



February 25, 2025

Dear Masters,

Included with this letter is the 2025 Central States Hound Show packet. It contains the schedule for the show as well as entry forms for your hounds. Also, please encourage your members to join Central States Hound Club, as these memberships will help defray the cost of conducting the yearly show.

The date for the show is May 3, 2025. The show this year returns home and will be held at the Fin and Feather facility of the Mission Valley Hunt Club. A special thanks to Steve and Alisa Thomas for hosting the hound show these past few years.

There will be a reception Friday night at the MVH Club House located on the show grounds. The reception is provided without cost to the members of the Central States Hound Show Club and exhibitors. It is an opportunity to meet the judges as well as to socialize. Lunch on Saturday will be available for purchase from the Horse and Hound Pony Club. We have enclosed a list of places to stay that are conveniently located to the show grounds.

Please remember your obligation to return trophies cleaned and engraved to the show for presentation this year.

There are always questions regarding Leishmaniasis regarding the hound show. Current guidance for recognized hound shows provided by the MFHA, is as follows:

"Any hunt with confirmed Leishmaniasis in their kennel must provide negative test results for each competing hound, from a licensed veterinarian, within 6 months of the show date."

We warmly encourage you to come join in the friendly gathering to show your hounds and have a good time.

We look forward to seeing you on May 2nd and 3rd.

Sincerely,

The Central States Hound Show Committee

Welcome to the CENTRAL STATES HOUND CLUB hound show. This is one of a series of Hound Shows held each spring recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America.

Funding is provided through a very generous donation by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, the Patrons, Sponsors, Members and Class Sponsors of the Central States Hound Club, and by entry fees. The Hound Show Committee wishes to thank everyone involved for their help and their participation.

General Conditions

The Masters of Foxhounds Association now requires that all hunts showing in a show sanctioned by the M.F.H.A. must have paid the Hound Show fee. **Please enclose a copy of your current hound show card with your entries.** Please note that hounds placing second in a class that qualifies a hound for a Championship may compete for the Reserve championship. After a hound has been selected champion, the steward should present the second-place finisher to the Champion Hound with the remaining class winners to compete for the Reserve Championship.

All Hounds entered in this show are Crossbred, or English Foxhounds belonging to packs recognized or registered by the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America. All unentered hounds have been whelped on or after December 1st, 2023.

Hounds drafted from other Hunts, with the exception of unentered hounds, can be shown only in the Stallion Hound and Brood Bitch classes and the pack class.

Any dog hound shown in any class must have both testicles.

Please note there may not be more than four entries per hunt per class.

LEISHMANIASIS – Any hunt with confirmed Leishmaniasis in their kennel must provide negative test results for each competing hound, from a licensed veterinarian, within 6 months of the show date.

In classes for entered hounds, Masters are certifying that each entry is a good hunting hound as demonstrated by its working ability in the field with the Pack. In unentered classes, Masters are further certifying that it is their intention to enter these hounds this coming season. All Hounds must be named giving hunt and date of entry for entered hounds as well as hunt and date of entry of both sire and dam for all hounds.

There is one Pack Class for all hunts. Packs are made up of five couple, either sex, entered or unentered, American, Penn-Marydel, Crossbred or English or any combination thereof. Hounds in this class are not required to be intact. The Huntsman and one Whipper-in show packs. Kennel coats and hunt caps are to be worn by all personnel showing hounds in all classes including Pack Class. All hunts competing for the overall high point hunt must participate in the pack class.

There are no post entries. Each hunt is allowed to name six substitute hounds, which will be assigned numbers. If it becomes necessary to show a different hound rather than the original, then the substitute hound may be used. The Hound Show Secretary will have been informed of the intended substitutions the evening before the Hound Show.

Kenneling will be provided at the MVH Fin and Feather facility, and bedding will be provided for all visiting packs at no charge. Exhibiting Hunts must provide their own feed, feed pans and watering pans. Please clean the stalls before you leave.

Entry forms are to be submitted (with any required documentation) to the show secretary no later than 19 April, 2025. Entry fees for the 2025 Hound Show will be waived!

Entries are made subject to the rules and regulations of the Central States Hound Show Committee. The decisions of the Committee will be final.

Neither the Central States Hound Club, Mission Valley Hunt Club nor anyone connected with this hound show shall in any way be responsible for the theft or injury to hounds, equipment, exhibitors or spectators.

JUDGING WILL COMMENCE AT 9:00 A.M. May 3rd, 2025.

CENTRAL STATES HOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

CHAMPION 5 POINTS
RESERVE CHAMPION 4 POINTS

PACK CLASS

WINNER 10 POINTS
SECOND 6 POINTS
THIRD 4 POINTS

OTHER CLASSES

FIRST 3 POINTS
SECOND 2 POINTS
THIRD 1 POINT

CLASSES FOR ENGLISH/CROSSBRED DOGS

CLASS 1 SINGLE DOG – Unentered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 2 COUPLE OF DOGS – Unentered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 3 SINGLE DOG – Entered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 4 COUPLE OF DOGS – Entered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 5 BEST STALLION HOUND- Certified to be the sire of living puppies
SPONSOR:

The Trophy for this class donated by Mr. S.W. Longan III, ex-MFH

CLASS 6 CHAMPION ENGLISH/CROSSBRED DOG– Open to winners of classes 1, 3, & 5.
SPONSOR:

“Thomas C. Reck, MFH Memorial Trophy”
The trophy for this class donated by Inez Blaylock

CLASS 7 CHILDREN’S CLASS
SPONSOR:

CLASS FOR ENGLISH/CROSSBRED BITCHES

CLASS 8 SINGLE BITCH – Unentered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 9 COUPLE OF BITCHES – Unentered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 10 SINGLE BITCH – Entered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 11 COUPLE OF BITCHES – Entered
SPONSOR:

CLASS 12 BEST BROOD BITCH – Certified dam of living puppies
SPONSOR:

CLASS 13 CHAMPION ENGLISH/CROSSBRED BITCH – Open to winners of class 8, 10 & 12
SPONSOR:

The trophy for this class donated by Mr. Thomas C. Reck, MFH

CLASS 14 BEST STALLION HOUND and 2 or 3 of his get
SPONSOR:

The trophy for this class is the Thomas H. Jackson Memorial Trophy

CLASS 15 BROOD BITCH and 2 or 3 of her produce
SPONSOR:

CLASS 16 PERFORMANCE TRIAL CLASS (Top 10 Finish in a Performance Trial)
SPONSOR:

CLASS 17 SENIOR HOUND CLASS (Six seasons or more)
SPONSOR:

THE TANTIVY PERPETUAL TROPHY

CLASS 18 BEST HOUND OF THE SHOW - Open to winners of classes 6 & 13.
SPONSOR:

The Running Coyote Artist – Mr. Harry Webber, MFH
The trophy for this class donated by Miss Jane Luce, MFH

ALL HUNTS

CLASS 19 PACK CLASS – The Bitler Cup- Packs will be judged 50% on general appearance and 50% on performance, with emphasis on gaiety, spontaneity, and rapport with their Huntsman.
SPONSOR:

CLASS 20 THE DR. ROBERT E. SMITH, MFH CHAMPION HUNT PERPETUAL CUP – To be awarded to the hunt accruing the most points during the course of the hound show. To be eligible, the exhibitor must show in the Pack Class.

ABBREVIATIONS

BS – Bridlespur Hunt
FLH – Fort Leavenworth Hunt
FRVH – Fox River Valley Hunt
LLH – Long Lake Hounds
MCH – Mill Creek Hunt
MVH – Mission Valley Hunt
NHH – North Hills Hunt
MH – Massbach Hounds
WDH – Wayne Du Page Hunt
BVH – Brazos Valley Hounds
HFH – Harvard Fox Hounds