



# THE BABBLER

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## Activities/News

On August 13th, Master Cindy and I attended a Long Lake Chamber meeting to present the History of the Long Lake Hounds. The power point that Cindy produced was excellent and well received. We will find a way to present it to the membership somewhere, sometime. I am also encouraging Cindy to make this into a book. If others of you could also turn up the pressure that might be helpful.

Who knew? Member Linda Ledray and husband Mark were mentioned in a recent Chronicle of the Horse article featuring eventing superstar Ryan Wood, because they co-own a 7 year old Irish Sporthorse with him named Woodstock Wallaby. Wood selected him in Ireland and has done all of the training from day one on his back. He recently placed second in the CCI\* at Bromont. I asked Linda if she had ridden the horse. She has been on his back but is not claiming to have done any 'real' riding on him.

Our treasurer has changed her name and is now Mrs. Bryce Timpe. A good time was had at the marriage celebration on August 16th. Mother of the Bride, Master Lisa Foster, actually hunted the hounds the morning of the wedding due to Junior's injury from the previous Wednesday's hunt. Master Cindy made sure there was a tailgate for out of town wedding guests out to watch the hunt. The fixture was held at Willowood Farm Road that day for the convenience of wedding participants.

Master Nancy recently sadly retired her wonderful horse Ransom. Then off she went on a horse shopping trip to Wyoming. The shopping proved to be unsuccessful, but sometimes life works out. She returned home to see a sound horse trotting about the pasture. So - he was seen at Swede Lake laying one line and we will see what happens. Cross your fingers that we have our star drag layer back!

## Important Dates

**Wednesday, August  
27th** - Breakfast with  
the Huntsman  
**Saturday, September  
6th** - Blessing  
**Thursday, October  
16th** - Junior Hunt  
**Saturday, October  
25th** - Tack Sale  
**Saturday, November  
15th** - Color's Ball

Complete fixture list is  
emailed to all members  
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updates

Please contact me with any news you might have or  
comments about what you'd like to see in The Babblers.  
Thanks for the many positive comments I've received.

Jeanne Ahrenholz MFH, editor

## Featured Hound - Dryden



Dryden is no longer a hunting hound. He is a 5 year old  
by London Dalesman and out of Metamora Folly, drafted  
to us from Metamora Hunt in Michigan. Originally he

participated with the pack. Unfortunately, one day at Swede Lake, Jr's horse inadvertently trampled him. Though not badly hurt, shortly thereafter the pack beat him up, further damaging his confidence. He no longer has a desire to hunt. During the winter he was used to couple puppies, but once the soybeans were in, he learned to take the puppy into the beans rather than packing up. He was not the educator we had in mind.

He's the one that visitors think is a Labrador. He's a big lovable hound and is very smart. He would be the perfect pet and companion. Our last Babblar announced that he had been placed but it fell through, so he is at the kennels waiting for you to take him home.

Featured Person - June Sutton



All good foxhunters know that there are people much more important than the Masters and the Huntsman. These people of course are the landowners, and for the Long Lake Hounds one of the most important is June Sutton. Now 99 years old, and still living independently on the

farm where she was born, she shares with us a reverence for open land and its preservation.

For many years she has been there to greet us at the meets on her land, has attended the old Landowner's Picnics, and those of us who drive through her country to get to the grocery store, have often see her out tending her cattle. She has had cattle all her life and had 10 calves this spring. She loves to watch them frolicking in the pasture.

June was born to English/Irish/Scottish parents, the 5th of 6 children and is the last remaining Sutton child. Her father was the first mail carrier in Delano and delivered mail by wagon or sleigh. They farmed their Hillcrest Stock Farm using 8 horses. There was no electricity until 1979. They used kerosene for lights, and a John Deere gas engine to water the animals. She attended school in Delano, where she was taken by wagon or sleigh and walked the 3 miles home. She is the last remaining graduate of the Delano Class of 1934.

The LLH began opening the West Country in 1963 and we've been hunting June's land since the late 60's. Many of her multiple fields are in crops and hay, which are a delight to gallop through. June wants the land to stay exactly as it is now, with no development.

June is very well read and very much up-to-date on current events. Not a fan of TV, she listens to WCCO on her radio well into the evening. She always attends the Delano 4th of July Parade and Fireworks and the Prom March. She is a regular in attendance at Holy Cross Church. A favorite pastime is her garden club.

When asked the secret to a long life she said "There is none, just good genes". She feels young and is in excellent health with a sharp mind and merry eyes.

We are blessed to have her as our good friend and good steward of the land.

(Thanks to Jo Bolte for much of the information for this article.)

## Hunting



Hunting in Morrow Field

Hunting is going quite well this season. Puppies are with the pack most of the time and we are grateful for the Montana hounds who have joined us. Our early season fears that the land would never dry out were not well founded and we now have hard ground.

We've hunted a fairly small pack since we don't take all of the puppies out at the same time and have had up to 5 bitches in the hot kennel all at once. Junior feels that the hounds are sometimes hunting trails rather than scent but thinks that once Esther is back in the pack that will improve.

We've started out the 2014 Black and Blue Club with a few falls: Eleanor Lieder, Junior Lehman, and Otto Lieder, not that we are trying to embarrass them! The image below shows Junior roading the hounds in a pickup truck. After parting with his horse on a slick turn off Nelson Road, he was able to walk out to the road but was then loaded into a truck to be transported back to the trailer.

We've had good voice and have returned to the trailers with all hounds accounted for. Good job Junior!



Featured Horse - Bud Lite



This month's featured horse is probably the cutest one in the hunt field. Bud is a Clydesdale something? cross with a personality bigger than his feet, and is maybe 12 years old. Dr. Gene Beaulieu got him as a pair driving horse for his wife but he didn't match the other horse well enough. Then Cliff Otten acquired him as field hunter prospect. Dena Stanchfield's daughter Spencer started riding him to keep him fit for Cliff. He proved not

suitable for Cliff since he had a dirty dog ditch 'em attitude about jumps.

When Cliff found a replacement horse, Dena leased Bud. After a long, long lease he eventually became Dena's. Dena appreciates his quirky personality, his honest work ethic, and kind loving eyes. They have had their ups and downs, but with persistence and a lot of diligent dressage schooling they have finally developed a great partnership in the saddle and on the ground. At the beginning of the season Bud was a bit fresh, and Dena was a little worried, but now they are the picture of confidence and competence. Bud hunts with either field, walks hounds several times per week, lays drag, and acts as a 'half staff' horse stepping in when Jr needs some extra help in the field. He is a sweet horse who enjoys hunting and being with the hounds and most importantly makes sure that Dena enjoys the ride.

### Horses in Memory

It has been a sad summer for several Long Lake Hounds members who lost horses recently. We will miss them, but take some solace in knowing that we could release them to peace and painlessness.

Limo, Hanoverian x TB retired event and dressage horse, lost to a tragic pasture accident, loved by Lisa Foster and Tory Ackerman

Chloe, Arabian brood mare lost to colic/lymphoma, loved by Steve and Carmen Gardiner

Toyon, Takehner competing in Grand Prix dressage, lost to laminitis/founder, loved by Jeanne Ahrenholz  
B.J.s Rainbow (Ray), Thoroughbred hunt horse lost to muscle wasting disease, loved by Ed and Wendy Powell

### Country Keeping



You would think that experienced country keepers like

Suzie Anderson and Nancy Bizzano had some common sense. We all know that one of the lowest spots in our country is the swamp behind Laura Rolfings, and we all know that 2014 had an incredibly wet spring. You would think that it might be wise to avoid that area or at least approach it with caution. But Nancy, according to Suzie's version, told Suzie that the Kubota could make it through 'no problem'. But Suzie, according to Nancy, took the turn way too sharp and did not stick to the high ground. The accompanying picture tells the story. Joe Bizzano was dispatched and drove his tractor all the way from Watertown to assist. Being more sensible than the girls, he stayed on high ground, but his 2 chains were not long enough to reach the depths of the swamp where Kubota was mired down. An amused landowner witnessed this from a hilltop and arrived with a third chain. We're not sure that the path ever did get mowed. If you're out country keeping with these girls just don't listen to them.

And then there was Karl Lieder, out larking after the July 30th hunt at Ahrenholz, who demolished a split rail vertical. As a responsible hunt member he returned that evening to repair the jump, now to be known as 'Lieder's Lesson'. Karl & Jeanne got carried away with the repair and what was a 2 option jump now offers riders 3 options, or an opportunity for 3 riders to jump side by side.



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