



GENESEE VALLEY HUNT, INC.

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HOUND JOGGING BEGINS JUNE 7

Hound jogging begins Monday, June 7 and ends June 30. Please note the 17 days the hounds will be exercised in the calendar below. Hound jogging is open to subscribers and guests, but all participants must have a waiver on file.

Cub Hunting is *tentatively* scheduled to begin Monday, July 12 and will extend through September 23. 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 25. This meet gathers at The Wadsworth Homestead in Geneseo and begins with a parade down Main Street. Only paid contributing members may hunt on Opening Day. (**Contributions must be paid in full by September 1 in order to ride at the Opening Meet.**) Formal attire is required from Opening Meet through the end of November.

Capping guests sponsored by contributing members are welcome during the cubbing and formal seasons (with the exception of Opening Meet). Please remember, sponsors are responsible for their capping guests 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. At the meet, please present the cap and waiver in an envelope labeled with the name and address of the capper and date of the meet.

2010 capping fees: local guests—\$75 and out-of-area guests—\$150

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.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE 2010 HOUND JOGGING SCHEDULE		1 NO Hound Jogging	2 NO Hound Jogging	3 NO Hound Jogging	4 NO Hound Jogging	5 NO Hound Jogging
6 NO Hound Jogging	7	8	9	10	11	12 NO Hound Jogging
Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the GVH Kennels						
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2010 GVH DATES

- June 7—Hound Jogging begins, 6 am at the GVH Kennels. See calendar on this page for schedule.
- June 25 - Quiz Night (see page 2) Deadline June 11.
- June 22 - Closing date for GVH Horse Trials entries (see page 3)
- July 5- Trail Clearing & Picnic (see page 2)
- July 9—11 GVH Horse Trials (see page 3)
- July 12—Cub Hunting Begins (tentative—call 585-243-2606 to confirm time & location)
- July 17—Grand Opening of the Memorial Trail (see page 2)
- Sept. 25 - Opening Meet (see page 1)
- Oct. 8 - Pre-Race Party
- Oct. 9 - Genesee Valley Hunt Races (see page 2)
- Oct. 9- Hunt Ball—Big Tree Inn
- Oct. 17 - Hunter Pace
- Nov. 8 - Point-To-Point
- Nov. 14- Masters' Cup



TRAIL CLEARING & PICNIC - MONDAY, JULY 5

Calling all fox hunters to the annual GVH Picnic and Trail Clearing Day, Monday, July 5.

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.

There is no need to wait for July 5 to begin trail clearing, in fact it is important to maintain the trails throughout the season. Check with your captain—he/she may be scheduling other work days as well or be willing to assign you a specific area for you to clear independently at your convenience.

Every GVH member should be on a trail clearing team. If you are not, call a captain on the following list and .

Please contact your captain with any questions you have concerning trail clearing, or e-mail Marion Thorne at mthornegvh@gmail.com.

2010 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

MEMORIAL TRAIL GRAND OPENING— JULY 17

The Board of Governors decided to earmark donations given in memory of dear foxhunters John Chanler, Jim Oppenheimer, Sandy Teall, Ed Lavery, and Lucetta Knox to fixing up that horrible, boggy trail in the Simpson Woods. Now that it is finished, the beautiful trail will be officially opened on Saturday, July 17, at approximately 8:00 a.m., following cubbing. GVH members will celebrate the opening of the trail and the lives of these fox hunting friends with members of their families at that time. A light continental breakfast will be served. (Please contact Janice Barrett if you would like to help with this celebration.)

5TH INTERNATIONAL QUIZ NIGHT—TEST YOUR TRIVIA SKILL!

This will mark the fifth year people of varied intellect and IQ will gather 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!

A new venue highlights this year's event. It will be held at The Shire barn (Jon & Bee Perkins') at 3089 Avon Rd., Geneseo (right at the intersection with Huston Rd.) The Quiz Committee has 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 consisting of a picnic basket with a homemade pasta & chicken salad, crudités

and a dip, home baked bread and cookies.

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 \$31 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 11.

There is limited seating in the barn so please send in your registration form immediately. Registration forms are available at www.geneseevalleyhunt.org, or contact Janice Barrett at geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com or at 585-243-3949.

GVH HORSE TRIALS - JULY 9—11



The Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials will be held July 9, 10 and 11. We have many new people in key positions this year, including organizer, Billie Hill and secretary, Karin Foley.

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 foxhunters will be grouped in their own division.

Completing the Horse Trials — in any division — qualifies your horse for the Masters Cup. 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 "Area 1", then "Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials." We've posted an entry form on the GVH Horse Trials website. Those of you in the Foxhunter division, follow the instructions for beginner novice, but be sure to note you want to be in the "Foxhunter Division".

Dressage is held Saturday, July 10 and stadium and cross-country on Sunday. 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 9, 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 11 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). Patron forms are also available on our website.

Another opportunity to support the event is by placing an ad in the program. An order form is available on the GVH website, or call Cathy Cimperman at 716-655-2530.

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 Billie Hill at billie.hill309@gmail.com or call her at 585-350-8029



GVH RACES—OCTOBER 9

The Genesee Valley Hunt Races will be held October 9 and feature the 82nd 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 2010. We have a full color brochure highlighting sponsorship packages beginning at the \$500 level. These packages are available to individuals as well as corporate sponsors. Please contact Stephanie at 585-359-0517, or

Janice Barrett at 585.261.3463 if you have ideas for potential sponsors.

We are also looking for ways to promote the Patron Parking (tailgate spots). Would your co-workers or neighborhood be interested in having a tailgate party at the Races? Perhaps your company isn't interested in a Sponsorship Package, but would purchase a \$150, \$200 or \$300 patron parking spot for a company tailgate party. Encourage it!

Last year we obtained a NYS Farmers Market Permit and had several local wineries and farmer/growers with booths at the Races and it was a huge hit! This year, in addition to our regular vendor tent, we are promoting a "New York Food and Wine Experience" tent. Greg Carlson is heading up the project. Let us know if you have ideas.

HELP PRESERVE FOX HUNTING

Be Polite & Gracious

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 allow 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. Smile and be courteous to passers-by.



Join the Genesee Valley Conservancy (www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org)

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.

Protect the Right to Hunt

As all of you know, there is an anti-hunting movement out there — some of it obvious, some is disguised as animal welfare and rescue groups, such as PETA and HSUS. 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.

It is believed that the fight for the right to hunt will take place at the state level. That's why New York's MFHA Hunts have hired a lobbyist to represent our interests and make us aware of any legislation that could directly or indirectly impact hunting with hounds. GVH has been asked to pledge \$3000 to this effort. Please help us meet this request by donating any amount to the GVH Lobbyist Fund. You can include your donation with your subscription by marking it on the line item on the contribution card, or send a check, payable to Genesee Valley Hunt, Inc. and note "Lobbyist Fund" on the memo line.

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 fill out and mail the forms included in this newsletter to join these organizations, or find membership information on their respective websites.

MFHA— \$35 www.mfha.com

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance—\$25 www.ussportsmen.org

NY Houndsmen Conservation Assoc.—\$10 www.nyhoundsmen.org

GENESEE VALLEY CONSERVANCY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, YEAR 2010

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

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)

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