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TRAIL CLEARING & PICNIC - JUNE 13TH

Calling all hunters to the annual GVH Picnic and Trail Clearing Day, Saturday, June 13th.

Please plan to meet near the top of Nations Lane 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 and any other tool or prop you think could be helpful. Wear gloves, long pants, long-sleeved shirts and bug repellent.

After a couple dedicated hours of trail clearing we'll gather for a picnic at Linda and Carl Gibbs' on Huston Rd. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass if the spirit moves you! (Many thanks to Linda and Carl for hosting the picnic again!)

In case of rain call 243-2606 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 or e-mail Marion to see where your help is needed most: 585-451-8143 or mthornegvh@gmail.com.

2009 Trail Clearing Captains

Jim & Mary Lou Boynton	243-9728	McQueens - South
Judy Bromley	716-655-3069	McQueens - North
Greg & Sue Carlson	226-6651	Carlland
Andrew Chanler	329-3475	Boulevard, O'Connors, Coleman's
John Barrett	226-2715	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
Sally Wood	243-3862	Wheeler Gully
Bill Lloyd	243-2364	Aiken Woods

2008 GVH DATES

- June 8—June 30 - Hound Jogging, Monday—Saturday, 6 am
- June 13 - Trail Clearing & Picnic (see page 1)
- June 20 - Quiz Night(see page 2)
- June 23 - Closing date for GVH Horse Trials entries (see page 3)
- June 26 - July 6 Aidan O'Connell Clinics (see page 3)
- July 13—Cub Hunting Begins (tentative—call 585-243-2606 to confirm time & location)
- July 10—12 GVH Horse Trials (see page 3)
- Sept. 26 - Opening Meet (see page 5)
- Oct. 9 - Pre-Race Party
- Oct. 10 - Genesee Valley Hunt Races (see page 2)
- Oct. 10- Hunt Ball—Big Tree Inn
- Oct. 18 - Hunter Pace
- Oct. 31 - Point-To-Point
- Nov. 8- Masters' Cup
- Nov. 28-Genesee Valley Riverdance

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Hunting Information

(Recording) 585-243-2606 (Please do not leave messages at this phone number)

Hunt Secretary—Janice Barrett 585-261-3463



4TH INTERNATIONAL QUIZ NIGHT—TEST YOUR TRIVIA SKILL!

This will mark the fourth year people of varied intellect and IQ will gather in the barn at Scotch Farm to test their knowledge of a broad range of topics in a pub quiz setting. You are guaranteed fun, guaranteed entertainment and guaranteed to learn something!

The Quiz Masters have, once again, prepared 100 questions on all kinds of topics. (And multiple choice answers give everybody a chance!) There is still time to gather a team and enter. Teams can include up to eight people — and anyone of any age is welcome to participate.

There'll be beverages to suit all ages and a supper featuring a simple, delicious main course with salads, homemade bread and desserts.

The entire evening is included in the price of your entry — and net proceeds will be shared by the Genesee Valley Hunt and Genesee Valley Conservancy. The donation per adult will be \$30 and youngsters under 16 will only be charged \$15. However,

teams consisting of more than four clearly have an advantage and will therefore be charged another \$15 per person (unless the entire team is under 16 years of age). A \$5 per person late fee will be charged for registration after June 6.

There is limited seating in the barn so please contact Janice Barrett immediately to see if there is still room for your team. E-mail her at geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com or call her at 585-261-3463.

Registration forms are available at www.geneseevalleyhunt.org, or from Janice.

A special thank you to John Lockhart and Lynne Mazadourian for hosting this event in their barn again this year. — And also to Jon and Bee Perkins who launched this event four years ago and have headed up its team of organizers ever since.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RACES

The Genesee Valley Hunt Races will be held October 10 and feature the 81st running of the sanctioned Genesee Valley Hunt Cup!

Nearly 200 volunteers, generous sponsors and reserved parking patrons are what has kept the Races going and growing each year. A committee headed by Stephanie Von Bacho has been hard at work confirming sponsors for the 2009, but we are anticipating this could be a challenging year for securing sponsors. Would the company that you or your spouse works for be interested in becoming a sponsor? Sponsorships begin at \$500 and a full color brochure highlighting sponsorship opportunities is available. Please contact Stephanie at 585-359-0517, or Janice Barrett at 585.261.3463 if you have ideas for potential sponsors.

Last year the Races enjoyed their biggest audience ever.



The parking lot was full, the sun was shining, the races were exciting, the dog events were fun and the tailgates were delicious. Word seems to be spreading about this affordable, fun, family day in the country. Please help us continue the momentum!

Would your co-workers or neighborhood be interested in having a tailgate party at the Races? Encourage it!

We appreciate all the help, hard work, time and effort our Hunt members and friends put into making the Races happen each year. We need "all hands on deck" and you all play a major part in making this event a success. **THANK YOU!**

GVH HORSE TRIALS - JULY 10—12



The Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials will be held July 10, 11 and 12. We have many new people in key positions this year, including organizer Bob Rosenberg. Fortunately, Greg Carlson, who has been organizer for the three years, has been a great help to Bob, as has Karen Berger, who continues as the events very organized secretary.

In addition to the USEA Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary divisions, there will again be a Foxhunters division offered this year. This friendly, fun division includes your friends from the hunt field that don't generally event. You will compete at the beginner novice level, but will be in a separate division. Completing the Horse Trials — in any division — qualifies your horse for the Masters Cup. (Sign up for the Aidan O'Connell Clinics June 26 - July 6 -- he'll help you prepare and gain the confidence to do well!). For more information about competing in the Horse Trials, go to www.geneseevalleyhunt.org, click on "Horse Trials" and follow the link to the USEA site, then click on "Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials." We've posted an entry form on the GVH Horse Trials website and, for those of you in the Foxhunter division, a BN test B dressage test. Entries close June 23.

Dressage is held Saturday, July 11 and stadium and cross-

country on Sunday. Because it worked so well last year, all divisions will ride stadium first on Sunday, then go directly to cross-country, therefore, coats will not be required for stadium.

The Young Event Horse competition will be held on Friday afternoon, July 10, at Paduka Run for 4 & 5-year-old eventing prospects. There are also two local test divisions for first and second year event horses, regardless of age. Information and entry forms are available by following the link to USEA from our website, or call Organizer Peter Anderson at 716-572-4209.

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! Thank you! Please come to the volunteer party Sunday afternoon, July 12 at the close of the event.

Likewise, our many patrons that support the event financially with their donations help keep our courses maintained and updated. If you would like to become a patron, please call Celeste Grace (585-243-4503) or Sharon Pre-sutti (585-243-2848). Patron forms are also available on our website.

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 e-mail geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com.

AIDAN O'CONNELL CROSS-COUNTRY RIDING & SAFETY CLINICS

Genesee Valley Hunt is again featuring clinician Aidan O'Connell and his instruction in cross-country riding and coops jumping, June 26—July 6. In addition to building the confidence of the horse and rider, Aidan's clinics stress the safety of both as well. His clinics will be great schooling for those competing in the Horse Trials — and coops clinics are a wonderful tune-up for the hunting season!

The cost of the clinics is \$100 for a single session, \$200 for two sessions, and \$200 for three sessions (pay for two sessions, get C session or coops session for free—same horse and rider) Discounted rate is available for Pony Club members.

Registration forms and more information can be downloaded at www.geneseevalleyhunt.org, or call Annie Morss at 585-704-0985



Develop your cross-country confidence and skill working with Aidan's gymnastic exercises used in his cross country sessions, as exhibited here by 11-year-old participant Kailey Falk. —Photo by Bill Gamble

HELP PRESERVE FOX HUNTING

We are fortunate to be able to fox hunt in the Genesee Valley. Generous landowners who continue to grant us permission to hunt on their land are key to enjoying our sport here. We are so fortunate that they grant us this privilege. Please be respectful and gracious to these landowners and their property.

Be careful not to park on the edges of lawns or block driveways or farm lanes. Do not block traffic. Be mindful of the general public on the roads while on your horse or at your truck and trailer. Quickly get out of their way. Smile and be courteous to passers-by.

Join the **Genesee Valley Conservancy**. Over 6000 acres of Genesee Valley Hunt territory is now part of the Conservancy. A membership application appears with this newsletter. If you are not already a member, please take the time now to join and support this organization.

As all of you know, there is an anti-hunting movement out there — some of it obvious, some of it disguised as animal welfare and rescue groups. While we haven't been as directly impacted by it as some hunts, we must be proactive from a public relations standpoint, as well as legislatively to counter these groups. In addition, our sport is being indirectly affected by dog control laws, dog kennel regulations, and spay and neuter regulations which threaten to slowly squeeze us out of existence.

We encourage you to join and support organizations who share our

goal to preserve the right to hunt. The **Masters of Fox Hounds Association** is our "mother ship" so to speak, which specifically represents fox hunting in the U.S. The **U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance** is a group that MFHA has networked with and aligned itself with. This group has been successful in countering anti-hunting legislation in many states. The **New York Houndsmen Conservation Association** is an organization here in our state that does an excellent job identifying proposed New York legislation that impacts hunting with hounds. Their legislative committee is constantly reviewing bills proposed in both the Assembly and Senate that could have implications for houndsmen and sportsmen. Regular newsletters inform members of pending legislation and suggested action to take on it.

There is strength in numbers and uniting with these organizations will make our voice stronger. You can join each organization on line at their respective websites, or fill out and mail the forms included in this newsletter.

- Genesee Valley Conservancy www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org
- Masters of the Fox Hounds Assoc. www.mfha.com
- U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance www.ussportsmen.org
- NY Houndsmen Conservation Assoc www.nyhoundsmen.org



U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Affiliation: Genesee Valley Hunt & MFHA

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

_____ My check for \$25, payable to US Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is enclosed

MAIL TO: US Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation

801 Kingsmill Parkway

Columbus, OH 43229-1137

(Apply on-line at www.ussportsmen.org)

GENESEE VALLEY CONSERVANCY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, YEAR 2009

_____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL

_____ MEMBER (\$35) _____ FRIEND (\$75) _____ DONOR (\$125) _____ PATRON (\$300)

_____ SPONSOR (\$600) _____ FOUNDER (\$1250) _____ OTHER: \$ _____ All Gifts are tax-deductible

NAME (as you would like to appear in the annual report): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

_____ Please do not list my name in the Annual Report

MAIL TO: GV Conservancy, P.O. Box 73, Geneseo, NY 14454

Application for MFHA Membership

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Hunt Affiliation: **Genesee Valley Hunt**

YES! I support foxhunting. 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 send with check, (payable to MFHA) to:

MFHA, P.O. Box 363, Millwood Virginia, 22646

New York Houndsmen Conservation Association

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

_____ Regular Membership \$10

_____ Family Membership \$15

_____ Youth Membership (under 16) \$5

Please return with payment to:

NYHCA, P.O. Box 72, Walworth, NY 14568

Make checks payable to NYHCA

HUNTING REMINDERS

Hound jogging begins Monday, June 8 and will continue Monday through Saturday at 6:00 a.m. at the Kennels until June 30. Hound jogging is open to subscribers and guests, but all participants must have a waiver on file.

Cub Hunting is *tentatively* expected to begin Monday, July 13 and will extend through September 24. 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 time and location of each meet. GVH contributors and capping guests are welcome to cub hunt.

Opening Meet is September 26. This meet gathers at The Wadsworth Homestead in Geneseo and begins with a parade down Main Street. Only contributors may hunt on Opening Day. (Contributions should be paid in full by September 1 unless other arrangements have been made with the Secretary.) Formal attire is required from Opening Meet through the end of November.

Capping guests sponsored by contributing members are welcome. Please remember, sponsors are responsible for their capping guest in the hunt field. Cappers are limited to three hunts per year and must sign a new waiver each year. Please call the Hunt secretary (585-243-3949 - office, or 585-261-3463 - cell) prior to the meet to inform her you are bringing a guest and to confirm capping fees and instructions. 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.

Respect Private Property: Generous landowners give us permission to fox hunt on their property -- not to have our members school or trail ride on their property. Unless you have personally asked permission from landowners, please don't ride on private property.

Vehicles have the right-of-way. When you are on your horse and traffic approaches, quickly get out of the way. Do not block traffic. Be polite and courteous.

