



## *The Little Brass Horn Email Edition*

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### *Message from our President*

The weather is breaking finally and we are all looking forward to Spring Hunting with BMFH. It's time to scrape some of the mud and hair off your horses and prepare your tack and clothing for the year.

We have a number of exciting events planned for the year. Firstly, we are planning a Masquerade Ball. The event is being chaired by Julie Gasson, Sarah Belej and Lisa Peloquin. More details and tickets will be available shortly. A number of other hunts have done this and all members have had a great time! The mask adds an element of suspense to the entire Hunt Ball.

We will be visiting our friends at Limestone in the fall. This trip has always been one of the most popular with our members. Our good friends at Limestone always are so hospitable Make certain you plan to attend!!

Big thanks to Sue Way for working with Jamie to get our 'Little Brass Horn' operating again. We appreciate your efforts Sue-keep up the good work.

Choose 2013 to be the year that you 'jump' into your involvement with the club. You will reap what you sow. Thank you for all of your support in the past and enjoy your 'best' year yet with BMFH!!

Happy hunting!

Cindy

### *Message from our Huntsman*

Winter is quickly oozing into the ground and the roads around the kennel are clearing of ice and snow. That of course means it is time to dig out the bicycle stowed away last fall and start roading hounds. In just a few weeks mounted hound walks will begin and it is time to start getting yourself and your steady mount prepared for the action. Hounds have wintered well and are always ready for hunting season. Thanks to the steady help of whipper-in Magner we have been able to keep hounds relatively fit and looking swell. Our goal this winter was to work diligently at packing hounds up for continued control and the fruits of our efforts are starting to take shape.

Last year's litter from Pensive and Jostler continues to reside at Shady Ridge farm and is walked out for an hour and half each morning and an hour in the afternoon. They are now seven months of age and although they didn't realize it put a coyote up a couple of weeks ago out of the woods behind my house. You will be able to meet the Jo's St. Patrick's Day at the kennel. Wear your GREEN!!

### *Birthday Wishes*

Big Beaver Meadow wishes go out to Daphne Angus, Hilda Bos, Pam Chasmer, Greg McEwan, Lisa Peloquin, and Tom Jackman who are celebrating their birthday in March.

### *Etiquette/Safety Tips to help you enjoy your day*

- If your horse refuses a fence – immediately move out of the way to let the rest of field pass by.
- Try not to cut off another rider – If this happens, and it does occasionally, a polite apology is in order.
- Please don't stop your horse on the backside of the one in front of you. (Remember the proper bit helps.)
- Warnings are given in the following manner: 'WARE HOLE' 'WARE MOTOR' 'WARE WIRE' These are but a few and don't need to be shouted, but passed quietly on to the rider behind you and so on down the line.

## Portrait of a Hound

In our continued effort to introduce you to your hounds this edition we feature *Panic* and *Prophet*. This concludes the litter from our great hound Parsnip who we will always remember. On your next outing see if you can recognize these four hounds in this family. (*Pensive, Promise, Panic and Prophet*)



This is a dog hound named ***Beaver Meadow Panic (07)*** out of Caledon-Eglinton sire ***Diplomat (01)*** and ***Old Dominion Parsnip (00)***. He is brother to Prophet, Promise and Pensive. Panic is large (only slightly smaller than Prophet) and has been a very good hound for Beaver Meadow. He is definitely “top dog” in kennel and can be very aggressive at times. He has a very aloof personality and is not a hound that likes to be touched or fussed over. He is all business and loves to perform his job well aiming to please, eats voraciously and loves to sleep. Certainly some good years of hunting left in Panic and training younger hounds both in the hunt field and in kennel.



This is a dog hound named ***Beaver Meadow Prophet (07)*** out of Caledon-Eglinton sire ***Diplomat (01)*** and ***Old Dominion Parsnip (00)***. He is brother to Panic, Promise and Pensive. Prophet is a very large and has been a very good hound for Beaver Meadow. He is a bit independent but has a very good nose and is tenacious at finding scent and his quarry and will not give up. For a big hound he is extremely gentle and his good nature makes him a pleasure to have in kennel. Due to his size and the work on his front legs Prophet’s feet are falling and he will be ready for adoption in the near future. He would make a tremendous pet for anyone as he loves to be pampered

## Coming Events

*How things ought to be—riding to hounds*

An educational seminar for foxhunters by foxhunters

Please join us

Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 Villers Community Centre

- 1:00 Opening Remarks and Welcome Jamie Hughes, MFH  
1:00 Guest Speaker: Hunting in Ireland ----*it's a slippery slope!!*  
Mr. Mervin Magner  
1:30 Carousel Rotation
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| Role of the Master in the hunt field       | Gayle Killoran, MFH  |
| Role of the Field Master in the hunt field | Greg McEwan<br>John Curtis                                 |
| Hounds and the field—what to do??          | Jamie Hughes, Huntsman                                     |
| Role of the whippers-in                    | Mervin Magner<br>Marion Castleton<br>Joe Belej (road whip) |
| The role and responsibility of the board   | Cindy McEwan   |
| Etiquette in the hunt field (person/horse) | Bev Stephenson   |
- 3:00 Questions/Closing and snacks  
3:30 Going Home

Members who have earned their hunt colors are encouraged to participate and help out with discussions.

Please feel free to bring any person who might be interested in this educational experience on *Riding to Hounds*.



## Beaver Meadow Foxhounds

We are pleased to invite you to the  
**2013 BMFH Hunter Pace**

Kindly hosted by Hilda & Johan Bos  
at 362 Foxboro - Stirling Road - Foxboro  
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simulating a day in the hunt field

- Date : Sunday Aug 11th, 8:30 am  
8:30 am long ride - 16 km  
10:00 am short ride - 8 km  
Teams or single will be sent off at 5 minute intervals
- Location : 362 Foxboro- Stirling Road - Foxboro-On - KOK 280
- Cost : Riders : \$60.00 Lunch Incl - 50/50 draw Incl (\$5.00)  
Children under 16 : \$30.00 Lunch Incl  
Guest : luncheon only \$25.00
- Prizes : Best team of 4 - Best team of 3 - Best team of 2  
Most colorful - Best turnout - Best costume  
Best time for the ride - Top Junior - Top Senior  
and much more



**Limited tickets available**



Prize presentation & Lunch to follow

Rain or Shine APPROVED HELMET REQUIRED

Call Hilda for information 613-962-5585



Invitations to our fall Masquerade Ball will be mailed out shortly.

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| March     | Hound Walks begin—unmounted   |
| April     | Hound Walks Continue--mounted<br>Beaver Meadow Hunt Seminar--"What we ought to be Doing!!"--Jamie Hughes chair  |
| May       | Beaver Meadow Cubbing Season begins   |
| June      | Beaver Meadow Puppy Show--Jamie Hughes chair<br>Beaver Meadow Hunt Clinic--Gayle Killoran, Kim Mackay co-chairs |
| July      | Land Preparation work parties   |
| August    | Beaver Meadow Hunter Pace--Hilda- Bos-chair<br>Beaver Meadow Foxhounds cubbing and informal hunting begins      |
| September | Beaver Meadow Foxhounds formal hunting begins<br>Limestone Creek Hunt Joint Meet                                |
| October   | Beaver Meadow Foxhounds Hunt Ball--Julie Gasson, Lisa Peloquin, Sarah Belej-co-chair                            |

### *Beaver Boutique*

What would you like to see at the Beaver Boutique? I am going to place an order this month and open for suggestions on what members or non-members would buy. Visit our website to see a list of items we have in stock at the present time. Please send your suggestions as soon as possible. Sue

### *Marshall's story*

#### **My First Hunt Marshal McKinley**

It was the perfect day for a hunt. You know sunny with a slight breeze and best of all it was the day of my first hunt.

I started in 3<sup>rd</sup> field and we were just walking. My horse, Thunder was naughty at the beginning but near the end he was as good as gold. But just because you are walking doesn't mean it isn't exciting. We were the only field to see a deer flushed out by the hounds because the other fields were going so fast. And then the breakfast the breakfast after the hunt was to die for! There was lots of great food but one that sticks in my mind is the ambrosia. Also during the breakfast Cindy won the 50-50 and gave me \$10.00.

All in all I think my first hunt was one of the best yet.

The end

### *Stacey's story*

#### **Hunting with the Irish by Stacey Poque**

Ever since I started hunting 9 years ago I'd only ever heard talk about hunting in Ireland. Whether I'd spoke to someone who'd been, wanted to go, or wrote about it, all I'd heard was how thrilling, difficult and incredible it was. From the new country, obstacles, people, and horses it was an adventure beyond any other and something ever foxhunter had to try. So naturally, once I had fallen in love with hunting, Ireland quickly became a dream.

When Winston and I decided we were going to travel the world in 2013, I immediately knew we were going to head to Ireland at some point along the way. Sure enough, after lots of saving, planning and talking, we touched down at Shannon airport on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

After two days of fighting off jetlag in Limerick, we took the bus down to Adare and the adventure began. After checking into the Dunraven Arms, we were at dinner when Louis Murphy, the owner of the hotel and a previously avid fox hunter himself, came over to introduce himself. Louis organized everything, and after a quick discussion on who I would be hunting with the next day I was told to meet him in the lobby at 10:00 the next morning to be on our way.

Turns out I was hunting with the Limerick Harriers, and we met at a pub on Shannon's Corner about 20 minutes from the hotel. There were no "1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> fields, no stirrup cup, no road signs, just a bunch of horse boxes pulled by BMW's, sedans and jeeps on the side of a pretty busy highway. There were so many vehicles that it turned the highway into one lane, and no one seemed to care. From there, in the light drizzle that barely fell throughout the day, I met my horse guy.

Father of our huntsman of the day, John McConnelly smiled and handed me a grey thoroughbred without a word. He ordered a near by whip to give me a leg up, gave my boot a pat and I was on my own.

As soon as the hounds went off, the horse went ballistic and I quickly learned I was riding a staff horse that was having nothing of settling in the middle of the pack. He didn't let me miss a beat. From the very beginning we thundered down the road into the field, jumped a small ditch with the 35 other riders (bumping legs in the process) and came across our first bank of the day. It was a small 5 foot bank with an easy drop on the other side. The hard part was that there was a low hanging branch on the right hand side, and after seeing about four riders getting swiped off their horses, I quickly figured out to hug the left, slide down the other side and quickly get moving to keep up. My horse took it like a pro and after swallowing some mud kicked up from the riders ahead of me, we continued on.

About a half hour into the hunt word had spread that there was one guest out riding that day, a Canadian girl riding the grey thoroughbred. Let's just say at first they didn't make life easy for me and I am not sure if it was on purpose or just good fun. Regardless, I certainly wasn't complaining, I was having a fantastic time. The hunt took me over a 10 foot drain hole (not even joking) that even some member's horses were refusing, only for me to notice a bridge not 20 feet away that the refusers were taking. I got challenged to jump a 5 foot stone pole, but when I insisted that the challenger lead the way he mumbled that "he's do it on the way back" (hmmm). I met a ton of fantastic, friendly people, had the time of my life and even got invited to a couple of parties along the way.

The hunt in total lasted 6 hours. We jumped ditch after ditch, bank after bank, stone walls, wooden fences, gates and twice we had to swim across an overflowing stream. There were no separate fields, no flasks getting passed around, capping fee was handed to the treasurer as we rode past him and there were people falling off and getting back on right, left and center. The horses were pros, you got bumped into, ran over and splattered with mud and no one said a word; frankly, no one cared.

One thing that surprised me was the frequency that the staff members were on foot. The hounds were very responsive, hard working and there was a very clear leader in the group but more often than not the riders became walkers whenever the horses couldn't get to the land the hounds were hunting. This led to about 4 horses on average that either followed along with the group, or were led by someone on horseback.

The day finished with us up in a mountain, gone were the ditched and banks and now it was old stone walls and gates. By this point they tried to draw out of the cover that scattered the hills but it had been quiet for about 2 hours or so and no one was expecting much. I knew we were wrapping up when one of the whips, my friend who tossed me up on my horse some 5 hours ago, stood on his horse's back and proceeded to see what he could do with his whip cracking abilities.

In all it was like an experience like no other. I think it is safe to say that the stories I'd heard certainly were true and I plan on returning in two years time. These are plans I have already shared with Louis so I don't intend to let him down, and I am sure that once again, it'll be the trip of a life time.

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**Reminder: Proof of insurance (OEF or Mike King) must be shown to the Field Secretary or a Master before you can participate in a mounted activity with hounds. (Mike King's application attached)**

**Beaver Meadow Foxhounds Hunt Club was formed in 1992 and pursues the time-honoured tradition of riding to hounds**

**For the History of our Club, visit our website at:**  
**[www.beavermeadowfoxhounds.ca](http://www.beavermeadowfoxhounds.ca)**

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