

Full Cry



December, 2011

View From The President's Den

*By Jay Young
President*

Wow. How did it become December already! I must admit that it snuck up on me. You will receive your EHC Hunt Staff Fund letter shortly. Please help me repent for my tardiness by responding promptly. Please also remember the most important event of the year which is our Landowners' Christmas Party. The party is next Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 at the Club. If there is any club event for which attendance is mandatory, this would be it. Please be sure to join us to thank our landowners for the privilege of hunting on their properties. As you know, an important element of this event is the fact that we personally cook and serve all dishes. We try to make this the equivalent of inviting our landowners into our homes, for a meal in their honor, in thanks for their hospitality throughout the year.

Since this is the last issue of *Full Cry* for 2011, I looked back through the *Full Cry* archives on the web site just to see some of the highlights of the year. 2011 was a great year for EHC. We enjoyed some historical successes. The Bi-annual auction was the most successful in the history of the club. Given the state of the economy, that is a huge statement of support from our members. As I looked on the website and was able to easily pull up past *Full Cry* editions with such ease, it reminded me of this year's President's award honorees from the 2011 Annual Meeting - Kent and Millicent Jordan and Julie Smith. Thanks Julie for a great job this year on *Full Cry*. And thanks to Kent and Millicent for a great job creating, maintaining and constantly improving the web site. I had the chance to beam several times this year with compliments received on *Full Cry* and the website. Several of our visitors from the Essex Hunt visited our website and read through *Full Cry* in advance of their visit. They were extremely complimentary, and with good reason.

This year also marked the most successful blood drive in our history. Many thanks to Bill Pearce for launching this idea several years ago and for such a diligent job in promoting it. The Red Cross was very impressed with the level of participation given the size of our club. We also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the EHC horse show and the first year of those 20 that Nancy Dance (formerly Hockaday for those of you out of earshot of the tom-tom telegraph) wasn't at the helm. As one of the original founders of the show, Nancy understandably thought it time to go for the gold watch and retire. Thanks for your years of dedication Nancy and thanks to Margie Williams for continuing into her 21st year making this show such a huge success. Thanks to the dedicated and tireless efforts of Margie and Nancy, our show really has become a much sought after venue on the local show circuit.

The June issue of *Full Cry* also featured much deserved kudos to Blythe Miller Davies for her huge success in bringing home a Maryland Hunt Cup victory. Blythe and Joe Davies became only the second couple in the history of the Hunt Cup to both win the race, with our own Liz and Turney McKnight being the first. The spring season also brought the Maryland Hound Show to the EHC grounds. Thanks to a generous donation by an anonymous donor and quick work by Bob Kinsley, we were able to complete much needed paving in the front circle of the clubhouse. Bob and Kerri Smyth spearheaded an incredible effort of dedi-

to transform the front lawns of the club into what looked like a venerable and permanent show venue. I was once again very proud at the appearance of the club and the first class effort put forth by our volunteers which brought great appreciation and compliments from our guests. Our recent joint meets have also gone exceptionally well. It is really fun to share a common passion with total strangers and recognize that inevitable bond that all foxhunters have in common.

2011 also brought us some magnificent new members. It is amazing to think that when Joel and Arabella Brockett joined this year, Arabella became the 5th generation of her family to become an EHC member. Welcome to new members Bruce and Alice Chalmers (and their game 3 young foxhunting daughters) Dave and Joan Hagan, Jesse and Jade Hubbard, Forrest Kelly, Bill Kleinfelder, Gary and Elizabeth Murray and John Worthington. With all these new weapons, the guns are now fully loaded for a great 2012. Although it just seems too early, I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

EHC Fuel CO-OP

By Bill Pearce

With heating season upon us I would like to remind EHC members, family & friends to take advantage of the very favorable pricing for fuel oil and propane that Southern States of White Hall has offered us. Please refer to the Sept. edition of the *Full Cry* for details, or contact Bart Howard at the White Hall Southern States.

The Hunt for Blood 2012

By Bill Pearce

The date for the Hunt for Blood 2012 will be on Sunday Feb 19th.

For those of you wanting to donate at our blood drive you can not have donated in the prior 56 days which would make Dec 26th 2011 your deadline.

Please mark your calendar for the 2012 drive. We hope to see even more new faces and of course the regulars who have made the last four years a huge success !!

2011 North American Junior Field Hunter Championships

By Laurie Mace

In November the ninth annual North American Junior Field Hunter Championships held in Warrenton, Virginia, on November 6th. Every year multiple hunts hold qualifying hunts for the children. Children may hunt in as many qualifying meets as they like for a nominal one time entry fee. There are three different divisions, hilltopper, 12 and under first flight and 13 to 18 first flight. Parents may hunt with their children for a reduced capping fee. Those children who qualify are invited to compete in the championships. Every year the championships are hosted by a different hunt. This year they were graciously hosted by Warrenton Hunt. Two hundred children entered this year to hunt and over sixty children qualified. This competition is a wonderful way to encourage children to experience the sport of foxhunting.

Elkridge-Harford had two qualifiers this year, Ross Mace and Alex Vest, who both competed in the 12 and under first flight division. The day started off with a mock hunt through the beautiful fall foliage of Warrenton, jumping many stone walls and coops. After returning from their hunt, the children then had a flat phase. After the flat phase, the judges called back ten from each group to test. The test for first flight entries included hand galloping a rather large coop, several sharp turns, coming back to trot a smaller fence and a mid air turn over a coop to avoid a "planted field". Ross and Alex both were invited back to test after the hack and did very well. Ross ended up fourth and Alex was eighth at the end of the day. Elkridge did very well to have 100% of their qualifiers pinned in the top ten!



Ross Mace aboard Time Flies



*Photos submitted by
David and Joan Hagan*



EHHC EVENT CALENDAR 2011 -2012

DECEMBER

Sun, Dec.11, 2011 Land Owners Open House –Club E. Russell
C. Tanzola

JANUARY

Jan. 20, 2012 Pot Luck Dinner C. Gittings

FEBRUARY

Sat., Feb 11, 2012 Valentine Party E. Williams
Alison White

APRIL

Sun., Apr. 1, 2012 Hunter Pace J. Hubbard
B. Pearce

Sat., Apr. 7, 2012 EHHC Point to Point Race
Tailgate for Members and Sponsors O. Young

Sat., Apr. 9, 2012 Manor Race
(No EHHC Tent)

MAY

Fri., May 4, 2012 Wrap Up Party A. Huber

JUNE

June 10, 2012 Landowners Appreciation Picnic at Club TBD

Elkridge-Harford Hounds

December 2011

Sat. 3rd Hanlon House *Joint-Meet Green
Spring Valley Hounds-11:00-
Hunt Tea at Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Kinsley*

Mon. 5th John Bell's Gate

Weds. 7th The White Farm-1:00

Sat. 10th Atlanta Hall Farm

Sun. 11th **Landowners Party 4:00 p.m.**

Mon. 12th South Branch

Weds.14th Tranquillity Farm

Sat. 17th The Club

Mon. 19th Greenwood Manor

Weds. 21st *Gunpowder Springs-1:00

Sat. 24th Atlanta Hall-**Christmas Eve**

Mon. 26th Manor Glen-**Hunt Tea**

Weds. 28th Carroll Branch

Sat. 31st *The Club-**New Years-12:00**

Meets 11:00 A.M. unless noted otherwise

In case of inclement weather or to inquire
about bye days call 692-5441.

Joint Master

Mrs. H.Turney McKnight Mr. Thomas H. Voss

Mr. Robert A. Kinsley

Hon. Hunt Sect'y

Mrs. Carl Shaffer



It's a perfect day hunting submitted by David and Joan Hagan

Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

Shared recipes to make your holidays merry and bright!

Submitted by Andrea Shore

Enjoy two time-tested recipes that make any holiday party or brunch special - classic **Baltimore Egg Nog** and **Crème Brulee French Toast**.

This drink recipe is taken from my parent's 1940s bar book. It's a decadent holiday party drink and a hit with everyone. Fresh, local or organic ingredients make it even better. I am a fan of old-school mixology and don't mind raw eggs in bar drinks or recipes. If you do, consider the eggs "cooked" by the large amount of liquor.

Traditional Baltimore Egg Nog

Ingredients:

12 Fresh Eggs
3 Pt. Milk
1 Pt. Cream
2 Cups Confectioner's Sugar or Superfine Sugar
1 Pt. Brandy or Cognac
1 Cup Dark Jamaican Rum
1 Cup Peach Brandy
Freshly Grated Nutmeg to garnish

Mixing instructions:

Separate eggs and beat yolks with sugar until thick and lemon yellow. Gradually stir in brandy or cognac, rum, peach brandy, milk, and cream. Chill in refrigerator. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff. Transfer egg-yolk mixture to a chilled punch bowl and carefully fold in whites without beating or stirring. Do not add ice. Makes about 25-30 servings.

If you actually have leftovers, refrigerate and enjoy again. The egg whites will have lost their height, but the taste is not affected.

Crème Brulee French Toast

This is a popular dish at the EHC Opening Meet brunch and a favorite of the Boyce family. This can be prepared the night before and cooked the morning of. Makes two 9 x 13 baking dishes.

Ingredients:

1 c. unsalted butter
2 c. packed brown sugar
2 T. corn syrup
6 loaves Italian bread (I know it's called *French* toast; Italian bread works better!)
10 eggs
3 c. half & half cream
2 t. vanilla extract
2 t. dark Jamaican rum (or Grand Marnier if preferred)
½ t. salt

Directions:

Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Mix in brown sugar & corn syrup, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Pour, dividing among two baking dishes.

Slice bread into 1 - 1 ½ inch slices & arrange in a single layer on top of the crème brulee. In a small bowl whisk together eggs, half and half, vanilla extract, rum, & salt. Pour over the bread. Cover & chill at least 8 hours, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove the dish from refrigerator & bring to room temperature.

Bake uncovered 35 to 45 minutes in the preheated oven, until puffed and lightly browned. When serving spoon the crème brulee from the bottom of the dish & drizzle on top of the toast.

Happy & safe holidays to all!

Wondering what Tony does with all of those photos?

Come see a few of his paintings at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Tony has several paintings of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club included the Faculty Sabbatical exhibition.



The Sabbatical Exhibition showcases the work of faculty members who took a semester away from MICA during the 2010-11 academic year to explore new themes, develop old ones, or collaborate with other artists and designers.

There will be an artist's reception on Thursday, December 8th, from 5:00 til 7:00 p.m.

MICA Gallery Hours - Monday through Saturday, 10 am–5 pm, Sunday, noon–5 pm; Closed major holidays

The Address is 1303 Mt. Royal Avenue , the Fox building (how appropriate)
Baltimore , Maryland 21217

A Pony Club Update

By Virginia Williams

On October 15th, six members of Elkridge Harford Hunt Pony Club were asked to represent the United States Pony Club, more specifically the Maryland Region at the 100th anniversary of Laurel. The girl performed two demonstrations in front of the grandstands, received a tour of Laurel and participated in all the festival activities.



From left to right: Stephanie Usselman, Hanna Cochran, Julia Cochran, Alyssa Whitehead, Kiersten Zinkhan and Darby Hyde.
Not Pictured: Kira Young (Choreographer)

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Other Pony Club News:

Elkridge Harford Hunt Pony club was the 2011 winner of the Bedford Bowl. The bowl is awarded to the Pony Club with highest amount of points earned at Pony Club sponsored Events.

Congratulations to Ross Mace and Kate Doherty for their 1st and 2nd, respectively at the EHHC Hunter Trials!

Congratulations to Ross Mace and Virginia Williams for qualifying for Washington International Horse Show.

Thank you to Mr. Jeff Hyde and staff for rebuilding the two jumps between the lower rings. They look wonderful.

The Elkridge Harford Hunt Pony Club Hunter Trails was be postponed until Sunday November 13th due to weather. It was a huge success with over 100 entries and a fantastic costume class.

Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club Classified Page

House/Farm/Pet Sitting

Katie Kinsley is available for house, farm and pet sitting over the holidays. Book now for this busy time! Contact Katie at kinska01@gmail.com or 717-515-7864.

Horse Clipping

It is that time of the year again. Give Katie Cree a call to arrange for your horse to be clipped for the hunt. 410-215-7836.

House/Pet/Farm Sitting

House, pet, and horse sitting by a certified veterinary assistant. Will provide references. Call Beth Raugh at 410-371-9334

Clothing and Horse Blankets for Sale

Several men's and women's Horse Country hunt coats, including meltons and tweeds. Numerous horse blankets of varying sizes that will keep your horses warm and make a lovely surprise under the tree. A member that flew south no longer needs these goodies. These items need to be moved so give Michelle a call to get your best deal at 410-692-5977.

Horse Trailer for Sale

2000 Hawk Warmblood 2-horse tag along trailer for sale. Gently used, low mileage, all new tires May 2010, recent maintenance includes bearings packed and lubricated. Must see, would be great addition for that new horse at Christmas or a trailer for your college student. Call Michelle 410-692-5977.



*The Members of the
Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club
Cordially Invite You For
Cocktails and a Buffet Supper
Honoring
Landowners and Friends of the Hunt
Sunday, December 11, 2011
4-7 PM*

*Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club
3403 Pockock Road
Monkton, Maryland*