

# Full Cry



October, 2011

## View From The President's Den

*By Jay Young  
President*

### Diligence Required

As members of the Elkridge Harford Hunt Club a portion of your dues goes to support the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA) and the Maryland Association for Wildlife Conservation (MAWC). The MFHA dues are used to support a national lobbying effort to monitor Congress and other national efforts aimed at either disturbing or eliminating our sport and similar activities. As you are aware, there are well funded national organizations which take radical views. These organizations implement strategies and agendas on a national basis which, if successful, would eliminate our sport. For example, three years ago, on the grounds of attacking puppy mills a Bill was introduced in the Maryland legislature to make it illegal for anyone to own more than 25 dogs or hounds. At first blush, legislators can easily be persuaded that only puppy mills or similar unsavory endeavors would cause someone to own more than 25 dogs. Of course, most hunt clubs have well over 25 hounds in their packs. MAWC is the State equivalent of the MFHA as it relates to legislative issues. MAWC employs a full time lobbyist to monitor all legislation and, where appropriate, inform its constituency and mount opposition to unfavorable legislation. In the case of the puppy mill bill, working in concert with representatives from MFHA, we were able to determine that the proposed legislation was, indeed, a national effort introduced in many state and local government bodies. Fortunately, MAWC quickly identified this legislation and through the dedicated efforts of fox hunters throughout Maryland were able to defeat the proposed legislation. The Chairman of the Senate Committee which conducted the hearing commented that the opposition to the puppy mill bill from the fox hunting organizations was far more virulent than the opposition to the death penalty bill heard the same day. Your dues is what allowed the opposition movement to be successful.

Diligence is required on all fronts. Something as innocent as a county road paving job can jeopardize the safety of the hunt. Recently, a repaving effort on Hutchins Mill Road by Baltimore County created a road surface so slippery that horses were sliding all over the place jeopardizing the safety of the horse and riders. As soon as the dangerous condition was identified, members of our hunt immediately contacted County elected officials and are currently in the process of working on a solution. I would like to particularly thank Todd Huff, the Baltimore County Councilman with jurisdiction in this area for his efforts in attempting to find a solution to this problem. Fran Burns and members Laura Pickett and John Hawks were instrumental in garnering Todd Huff's attention to this issue.

Another similar issue faces us with the Hess Road bridge project. Originally started in Baltimore County, this is an effort to widen Hess Road and replace the bridge close to Jarrettsville Pike. Such a move would only serve to increase traffic and traffic speeds and make that route a more attractive commuter option rather than the more heavily improved Jarrettsville Pike. Opposition mounted by many of our members appeared to have defeated this proposed plan. Recently however, it appears that Baltimore County has decided to involve Harford County in an attempt to move it forward. Unlike Baltimore County, Harford County does not have a rural roads program and has less protection for roads and projects such as that which is proposed. In addition, because many of the rush hour Hess Road users are thought to be Harford County commuters, the strategy suggests that there will be more support in Harford County than was present when the project was proposed by Baltimore County. Two meetings are scheduled. The first is on October 6 in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland at 5:00 p.m. The second meeting will be held on October 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the new Ronnie Chenoweth Activity Center in Fallston. Coming from Hess Road and Mountain Road the location is just past the Youths Benefit Elementary School. The address is 1707 Fallston Road (also known as Mountain Road) please mark your calendars for October 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and attend this very important meeting. It is essential that we all remain very diligent in addressing these issues that can threaten our sport.

And speaking of diligence, thanks to the Manor Conservancy, one of the most powerful arguments we have in combating these issues is the tremendous amount of contiguous property we have in perpetual preservation easements. If pending applications are approved, all land along Hess Road from Jarrettsville Pike to Manor Road will be subject to perpetual preservation easements. By my count that area alone is in excess of 1600 acres. Elsewhere in this Full Cry issue is a reminder about dues to the Manor Conservancy. If you have not yet done so, please renew your membership.



## Abel Maybel Update

*By Eilene Poole*

This year has been the most challenging for our preparation of trails for the upcoming hunting season. Our first Abel Maybel work day had us clear trails in Kennel Woods and sprouts. Unfortunately, all our work was in vain as Irene and Lee entered our countryside. I think our hunt secretary was given an omen when a turkey buzzard nearly fell on her head while working in the Kennel Woods.

We all take our task seriously and were determined to do our best so out we all went in force the second workday. The men with tractors, chain saws and bob cats led the way. They removed the big trees that had fallen across the trails. The Maybels followed picking up after them (sound familiar girls?).

Everyone that worked on either day showed the typical Elkridge-Harford enthusiasm. It's great to share in the work so you appreciate what goes into hunting.

The evening of the second day we all celebrated at the Puppy Auction party. It was a very successful event put on by Michelle and Julie - two very special people.

We all did lots of work, had lots of fun and had many stories of the day to tell.

Thanks to All!

## Foxhunting – A Team Sport

*By Doty Hyman, PhD*

Foxhunting is a team sport that requires multiple teams: the hounds, the hunt staff, the field master and fields, and the horses and riders. As in all team sports, to be successful each group needs dedication, commitment, cooperation, respect, and teamwork.

The first team is the hounds coached by the huntsman and assisted by the whippers-in. From blank days to screaming hour-long runs, the hounds continuously demonstrate their dedication and commitment to finding and chasing Reynard. Their teamwork, cooperation, and respect for one another grow throughout the season. Their coaches direct their game play, motivate and encourage them toward their best performances, and safeguard them whenever possible. But like all athletes, they sometimes pay no attention to their coaches and strike out on their own thus taking their lives in their own paws.

The field master and the fields are the second team. The field master is the coach for the field and provides direction and leadership. The field master is dedicated and committed to the hunt and to providing the opportunities for a great game day for the fields. Each field is a unique team with the same goals as the field master but different strategies for reaching those goals. For these teams cooperation, respect, and teamwork are paramount. Just a few ways the fields demonstrate these characteristics are: looking to see that the rider behind you has cleared the fence, giving leads over fences, opening gates, waiting until the rider behind you has navigated a hazard, being aware of where hounds and staff are, and alerting other riders to both.

The final team is the horse and rider. The rider must be committed and dedicated to preparing both self and horse for the rigors of hunting. This means both are physically and mentally fit for action. Both respect and cooperate with one another on and off the field. Each knows the other's foibles and limitations, and both look out for each other.

Perhaps one of the most difficult challenges for foxhunters is recognizing and respecting all of these teams at all times. As the number of players on each team increases, this becomes only more difficult. But when we do truly work together as multiple teams, blissful memories are made.

## ELKRIDGE-HARFORD HUNT CLUB TO HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

*By Julie Smith and Stacie Eggleton*

Lisa Niner will be returning to home in October! We are very excited for Stacie and her family and wish Lisa well as she returns home. With her return we now have the opportunity to sponsor a new troop and provide them with our appreciation and support. We will be supporting Victor Sanchez and his Pathfinders, also in Afghanistan. I asked Lisa to provide use some information about our new group of soldiers and here is what she had to say:

The care packages you are sending are going to the 101st Airborne Division Pathfinders. They go out on patrol everyday in the mountains with the Afghan Army soldiers. They are attached with all aviation units because they are on the ground to clear the area for the helicopters to land...They are our (helicopter) saviors on a daily basis. We lost 6 of them this past May on a mission that just went wrong...They are 1st on the ground and 1st to fight. We send their bodies home to family and leave behind their friends to continue the fight....

The box is back in the club house and will be waiting for your continued contributions. Thanks to everyone for your generosity in supporting those who take care of our freedom.

## Elkridge-Harford Hounds

**October 2011**

**All Meets 8:00 A.M.**

|                        |  |
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| Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup>   | The Club                                 |
| Mon. 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Foxharbor Farm                           |
| Weds. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Tally Ho Farm                            |
| Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup>   | The White Farm                           |
| Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Pocock and Turner Rd.                    |
| Weds. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Greenbank                                |
| Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Manor Glen                               |
| Sun. 16 <sup>th</sup>  | <i>E.H. Hunter Trials- Harford Hill</i>  |
| Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Mrs. E. S. Voss                          |
|                        | <i>PA National Horse Show Hunt Night</i> |
| Weds. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Greenwood Manor                          |
| Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Atlanta Hall                             |
| Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup>  | South Branch Farm                        |
| Weds. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Willow Oaks                              |
| Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Hanlon House                             |
| Mon. 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Autumn Ridge                             |

In case of inclement weather or to inquire about bye days call 410-692-5441.

See next month's card earlier [www.ehhounds.com](http://www.ehhounds.com)

### Joint Masters

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

Mr. Robert A. Kinsley

Hon. Hunt Sect'y

Mrs. Carl Shaffer

## EHC EVENT CALENDAR 2011 -2012

### OCTOBER

|                     |                     |                |
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| Sun., Oct. 16, 2011 | Hunter Trials       | Ellie Williams |
| Sun., Oct. 16, 2011 | Hunter Trials Party | M. Hamilton    |

### NOVEMBER

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| Sat., Nov. 5, 2011    | Opening Meet Stirrup Cup              | TBD           |
| Sat., Nov. 5, 2011    | Opening Meet Evening Party            | J. Cain       |
| Thurs., Nov. 24, 2011 | Thanksgiving Hunt –Blessing of Hounds |               |
| Fri., Nov. 25, 2011   | Children’s Hunt                       |               |
| Sat., Nov. 26, 2011   | New Members Hunt Tea                  | J. & O. Young |

### DECEMBER

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| Sun, Dec.11, 2011 | Land Owners Open House –Club | E. Russell<br>C. Tanzola |
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### JANUARY

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| Jan. 20, 2012 | Pot Luck Dinner | C. Gittings |
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### FEBRUARY

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| Sat., Feb 11, 2012 | Valentine Party | E. Williams<br>Alison White |
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### MARCH

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| Sun., Mar. 18, 2012 | Hunter Pace | J. Hubbard<br>B. Pearce |
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### APRIL

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| Sat., Apr. 7, 2012 | EHC Point to Point Race<br>Tailgate for Members and Sponsors | O. Young |
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| Sat., Apr. 9, 2012 | Manor Race<br><b>(No EHC Tent)</b> |  |
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### MAY

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| Fri., May 4, 2012 | Wrap Up Party | A. Huber |
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### JUNE

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| June 10, 2012 | Landowners Appreciation Picnic at Club | TBD |
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## Hardly Able 2011

By Bob Kinsley

It might be too soon to report the total results of the Hardly Able work days because there's still more clearing and impassable trails to be opened.

Unfortunately, some of the marvelous work accomplished by the hard driving Able Mabel's and their accomplices with tractors and chainsaws had to be retraced by these crews after reports of the damage caused by the aftermath of "Hurricane Irene" and "Stormy Lee". Work days had to be rescheduled because of mud, water and many other unknown conditions. On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> which was also the same day as the important Puppy Auction, we had 20 or more volunteers who turned out to attack fallen trees small and large. The army of faithful soldiers & friendly land owners divided into crews of sawyers with chainsaws followed by tractors with skilled operators, massive amounts of brush, logs and trees were removed in all our woodlands South and West of Route 23.

Unfortunately there are still some trails that need to be reopened in our North Country near Shoulder Bone and Grassi's so there may be another call for help once all our muscles are rested!

All in all what we accomplished this year rated well above those of other years.

Why? Because our returning crew fell in line by using the skills gained over the last five or six years.

As I said the accomplishments were tremendous. Eilene Poole's troops conquered on two occasions The Club Woods, The Sprouts and Harford Hills.

Geoff Hyde was a tremendous asset both days as he forged thru brush ahead of the trimming crews with the Club's 4 Wheel Drive.

Orsia Young rose to Foreman of a crew that tackled Foudos's Woods on more than one occasion. The only major problem was husband Jay, playing with his new JD 5500 4 wheel drive with loader, can you imagine Jay taking directions from anyone? Well Kent Jordan continues to keep Jay safe with his well thought out approach to harvesting timber without binding his saw.

Thorne Gould's and Don Scott's crews made short work of Drennen's 60 acre woods now passable once more for staff and field.

Crews worked on stream and clogged pipe crossings all along the Gunpowder and its flooding tributaries.

New paneling projects were completed at Hope Farm, Willow Oaks, Wheelless's and Sue Marshall's, with the help of our trusty fence builder, Scott Taylor.

After your hard day of work and on your journey to the Puppy Auction, hopefully you noticed the new loafing shed next to the Tydings Cottage and the one adjacent to the Kennels.

My hats off to the two crews, one lead by Ed McLaughlin and the other by Bill Gallagher, a friendly Kinsley Construction Foreman who so ably lined up and organized the productive operation that by days end produced two sheds that will offer protection for our staff horses from heat, cold, rain and snow and also help to reduce bedding costs and barn labor, these crew were manned by Orthopedic Surgeons, Investment Banker's, Art Dealer's, Nurses, and Attorney's who quickly became accomplished carpenter's.

Thanks to Michele Rosenkilde and Julia Smith for organizing a fun filled Puppy Auction Event.

So with all that being said all you volunteers who showed your support of the club by turning a hard days of work into fun are to be commended for lending your skills to the betterment of the preservation of the land we so cherish.





## Puppy Auction

*By Michelle Rosenkilde and Julie Smith*

Michelle Rosenkilde and Julie Smith would like to personally thank all of the people who worked so hard to make this event the great success we all enjoyed. Due to the generous contributions of items donated for auction and the enthusiasm of all that bid in both the live and silent auctions, we were able to enjoy a fun afternoon and evening while raising much needed funds for our club. Individuals and companies that donated their time and auction items included:

- Liz McKnight and Kerri Smyth and the Monkton Hall Bassets—two hunts generously donated
- Liz McKnight providing either a cross-country schooling or a Hunt with the Master
- Geoff Hyde providing the exciting opportunity to Hunt with the Huntsman
- Adam Townsend having you join him as a Whipper-In assistant for a day of hunting
- David and Nancy Rose donating 50 bales of hay, 50 bales of straw, and the beautiful sunflowers that adorned our dining tables and announcers stand—what a backdrop for the puppies being auction
- Betsy Herrmann's generous contribution of a set of artist proofs of the Maryland Steeplechase Lithographs
- Mary Tiller of Manor Framing donating the framing for the Betsy Herrmann artist proofs
- Bob and Anne Kinsley opening their land and home for a trail ride, lunch and beverage stations at Hanlon House
- Michael Finney of Yoicks providing us with a framed E. F. Voss Print
- Bob Kinsley, Jay Young and a to be drafted crew agreeing to custom build a panel/jump on your property
- Bob Miller Taxidermy and Museum supplying 3 taxidermy items for auction—a gray fox finished pelt, a climbing red fox squirrel (be careful, rumor has it that this may be your next hostess gift if you invite Larry Haslip to dinner), and a beautiful standing pheasant
- Joe and Blythe Davies providing 5 cross-county lessons ... note to editor, did you really “win” this bid ... and no Joe I will not be riding your latest steeplechase horse
- Bob Smyth and Smyth Jewelers for creating and donating a 14 karat gold pair of EHC earrings and a 14 karat gold EHC lapel pin
- Smokers Catering BBG dinner for 15
- Stephanie Moore, for again providing EHC with private riding lessons
- Lighthorse Tack, Ridgley and Georgene Davis for two beautiful custom hunt belts
- Pete's Pickins and LB Boyce for two beautiful porcelain dogs
- Tony Shore's original framed water color was amazing—thank you
- David and Joan Hagan and Golden Memories for the lovely five sets of note cards
- Karen Zinkhan of Bit by Bit Stable for two private riding lessons
- Dr. Brooke Harper providing EHC with the chiropractic Exam and Acupuncture Treatment for your horse to be auctioned
- Mr. and Mrs. Cree and Mr. and Mrs. Maciolek for the beautiful framed DU print ... rumor has it that it now adorns a young Rosenkilde new home
- Jenny Pitts for agreeing to skillfully create a flower arrangement for a special occasion
- Wendy's Catering and Cakes for bringing a small sample cake for the winning bidder as well as create a cake of choice for a special occasion
- Barb Carr and Sew What for providing up to a \$100 value of blanket cleaning, repair and/or waterproofing
- Hess Country Spirits and Carol and Thomas Mowl for the basket of desert wines ... if you want a bottle, make sure you invite Eilene Poole to dinner
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durkee for the lovely framed fox print
- Mrs. Bryan for the fox tray on which to serve your guests treats or beverages
- Tom and Annie Huber for the lovely polo evening including parking, dinner and drinks
- Ellie Russel for the beautiful flower arrangements and mums at the front door, as well as all the help during set-up
- A special thanks to Beth Rough for assistance during the evening
- Kelly Baxter and Phil Lieske for overseeing the syndicate boards
- Frank and Alice Obers for the kind use of the antique milking cans
- Stix, Blake Curry, Govanne McClees for assistance with the bar
- Jay and Orsia Young for delivery items, announcing and so many other contributions too many to list
- Jim and Julie Smith for the addition of the new black tablecloths for the Club as well as the loan of the tents over the bar
- Diane Dietle and her daughter Elizabeth for setting up and manning the EHC logo sales tent. Carol and Jim Tanzola for delivering all the product and providing Diane with the necessary tools for a good day of sales
- Mary Shafer and Eilene Poole for making check-in smooth and pleasant ... making sure EHC received their money
- All those who were kind enough to prepare and bring appetizers which all enjoyed during the cocktail hour
- Lambert Boyce for managing and recording all the auction items ... also for billing when necessary
- Geoff Hyde and his young assistants for beautifully presenting the amazing EHC puppies for auction
- Bob Kinsley, Ellie Russell, Jay Young and Peggy Smalley for their diligence on gathering syndicate participants

If we have inadvertently omitted a thank you please accept our apologies and know that everyone's assistance was greatly appreciated!! See you next year.

## Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club Classified Page

### Cottage for Rent

#### Stable, Indoor @ Outdoor Schooling Rings, 40 Acres for Rent

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### House/Pet/Farm Sitting

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

### 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.

### APARTMENT FOR RENT

A very nice two bedroom apartment is currently offered for rent on Atlanta Hall. The setting is beautiful in the midst of the EHHC Hunt Country. All interested parties should contact Mimi Voss at 410-804-0402 or via email at mimivoss@aol.com.

### Blade Sharpening

Precision blade sharpening with clipper repair to be offered later this year. Shipping for small boxes of blades \$5.00; large boxes, \$10.00. Contact John Q. Adams, 6710 Magnolia Lane, Ft. Meyers, FL, 33966; 239-989-1829.

### Recipe of the Month

*Submitted by Ellie Russell*

#### *Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club's Oyster Bisque*

4 rashers of bacon  
1 thinly sliced carrot  
1 finely chopped onion  
2 tablespoons finely chopped celery  
1 quart heated cream

1 quart of freshly shucked salt-water oysters, cut in half  
Dash of Old Bay brand seafood seasoning  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
2 tablespoons butter

Fry the bacon until very crisp. In the fat, sauté the carrots, celery and onion until soft. Drain the oysters, add to the mixture and cook slowly until the edges curl slightly. Add the cream and Old Bay seasoning and heat until the oysters are fully curled, being careful not to overcook. Add the cayenne pepper and serve at once, placing a small lump of butter in each bowl

### Note From Your Editor

The Recipe of the Month article will be a new column that will be included in the Full Cry monthly. Please submit your favorite recipe so all in the hunt field can enjoy.

## ELKRIDGE-HARFORD HUNT PONY CLUB

*A message from Virginia Williams*

Our D pony clubbers have rocked the month of September with great rides at the Dressage, Eventing and Show Jumping rallies! This year's dressage team consisted of Hannah and Julia Cochran, Alyssa Whitehead, Darby Hyde and Riley Stettinius as the stable manager. All of the girls rode beautiful tests with scores over 60! A few of their highest scores were; Julia - 61, Hannah - 65, Alyssa - 68 and Darby - 63.

Just out of the ribbons at the Event Rally, Hanna C, Julia C and Nikki Gorrell all rode wonderfully on their first true beginner novice event course full of banks, ditches, water and tables. Even more importantly all the girls were wonderfully turned out on shiny ponies with the help from Alyssa as SM.

The Elkridge girls stood out for what they do best as the dominating riders at this years show jumping rally. Demonstrating how far their riding has come this year, Darby, Alyssa and Kiersten all put in smooth consistent trips. The second team of Nikki G, Hanna and Julia C swept the equitation awards with Hanna 1<sup>st</sup>, Julia tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nikki in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their team with Stephanie as the stable manager placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall.



A special thank you goes to Ashton Williams, Chrissy Donovan and Kristin Wenderoth for all their help preparing the girls for these rallies.



Elkridge Harford Hunt Pony Clubbers will be participating in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laurel Park on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Kira Young will be leading Hanna, Julia C, Alyssa, Darby, Kiersten and Stephanie in a musical quadrille and games demonstration. Make sure to keep an eye out for the girls if you are attending.



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Please complete the order form below and mail it back to me with a 50% deposit as soon as possible. My order to my grower must be placed no later than October 15, 2011. Prices include the following services: 1.) I bring the tree to your house, put it in your stand and place it in your home. 2.) I will remove the tree from the stand, dispose of the tree at a green waste facility and I will clean up any needles or mess left behind. Delivery dates will be: November 23, 2011 through December 18, 2011, 7 days a week. I look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate your patronage in this new venture. Thank you.

Joseph G. Ridgely, Owner

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*Special Pricing for Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club Members*

## “SLADE MOUNTAIN “ NEAR CORBETT, HAS DARK AND UNSAVORY REPUTATION

This is a reprint from the Jeffersonian published in the summer of 1954 – author unknown..

*Submitted by Bill Pearce*

When the October moon rides high in a wrack of clouds, the baying of ghostly dogs and the hammering hoof beats of horses invisible to the human eyes can be heard on the barren slope of “ Slade’s Mountain “ near Corbett.

Old-timers living in the area will tell you that the Harford Hunt is passing by. Up the rocky ridge they go, through the tangled underbrush, a ghostly fox pursued by ghostly hounds with long dead riders astride hunters whose bones have turned to dust.

And when the chase reaches the crest of the steep hill a sudden and deadly silence falls over the countryside, just as it did on that almost forgotten day when fox, dogs, men and horses were alive and filled with the excitement of the chase.

“ Slade’s Mountain “ is a steep, rocky ridge that borders the Gunpowder River near Corbett. It climbs to a sharp peak, where a sheer cliff drops away 108 feet from a point known as Rabbits’ Rock.

It was over this rugged terrain that a group of riders from the Harford Hunt swept along in hot pursuit of a fox on a foggy afternoon many years ago. The chase started on the Manor, and only the leader of the hunt, mounted on a stout grey jumper, accompanied by several other riders, were close to the pack when it swept up the fog-drenched slope of “ Slade’s Mountain .“

The other riders heard the baying of the hounds and the crash of the horses tearing through the underbrush. Then there was silence. When they reached the hilltop, there was no trace of men, horses or dogs. A few minutes later they made a tragic discovery. At the foot of the cliff, mangled almost beyond recognition were the bodies of the huntsmen and their horses.

The fox that had led the hunt over the deadly plunge from Rabbits Rock was dead, surrounded by the bodies of the hounds that had followed him in his brief flight through space.

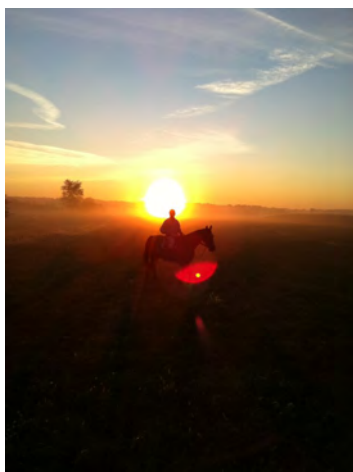
At the foot of the cliff skeptics will be shown some scattered horse bones. And the skeptics will be invited to spend the night alone on this barren and uninhabited ridge, in order that he can see himself, the ghostly hunt come by to reenact the tragedy of that foggy afternoon, the memory of which is now little more than a legend.

“ Slade’s Mountain “ has always enjoyed a hard and unsavory reputation in the Corbett, Glencoe, Monkton area. It is named after a man named Slade who kept a tavern on the Manor during the Colonial days. The only claim that Slade had on history is that General Washington once spent the night in his tavern while enroute to York. He won the land that bears his name in a wager on one of the cock fights that were an almost nightly event at his tavern.

Close to a half century ago a murderer named Jo Wilder escaped from the penitentiary in Baltimore, and fled northward through Baltimore County, taking refuge on “ Slade’s Mountain “. There he was tracked down by a posse. But on the day of that fatal hunt, the ridge was covered with swirls of ghostly fog.

Wilder and his pursuers exchanged shots and the convict made good his escape from the hill under cover of fog. At least one of the posse plunged from Rabbits Rock in the chase. Wilder fled to a barn that stood near the old covered bridge that once spanned the Gunpowder at Corbett. There, with the road to freedom apparently spreading before him he hanged himself.

Those whose eyes are adjusted to such sights, report that the shadowy figure of Wilder can be seen creeping along the crest of “ Slade’s Mountain “ when the moon is full and the hour midnight.



Dr. Jed Smalley on Beezer at Sunrise While Out  
Cub Hunting

*Submitted by Bill Pearce*

# Elkridge Harford Hunt Club



## Hunter Trials

Sunday October 16, 2011

8:30 am

Harford Hill Farm

2501 Pockock Road, Fallston MD 21047

## PRIZE LIST

Course A (2'6" Course)

1. **JUNIOR HUNTER** – Open to all riders 18 years of age or under
2. **JUNIOR HUNTER** – Reverse Course
3. **OPEN FIELD HUNTER** – Open to all horses or ponies
4. **OPEN FIELD HUNTER** – Reverse Course

Course B (3'0" Course)

5. **GREEN HUNTER** – Open to horses that have not hunted a full season
6. **GREEN HUNTER** – Reverse course.

**Perpetual trophy in memory of James Hruska will be presented to the Green Hunter Champion**

7. **FIELD HUNTER CLASSIC** – Class to be ridden behind a field master. Open to horses/ponies that have previously hunted – fences to be jumped at rider's preference to height. Will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Championship cooler and \$100 cash prize. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$60. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$40. Ribbons to top six. Special award to Best Turned Out.

8. **NON TB HUNTER**

9. **NON TB HUNTER** – Reverse of regular course

10. **PAIRS** – To be ridden tandem. Last fence to be jumped abreast

11. **FAMILY/GROUP CLASS** – To be ridden by 2 or more members of a family or group. Last fence to be jumped abreast.

Great group class – get some friends together today.

12. **OPEN FIELD HUNTER** – Open to all horses or ponies

13. **OPEN FIELD HUNTER** – Reverse Course

Course C (3'0" – 3'6" Course)

14. **OPEN FIELD HUNTER** – Open to all horses or ponies

15. **OPEN FIELD HUNTER** – Reverse of regular course

16. **MASTER'S CLASS** – Open to all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners from classes 1-15 (excluding classes 7, 10 and 11). To be ridden behind a field master. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going as a field hunter.

**Perpetual trophy to the winner.**

### CONDITIONS

All classes to be ridden in proper hunting attire and tack.

Elkridge-Harford Hunter Trials are open to all.

No schooling over the course, schooling fences will be provided.

All dogs to remain on a leash at all times.

### ENTRY FEE

\$15.00 – Per Horse Each Class

\$30.00 – Entry Fee for EHC Field Hunter Classic (Class 7)

\$10.00 – Office Fee

**Food will be available on the grounds.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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