

# 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](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com) for a complete list of locations, dates and times.

Metamora Hunt Website:

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

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

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

New Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks

## Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



Adrian and the pack provided us with great sport again this year. We enjoyed many great runs that took us across our beautiful countryside. Even though the weather has slowed us down we have much to look forward to in the coming 2018-2019 season.

Subscription forms will soon be mailed for the coming year and we hope you will join with us to enjoy our 90th season hunting here in



**Please Save the Date! This year the Annual Metamora Hunt Ball will be at a new location! We will be hosting our annual evening of fun at The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks on February 24th. Please put the date on your calendar now, and plan on bringing some friends. To be sure that you, and others you would like to attend, are on the mailing list for the Hunt Ball, just email names and addresses to Marcia Turner at; [mbkennels@aol.com](mailto:mbkennels@aol.com) , call or text her at 248-515-3229. Invitations will be mailed via post in late January.**

**Don't miss this wonderful evening, complete with dinner, dancing to a fabulous live band, and an open bar.**

**Metamora. We look forward to sharing the many activities planned to celebrate our long history in the community with all of you.**

**Happy New Year!**

**[Additional News:](#)**

## **[Why we Hunt](#)**

This is the second article in a what will be a series written by different members of the Metamora Hunt.

## **[Why I Hunt](#)**

**By Michelle Mortier**



**What do I love in life? Family, friends, horses, nature, dogs & cats, music, roller-coasters, beauty to look at, manners, travel, tradition, a sense of belonging to a community, watching seasons change, reading and learning.**

**Why did I start with that earlier question?**



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

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

#### Spring:

- 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.

Because the question of Why I Hunt is not always simple to answer. And the answer does not lie in the hours spent in the saddle.



I was a typical horse-crazy, horse-less kid from the suburbs, who read every horse book at the libraries (school and public) multiple times. I rode horses on vacations and always wanted to do more than that. I started riding after college. I was able to achieve my dream of horse ownership, and was blessed with the perfect "first horse". Willie and I competed in Eventing, showing up to Training level for 10 years. I loved the partnership, the camaraderie at shows, the satisfaction of working toward goals. I lost Willie, and could not find the right equine partner to return to showing, and I found that I had lost my feeling of invincibility that I had in my 20s and 30s. I watched my husband take interest in riding, then develop a passion for it. We went to some events together, and then he tried Fox Hunting. He was hooked. I continued with showing for a few years, but WOW, was he having more fun than I was! When it was time for me to look for a new horse, I shopped for a Hunt horse.

- Hound Walking.
- Trail Trimming Days.

**Summer:**

- Landowners Picnic. We treat our valued Landowners to a good party.
- 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.
- Metamora Hunt Country Magazine is published and distributed.
- 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.



## **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,

Why do I hunt? To be more in touch with nature and the changing seasons, as we transition from late summer into winter. To see beauty in fleeting images as we trot through the countryside, and to see it for entire days at times. To have the excitement of those first moments when the hounds find scent and start to speak, and to wonder where that will take us. To enjoy the company of like-minded people (although we all sure have our own opinions!). To hear hooves crunching through leaves and the sound of the pack of hounds in the woods. To decide that, even though the bed is warm, getting up early to hunt is worth it. To challenge

2018. 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.

**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 again offering an Introductory Membership for the 2018-2019 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)

**Lots of links:**

Here are links to interesting activities and equine services in the Metamora countryside:

my abilities and strengths, and my assumptions. To recognize the continuity in what we do to those in other parts of the country, other continents, and other time periods. To get out of my head and in to the moment. To have those magical moments when you see a coyote or fox, or have the pack of hounds go streaming past as one entity. To know that what I am wearing is correct, that how I behave is appropriate. To see the joy in my husband's eyes. To build and strengthen my relationship with my horse Mojo. To happily go down the rabbit hole into Foxhunters on Facebook, and see how many "things" are universal to foxhunters worldwide. To spend time with some of my heroes. To plan and train, while also understanding that sometimes, I have to accept the fact that I will need to totally wing it, just like in life.



**Pony Club News**

By Lisa McCormack

December was a quiet month for our club. We met one time for our annual Christmas party. This year the party was held at one of our member's house in Rochester. We enjoyed appetizers and desserts and all members received black sweat pants with the Metamora Hunt Pony Club logo down the leg.

We have many changes to our club's officer

Metamora Hunt:

[www.metamorahunt.com](http://www.metamorahunt.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.bedrockstables.com](http://www.bedrockstables.com)

Cedarwood Farm:

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

Crooked House B&B

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

Crescent Ridge Farms:

[Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.com](mailto:Crescentridgefarmsllc@gmail.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)

positions for 2018. Now that my daughter is in college, I will be stepping down from the DC position but will remain involved in the club as a Jt. DC while our club transitions to new DC leadership under Monica Spiers. Mary Orlando will be co- Jt. DC with me. After six years as our club treasurer, Annette Boger is stepping down and our new treasurer will be Kathy Weeder. Kris MacQueen will remain as our secretary.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of parents, sponsors and the surrounding community (including the Metamora Hunt!!) who continue to support the Metamora Hunt II Pony Club. Our club looks forward to another fun and busy year in 2018.

## Calendar of Events

### Hunt Sponsored Events:

#### Metamora Hunt Ball

by invitation, Saturday, February 24, 2018

New Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks

Contact Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229

#### Metamora Hunt - Earth Day Clean Up

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Contact Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093

#### Metamora Hunt - Trail Rides

Saturday am or Sunday pm

in April, May, June, July

Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

#### Metamora Hunt - Trail Trimming Days

Select dates in April, May, June, July

Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis:

248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

#### Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace

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)

Date TBD  
Contact Diane Kangas: 248.842.3094

**Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic**  
by invitation: Date TBD  
Contact Helena Baker: 248.628.6431

**Metamora Hunt - Youth Hunt**  
Monday, August 6th, 2018  
Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384

**Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour**  
Date TBD  
Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384

**Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting**  
Saturday, September 22, 2018  
Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis:  
248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

**Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials**  
Sunday, September 30, 2018  
Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

**Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace**  
October Date TBD  
Diane Kangas: 248.842.3094

### **Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:**

**Metamora Combined Driving Event 2018**  
June 22,23,24, 2018  
Location: 4295 Barber Rd., Metamora, MI 48455  
Contact: Metamora Carriage Driving Association  
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)