

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 for weather or information updates on any Hunt related event.

Metamora Hunt Horse Show



Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Fairly Hunted award is given out each year by the Masters of Fox Hounds Association to acknowledge riders under the age of 18 who have hunted at least 5 times in that season.

This year's recipients from the Metamora Hunt are:

Amber Brown
Grace Charnstrom
Nellie Charnstrom
Amanda Greening
Jessica Greening
Sydney Moore
Kalie Ryan
Madison Sparks
Kati Sullivan
Christopher Westgate

Congratulations to them all as they are the future of our sport.

Additional News:

We will be hosting our 84th annual Horse Show on June 10-12th at Win a Gin Farm on Delano Rd. The Hunt welcomes our Landowners, Sponsors, Advertisers, Exhibitors, Benefactors, Social Members, and Friends of the Hunt to join our Members for this beautiful and interesting event.

This year's show will include several new classes that will appeal to our Hunt Members and other local riders. Metamora Hunt hounds to be paraded Saturday evening during the Landowners Picnic by Huntsman Adrian Smith on horseback and formal hunting attire.

Please direct any questions to Horse Show Chairwomen Marcia Turner 248.515.3229, or Deborah Bates Pace, MFH, 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt Trail Rides



The Metamora Hunt will host a series of trail rides starting this month.

These trail rides will be structured to provide training and fitness exercise for experienced as well as beginning fox hunters and their mounts. Participants' horses must be able to walk and trot safely and calmly in a group, outside of a ring. Safety is always our first concern. An approved riding helmet must be worn while mounted. The Hunt reserves the right to accept or turn away riders as it

Metamora Hunt Country Magazine Ads:

Advertising copy deadline is April 15, 2016.

Our Magazine is a wonderful resource and tablet or keepsake of the year! Be sure to be included, by running an ad for your business, a thank you, a Memorial or a fun ad to remember this year.

The 2016 Metamora Hunt Country Magazine is now in lay-out and once again in the capable hands of Mr. Peter Gilles.

Each year we count on our Members, Hunt supporters, and local businesses to place advertising in our magazine. Advertising order forms have been mailed to our Members and previous advertisers. If you would like to renew your ad from last year, please just fill in the form and mail it to the address on the bottom. If you would like help in creating a new ad, please call Peter at: 810-678-8384. Again, the Ad deadline is April 14.

Hunt members who are selling ads should contact Peter right away and let him know who you will be selling to this year. That information will be used to assure that our advertisers are not called on by more than one person from the Metamora Hunt.

Thank you for your support! The 2016 Metamora Hunt Country Magazine will be ready for distribution at the Horse Show: June 10-12th.

Earth Day Community Clean Up

sees fit. A Hold Harmless Liability Release must be signed for the Metamora Hunt. Just click:

<http://www.metamora-hunt.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/2012Release.pdf>

Depending on footing, we will use the roads, the Hunter Trials Grounds near the kennels, and as footing permits, the trails of the Metamora Countryside. In addition to fitness exercise, we will teach and practice safety skills specific to fox hunting.

Trail Ride dates, times, and locations will be posted to current Metamora Hunt Members by email. Non members may contact Bob Carden (586-907-8594) for information.

Trail Rides are offered at no charge to current Members (Riding Members, Benefactors, Social Members, and Friends of the Hunt for 2016). A \$20 donation to the support of our hounds is accepted from all additional riders.

For additional information contact Bob Carden: rrrcarden@gmail.com or 586.907.8594.

The Hunt Ball was a blast!



We had a lively, animated group take part



Will be Saturday, April 23. Postcards will be mailed soon. Please meet at the Kennels at 9:00am. We provide a dumpster, help coordinate groups and maps, and have an informal lunch afterward. Gather your own group of friends and neighbors to pick up a road-side, or join a group that morning.

Think Warm Thoughts



The Metamora Hunt Stable Tour will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Please save the date and make plans to bring friends to our self-guided tour of some of the Metamora Countryside's most beautiful and unique stables.

Tickets will be offered for sale starting in July. For additional information please contact Joe Maday MFH, 810.678.8384.

To Pete Janak:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pete Janak, Chairman Emeritus of the Metamora Hunt, as he recovers from injuries incurred from a fall while working at home. Pete; we wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

in the dancing, dining, horn-blowing and Silent Auction. Click here to check out the photos from the Ball:
<http://www.metamoraphoto.com>

Our heartfelt thanks to all of the Dancers, Diners, Do-ers and Donors who made it a special evening.

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

March was a very busy month for our club! After beginning the month with more studying, the Pony Club Great Lakes Region Rally was finally upon us. Metamora Hunt II Pony Club had a group of 23 travel to Indiana.

Eleven members competed from our club and we had representation in every division. All of our girls showed great sportsmanship and did awesome, including one of our junior D teams that placed 1st overall!

Part of the Quiz Rally festivities included a silent auction for our region. This year the Metamora Hunt generously donated a basket for the auction and it was very well received and appreciated!

At the end of the month, we had Nicole Bodmer; the regional testing coordinator, come to speak to our club about getting ready for certification testings, what to expect at a testing and to answer any questions. She also did a helmet check on all the girls.

We finished out the month with our two newest members successfully testing for their D1 certification. Congratulations to Kalin and Chloe!

Tip of the Month

by Bob Carden

With the weather improving we all are soon to be out riding on the roads and trails of the Metamora Countryside. Please remember that you need to renew your relationship with each Landowner that allows you to ride on their land this year. You should contact them now and ask for the privilege of crossing their land as you trail ride or exercise your horse. Do not make the mistake of assuming that Landowners who allow the Hunt to cross their land welcome all riders the rest of the year.

On each ride you must be aware of the turf conditions. If you have any doubt about the ground being too soft to be on trails or to cross land, keep to the roads only. A rider that leaves damaged turf or leaves deep hoof prints invites having that land closed off to all horses.

Please remember to be courteous and friendly to the public as you ride out. A smile, wave of the hand, or tipping of one's cap does wonders for the good of our sport. Public relations are every Hunt Member's responsibility

Metamora Hunt Subscriptions Due:

Our "year" begins on April 1. Subscription (Membership) forms were mailed to last year's Riding and Non Riding Members in February. Please renew your subscription to the Hunt now, if you have not done so already.

If you are not currently a Metamora Hunt Member, but would like to join us, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 or michelle1mortier@gmail.com 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.

Please Note: Crescent Ridge Farms' new website: Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com

Lots of links:

Here are links to interesting activities in the Metamora countryside:

Metamora Hunt:

www.metamorahunt.com

Metamora Photo:

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.metamocarriagedriving.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:

Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com

Fair Play Farm:

www.fairplayfarm.com

Hunters Run Farm:

www.huntersrunfarm.com

Matador Farm:

www.matadorfarmllc.com

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, include dining privileges at the Hunters Creek Club on Sutton Road. Please be sure to renew your Metamora Hunt Membership right away so that you can make a reservation for the Hunters Creek Father's Day Dinner, or their Lobster Bake!

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.

Attention Juniors:

The Junior North American Field Hunter Championships will be held in the Mid-West this year, hosted by Iroquois Hunt in Lexington, KY on October 23, at the home of MFHA President Dr. Jack van Nagell, MFH. There will also be three qualifiers, at Camargo (KY), Long Run (KY) and Chagrin Valley (OH). See www.jnafhc.com for details.

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

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

Red House Farm:
susiestroh@aol.com

Seven Ponds Nature Center:
www.sevenponds.org

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:
rrrcarden@gmail.com

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Earth Day Clean Up
Saturday, April 23rd, 2016
Contact Ken Matheis: 248-431-4093

Metamora Hunt - Trail Rides
Some Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons.
Contact Bob Carden: 586-907-8594

Metamora Hunt Horse Show
June 10-12th. at Win-A-Gin Farm
Contact Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229,
and Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810-678-8762

More Metamora Hunt 2016 Events

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 Deborah Bates Pace: MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt Horse Show: June 10-12th. at Win-A-Gin Farm. Contact: Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229, Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt Landowners Picnic: Saturday, June 11th. at the Horse Show. Contact: Helena Baker: 248-628-6531

Metamora Hunt – Summer Hunter Pace: Sunday July 10th. Contact Bob Carden: 586-907-8594.

Metamora Hunt – Youth Hunt: Monday, August 8th. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis, MFH: 248.431.4093, Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt – Hunt Country Stable Tour: Sunday August 14th. Contact: Joe Maday, MFH: 810.678.8384.

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

810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt – Hunter Trials: Sunday Oct. 2nd. Contact Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762.

Metamora Hunt – Fall Hunter Pace: Sunday Oct. 9th. Contact Jon Rubin on FaceBook.

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

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

Hunters Run Farm Cross-Country Schooling Days

April 16-17

April 23-24

May 14-15

June 11-12

June 18-9

Contact Susan Emmons: 810-441-6481

Hunters Run Farm Eventing Derbies

May 22nd.

July 24th.

Contact Susan Emmons: 810-441-6481

The Confident Horse Clinic

With instructor Kim Veenstra, Saturday August 6th.
Help give your horse confidence by use of ground and mounted exercises. Hosted at Flying Goat Farm.
Contact Mrs. Chalmers Fitzpatrick: 415.860.8100

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