

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday, and Saturday mid- August to mid-January 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.**

## Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The Hunt enjoyed many exciting days following the Metamora Hounds this fall. We invite you to join with us in a variety of Hunt activities in the coming year. Please come out and learn more about our hounds by joining us as we walk them out for exercise on most non-hunting days.

All of those connected with the Hunt would like to again thank the many Metamora Hunt Country landowners who granted us permission to ride across their property and to wish them a joyous holiday season.

**Congratulations to Teresa Stanisci**



Teresa Stanisci 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 Teresa, pictured here with her wonderful hunt horse Buddy, is a most worthy recipient.

As a riding member of the Metamora Hunt for five years, Teresa has always been a confident and safe rider in the hunt field. She has always presented herself appropriately attired while fox hunting and always on a well groomed horse with spotlessly clean tack.

Teresa lists her primary interest in fox hunting as a continued opportunity to enjoy her partnership with her horse Buddy. Buddy is an 11 year old registered Paint Quarter Horse. "I love to see him be so excited and engaged every hunt day. Seeing him enjoy being out with a group of horses and showing me that we share a special trust is just the best experience" says Teresa.

Teresa has supported the Hunt with years of dedication. She has participated in and volunteered for many of our events and is very active in the Hunt's trail trimming days. We appreciate her enthusiasm and energy.

Congratulations Teresa, you are a true ambassador of the Metamora Hunt and we all know that we can count on you for a smile and a positive attitude no matter the weather or conditions. We are proud to call you our own!

Additional News:

**Save the Date!**  
**Metamora Hunt Ball - February 16, 2019**

Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks



Please Save the Date! This year we will be hosting our annual evening of fun at The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks on February 19th. 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. Part of the fun each year is a fox hunting horn blowing contest after dinner, so please plan on joining in!

## Hunt Lunch - Saturday, January 12th.

Please join us! We have a Hunt Lunch scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2019. This is a fun get-together at Hunters Creek Club on Sutton Road at 1:00pm. Hunters Creek will have a special menu with sandwiches and lunch items, each \$22 plus beverage and gratuity. Each guest takes care of their own tab. Everyone who RSVPs is welcome! Please send a text or email to Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 or [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com) so she can have an accurate head count.

## Horse Country Signs for Sale

Help make our country roads safer with these signs!!



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: 810.678.8384



Each year, the Silent Auction at the Hunt Ball proves to be an exciting part of the evening. This year's auction will include items donated by our Members, Guests and Hunt Supporters, including activities such as golf at private clubs, clays shooting (with lesson if desired), dinners, riding lessons and more! Donated Items include jewelry, art, gift certificates, photography and gift baskets. The proceeds from the Auction help support the Hunt and the Metamora Countryside. Contact Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 or [michelle1mortier@gmail.com](mailto:michelle1mortier@gmail.com).

Additional information is available from our Hunt Ball Chairperson Marcia Turner: [mbkennels@aol.com](mailto:mbkennels@aol.com) or: 248-515-3229 cell, 810-245-0810 home

## Why We Hunt

By Keith Gray, MFH, Mill Creek Hunt

There is something about an animal hunting that transfixes most people. It's elemental in nature. Whether it's bears in Alaska catching salmon out of midair, or a raptor silently swooping down to grab dinner for itself or its young, witnessing this behavior in the wild is captivating. It involves both skill and an element of danger, which adds to the appeal. Think of our terriers, whose purpose on this earth seems to be searching for quarry in holes - and for trouble. Their excitement and

## 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:

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

Metamora Hunt:

[www.metamoramohunt.com](http://www.metamoramohunt.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.metamoramochamber.org](http://www.metamoramochamber.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.bedrockstablees.com](http://www.bedrockstablees.com)

Crooked House B&B

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

Crescent Ridge Farms:

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

accompanying adrenaline rushes can be contagious to humans and animals alike. (I love to share the story of our barn cat jumping into a raccoon/terrier encounter.) How many of us freeze when we see a cat moving stealthily toward the object of its attention, completely shut off to everything else in the world?

These domesticated companions are well fed, and have no logical reason to hunt, yet hunt they do. They are living in the moment, completely consumed with one thing, and reacting to an instinctual drive. I think that we experience this, too. It's a big reason we hunt. In the moment, we give no consideration to yesterday's problems or tomorrow's obligations. We live in the now. And that promise of psychological escape draws us to the hunt in the hope we can recapture that feeling.

Although our sport is called "fox-hunting," technically it's the hounds doing the hunting, and the riders are honored guests into their world. A hound working a line of scent has the same focus as that stalking cat, and hounds in full cry exhibit the same drive as those terriers that can quickly relocate eight pounds of dirt to access a two-ounce mouse. It's in their DNA, and they surely seem to enjoy it!

Hunting, whether with a fishing pole, binoculars, bow, firearm, in partnership with hounds, or any other way, is an escape that makes us feel incredibly alive.

## Pony Club News

By Lisa McCormack

Our club had lots of activities in November, despite the chilly weather. The Regional Fall meeting was held in Haslett MI on Nov 4th. The Great Lakes Executive Board was voted in for 2019 and Metamora Hunt II Pony Club's Linda Lowe will remain as the Regional Supervisor for her 3rd year! I will also continue as the Regional Testing Coordinator for another year. The JLC (Jr Leadership Council) meeting was also held at the same location and our club had good representation with Kaila, Moriah, Ella, Chelsea and Olivia R. attending.

**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)

**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)

On the bitterly cold weekend of November 10-11, an UL (upper level) mounted clinic was held at Lone Tree Stables in Rockford MI with Ann Haller as the instructor. Ann is a USEA nationally certified instructor, USPC National Examiner through the A level and has been in charge of Media for Land Rover Three Day Event and chief press officer for WEG eventing in 2018, to name just a few of her accomplishments. Kaila attended with her horse Indy and rode on the flat and over grids. Kaila enjoyed the opportunity to ride with Ann and felt she was a very positive and experienced instructor.

During the same weekend back on the east side of the state, our club had a mounted meeting at lovely Interlaken Farm. Holly Zecchin instructed Kalin, Alexis, Moriah, Ally and Olivia G. over fences. Holly's lesson included using a video camera to let the girls see what they looked like compared to what they felt like. As always, our members appreciated Holly's instruction!

An UL unmounted clinic on the equine heart was held at the Koskinen farm in Dryden on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The instruction was provided by Metamora Hunt II Pony Club's Leah. Leah is in her senior year at Otterbein University in Ohio. She created this learning experience as a way to give back to our Region, in addition to completing a college project requirement. Regional members from five different clubs participated, including Moriah and Olivia R. from our club. The educational clinic included a lecture, evaluating an older and a younger horse's heart rate in response to exercise, and dissection of an animal heart.

Lastly, we closed out the month with a meeting at the Oxford library with veterinarian Dr. Colleen Turner giving a phenomenal presentation on equine dentistry. She gave an hour and a half slide presentation on dental abnormalities and corrections, including fascinating case studies of her work with zoo animals and equines.

## Calendar of Events

**Hunt Sponsored Events:**

**Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball**  
Saturday, February 16, 2019  
Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229

**Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:**

**Metamora Wassailing Celebration**  
December 8-9, 2018  
[www.metamorachamber.org](http://www.metamorachamber.org)

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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