



GENESEE VALLEY HUNT, INC.

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MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC: MAY 9TH

The annual GVH Mother's Day Picnic (and trail clearing day) is Sunday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Please plan to meet at the Horse Trials grounds, where captains will organize, assign, and direct teams for effective and efficient trail clearing.

Bring: chain saws, cutting tools, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, bug repellent, and any other tool or prop you think could be helpful.

Your reward will be a gala picnic to follow at the Gibbs' on Huston Road

(organized by Ginny Durbin!). Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass (and your mother!) if the spirit moves you!

In case of rain: call 243-2388 or 243-3949 for a recorded message concerning the event's happening. If it is cancelled, a rain date will be included in the message.

Not on a trail clearing team? Call Marion to see where your help is needed most: 243-1216.

2004 Trail Clearing Captains

Jim & Mary Lou Boynton	243-9728	McQueens
John Chanler	243-1423	Boulevard, O'Connors, Colmans', Hogmire Rd. north
David Chugg	226-8016	Batzing's
Linda Gibbs	243-2950	Linda's woods, Pecora Covert
Eric & Celeste Grace	243-4503	Simpson & Granger
Stirlin & Beth Harris	243-4299	Big Woods
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
<<Captain needed!>>	243-6427	Bottoms
Travis & Marion Thorne	243-1216	Groveland
Sally Wood	243-3862	Wheeler Gully
Gerald Young	243-9462	Nations Farm

2004 GVH DATES

- May 9 - Picnic
- May 31 Hunt Trials Schooling
- July 5 Hunt Trials Schooling
- Sept. 11 & 12 - Horse Trials
- Sept. 25 - Opening Meet
- Oct. 9 - Race Meet
- Oct. 9 - Hunt Ball
- Oct. 17 - Hunter Pace
- Nov. 6 - Point-To-Point
- Nov. 14 - Master's Cup

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Genesee Valley Hunt Phone Numbers

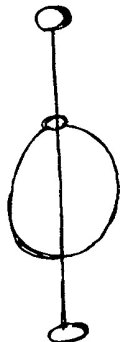
To reach the Hunt Secretary, or leave messages for the Masters and Marion and Travis Thorne **243-3949**

For recorded messages concerning the start of hound jogging and hunt departure information **243-2606***

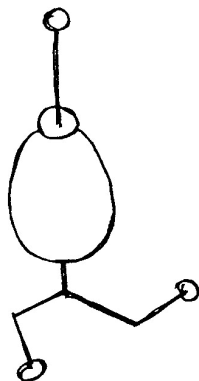
*Please do not leave messages at this phone number

JUST FOR FUN

Jim Oppenheimer shared these drawings by Peach Taylor that delineated the difference between the two kinds of martingales.



Standing Martingale



Running Martingale

GVH HORSE TRIALS --FROM DOUG HART

The Horse Trials is celebrating its 50th ANNIVERSARY this year! --And hosting the Area One Training Level Championships too!!

In addition to organizing anniversary festivities, we'll be reworking the Preliminary track this year. We also hope to offer modified jumping courses for the championships. Plenty to look forward to -- and plenty to plan for, work towards and fund.

We trust that every Hunt member will join in the fun and help us make this year's event special.

Organizer Doug Hart Values your volunteer assistance and financial support! (Daytime phone 585-468-2875 / home phone 585-243-1452

Horse Trials Schooling Dates:
 Monday, May 31 & Monday, July 5, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Marion Thorne at 243-1216.

GVH SURVEY RESULTS

In February, many of you received a survey and were asked to fill it out in order to help estimate the financial impact of fox-hunting in this area. The project was suggested and compiled by Gail McGuire and it has already proven valuable to the fundraising committee for the Races. Many thanks to Gail and to those of you who took the time to fill it out.

Following is a summary of the results:

- Total surveys sent: 110
- Surveys returned: 50 (45%)
- Taxes and rent paid on horse-related property: \$331,896
- Boarding fees: \$ 96,551
- Feed & Bedding \$313,806
- Trailers & Vans \$265,800
- Tow Vehicles \$839,600
- Vet & Supplies \$ 68,581
- Blacksmiths \$ 70,830
- Tack & Clothing \$ 53,100
- Farm Equipment & repairs \$726,950
- Fencing \$231,900

TOTAL OF ALL:
\$2,999,014

Considering this total represents 45% of members (and certainly not all related expenses), the GVH may well have an annual economic impact of over \$6 million dollars on the local economy.

The survey also identified some potential patrons and sponsors we hadn't thought of. Thank you Gail!

2004 GVH RACE MEET

As most of you are aware, the Genesee Valley Conservancy will not be organizing the Race Meet this year. A special thanks to the Conservancy and Pat Richardson for the fine job they've done!

Fortunately, the majority of the wonderful volunteers who are so valuable and necessary to this event are GVH members. This continuity will help assure a smooth transition back into the sponsorship role of the Races. We look forward to your continued support.

SCRAPBOOKERS WANTED

There are several files of hunt-related newspaper clippings and photos that need to be organized and preserved in scrapbooks and albums so GVH members can enjoy viewing them. If anybody is interested in taking on this project, call Janice at 243-3949.



ETTIQUETTE DEPARTMENT

Some reminders:

- If you are capping or bringing a guest, call and inform the secretary first. Present cap and waiver in an envelope with name of capper and date.
- A paid subscriber is allowed to have a green horse schooled by a professional in the hunt field without paying a capping fee if he/she receives permission.
- Keep up in the field. Don't allow more than a couple horse lengths to separate you from the horse in front of you.
- Jumpers go first. If you aren't, wait until all jumpers are over before opening a gate next to a jump.
- Don't ever let your horse stop at the top of a steep gully - you'll leave those behind you clinging dangerously!
- Lost? Stop, be still and listen. Ride toward the sound of the Hunt - move quickly and quietly. Pray you make the right moves! If you're lost with a group - stay together.



GVH OFFERS HUNT PACKAGE

The cost of defeating an increasing number of anti hunting initiatives continues to challenge the MFHA budget. In a fundraising effort, the GVH has joined a number of other hunts in offering a hunting package to sell on an internet auction, with proceeds to benefit MFHA.

Hunting packages include lodging, a dinner party, capping fees and horses for one or two people. Bids can be placed at the MFHA website (www.mfha.com) until the end of May. Minimum bids for most hunts is \$500 (at press time, our Hunt had already attracted bids!)

Results will be announced in the July issue of "Covertside".

Hunts offered include:

- Arapahoe Hunt, Colorado
- Belle Meade Hunt, Georgia
- Blue Ridge Hunt, Virginia
- Camargo Hunt, Kentucky
- Cloudline Hounds, Texas
- Casanova Hunt, Virginia
- Deep Run Hunt, Virginia
- Elkridge-Hartford Hunt, Maryland
- Farmington Hunt, Virginia

- Fox River Valley Hunt, Illinois
- Green Spring Valley Hounds, Maryland
- Hillsboro Hounds, Tennessee
- Iroquois Hunt, Kentucky
- Live Oak Hounds, Florida
- London Hunt, Canada
- Middleburg Hunt, Virginia
- Midland Fox Hounds, Georgia
- Moore County Hounds, North Carolina
- Mooreland Hunt, Alabama
- Potomac Hunt, Maryland
- Red Rock Hounds, Nevada
- Rose Tree Foxhunting Club, Pennsylvania
- Santa Fe Hunt, California
- South Creek Foxhounds, Florida (*Minimum bid \$1500*)
- Mr. Stewarts Cheshire Foxhounds, Pennsylvania
- Toronto and North York Hunt, Canada
- Waterloo Hunt, Michigan
- Wayne DuPage Hunt, Illinois
- Why Worry Hounds, Georgia

Happy Trails

We are fortunate to have such beautiful country available to us for fox hunting. However, this does not give our members unrestricted rights to ride on this land. Be considerate and ask the landowner's permission to pleasure ride on their property.

Also, the ground is quite wet so please restrict your riding to the railroad bed and roads until things dry out. Yes, it can be boring, but we'll all enjoy smoother trails and better footing later.

Silent Auction Items Sought



After a tremendously successful silent auction at the Hunt Ball last year, organizer Sharon Duffy is already working to make the 2004 auction even better! If you have an item, product or service you think could attract enthusiastic bidding, call Sharon at 243-2828.

ANOTHER PLEA: PLEASE JOIN MFHA!

Are you a supporter of foxhunting? If the answer is yes, we are once again asking you to please join MFHA, our parent organization. We don't want to make it mandatory that all our members join (like many hunts do), yet MFHA has once again

reported that an embarrassingly few of our members join. Please put \$35 to good use and fill out and return the form below.

Since there is strength in numbers, we are also encouraging you to consider joining the U.S.

Sportsman's Alliance (www.ussportsmen.org), an organization that represents hunting sports of all kinds. The Sportsman's Alliance has been especially successful in squelching anti-hunting legislation at the state and federal levels. Their newsletters are informative and include instructions on contacting legislators concerning specific laws which impact our sport.

Application for Subscribing -- MFHA Membership

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone/Fax/Email _____

Hunt Affiliation: **Genesee Valley Hunt**

YES! I support foxhunting. Please accept my membership for:

Subscribing Membership \$35

Family Subscribing Membership \$100

Family member names: _____

Life Subscribing Membership \$1000

Subscribing in Perpetuity \$20,000

Please fill out all information clearly and return with payment to:

Masters of Foxhounds Association of America

P.O. Box 363

Millwood Virginia, 22646

Make checks payable to MFHA

To pay by credit card, please fill out the following:

Visa Name on card _____

M/C Card Number _____

AmEx Expiration Date _____

Discover Signature _____



Please use this form to update your information.

801 Kingsmill Parkway
Columbus, OH 43229-1137
614-888-4868
www.ussportsmen.org

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____

e-mail _____

Home Telephone (____) _____ - _____

Check preferred mailing address: Home Business

Please charge my contribution in the amount of \$_____ to my credit card.

VISA Mastercard American Express Discover

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ / _____

(Signature)

Business Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____

e-mail _____

Business Telephone (____) _____ - _____

My check for \$ **25.00** is enclosed. Please make checks payable to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation.

Please send me information on how I may receive tax benefits by making a bequest to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation.