

Game Dinner

The board and members of Bull Run Hunt Club would like to invite you to our Annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The dinner will take place at Inskeep Hall (BRH Clubhouse). The cost is \$75.00 per person .



RSVP to Davera Ackenbom

E mail. daverava@aol.com. Phone. 434-960-7975 text. Tickets may be purchased on the Bull Run Hunt Game Dinner Facebook Event or the website.

The Bull Run Wild Game Dinner is now in its thirteenth year. The dinner was created by Davera Ackenbom, Adrianna Waddy and Lindy Sanford. BRH Hunt Club members and wild game enthusiasts supply well prepared game appetizers and entrees. Inskeep Hall is decorated festively for the event. This event is open to the public. However you must RSVP as there is limited seating.

Game entrees, game appetizers and desserts will be judged and presented with prizes. Last years winners of Pheasant Normandy, Goose Lanier, venison poppers, and crepe Suzette's will be hard to beat . You do not need to be a BRH Hunt Club member to enter a game entrée into judging consideration

Here is a small sample of the expansive menu

APPETIZERS: smoked salmon. Venison poppers.

Wild boar sausage. Goose pate

ENTREES: pheasant Normandy. Bison stuffed peppers. Elk lasagna.

Ostrich Meatloaf . Venison goulash.

Marinated venison back straps

Elk chili Wild turkey. Roasted venison

haunch. Goose/ mushroom/ wild rice soup

SIDES: Wild rice. Salads. Fresh baked breads

ASSORTED DESSERTS

Non game entrée and soups will be available for the faint of heart. Gluten free entrees will be marked

Where: Inskeeps Hall

12240 Mitchell's Rd, Mitchell's, VA 22729

Casual attire

\$75.00 per person

RSVP. Davera Ackenbom

DATE: January 27, 2024

daverava@aol.com 434-960-7975

TIME: 6:00p m. Cocktails. 7:00 p m Dinner.

Davera is always looking for game, cooks to prepare game dishes and volunteers to help out

Contact her. All ideas and suggestions for decorating will be considered.

Kind Regards

Davera Ackenbom

Bull Run Hunt



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January 2024



Above Fox viewed during November's Junior Meet from Highland's. PC: Clay Chase:

The Vixens Are Coming!

We are very pleased to announce that BRH will be hosting a Vixen Meet on Sunday March 3rd at The Preserve. While details are still being worked out, we have lots of exciting info to share with you.

There will be a traditional stirrup cup to start the day.

Three flights are being offered as well as a car topping option. After hunting, there will be a phenomenal hunt breakfast including vegetarian and gluten free options, and an awards ceremony (with prizes) for various categories, including Best Turned Out and Best Jumper. Attendees will also receive a commemorative BRH Vixen Hunt Button to mark the day.



No hunt club association required. Side saddle, juniors, and car toppers are welcome! This is a day for all of the ladies who enjoy the sport of foxhunting to come together and experience a fantastic day of hunting and comradery. Please join us for this end of season bash!

Capping prices

\$200/Ladies ~ \$75/Junior Ladies.

\$100/Car Toppers (Gentlemen Welcome)

Details are being added to the website as they become available. Check back soon!

[BRH Vixen Link](#)

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Did you know you can share your location through your phone? This is a useful safety tool in the hunt field, should you need help or get lost. Location sharing can be turned off and on as needed, so you can share with a friend for just a day or leave it on continuously with a spouse.

How to share location varies by the type of phone you have (i.e. iPhone or Android). Currently, there is no good way to share across phone types. Find a friend with the same type of phone and share before the next meet for a little added security.

For steps on sharing locations:

Wired.com



Fox FAQs

It's January! That means "love is in the air" in the red fox world. The red fox mating season runs January through March. During this time, dog foxes will usually move into territory looking for a mate. Keep your eyes out for a "brace of foxes". A brace is the proper term for two foxes sighted together.



PC: [Wildlife Online](#)



The Life of a BRH Hound

From their whelping to their retirement, including growing up outside the kennels, walking and training, and finally hunting, the life of a

BRH hound is a cycle that includes interaction with many different people.

Ideally, hound puppies are whelped and raised with Bull Run members until they are old enough to live in the kennels with full-grown hounds. This not only alleviates some of the feeding expense for the hunt, but also exposes puppies to different surroundings, people, horses, and other dogs.

Over the next few months we will update you on the status of our puppies, hunting hounds, and retired hounds in the BRH family.

Our first entry comes from Carol Nettles and Pineapple:

Pineapple has adjusted very well to retirement at Nettles Run Farm. John (her adopted Dad) had fixed up a stall in the barn for her and Charlie (a beagle-corgi cross that appeared on our doorstep a couple of years ago).

The stall is really quite plush--hay bales to insulate plus rugs and old western saddle pads for beds. It is also quite empty! With the onset of the cold weather Pineapple and Charlie have moved indoors.

Princess--the barn cat--did not want to be the only one outside, so she comes in now, too. J.R. and Jacki-O (the resident JRTs) and Bo-Bo and Bailey (barn cats who never made it to the barn) have done their part in making the new addition feel welcome. Sounds like a crowd, doesn't it?

Pineapple appears pretty arthritic when getting up and down (sort of like me), but once she gets on a run--watch out!!! She and Charlie accounted for a fox on the mountain here behind our place. Our neighbor, who is an avid hunter and loves to watch the hounds, saw the whole thing!

Wish I could insert a recording here--when Pineapple comes home and is ready to come in--she sits by the back door and speaks. If no one answers, she gets louder and louder. It almost sounds like the whole pack in full cry! Needless to say, it gets results!!!!

We are so happy to have her as a member of our family. She is friendly and loving and just a great old girl!

BRH Button Order

Judy Allen is putting together an order of BRH buttons. These are the engraved, black buttons. Prices are about about \$15- 15.50 each.

If anyone is interested, please reach out to Judy.
muskateer00@aol.com
(540)229-1420



January 2024

Mark Your Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 New Moon	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Full Moon	26	27 Game Dinner
28	29	30	31			

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 New Moon	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Full Moon
25	26	27	28	29 Leap Year		



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

Dear Ms. Appropriate: I love to try new fashions in the hunt field. There are so many great tweeds and breeches to choose from these days. I was thinking about ordering a shadbelly. Is that appropriate hunt attire?

-Fancy Pants

Dear Fancy: The true origin of the shadbelly is a bit muddled. It has been suggested that the cut away style was easier to mount and dismount horses; adding to it's popularity centuries ago. However, we do know that by the 1860s the formal tailcoat was used almost exclusively for formal evening wear. (You'll note the similarity to the scarlet tails gentlemen with colors often don at the hunt ball.) The Amish and Quakers wore the shadbelly to church functions. No matter who you talk to, it will quickly become apparent that this a very formal piece of attire.

In the equestrian world, it's very common to see upper level dressage riders opting for the shadbelly over a four button coat. In the hunter show ring, they are only worn in the most formal and classic classes, and usually only at finals. Each discipline's cut of a shadbelly is also slightly different; the main difference being length and weight of the tails.

Shadbellies have started to appear in the hunt field during opening meets and other special occasions, such as blessing of the hounds. Given the formality of these events, and the history of the shadbelly itself, it should always be worn over a canary vest or feature the traditional false points in canary yellow. This pomp around this particular article of clothing strongly suggests that your horse's turn out match your formal presentation, to include proper braiding of the mane. Proper braiding - hunter show braids vs button braids - is a question for another day.

As with most proper attire questions, the answer will depend on the hunt club and it's best to ask the masters. The club's handbook is also a great reference tool. Bull Run's is available on the website and the discussion around formal ladies' attire begins on page 6.

-Ms. A.

December Junior Meet & The Traditional Ugly Sweater Day



Bull Run marked the final hunt of 2023 with our annual Junior Meet and Ugly Sweater day on December 30th, from The Preserve.

We welcomed a great deal of juniors and spirited adults; many of which brought their A game when it came to the Ugly Sweater/Best Turn Out awards. Rumor has it, Santa actually joined us in full suite, belly and all. Ever elusive, a picture was not captured....

Although Rudolph was not so quick this year!



A brace of foxes gave great chase, circling from the Preserve to the Party Barn, to Peacock road. Round and round they went, taking turns and giving a few whips (not to mention the hound truck) quite the work out. The dog would do a loop, go to ground, and the vixen would pop out for her turn. The fields went in after about 2.5 hours and were treating to an amazing breakfast. Interestingly, the number of ugly sweaters seemed to increase as riders gathered at the cabin to partake.

Hunting for a Couch

Piedmont Whiskey 2013 here (you can call me Whiskey for short). You may remember me from the initial "Hunting for a Couch" article in the 12/22 edition. Yes, that was me (right picture) a year ago. It took a while, but I have a couch of my very own now!



It's been a little over a week, and I'm still figuring things out - like why is there a tree inside with lights just asking for attention, but I can't pee on it? And what is this "carpet" stuff.

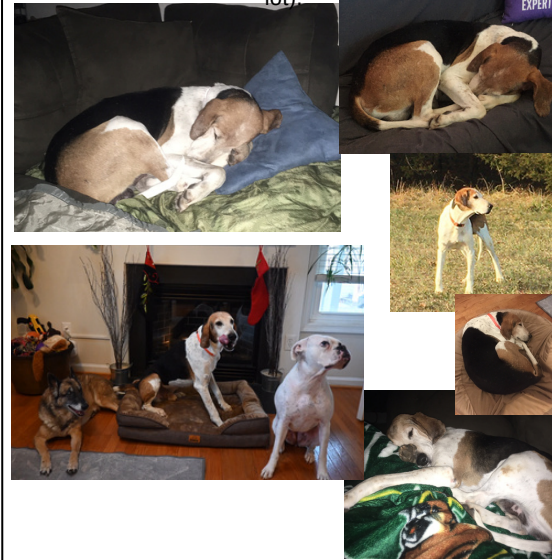
It's been a pretty easy transition thus far. I'm having a great time and am constantly told what a good boy I am. It's a much smaller pack than I'm used to here. There are just two ladies here with me. One looks a lot like a coyote; that was a little confusing at first. And the other is constantly at a 10. I'd like her at a 4, but she's a good snuggler. Also some horses. One is super weird - small, grey, extra long ears, and boy does she make the strangest noises. I'm still figuring that one out and will report back later.

It's pretty quiet here, and there are so many beds to lay on. I am getting the BEST sleep. I think I've tested every bed (and couch of course), and definitely have my favorites.

We go on lots of walks every day, and I can smell all of the local foxes. I've developed a discerning palette already: Cheese: Yes please!

Peanut butter and bacon? No way!

All in all, this is a sweet gig. And I hope lots of my hound buddies find a place like this. "Mom" says this is the easiest rescue she's done (and she's done a lot).



There are several other hounds looking for a home. I highly, and can personally, recommend it. There are few younger ones (3 or 4 years old) who aren't interested in hunting too. Please reach out if interested.

(All adoptions at the huntsman's discretion.)

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

The next newsletter will be released on February 1st