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PAH CORE VALUES

We strive to provide the highest quality sport to our members.
We educate the community about the traditions of foxhunting.
We promote the health, welfare and training of hounds and horses.
We support preservation of natural habitats and the conservation of open land, healthy rivers, forests, and farms.
We contribute to the historic character of our territory.
We follow the guidelines of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, as a supporting member.

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WELCOME TO PRINCESS ANNE HUNT

Dear PAH Members, Landowners, and Friends.

Welcome to the third edition of our Hunt Season Booklet and to Princess Anne Hunt's 97th year of preserving the tradition of foxhunting in Southeastern Virginia along the James River Corridor. Many thanks to Merri Musso and her team for putting this booklet together with expanded content and the most advertisers ever, and especially to Amy Zydel with her team at Expo Branders, who always do a beautiful job with the layout and printing. Special thanks also to Joe Svetina at Commonwealth Artists for the award-winning cover photo and various other photographs throughout the booklet. I encourage you to connect with these sponsors and to thank our landowners, listed on page 8, whenever you can.

Please use this booklet as a quick and easy reference before and during the hunt season for reminders about etiquette and turnout. I encourage you to share it with any guests who come to ride or hilltop, so they can understand a little bit more about Princess Anne Hunt and the sport of mounted foxhunting. Knowing about the sport helps everyone to enjoy and appreciate it more. You can find much of this information at princessannehunt.org if you need it electronically. Members can access the membership directory there as well, when they log in on the home page with their email address. If you have questions about membership, capping, events, foxhunting, or anything else, don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the leadership listed in this booklet.

I look forward to seeing you in the field beginning with cubbing season October 1. Potluck Stirrup Cups and Breakfasts following hunting are welcome every hunt. Once a month, Princess Anne Hunt sponsors a stirrup cup with a tailgate for hilltoppers, followed by breakfast. These hunts are noted in the calendar highlights on page 9. If you are a non-riding member or guest, be sure to mark your calendar for those. Stay in touch through Facebook, enews, and our website year-round.

Happy hunting!

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LANDOWNERS

A special **THANK YOU** to the more than forty landowners who welcome our horses and hounds through their properties, including the following historic plantations and farms where our Hunt meets regularly throughout the Hunt season. Pursuing wild quarry cross-country with hounds and horses requires a lot of acreage, and we are eternally grateful for the ongoing support of our landowners. Without them, we literally could not exist.

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PAH 2023-2024 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Princess Anne Hunt is dedicated to preserving the historic tradition of foxhunting in Southeastern Virginia, along the James River Corridor.

- Sunday, September 24 Festival of Foxhunting 8-2 pm at The Kennels, Charles City
- Saturday, September 30 9:00AM Sherwood Forest, Presentation of the Hounds
- Saturday, October 1 Member Cubbing begins
- October 1-25 Member Cubbing days (weekends and Wednesdays except 10/7, 10/8)
- Saturday, October 14 Newcomers Day (Free for guests; Masters must approve)
- Sunday, October 29 PAH Virginia Hunter Pace Series at The Kennels, Charles City
- Saturday, November 4 Dogham Farm Hound Walk, House Tour, Photo day with horses with Commonwealth Artists (Black powder deer season opens)
- *Saturday, November 11 Opening Meet at Sherwood Forest
- Saturday, November 18 Hound Training Day Members invited
- Saturday, December 9 Christmas Hunt with Breakfast at The Cavalier Hotel Hunt Room
- *Tuesday, December 26 Boxing Day at Historic Westover
- *Saturday, January 27 Hunting at River Ridge
- *Saturday, February 24 Hunting at North Bend Plantation
- *Saturday, March 9 Closing Meet at Sherwood Forest
- Saturday, March 16 Princess Anne Hunt Ball, The Commonwealth Club, Richmond
- Spring 2024 PAH Trail Riding Series
- May 11 and 12 Carolina Hound Show
- Sunday, May 26 Virginia Hound Show
- Saturday, June 1 Bryn Mawr Hound Show
- Saturday June 8 Triple Crown Belmont Race Party and Hound Races
- July/August Trail Clearing Days
- August/September Hound walking with and without horses
- Sunday, August 25 Stock-the-Bar party

The foxhunting fixture card is mailed to members.

* Cubbing, then Foxhunting, is on most Wednesdays and weekends from October 1st - March 9th with potluck stirrup cups and breakfasts. Once per month during that time, PAH will sponsor a Stirrup Cup for Riders, a Tailgate for Guests, and a catered or potluck "Breakfast" following hunting.

Call the Hunt Recording at 804-277-4567 for up-to-the minute information about weekly fixtures. Follow us on Facebook for information about news and events.





FOXHUNTING IN VIRGINIA

Foxhunting has a long tradition in Virginia dating to the earliest days of the first English settlements. Among other prominent Virginians, both Thomas Jefferson and George Washington foxhunted in the Princess Anne Hunt Territory in the 1700's. The sport cannot continue without the generous support of the farmers and landowners who graciously allow foxhunting across their land for the hunt.

PRINCESS ANNE HUNT HISTORY

Princess Anne Hunt was established in 1927 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mr. K. C. Johnson held the position of President as well as the first Master of Foxhounds. By-Laws were adopted September 4, 1927, and the first Opening Meet was held September 10, 1927. The Hunt was registered with the Masters of Foxhounds Association in 1931 and was recognized by the MFHA in 1937. Initially, kennels were located near the present location of Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach where members hunted the farmlands along the Atlantic Ocean. In 1946, after a brief period of inactivity during World War II, the club house, kennels, and stables were re-established on Military Highway in Norfolk, Virginia, until 1957 when the surrounding area was developed and the Hunt property sold. After several years of hunting with rented hounds, a new club house and kennels were built on London Bridge Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, in 1969.

The population of the area continued to rapidly expand and develop, encroaching on the Hunt's territory. Ultimately, the kennels were relocated to the Surry County home of Master of Foxhounds, Elias (Toady) Guy. In 1989, Paynie Tyler invited the Hunt to relocate to Sherwood Forest Plantation in Charles City County and provided five acres of land to build kennels and stables. The first opening meet in the new territory was held at Sherwood Forest in November 1989. The Hunt has been based in Charles City ever since.

PRINCESS ANNE HUNT TODAY

Based in Charles City, Virginia, Princess Anne Hunt is privileged to hunt the beautiful farmlands and historic plantations along the James River and throughout the counties of Charles City, James City, New Kent, Surry, Eastern Henrico, Hanover, and Prince George. Hunting generally occurs on Wednesdays and Saturdays (Sundays during deer hunting season) from Mid-October through early March. The Hunt maintains approximately twenty-five couple of mostly English and Old English Foxhounds with kennels and stables located in Charles City County. Princess Anne Hunt is dedicated to preserving the historic sport of foxhunting in this territory and the conservation of open land.

IN MEMORIAM

Toady Guy

Last year, Princess Anne Hunt mourned the passing of our longterm former MFH Elias Lyons Guy, better known by family and friends as Toady. Given the nickname as a baby by his grandmother, Toady cheerfully embraced it and even christened his house in Surry "Toad Hall".

While working everyone called him "Captain Guy", as a harbor pilot with the Virginia Pilot Association, but he was also proud to be called Master of Foxhounds with PAH. Starting in 1969 and serving until 1995, he was instrumental in re-establishing a pack of PAH owed foxhounds. Occasionally, the two professions joined together as when he reversed directions with the staff and hounds, they followed the command to "come about".

Toady recruited interested juniors from nearby Princess Anne Stables and had a core of kennel help and hound walkers, especially when the first litter of puppies arrived. In addition to sharing his love of foxhunting, those juniors absorbed the essential truth of horse/hound care before your own, attention to detail, kindness and a sense of humor.

All those qualities were in the forefront as Master of Foxhounds. Toady excelled at landowner relations, establishing new territory to hunt, and always checking in to see if there was anything he, or PAH could do to assist. Occasionally this meant that you were on "Toady time" and leaving might just take a little longer.



When it became obvious that increased development had finally squeezed PAH out of Virginia Beach, Toady purchased land in Surry County and with help repurposed and built a 2nd kennel. The hardworking lemon and white pack of American foxhounds easily made the transition from pressing grey foxes through soybean fields, ditches and pig farms, to hunting red foxes in Surry and Charles City Co. Kennel meets often enjoyed the hospitality of "Toad Hall", with Toady and Suzane pushing back the furniture and rolling up the rugs for dancing.

Toady loved horse and hound shows, for the competition but also for the enjoyment of being around friends. In addition to showing hounds, he served as steward and judge, especially at the Virginia Foxhound Show. Even when no longer riding he continued to participate in showing through horse ownership and sponsoring the young riders of his horses. Although Toady liked the ribbons fluttering on the back of the golf cart, he valued all good efforts whatever the placing. His riders learned to ride for the horse's betterment along with grace and humility.

Master Toady understood the value of encouragement, whether it was hounds going into the covert, young people in Pony Club or 4-H, or adults new to foxhunting. He was always ready to give whatever was needed. Princess Anne Hunt swept my whole family into foxhunting, and I am proud to say I was one of Toady's young entry.

Allison Harcourt



FOXHUNTING TERMINOLOGY

Away - The fox is in the open and/or the hounds are on the line.

Blank - Failure to find a fox in a covert is to "draw a blank."

Blessing of the Hounds - Opening meet ceremony.

Cap - A fee paid by non-members to ride with the field.

Cast - A Huntsman is said to be "casting" the hounds to find the fox.

Check - When the hounds lose the scent. Time for a brandy.

Couple - Two hounds. Packs are counted in "couple" of hounds.

Covert (pronounced "cover") - Any thicket, hedge or field where the fox may lie in shelter.

Cry (Full Cry) - When the entire pack is speaking on the line of the fox.

Cubbing - Cubbing season tests the fox and/or hounds in the field before the formal hunt season begins.

Field - Collective term for mounted hunt followers.

Fixture - The time and place of a meet or hunt assembly.

Gone to Ground - A fox has "gone to ground" when it has taken refuge in earth (den).

Hill Toppers - A group that follows the hunt on foot, by car, or mounted on horseback.

Hound - Hunting dogs are always referred to as "hounds." "dogs" are male hounds. Female hounds are "bitches".

Hunt Ball - Black tie fundraiser to celebrate a successful hunt season.

Hunt Breakfast - A meal following the hunt which may be served "in the field" where the members have met or in a nearby home or tavern. Despite the term "breakfast", it is normally afternoon by the time hunting is done and horses are settled.

Hunter Pace - A hunter pace is a low-key competitive event derived from foxhunting. In a hunter pace, a trail is marked for horse and rider to follow. Teams of three or four ride the trail following checkpoints set along the ride to ensure that the riders are staying on course and are not overworking their horses. Each group of riders is timed with the team that comes in closest to the time winning the competition.

Huntsman - Hunt staff member that controls the hounds in the field.

Line - The route taken by the fox.

Master - The "Master" of Foxhounds (MFH) is in command of the Hunt in the field and the Kennels.

Speak - Hounds "speak," that is to yelp in a manner peculiar to hounds when on the scent of a fox. Also known as giving tongue or voice and being in cry.

Stirrup Cup - The custom of sharing food and drink prior to the meet.

Tally-Ho - A term used when the fox is viewed in the open.

Whipper-in - A staff member who assists the huntsman in controlling the hounds.

*Visit princessannehunt.org for a more complete list of terms and phrases.





MEMBERSHIPS

Membership in the Hunt is by invitation. Prospective members must hunt and/or attend social events and be proposed to the Board of Directors by at least two current voting members.

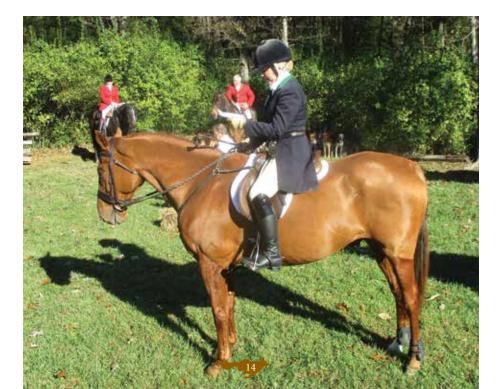
Princess Anne Hunt offers several membership levels: Family, Single, Associate, Professional and Hunt Supporter. To encourage and foster the younger enthusiasts of foxhunting, Junior memberships are available. Junior memberships are available for riders up to age 26. For detailed information on each category of membership, visit www.princessannehunt.org.

We strongly suggest each member should be a member of the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA)to ensure the uniformity and continuance of mounted hunting. Contact: www.mfha.com

Questions can be directed to the Membership Chair, Robin Somers-Strom at rsomersstrom@gmail.com.

MEMBER DIRECTORY

Members only may access the Members Directory through www.princessannehunt. org. Log-in with your email address and password to access the most up-to-date electronic and printable directory.



CONDUCT IN THE FIELD

MEMBER LIABILITY

Part of the joy of hunting is the quick action; requiring instinct and coordination between horse and rider at a gallop in new country. We do our best to avoid unnecessary risks; however, all riding members should be aware of the risks involved in the sport of Foxhunting. Our horses should be as happy when we are quietly straining to hear the sound of the pack as when we are running a fast coyote or fox that makes for the next county. Train with your horse and ensure that both horse and rider are fit. Remember, we ride at our own risk, and neither the Hunt nor the landowners assume any responsibility for liability. If you are not comfortable with the pace, your Field Master can assist you in moving to a slower flight. If you need to return to the trailers, your Field Master will ensure that a senior member can accompany you.

To protect the Hunt and its supporting landowners from any liability in the event of an accident to horse or rider, there are three levels of protection:

- 1. *Liability Waiver:* All members and riders must sign a PAH liability waiver, and these waiver forms are kept on file by the Honorary Secretary.
- 2. The Commonwealth of Virginia has very strong language in its statutes which recognizes that every rider is assuming responsibility for his own safety when mounting a horse and participating in equine activities. Section 3.2-6202 states as follows:
 - A. An equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities and no participant, participant's parent or guardian, or representative of such parent or guardian, shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities.
 - B. No participant or parent or guardian of a participant who has knowingly executed a waiver of his rights to sue or agrees to assume all risks or intrinsic dangers of equine activities may maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity.
- 3. <u>Liability Insurance Policy:</u> Princess Anne Hunt maintains a policy for general liability insurance through Farm Family Casualty Insurance Company in the amounts of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. We will provide certificate of insurance for any interested landowners upon request (contact the Masters).



RIDERS AND GUESTS: BEFORE THE HUNT

Gain permission from the Masters ahead of a meet for your guest(s) to attend. When arriving at the meet, introduce your guest to the Honorary Secretary, have an envelope ready with signed liability waiver, negative Coggins test, and requisite Cap Fee, and then go to the Masters for an introduction. Greet the Field Master before he or she gathers the field. Thank the Huntsman and Masters at the end of the day. Your horse and tack must be clean and neat and in good repair. Do not wear anything that could get caught on trees or other obstacles and cause injury to you or your horse.

RULES AND ETIQUETTE FOR SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF THE SPORT

Participants are expected to follow these conventions and etiquette. Additionally, unsafe, rude, or unsportsmanlike conduct will be addressed by the Master up to and including removal of a rider from the field. The Master is the final authority in the field. Any requests by the Master must be followed immediately and without discussion. In the absence of a Master, the Field Master is the authority and then persons of seniority with their colors.

- The Master, hunt staff and hounds should be given the right of way at all times.
- Always turn your horse so that its head is facing hounds, Master, or staff as they pass.
- Stay behind your Field Master at all times and follow his or her line. Keep up with the Field Master since leaving large gaps can interfere with the day's sport.
- Never pass the Master or ride an alternate route without his or her permission. If he or she crosses a field by hugging the edge, do likewise.
- Be quiet while hounds are being cast (turned into the covert for hunting). Speak in a low tone of voice so as not to raise hounds from hunting.
- Member interaction with hounds: All calling out to and attempts to give direction to a hound by members of the field are prohibited. It's not only bad manners, but apt to spoil sport for everyone. However, if a hound comes in between horses or you see that a hound will be coming close to other horses, let others know by calling "Hound(s) please" or "Ware hound" to alert members to give the hound the right of way. If the hound does not appear to be in a position to encounter the horses, no call is necessary.
- If you see a danger to another rider, such as a hole or a low tree branch, you should call out "Ware hole" or "Ware branch".
- If a Whipper-in or the Huntsman is coming up from ahead or behind and will need to pass through the field of riders, let others know by lowly calling "Staff please".
- ALWAYS turn your horse's head toward the rider so as to prevent your horse from kicking out as it passes.

- If you view a fox, and the hounds are on the line, do nothing to interfere with the hounds or the fox. If you view a fox as he breaks covert and the hounds are not on the line, do not make a sound and wait for him to be well away from the covert. Then signal the Field Master by raising your cap so he may choose whether to "Tally-ho" or to send a rider to the huntsman. Do not lose sight of where the fox broke covert. You may be asked to show the huntsman exactly where you viewed.
- If you choose to ride in the First Flight Field, please maintain the pace of the Field Master. Those who wish to pick and choose their jumps should ride at the back of the First Flight. When jumping, don't approach the take-off area until the preceding horse and rider have taken the jump safely and advanced three or four strides. If your horse refuses to jump, try once again. If it refuses on the second attempt, go to the back of the field. Never go around a fence as it is being jumped. In the course of a refusal, don't allow your horse to run into a cropped field. Remain in the rear of the jumping field until you are confident your horse will not refuse again.
- If your horse tends to kick, put a red ribbon on its tail. This warning symbol does not relieve you from the primary responsibility of keeping the mount at a safe distance from others. Horses that kick should be ridden in the back of the field, even when a red ribbon is worn.
- If you get lost or separated from the hunt, go directly to the nearest public road. Stay on the public roadways until you are able to rejoin the field.
- Do not ride over crops and keep off all seeded fields.
- Close any gates you open. Do not close any gate you find open.
- If you take a rail down, put it back. Leave everything as you found it.
- If there is an injury a few members of the field may volunteer or be designated by the Field Master to stay with the injured party and coordinate any needed help. The rest of the field should follow the Field Master and continue hunting.

REPRESENTING THE HUNT ON NON-HUNTING DAYS AND OFF-SEASON

When a hunt has been given the privilege of riding over a landowner's property, it does not mean that members of that hunt or anyone else have the right to trespass without specific permission from the landowner, the appointed agent, tenant or farmer, whether hacking on non-hunting days, going to a meet, or not keeping up or returning from a hunt. Always be conscious of ground conditions and do not ride across land where conditions are poor. Be courteous and friendly to the public. A smile, wave of the hand, or tipping one's cap does wonders for the good of our sport. Do not impede traffic while on your horse. Public relations are everyone's responsibility.







FOXHUNTING ATTIRE AND TURNOUT

The hunting attire described here has, over the years, proved to be practical, comfortable, and comparatively safe and thus reasons it has become traditional. The Masters of PAH do have the authority to dictate the specific livery for their hunt or the degree of formality or informality of dress that suits the country hunted, the climate, and weather extremes. With formal attire, there is more of a stratified uniformity. One reason being, during the "heat of the battle" or a flat out run behind screaming hounds, every rider can be recognized, initially from a distance, and confirmed once in closer proximity. There is no universal agreement regarding every detail of attire. However, a gentleman or lady rider who relies on the following references may confidently appear correctly or acceptably attired in any hunt field. A smart, tidy, and clean turn-out of rider and horse reflects respect for the hunts' hosts, the landowners. Without their generosity, following hounds across the country would be impossible.

RATCATCHER ATTIRE Wednesdays and Cubbing Season in October

Gentlemen and Ladies

Caps: Black or brown hunting cap, black or brown bowler, or approved ASTM helmet with secure chin strap with ribbons up.
Coats: Muted color or muted pattern of herringbone or tweed.
Shirt/Neckwear: Any color, white is acceptable.
Collar and necktie: Collarless with either a colored or white stock tie or a choker, both fastened with a plain, horizontal stock pin.
Breeches: Earth-tone colors – buff, beige, tan, brown, grey, or rust.
Spurs: Regular hunting style (Prince of Wales) with no rowels. Brown straps with brown boots, black straps with black boots.

Boots: Black or brown leather, dress or field with laces. With Masters' permission, rubber boots, Newmarket (canvas topped) boots, black or brown paddock (jodhpur) boots with same colored leather leggings/half chaps.

Gloves: Black or brown leather or string.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip.

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FORMAL ATTIRE Opening Meet through Closing Meet on Weekends

Gentleman Member

Black coat: Frock coat or hunting coat. Three black buttons on the front of coat and two buttons on the back if a frock coat.

Vest: Canary, as designated by PAH.

Breeches: Tan, beige, or buff.

Hats: Black ASTM with harness recommended. Ribbon up. With Masters' permission, top hat can be worn with a frock coat. Can wear a black bowler with black hunting coat.

Boots: Plain black without tops with hunting coat. Brown topped boots should be worn with frock coat.

Shirt: Collarless with plain, white stock tie neatly tied fastened with plain, horizontal pin. Ends of stock pinned down to keep tidy.

Spurs: Prince of Wales with black spur straps.

Whip: Traditional hunting whip.

Gloves: Heavy wash leather, buff, black or brown leather. White wool or cotton string are allowed.

Gentleman Member with Colors

Coat: Scarlet with rounded corners and three brass buttons in front, two on each cuff, and two behind. Hunt colors on collar. Brass buttons on vest.

Boots: Brown topped black boots.

All other items as Gentleman Member.





Lady Member

Coat: Black frock or hunting coat. Frock coat should have rounded corners with three buttons in front and two behind. Hunting coat should have rounded corners and three buttons in front.

Vest: Canary, as designated by PAH.

Shirt: Collarless with plain, white stock tie, neatly tied, fastened with a plain, horizontal stock pin. Ends of stock pinned down to keep tidy. Breeches: Tan, beige or buff. **Hats:** Black ASTM safety helmet with harness recommended. Black hunt cap. Ribbon up. With Masters' permission, black bowler with hunt coat or silk top hat with frock coat (must have 6" or more crown, short dressage hats not appropriate.)

Gloves: Heavy wash leather, buff, black or brown leather. White wool or cotton string gloves are allowed.

Spurs: Prince of Wales.

Whip: Light, traditional hunting whip.

Boots: Plain black with hunting coat and frock coat.

Lady Member with Colors

Coat: Black frock coat and black hunting coat with rounded corners, hunt colors on collar, and three buttons with hunt insignia on front, two on each cuff and two behind. Frock coat should have rounded corners. Brass buttons on vest. **Boots:** Patent leather tops with both hunting coat and frock coat. All other items as Lady Member.

*Sometimes modifications to the aforementioned suggested attire, for all field members, may be in order. Such modifications may be made by the Masters of individual hunts as needed, particularly in cold weather when parkas and heavy jackets are worn over regular coats and in wet weather. Masters will allow muted colored raincoats to be worn instead of the regular coat. It is recommended to have coats on hand in the event that Masters allow rain macs. Masters and field members are permitted to carry flask and sandwich cases (or combos of both) and wire cutters.

Alexander Mackay-Smith, Foxhunting in North America, 1988.

For information about Side Saddle and Junior (ages 5-26) attire, go to: www.princessannehunt.org

WILLIAM A. WHITEHURST MEMORIAL TROPHY

The William A. Whitehurst Trophy was established in 1998 in memory of long-time supporter and former Master of Foxhounds, Billy Whitehurst, in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to Princess Anne Hunt. His love of the sport of foxhunting continues to be an inspiration to us all. This trophy is given annually at closing meet to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication.

- 1999 Lee and Tec Sease
- 2000 W. Michael Adams, MFH
- 2001 Cherylle Wornom
- 2002 Miriam and James A. Daniels, Jr., MFH
- 2003 Linda and Peter Ault 2004 Bonnie Mershon
- 2004 Bonnie Wershon 2005 George A. Smith
- 2005 George A. Sinth 2006 Cindy and David Chewning
- 2007 Jack Ferguson, MFH
- 2007 Jack Ferguson 2008 Paynie Tyler
- 2009 Linda and Joe DeFazio
- 2010 Mike and Dee Dee Mausteller, MFH
- 2011 Nancy and Dick Nance
- 2012 Christine Sweet
- 2013 Edward D. Mitchell, MFH
- 2014 Hester and Tim Coyne
- 2015 Thomas G. Vance
- 2016 Harrison R. Tyler
- 2017 James Raine, Huntsman

- 2018 Judee and Gil Calkins
- 2019 Jim Daniels
- 2020 Cynthia Long-Porter
- 2021 Mike Maddocks (in Memoriam)
- 2022 Travis D. Gibson, MFH
- 2023 Katherine Mitchell



2023 Recipient: Katherine Mitchell

THE MAUSTELLER PERPETUAL AWARD

The Mausteller Perpetual Award is in honor of Dee Dee Mausteller, who was master of PAH from 2012 -2023. Her ceaseless dedication to hounds, hunting and staff was remarkable. Dee Dee was the hero behind the scenes many times and enforcer of the proper etiquette and codes of hunting.

It is befitting that this award recognizes an exemplary staff member for exceptional commitment and passionate dedication to the hounds, kennel affairs and hunting.



2023 Recipient: Allison Harcourt



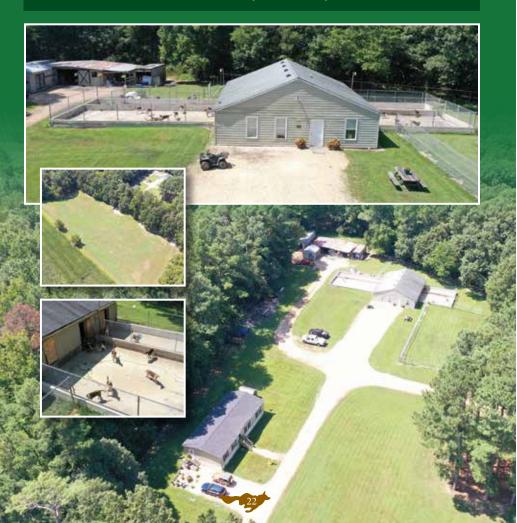


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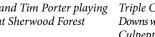




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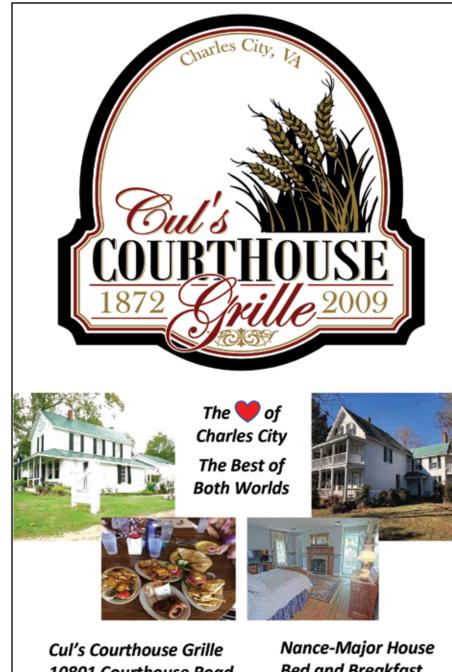
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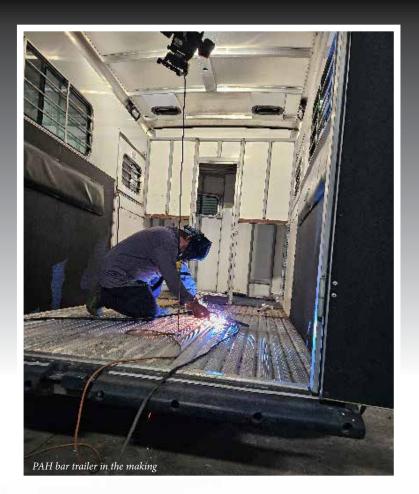


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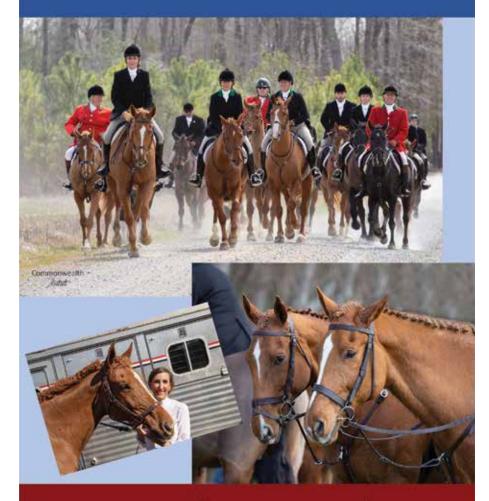
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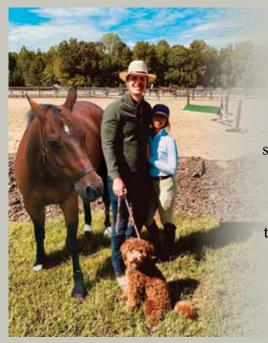
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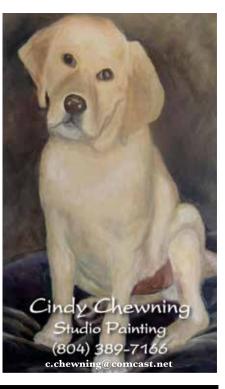


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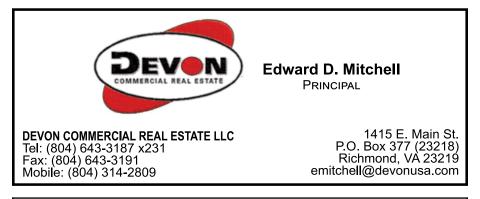
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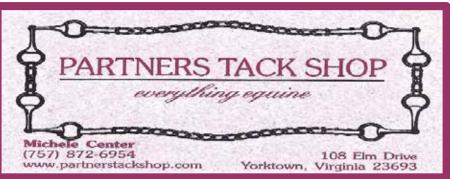




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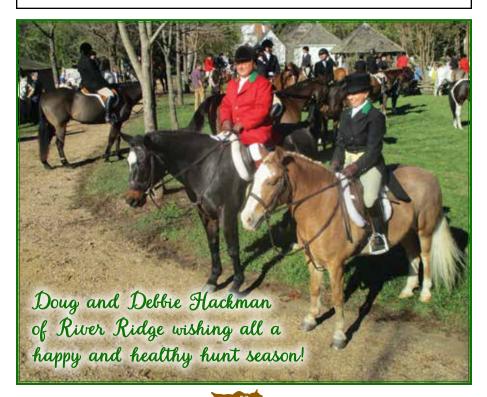
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