

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.

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



One of the activities coming up this fall is the "Michigan Foxhunters' Weekend." This is a tradition among the Battle Creek, Waterloo, and Metamora Hunts. Once each season we meet at one of the three Michigan hunts to socialize and hunt together. This year we gather here in Metamora on the weekend of September 28-30, our 90th year in our Hunt Country.

Members of the hunts are invited to enjoy the activities and even if you're unable to ride that weekend you can still join in and experience the traditions of the other Michigan hunts. Try to join us.

The finale of the weekend will be The Metamora Hunt Hunter Trials which will take place on Sunday, September 30, and if you're unable to ride in the Hunter Trials, everyone is invited to join us in watching this exciting event. More information can be found at metamorahunt.com.

Metamora Hunt Opening Day

Saturday - September 22nd



Please save the date and join us for for this annual spectacular! Opening Day of formal fox hunting for the Metamora Hunt is Saturday, Sept. 22nd. In addition to our Members, all Landowners and other Hunt Supporters are most welcome to attend on foot. The Opening Day Meet will be held at the Reynolds' family polo field on Rock Valley Rd. just west of Delano Rd. The crowd will begin to gather just after 9am. Please find your way to the center of the field. Be sure to bring your friends, but not your pets, and do bring your camera!

Please keep in mind that you may have to park some distance from the gathering and will need to walk to the site. Please drive slowly as you will encounter horses and pedestrians on the roads. Be sure to only park on only one side of any road and be respectful of any "no parking" signs.



Riders who are not current 2018-2019 Riding Members are welcome to Cap, with permission from one of our MFH's. Please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier for additional

Additional News:

Hunter Trials - Sept. 30th



Please join us for a Memorable Day!

The Metamora Hunt Hunter Trials will be held on Sunday, September 30th **at Hunters Run Farm on Casey Rd.** We are pleased to announce that MFH Deborah Bates Pace will once again be the Show Organizer and we hope that you will mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for a wonderful day on a new course at beautiful Hunters Run Farm.

information: michelle1mortier@gmail.com or 586-914-5802.

There will be a Check-In Station at the Opening Day Meet. All riders will be greeted by Metamora Hunt Volunteers and names will be checked against a list of Riding Members, and Cappers that have permission and liability releases made in advance. St. Hubert Medals will also be given at the Check-In Station.



Cappers: We encourage guest riders (Cappers) to attend our Opening Day Meet! Please keep in mind that the Capping fee for Opening Day is \$100 for adults, \$25 for juniors (age 21 and under), and that prior permission must be made in advance with one of our Masters of Fox Hounds: Mr. Joe Maday-810-678-8384, Mr. Ken Matheis-248-431-4093, or Mrs. Deborah Bates Pace-810-678-8762. Our liability release is available on the Hunt website: www.metamorahunt.com



Opening Day is just around the corner. So, if you are interested in Capping, please pick up the phone and



The Hunter Trials provide an opportunity for riders to show in several different classes. Entries are encouraged from both Members and non members of the Hunt. Riders enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, the variety of classes (flat, singles, pairs, follow the hounds, hunt teams, and lead line), and the opportunity to compete for ribbons and many lovely trophies.



Spectators attend the Hunter Trials not only for the beauty of the horses and capability of the riders, but for the fun of the Tail Gate Competition. Landowners, Friends of the Hunt, and other equestrian enthusiasts from the Metamora Countryside join us each year to visit with their friends and take part in this

call one of our MFHs now. You will find them kind and welcoming, especially because you are calling early. Download, print and sign (junior riders must have their liability releases signed by a parent) the Hunt's liability release.

On Opening Day Cappers should have themselves dressed in dark coats and tan breeches. Helmets are mandatory. All horses should be braided! All riders should arrive at the Opening Day meet early. Plan on getting there no later than 9:15am. Cappers should have an envelope in their pockets that contains their Capping check (made out to Metamora Hunt) and signed liability release, with their name printed on the outside. Give your envelope to the Hunt Volunteer at the Check In Station. Please come and join us, this is an experience you will remember for a very long time!

Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

The Youth Hunt on August 6th had representation from two of our Metamora Hunt II Pony Club members; Moriah and Alexis. Moriah rode her horse Miley and Alexis rode Pony Club sponsor Gay Kent's horse Indy.



There were quite a few testings this month. One of our new members Olivia G did her very first testing

special day. Please be sure to bring your camera!



Riders and mounts compete over an outside course which includes permanent fences similar to those found in the hunt field: coops, aikens, stone walls, water, line fences, and so on. The Follow the Hounds class simulates the activity and tradition of the Hunt, while the teams and pairs classes demonstrate how well horses go in company.



Hunter Trials Info and Entry forms here: <http://www.metamorahunt.com/forms/>

Questions to:
Mrs. Deborah Bates Pace, MFH: 810.678.8762

at Apple Grove Farm and is now a D1. Ella received her C1 eventing certification at Brookside Farm in South Lyon at a regional testing. Kaila, one of our upper level members, traveled to South Farm in Middlefield Ohio for a national certification test. After two full days of testing, Kaila received her national rating of C3 in eventing. Congratulations girls!!



On the 20th, our club held a service meeting at Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Oxford. We helped them prepare for their annual horse show by painting the railing on the front ramp and porch, weeding their flower beds, cleaning the front paddock and picking up rocks from the outdoor arena.

[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>

Lots of links:

Save the Date!
Fall Hunter Pace - October 7th
Starting at 9am



Gather your friends! Ride English or Western. Come ride with us at your own pace. Whether walking, trotting, or competing for a fastest time ribbon, you will enjoy the beauty of the Metamora Hunt Country on a clearly marked trail. Snacks and beverages are provided to riders on the Pace course. Adults and junior riders are welcome! No jumping required. **Helmets must be worn by all riders.**

We have a new location for the Fall Hunter Pace: The Metamora Hunt: 5614 Barber Rd., Metamora, MI 48455. We will start from the Hunter Trials Field. Parking on site or on the roads.

Here are links to interesting activities and equine services
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.metamoracarriagedriving.com

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:
www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B:
www.bedrockstablees.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

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

Red House Farm:



Riders will be started after registration in teams of 2-4. If you do not have a team, we will be happy to help you find one to join. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st. through 6th. place teams in both the Fastest time and the Optimum time divisions.



The cost to ride in the Hunter Pace is \$45 per adult, \$35 per junior (17 and under). An

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

approved helmet, with chin strap fastened, must be worn at all times while mounted.

Entry Forms and Hold Harmless releases are available on the Hunt website: www.metamorahunt.com

For additional information contact:

Bob Carden: 586-907-8594
rrrcarden@gmail.com

Ride With Us!

The Metamora Hunt goes out every Wednesday and Saturday from August to January. We hope that you will come on a hunt and experience the timeless beauty of horses and hounds. You will find us to be an interesting and fun loving group!



Riders may participate in our fox hunts by joining the Hunt (and we have a very reasonable Introductory Membership available) or by guest hunting (known as Capping).

To inquire about joining the Metamora Hunt or Capping, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier at 586-914-5802.

Riders interested in Capping may do so only with the express permission of one of our Masters of Foxhounds (please see their information at the top of this column) for each individual Guest hunting day. Guest Riders may Cap 3 times maximum per season. Guest Riders are asked to put their Capping payment check and signed release into an envelope, with their name written on the outside. This envelope needs to be presented to the Secretary or one of the MFHs before the hunt begins.

We also encourage people to come to our Hunts as non-riding spectators. Every hunt morning is an opportunity to see, and perhaps photograph, our well turned out horses and riders as well as our energetic and friendly hounds.

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting

Saturday, September 22nd.

Contact Joe Maday: 586-381-8834, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend

Saturday, September 29th.

Contact Joe Maday: 586-381-8834, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials

Sunday, September 30th.

Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

Sunday, October 7th.

Bob Carden 586-907-8594

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

OREA Judged Trail Ride

Saturday, September 8th.

At Ortonville Rec Equestrian Camp

More info: www.hadleyhills.com

NBHA Barrel Racing Show

Saturday, October 13th.

At Crescent Ridge Farm, Metamora

Contact: Julie Strawn: 586-457-1375

**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