



# THE BABBLER

January, 2004



## Open House at new kennels!

Come socialize with other LLH members and guests and see the new kennels!

**Saturday, January 24, 2004**  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Cindy Piper  
at (952) 476-1045 or  
repip2@aol.com

Check your email for location and directions!

## Mid-Winter Get-Together!

## A New Home for the Long Lake Hounds

By Jo Simonton Bolte

Our hounds will be moving to their brand-new kennel in Buffalo within a few months. Cliff Otten purchased a farm on 42 acres and has leased it to the LLH. Our huntsman, Lennie Williams, and her husband, Tory, have already moved in. Another building on the property has possibilities to be developed into a clubhouse.

We have a conditional use permit to build a kennel to house up to 40 hounds. The new kennels have been designed with input from the MFHA and our vet, Chuck Gehrman. Capital costs for the new kennel, vehicles and horses for our huntsman will run around \$75,000. Board members have already contributed \$42,000. Donations from members and friends of the hunt will be most appreci-

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## 2004 Hunt Ball

February 14, 2004



See details inside!



In The



## Masters' Pocket

As we conclude our first hunting season and hang up our whips for the winter, we reflect on this year with great pride in our hunt club and enthusiasm for our future. As previously written, we entered this year with some specific goals in terms of hiring a new huntsman, culling the pack, working on control and billability and simply creating great sport. As we reflect on the season there were moments that made us proud like when the pack avoided a clear deer line and stayed true to the scent, or the very fact that only on one occasion did we come home without every hound we left with. There were great performances by Fred, Notice, Tarzan, Tiffany, Festive,

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# Foxhunting

# Abroad

By Steve Hanges, *Babbler* "Foreign Correspondent"

## With Apprehension For the Future, Foxhunting Season Arrives in England

23 November 2003

The chill of Autumn was in the air. The hunt horses had been clipped and shod, the tack cleaned. Hunt coats had been taken from the closet and boots given a final brush to bring out the gleam in the black leather. But the hunt community in England was still on tenterhooks: Would a law outlawing foxhunting finally pass Parliament and put an end to thousands of rural jobs and hundreds of years of British tradition?

Against all predictions by the Labor government, on November 15 this year's hunt season in England did begin, the law outlawing it lying dead for now. In a show of protest against the government's plans, thousands of hunt supporters had signed a declaration early in November pledging to break the law and face imprisonment in a defiant attempt to beat a ban on foxhunting.

Eighteen months ago, Parliament wrangled over the form of a Hunting Bill that the Blair government had promised to pass. From the three choices proposed, the House of Commons opted for a complete ban, while the House of Lords chose the "middle way," allowing hunting under a licensing system.

The government had originally proposed a

licensing system to allow some forms of hunting to continue. By a margin of 208, MPs voted in July 2003 to turn the limited Hunting Bill into a complete ban on all hunting by dogs. A series of amendments to the bill slowed its progress out of the Commons and into the House of Lords, where the bill would have to be voted on to become law.

At the end of October the Hunting Bill was sent on to the Lords, where it was thought that a bipartisan group of peers would try to throw out MPs' plans for a complete ban and replace them with the licensed hunting of foxes and stags, and hare-coursing.

As the Hunting Bill returned to the Lords in the latest stage of the long-running row, peers voted by a majority of 212 in favor of allowing hunting to continue under license. The vote reinstated the plans for a registration system originally proposed by the government but later rejected in the House of Commons. That now puts the spotlight on the government to decide whether to use other legislative action to ensure MPs get their way in the face of House of Lords opposition.

In the recent Queen's speech, which outlines the government's legislative plans for the next session of Parliament, no mention was made of the foxhunting ban. This omission was considered by both hunt proponents and anti-hunt activists to be an indication that the government wanted to

avoid deflecting attention from the principal elements of its legislative agenda by once again raising the contentious issue of a ban on foxhunting.

Other government sources indicated that when the government does act it will reintroduce the hunting bill as it left the Commons.

If the Labor government decides to attempt to enact the law against the wishes of the Lords, the government can invoke the Parliament Act, which allows them to break a stalemate by bringing back the bill after one year and one day and pass it without the Lords. Some legal scholars believe that the Parliament Act, never ratified by the Lords, may itself be illegal and can be challenged in court if the foxhunting ban is put into effect using the Act.

The fight is far from over.

Stay tuned for reports in the next *LLH Babbler*.



Web sites for further information:

BBC <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

Campaign for Hunting <http://www.countryside-alliance.org/cfh/>

Masters of Foxhounds Association (UK) <http://www.mfha.co.uk/>

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MASTERS OF FOXHOUNDS ASSOCIATION YET?

The Masters of Foxhounds Association of America is the governing body of organized fox, coyote and drag hunting in the United States of America and Canada. Among its activities are: the promotion of the sport, the publication of a Foxhound Stud Book, the recognition of organized Hunts which have met its standards, the recordation of countries and boundaries for organized hunting establishments, the Registration of Hunts as a preliminary step toward Recognition. Receive the newsletter *Coverside* with every \$35 annual dues membership.

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## RETIRED PMU HORSES POSSIBLE SURPLUS OF SPORTHORSES?

By Karin Winegar

In October, Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals, worlds' largest supplier of estrogen from pregnant mare urine, announced it would cut the number of PMU ranchers in southern Canada and the northern US by one-third in response to a drop in demand for hormone replacement therapy.

According to The North American Equine Ranching Information Council (NAERIC), the non-profit association of PMU ranches, Wyeth's decision to reduce the number of ranches from 409 to 264 is based solely on market changes and its ability to now offer lower therapeutic dose products that require considerably less estrogen. These lower dose products gained FDA approval in June 2003. Wyeth will pay the ranches it

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### The Hunt Ball February 14, 2004

Stylish, fun, an excuse to dress up, dance, talk horses and celebrate the season, the annual Hunt Ball is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>—Valentine's Day, and the preparations are coming along well. We have changed from the Minneapolis Club to The Wayzata Country Club, which is closer to a lot of you so we hope to see more of you there this year.

There have been comments about having a reduced price for Juniors, and since we have a lot of new Juniors in the hunt this year, we have decided to lower their ticket to \$50.00. This would be for Junior "members". At present we can't do anymore than that because we have to see how things will go this year. We always hope to have a little money left over, to donate to the Long Lake Hounds. Also, it is very helpful that our members, who are attending the Ball invite new people, (non members) because that often leads to new memberships which we always need. The Ball is good PR for the hunt so please remember that in making up your tables.  
—Marcia Brown, Social Chairman

### THE PINK COAT or The Whys & Wherefore's of Foxhunting

written by David Sandford Evans & Charles Mureau published in limited edition by Hill'n Dale Press, Calabasas, CA 1961 and dedicated to Jacqueline Kennedy, 40 pages.

I bought this book sometime in 1966, the year I became a member of the Long Lake Hounds. My copy is numbered 3252 and if I remember correctly, it was suggested reading by then Master & Huntsman, John Daniels. I would bet Ellie Crosby has it on her bookshelf also. It is a book of definitions with chapters on Hounds, Foxes, Personnel, General Terms, Dress & Combinations, Calls, Family Trees, and last of all A Rhyme dedicated to Sportsmen.

As I reread the book I learned some new definitions to hunting vocabulary;

#### Section 1-a Hounds

In hunting, the performance of the hound is of primary importance.

**Hounds:** A collection of dogs, known as a pack of hounds.

**Dog Pack:** A pack of hounds consisting only of doghounds (males).

**Bitch Pack:** A pack of hounds consisting only of bitches (females) referred to as bitches not bitchhounds.

**Mixed Pack:** A pack consisting of both sexes.

**Stallion Hound:** A doghound used for

## Hunting Trivia

By Cindy Piper

breeding and chosen for his excellence in the field, substance, confirmation and breeding.

**Brood bitch:** A bitch chosen for breeding for the same reasons as the Stallion hound.

**Breeding:** Pedigree

**Whelp:** A Foxhound puppy prior to weaning

**Puppy:** A young foxhound that has been weaned but not entered

**Entered Hound:** A hound which as hunted regularly for one season or more. (In England, one who has been up at a kill and eaten his share of fox). Prior to this he/she is an unentered hound.

**Hound's stern:** His tail

**Waving his stern:** Wagging his tail

**Tail Hound:** A hound that has been left behind when a fox is found and has gone away from the covert.

**Feathering:** Sniffing at a scent, waving his stern and sometimes whimpering

**Line:** The scent left by a fox as he travels

**Speaking to a line:** Hounds barking on a scent

**Drawing:** Looking for a fox

**Check:** When the scent has temporarily disappeared

**Running mute:** Hounds hitting a line in silence

**Giving tongue or speaking:** Hounds

baying on a fox's line

**Riot:** When hounds are hunting any other game other than the intended quarry

**Skirter:** A hound who runs wide

**Full Cry:** When the entire pack is speaking to the line

**Find:** When a fox has been found

**Draft:** One or more hounds from a pack that are for disposal

**Running Heel:** When hounds are hunting a line the wrong way i.e. hunting back to where the fox came from.

**Kennels:** A place where hounds are kept

**Country:** The area in which a pack of hounds operates.

**Blood:** Hounds which have killed recently are "in blood" and a pack which has not killed for sometime is "out of blood."

Next Issue: Section 1-b Foxes  
With a commentary on how a Drag Hunt simulates the real fox.

### HUNTING

When the fence is black and the ditch is wide

And the Lord Knows what is on the other side

Here's to the man who will ride, will ride  
His, I say is a brave man's name

He risks his neck for the love of a game.



## University of Minnesota Equine Center Launched with Help of LLH Members

Tad and Cindy Piper donated \$750,000 as the lead gift in the fundraising campaign for what will be called the Piper Equine Clinic. According to Cindy, they have also added to the gift through death benefits.

The challenge was also met by Doug and Louise Leatherdale who recently donated \$1,000,000 to the Equine Center. Doug is president of the American Hanoverian Society.

The current clinic, built in the mid-1900s, serves 3,000 horses annually. The new Piper Equine Center will have 50,000 square feet and 50 new stalls,

A state-of-the-art clinic, updated educational and outreach opportunities, expanded research and superb clinical services all custom-designed for horses are all a part of the plan. It will also feature an indoor arena and lunge area; classrooms and laboratories and custom-designed clinical space for lameness testing, muscle disorders and reproductive medicine programs. A wide range of new technology, including digital limb MRI and a high-speed treadmill, will also be in use at the center. Specially-designed loading and exercise areas will be unique features of the center, along with natural lighting and viewer seating in the indoor arena.

The University is providing the land for the Equine Center and the College of Veterinary Medicine is seeking \$8 million in private support for the facility, equipment, and an endowed chair in equine sports medicine. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2005.



*In the Masters Pcket (Continued from page 1)*

Georgia and a tremendous display of stamina by Goliath. We ran scents of all kinds, some imported from California and some homegrown from "up north." From fancy dragging contraptions to a reused shampoo bottle, we experimented with many different approaches.

It might surprise you to know that during the regular season, our field sizes averaged 32 riders on Saturdays and 16 during the week. Our largest field was on Opening Meet hosted at Kitty and David Crosby's which drew 53 riders for the "Blessing of the Hounds." We had a growing number of car followers as "Friends of the Hunt" turned out to admire our hunting etiquette and attire and the "magic" and enthusiasm of the meet.

One of our greatest highlights is the acknowledgment and award of LLH Hunt colors to accomplished foxhunters within our riding membership. At the Colors Party this year, we honored six outstanding horsewomen: Linda Ledray, Dena Stanchfield, Cathy Belzer, Karin Winegar, Rachael Stene and Erica Stene. In addition, one of our season highlights is our growing junior membership. This year, we awarded first year buttons to nine new LLH Junior Members for their successful completion of the hunting season.

Throughout the season we trained in our roles as Huntsman, Whipper-Ins, Drag Layers and Joint Masters. Within the

learning process, we made some mistakes; we called hunts too early or were maybe too cautious with regard to footing. We brought out hounds that should have remained in the kennel, etc. But we tried many new things, different scents, different dragging techniques, new hunting times, new hunting attires, new hounds and new personnel. The LLH membership and The Board of Directors were very patient and incredibly supportive. As we look to refining our goals for next year, it will be important to gain the perspective of the membership on how we would like our hunt club to continue to evolve.

In pursuit of your feedback, we will be sending a survey in early February to gain your insights on how we could continue to enhance the hunting experience. We want to continue to grow as an organization and become a destination spot for great sport in the central U.S. In order to accomplish these goals, we need to increase our riding and social memberships. Please take the time to provide your feedback as each person's perspective is important.

As we enter the New Year, we have much to be thankful for. We appreciate your continued support for this great sport and

*A New Home for the LLH (Continued from page 1)*

ated. Everyone's help will be needed, and work days will be scheduled as we move forward with construction.

These are exciting times for the LLH. Many people have worked hard to get the property and the permit. We are especially grateful for Cliff's generosity in purchasing the land.



*Photo: Junior Meet, Fall 2003*

we are anxious to continue to work on behalf of the LLH.

Happy New Year  
and GOOD HUNTING!!



# Live Hunts Other Venues

All of the hunts that surround us continue to hunt through to March depending on the weather of course. The Moingona Hunt, The North Hills Hunt, The Wabash Hunt and the Nod-A-Way Hounds are some of those hunts that continue through the winter, weather permitting.

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## Traveling to hunt?

A word of caution :

The problem for us here in the Minneapolis-St Paul area is that sometimes the weather BETWEEN here and those other hunts can cause treacherous road conditions which would certainly not be advisable to travel on, let alone trailer on. Another problem ifor some of us is that neither our horses nor ourselves have been keeping in "hunting shape" due to the fact that we stopped hunting here around Thanksgiving. Also anyone planning to go away to hunt should definitely have borium applied to their horses' shoes.

- Marcia Brown

## Spring Hunts

For those of you who would like some "away" hunting in the Spring when driving conditions, etc., are better the following are the dates for the Western Challenge.

2004 Western Challenge:

March 30, 2004 Coal Valley  
April 1, 2004 Wabash  
April 3, 2004 North Hills  
April 6, 2004 Bijou  
April 9, 2004 High Country  
April 10, 2004 Paradise Valley  
April 12, 2004 Red Rock  
April 13, 2004 Waldingfield Beagles @ Red Rock  
April 14, 2004 Auburn Harriers @ Red Rock

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What does a foxhunter do when not riding? Read about horses, of course. And there are some delicious selections currently in the stores.

Michael Korda's "**Horse People, Scenes from The Riding Life**" HarperCollins 367 pp \$25.95 is a literate horselover's book, chewy and smartly written by the editor in chief of Simon and Schuster. The story of how the urbane, urban Korda and his wife met at Claremont Riding Academy in Manhattan, were seized by their mutual love of riding, moved to a farm in upstate New York and became confirmed horsepeople is engrossing, witty, far ranging.

Here's a splurge but a gorgeous one: "**Man and Horse, an Enduring Bond**" text and photographs by Fulvio Cinquini, Seul Chronicle, 288 pages, \$60. An elegant, large format photo book including dramatic centerfolds, it features horses in detail, portrait and in panoramic settings all over the world, from Oman to Afghanistan to Mongolia to Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Montana and Patagonia. The culmination of 20 years of work, this is really largely about men—not women—and horses but horsewomen will covet this book, too.

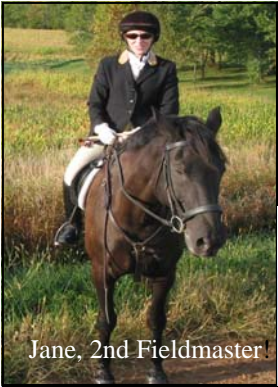
Other than Ireland, Virginia is the Holy Land of foxhunting, and it is rural northern Virginia that is one of the subjects of "**A Community of the Horse--Partnerships**" first of a trilogy by Bruce Smart, Lost Mountain Graphics, 471 pages, \$75. Call (540) 554-8302 to order. Fifteen of Virginia's 25 recognized hunts lie between Middleburg, Warrenton and Charlottesville, and Smart knows them intimately. His wife Edie is Jt.MFH of the Fairfax, and Smart, retired CEO of Continental Group and US Undersecretary of Commerce or International Trade, somehow found time to write this plump and interesting volume that celebrates those who live for, around and with horses. The horse people, experiences, memories and events of the Virginia Piedmont are neatly set off with more than 400 photos, some of them vintage, that will make you want to get to Virginia even more than you yearn to right now.

Rita Mae Brown's "**Full Cry**" Ballantine Books 387 pp \$24.95 is the third in her foxhunting series set in Middleburg and environs. Brown, who rose to fame with the semi-autobiographical lesbian coming of age novel "Ruby Fruit Jungle" in 1973, is MFH of the Oak Ridge Hunt. Foxes, cats and hounds speak in this murder mystery, and the human protagonist is Sister, MFH of the fictitious Jefferson Hunt Club—a very thinly disguised Brown. And of course, there is plenty of hunting and hunt politics in each mystery. Brown is the founding mother of the Piedmont Women's Polo Club and a member of the Farmington Hunt Club and Middlebrook Hounds.

**" If the world were a logical place, men would ride side-saddle."**

**- From Sudden Death by Rita Mae Brown, 1983**





Jane, 2nd Fieldmaster



Colors party crowd



Junior Hunt 9/20/03



Jon & Chuck on Earl & Kate



Sutton hunt



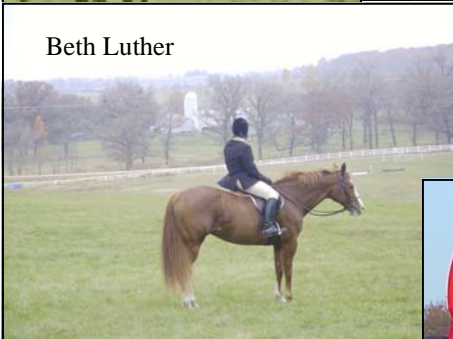
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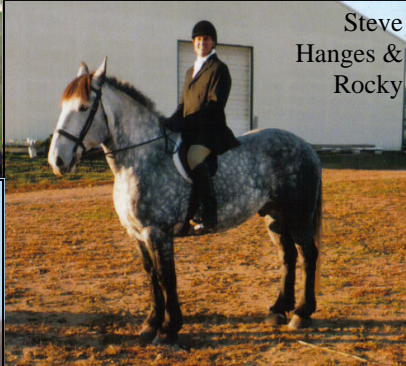
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Hounds in the swamp



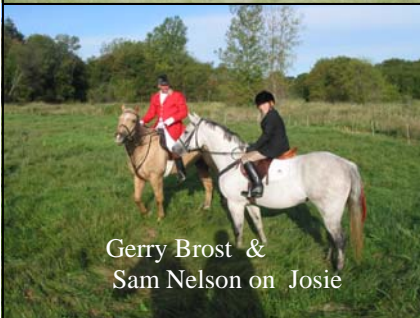
Beth Luther



Steve Hanges & Rocky



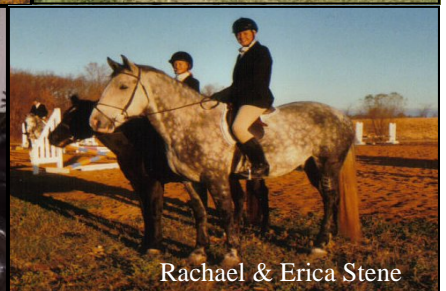
Edee Lee on Kaylar & Spencer Stanchfield on Braveheart



Gerry Brost & Sam Nelson on Josie



Dave Stene & Casador



Rachael & Erica Stene

eliminates 67 percent of their current contract.

In the wake of the results of three major studies on the health effects of estrogen replacement therapy millions of women stopped taking the prescription estrogen-progestin drug Prempro, a Wyeth product. The studies showed increased risks of breast cancer, dementia, stroke, heart disease and blood clots.

Norm Luba, Executive Director of NAERIC. "We are working to assist affected ranchers in this difficult and emotional transition, and we are simultaneously developing plans to help the ranchers identify options for their mares, many of whom are registered breeds and quality broodmares, which will no longer be involved in the program."

It is estimated that from 10,000 to 13,000 horses could come on the market immediately because of the reduction of PMU ranches under contract to Wyeth, said Luba. One rancher told NAERIC that his sport horses were selling so wonderfully that he "would continue in his cross-breeding program even without the Wyeth contract." But animal protection societies are concerned that the surplus mares and foals will not find homes and be sold to the meat market.

Individuals interested in purchasing a mare or other horses affected by the reduction may call Jan Turnbull of PMU Foal Quest at 403-556-7032 or visit [www.pmufoalquest.com](http://www.pmufoalquest.com). Quantity buyers may call the NAERIC office with requests at 502-245-0425, ext. 14.



# NEWS RELEASE!

## ONE OF LLH's OWN IS HONORED

### EQUUS RECEIVES AWARD FOR OVERALL EXCELLENCE

EQUUS magazine, published by Primedia, is the recipient of the Daniel P. Lenehan Trophy, awarded for overall excellence at the 2003 USA Equestrian Media Awards.

The 2003 honorees represent a full spectrum of media outlets, including print and broadcast journalism. Established in 1993 as part of the "Making Strides for Equestrian Sports" marketing campaign, the USA Equestrian Media Awards are designed to acknowledge and encourage outstanding efforts by the media to promote understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports in the United States.

The awards will be presented formally at the Pegasus Dinner held during the 2004 U.S. Equestrian Meeting, January 16, 2004, in Los Angeles, CA.

- \*Equestrian Print Media Publication: EQUUS
- \*Equestrian Print Media - Single Article: "The Gender Gap" by Karin Winegar -- in *Horse & Rider*
- \*Non-Equestrian Print Media - Single Article: "Slew's Last Love" by Janet Patton
- \*Internet Media - Equisearch.com
- \*Broadcast Media - "Unbridled" with Susan Kayne
- \*Photography - "Therapeutic Riding Silhouette" by Ian Vorster



## Remember!

You can access, read and download *The Babblor* at <http://members.aol.com/jmastene/Babblor.pdf>



## THE LONG LAKE HOUNDS HUNT HOTLINE

Are the LLH Hounds going out? Information available on inclement weather, location and times during walking, country keeping, cubbing and regular season. This is an unmonitored number so please do not leave messages.

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**THE LONG LAKE HUNT  
2004 Calendar of Events**

January 24 Open House at the new kennels — Mid-Winter Social Get-Together

February 14 Hunt Ball  
Wayzata Country Club

March 1 Deadline for submissions to *The Babblers*



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**