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*From the Dog Pound*



**Highlights *from the dog pound* 2013**

- **only one blank day during fall hunting--young pack did extremely well finding quarry during the fall season**
- **trips to the dog training pen very successful--good to see older hounds steadyng younger hounds--J puppies did exceptionally well at the pen and will be trained for proper game**
- **new kennel--it is bigger, better, more efficient, more private, more everything!!!**
- **showing our hounds in the Frankford Santa Claus parade--well behaved indeed**

**The Beaver Meadow hounds would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!!**

**Spring hunting is just around the corner.**

*Derby in his new home  
at Tami Matthews*



Hello everyone!

Derby seems very comfortable in his new home! He's a great addition to our stable and it great company for me when I'm doing chores! He loves his new 'room' which is a stall bedded with straw, where he likes to hide bones and treats. Every morning when I let him out he stands up and gives me a big hug and nuzzles my neck. He hangs around when I turn horses out and bring in without wanting to run away at all. He likes his new home so much that when I asked him to come for a ride with me this afternoon, he chose to stay behind and hold down the fort. I'm hoping to bring him along on some hound walks in the new year! I'm very happy to have Derby as my new barn buddy and love him already.

We will see everyone in the new year!

Tami and Derby

*Beaver Meadow Christmas Party*

Special thank you to Brad Wells

who hosted our 2013 Christmas Party.

The ride over your property and  
neighbours' was fantastic  
with great country possible for cub-hunting  
in the spring.

The house, the barn, the food etc. was only  
outdone by yourself

Brad as our gracious host.

Please pass along our thank you as well to  
Lynn and Scott.

The Christmas party for Beaver Meadow Foxhounds members was graciously hosted by Brad Wells on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Brad generously provided the vista, the venue, the vino and vittles. Members attending were treated to a tour of the luxurious barn and 'apartment', and the mutli-level house which is very light and airy, with an 'old' feel to the interior (although it is only 10 years old). Some members participated in a mounted ride around the grounds before the actual party started and by all reports this was most enjoyable. Prandial offerings included smoked salmon, jumbo shrimp, a variety of cheeses (brie, old cheddar, stilton, fondue), shepherd's pie, cooked ham, roast potatoes, and 3 am-turnip puff. Brad's barn manager, Shaun, and his partner, Lynne, prepared many of the dishes (hence unique reference to 3 am-turnip puff) and coordinated serving and hospitality during the party. Master Hughes addressed the group briefly to present the 'Fairly Hunted Award' to Marshal McKinley (accepted in his absence by his personal driver/administrative assistant), wish all a happy holiday season, and welcome everyone to the next season of foxhunting. Warm thanks are extended to Brad Wells for his openhanded hospitality, to Lynne and Shaun for their help, and to the Beaver Meadows Foxhounds executive for their coordination of the event.

submitted by Brenda Koenig

## PICTURE GALLERY

### RHETORICAL QUESTIONS (WITH QUESTION MARKS)

#### and THE JOYS OF FOXHUNTING

Have you taken leave of your senses? Are you crazy? Who gets up at 4:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning and doesn't arrive back home until 10:30 at night, sweaty, dusty, cold and gratified and wasn't even at a horse show? Foxhunters, of course. On November 9th, a fun convoy of Beaver Meadows Hunt members and road crew set out to hunt as guests of the Ottawa Valley Hunt alongside the Montreal Hunt Club. Our "sweet ride" of trucks and trailers consisted of Master Jamie Hughes, Joe Belej, Mervin Magner, Master Marion Castleton, Hilda and Johan Bos, Sue Way, Lenore Partridge, Cierra Boniface, Tami Matthews, Brad Wells, Brian Earley and myself. (My apologies if I missed a name...sweet rides get distracting).

How lucky am I? Could life get any better? I was fortunate enough to have Brad Wells lend me his Clyde-thoroughbred cross, Bentley, while he rode his regular mount, Roman, on our first hunt with another club....and our first drag hunt at that. Brad and I constituted a mighty third field of two riders very kindly lead by Kay Leach of the Ottawa Valley Hunt (We'll move up to first field next year, Brad, I promise). In between several exhilarating and long (for me!) hand-gallops straight across recently harvested fields, Kay explained the procedures of drag hunting, gave us background details about the horses and riders that cantered by and stood waiting up ahead, proudly described their very active junior rider programme, and spoke of the challenges obtaining lands to use for the hunt. She spoke with a lot of affection on all subjects and really took us under her wing. Even at the end of our ride, Kay continued to answer questions about the "kill" (cow's stomach) enjoyed by the hounds upon return and the administration of the clubhouse.

What could be better than a snowfall and brisk wind at the very **end** of the ride? A cozy, warm clubhouse, of course. After "rugging up" and loading Bentley and Roman, we asked the horses "Who's cuter than you?" Really no answer to that one, except ... NOBODY! So we headed to the clubhouse where the masters of the Montreal and Beaver Meadows clubs made eloquent and humorous speeches and we had a great ham dinner with all the fixings and divine carrot cake. Can you say Ottawa Valley cookbook? Kaye's husband, Peter Leach, sat with us and explained the technicalities of drag hunting....how the scent is laid, who does it and how they cover the territory to lay it.

On a personal note, I am riding at a great dressage barn in the Ashburn area, complete with weekly lessons and the chance to watch regular clinics with two notable riders. I love it. But there is something very special about hunting. Being on a horse for several hours with like-minded souls, not knowing how the day will unfold and what surprises lie ahead is truly unique. I get teary eyed thinking about how, in the past, Bentley has navigated a ground nest of hornets and a ridden with a clump of thistles on his side that I didn't see. And almost eaten a few stirrup cup treats when I wasn't paying attention. What's up with that? Now that's a horse!! And back to the like-minded souls....It is wonderful to be able to celebrate the post ride with fellow horse lovers all the while completely anticipating the next week. Will we do it again? Is the sky blue? Absolutely, even with all those early mornings, dirt, sweat and even snow...not to mention so many unanswered questions.

Submitted by Diane Baker

Ottawa Valley Hunt  
November 9th







pictures courtesy of Johan Bos

## **HUNTING GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE FALL 2013**

### **Membership Subscription 2013**

#### **Sponsor Membership - \$2,000**

This membership is for a senior member who wishes to be a sponsor of Beaver Meadow Foxhounds. It runs for a three year term consisting of a payment of \$2,000 per year. At the end of the three year term members will receive their colors to Beaver Meadow Foxhounds. Includes all hunt privileges plus one membership to MFHA \$35.

#### **Senior Membership - \$1,000**

For members over 18 who are not in a full time educational facility. Includes all hunt privileges plus membership to MFHA for \$35.

#### **Junior Membership 150.00**

For members under the age of 25 as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 who are in a full time educational facility. Includes all hunt privileges.

#### **Supporting Membership - \$200.00**

Member may come to all social events.

**Capping:** A capping fee for riders will be issued at the cost of \$100.00 for week-ends which also includes the hunt breakfast. A capping fee for riders will be issued for riders of \$50.00 on weekdays or during times that the hunt has a tailgate breakfast. The hunt breakfast for all non-members will be \$10. ***New riders may cap multiple times in their first year.*** Pony Club members will hunt free but pay \$10 for breakfasts. If riders wish to continue to cap in their second year the fee would be \$200.00 on week-ends which includes a hunt breakfast and \$100.00 on weekdays or during times that the hunt has a tailgate breakfast.

Completed membership forms should be sent to: ***Susan Way, 362 Foxboro-Stirling Rd. RR#1 Foxboro, K0K 2B0*** accompanied by payment made out to Beaver Meadow Foxhounds. For special payment arrangements, please speak to a Master.

#### **Additional notes to fee sheet 2013**

**MFHA:** All FULL (Sponsor, Family or Senior) members will be made members of the Masters of Foxhounds of America to comply with the MFHA's request. Family members will only receive one copy of the MFHA's magazine Covertside per family.

**Breakfasts:** This is the meal eaten after coming in from hunting on Sundays and will be held in the house of the host where possible, but may be "tailgate" which means everyone brings their own food and we eat at the trailers.

Everyone who is a member is expected to bring food at least twice during the year to the "indoor" breakfasts. A hunt member will contact you to tell you the date you will be asked to provide breakfast. If you are unable to attend on that date, you may ask to change, or you may be asked to send food anyway. Social and Pony Club members may also be asked to help and will not have to pay on that day. Non-members, such as accompanying family who are not riding, will be asked for \$10 each time they eat. Landowners are not required to pay for lunch.

All members are expected to contribute efforts to the betterment of the club which means they should go to at least one work party per year.

## **Initiation Fee**

**Just to let everyone know  
the Board of Directors of Beaver Meadow Foxhounds  
has passed a motion to create  
an initiation fee in the amount of  
\$200.00.**

**This fee will be levied on new members who join starting in 2014 and  
members who let their membership lapse for a year or more  
will be treated as new members.**

## ***Insurance Reminder for 2014***

It is no longer mandatory to be a member of OEF to hunt or to ride - unless you are attending one of their sanctioned shows or events.

Beaver Meadows Club is covered by blanket insurance from Intercity Insurance for all eventualities for injury or damage to you, your horse or a third party's property, while taking part (including arriving and leaving) in a club activity. Having said this, it is still recommended that OEF membership is a good idea, OR some other insurance coverage, such as your house and property insurance which often includes "pets" and horses are considered pets! OFAH will also insure you if you are a member and they have committed to coverage for foxhunting under their membership policy.

Intercity also do personal (for non-club riding activities) equine coverage for \$31.48 which is much less than OEF and covers all the same things with some of them being better. For \$31.48 Intercity gives you \$5 million personal liability plus \$50,000 accident insurance regardless of how many horses you own (as long as you are not commercial) and regardless of where the horses are kept, 24/7, anywhere in the world.

The choice is yours. Whatever you do, you are covered, so we will no longer be requiring proof of insurance before you ride.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Marion Castleton

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