



# THE BABBLER

October 2005

## PUPPY AUCTION 2005

*By Cindy Piper*

It was hot, humid and very still when the first guests arrived at Tad and Cindy Piper's home on Spring Hill Road in Long Lake. Very few of those attending remembered that all through the 1960's most meets were held at The Pump House. The Pump House was a brick building on Old Long Lake Rd. and horse trucks and trailers parked along both sides of Spring Hill Road, which was at the foot of the driveway where Jt. Master Stuart Wells lived. Spring Hill Golf Course's 8th fairway sits on the site of he and Mary's house and barn.

More people poured into the Piper's driveway until the count reached 120! Many old friends, former members, landowners present and past and even two retired Jt, Masters, Peggy Steiner and Eric Canton graced the event with their presence. As the weather shifted so did the buffet tables as many helpers moved them from the driveway to the garage, while others moved the tables of eight into the second garage, with the canoe and John Deere Gator! The wind roared and spits of rain slopped on the pavement but the big deluge had gone south and the party resumed post dinner to the patio above Long Lake and the reason all came.

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## Hunters Pace

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

No Hunt this day

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Be one with nature on a beautiful fall day

## LLH participates in the 2005 Polo Classic Parade

*By Marcia Brown*

This year the Polo Classic was very nice, but as always *too hot*. For that reason we would like to give special thanks to those of you who were able to get your horses looking beautiful, pull out your formal attire, and parade, representing the Long Lake Hounds!

I was told by organizers of the Classic that they absolutely *love* our presence there and feel our attendance is important to their event.

Those who paraded were: Cindy Piper, Jaime Horner, Jennifer Schuck, Cathy Belzer, Jerry Brost, Emily Fisher, Jr. Lehman, and Sue Mills. Staff was Lennie Williams, Jon Martinson, Emma James and Sam Nelson. Lennie brought the "Bitch Pack" and they behaved perfectly!

Thanks too, to all who brought a little



*Photo: Marcia Brown*

Sam Nelson, Jon Martinson, Emma James and Lennie Williams, walking hounds at the Polo Classic Parade

something for the tailgate and to Ted Kuller, with his little "cooler" and the sandwich wraps. They hit the spot! Thanks to everyone who helped make it another good day!

## 2005 Blessing September 5, 2005

*By Emily Fischer*



*Photo by Erica Stene*

Saturday night through Sunday morning prior to the Blessing, I listened to the thunder and the torrents of rain. I thought, "There is no way we we're going to be hunt-

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# Masters' Pocket

## CUB HUNTING 2005

It was music to my ears to hear Lennie's exclamation over the telephone "I finished the cub hunting season without having to look for a single hound (after 'the kill')." I agree to the underlying meaning of her remark...it was a very good seven weeks of cub hunting!

The reason for cub hunting for most hunts is the training of the pack and that is true for LLH. But another significant reason is cub hunting allows us to spread out the hunting experience. This year we hunted sixteen times, leaving us with a possible twenty-two fixtures during the formal hunting season. (God willing and the sun stays shining!) I always like to divide the number of fixtures in a season (2005 = 38) into the individual subscription fee (\$1,100) to see what each hunting day costs. The answer for 2005 = \$28.94. What an gift, to ride beautiful country, with friends who enjoy the same experience, on a beloved friend...your horse, and watch our wonderful pack of fox-hounds do what they are bred to do... hunt!

## FORMAL HUNTING

It will be a good season. Your Masters and Country Keepers have worked hard to bring new country into the fixtures, plus reopen country that had been warehoused for some years. For example, SWEDE LAKE is being reopened under the efforts of Linda Ledray, Cathy Andrews and Sue Talalla. (Please say extra thank you's to them). We will revisit the old Berryhill Cross Country site through to the kindnesses of Doug and Kathy McCann. Directions to the Swede Lake fixture will be sent by e-mail and will be on the hotline the night before a hunt.

We changed the fixture on September 24 to Phil and Cathy Mueller's, Pioneer Creek Rd. in Maple Plain. This allowed the Polo Club to participate. We have granted them a uniform bye. They will wear their helmets, collared shirts, but no knee pads! It will be great to have them with us as they allow us to use the Polo

Field as a frequent fixture.

The Hunter Pace will take place on Saturday, October 15 at the Dan and Jill Johnson farm, 2505 Willow Drive. Please plan to attend. The trophies date back to 1971 and have many known names.

Now to fixtures in November. This is the deer hunting season to end them all. Because of the over-population of deer east of the Crow River there is deer hunting every day from November 5 to 27. You guessed it...we are skunked! We are working on travel excursions and we are talking with the landowners we know do not allow deer hunting on their property. Most of those landowners live in the eastern half of the Medina country. But stay tuned...we will keep you informed. Happy Hunting!

## POLO CLASSIC

For those who did not attend, did you know that we circled the entire Polo Field with our hounds off leashes? It brought tears to those of us who remember the past. We took three couple and they obediently stayed right with John and Lennie, Sam and Emma while ten of us rode behind. It was an exhilarating experience to be dressed in formal attire and circle the field where 4000 people were watching.



And I heard more than once "those dogs aren't on leashes." What music to my ears.

## THE 2005 BLESSING

It was a grand event. I have heard reports of 45 and 48 people on horseback. Did you see the lady in the western saddle? Her name is Ann Brockman and she keeps her horse at Cheryl Basinets.


Thank you everyone for turning out in formal attire and presenting your horses so correctly. It was great fun. The vistas of riders in red and black coats strung out across the fields had to have been impressive. And the car followers...WOW. Medina hasn't seen that turnout in 25 years. Back in the late 60's we had lots of car

followers, which is just like England where often car followers outnumber those on horseback.

The Crosbys served 150 breakfasts. And kudos to the membership who were very mannerly and RSVP'ed as requested. There were many landowners in attendance, which is always heartening. We can only hunt when they allow us to cross their land. Thanking them continually should be our chorus.

I hope you noticed the flock of fresh water pelicans taking off from School Lake. The pelicans migrate to the southeastern waters of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. They usually come through the last week of August and the first two weeks of September. When they rise from the water to take flight they circle as many as five times until all are off the water and gaining altitude. The flocks can be as large as 1000. They eat minnows and prefer shallow water. You often see them on Rice Lake off of County Rd. 6/20 on the way to the old kennel.

## NEW HOUNDS

Have you met Watchman and Workman? If you look carefully they are the two tallest hounds in the pack. They came from the Thornton Hill Hunt in Virginia. 

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*(Puppy Auction Continued from page 1)*

Many of the guests had never been to a Puppy Auction and the suspense of how it would really work was written on their faces until one of the syndicate managers approached and asked for

Jen, showing off her favorite puppy's attributes



money. It then it dawned on them why they were here.

The ten 16-week-old puppies spent their dinnertime in wire kennels on the

lawn where they could be viewed and petted. Lennie, our huntsperson, was only too happy to tell you what each personality was like as she had been at their birth and knew their idiosyncrasies very well.

Jerry Brost did a great job as master of ceremonies encouraging the bidding. There were two gentlemen who repeatedly interjected names (with bids) and the crowd booed (and bid) the names out of contention. One name which lasted several rounds was "Knockers."

In the end, the names that survived within the syndicates and several personal bidders were KUNECK, KITTY, KAHLUA, KARISMA, KERNEL, KARMA, KAISER, KAYLA, KIWI AND KING KONG. The total raised for the names came to \$10,460, an all time record!

Many thanks to all who made the event a great success. A partial list includes syndicate leaders Tom Crosby, Marty Paradise, Roland Aberg, Eric Canton, Bill Brown and Carol Brooks. And to those wonderful people who showed up early for set up, including Polly McCrea, Carol Brooks, Jeanne Ahrenholz, to name just a few.

Now the puppies have names and their training begins. They will learn their names so they can be included in the pack and learn obedience.



*(Blessing Continued from page 1)*

ing come Monday morning." This was such bad luck! Kitty and David had worked so hard getting everything just right. I had planned to go to the farmer's market with my mother to get flowers and now what? But the rain lessened and as the morning progressed the sun came out—and I did not get the call from Kitty saying "the Blessing is canceled."

We had a terrific day. The number of horses and riders was spectacular. I do not know what our actual numbers

were but I was impressed. I would have to say that Mr. Stene looked exceptionally handsome in his top hat. Bob and Polly McCrea were polished to a fare-thee-well. Jane Martinson's shadbelly was to die for. Bridgett and Jen's horses were probably the best turned out in the field. And Tom Mensing, as usual, had the best smile. Not only were the

More puppy auction photos in Photo Gallery!



Dave Stene on Casador

Photo by Erica Stene

horses and riders beautiful we had a gorgeous landscape to match. From the blue stem prairie through the beans and perennial gardens to the back pasture and CRP land—not a stick was out of place!

To look up from the fairway to see all of our family, friends, landowners and neighbors with the back drop of the perennial gardens was a scene unto itself. The Staff in their scarlet coats with hounds completed the stunning composition. Kitty and David were so gracious to host this time-honored tradition commencing the formal hunting season.



I would like to say that I know a bit about what went on behind the scenes. The work and coordination that goes into making this event happen is no small task. Everyone in Kitty's family helped out. Kim and Mike came early to help with last minute details, passing the sherry and programs. David had been working over the last week making sure the country would be perfect and Kitty, well....lets just say it's a pretty long list. My mother was so kind to help me with flowers. And it doesn't just end here. The Masters Jen, Bridgette and Cindy did a ton and the foxes have to fox and the whips have to whip and our huntswoman Lennie has to hunt the hounds. It is truly amazing that is all comes together. But in the end it does and the Hunt was truly blessed!



Awarding the holly to Interest

Photo by Erica Stene



## HELPING THE EQUINE VICTIMS OF KATRINA

It has come to our attention that the United States Equestrian Federation is helping to coordinate relief efforts for the horse people impacted by Hurricane Katrina. They are in desperate need of shelter and care for their horses, and we wanted to pass this information on to you so that you can get involved if at all possible. The horse community in times of crisis always comes together to take care of each other. This spirit is needed at this time for the sick and injured horses from the Gulf Coast.

### Louisiana SPCA

The LA SPCA will coordinate all animal rescue from affected areas to the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA. This will be the primary staging area. Donations of food, kennels, etc., are needed. Please contact Kathryn Destriza (504-329-5209) or Lorretta Lambertson (504-329-0701).

The Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association web site has a list of area animal shelters available. They are working in cooperation with other animal state organizations, and have set up an emergency fund for animals. (The Walter J. Ernst Jr. Foundation) Phone: 800-524-2996 or email: [lvma@pnpcpa.com](mailto:lvma@pnpcpa.com)

### Habitat for Horses

Habitat for Horses/Lone Star Equine Rescue is organizing a massive relief and rescue effort to help the equines of southern Louisiana after the hurricane forced millions of owners to evacuate. A large number of horses, mules and donkeys are now in danger of starvation, injury and death if relief efforts are not immediately taken. Trained rescue volunteers from Texas and Oklahoma are proceeding to any location where horses have been spotted and are attempting to extricate and transport them to safety, where they will receive medical care from the LA State Veterinarian Office. All efforts are being made to contact the owners.

This group is operating under the guidance and control of FEMA and the USDA during this operation. This operation is an all-volunteer effort, funded by donation from individuals, companies and organizations around the United States. Individuals with equine experience may join them and aid in the relief efforts.

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### Long Lake Flirt



## Huntsman's Corner

The hound in the spotlight this issue is Long Lake Flirt. Sister to Festive, Foxy and Fred, out of Long Lake Velvet, by Questover Jackson. Flirt is six years old.

Flirt is very much a lover, is very social (if there is no hunting to be found) but the moment the scent wafts anywhere near her nose, look out! She is a hunting fool.

On a couple of occasions, before I became huntsman, I remember having to look for Flirt until the daylight faded and then resume searching in the morning. One Sunday morning a call came in that Flirt was cuddled up in a stall over at Pine Meadow. She must have hunted all night because she slept for the next two days.

I don't know if it is Flirt's age creeping up on her or if the food and company is too good at the kennels, but Flirt is starting to—I think the words I'm looking for are—'cool it.' She still hunts fantastic, but always within range of the horn. Every now and then she will jump the gun and start the others on a line before I ask for it. She still can be a lead hound when she wants. When the scent is strong, her voice can still be heard above the rest and she will normally be one of the first hounds to a check, where she will wait for the rest to come in and then poke fun at them for taking so long.



—Lennie Williams

## WHAT DO OUR MEMBERS DO WHEN THEY AREN'T HUNTING?



Poster Boy—  
Puno boy  
after surgery

### In the Spotlight: Marcia Brown

"I was asked to go as Secretary-coordinator-translator with a team of surgeons 14,000 feet into the Andes in South America. They were operating on burn victims and correcting cleft palates, said Marcia Brown when asked where she was on September 11th. She went on to say that she had gone on two of these trips (the other one was Honduras) to volunteer her fluency in Spanish and organizational abilities.

ties.

"That is where I was on September 11th! In the recovery room with patients...they brought in a T.V. showing what was happening. The team started crying." The head doctor said, "Marcia, we are cutting our trip short a few days! Get us all home! As fast as you can!" Marcia says, "It involved so much organizing! I think there were 13 of us, and we had to take a bus from Puno (where we were working) to get back to Lima, and all fly from there to different places in the States."



Puno child,  
prior to surgery

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Peruvian Ronald McDonald who made the trip to Puno from Lima, Peru, in honor of the Medical Team.

## ROLL is not CALLED! !

Field Secretary, Wendy Powell, would be exceedingly grateful if everyone would check in with her ten minutes prior to meet time. Bring your guests to sign waivers and pay their capping fees. Thank you!



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Financial donations are needed to help fund this massive undertaking. Estimates range from several hundred to several thousand horses that are currently lost, injured or in danger. Hay and feed are needed in large quantities, plus medical supplies such as bandages and antiseptics. Trailers, temporary equine fencing, tarps, buckets, lead ropes and halters are also needed.

Call Rose Westover, Emergency Evacuation Coordinator at 713-467-3444 or 713-594-1177. her email address is [rose@wtshouston.net](mailto:rose@wtshouston.net). Donations can be mailed to Habitat for Horses/Lone Star Equine Rescue, P.O. Box 213, Hitchcock, TX 77563. (They are a 501-c-3 nonprofit organization.)

***PLEASE HELP! ANYTHING, NO MATTER HOW  
SMALL OR LARGE IS APPRECIATED AND  
NEEDED!***

[Thanks to Anne Donahoe for this timely information.]




## Kennel Talk Greetings from the kennels!

Does anybody know where cub hunting went? One day we are all excited to be going out for the first time and then POW! Lennie is striding around in a pink coat and the Blessing is upon us. Though it was funny to see Lennie sweating at the Blessing, all decked out. Now she knows how we feel when it is hot.

We have had a nice summer, but boy it seems to have gone fast.

We have been going out quite a bit. Sometimes those pesky puppies tag along though, which can be quite annoying at times, but they seem to be settling down and learning what exercising is all about. Lennie, Sam, Bri, Jon, Jerry, Cindy and few others can be seen in the evening hours taking the little monsters out and teaching them how to behave, plus we have two new hounds from Virginia that we have had to teach what it is like here in Minnesota. They seem to be fitting in quite well. The boys did their "boys will be boys" in the beginning, but soon learned it was better to be friends.

We still have lots of hunting ahead of us, so we will be exercising and trying to keep the puppies in line. If anybody wants to help out with the puppy exercising, we will be going out Mondays and Fridays at 4.00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This is done on foot and at the kennels. Any questions about the weather, call Lennie @ 763 684 0854. (She still won't let me in the house to play secretary!)

--All for now, Gretchen 

### Travel Weekend November 5-6, 2005

#### North Hills Hunt, Omaha, Nebraska

Jerry will be organizing an information meeting for interested parties regarding the logistics of transport, accommodations, stabling, departure/return dates, costs, etc.

Interested persons please notify Jerry at [BHRSjb@aol.com](mailto:BHRSjb@aol.com) and get in the loop.

### 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 *Covertside* with every \$35 annual dues membership.

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# Meet the LLH

Meet the LLH is a new feature in *The Babblor*. Thanks to Carmen Gardiner for putting the questions together and asking for responses! This is being done in an alphabetical format—be looking for Carmen's email!

## Marcia Brown

**What do you do when you aren't hunting?** I study Photo-shop, Illustrator, InDesign, paint animal portraits, and continue to learn the business of art. I was on the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation of MN

for several years and assisted with another charity called "A Chance to Grow," which helps brain-damaged children. I have traveled extensively and was asked to go as "Secretary-Coordinator-Translator" for teams of doctors and nurses who volunteer their time and talents to treat people in need in underdeveloped countries.

[Editor's note: See related article on page 4.]

**What is your first memory of a horse?** My first horse was named Gitana. She was a TB and we showed in Santiago, Chile, where we lived for several years. When we moved back to the States, I wanted to bring her here, but my husband begged me not to "do that to him." I also found out that if she caused any problem during the shipping process, they had the right to destroy her, so, sadly I had to leave her there.

**How long have you been hunting?** Since 1989.

**How did you get into hunting?** I got hooked on hunting the first time I tried it in Ligonier, PA. Mrs. Burt Todd was my sponsor, and on my first hunt, she took me in second flight. About halfway through the hunt, she said "Oh, just go ahead up to first flight, that's where you belong anyway."

**What is your favorite hunting memory?** I have so many, but perhaps my most amazing memory was a hunt in Thurles, Ireland, with The Golden Vale Hunt. I had a new young gray, that had only been out a couple of times. That year the rains had been very heavy and the ditches were filled with "rushing" white waters. I had never jumped a ditch and these were all double ditches with only muddy, slippery banks to land on in the middle, before shooting off over the water filled ditch on the other side. The tops of the banks were full of scratchy brush and barbed wire. Horses would pile up on each other, as, after they made the leap over the water they tried to struggle up the muddy bank, and then fell back into the rushing water. At one point of the hunt, there were 12 double ditches in all, separated by fields of mud and by that time I wasn't sure my arms were still connected to my body, as my horse was a "puller." On the 12th ditch, jumping from the bank, over the water to the field, I went off. The ground was soft and inviting. My horse looked at me and then started off. I jumped up to run and catch her, and realized I was running with one bare foot. My boot was pulled right off by the mud and it was almost invisible. Someone brought me my horse, and I had to try to put my sock on over my mud covered foot and get my leg back into the boot. All the while the riders and horses were flying by me. I don't know how I ever managed to find the strength to get back on that horse and finish the hunt, which was not a minute less than 6 hours, and could have been more. When I finally got to the pub, and found the ladies room, with several other women, I looked in the large mirror. I stood staring at the mud-covered people I saw in the mirror.....and honestly.....for several moments, I was unable to tell which one was I.

**If you could "steal" another member's horse, who would it be and why?** I don't want to steal anyone else's horse. I just love my own.

**When can you go country keeping?** I can go country keeping any time any one calls me to do so.



Marcia at the Blazers Hunt

## Carol Brooks

**What do you do when you aren't hunting?**

When I'm not hunting, I'm probably running or rollerblading with my Jack Russells. I then move down the line to caring for my husband, Con, and I probably finish the day doing some unnecessary worrying about my three sons. They are 27, 24 and 22 so I really should be over that! They are wonderful and they all live on the East coast at the moment.

**What is your first memory of a horse?**

My first horse came from Max von Bluecher and his name was Famulus. He was a Morgan/Thoroughbred cross. I showed him at the local shows and spent every waking moment at the Wayzata Country Club stables. I quit riding at 16 and took a very long break...35 years!

**How long have you been hunting?**

I've been hunting for three years.

**How did you get into hunting?**

I got into hunting for two reasons. The first is that Hunt Valley Farm is a hunting barn. The second reason is that I didn't want to die without ever trying it. I never hunted as a kid and I always wondered what it was all about.

**What is your favorite hunting memory?**

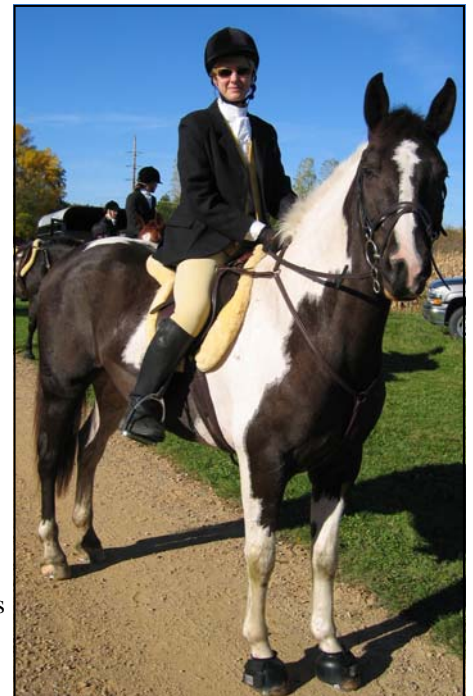
I haven't really been at it long enough to have a favorite memory. Coming home in one piece is always a good one, though.

**If you could "steal" another member's horse, who would it be and why?**

All three years I have hunted have been on Wally. I really can't think of a horse I would prefer. Other than having a "colored" nose the night I received my colors, Wally has been perfect!

**When can you go country keeping?**

I go out when I can and I pay for the times I cannot make it!





Ellie Wood Baxter (left) with author Karin Winegar at the Upperville, VA, show in June, 2005, where Baxter had competed — after having had both hips replaced the past winter!

Photo courtesy of Karin Winegar

### "British fox hunters evading ban —with eagles and owls..."

British foxhunters, whose centuries-old pursuit was banned earlier this year, have found a novel way of circumventing the law -- by bringing along a bird of prey.

According to a recent edition of *The Times*, some hunts have noticed a loophole in the law which outlaws the hunting of foxes with dogs, which came into force this year despite massive opposition from hunters.

The law allows foxes to be flushed out by dogs to be shot as vermin, but only two dogs are allowed to accompany such a hunt.

However, if the hunt is officially being led by a bird of prey such as a golden eagle or an eagle owl, the legislation does not restrict the number of dogs that can be used, hunters claim.

Hunters are wary of discussing the loophole, but *The Times* said it had spoken to hunt members who told them anonymously that they were bringing birds of prey on hunts.

The birds -- whose use as a hunting animal was exempted from the law to avoid upsetting falconry enthusiasts, the paper said -- do not even need to fly, but just be present at the hunt with a handler.

The anti-hunting law, which finally passed through parliament a year ago after being rejected several times by the upper chamber,

### Ellie Wood Baxter

Ellie Wood Baxter has been an active member of the Farmington Hunt since it was founded in 1929. In 2000, she was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame, and in January, 2004, she was honored at the USA Equestrian's award banquet in Los Angeles with the Pegasus Medal of Honor for her lifetime of equestrian accomplishment.

Baxter, who turned 83 in September, hunted last December, had both hips replaced over the winter and hopes to be recovered enough to hunt in the coming season.

—Karin Winegar

(Excerpted with author's permission from *Covertside* — see the full article in the September 2004 issue of *Covertside*.)

"Ellie Wood is one of the most genuine people I ever met and her horsemanship lasted over her whole lifetime. She grew up at a time when horses were truly a man's world and a man's sport, but through her skill level and her passion and her desire to be with horses she overcame many obstacles to make horses her life. She is still a beautiful rider, very supple for her age. She is wonderful to talk to about horses, how they think and work and act. She has truly given her life to horses and is a tribute to anyone who aspires to anyone who aspires to that level of horsemanship."

—Karen O'Connor

the House of Lords, has proved hugely controversial. Hunters argued that fox hunting is no more cruel than any other way of controlling populations of the animals, and that they have been unfairly targeted by a government which fails to understand countryside ways.

A spokeswoman for Britain's agriculture ministry said she did not believe using a bird of prey did exempt hunters from normal rules, but that the matter would have to be decided by the courts."

(This is a recap of an article originally printed in the 9-17 edition of *The Times* in London. To read the article in its entirety, go to <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-1784346,00.html> )

Thanks to Shannon Sherman for sending this on!



# Long Lake Hounds Hunter Pace

Saturday, October 15, 2005  
10:00 a.m.

The Dan & Jill Johnson's Farm  
2505 Willow Drive \* Hamel (Formerly Cindy Piper's farm)

The purpose of the Hunter's Pace is to have a competitive event approximating the condition of the hunt field and to test the rider's judgment of "hunting pace" over fair hunt country. The course will be marked with colored markers. It will be approximately 4 – 5 miles long, and run over beautiful rolling fields and autumn woods. The "ideal" time is the goal. The time is set by the Jt. Masters

## HUNTER'S PACE OVER FENCES

- Contestants will be sent off as pairs or groups at 3-minute intervals, over a course of 10 + fences. The fences are 3'3" or smaller. The course will be well marked and maps will be available upon arrival.
- A challenge trophy and six ribbons will be awarded based on the completion time closest to the time ridden by the Joint Masters.

## HUNTER'S PACE ON THE FLAT

- Contestants will be sent off as pairs or families at 3-minute intervals, on a course that closely matches the Pace Over Fences, but without jumps. The course will be well marked and maps will be available upon arrival.
- A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded based on the completion time closest to the time ridden by the Joint Masters.

## THIRD FIELD (ON THE FLAT)

- This field is for groups with young riders or inexperienced horses who would like to ride a shorter course without jumps. Each group will leave in 3-minute intervals and ride a well-marked course. Maps will be available upon arrival.
- A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded based on the completion time closest to the time ridden by the Joint Masters.

## DETAILS:

**Entry Fees:** \$30 per rider. Limit of one event per horse. Entries mailed in before the event will have first order of go.

**Additional Awards:** Slowest Time and Largest Family

**Parking:** Upon arrival, look for directional signs.

**Dress:** Hunt attire recommended for LLH members; dress by discretion for non-members.

**Questions:** Call Anne Donahoe: (H 763-476-4290 (C) 612-759-8900  
Or Jerry Brost: (C) 763-228-2212

## Rules:

- Competitors in the Pace Over Fences must jump all fences in numerical order. Colored ribbons mark the different courses. These will be coded on your map.
- If you finish ahead of the Masters' time, penalties are deducted from your time; if you finish behind the Masters' time, penalties are added to your time. No penalties are incurred for falls or knockdowns. Please catch your horse, fix the fence, and remount!
- Hard hats with chinstraps are required.
- Contestants may choose their partners in advance. If you do not have a partner, come anyway and we will help pair you up. Non-hunt members are required to sign a liability waiver before they compete.
- Competitors may only enter one horse per class.
- Riders meeting on the trail should keep to the right and proceed at a safe speed.
- Slower teams should yield on request when being overtaken.
- In case of bad weather, the organizers reserve the right to alter the course.
- The organizers and property owners will not be responsible for loss or damage to persons or property.



Rose Kelly at Puppy Auction  
Photo: Karin Winegar



Carol Brooks and Jo Bolte

Photo by Eric Canton



Sam Nelson on Shannon Sherman's horse, Jupiter  
Photo: Shannon Sherman



Cindy Piper and Peggy Stiener at Puppy Auction  
Photos: Karin Winegar



Hounds heading home—Blessing 2005

Photo by Shannon Sherman



Ellie and Tom Crosby and Lucy Bruntjen  
Photo: Karin Winegar



Chairman, Martha McPhee  
Photo: Karin Winegar



Stevie Stene, putting the finishing touches on her horse's braids before the Blessing...  
Photo by Erica Stene



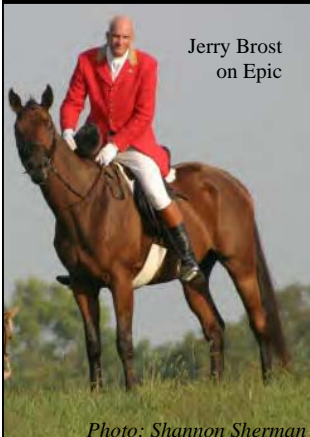
Spencer Stanchfield  
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Princess Kitty, acknowledging her adoring fans!  
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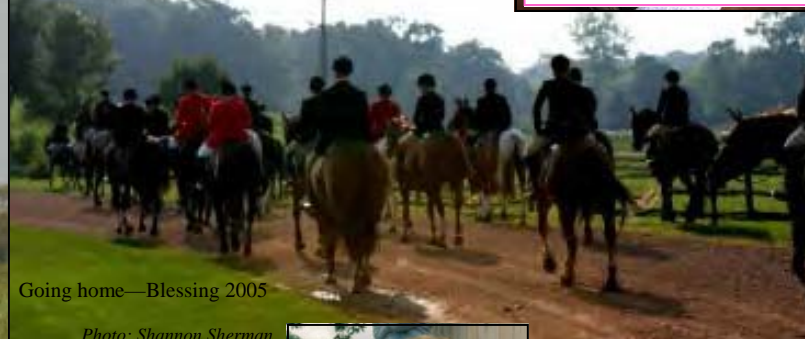


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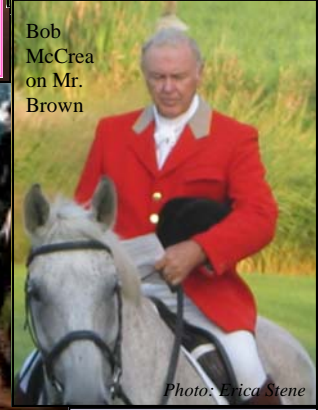
Jerry Brost on Epic

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Going home—Blessing 2005

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Bob McCrea on Mr. Brown

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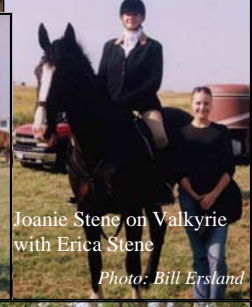


Jane Martinson getting a smooch!  
Photo: Karin Winegar

Briana Johnson at the Blessing  
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Claire Lancaster and Karin Winegar  
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Joanie Stene on Valkyrie with Erica Stene  
Photo: Bill Ermland



Rachael on Velvet and Joanie on Kyrrie  
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Eric Canton and his field of women (from l to r): Carol Brooks, Chelsea Wagner, Cindy Piper, Eric, Jo Bolte and Rose Kelly

Hallelujah Brothers and Sisters! Thanks to our members, landowners, and friends of the Long Lake Hounds the Puppy Auction hosted by the Pipers (thank you again, Tad and Cindy) was a phenomenal success. Besides the hecklers, whose names start with T and E, that were adamant trying to name a hound Knockers (these guys need to come out of the dark ages and realize we have door bells in the modern world), we raised \$ 10,650.

One hundred and twenty people attended and had a great time. Mother Nature showed up for a short time and left a minor deposit, promoting the camaraderie and excitement of the event.

Never has the Puppy Auction had this kind of result and it shows the vigor of change occurring in our Hunt with our leadership. Martha, Bridgett, Cindy and Jen are setting a new tone.

Proud members, start your engines and think of equestrian friends for The Hunter's Pace October 15th (in lieu of our Hunt day). Educate the unaware that the pace is not a wild race across the countryside. We have the different classes from jumping to trail riding—and we even have a prize for slowest time! The weather prediction is a beautiful Fall day with fallen leaves, 58 degrees and a warm sunny day. Warm cider and a sugar donut. See you there with your friends!



—Jerry Brost



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While we have not set hoof on what is truly new country, several members have spent hours re-opening routes left unused for several years. The Independence country is full of routes in need of trimming. The hounds seem to be enjoying the unexpected turns.

Cindy Piper, Wendy Powell and Jeannie Ahrenholz dodged lightning strikes to trim between Nelson and Copeland Roads. Dan Diekel pounded stakes in the ground to mark unsafe spots.

The Swede Lake area is being reopened under the efforts of Linda Ledray, Cathy Andrews and Sue Talalla. This includes the Berryhill Cross Country site and is an exciting new-old fixture!

The West Watertown area remains on the drawing boards. This will be spectacular country when specific permissions are finally granted. It looks like a go at this point – it just needs to be done. A good guess is that next season will see the LLH in this section.



—Nancy Bizzano

### Social Committee Report

Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to fill in some of the open tailgate spaces for September, although we are looking at little "weak" towards the end of the month. The tailgates are not mandatory.....just GREATLY APPRECIATED. We do realize that sponsoring a tailgate is a little extra work on hunt morning, but we know that our "foxhunting members" are hardy and hungry. If you have a "thought" to do a "thing" with the tailgate, just let me know. Thanks and Kick On!



—Marcia Brown

### Tailgate Hosts for September

September 5 (Blessing): David and Kitty Crosby

September 7: David and Jeanne Ahrenholz (cancelled due to weather)

September 10: Anne Theis, Bob & Polly McCrea, Lucy & Robert Mitchell, Ellie & Tom Crosby

September 14: Linda Ledray, Sue Talalla, Cathy Andrews

September 17: Clarkson & Nancy Lindley—Lawn Meet

Jerry Brost & Teri Nelson, Dena Stanchfield, Ted Kuller, and Marcia Brown

September 21: No tailgate

September 24: David & Joanie Stene, Karin Winegar, Phil & Cathy Mueller, Shannon Sherman

September 28: No tailgate

Thank you everyone!

Want to see your name here? Email Marcia Brown at [mbrown2626@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2626@aol.com) to sign up for a tailgate in October!



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—George Bernard Shaw

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## LIH Calendar of Events

October 15 Master's Pace at Dan & Jill Johnson's  
 October 22 Guest Day (capping fees apply)  
 October 29 Junior Hunt  
 November 5-6 Travel Weekend—North Hills Hunt, Omaha, NE  
 November 19 Colors Party  
 B's on the River, Watertown, MN

**TBA—Larking Days (one of which will be in the Hugo/Afton area)**



### TENTATIVE FIXTURES

Please consult your mailed Fixture Card as the last word!

October 1 (Sat) 9:00 Chapman, breakfast to follow  
 October 5 (Wed) 9:00 Ahrenholz  
 October 8 (Sat) 9:00 Thies  
 October 12 (Wed) 9:00 1845 Walsted  
 October 15 (Sat) 10:00 Hunter Pace Dan & Jill Johnson's  
 Willow Drive, Hamel  
 October 19 (Wed) 9:00 Polo  
 October 22 (Sat) 9:00 Swede Lake-Ledray  
 October 26 (Wed) 9:00 June Sutton  
 October 29 (Sat) 9:00 Pine Meadow — Junior Hunt  
 November 2 (Wed) 9:30 Polo  
 November 5 & 6 Travel Weekend—North Hills Hunt  
 November 9 (Wed) 9:30 Willowood Farm Rd.  
 November 12 (Sat) Travel weekend or ? Swede Lake  
 November 16 (Wed) 9:30 Pine Meadow  
 November 19 (Sat) 9:30 David & Kitty Crosby  
 Colors Dinner in evening

**NOTE: November is definitely subject to change**

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