors (the smart ones, of course) to be on your team. There will be a prize for the highest-scoring youth team so kids, start organizing a sharp team for the event.

Watch for more information as the date approaches.

## GVH HORSE TRIALS - JULY 8 - 9



The Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials will be held July 8 and 9. The event's new chairpersons are Greg Carlson and Annette Brenner.

In addition to the USEA Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary divisions, there will be a Foxhunters division offered again this year! This friendly, fun division includes your friends from the hunt field that don't event. An entry form (due June 20) is included in this newsletter and the dressage test required for the division appears on this page. Give it a try -- it's fun!

For the second year, a Young Event Horse competition will be held Friday, July 7 at Paduka Run for 4 & 5-year-old eventing prospects. Information and entry forms are available in the USEA *Omnibus* or at [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com). Charity Donnan is chairing the Young Event Horse competition this year. Her phone number is 585-243-2116.

## GVH RACES

The 78th annual Genesee Valley Hunt Races will be held Saturday, October 14. A diligent committee has been working since last November, contacting sponsors and brainstorming publicity ideas to attract a huge crowd to this favorite valley event. Roland Stevens, the artist who donated the beautiful watercolor auctioned at last year's Hunt Ball and reproduced on the 2005 Race t-shirts, has painted and donated another beautiful race scene for 2006. The debut of the Clubhouse Tent was a great success and is well underway to be even better this year.

While the athletic beauty of galloping horses is what captures the attention of many at the Races, in recent years the dog events have become the big draw for a whole new crowd. Pat Terho is the volunteer who oversees the dog events and she has been very busy coordinating and promoting that aspect of the day. This year, featured attractions include the Terrier Races, Wiener Dog Races, Canine Grand Prix, Parade of GVH Hounds, a Dog Agility Demo and, new this year, a Fly Ball Demo and Sheep Herding Demo. Should be a great time!

Our fund-raising team has approximately \$20,000 in corporate sponsorships committed as of this printing, just over half way to our goal. Sponsorship packages are being offered from \$500 to \$5,000. If you know of a company that should be approached, please call or e-mail Janice (243-3949 or [gvhunt@frontiernet.net](mailto:gvhunt@frontiernet.net)).

This event takes many, many volunteers on Race Day and hunt members have always been wonderful about filling those positions. For 2006, we need a person to be the volunteer coordinator. Last year Pam McCormick did a fantastic job and really organized the entire process so it can be done more efficiently. While most of the Race day volunteers remain the same year after year, they have to be called and confirmed, and then sent a letter or post card reminder. The volunteer coordinator also organizes (or appoints someone to organize) a refreshments tailgate for volunteers. Would you be willing to be the Volunteer Coordinator? Please let the Hunt secretary know if you would.

The Horse Trials are a major fundraiser for the Hunt and those of you that generously volunteer your time, talents and equipment to make it all happen are greatly appreciated! Likewise, our many patrons that support the event financially with their donations help keep our courses maintained and updated.

There are plenty of opportunities to help with the Trials, before, during and after the event. If you don't have a job yet, please call or e-mail Greg Carlson (585-226-6651 or [Gregory.Carlson@mindspring.com](mailto:Gregory.Carlson@mindspring.com)) or Annette Brenner (585-624-6728).

### USEF 2006 BEGINNER NOVICE EVENTING TEST B

TEST	Ride Time: Approx. 4 mins.	POINTS
1. A enter in working trot down centerline. C track right.		10
2. B circle right 20m diameter working trot.		10
3. KXM change rein working trot.		10
4. E circle left 20m diameter working trot.		10
5. Between K and A working canter left lead.		10
6. A circle left 20m diameter working canter.		10
7. Between B and M working trot.		10
8. Between C and H medium walk.		10
9. HXF free walk. F medium walk.		10
10. A working trot.		10
11. Between H and C working canter right lead.		10
12. C circle right 20m diameter working canter.		10
13. Between B and F working trot.		10
14. KXM change rein working trot.		10
15. E half circle working trot, left to centerline.		10
16. Between X and G Halt. Salute.		10

Leave arena at walk at A. All trot work may be performed rising or sitting unless stated otherwise.

#### COLLECTIVE MARKS:

Gaits	Freedom and regularity.	10
Impulsion	Desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back and engagement of the hind quarters.	10
Submission	Acceptance of the bridle, attention and confidence, harmony, lightness of the forehand, ease of movements.	10
Rider	Position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids.	10

Total possible points: 200

## CENTENNIAL HOUND TRIALS

In February, Marion and Travis Thorne took several hounds to the Belle Meade Hunt Hound Performance Trials in Georgia. (Special thanks to GVH members who generously contributed the entry fees and funding for this excursion.) The GVH hounds earned the respect of our fellow foxhunters from the south and brought home a number of ribbons in several categories.

A special MFHA Centennial series of hound performance trials is being coordinated for 2006 - 2007. Scheduled in different regions of North America, these trials will accommodate the different climates and quarry member hunts encounter. At each trial, numbered hounds from various hunts compete together under the same huntsman. Judges record the happenings of the day and the hounds are scored accordingly. Hounds are scored on different categories, including Hunting, Trailing, Speed & Drive, and Marking. Top overall scores are also calculated. The 10 hounds with the top overall scores at each trial are automatically named to the MFHA Centennial Pack -- an "all-star" team of sorts.

GVH Staff is considering taking several hounds to the Green Spring Valley/Elkridge-Harford Performance Trials in early December. Located in Glyndon, MD, these trials are fairly close and the hunted quarry in this territory is live fox.

These trials are fundraisers for the MFHA Education Fund and the field that follows the pack during the Trials is open to cappers. (Capping fees will be partially tax deductible.)

We'll keep you informed as plans solidify!

## SILENT AUCTION 2006

By Beth Harris

We are looking forward to a great year of hunting with our outstanding staff and talented hounds. We are also looking forward to a wonderful Hunt Ball next autumn with another exciting Silent Auction. It is my hope that contributors of the hunt will take the time to think of treats and treasures that they would be willing to donate to the auction.

Some suggestions might be: weekends at vacation property; artistic talents; skills like clipping, braiding, teaching or training; airplane or balloon rides over our beautiful Genesee Valley; Sabres, Bills or other athletic tickets; theater tickets; catering a meal; or (a new idea!) young hunt members offering a weekend of spring clean-up service for home or farm.

Let's use our creativity to make this a really wonderful Hunt Ball and Auction and show our appreciation for the great sport that we are offered year after year. Feel welcome to share any ideas that you may have with me. Cheers!

(Beth Harris -243-4299 or e-mail BHarris62@aol.com)

## MFHA CENTENNIAL

Be sure to renew your membership to the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America (MFHA). There are many special activities being planned in 2006 and 2007 to recognize and celebrate the MFHA's centennial anniversary.

Members of GVH are working with the MFHA Centennial committees to make sure our hunt is part of the Centennial Book and DVD, art show and, hopefully, we can participate in one of the Centennial Hound Trials and have a GVH hound named to the Centennial Pack. More information about these events and new centennial merchandise can be found on the MFHA website, [www.MFHA.org](http://www.MFHA.org).

A membership application for MFHA is included below.

We also encourage you to consider joining the U.S. Sportsman's Alliance, an organization that represents hunting sports of all kinds. The Alliance has been especially successful in squelching anti-hunting legislation at the state and federal levels. More information about the U.S. Sportsman's Alliance and a membership application are available at their website, [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org), or by calling 614-888-4868.

### Application for Subscribing -- MFHA Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hunt Affiliation: **Genesee Valley Hunt**

YES! I support foxhunting. Please accept my membership for:

Subscribing Membership \$35

Family Subscribing Membership \$100

Family member names: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Subscribing Membership \$1000

Please fill out all information clearly and return with payment to:

**Masters of Foxhounds Association of America**

**P.O. Box 363**

**Millwood Virginia, 22646**

Make checks payable to MFHA

## THANK YOU!

Many, many people volunteer time, equipment and expertise to the Genesee Valley Hunt and the various events and activities it involves. Everyone who volunteers in any way is appreciated and, while it is impossible to recognize all of them in this newsletter, we felt there were a few it would be appropriate to acknowledge this year.

In 2003, Sharyn Duffy agreed to organize and launch a Silent Auction to benefit the Genesee Valley Hunt. Single-handedly she solicited donated items, prepared a program, organized the display of the items at the Hunt Ball, handled the bookkeeping and wrote the thank you notes. The fundraiser was a huge success, netting over \$11,000! In 2004 and 2005 she repeated all her efforts and ran two more successful silent auctions. All totaled, these three fundraisers brought in \$26,000! The Genesee Valley Hunt, and all of us who are part of it, owe Sharyn a world of thanks for all she's done.

The GVH Horse Trials is another major activity and fundraiser for the Hunt. Doug Hart organized the Trials for four years, from 2002 to 2005. This time range included the big scheduling change of moving the Trials from September to July, and the 50th anniversary year (2004) when all the work was done, but the event had to be cancelled due to flooding. Perhaps Doug's greatest talent is his ability to work with people. This event takes an army of volunteers and Doug's and Judy's ability to organize them and make them feel appreciated certainly contributed to the success of the event. Thank you!

GVH Whip Annie Morss is another member who quietly contributes her service to GVH. She has been the main organizer of the Aidan O'Connell clinics, working with landowners, participants and those who provide Aidan's horses to schedule all the clinics (not to mention Aidan's social life while he's here-- can you imagine?!?). Annie is also the key coordinator of the Hunter Pace and she places all the road signage for the Races.

We owe special thanks to Mike Arney this year. As many of you know, Mike's business involves hauling horses all over the east coast. On several occasions this year he drove many miles out of his way to drop off or pick up GVH hounds for breeding -- and provided this service for free. Macy Hill, who lives in Virginia, but visits us often, also provided some hound delivery services for GVH.

Linda Gibbs came to the Hunt Office last fall and picked up mounds of files and boxes containing years of GVH history in the form of annual booklets, fixture cards, Trials and Race programs, newspaper articles, photos and other sorted memorabilia. She spent the winter organizing it chronologically into a dozen three-ring binders. She also spent significant time seeking missing information. It's hard to imagine how much time this took -- plus, Linda said she kept getting side-tracked from her simple organizing goal because she would get interested in reading everything she was supposed to be organizing!

Thank you to these people -- and to all of you who volunteer for the Genesee Valley Hunt!

## WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES

Is there a dish that you're always asked to bring to gatherings? Does your hunt breakfast feature special menu items that have become a tradition? Is there a tasty treat that always graces your tailgate at the Hunt Races? Beth Herberger has offered to organize a "Favorite Recipes of the Genesee Valley Hunt" cookbook.

She's asking everyone to submit their favorite, most asked-for recipes. She also welcomes stories or notes that go along with the recipe, for example where the recipe originated, when you traditionally serve it, or wine suggestions for the dish.

Please submit the ingredients and instructions for as many recipes as you wish. Include your name, phone number and/or e-mail so she can contact you if she has a question.

Mail to: Beth Herberger  
2294 Avon-Geneseo Rd.  
Avon, NY 14414

Or e-mail to: Jeff.Herberger@leCHASE.com

Beth can be reached by phone at 585-226-6047.

## COMING SOON: THE LIFE & TIMES OF ALIDA

Alida Fitzhugh hunted with the Genesee Valley Hounds in the late 1800s. Recently, members of her family discovered her hunting diary and donated it to GVH. Linda Gibbs has transcribed the memoirs and is publishing the diary to be sold as a fundraiser later this year. The accounts of her hunting experiences are interesting and exciting, for example:

September 19, 1891: "Jumped the new 4-board Howland Fences. Two of them measured 4'-4" at the post and take off was up hill, making jumps 4'-8" at least. The highest consecutive jumps I ever have taken."

(And remember -- she did it side saddle!)

Watch for more on this and be sure to get your copy!



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