

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

August 2019

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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.**

## Youth Hunt Fun for All



## Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



Thank you to the generous landowners who opened their farms to visitors for the Metamora Hunt Country Stable Tour as well as the many volunteers who acted as guides for the event. Guests enjoyed the farms, the hospitality, and the chance to have a close look at Hunt Country life.

We are looking forward to an exciting Hunt season that begins on Saturday, August 17. Our joint meet with The Aiken Hounds has unfortunately been canceled, however there are still many activities planned, these include the Fall Hunter Pace, the Metamora Hunter Trials, and Michigan Foxhunters' Weekend at Battle Creek.

If you would like to receive a Fixture Card which includes event dates, please contact me. Please remember to call the Hunt Kennel at 810-678-5711 for information and updates on hunting or events.

Here are some photos from the Stable Tour.

Our hunting season started on August 5th with the annual Youth Hunt. Young riders were joined by the Metamora Hunt Masters and Staff on a warm and bright morning. Hounds were cast to the east of the Hunt kennels as the young riders and adult guides followed with great interest.



The warm conditions and less than perfect scenting conditions contributed to a shorter than normal time in the woods but everyone enjoyed watching our hard working hounds doing what they love best. We are excited about having young riders join our hunts later this season.

### Summer Hunter Pace - July 27th

Our thanks to all those who participated in the Summer Hunter Pace on July 27th!







**Please join us for the Fall Hunter Pace on Sunday, October 6th.  
We will have a new course for you to enjoy!**







Riders were treated to warm temperatures and a nice breeze on a marked trail through some of the most beautiful properties in the Metamora Countryside. We thank the generous landowners who opened their private trails to the Pace riders for the event. A special thanks to all of the hard working volunteers who made it all possible!

Here are the winning teams:

**Fastest Time Division:**

**1st: @ 52 minutes and 00 seconds: Claire Pace & Debbie Pace.**

**Optimum Time Division:**

**Optimum Time, meaning the Closest Times to the pace set by two Metamora Hunt Members before the Pace.**

**The Optimum Time was: 1 hour, 33 minutes, 20sec.**

**1st: @ 1 hour, 32 min, 00 sec: Cherlyn Prisby and Anika Prisby.**

**2nd: @ 1 hour, 31 min, 15 sec: Marissa Larson, Maureen Moons, Brenna Godin.**

**3rd: @ 1 hour, 29 min, 05 sec: Lisa Kinglsey, Joe Maday, Theresa**



**Additional News:**

**Hunter Trials - Sept. 29th**



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4th: @ 1 hour, 28 min, 10 sec: Colleen Turner, Ellie Johnson, Natalie Zalac, Molly Disend.

5th: @ 1 hour 38 min, 30 sec: Chalmers Fitzpatrick, Payton Fitzpatrick, Darby Fitzpatrick, Madison Sparks, Jenny-Ayn Gill.

6th: @ 1 hour, 39 min, 30 sec: Nancy Waldman, Kim Illes.

**Ribbons will be mailed to the team leaders by August 16th.**

**Questions? Contact: Bob Carden: 586-907-8594**

### **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



**Please join us for a Memorable Day!**

The Metamora Hunt Hunter Trials will be held on Sunday, September 29th **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.



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.



their information at the top of this newsletter) 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.

### Tornado Siren Test

We would like you to be aware that tornado sirens will be tested in the Metamora Countryside on the **first Saturday of each month at 1pm through November**. So, you might want to keep this in mind as you work with or ride your horses on the first Saturday of each month.

### 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>

### Cottage for Rent



Long time Metamora Hunt supporters Mark and Anne Hendirx are offering the "Jessie Reynolds Cottage" on Delano Road for rent. This quaint home has three bedrooms, a washer and dryer and is the heart of Metamora Hunt Country, less than a mile from the Hunt Kennels. Monthly rent is \$750, electric and heat are extra. They also offer an option to rent the horse barn and pasture. Please contact Mark or Anne with any questions or requests for additional information:



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 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.

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269-982-4013.

## **Lots of links:**

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

**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.org](http://www.metamoracarriagedriving.org)

**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)

**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)



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

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

## **Pony Club News**

By Lisa Rossman

### **Friends of Pony Club of Pony Club August 2019:**

July was dominated by Great Lakes Region Pony Club camp, aka Super Camp, held at Hunter's Run. 10 meals were prepared and served. Clubbers were shuttled back and forth from Hunter's Run to Kingsbury School (where they set up camp in the school gym). We are very lucky that currently camp is held right in our backyard. The kids had a great time! The instructors the region brings to camp are always phenomenal. Our own Sharlee Lowe was an instructor this year! 8 of our Metamora clubbers attended the camp.

**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)



**We extend a heartfelt thank you to Dave Emmons, manager of Hunter's Run, and David Poirier, Head of School at Kingsbury Country Day School. In addition, we thank the Metamora Hunt for hosting a Foxhunting clinic during camp. The clubbers had a great time and it was a fantastic opportunity to learn about Foxhunting and meet the hounds! Thank you so much for making Super Camp such a wonderful experience!**

**Thank you Kingsbury for making this event such a success!**

**Clubbers came from Ohio, Indiana and throughout Michigan. They had loads of fun, spent time with friends, and learned a ton, including the important lesson that they were capable of rising to a challenge like jumping bigger fences, harder grids, cantering the water complex, etc.**





After Super Camp, Sharlee and Kaila headed to Port Angeles, Washington where they were visiting instructors for a camp put on by the Ranahan Pony Club. In addition to teaching at the 3 day camp, they also were able to tour Seattle, hike in the Olympic National Park and take a ferry over to Victoria, British Columbia.

Thank you for all your support!

## Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

### **Metamora Hunt - Trail Trimming Days**

Select dates in April, May, June, July, August

Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093,  
Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

### **Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**  
**Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093,**  
**Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762**

**Metamora Hunt - Hunter Trials**

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**  
**Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762**

**Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**  
**Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238**

**Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend - at Battle Creek**

**October 26,27, 2019**  
**Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093,**  
**Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762**

**Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:**

**If you have equine related events in the Metamora Hunt  
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