



March 2010

Full Cry

View From The President's Den

By Jay Young

Time to Crack The Whip

Unfortunately, we at ElkrIDGE Harford are not immune from the same financial crisis having such a crippling affect on the nation. Insurance costs, fuel costs, costs of goods and services continue to escalate resulting in increasing strains to our budget. Our Clubhouse and barns, while rich in history and charm, present constant challenges and surprises when it comes to maintenance and repairs. Just when we carefully develop a triage plan and budget to address normal maintenance and repairs, trees fall on Range Rovers (yes plural for both trees and Range Rovers – our trees have excellent taste), and we have a surprise tree removal project mandated by the insurance company.

With these increasing challenges, at our last meeting, I called upon the Board to help me to develop strategies to cut costs and increase revenues. I'd like to call upon you to assist in that effort. Some of the strategies I hope to implement include a green initiative. Sending *Full Cry*, fixture cards and invitations electronically will save tens-of-thousands of dollars immediately. We will co-op and bid our large expenditures such as hay, straw and fuel oil. We already have a favorable arrangement with The Mill on the Club's largest expenditures, horse feed and hound food. The expenditures of all members who register with The Mill as EHC members are added together. The Club gets a percentage rebate based on sales volumes of our members in the form of credits and gift certificates. We use the gift certificates as

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: "Calling all volunteers - the 100th running of the My Lady's Manor Race is coming up on April 10th. **Return Information Post Cards** will be mailed shortly and must be returned in order that I can plan appropriately. There will be a mandatory meeting of ALL volunteers on Sunday, March 28th, 3 PM, at the Club. We can always use additional volunteers for this event as it continues to grow in popularity. Please contact Carol Tanzola at 717-755-3172 if you wish to join our dedicated volunteers for a great day!"

ElkrIDGE-Harford Hunt Pony Club

By Karen Bennett, DC

ElkrIDGE-Harford held our Annual Party and Awards evening in January and congratulations go to the following:

Pony Clubber of the Year – Turner Williams

Sportsmanship of the Year – Erika Taylor

Most Improved – Elyse Bruzdinski

Stable Manager of the Year – Julia Dukes

ElkrIDGE-Harford was awarded the 'Bedford Bowl' for the **second** year running. This Award is for the highest points gained during the Season in the Pony Club Horse Trials (Round Robin), this award dates back to 1973 and 2008 was the first time ElkrIDGE-Harford had won this! The 'Games' Trophy was presented to the Senior Team of Adrienne, Josie, Emily F and Quinn for being 2009 Maryland Champions. The Hunt Club is a fabulous venue for our Party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all members and our many guests.

We are currently having weekly un-mounted meetings where we study things like pony care & management, feed, nutrition, health care, veterinary knowledge, pony parts, colors, conformation, tack, conditions and shoeing. This helps to prepare for Ratings and our first Rally of the season, Quiz. When the snow disappears we will enjoy our mounted lessons and mounted Easter Egg Hunt! We are looking forward to our New Bolton Centre trip, thank you to Ms Teener for this opportunity.

The President's Den

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prizes for the horse show, races etc. If you are not a customer of The Mill – consider it. If you are a customer, make sure you are registered in our rebate program.

We hope to implement other co-op plans for the benefit of our members. Members Paul Asdourian and Gus Strakes were suffering the pains of fluctuating propane costs with, as residential users, no significant bargaining power. Paul suggested that we ask Club members who might be interested in forming a co-op to join together and request bids from propane providers for a large group of members – hopefully providing the opportunity for a discount and a locked rate. Stay tuned for more to come on that as soon as we get past race season.

And speaking of the race season, please keep your fingers crossed that we are not forced to cancel due to the weather. The Greenspring Valley Hounds have already been forced to cancel the Foxhall Team Race for this year. Many Virginia meets have also already cancelled. The revenue generated from the My Lady's Manor Race and, especially, the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point are essential to meet the obligations of our operating budget. Subscriptions will be non-refundable. I urge you to subscribe and take the risk of cancellation. Regardless of the weather, our horses and hounds continue to eat and our costs remain fixed. Our membership dues remain reasonable only as a result of the success of these fund raising events. I would also like to call upon the Chairmen of all of our events to try to be innovative in cutting costs. We have always relied upon the Bel Air Copy Center for printing EHC Race Point-to-Point invitations, car passes, etc. The Bel Air Copy Center is one of the casualties of the recession and is now closed. By searching the Internet, Orsia was able to put together an invitation package that essentially saved us 50%. J.B. Babcock recreated the parking passes on the computer for free and we made the copies ourselves. The savings were significant and I greatly appreciate the effort. There is actually something rewarding about getting the job done at a significant savings.

The Social Committee determined that rather than have a party at the Hunt Club following the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point, the tailgate held during the course of the day would be expanded and could continue following the races if the attendees desire to stay. This effort will also result in significant savings.

In summary, I ask your cooperation and understanding in all of these efforts. Printing your Full Cry and fixture cards on your home computer, while requiring a little more effort than opening the mail, results in substantial savings to the Club. Costs are increasing. That fact is unavoidable. Our choices are to raise dues or get creative about ways to increase revenue and cut costs. We are all suffering the effects of the recession. We would like to avoid raising dues. Please help us think of ways to help with this dilemma.

ELKRIDGE-HARFORD HUNT OPEN HORSE TRIALS AND PONY CLUB ROUND ROBIN APRIL 17TH

AT

ELKRIDGE-HARFORD HUNT CLUB, POCOCK ROAD

DIVISIONS INCLUDE:

Baby Beg, Novice (18"-2') Beg Novice (2'3"-2'6"), Novice (2'6"-2'11")

And 'Dressage Only' division

Check out our website for further details!!!!

EHC SOCIAL CALENDAR 2009 -20010

MARCH

Sun., Mar. 21 Hunter Pace
T. Scarborough
M. Sullivan

APRIL

Sat., Apr. 3 EHC Point to Point
O. Young

Sat., Apr. 10 Manor Race – Tent Party
J. Baldwin
Members and Landowners
Appreciation Party
P. Smalley

MAY

Fri., May 7 Wrap Up Party
C. Gittings



EHC Horse Show Update

Congratulations to Adrienne Clark for correctly identifying the individuals and pony in last month's photo contest. Many thanks to all of you who submitted a guess. You will all have another opportunity next month when we print another picture.

Thank you to all that have sent in photos already. Please keep sending copies of your vintage EHC Horse Show photographs for display at this years 20th anniversary show to be held on August 7th .

Send photos to:
Marilynn Atterbury
3809 Beatty Road
Monkton, MD 21111



Celebrating the 100th running of My Lady's Manor Race: Please attend a Calcutta to benefit the Manor Conservancy. It will be an evening to celebrate the heritage of the Manor Area, the beauty of the landscape, pre-race prognostications and camaraderie.

OPEN BAR, DINNER AND CALCUTTA
Friday, April 9, 2010 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
at The Manor Tavern
Form your syndicates now!!



(photo courtesy of Zane Gorove)

Reserve your ticket today (tickets will be held at the door): \$50/person (includes \$20 charitable donation). Please RSVP by April 1 !!

Can't attend??: Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the land trust. Send check to Joe Davies, Treasurer, PO Box 408, Monkton, MD 21111 or use Paypal at www.themanorconservancy.org

For more information, you may call Dorian Filbert, Debbie McClees or Gloria Cameron Thanks for your support!!



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Hunt For Blood 2010

By Bill Pearce

Many thanks to all of you who made The Hunt for Blood 2010 a great success. This year 42 of you came out for the cause with 39 units taken. Eleven of you were first time donors !! The Red Cross is always very pleased with this drive. So far from the three drives that EHHC has hosted we have contributed 105 units of blood that is desperately needed at our local hospitals.

I would personally like to thank this years participants ~ **Ed McLaughlin, Beth Raugh, Eileen Poole, Tom Walton**, Carol Copeland, Margaret Hoffecker, Maryanna Skowronski, Martha Delany, Millicent Jordan, Nancy Verzi, Nancy Hockaday, Bob Kinsley, **Burley Cocks**, Mike Columbus, Shelby Moore, Bob Bowie, Jeff Rosenkilde, **Mary Shaffer**, Constance White, Kristin Fischer, **Jazz Napravnik**, Jim Tanzola, Wilson Taliaferro, Betsy Herman, Willy White, Chris Council, Ron Maher, Jenny Pitts, Jeff Canoles, Walter Roberts, Turner Williams, **Jean Seiler**, Sara Cocks, Joe & Blythe Davies, Bill Pearce, Jed Smalley, Carol Dunham, Kim Vest, Heather Welch, Rob Wirtanen, Jade Hubbard, Alex Secor. Those names in bold print have donated at all three drives.

Also my thanks goes out to all who helped and wanted to help at this years drive. This year Jim Tanzola, Jean Seiler, Liz McKnight manned the recovery room. Special thanks to Jay Young for contributing some of his "tomato juice" for those recovering later in the day.

The Red Cross had an incredible crew this year. They were all fun, polite and professional. They kept the whole process moving with no one waiting more that a few minutes.

Our next drive will be in February 2011 and our goal is 50 units. I hope we can count on the regulars as well as see new faces. Thanks to all.