

AUGUST 2012



BULL RUN HUNT



HUNTING SEASON IS HERE!!!!

It's August and the puppies are ready to begin hunting. Greg and Sommers have begun taking the new entry out on horseback. Members are invited to come out beginning **Wednesday, August 15** to enjoy watching the puppies learn their job. There will not be printed fixture cards for August and September.

Pre-Cubbing will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Regular Cubbing Season begins **September 1**. At that point we will return to our regular Monday, Thursday, Saturday schedule. Please check the BRH website and call the Hunt Monitor for August Pre-Cubbing and September Cubbing information (540-829-8353).

Guests should contact our field secretary, Meredith Wade, at 540-825-8447 prior to hunting.

Times and Fixtures may change at the last minute due to weather conditions.

Polo shirts are appropriate attire for Pre-Cubbing.

Rat Catcher Attire is appropriate for Cubbing Season. Please check with the Field Master about jackets being excused prior to each hunt.

HOUND PARTY!

The Annual Bull Run Hunt Hound Party will be held at the Clubhouse on **Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 pm**. There will be 10 puppies that will need to be named with the letter "D" and Greg will be Changing the Collars for 7 more.

This is always one of Bull Run Hunt's most fun events of the year. We hope all of our members and friends will come out to welcome our new hounds.





FINAL TRAIL RIDE OF THE SUMMER

On Wednesday, August 1, Bull Run Hunt hosted its final Summer Trail Ride of the season. It's safe to say, that we saved the best for last!!! What a fun evening!!! 34 Club Members and guests left for a 2 hour ride from Mike and Betty Long's Quiet Shade fixture. Though Rosie asked if we needed a second flight – everyone assured her that they were up to the challenge of following her – even though some of our guests were only around 3 feet tall and mounted on 12 hand ponies. The first drawrails proved challenging with the woods and ditch on the landing side – but everyone finally made it over and through with no one owing a bottle! Rosie moved everyone along at a brisk pace through the fields and on to Cedar Mountain. The moon was sighted just as we began our climb to Mike and Betty's picnic spot at the top of the mountain. Bob Williamson met us there with refreshments. The rest stop was cut short due to an unexpected visitor in the picnic area. A copperhead snake was spotted in the grass so Rosie quickly got us moving on down the trail. It was getting dark as we reached the base of the mountain. Mike Brown and Lindy Sanford took a group on in to the trailers while Rosie led the rest of the group on a longer loop home at a fun easy gallop under the full moon. But the best was still to come!! BRH Club members had a wonderful picnic waiting for the riders. There were plenty of Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, watermelon, strawberry cake, brownies and beverages! It was reported that the picnic hosts had as much fun as the riders!!! Thank you Julie Williamson for all the time and effort that you put in on the Progressive Trail Rides and the Summer Trail Ride Series this year. Thanks to everyone that came out and rode on our summer rides and special thanks to our landowners for allowing us to enjoy their property during the summer season.



A NOTE FROM MIKE LONG, MFH

Dear Bull Run Members,

The excitement about the 2012 foxhunting season is building daily. We are truly blessed with the most beautiful land, the best landowners, lots of game and the most fun hunt in Virginia! Greg has the hounds performing beautifully and we look forward to seeing everyone in the hunt field soon.

As the 2012 season approaches, your Masters and Board are wrestling with a challenging problem. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** One of the great strengths of our hunt is the quantity and variety of territory we have the privilege of hunting. This abundance of riches creates a unique problem for us. We have hundreds of miles of trails that need to be maintained, so we can traverse our beautiful countryside safely for riders and mounts.

Historically, we have tried to address this challenge with organized workdays and volunteers. It's not working. Too few volunteers and too many trails. The "derecho" wind

storms this year didn't help. We have hundreds of trees down.

The handful of volunteers each week (the same folks, you know who you are) fighting this problem have been overwhelmed.

The Board and Masters have been searching for a permanent solution to this challenge. ***After much deliberation, the Board passed a resolution establishing a Trail Maintenance Fund (TMF).***

The Board has been extremely diligent controlling operating expenses of the hunt while maintaining membership dues at the lowest possible level. Rather than increasing dues to pay for workmen to clear the trails, the Board set up the Trail Maintenance Fund.

The TMF is similar to the Hound Fund, which has provided tremendous benefits for our hounds, but whereby the Hound Fund relies on donations and fund raisers, the TMF will be mandatory participation for all of our riding members.

However, the Board has established two ways to participate –

1) show up for at least one workday per year

or

2) pay \$25 for single memberships or \$50 for family memberships per year.

The Board would rather have your trail maintenance skills than your money. If you elect to pay the fee, the money will be used to hire workmen to do trail maintenance. The Board Treasurer will bill you for the fee and will issue full credits should you choose to participate in workdays instead.

We are also gladly accepting donations to the fund. The Masters believe this is a creative and fair way to deal with this challenge. This solution relieves the burden on the handful of members who are fighting this trail maintenance problem every week.

We have a great, great hunt. Thanks to all of you for making Bull Run "the most fun hunt in Virginia!"

Ride for Care - Sunday, August 12 - 8:00am

Bull Run Hunt, along with the Bike Stop Racing and Culpeper Regional Hospital will host the First "Ride for Care" event on Sunday, August 12. **The event will begin and end at the BRH Clubhouse in Mitchells.** 50% of the proceeds from the race will go to the Trauma and Critical Care Fund for Culpeper Regional Hospital. Registration for the race will begin at 7:00 am and the race should finish around noon. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, timing, assisting cyclists on the route, preparation and clean up after the event. Check out the BRH website for more information about the race.

Please contact Rosie Campbell (540-672-5128) or Kristi Clore (540-219-1206) if you can help with this event.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. SAT, AUGUST 11 - WORK PARTY, KENNELS, 8AM
2. SUN, AUGUST 12 - RIDE FOR CARE BIKE RIDE, BRH CLUBHOUSE
3. WED, AUGUST 15 - PRE-CUBBING BEGINS
4. SUN, SEPT 2 - HUNT NIGHT AT THE WARRENTON HORSE SHOW (CONTACT JULIE WILLIAMSON FOR MORE INFO)
5. SUN, SEPT 9 - BRH HOUND PARTY, BRH CLUBHOUSE, 5PM
6. SUN, SEPT 15 - SUSAN G. KOMEN RIDE FOR THE CURE, LOCUST HILL PRESERVE (CONTACT KRISTI CLORE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEADING OR RIDING ALONG WITH A GROUP)
7. SAT, SEPT 29 - BRH HOSTS JR FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS
8. SUN, SEPT 30 - BRH ANNUAL FUN HUNTER PACE (PLEASE SEE ROSIE IF