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Activities/News

I got my first letter to the editor (well really it was an email) from Kathy McCann. After praising our publication she said "I want to be just like June Sutton when I grow up...on Berryhill Farm and the Swede Lake Country forever!"

The formal season is in full swing. Thanks to those who have sponsored tailgates and breakfasts. Nothing tastes as delicious as it does after a good hunt.

On September 6th we were all well blessed by Reverend Nancy Nord Bence - hounds, horses, riders, and landowners. 75 people ate, drank, and socialized, with many more there for the ceremony. Lots of car followers got in on as much action as they could. The breakfast, hosted by Joe and Nancy Bizzano and Dave and I, raised some much needed \$ to feed the hounds and keep our kennels running.

As always, let me know if you have any news or know anyone who should be added to our email list.

Jeanne Ahrenholz, editor

Important Dates

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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Featured Hound - Prince



Appropriately named, Prince is quickly becoming Long Lake Hound royalty and he was awarded the holly at the 2014 Blessing. He is the best of the puppies, who are now a year and a half old. As a young puppy, Eleanor Lieder spent a lot of time with him teaching him to lead and socializing him. She made the holly collar that he wore at the Blessing. Though he still wanders a bit, as puppies can do, he is the most improved young hound and is learning quickly how to be a good hunting foxhound. He was sired by our Long Lake Mitch and is out of Midland Keel, a hound drafted from Ep Wilson at Midland. She was a hound who hunted really well but has passed away. If you come to visit Prince and want to get to know him, bring eggrolls. They are his favorite treat and the way to his heart. In May, the Lieders took advantage of our hound sponsorship program and "adopted" Prince.

Featured Person - Eleanor Lieder



Eleanor Lieder is a 16 year old who has stood the test of time in the field. She has ridden her Foundation Quarter horse, Ruby, for the last four seasons and has ridden in more than 40 hunts in those years. She can generally be found in the midfield as galloping through the woods is her favorite activity. The Chapman fixture is her favorite fixture. In her words, "It has everything - beautiful woods and fields, the stunning lake and a big ham in a gorgeous house with a hostess who makes any ride better."

Last year's Hunters Pace is the perfect illustration of Eleanor's tenacity over these four years. She joyfully told her riding partner "I know exactly where we are going. We turn right where Ruby bucked me off in 2012, left where we

had a little runaway last spring and Ruby ran sideways up this hill last year."

The hunt Eleanor was most proud of was last year's Hollywood Bowl. The year before this hunt had been particularly adventurous. Eleanor spent the entire winter working with Ruby on rating and crossing obstacles. This paid off in 2013 as Ruby was a model of good behavior, even walking another skittish horse across the bridge.

Eleanor can also be found throughout the winter walking hounds many Saturdays and cleaning up the kennels on Sundays. Her favorite hound is Prince.

In addition to riding in the hunt, Eleanor is also active on the Hunt Ball Committee and attended the MFHA Annual seminar on drag hunting last year. Her other major hobby is singing and songwriting. She plays both acoustic and electric guitar and writes original music.

(Thanks to justifiably proud mom, Lisa Lieder, for providing information)

Hunting

12 members attended Lunch with the Huntsman following the August 27th fixture at Bizzano. It was a gorgeous, perfect day, the longest and fastest hunt of the season that far. Much appreciation was expressed for the fabulous country and its preparation. Junior gave us a great synopsis of how the hounds are doing. Slowly as the season progresses, we are hearing more and more voice and that day it was glorious. It was still cubbing season and still a learning process for the new H hounds from Montana who are picking up the idea of drag hunting quite quickly and are assimilating into the pack, out hunting and in the kennels. Prince is the star of the puppies. Piper is doing well but tends to shut down when stressed. And then there is Polly - the one you see running around on her own. On this particular day, Carmen Gardiner, who was car following, had to retrieve her from someone's garage. To her credit though, she always returns to the pack and hunts with them while on the line. She is the namesake of Polly McCrea and we are wondering what Polly was like as a youngster? One thing you can say about her though is that she is one happy, joyous hound. Mitch and Piper are the strike hounds but also at the front are Esther and Emmet.

It was great to watch the hounds on Blessing day. They took off into Windsong golf course for a few minutes but responded to the horn and came immediately back. Good

thing since there was a golf tournament in progress. Then steady old Kernal hit the line going into Leck's woods. The rest of the hounds had taken off up Leck's driveway, but heard Kernal and honored him by returning to run the line.



Lunch with the Huntsman

Featured Horse - Russell



This particular horse, owned by Master Cindy, is one who doesn't really stand out a lot so you might not notice him. That's because he is always so well behaved and a solid citizen. You will see him at almost every hunt, year after year, carrying many a grateful member or guest. He has been one of the best ambassadors for the Long Lake Hounds.

Russell was a PMU foal by a Thoroughbred stallion and out of a half bred mare. He is now 18 years old and is always sound. He has never taken a lame step - knock - knock. No down time for him, which is good since he is in great demand. He is consistent and an easy keeper. Cindy says that he is like an old shoe and if you want to own a horse you want one like him.

Cindy purchased him at 6 months old and eventually sold him to a woman on the east side of town who was looking for a trail horse. She soon became interested in dressage and spent much time putting dressage basics into the horse. Cindy feels that is the key to his eventual success as a field hunter. His owner decided he was not the right type of horse to advance through the levels in dressage, so Cindy bought him back and he proved how valuable he

was in the hunt field. Cindy's previous employee, Gina Hoops, also evented him.

He has gone first flight, most recently leased by Dr. Stephanie Valberg in 2013, but is also the perfect second flight mount. He is a poster model for many University Of Minnesota promotional ads and publications, pictured hunting with Stephanie. Currently he is laying drag with Cindy since he is the most comfortable and steady horse in the Piper string, allowing her to continue riding and being an active part of the hunt.

IN MEMORY

Boozehound, Thoroughbred stallion lost to natural causes.
Loved by Susan Mills

Melvin Poe, renowned Virginia Huntsman recently passed away at age 94. He was instrumental as a mentor to the Long Lake Hounds and to Junior. Junior spent time with him in Virginia and it was Melvin who strongly recommended we hire Junior as our professional Huntsman. He was father to our then Master, Bridgett Paradise, and visited us here to advise us on our hounds. While here he presented a seminar on judging hounds. We are better for having had his influence.

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