



# THE BABBLER

LANDOWNER EDITION

June 2007

Dear Landowner,

The Long Lake Hounds celebrates its 48<sup>th</sup> season this year. The group began as a trail riding association after WWII. Land was purchased west of Wayzata by the returning GI's and the Long Lake Trails Association was born.

In the past years we have sent a Handbook out to you for your information. This year, we decided to devote a newsletter to our landowners. This allows us to share some of the history during the past 60+ years as well as information about our current season. We hope you will read and enjoy it.

The most important thing to realize is that we do not kill anything. Instead we chase a "stinky sock" across your land and watch our hounds use their noses to find the scent. Our drag layers pretend to be foxes and lay the scent, hopefully just as a fox would, as it crosses your land.

We hope we have been good citizens in the past. We are able to do what we do because of your generosity. We consider it a privilege to ride on your land and we do not take your permission lightly. We begin our season on July 7 and will finish the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Please call if you ever have any questions. We are always available to listen and address your questions and concerns. Thank you very, very much for the privilege.

The Joint Masters of the Long Lake Hounds

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The beginning of the Long Lake Hounds happened right after WWII. The men returning from the war wanted to resume what they had enjoyed as young boys in the late 1930's. The Long Lake Trails Association was formed. Meetings were held at the historic Buckhorn Café in Long Lake (which later burned to the ground in 1967).

Excerpts from Long Lake Trails Association documents:

"Mr. Sweatt outlined the history of the riding trails in the Long Lake area, paying tribute to Albert Crosby, who was principally responsible for the trails which now exist. In addition, he outlined the purpose of the meeting; namely to set up an organization in order that trails and paneled country may be extended in



Louise Wakefield & Stephen Libby in sack race at Landowner's Picnic in 1959

the area surrounding Long Lake and riders instructed regarding their responsibility in connection with the proper use and maintenance of these trails." *Minutes, August 12, 1946*

"We have opened up about twelve square miles of riding country north and west of Long Lake. In connection with this of course we have had to talk with a great many farmers and they have been one-hundred percent cooperative. Looking forward to Christmas, we would like to do something for

them and thought about the nicest thing we could do would be to send each family a box of Delicious apples." *A letter written to Stanley Dwinell, owner of the Pine Tree Apple Orchard in White Bear Lake,*

*MN dated October 19, 1946*

"A report of the Trails Committee indicated a 25 square mile area bounded by No. 12 (highway) on the south from Wayzata west to Maple Plain, running north to Hamel and west to Loretto." *Minutes, April 13, 1951*

"**FARMER'S PARTY**-Considerable discussion was had on where, when and how the party should be arranged. Mr. Stuart Wells, Jr. urged that we arrange for the Holy Name Parish Hall. Leon Warner reported that the Board of Governors in their discussions had felt that possibly an outdoor picnic at the Warner Farm would be a solution. There were several suggestions from the floor that we return to the hall at Independence Lake. Upon a motion from the floor by Mrs. A.C. Fellows that the President appoint a Chairman of the Farmer's Picnic, together with a committee and they explore the various possibilities and arrive at a decision." *Minutes, April 23, 1951*



**COUNTRY KEEPING POLICY**

It is the policy of the Long Lake Hounds to require two country keeping work days (a day=6 hours) from each riding member. For those who do not wish to work, a check for \$100 per day (\$200 total) is also acceptable, payable to the Long Lake Hounds. This season a record of all country keeping efforts will be maintained. Those not fulfilling their responsibility will be billed accordingly.

The countryside is divided into twelve areas. Each area has a designated Country Keeping Leader(s). A member may choose one of three options: 1) Choose a Country Keeping Leader and assign yourself to his/her Country. The Leader will schedule specific times to do the work; or 2) There are four days on the calendar for Country Keeping. A member may choose to come to any two or more of the days. The days for 2007 are:

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| Saturday, July 21   | Post cubbing | Wednesday, August 8 | Post cubbing |
| Saturday, August 18 | Post cubbing | Saturday, August 25 | Post cubbing |

The third option would be to choose a combination of options 1 or 2.

We encourage all members to put these dates on your calendar now. Anyone unable to fulfill their country keeping duties may talk with one of the Master's to arrange an alternative. Any questions, please see Bridgett, Cindy or Jerry.

1.) Medina: East of Willow Dr., South of County Rd. 24 (CK) - Ellie Crosby (763) 473-1141	<b>LEGEND FOR LLH HUNTING AREAS - 2007</b>	
2.) Medina: West of Willow Dr., South of County Rd. 24, to Baker Park (CK) - Jerry Brost (763) 228-2212	3.) Medina: West of Willow, North of County Rd. 24, South of Hamel Rd. East of Parkview (CK) - Cindy Piper (952) 476-1045	4.) Medina: East of Willow, North of County Rd. 24, South of Hamel Rd. (CK) - Lisa Foster (763) 478-9234
5.) Medina: North of Hamel Rd. (CK) - Kitty Crosby (763) 478-6037	6.) Independence: Polo Field, No. of County Rd. 6, East of County Rd. 92, West of County Rd. 90, South of Hwy. 12 (CK) - Carmen & Steve Gardiner (763) 479-2095	7.) Independence: North of County Rd. 6, West of County Rd. 92, South of Hwy. 12, to Fenner Rd. (CK) - Dan Deikel (612) 850-6616
8.) Independence: South of County Rd. 6, North of Luce Line, West of County Rd. 92 & South of Kunz (CK) - Jeanne Ahrenholz (952) 955-1961	9.) Watertown: (Old Kennel area) West of Rice Lake, East of Watertown, (CK) Nancy Bizzano (952) 955-1268 Emily Fischer (952) 380-3474	10.) Delano: South & West (Pine Meadow Farm), West of 16, South of County Road 30 to township line (CK) Cathy Belzer/Jennifer Schuck (763) 972-9116
11.) Swede Lake: North of 46 <sup>th</sup> St., East of Swede Lake and Oxford, South of Luce Line, West of Market (CK) Linda Ledray (952) 955-3362 Sue Talalla (952) 955-2763	12.) West of Watertown: (New) (CK) Nancy Bizzano (952) 955-1268 Emily Fischer (952) 380-3474	13.) Kennels (CK) Junior Lehman (763) 225-7122



Anny Kyllonen (now Donahoe) wins best male hound at the puppy show in 1971. The handlers were the puppies' walkers and after the show went back to the pack at the kennel on the Scott farm.



Cassidy McCrea, 8 months old, won the smiling contest at Landowners' Picnic in 1972

"The Long Lake Hounds represent history, passion and sport. I have been involved with the hunt for over 40 years starting as a child with the hounds living in my yard, hunting avidly through my teens to present day as a land owner. I appreciate, at so many levels, the opportunity to support and enjoy a great sport."  
  
— Landowner, Liza Scott MacMillan



Nick LaFond, hunter and landowner.  
Minnesota Monthly, Oct., 1994  
Photograph by David Ahrenholz



Hounds take a long, cold drink at Woldfeld's Lake—1967

A partial list of our...

# 2007 Landowners

*Thank you!*

Vicki Brost & Roland Aberg	Andrea Edmondson	Robert Laurent	Michael Reimer
Dr. David & Jeanne Ahrenholz	Jerry & Heidi Elliott	Tony Laurent	Tim & Lynette Reiners
Peter and Amy Alworth	Dale Enwiller	Douglas & Louise Leatherdale	Chriss & Jim Renier
Andy Anderson	Brad Estby	Charles & Anne Leck	Jeffrey Richards
Jay & Deborah Anderson	George Fake	Linda Ledray	John & Middie Ringer
John & Tricia Anderson	Barbara Fleischhacker	Larry & Jean LeJeune	Jim Roehl
Suzie & Brent Anderson	Norma Frederichs	Wilbur Light	Cindy & Al Roers
Rick Stoller & Cathy Andrews	Amy Gafkjen	Richard Linck	Laura Roling
Phillip Barfnecht	Geoff & Kelly Gage	Clarkson & Nancy Lindley	Clyde & Pat Rumpza
Steve & Darlene Bauman	Ralph Gallus	Nancy Kwan & David Lubben	Steve Schilling
Tony & Jean Bauman	Chris Ginthner	Jeff Lunde	Leo Schmidt
Doug Otten & Cheryl Bazinet	Gerald Gnitka	Tom Lundell	Steve & Connie Schmidt
Bill & Melinda Becker	Herbert Gardner & Elizabeth Goodman	Liza MacMillan	Paul Schoborg
Lynn Behrends	Francis Graham	Jon & Patty Malecek	Elton Schuette
Gordon Belke	Robert Griffith	Joseph Manchek	Mike & Linda Schluenberg
Michael Belke	Tony & Thresa Hallada	Wally Marx	Michael Seeland
Jennifer Schuck & Cathy Belzer	Dan Hanson	Buzz Matter	Chad Seizert
Wes & Julia Bendickson	Keith Hanson	Dan Matter	Marianne Sharma
Dick Olsen & Polly Benson	Paul Harmel	Dennis Matter	John Sheldon
Chuck & Arlene Berzins	John & Patty Hasse	Leonard Matter	Kenneth Silus
Joseph & Nancy Bizzano	Peter & Susan Hasselquist	Douglas & Kathy McCann	Chris Naylor & Tim Skeeahan
Mark Boll	Jeff & Bethe Hattara	Robert & Polly McCrea	Marilyn St. Aubin
Myron Boll	John Haupt	Doug & Merna McCulley	Roland & Judt Stanchfield
Doug & Kathy Bolrath	Randy Hemmer	Mark McCulley	Win & Nancy Stephens
Gwen & Miguel Bottoli	Richard Henning	Richard & Denise Merz	Dan Strand
Susan & Keith Boudrie	Doug & Susan Heyvaert	Delmar Messenger	June Sutton
Bob Bradley	Thomas & Karen Hoffman	Joe & Carol Miller	Gene Sweet
JW & Anita Branson	Norman Hoffman	Ray Miller	Sue Talalla
Janene & Tom Bren	Paula Prah & Randy Hopper	Richard Miller	Kathy Taylor
Sidney Brennan	Gary, Sandy & Julianne Hornig	Susan Mills	Bob Tesarek
Buck Hazeldine & Sally Brown	Don & Kay James	Lucy & Bobby Mitchell	Leland Thal
Richard Burke	Thomas Janas	Tom & Kristi Mittelstat	Bob Theisen
Joel Buttenhoff	Glenn & Linda Jeffrey	Glen & Elaine Morrow	Brent Theisen
Gerald & Ann Carlson	George Jehl	Bruce, Carrie, Sam & Emma Morseth	Gregory Theisen
Fred & Wendy Caslavka	Dan & Jill Johnson	Ambrose Motzko	Harold Theisen
Carl & Carol Cedarberg	Marvin Johnson	Mark Motzko	Randy Theisen
Rick & Susan Chaffee	Ray Johnson	Phillip & Kathy Mueller	Ken & Mary Thies
Kirsten Chapman	Richard Johnson	Jay Nelson	Keith & Sarah Tripplet
David & Nancy Chase	Terry & Karolyn Johnson	Charlie & Liz Nolan	Barbara Saxton & Phil Turner
ChiChi Steiner	Mitch Kesar	James Noland	Thomas Turnham
Greg & Judy Chock	Ken & Sue Keiser	Carter Ohrt	Rolf Turnquist
David & Kitty Crosby	Stephen Kennedy	Terry Olson	Jay & Catherine Tutt
Tom & Ellie Crosby	Steve & Barb King	Dennis & Janet Orke	Dave & Sandy Vandeneinde
Daniel Czanstkowski	Gary Kirt	Mike & Steph Ott	Leon Vanderlinde
John & Mary Czanstkowski	David & Babs Koch	Cliff Otten	Tom Vanderlinde
David & Debra Dalbec	Loran Kohls	Robert Pajor	Paul & Nancy Vetscher
Lisa Dayton	Joe & Judy Konicek	Bob & Kim Perry	Mrs. Max Von Bluecher
Marvin De Bough	Tracy Kooman	Gary & Maureen Petrucci	Jack Wahlfors
Dan Diekel	Steve Hajas & Carol Krajecowski	Keith Pickering	Sharon Lim & Lance Wallin
Jeffrey Dobbs	Michael & Jackie Kratch	Louise & Manuel Pinto	Mike & Kaley Walsted
Jerry Domjahn	Michael & Jackie Kruegger	Wayne & Joanne Popham	Richard Walters
Anne and Mark Donahoe	Walter & Jean Kunz	Charles Poppler	Mike & Julie Warren
Tim & Julie Druk	Nick & Connie LaFond	Gene Purdy	William Whitmore
Steve Eckman	James & Joan Lane	George & Judy Ramolo	Wheelock Whitney
	Harold Laurent	Philip & Gladys Reimer	Ralph & Mary Widmer
			Jamie & Elizabeth Wolfe
			Thomas Zwickel



## LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Foxhunting – a stunning reminder of old English prints: Hounds in full cry and horses moving across beautiful countryside. To enjoy our sport, we need the generosity of landowners such as you. The Long Lake Hounds have respectfully used land for more than 50 years – in Medina, Independence, Wayzata, Maple Plain, and now in the Delano – Watertown area.

We do not chase or kill animals. Ours is a “drag” hunt. Fox scent is squirted upon the ground – creating a trail for the hounds to follow. Our small pack is a disciplined one. They listen to the Huntsman’s horn and follow the direction of the lead horses. The members ride behind. Jumps are made in fence lines with gates for those choosing not to jump.

Our season begins mid July and ends Thanksgiving Day. Hounds go out on Wednesday and Saturday. Hunts are cancelled if the ground is wet or conditions otherwise unfavorable. Our main concern is the preservation of your land and safety of horse and rider. Before every hunt landowners who have requested a phone call are called. You will know when we are coming. We use any given piece of land between 2 and 5 times during the season. We come through—only with your permission and will spend no more than a very few minutes on your land. We invite you to come out and enjoy the sights. Bring your camera!

Trails, jumps and gates are maintained by members. We schedule work days and notify you when our membership will be “country keeping.” Routes are planned with the land owner. Our members will not be riding across your land except during scheduled hunts.

It has been our experience that our activities do not disrupt wildlife. While deer might run a short distance from the horses and hounds, they return immediately to their familiar territory. Our pack has been bred and trained to ignore scents other than the scent put down by the drag layers.

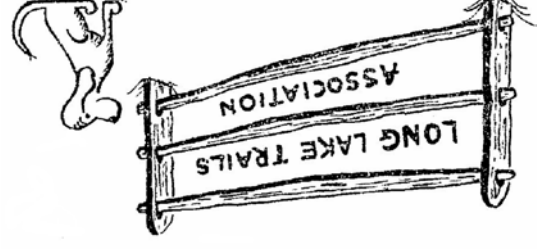
On the question of insurance liability, you are protected in several ways. The State of Minnesota Private Lands and Waters, Public Use law was passed to encourage land owners to share their property by stating that you cannot be found responsible for any accident due to recreational use of your land. A copy of the law is available by calling one of the people listed below. The Long Lake Hounds, one of 168 “recognized” hunts in the US and Canada is also covered by an insurance policy issued through the Masters of Fox Hounds Association. If you desire, we can add your property to our policy as a named insured. Please contact Cindy Piper if that is your wish.

Our membership is hardworking and dedicated. Some live in town and others keep small farm operations caring for their own horses. All are interested in maintaining the outdoor sporting life both for themselves and others.

We hope you consider the request of the Long Lake Hounds and that our relationship becomes a long and friendly one. Please call any of the following with questions.

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