



GENESEE VALLEY HUNT, INC.

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## TRAIL CLEARING & PICNIC - SATURDAY, JULY 2

Calling all fox hunters to the annual GVH Picnic and Trail Clearing Day, Saturday, July 2.

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 2 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 volunteer. Please contact your captain with any questions you have concerning trail clearing, or e-mail Marion Thorne at [mthornegvh@gmail.com](mailto:mthornegvh@gmail.com).

### 2011 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
NEED CAPTAIN	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

## 2011 GVH DATES

- June 6—Hound Jogging begins, 6 am at the GVH Kennels. See calendar on page 4 for schedule.
- June 24 - Quiz Night (see page 3) Deadline June 10.
- June 21 - Closing date for GVH Horse Trials entries (see page 2)
- July 2- Trail Clearing & Picnic (information at left)
- July 9—10 GVH Horse Trials (see page 2)
- July 11—Cub Hunting Begins (tentative—call 585-243-2606 to confirm time & location)
- Sept. 24 - Opening Meet (see page 4)
- Oct. 7 - Pre-Race Party
- Oct. 8- Genesee Valley Hunt Races (see page 2)
- Oct. 8- Hunt Ball—Big Tree Inn
- Oct. 16 - Hunter Pace
- Nov. 7- Point-To-Point
- Nov. 13- Masters' Cup



## GVH HORSE TRIALS - JULY 9—10

The 55th Annual Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials will be held July 9 and 10. Many improvements are planned. A whole new course has been charted which involves a complete change in direction on the grounds. It should be fun for riders and spectators alike.

Billie Hill is the organizer again this year and Kathleen Kirkwood is the event's new secretary.

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. The participants in this division will compete at the beginner novice level.

Successful Completion of 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](http://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." Entries close June 21. 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 9 and stadium and cross-country on Sunday. All divisions will ride stadium first on Sunday, then go directly to cross-country. Coats will not be required for stadium.

### Horse Trials

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 10 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.

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](mailto:billie.hill309@gmail.com) or call her at 585-350-8029



## GVH RACES—OCTOBER 8

The Genesee Valley Hunt Races will be held October 8 and feature the 83rd 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 2011 Races. 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.

Speaking of volunteers, Pat Terho, who has done a wonderful job of organizing and expanding the dog events at the Races for many, many years, has let us know that 2011 will be her last year at the helm of the dog events. We are looking for an interested volun-

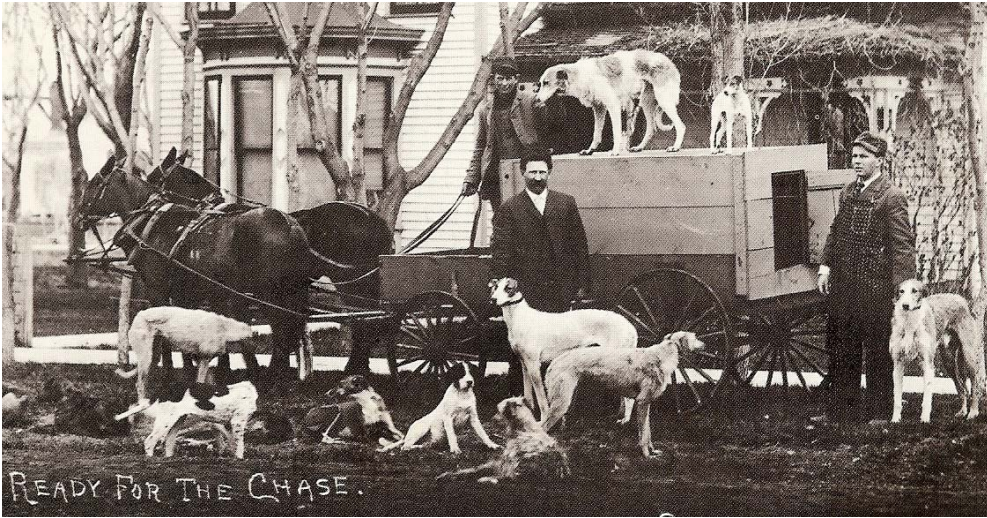
teer who would work with Pat this year and take over next year. If you would like to know more about the job, please contact Pat at 585-991-8655 or email her at [pmterho@msn.com](mailto:pmterho@msn.com).

Last year we partnered with Livingston County Farm Bureau, Cooperative Extension and local agricultural businesses to launch the "Agri-Center". GVH member Sarah (Batzing) Cole helped secure sponsorship and organize a number of interactive activities to help people learn about agriculture and the food system in our area. Donna Walker organized a petting zoo too. The tent was a huge success — and a perfect pairing with the NY Food & Wine tent Greg Carlson helped us get off the ground the year before.

Please let us know if you would like to help out with these or other aspects of the Races. Contact Janice at 585-243-3949 or email her at [geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com](mailto:geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com).

We always welcome your suggestions to make the event better.

## GVH HOUNDS STILL NEED A NEW RIDE



A safe, reliable hound truck is essential for what we do and our 13-year-old truck is not hitting that mark anymore. A request for donations to the Truck Fund was sent with the 2011 GVH Invitation to Hunt. Many thanks to those of you who have already responded.

If you haven't yet contributed to the Truck Fund and would like to, donations of any amount are still being accepted and are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Genesee Valley Hunt, note "Truck Fund" on the memo line, and mail it to Genesee Valley Hunt, PO Box 52, Geneseo, NY 14454

## 6TH GENESEE VALLEY QUIZ NIGHT

Bring a team to the 6th Genesee Valley Quiz Night, Friday, June 24 in the barn at The Shire (Jon & Bee Perkins'), 3089 Avon Rd., Geneseo. The fun event is a fundraiser for Genesee Valley Hunt and Genesee Valley Conservancy.

The evening will start with supper at 6:00 pm and the quiz kicks off at 7:00 sharp. The entire evening is included in the price of your entry. (If the beer or the wine or the soft drinks run out we hope you will appreciate that we have to work to a budget. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own.) The donation per adult will be \$33 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 an additional \$15 per person.

Send your reservations in right away — those received after June 10th will require a late charge of \$7 per person. Please send in the form at right with your payment even if you have yet to form a team.

You do not have to be a GVH or GVC member to participate! Bring your friends for a guaranteed good time!

### 6th International Genesee Valley Quiz Night Registration Form

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Email .....

**This reservation and enclosed payment are for the following persons. (You can submit names on the evening, but payment must be made by June 10th)**

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\_\_\_ Adults @ \$33 each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Youths, under 16 years old @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_

Additional \$7 each if mailed after June 10th \_\_\_\_\_

Additional \$15 per person if you know your team will have more than 4 members (This can be paid on the evening of the Quiz) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to Genesee Valley Hunt, Inc. and send it with this

**Janice Barrett  
 Genesee Valley Hunt, Inc.  
 P. O. Box 52  
 Geneseo, NY 14454**

# HOUND JOGGING BEGINS JUNE 6

**Hound jogging** begins Monday, June 6 and ends June 30. Please note the 18 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 11 and will extend through September 22. 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** of the 135th season of the Genesee Valley Hunt is September 24. 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.



**Pulling Out:** It is preferred that you stay until the end of each meet you participate in. However, if you do need to leave before the meet is over, please do so at an appropriate time and place such that you will not interfere with the hounds and hunting. Move out quickly and please **DO NOT TAKE HOUNDS WITH YOU.**

**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.

2011 Capping Fees	
Local Guests:	\$75
Out-Of-Area Guests:	\$150
All guests must present a 2011 signed waiver. Waivers can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.geneseevalleyhunt.org">www.geneseevalleyhunt.org</a> .	

GVH Contact Information	
Office 585-243-3949	Email <a href="mailto:geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com">geneseevalleyhunt@gmail.com</a>
Cub hunting Meet location & time: 585-243-2606	
Marion Thorne	Cell Phone 585-451-8143
Email <a href="mailto:mthornegvh@gmail.com">mthornegvh@gmail.com</a>	
Janice Barrett	Cell Phone 585-261-3463
Travis Thorne (report necessary country repairs) 585-451-8132	

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JUNE 2011 HOUND JOGGING SCHEDULE</b>			1 NO Hound Jogging	2 NO Hound Jogging	3 NO Hound Jogging	4 NO Hound Jogging
5 NO Hound Jogging	6 Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the GVH Kennels	7 Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the GVH Kennels	8	9	10	11
12 NO Hound Jogging	13 Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the GVH Kennels	14 Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the GVH Kennels	15	16	17	18 NO Hound Jogging
19 NO Hound Jogging	20 Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the Kennels	21	22	23 NO Hound Jogging	24 NO Hound Jogging	25 NO Hound Jogging
26 NO Hound Jogging	27 Hound Jogging 6:00 AM at the Kennels	28	29	30 Last Day of Hound Jogging	Cub Hunting is tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, July 11. Call to confirm: 585-243-2606	

## 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](http://www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org))

Over 6000 acres of Genesee Valley Hunt territory is now part of the Conservancy. A membership application appears with this newsletter (or print one at their website, [www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org](http://www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org)). 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 we've joined with New York's MFHA Hunts to hire a lobbyist to keep us informed of legislation that could directly or indirectly impact hunting with hounds. GVH has been asked to pledge \$3000 to this effort. Thank you to those of you who include a contribution to this fund with your hunt subscription.

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. 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](http://www.mfha.com)

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance—\$25 [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org)

NY Houndsmen Conservation Assoc.—\$10 [www.nyhoundsmen.org](http://www.nyhoundsmen.org)

### GENESEE VALLEY CONSERVANCY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, YEAR 2011

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**

YES! I support foxhunting. Accept my membership for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Subscribing Membership      \$35

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Subscribing Membership      \$100

Family member names:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Subscribing Membership      \$1000

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out all information clearly and send with check,  
( payable to MFHA ) to:

Hunt Affiliation: **Genesee Valley Hunt**

**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 Founda-  
tion is enclosed

MAIL TO: US Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation

801 Kingsmill Parkway

Columbus, OH 43229-1137

(Apply on-line at [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org))

**New York Houndsmen Conservation Association**

**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Membership      \$10

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership      \$15

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Membership ( under 16 )      \$5

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with payment to:

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**NYHCA, P.O. Box 72, Walworth, NY 14568**

Make checks payable to NYHCA