

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-April, weather permitting. Please contact michelle1mortier@gmail.com for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

Metamora Hunt Website:
www.metamorahunt.com

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

Hunter Trials Fun

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



Thanks to the Metamora Hunt Country landowners and all those who made the Fall Hunter Pace a success. Without the cooperation of the landowners the event would not be possible.

I've been asked to remind you that the trails used for the event are not open to riders without the permission of the landowner.

It seems to happen every year that a few participants are so taken with the beauty of Hunt Country that they return on their own. Please remind riders that the trails are on private property.

One other request from landowners is that when you're riding past a farm and horses or livestock are out, please bring your horse to a walk.



The Metamora Hunt Hunter Trials, held on October 1st., was an enormous success. Thank you to all of the riders, tail gate competitors, and spectators. We offer a very special thank you to David and Susan Emmons of Hunters Run Farm for hosting the Trials on their beautiful show grounds this year.



Debbie Pace and her crew of volunteers did a fabulous job of show management. The riders enjoyed the challenge of several new courses that were designed by Debbie, including some non jumping courses.

Additional News:

Save the Date!
Metamora Hunt Ball - February 24,
2018

New Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks!

Hunter Pace Results



Congratulations to all of the riders who participated in the Metamora Hunt Autumn Hunter Pace! We have heard from many, many people that this was THE BEST HUNTER PACE EVER!!





All of the trails on the Hunter Pace were on private land, and we thank the generous Landowners who allowed us to cross their property on Pace day. The trails were so very beautiful.



We thank Diane Kangas and her hard working crew of volunteers for all of their efforts. We loved the easy parking, the refreshments, the music, the entertaining signs along the course, and the friendly spirit that made this such a special event.



The tail gate competition was strong this year with an increase in spectators and exhibitors. Tail gate competitors were judged for their delicious food and the beauty of their presentation. Congratulations to Marcia Turner who had the winning



tail gait presentation.



The Follow the Hounds classes captivated the crowd as the riders galloped and jumped behind Huntsman Adrian Smith and the Metamora hounds. Adrian (a two time National Horn Blowing Champion) treated the spectators and riders with the "Going Home" call as they left the showgrounds.



Here are some stats from the Autumn Hunter Pace:

- 16 Generous Landowners
- 26 Wonderful Volunteers
- 9.1 Miles of trail
- 462 orange trail markers
- 76 degrees on a sunny day
- 14 Gallons of cider
- A sip or two of sherry
- Thousands of calories between pastries and candy
- 2 Musicians in the woods
- 2 Photographers in the field
- Dozens of happy horses and riders



Local 4H Riders



To view more of Peter Gilles' photos of the 2017 Hunter Trials you may click: [Here](#)



Thumbs Up was the sign of the day!

Michigan Foxhunters **Weekend**

October 13-14th

It is an annual tradition for the three Michigan Fox Hunts to gather for a weekend of sport and friendship. This year the Waterloo Hunt is the host of the weekend fun, starting this Friday.

Metamora Hunt and Battle Creek Hunt members are invited to all of the activities. A cocktail party will be held at the Waterloo Hunt Clubhouse on Friday evening, starting at 6pm. The hunt will meet at 10am on Saturday, followed by a Hunt Breakfast at the Clubhouse.

Please contact Waterloo Hunt MFH Arlene Taylor (517-522-3409) to RSVP and for additional information.



The optional covered bridge crossing was fun.

Here are the winning teams:

Fastest Time Division:

**1st: Heather Lawson and Courtney Zachary
56:37**

**2nd: Colleen Navarre, Patricia Schmalz,
Maurice Freed: 1:10:30**

Congratulations to Janine Klayman



Janine Klayman was awarded her Colors by the Masters of Foxhounds of the Metamora Hunt at a recent hunt meet. The award of Colors is the greatest honor that any member of a fox hunt can receive and Janine is a most worthy recipient.

Janine has supported the Hunt with years as a riding member and as a participant in many Hunt activities. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and look forward to seeing her riding in the Hunt field for many years to come.

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

The Metamora Hunt II Pony Club met on Sept 11 and made jump measuring

3rd: Victoria Breiling and Harmony Lehotsky:
1:20:20
4th: Sandy Simmons and Sydney Simmons:
1:20:25
5th: Carma Capizzo and Briahna Reis: 1:36:05
6th: Sandra Morgan and Saige Morgan:
2:02:20

Optimum Time Division:
Optimum Time was set by a Metamora Hunt Member riding on Saturday afternoon.

The Optimum Time was: 2:13:01

1st: Sean O'Bryan, Aimee O'Bryan, Teagan O'Bryan: 2:14:15
2nd: Leah Cobb and Kasha Cobb: 2:11:34
3rd: Sydney Fish, Ella Downey, Dean Boivin: 2:10:57
4th: Michelle Mortier and Bob Carden: 2:16:37
5th: Theresa Schmid and Gerard Schmid: 2:09:05
6th: Gay Kent, Lisa Kingsley, Moriah Orlando, Alexis Sawyer: 2:17:30

Congratulations to all ribbon winners!
Ribbons will be mailed to the winning team captains in a week or two.

Please find us on Facebook for more photos and additional information about Metamora Hunt events.

Questions and compliments about the Autumn Hunter Pace go to:
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Metamora Hunt Photos

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Peter Gilles photograph many of our hunts and activities. Many of the photos in our monthly newsletters were taken by Peter. To view more of Peter's photos just click on: <http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/index.php?cat=13>

sticks. The sticks have markings for event and Pony Club certification jumping heights.

On Sept 24 we had 7 of our members; Kalin, Amanda, Jessica, Ella, Chelsea, Galina & Lauren ride with Jennifer Brooks for a cross country lesson at beautiful Hunters Run. All of the girls had a good time on a very hot fall day and learned a lot!

We had three members from our club ride in the Hunter Trials this year: Ella, Olivia and Chelsea. Great job girls! Our club also entered the tail gate competition and came in 2nd. Awesome job moms!

Lastly, welcome to our newest club member Chelsea, her horse Annie and her mom Michele!!

Horse Country Signs for Sale

Help make our country roads safer with these signs!!

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Fox Hunters Weekend

October 13-14th.

Contact Arlene Taylor: 517-522-3409

Metamora Hunt Ball

Saturday, February 24, 2018

New Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks

Contact Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Pony Club Gymkhana

Saturday, November 18th.

Hosted at Crescent Ridge Farm.

Contact Lisa McCormack: 248-393-5779.

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



Horse Country Signs for your roadside property, or barn, are once again available from the Metamora Hunt. Signs with a metal pole and attachment hardware, ready for you to install, are \$125.

Please contact Joe Maday:
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