



THE BABBLER

July, 2004

New Joint Master Named

Cindy Piper, a long-time supporter and member of the Long Lake Hounds, was named Joint Master at the Long Lake Hounds Annual Meeting, held May 14, 2004. Cindy has had a long relationship with the Long Lake Hounds and horses in general. The Board's announcement of Cindy's appointment was met with wide member approval. For more information about our new Joint Master, see *Introducing Our New Joint Master*, page 3.



KENNEL WISH LIST

The new Kennel and the clubhouse could use some items. If you have been wanting a new coffee pot and would care to recycle the old one to the clubhouse, it would be greatly appreciated.

Di tto everything on the list:

- Dish towels
- Dish cloths
- Cleaning supplies
- Couch
- Tables
- Lamps
- Chairs
- Silverware
- Tea pot
- Coffee pot
- Wall decorations

Annual Meeting Held at New Kennels in Buffalo

The Long Lake Hounds held their Annual Membership Meeting on May 14, 2004. It was held at the new kennels which everyone agreed were spacious, clean and wonderfully suited to our purposes. Much work has been accomplished at the new kennels, thanks to hard work from Lennie, Cliff and many others. Cliff's generosity in donating so much and giving of his time and energy are very much appreciated! The new clubhouse is wonderful — to have a place of our own to meet! We are in need of quite a lot of items— please see the new kennel Wish List in this newsletter.

The Annual Meeting Membership Minutes have been sent out and particulars of the meeting are detailed therein. A few of the highlights:

- Cindy Piper was named as a new joint master.
- A discussion of dues was held (with a very cute presentation by Jennifer Schuck and Anne Donahoe).
- Discussion was held on the structure of the LLH, Club expectations of its members, survey results, the kennel fund, stable arrangements and the calendar for the upcoming year.
- Steve and Carmen Gardiner have volunteered to be the new country keeping coordinators.



Please see your Membership Meeting Minutes for further details on all of these subjects as well as an updated membership list.



Remember:

- Dues were due by June 15
- Every member needs to have a current (dated this year) release of liability signed and on file before you can ride
- If you have not contributed to the kennel fund, you are in the minority and it is time!
- Update your email list and mailing lists with the membership list attached to your meeting minutes.

We are looking forward to another great year with the Long Lake Hounds!



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Hunt Addict Finds Winter Welcome in Virginia, Kentucky and California

By Karin Winegar

Where do we go when the LLH season is over? Anyplace that will have us, I say!

With the kind permission of masters, I managed to hunt with the Iroquois in Kentucky in November while I was down in KY for the Keeneland sale with a friend, then with the Middleburg Orange County Beagles with Melvin Poe, with the Fairfax Hunt and with Old Dominion while in Virginia. Three days out of five in Virginia wasn't bad-



Karin Winegar and Melvin Poe, MOCB 2004. In this photo, Melvin Poe is wearing a black arm band to honor the passing of a hunt member.

-one day off for shopping and another for the steeplechase! Glorious rolling open hill country in all cases--don't miss it!

I must thank Master Paradise ('gotta write a bodice ripper novel with that character....) for her leads to her parents, Peggy and Melvin Poe, who set me up with hunts, permission and suppliers of hirelings.

In Virginia, Bruce Barish rented me good hirelings for two of those days, and J.R. Fieldhunters (that's their fine and solid Irish hunter Alley Cat tolerating me in the photo) for another day. True to their reputation, each hunt was welcoming, helpful, generous and fun!!!!

I had never hunted with beagles except on foot and was amazed at the little beasts running and scrambling over the jumps. Too funny, especially the puppies. The beagle pack people included lots of families and children, and they were a treat to watch.

Our field master for the first field was a 16-year-old girl accompanied by two more girls, ages 14 and 11, I believe. All were mounted on grey ponies. They rode like centaurs, were courteous and quiet and evidently having lots of fun.



Karin Winegar on Alley Cat, an Irish sporthorse hireling from J.R. Fieldhunters in VA. before riding with the Fairfax Hunt in March 2004

Horse country is everywhere, thank heavens, so I was lucky to be able to enjoy the season into March.



Please Welcome NEW LLH Members

Individual Members:

Emily Fisher
Mary Kay Jans

Social Members:

Molly & Richard Gamble
Mr. and Mrs. John Schuck

See the Member List that was sent to you with the Annual Report and update your email and address lists.

Foxhunting Abroad



Foxhunting Abroad is a column to keep our members up to date on foxhunting issues and happenings abroad. It is written by Steve Hanges, *Babblers* "Foreign Correspondent" and will be returning as soon as there is any news to report from abroad!

Babblers Correction: The article, *A Tropical Venue*, published in the April 1, 2004, issue of *The Babbler*, neglected to mention that the author of said article was Jo Simonton Bolte. So sorry for the oversight, Jo! —Editor, Joanie Stene

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 *Coverstide* with every \$35 annual dues membership.

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Introducing

LLH'S NEW JOINT MASTER

A Passion For Horses: Cindy Piper

(Excerpts from an article by Jeanne Ahrenholz
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Cindy can't ever remember not loving horses, although she cannot remember her first ride at age three. Her memory starts at age seven when a black and white pony arrived. Her room as a child had every horse figurine and many Breyer horses (little did she know that they would someday become collector's items). Her grandparents were avid foxhunters back in the good old days in Minnesota when there was an active hunt in the Stillwater area, so it is in Cindy's genes and blood.

After spending some time out west, Cindy arrived in Minneapolis in June of 1966 as a new bride. Her Morgan horse, Hard Knocks, followed in mid-July. She went to visit Wayzata Country Club stables and met Max and Karin von Bluecher. She told them she thought she would try foxhunting because it was as close to chasing cattle on a mountainside as she could find and, of course, she would want to take lessons. Max went on to teach Cindy and her horse classical dressage, which, whenever they went out hunting came out as a jig, snort, over-collect and pull. Hard Knocks would listen to Max in the ring, but out in the open, he was a fireball. He eventually got the gist of it and she hunted him until her first child was born in 1970. She has hunted at least one hunt every season since 1966, a total of 36 years.

Cindy loves finding prospects and developing them. She just can't pass up a likely-looking candidate and her herd has blossomed to numbers well beyond her husband's comprehension. Her favorites are the Irish horses, but she has also rescued many of the PMU draft crosses from Canada. (These are the foals of the mares used to produce premarin drugs.)

Our area is lucky in that Cindy is a sharer and has mounted many riders on her horses. Her particular passion is foxhunting, but you would hardly know it. Why? She hunted very infrequently this past year simply because her horses were mostly loaned out.

Cindy got involved in the United States Pony Club in



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1970. During the 32 years she has participated in pony club, she has seen many young riders come and go. Providing educational opportunities has not been limited to the young, however. Cindy's personal connections have been influential in bringing in nationally-known clinicians like David O'Connor, Dorothy Crowell and Sharon Schneiderman. She is equally supportive when others bring in name clinicians. She supports our athletes directly and indirectly with training, advice, counsel and equipment. Every rider, trainer, and child was welcomed to the training facilities at her beautiful Medina farm. Cindy is democratic. Whether she is offering help and assistance to Buck Davidson, Dorothy Crowell or a pony clubber going to her first rating, Cindy places the same importance on each of them.

"When you meet a horse crazy child, remember that you too were once a horse crazy child..."

Throughout Cindy's horse career, her leadership roles have been many:

- Current Chair Fundraising, Minnesota Equine Center at the University of Minnesota
- Director of CSDEA 1998-2001 and Chair of Rules & Policy and Fundraising committees
- Safety committee, USEA 1999-2002
- Chairperson, Minnesota Racing Commission (currently serving a 2nd 8-year term)
- Director Horse Industry Alliance (1996—present)
- Board of Advisors, Minnesota Equine Research Center, U of MN School of Veterinary Medicine
- Board of Advisors, Equestrian Land Conservation Resource of the Conservation Fund, Washington, D.C. (1977– Present)
- Past board member of the Long Lake Hounds
- Past board member of Partners U of MN School of Veterinary Medicine
- USPC Board of Governors (1995—1997)
- USPC President (1995-1997)
- Chair of 1989, 1992 and 1995 USPC Festival, Lexington, KY

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Masters' Pocket

The 2004 season is about to begin. And it is with great excitement and anticipation that hound exercising on horseback will begin on Wednesday, June 9th. Hounds have been exercised on foot all winter and spring by a diehard group consisting of Jon Martinson, Jerry Brost, Brianna Cedar and a few others who occasionally showed up.

The area where the hounds are exercised is a seven-acre field planted in alfalfa. It has a good uphill angle which gets the blood pumping. While the field is not fenced, it is located in the middle of the 42-acre farm. With fewer hounds and the emphasis on biddability, the pack has behaved very well. Last Wednesday a bunny rabbit popped up in the middle of the pack and bolted to the left. I expected a riot. It was not to be as the pack stayed behind Lennie and continued following her as if nothing had happened. It was a sight to behold! I anticipate a good month of exercising to get hounds and horses (and humans) in shape for cubbing.

Landowner relations are the number one priority this summer and great effort is being made to contact every landowner. New members, Steve & Carmen Gardiner, have volunteered to organize country keeping. Please thank them when you see them as we all know it is a big job. Many of us take for granted all the work it takes to ready the trails for us to hunt. Our relations with landowners are our most precious commodity. Without land there is no hunt. Each year property changes hands and many of the new people are concerned about the liability exposure to someone riding on their property. It is predictable that the trails through these new landowners' property is being shut down. It is so

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sad but we must smile and continue to welcome these new people in hopes that they will see that we are good stewards of the land and eventually allow us to cross.

Last of all, I hope all of you are recruiting people to join us. We hope to convert more guests into members. In the survey conducted this winter, the number one reason people loved to hunt was because of the people. That says a great deal and is a compliment to all who participate. It is the relationships formed as we trot down the side of a long road, swish flies at a check, or help load that reluctant pony after a day's hunting that stay with us during the long winter months. Let's work hard to share this with more people so they can find the same satisfaction.

So until September and the next *BABBLER*, Happy Hunting!
—Cindy Piper, Jt. Master

Coming in September to *The Babbler* — GALLOPING GRANDPARENTS!

Horse Care Tip: Repair of Turnout Blankets

My husband (a non-horse person!) came up with the most brilliant way of permanently repairing tears in turnout blankets, especially the waterproof kind. This takes all of 10 minutes to do and overnight to finish up. What he did was to use a fishing wader, or tent repair kit, such as the one sold by Hodgman (Universal repair Kit, about \$3.50). It comes with several nice-sized pieces of rubberized repair patches and glue (it is actually better to use "Goop" (i.e. "Carpenter's Contact and Adhesive Sealant"). Clean up loose threads in the tear in the hose blanket, cut pieces of repair material so that you have about 1/2 inch to 3/4 inch material to adhere to the blanket; cut to fit the tear. Then put the glue on one side of the

repair patch (I use a wooden popsicle stick or tongue depressor to do this), slide the patch between the liner and the covering of the blanket (glue side to the outside), then line of the sides of the tear on the glue of the repair patch (it is worth while to wear rubber gloves for this) so that the tear is closed on the patch. Align the ends of the tear so that the repair job looks neat and clean, then put a sheet of Saran Wrap or other plastic material on top, weigh it down with a brick or something flat and heavy and let set overnight. The next day you will have a tight and very

Babbler Books

By Karin Winegar

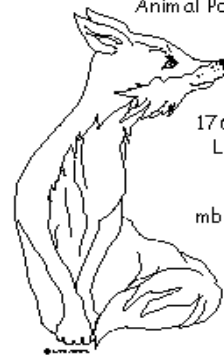
An excerpt from Jane Smiley's latest book *A Year At the Races* (Knopf \$22)

".... horse sports sometimes come under fire, as foxhunting has in England in the last five years. American equestrians may or may not support foxhunting, but they do recognize that foxhunting, steeplechasing, horse racing, three-day eventing, show jumping, rodeo and all the other horse sports that take advantage of the horses' speed and athletic ability may seem suspect to nonhorsemen. Among horsemen

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- USPC Chair Fundraising (1986-1987 and 1993-1994)
- USPC Chair Strategic Planning Committee (1985-1996)
- Former District Commissioner of North Star Pony Club in Minnesota
- Chair of the USPC Headquarters Project (1998-2000)

Lest you think that her days are filled only with the duties of these prestigious positions, you will find that Cindy is a true horseman. Every day that she is in town, she helps clean stalls, scrubs tanks and cleans paddocks. She spends part of each winter in Arizona now and brings some horses along for trail riding and dressage lessons. She is also a frequent visitor to Colorado and foxhunts there along with hunting trips to Ireland and England. She has two Connemara ponies on loan to pony clubbers in hopes that by the time the ponies are sixteen and her four grandchildren are six to seven, she will have a match.

Cindy says, "When you meet a horse crazy child, remember that you too were once a horse crazy child. Help that child live out his or her dream. You will have given that child the greatest gift, the gift of self. It pays dividends to eternity."



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themselves, there can be internecine squabbling about what sports are better or worse for the animals, and almost any horseman can make a case for his sport and against the sport he doesn't like, for his own tender care of the horses and against the heartlessness of others. German dressage trainers seem cruelly exacting to racing men, who seem reckless to fans of cutting horses, who seem cold and bloody, with all that roping and branding to hunter riders. What all of these people share is a love of their horses. Even if that love has been dulled by temptations of money or years of unrelenting work, every horseman is moved from time to time by the generosity of the animal.

Defenders of foxhunting in England have suggested that the first thing to happen should foxhunting be outlawed would be a mass slaughter of hounds and horses, now rendered useless. Maybe. But, however clumsily, they are making a point. Horses are too big and too expensive not to work for a living. If they do not serve a human use, they have no place in the human world. They cannot live like dogs do in third world villages, taking care of themselves on the periphery of human society, wandering in packs and eating offal. They must be fed, confined, cared for and trained. Humans must be motivated to do the work and take the responsibility. A horse can earn money, do work or provide fun. He cannot just stand there."



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From the *Seattle Times Today*:

"Perhaps the most indelible image of a presidential state funeral is the procession of six horses pulling the black artillery caisson that bears the flag-draped casket. Only the three horses on the left are mounted, a tradition dating to when one artillery horse in every pair carried provisions instead of a rider.

Behind the caisson is another riderless horse, with an empty saddle and the rider's boots reversed in the stirrups, symbolizing a warrior who will ride no more. The caisson and caparisoned horse are central in this evening's procession to the Capitol. The caparisoned horse for Reagan's procession is Sgt. York, a solid black standardbred retired from the racetrack."

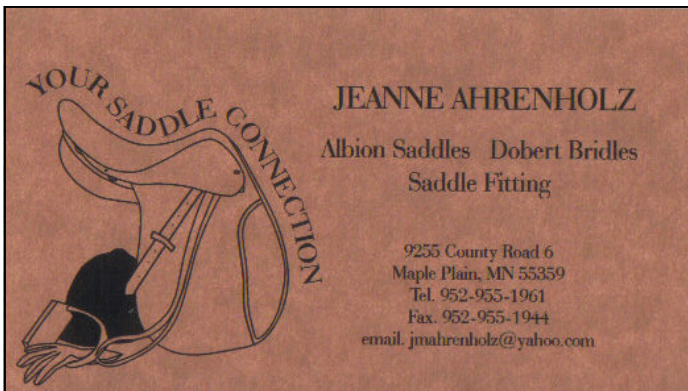


Attached is a photo of Sgt. York. This photo shows black boots, but on TV I see tan boots. I bet these are boots that Reagan really wore while horseback riding, an activity he truly loved.



It often strikes me, when I am watching a horse being schooled, how very little intelligence the trainer is displaying and how very good-natured is the animal he is trying to teach.

– M.F. McTaggart



Break out the cold champagne and mint juleps!



Karin Winegar has won the American Horse Publication's feature writing award for a story published in the trade magazine English and Western Today. First place of 31 entries: "Generation Next?" looked at the future of horse sports based on demographic trends, cultural trends, gender interest, etc. Congratulations, Karin!

LONG LAKE HOUNDS FOXHUNTING CLINIC scheduled for June 9, 2004, was cancelled due to the receipt of 2.5" of rain and the loss of power the night before at Pine Meadows. BUT, we plan on holding two mounted sessions on July 14 with the unmounted discussion sandwiched between for everyone.

LONG LAKE HOUNDS FOXHUNTING CLINIC

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

Pine Meadow Farm – Delano, MN

Group A: 3:00

Discussion: 5:00

Group B: 6:00

Please join us for a 1-hour discussion on foxhunting with members of the LLH staff.

Items to be addressed will include:

How to prepare your horse for hunting

Proper attire and equipment

Hunt terminology

What to expect on a day of hunting

Proper etiquette

Mounted portion - Jennifer Schuck (Long Lake Hound Jt. Master) will work with you on:

How to ride and jump in a group

What to do if your horse refuses while hunting

Schooling your horse over coops of various sizes

Jumping obstacles up and down hills

Lateral work so that you can open and close gates while mounted

This clinic is for all current LLH members (what a great review for you and a season starter for your horse!) and people interested in learning what hunting is all about.

Pine Meadow Farm is located at 4006 90th St SE in Delano. (Exactly 1 mile south of Highway 12 on Co Rd 16. Watch for small wooden sign on the right shoulder.)

The farm phone number is 763-972-9116.

A current negative Coggins is required when you check in.

Cost for this clinic is \$15. (Checks payable to LLH.)

RSVP and Questions: Anne Donahoe 763-476-4290

Did you know?

In 1880 there were 140 foxhound packs in England, each with an average of 50 couples.

The Otterhound does not make a good pet because once on the scent it becomes totally absorbed and will not listen to any commands.

The most famous packs of French staghounds met in the environs of Paris such as in the forests of Rambouillet, Chantilly and Fontainebleu.

The American Foxhound was developed from packhounds that arrived in the 1860's from France, England and Ireland, the latter being of Kerry beagle type. George Washington founded the breed, aiming to produce a dog which was more suited to America's rugged terrain .

—Information provided by Karin Winegar

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THE LONG LAKE HUNT 2004 Calendar of Events

July 14	Larking & Hunting School @ PM
July 17	Cub Hunting Begins
August 1	LLH at Polo Classic
August 18	Junior Hunt
August 28	Guest Day (\$35 capping fee)
September 1	Deadline for submissions to <i>The Babblers</i>
September 6	Opening Meet (Formal Hunting Begins)
	Blessing of the Hounds
September 11	Junior Hunt
September 25	Guest Day (\$50 capping fee)
October 16	Junior Hunt
October 17	LLH Hunter Trials
October 30	Guest Day (\$50 capping fee)
November 6-7	Travel Hunt Week (TBD)
November 13	Guest Day (\$50 capping fee)
November 20	Last hunt of the season
January	Colors Party & Award Ceremony
February	Virginia Hunt Trip (TBA)
	Hunt Ball (TBA)



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