

March Madness - Here We Come!



BULL RUN BABBLINGS

March 2023



Above: Coywolf? Photo captured by Clay Chase during our February Junior Meet, 2/20/23

While it's always sad to see the hunt season coming to a close, March Madness is a week the members and foxhunters from around the country look forward to. Invite your friends to cap a day or two, or purchase a package to join us the entire week! This year will be one to remember with the grand opening of our new kennels and the Hunt Ball in the Kennels.

More on that later...

The week's festivities kick off with our oyster roast on Sunday evening. We have 6 days of great hunting with breakfasts, fabulous cocktail parties, guest huntsmen, and the Hunt Ball of a lifetime!

Schedule for the Week

- **Sunday** - Oyster Roast at Locust Hill
- **Monday** - we are very excited to welcome both **DreamShine Tack** (tack, tweeds, and other treasures) and **River Maigue Design** (bespoke shaped stock ties and ascots) as pop up vendors. If you forgot to pack anything or want something new to remember the week, these ladies will have just what you need. Do a little shopping while you enjoy breakfast after the hunt.
- **Tuesday** welcomes guest huntsmen Joshua Bentley of Old Dominion Hounds and his hounds. Join us that evening at Inskip Hall for a cocktail party, hosted by Jay Moore, MFH.
- **Wednesday** promises to be a burner of a day from one of our favorite fixtures, Quiet Shade. Hunt breakfast to follow.
- **Thursday** brings guest huntsman Richard Roberts of Middleburg Hunt and a cocktail party at Pinnacle Hill, hosted by Adrianna Waddy, MFH
- **Friday** will be another great day of hunting (mostly up the mountain, so make sure you've saved some horse) followed by our last hunt breakfast of the season.
- **Saturday** morning will be our seasonal closing meet with our Hunt Ball & Kennel Gala in the evening.

New this year - You spoke, we listened! In addition to our traditional March Madness package, geared towards riding adults, two new packages will be offered this year. The junior package includes an oyster roast ticket, junior ball ticket, and six days of capping covered. The non-riding package includes an oyster roast ticket, standard ball ticket, two cocktail parties, and car topping all six days. Register by March 5th to receive your welcome gift back, filled with lots of BRH goodies!

Please note, if not a regular member there is a \$150/day capping fee or riders and a \$50/day fee for car toppers. Associate members receive one day free and then pay \$75/day to cap. Packages and tickets to individual events can be purchased **HERE**. If you are choosing to cap a few times rather than buying a package, please check in with the field secretary day of to pay.

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The Hunt Ball & Kennel Gala

This year's hunt ball will be like no other! Join us while we christen the new kennels, celebrate the season, and make a final fundraising push to complete funding of the kennel project. A unforgettable evening with delicious food, open bar, *The Unsuitables* playing live while you dance the night away, and some incredible live auction items! Live auction items include, but are not limited to, a private hunt, ride with the huntsman, and two character write-ins included in the next Rita Mae Brown book.

There are three ticket levels: Junior, Standard, and VIP. The VIP upgrade includes a bottle of champagne at your table and priority serving during dinner. For those that purchase a March Madness package, you may upgrade to a VIP ticket for an additional \$75.

Tickets are available through the link above.

Hunt Ball RSVP March 15th

From The Archives

Speaking of Hunt Balls - Did you know Bull Run used to host their ball in February?
From the January/February 2002 Newsletter:

BRH Ball moves to February!

Get you dancing shoes into action, 'cause the Bull Run Hunt Ball is just around the bend! Saturday, February 23, 2001 at the Culpeper Holiday Inn, members, landowners, and friends will--formally--celebrate another great year of hunting.

Tickets are \$75 each and include hors de oeuvres, dinner, live band and dancing, silent auction, and plenty of fun! Invite anyone you want as long as you R.S.V.P. with your check to Martha Thompson.

Tech Talk @BullRunHunt

For those of you on Facebook, there are A LOT of foxhunting groups. One to be highlighted is "Virginia Foxhunting Events". This group was created as a place for all hunt clubs in Virginia to share their club sponsored events and fundraisers.



[Facebook.com/Groups/VAFoxhuntingEvents](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/VAFoxhuntingEvents)

Only club related events are allowed. It's a great way to check what else is going on in the VA Hunt community while helping support their fundraisers. There is a sister group, Foxhunters In Virginia, as a place to share stories & pictures of our foxhunting adventures as well as sell foxhunting related items.

[Facebook.com/Groups/FoxhuntersVA](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/FoxhuntersVA)

Bottle Report

From the Middleburg meet - A beautiful, blue eyed rider with new stirrup leathers that were perhaps a little too short met the ground after her devilish horse tripped going over a panel jump. Luckily, the professionals at Middleburg were able to catch the horse and return him to the rider who remounted and continued riding in the winter wonderland.

David Clore asked that we include names in the bottle report rather than keeping it anonymous. Ironic since he is the second subject of this month's report - Falling off behind Maple Lawn in spectacular fashion; the fall much more exciting than the report itself.

Fox FAQs

It's March and the kits will be arriving soon! Kits are unable to see, walk or thermoregulate when they are born. Mothers will typically nurse their cubs for the first two months of their lives until they develop these functions. Meanwhile, the male fox will go out and hunt for the family. The mother stays with the cubs in the den for around three weeks before the cubs venture out with their mother for the first time.



Tails from the Couch



Hi Y'all it's Fairly. You might remember me from a few seasons back when I was the Bull Run hound voted most likely to find a butterfly. I've moved on and made a new life for myself as a food critic and taster.

Moving on to private service has some perks and I wanted to share my journey with you. At first I found the four walls a little confining, but as I've aged, I have really grown to appreciate softer furniture and a good roaring fire in the wood stove. I keep really busy testing all the things that come out of the kitchen. In between taste tests, I have to take the house humans out for exercise, he is really fun- we wander slowly around Madison County, she's a pain- always making me jog a few miles and dragging the irritating Australian Shepherd with us. It's really bossy and has no idea how to find anything with her nose.

Fortunately, it goes away to work most days. After they leave, I nap for a while before getting back to work in the kitchen. Then we get to go run errands. The humans have such curious habits and instead of catching their meals they bring them from large buildings in funny bags.

We're all supposed to have some security duty too. The Aussie isn't much about that so most of it falls in my lap. I keep all the varmints away from the house in between naps. It's nowhere near as fun as being in full cry on a coyote but good exercise for my vocal chords.

I highly recommend the private sector to any hounds looking for light duty work and encourage you foxhunters to hire one of us for kitchen or security work!



Fairly retired in 2019 and has been working as a food critic and security consultant in the area as well as working on her reality TV series Foraging with Fairly in her spare time.

Submitted By:
Becca Pizmoft

Kennel Update

Progress continues on the kennel, as we prepare for the gala. The ceiling was recently completed, along with whole house fans. HVAC, electrical, and plumbing are up next!

A HUGE thank you to the folks who continue to volunteer their time and expertise to accomplish such a massive undertaking.

BRH Bulletin Board

Have something to sell, looking for something to buy? Send in your postings to be included in the next newsletter, which reaches about 150 subscribers.

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Mark Your Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Away @ Keswick Rappahannock Hunt Point to Point (No breakfast)
5	6	7 Full (Worm) Moon	8	9	10	11 Breakfast Hosted by Adrianna Waddy, MFH
12 Move your clocks ahead 1 hour!	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Breakfast Hosted by Kelly, Karen, Amy
19 March Madness Oyster Roast At Locust Hill	20 March Madness Hunt Breakfast By Vanessa & Vicky Pop Up Shops	21 March Madness Guest Huntsman Joshua Bentley of ODH Cocktail Party at Inskip Hall	22 March Madness Hunt Breakfast By Jessa	23 March Madness Guest Huntsman Richard Roberts of Middleburg Hunt Cocktail Party at Pinnacle Hill	24 March Madness Hunt Breakfast By Jamie & Liz	25 March Madness Hunt Ball & Kennel Gala
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day History Ride
2 Spring Hunter Paces	3	4	5	6 Full (Pink) Moon	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day Jumper Show
23 Bike Ride	24	25	26	27	28	29
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If you have ever had a question about anything hunt related, please send it in to Miss. Appropriate.

Dear Ms. Appropriate: I'm starting to see more and more vest styles in the hunt field. Can you explain which vests should be worn and when?

-Suzy In-Vested

Dear Ms. In-Vested: While there are lots of new styles and fashions available to riders, there are only two vests that are traditional and appropriate. The first, and most classic, is the canary yellow wool vest. This is always appropriate, and the only correct option on formal days. The second is a tattersall print, which is only correct for informal/ratcatcher days. Other colors and prints are not correct. These days you will also see some riders choosing to wear a safety vest, typically black or navy to match their coat. As long as they are muted colors and/or matching their coat, most hunts will allow these as well.

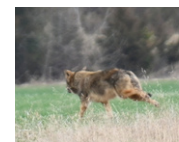
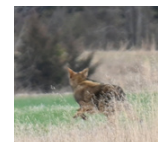


-Ms. A.

Coywolf - Fact or Fiction?

(from the cover photo)

If you've hunted with us this year, you've probably seen some unusually large "coyotes". Coywolve is the informal name for coyote wolf hybrids (which sometimes contain domestic dog DNA). The eastern coyotes are an example of this hybrid. According to a PBS report, their DNA was first recorded in Ontario Canada, 1919. Their evolution started with eastern wolves cross breeding with western coyotes. It's thought that they traveled from Canada and New England, down the Appalachian Mountains. Other DNA sampling shows Virginia coyotes bred with wolves from the Great Lakes. No evidence of breeding with the rare red wolf has been found so far. The mix of genetics has assisted in their ability to adapt, surviving in both rural and urban environments. They will hunt deer, rabbits, and even small dogs given the opportunity. But can also survive short term on a vegetarian diet when game is not available. Today, some scientists recognize the coywolf as one of four wild canine species in North America, the others being gray wolves, eastern wolves, and western coyotes.



Sources: [Smithsonian Magazine](#) - [LiveScience.com](#) - [National Geographic](#)

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

The next newsletter will be released on April 1st.