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## FOUR GVH HOUNDS PARADE WITH MFHA CENTENNIAL PACK

The grand finale of the MFHA Centennial Celebration was held May 25 - 27 at Morven Park Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA. On the schedule for the final day was the Parade of the Centennial Pack, which included Genesee Valley Hunt's Nevada, Jewett, Countess and Coco. To qualify for this prestigious pack, hounds had to place among the top five overall at one of the Centennial Hound Performance Trials. To have one hound qualify is an honor, but four hounds is extraordinary! After the parade, the top hound from each trial was introduced and this was where Genesee Valley Nevada received his spotlight, along with MFH and huntsman, Marion Thorne.

As most of you know, the Genesee Valley hounds performed magnificently at both the Millbrook Trials and the Elkridge-Harford/Green Spring Valley Trails, placing first at Millbrook and second in Maryland. The GVH staff, especially Marion and Professional Whip Travis Thorne, deserves congratulations for training and preparing such a fine pack. We, in the field, are certainly proud of "our hounds" and appreciate all the effort it takes to produce such high performance hounds.

We would also like to thank those of you who contributed to the GVH Hound Performance Trials Fund, which allowed us to cover all expenses associated with these trials without dipping into the general budget. A special thank you to Bruce and Allie Donnan and Donnan Farms Hunt for hosting a get-together which benefited the Hound Trials Fund.

### Other Centennial Projects

Another of the Centennial projects GVH will be part of is the MFHA Centennial Book and DVD. We will be one of 120 hunts featured, thanks to Linda Gibbs and Bill Gamble. Linda researched and wrote a profile of GVH, capturing its rich history and inclusive atmosphere. Bill Gamble helped organize the manuscript and appropriate photos in the electronic format requested. The article, along with some photos, can be downloaded at the GVH website, ([http://www.geneseevalleyhunt.org/Information/hunt\\_history\\_mfha.pdf](http://www.geneseevalleyhunt.org/Information/hunt_history_mfha.pdf)).

Bill Gamble is also the reason GVH was featured in the MFHA Centennial Art Show. Several artists used photos Bill has taken during our hunting season as the inspiration for paintings they submitted to the show. Two such paintings, one by Roland Stevens and one by Frankie Pardoe, were displayed at the MFHA Centennial Art Show in Morven Park.

Thank you to all these people who made GVH part of the MFHA Centennial Celebration.

## 2007 GVH DATES

- June 17 - Trail Clearing & Picnic (page 2)
- June 19 - Closing date for GVH Horse Trials entries
- June 22 - July 1 Aidan O'Clinics (registration form enclosed)
- June 30 - 2nd International GV Quiz Night (registration enclosed - deadline June 22)
- July 2 - Hound jogging begins (tentative-call 243-2606 - page 5)
- July 6 - 8 GVH Horse Trials (page 3)
- July 23 - Cub Hunting Begins (tentative-call 243-2606 - page 5)
- Sept. 29 - Opening Meet (page 5)
- Oct. 12 - Pre-Race Party
- Oct. 13 - GVH Races (page 3)
- Oct. 13 - Hunt Ball
- Oct. 21 - Hunter Pace
- Nov. 3 - Point-To-Point
- Nov. 11 - Master's Cup
- Nov. 24 - End of Formal Season Celebration - NOTE DATE CHANGE

## TRAIL CLEARING & PICNIC - JUNE 17TH

Calling all hunters to the annual GVH Picnic and Trail Clearing Day, Sunday, June 17th.

Please plan to meet near the Horse Trials grounds 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!

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.

Not on a trail clearing team? Call Marion to see where your help is needed most: 451-8143.

(Yes, we realize the GV Conservancy Picnic is the evening of the 17th. What a bonus -- you won't have to cook dinner either! Call the Conservancy office for more information, 585-243-2190)

### 2007 Trail Clearing Captains

Jim & Mary Lou Boynton	243-9728	McQueens - South
Judy Bromley	716-655-3069	McQueens - North
Greg & Sue Carlson	226-6651	Carlland
<i>Need Captain - contact Marion</i>		Boulevard, O'Connors,
John Barrett & John Chanler	226-2715	Coleman's, Hogmire Rd. north
Linda Gibbs	243-2950	Linda's woods
Eric & Celeste Grace	243-4503	Simpson & Granger
Stirlin & Beth Harris	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
Gerald Young	243-9462	Nations Farm



## 2ND INTERNATIONAL GENESEE VALLEY QUIZ NIGHT

Last year's first International Genesee Valley Quiz Night was such a great success -- and so much fun -- it is back in 2007 by popular demand. This year's Quiz Night will be Saturday, June 30 -- held again in Lockhart's barn on Little Rd. in Avon, NY.

A quiz night is basically a team game where team members work together to answer approximately 100 questions representing ten subject categories, such as sports, pop music, science, literature, and horses.

Quiz Night will be open to anyone and not restricted to Hunt members -- so invite friends and neighbors (the smart ones, of course) to be on your team. There will be a prize for the highest-scoring youth team, so kids start organizing a sharp team for the event.

Participants must pre-register **by June 22**. Complete information and a registration form accompany this newsletter. The contest will be limited to the first 100 registrants (that's all that will fit in the barn!). We filled the barn last year and we're expecting even more interest this year --- so register today!

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT THE RACES

The 79th running of the GVH Races, October 13, will feature exciting horse races, fun dog events, sheep herding demonstrations, delicious tailgate picnics, the gala Clubhouse tent and stick horse races and pony rides for kids.

Over 100 volunteers and generous sponsors 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 2007 year, but we still need a few more. The Races offer sponsors and hospitality hosts the highest level of entertainment, all at an investment considerably lower than other professional sporting events in our area. As you know, the day consists of non-stop fun people of all ages can enjoy. Sponsorships begin at \$500 and we've added a few new opportunities this year, including hospitality tents. Please contact Stephanie at 585-359-0517, or Janice Barrett if you have ideas for potential sponsors.



## GVH HORSE TRIALS - JULY 6 - 8



The Genesee Valley Hunt Horse Trials will be held July 6, 7 and 8. Greg Carlson is again organizer, assisted by Annette Brenner.

In addition to the USEA Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary divisions, there will be a Foxhunters division offered again this year! This friendly, fun division includes your friends from the hunt field that don't generally event. An entry form (due June 19) accompanies this newsletter and the dressage test required for the division appears on this page. Give it a try -- it's fun! (Sign up for an Aidan O'Clinic June 22 - July 1 -- he'll help you prepare and gain the confidence to do well!)

The Young Event Horse competition will be held again this year on Friday, July 6 at Paduka Run for 4 & 5-year-old eventing prospects. Information and entry forms are available in the USEA *Omnibus* or at [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com). Charity Donnan is chairing the Young Event Horse competition and she can be reached at 585-243-2116..

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!

## SILENT AUCTION 2007

By Beth Ann Harris

Hello fellow foxhunters. We are quickly approaching another wonderful season in our beautiful Genesee Valley. We owe a debt of gratitude to our very capable masters and staff. Our hounds showed us great sport last season and the sounds of enthusiasm that drift up the valley indicate yet another fun filled year ahead.

I want to thank everyone once again who made many lovely contributions to the Silent Auction at the Hunt Ball last year. The monies raised at the auction help to keep our hounds healthy and happy. (And we all know that a well cared for and fed barn cat is your best mouser!)

This year it is my hope that we can have just as successful an event by soliciting only our own members. There are many creative ways in which you can help. If you have run out of nifty items in your attic that could be another man's treasure, consider a talent that you might have. In the most recent Pony Club magazine I read an idea of making grooming aprons. I envision embroidery or painted scenes. These could be much sought after ....

Other ideas may come to you over the coming months and I would love your thoughts and input. Thank you sincerely for putting some effort into this. Please contact me at [bharris62@aol.com](mailto:bharris62@aol.com) or at Hideaway: 243-4299.

Likewise, our many patrons that support the event financially with their donations help keep our courses maintained and updated. The beautiful water complex installed last year was possible only due to generous donations from patrons. If you did not receive a patron request last month, but would like to become a patron, please call Celeste Grace (585-243-4503) or Sharon Presutti (585-243-2848).

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 call or e-mail Annette Brenner (585- 624-6728 or [brennerAMB@aol.com](mailto:brennerAMB@aol.com)).

### USEF 2006 BEGINNER NOVICE EVENTING TEST B

TEST	Ride Time: Approx. 4 mins.	POINTS
1. A enter in working trot down centerline. C track right.		10
2. B circle right 20m diameter working trot.		10
3. KXM change rein working trot.		10
4. E circle left 20m diameter working trot.		10
5. Between K and A working canter left lead.		10
6. A circle left 20m diameter working canter.		10
7. Between B and M working trot.		10
8. Between C and H medium walk.		10
9. HXF free walk. F medium walk.		10
10. A working trot.		10
11. Between H and C working canter right lead.		10
12. C circle right 20m diameter working canter.		10
13. Between B and F working trot.		10
14. KXM change rein working trot.		10
15. E half circle working trot, left to centerline.		10
16. Between X and G Halt. Salute.		10

Leave arena at walk at A. All trot work may be performed rising or sitting unless stated otherwise.

#### COLLECTIVE MARKS:

Gaits	Freedom and regularity.	10
Impulsion	Desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back and engagement of the hind quarters.	10
Submission	Acceptance of the bridle, attention and confidence, harmony, lightness of the forehand, ease of movements.	10
Rider	Position and seat; correctness and effect of the aids.	10

Total possible points: 200

## ORGANIZATIONS HELP PRESERVE FOX HUNTING

The fact that legislation banning fox hunting can pass in England, the sport's country of origin, is evidence it could happen here in the United States as well. Many bills have already been proposed by anti-hunting and animal rights organizations that threaten fox hunting directly or indirectly. It is important that we stay abreast of this type of legislation and contact lawmakers immediately.

Part of MFHA's mission is to pro-actively and aggressively counter "Anti" movements by addressing misinformation and propaganda. MFHA also strives to provide fox hunters with accurate information to counter criticism and encourage others to participate in our sport. In addition, MFHA supports and identifies organizations which monitor and fight anti-field sport legislation. Networking with these organizations and joining with them on issues we have in common makes our voice louder and finances go farther.

One such organization is the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA). The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is the only national organization with the sole purpose and mission to protect and advance America's hunting, fishing and trapping heritage. Their mission is to: protect against legal and legislative attacks by the animal rights movement; win public support for outdoor sports; ensure the

future of this heritage by involving families in the outdoor experience; and promote the sportsman's stewardship role in the scientific management of America's fish and wildlife.

Just recently USSA and MFHA were successful in shutting down legislation in Pennsylvania which would have made it nearly impossible to house a large number of dogs.

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. Regular newsletters inform members of pending legislation and suggested action to take on it..

Members of the Genesee Valley Hunt are encouraged to join MFHA (\$35), the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (\$25) and the New York Houndsmen Conservation Association (\$10). Membership applications for all three of these organizations are included in this newsletter, or available at each respective website.

There is strength in numbers and uniting with these organizations will make our voice stronger.

### Application for MFHA Membership

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Masters of Foxhounds Association of America**

**P.O. Box 363**

**Millwood Virginia, 22646**

### New York Houndsmen Conservation Association

Membership Application

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Please return with payment to:

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

## A HUNTING WE WILL GO!

The Hunt Staff has been busy this spring walking, exercising and training the Genesee Valley Hounds for the upcoming season. It's looking like a great season ahead!

**Hound jogging** is scheduled to begin around July 2. Continue to check the recorded message at 585-243-2606. Once hound jogging opens, hounds will depart from the Kennels on Roots Tavern Rd. at 6:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday (No hound jogging on the 4th of July). Hound jogging is open to subscribers and guests, but all participants must have a waiver on file.

Generally, there is one week of hunting FOR STAFF ONLY before cub hunting begins. This year, staff hunting is expected to be July 14 - 20.

**Cub Hunting** is *tentatively* expected to begin Saturday, July 21 and will extend through September 28. 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 cub hunting has begun, and for the time and location of each meet. GVH contributors and capping guests are welcome to cub hunt.

**The Opening Meet of the Formal Season** is September 29. This meet gathers at The Wadsworth Homestead in Genesee and begins with a parade down Main Street. Only con-

tributors may hunt on Opening Day. (Contributions should be paid in full by September 15 unless other arrangements have been made with the Secretary.) Formal attire is required from Opening Meet through the end of November.



We welcome **capping guests** sponsored by contributing members. Please remember, sponsors are responsible for their capping guest in the hunt field. Adult capping fees remain at \$75 for weekends and \$50 for weekdays. Cappers are limited to three hunts per year and must sign a new waiver each year. Please inform the Hunt secretary (585-243-3949 - office, or 585-226-2715 -

home) prior to the meet if you are bringing a guest. At the meet, present the cap and waiver in an envelope labeled with the name and address of the capper and date of the meet.

Also, a reminder that being a member of the Genesee Valley Hunt does not give you unlimited access to our hunt country. 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.

Happy Hunting!



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## CONTACT GENESEE VALLEY HUNT

To reach the Hunt Secretary, or leave messages for the Masters and Travis Thorne call **585-243-3949**

For recorded messages concerning the start of hound jogging and hunt departure information call **585-243-2606**

(Please do not leave messages at this phone number)

E-mail: [janicearb@aol.com](mailto:janicearb@aol.com)

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## ALSO ENCLOSED:

QUIZ NIGHT INVITATION AND REGISTRATION FORM

AIDAN O'CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

HORSE TRIALS ENTRY FORM FOR THE FOX HUNTER'S DIVISION