

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 for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

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

January

By Michelle Mortier
Honorary Secretary

Happy New Year!

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.

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



Traditionally the last fixture card of the season takes us through New Year's Day. After that the weather often forces us to cancel hunts, so this makes planning in advance difficult. Please remember that the footing and road conditions where you live may be quite different from those in Hunt Country.

We do hope to continue to hunt, but the days and times may change. We will also send out emails with hunt information, but ask that you always call the kennel for updates. It's not necessary to contact the Huntsman directly, just call the Hunt Kennel at 810-678-2711 for the recorded message.

Additional News:

Tally-ho in the Snow!

By Bob Carden

- **Foxhunting on foot, weather permitting.**
- **Hound Walking.**

Spring:

- **Metamora Hunt Horse Show in June.** Our USEF Class A 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.
- **Earth Day:** we celebrate by cleaning the roadsides in the Metamora Countryside.
- **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.**
- **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.**

Photos by Mr. Peter Gillies



Riders of Metmora Hunt gathered at the home of John and Helena Baker on New Years Day for what turned out to be one of the most exciting hunts of the season. A heavy snow began to fall just as Huntsman Adrian Smith lead us away from the meet to draw the hounds in the woods east of Barber Road.



Hounds worked earnestly in what turned out to be less than perfect scenting conditions. In just a few minutes the riders of the second flight, led by Joe Maday, MFH, were treated to a close up view of a beautiful red fox as he circled behind our pack. Metamora Purpose, one

Save the Date!

[Metamora Hunt Ball: March 19, 2016](#)



Please Save the Date! The Annual Metamora Hunt Ball will be at Devil's Ridge Golf Club near Oxford again this year. Please put the date 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 Chairperson:
Marcia Turner: mbkennels@aol.com
or: 248-515-3229**

Each year the Silent Auction proves to be a fun and interesting part of the Hunt Ball. If you would like to contribute an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Silent Auction Chairperson:

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Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

of our most experienced hounds, quickly found the line of scent and the pack was off with a strong voice. The first flight, lead by Ken Matheis, MFH, followed the pack at a good clip as our fox circled again, leaving the hounds puzzling his course.



Twenty minutes later our fox was viewed again by Honorary Whipper In Madison Sparks and the second flight. Hounds were called forward and took the line of scent. All of this occurred in the beautiful swirling snow. Mr. Fox eluded the hounds once again as scenting proved to be difficult. Honorary Road Whipper In Tom Bird viewed the fox some minutes later as it headed back toward its home territory. Our Huntsman and Masters then agreed to honor this crafty fox by leaving him to return to his home without further interest from the pack and riders.

The Metamora Hunt II Pony Club begins 2016 with a steady membership and some changes in leadership.

The new DC (District Commissioner) for our club is myself; Lisa McCormack. This will be my daughter Kaila's sixth year as a member of Pony Club. During that time I have been our club secretary for 3 years and Jt DC (Joint District Commissioner) for 1 year before stepping into the DC role for 2016. Some of you might also know me from Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center, where I have been an instructor for almost eight years.

Pam Koskinen, who stepped down from the DC position after 4 years, has graciously taken the Jt DC position to help make the transition smoother for me. Her youngest daughter Leah continues to be a Pony Club member, but is now away at college for most of the year. Pam is sharing the Jt DC position with Sarah Allen. Sarah was the secretary for the Great Lakes Pony Club region last year.

Annette Boger remains our club treasurer for the fifth year.

Rounding out our club officers is Renee Myers, who will be our new secretary.

Every officer at the local level is a volunteer and we are fortunate that once again, Metamora Hunt II has been able to fill all positions.

In the upcoming months, either I or the Greenings (members of the Hunt and Pony Club) will keep you updated on our club's activities.

Lots of links:

Here are links to interesting activities in the Metamora countryside:

Metamora Hunt:
www.metamorahunt.com



This was a very special day for the riders who were brave enough to endure the cold and snow. The countryside was beautiful in its snowy mantle. Being aboard a trusted horse in the limited vision available during a snow storm is a unique experience, perhaps even other worldly. Viewing the fox is always a rare treat on any fox hunt, and to see this beautiful fellow gliding past us in the snow was most memorable. We hope for other opportunities to be afield this winter. Weather permitting, we will follow our hounds again soon, either astride our trusted mounts or on foot. I will keep you posted!

Metamora Hunt Subscriptions:

Subscription forms will be mailed to our Riding and Non Riding Members later 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.

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 who submit their applications with payment before March 31, 2016. This is a significant

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www.metamoraphoto.com

Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:
www.mfha.org

Metamora II Pony Club:
www.glrpc.org

Metamora Chamber of Commerce:
www.metamorachamber.org

Metamora Carriage and Driving Association:
www.metamoracarriagedriving.com

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:
www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B:
www.bedrockstablees.com

Cedarwood Farm:
www.cedarwoodfarmmetamora.com

Crooked House B&B

www.crookedhousefarm.com

Crescent Ridge Farms:
www.crescentridgefarms.com

Fair Play Farm:
www.fairplayfarm.com

Hunters Run Farm:
www.huntersrunfarm.com

Matador Farm:
www.matadorfarmllc.com

Win-a-Gin Farm:
www.winaginfarm.com

Red House Farm:

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Seven Ponds Nature Center:
www.sevenponds.org

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.

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
: michelle.mortier@jewellphoto.net

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
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Hound Walking: including Members is available most non hunting mornings. Huntsman and Staff are

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:
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:
bob.carden@jewellphoto.net

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

Non-Hunt Sponsored Events:

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:
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