

Congratulations Mark Mitchell, MFH

It is a great honor for me to announce that Mark Mitchell is Bull Run Hunt's newest Master of Fox Hounds. Mark joins me, Jay Moore and Adrianna Waddy as Bull Run's joint masters.

Mark has distinguished himself since joining Bull Run almost nine years ago. Mark and his wife, Vicky, are both avid foxhunters and after joining Bull Run, have supported all of Bull Run's activities as well as a consistently strong presence in the hunt field. Mark became an accomplished whipper-in, helping our huntsman, Tim Michel, get quickly acclimated to our hounds, territory and membership. Mark joined our board of directors, most recently serving as our club president. During 2022 and 2023 Mark led and project managed Bull Run's most ambitious project ever, the construction of new kennels. The project came in on schedule and budget and with such strong support of our members, hunt supporters and the community, the facility was paid for before the hounds moved in!

Mark exhibits all the personal qualities necessary to be a great Master. Please join me in congratulating Mark as he begins his journey as Master of Fox Hounds, Bull Run Hunt.

Mike Long, MFH



Tech Talk

Radio Etiquette - Part 1

Radios are a relatively new addition to the hunt field.

Many who have been around awhile will say you don't need one. But if you ever find yourself leading the field, or otherwise given the responsibility of a radio, here are some important things to know.

"PTT" stands for "Push To Talk" not "Push To Think!"

This little gem was drilled into my head early in my military career as words to live by. Inexperienced users tend to think about what they want to say after they've already started transmitting. If you find yourself sending lengthy transmissions, or transmitting a string incomplete sentences punctuated with an "ahhhs" or "ums," then you are likely a culprit of "Push To Think!" There's an easy fix. Before you push PTT, think about what you want to say, press the button, take a breath, and say it concisely and clearly.

Example: Push To Think: "Red Fox! Tally ho red fox!! Up the mountain crossing the road... near the... next to where Johnny fell off last year.. by... whats it called... the kwanzaa hut! Tally ho by the kwanzaa hut!"

Push To Talk: "Tally ho red fox! Crossing Moormont Road, near the Quonset hut, headed North East."

Radios work two ways, but only work one way at a time. If you are speaking, other people can't. This is why it's this is keep your transmissions short, keep the chatter down, and only transmit important information. Another frequent faux pas of an inexperienced user is causing a "Hot Mic." A Hot Mic typically occurs when a radio is carelessly secured, resulting in the PTT button being pressed unknowingly. Of course that means your radio is continuously transmitting your "private conversation" or gallop. No one else can communicate. A tip to keep in mind is if you hear people or other radios around you complaining about a Hot Mic, but you don't hear anything coming out of your radio... You are the culprit!

It's important to remember that only staff and field masters should have radios. And that they should be kept on a low volume as to help facilitate the hunt without tipping off quarry.

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We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members and hunt supporters! If you see them at a breakfast or event, please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself.

Ann Buesh ~ Natatia (Tosh) Bledsoe
Leslie Chisholm ~ Dee Dee & Carl Graves
Reese Hull ~ Karen Knapp ~ Rebecca Morani
The Smith-Carroll Family ~ Julie Taylor
Susan Thomas ~ Marie Treiber ~ Isabelle Van Hoven
Kadynce Van Hoven

(We are playing catch up for the season. Apologizes if anyone was missed.)

Tailgate Please!

The Huntsman has a simple request for the membership - Before mounting your horse at a meet, please ensure that you've put your trailer's ramp up. Similarly, please ensure the ramp is closed after loading your horse before heading to breakfast. This will help prevent hounds from getting into your trailer, as well as keep them safe.



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Hunter Paces

Please note that the fall hunter paces have been rescheduled to November 12th. Registration is currently open.

Bullrunhuntclub.com/hunter-pace-fall



Fox FAQs

Color isn't the only variation among the red fox (seen June 2023 issue for a review of color variations). There are 45 recognized subspecies of red fox (the most common of the fox family). Subspecies include the following:

- The ezo red fox, which inhabits the islands of Russia and Japan
- The Arabian red fox (pictured below), with its huge ears, adapted for desert dwelling
- The Trans-Caucasian fox, found in northeastern parts of Turkey.
- The most elusive is the Sierra Nevada red fox, thought to have only about 50 remaining individuals.



PC: Observation.Org

November 2002

Hunting Culpeper, Orange, Madison and Spotsylvania Counties

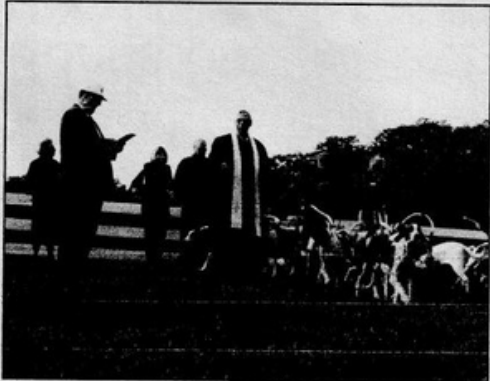
Opening Meet Brings Out People, Hounds... and Foxes

The weather was the coolest it had been in years for a Bull Run Hunt opening meet at Master Kincheloe's Birmingham Farm. An excited crowd gathered to hear Reverend Day bless the hunt, the riders, the horses, hounds, and of course, the fox.

Poetically, when the Reverend mentioned the hounds in his prayer, they spoke softly and became restless as if to acknowledge their blessing and accept their responsibility for the day.

Once out, the chases never seemed to cease. Huntsman Billy Frederick commented, "I know we hunted at least 3 foxes, with lots and lots of views on top of that."

Teamed up with the outstanding breakfast following the meet, many agreed it was the best opening meet they had ever had with Bull Run. Many thanks to MFH Joe Kincheloe and his wife Connie for hosting such a wonderful day.



Reverend William Day with MFH Travis White (left) blessing the hunt for another season. See page 2 for more pictures and comments.

November 2023

Mark Your Calendars

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Montpelier Races
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Joint Meet Away At Keswick Veteran's Day
12 Hunter Pace (Rescheduled) VA FHC @ Old Dominion	13 New Moon	14 Joint Meet Hosting LWFH	15	16 Joint Meet Hosting LWFH	17	18 First Day of Deer Season No Hunting
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Hunt Freedom Fields	24	25 JR Meet
26	27 Full Moon	28	29	30		

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Orange Christmas Parade
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Christmas Party
10	11	12	13 New Moon	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 NYE 31	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day (Formal)	27	28 JR Meet Full Moon	29	30

A recounting of 2002's Opening Meet at Birmingham Farm



Huntsman Billy Frederick moves off with the hounds.

Opening Meet Memories...

Pictures courtesy of Hunt Supporter India Rose.



Jim Dorsey: (left photo) It seemed to me that the great thing about the hunting opening meet was that everyone was able to be in the right places, everyone helping, viewing, and yet not interfering with the activities of the hounds. We were able to really put it all together.

Carol Nettles: For me, getting to view the fox and mark the line for Billy and the hounds was the thrill of a lifetime. Staying on Mystry--the horse that is not supposed to be jumping--as she cleared the coop with ease, will also be a treasured memory of the opening day 2002!

Judy Berger: It's the best opening meet I've had yet... every aspect of the day was perfect. It was also a great feeling being able to offer a staff member my horse and know he would be useful.



Standing for the Blessing.



The Sautter/daughter team pairs up for a run.



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

Dear Ms. Appropriate: I usually take my little Diego, a Dandie Dinmont Terrier, everywhere with me. He LOVES an adventure and can't stand to spend a minute home alone. I'm sure it's perfectly fine for him to join me at a meet, after all, he'd have so much fun!

-Diego's Proud Mom

Dear Proud Dog Momma: While I'm sure Diego loves a good adventure. However, being confined to your truck or trailer for several hours while you're off hunting, is probably not the adventure he was hoping for. Most likely, he'd prefer to be warm at home, with his bed, toys, and food.

Please remember that you're hunting to enjoy the (fox)hounds hunting. At the meet, Diego will surely be upset, barking as his favorite person rides away, and quickly creating a distraction to the hounds. It's best to leave our beloved, four legged friends at home on hunt mornings.

-Ms. A.

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

The next newsletter will be released on December 1st.