

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, Saturday and select Mondays mid- August to mid-April, weather permitting. Please contact [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com) for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

Always call the Hunt Hotline:810.678.2711 for weather or information updates on any Hunt related event.

## Save the Date!

Metamora Hunt Ball: March 19, 2016

## Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



As you may know by now, the Levy Company and the Boy Scouts have proposed to Metamora Township an enormous mine:

- \* 496 acres on a 724 acre site
- \* 30 year project lifetime
- \* 100 trucks in and 100 trucks out a day on Dryden Rd.
- \* 406 acres of woodland removed
- \* All within 1500 to 2000 feet of a Superfund site still undergoing remediation.

To fight this, the Metamora Land Preservation Alliance has retained Chris Bzdok of Olson, Bzdok & Howard, [www.envlaw.com](http://www.envlaw.com). Chris has been named a best lawyer in America, in environmental law; a Michigan Super Lawyer in environmental law; has served as Mayor of



The Annual Metamora Hunt Ball will be at Devil's Ridge Golf Club near Oxford again this year. Save the date cards were mailed to previous Hunt Ball attendees earlier this month. If you did not get your card and would like to receive a formal invitation in the mail, please contact Hunt Ball Chairwoman Marcia Turner: [mbkennels@aol.com](mailto:mbkennels@aol.com)

Please put **March 19th.** on your calendar now, and plan on bringing some friends. Don't miss this wonderful evening, complete with dinner, dancing to a fabulous live band, and an open bar.

Additional information is available from our Hunt Ball Chairwoman: Marcia Turner: [mbkennels@aol.com](mailto:mbkennels@aol.com) or: 248-515-3229

Each year, the Silent Auction at the Hunt Ball proves to be an exciting part of the evening. This year's auction will include items donated by our Members, Guests and Hunt Supporters including activities such as golf at private clubs, clays shooting (with lesson if desired), dinners, riding lessons and more! Donated items include jewelry, art, gift certificates, photography and gift baskets. The proceeds from the Auction help support the Hunt and the Metamora Countryside. Please contact auction chairperson Michelle Mortier to donate an activity, an item or gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, spa or retail store. I

Traverse City; and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law. Chris has the needed experience with sand and gravel projects to help us navigate the long path to success. *And make no mistake, Chris and the MLPA believe the community can defeat this proposal.*

Winning will take time and it will take effort. We ask you to help. Talk to your neighbors; talk to those who visit; help them understand that a mine of this size destroys towns — and fundamentally alters the families, businesses, and lives within them.

*The above information was taken from the MLPA Newsletter*

For additional information visit: [www.metamora.org](http://www.metamora.org)

## Additional News:

### January Foot Hunt

By Bob Carden



will be happy to pick your item up! (586)  
914-5802 or [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com)

## Join the Fun!

The Metamora Hunt offers year round activities that involve riders and non riders alike. We offer some food for thought as you make your plans for this new year:

### Winter:

- The Hunt Ball.
- Foxhunting, weather permitting.
- Foxhunting on foot, weather permitting.
- Hound Walking.

### Spring:

- Earth Day: we celebrate by cleaning the roadsides in the Metamora Countryside.
- Metamora Hunt Horse Show in June. Our show attracts riders and spectators from a wide area.
- Landowners Picnic (at the Metamora Hunt Horse Show). We treat our valued Landowners to a good party.
- Trail Rides begin. These are organized group rides that serve as an introduction to foxhunting and provide conditioning for our horses.
- Hound Walking.
- Trail Trimming Days.

### Summer:

- Trail Rides continue.
- Summer Hunter Pace: A fun ride with friends on a well marked course through the Metamora Countryside.
- Stable Tour: An organized tour of some of Metamora's most beautiful private stables.
- Hound Walking.
- Trail Trimming Days.
- Youth Fox Hunt.

We had a hearty group of followers on a Saturday morning in January who gathered to follow the Metamora hounds on foot. It was a brisk day but the cool temperatures helped to keep us comfortable as we walked behind our hounds.



Huntsman Adrian Smith lead us on about a three mile trek through woods and fields near the Hunt Kennels. Our pack worked hard and covered a lot of ground searching for the scent of a fox or coyote.



Our pleasure this day was in seeing our pack do their jobs so well, even when their quarry was not to be found. Hounds always seem to be happy and focused even when

- **Fox Hunting Begins: in mid-August.**

**Fall:**

- **Fox Hunting.**
- **Opening Day of Formal Hunting: A memorable event for Riders and Spectators.**
- **Hunter Trials: A fun and easy going horse show for adults and juniors.**
- **Fall Hunter Pace: A cooler weather version of our summer classic.**
- **Thanksgiving Day Formal Hunt.**
- **Trail Trimming Days.**
- **Hound Walking.**

## **Pony Club News**

By Lisa McCormack

In January, the Metamora Hunt II Pony Club was fortunate to have local blacksmith Richard Becker come to our first meeting of the year and give a presentation to our members. Mr. Becker gave a very educational talk about farrier tools, parts of the hoof & lower leg, and different shoes and their features. These are all some of the topics that our pony clubbers will be quizzed on at our upcoming regional rally in March.

Our following meeting was spent practicing two of the five Quiz Rally phases and making preparations for quiz, such as forming teams. Teams are formed according to rating level and ages. We will be having 11 members competing, including our two newest members; Chloe and Kalin.

### **Lots of links:**

Here are links to interesting activities in the Metamora countryside:

**Metamora Hunt:**

their efforts are not rewarded with a chase. Adrian called the hounds to him when it was time for us to be finished with our lovely walk in the woods. After the hounds were all returned to their beds, the foot followers met in Metamora for a lunch together.

Weather permitting, we will follow our hounds again soon, either astride our trusted mounts, or on foot. I will keep you posted! If you have an interest in joining us for a day behind the hounds please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier: [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com)

### **Metamora Hunt Subscriptions:**

Subscription forms were mailed to our Riding and Non Riding Members earlier this month. Please renew your subscription to the Hunt soon. If you are not currently a Metamora Hunt Member, but would like to join us, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier for information: 586.914.5802.

Subscription forms are available on the Hunt website:

<http://www.metamorahunt.com/forms/>

A two payment option is available, as is payment by credit card. You will note on the form that an Early Payment price is available to Riding Members that submit their applications with payment before March 31, 2016. This is a significant discount and the terms will not be extended for those applications not received by March 31st.

### **Become a Benefactor - Social Member - Friend of the Hunt:**

The Hunt hosts activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for participation in the social aspects of our Club and our sport. Those interested in becoming Non Riding Members may join for a very reasonable fee.

[www.metamoramohunt.com](http://www.metamoramohunt.com)

Metamora Photo:  
[www.metamoraphoto.com](http://www.metamoraphoto.com)

Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:  
[www.mfha.org](http://www.mfha.org)

Metamora II Pony Club:  
[www.glrpc.org](http://www.glrpc.org)

Metamora Chamber of Commerce:  
[www.metamorachamber.org](http://www.metamorachamber.org)

Metamora Carriage and Driving Association:  
[www.metamoracarriagedriving.com](http://www.metamoracarriagedriving.com)

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian  
Center:  
[www.banburycrosstec.org](http://www.banburycrosstec.org)

Bedrock Stable B&B:  
[www.bedrockstablees.com](http://www.bedrockstablees.com)

Cedarwood Farm:  
[www.cedarwoodfarmmetamora.com](http://www.cedarwoodfarmmetamora.com)

Crooked House B&B  
  
[www.crookedhousefarm.com](http://www.crookedhousefarm.com)

Crescent Ridge Farms:  
[www.crescentridgefarms.com](http://www.crescentridgefarms.com)

Fair Play Farm:  
[www.fairplayfarm.com](http://www.fairplayfarm.com)

Hunters Run Farm:  
[www.huntersrunfarm.com](http://www.huntersrunfarm.com)

Matador Farm:  
[www.matadorfarmllc.com](http://www.matadorfarmllc.com)

Win-a-Gin Farm:  
[www.winaginfarm.com](http://www.winaginfarm.com)

Red House Farm:  
  
[susiestroh@aol.com](mailto:susiestroh@aol.com)

Please note: Most of our Riding Memberships, as well as Social Memberships and Benefactors of the Hunt, now include dining privileges\* at the Hunters Creek Club. Please be sure to renew your Metamora Hunt Membership right away so that you can make a reservation for the Hunters Creek: Valentine Dinner, Father's Day Dinner, or their Lobster Bake!

For additional information and membership application, please contact our Hon. Secretary Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 : [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com)

**Introductory Membership Offer:** To accommodate riders who have never been members of a fox hunt, the Metamora Hunt is offering an Introductory Membership for the 2016-2017 Hunt Season.

For information on this very affordable, full season offer with unlimited hunts, or for additional information on all Memberships, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com)

#### **Member Participation Form:**

We have included a Member Participation in the Membership mailings. Many people have asked "How can I get involved with the Metamora Hunt?" The Member Participation form that has been sent with membership invitations will help us to match volunteers and activities in their best ways possible. We have activities year-round, so the form gives an idea of where, when and in what capacities we would appreciate help.

We value the MANY ways that people contribute to the Metamora Hunt. So many folks give us a few hours here and there to keep things running. We simply wish to open the opportunities for more supporters



Seven Ponds Nature Center:  
[www.sevenponds.org](http://www.sevenponds.org)

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:  
[www.eventingmichigan.org](http://www.eventingmichigan.org)

If your organization has events or activities that may be of interest to the equestrian community near Metamora, please submit your information for consideration to:  
[rrrcarden@gmail.com](mailto:rrrcarden@gmail.com)

to see how they can choose to participate with the Hunt. Virtually all of the activities on the Participation Form have some social aspect, and you will find us welcoming and truly appreciative.

Our Non-Riding members (Benefactors, Social Members and Friends of the Hunt) are welcome and encouraged to participate. Our Riding members are required to participate.

Member Participation forms are available on the Hunt website:  
<http://www.metamorahunt.com/forms/>.

For additional information on all Memberships, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com)

Hound Walking: including Members is available most non hunting mornings. Huntsman and Staff are on bicycles on some days. Contact one of our MFHs for additional information.

Please call the Kennels (810-678-2711) for updates.

## Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

**Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball**  
Saturday, March 19, 2016  
Contact Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229

More Metamora Hunt 2016 Events

**Earth Day Clean Up: April or May date TBD  
: 9am meet at the Kennels. Contact: Ken  
Matheis, MFH: 248.431.4093**

**Metamora Hunt Trail Rides: Sat.am or  
Sun.pm in April, May, June, and  
July. Details via email.Contact: Bob  
Carden: 586.907.8594**

**Trail Trimming Work Days: Select  
Saturdays in May, June, July, and  
August. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH:  
810.678.8384, Ken Matheis MFH:  
248.431.4093.**

**Metamora Hunt Horse Show: June 10-12th.  
at Win-A-Gin Farm. Contact: Marcia  
Turner: 248-515-3229**

**Metamora Hunt Landowners Picnic:  
Saturday, June 11th. at the Horse  
Show.Contact:**

**Metamora Hunt – Summer Hunter Pace:  
Date TBD Contact Bob Carden: 586-907-  
8594.**

**Metamora Hunt – Youth Hunt: Monday,  
August 1st. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH:  
810.678.8384, Ken Matheis, MFH:  
248.431.4093.**

**Metamora Hunt – Hunt Country Stable  
Tour: August date TBD. Contact: Joe  
Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384.**

**Opening Day of Formal Hunting –  
Metamora: September 17th. Contact: Joe  
Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis,  
MFH: 248.431.4093.**

**Metamora Hunt – Fall Hunter Pace:  
October date TBD. Contact Bob Carden,  
586-907-8594**

**Metamora Hunt – Hunter Trials: October  
date TBD. Contact Debbie Pace:  
810.678.8762.**

**Metamora Hunt - The Fast & Furry 5k Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk: A cross country event for leashed canines and their human companions. Date TBD. Contact Jon Rubin, on FaceBook.**

**If you have equine related events in the Metamora Hunt Countryside that you would like us to consider posting in this Calendar of Events, please email them to:**  
[rrrcarden@gmail.com](mailto:rrrcarden@gmail.com)