

Metamora Hunt Newsletter

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Hunts go out every Wednesday,
and Saturday mid- August to mid-
January weather permitting.
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and times.

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Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The rain has finally stopped, and the countryside is drying out so that we can continue hunting before our usual break for firearm deer season. Recently we were able to get out for a few great days including a memorable morning at the Cornell's on Hendrie Road. The hunt moved off heading south and after a short time, hounds struck the scent of a coyote and off went the pack in full cry leading horses and riders on a chase from Gardner to near Barber then up through Hoisington's woods and circling there five more times all within ear shot of the field so everyone could enjoy the roar of the

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810.678.2711
for weather or information
updates on any Hunt related
event.

Our Amazing Members

pack as they followed their
quarry.



The enjoyment we receive from going out on days like these has only been possible due to the many hours dedicated to our hounds by our faithful staff of Road Whips: Helena and John Baker, Tom Bird, and Jim Thomas. They not only exercise hounds on non-hunt days but are out making sure that they are safe from traffic and help the huntsman in staying in contact hounds during the hunt as well as at the end of the day. When you see them remember to thank them for their valued contribution to the success of the Hunt.

Our Amazing Members



Christopher Westgate was awarded his 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 Chris, pictured here with his family and wonderful hunt horse Corby, is a most worthy recipient.

Chris is a confident and safe rider in the first flight of the hunt field. He has always presented himself appropriately attired while fox hunting and always on a well groomed horse with spotlessly clean tack.

Chris is 21 years old and a Senior at Wayne State University. He has been a varsity member of the Swim



team at WSU and is currently swimming at two other swim clubs.

Christopher got started early, riding as a young boy and has been training with Deborah Bates Pace, MFH, for 10 years. Chris is a competent and skilled rider. He has a passion for foxhunting and Eventing and would like to spend some time as a working student of an Olympic level eventer after graduation. Those of us who have had the pleasure to ride with him find Chris to be a very kind and personable young man.

Chris has been active in supporting the Metamora Hunt on trail trimming days and with working as a key volunteer at the Hunter Trials and our Dressage Show every year.

Congratulations Chris, 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 one of our own!

Safety First By Bob Carden

Staying Warm

A warm rider is a safe rider. Of course, we all know that, right? None the less, do make an extra effort to keep yourself warm and comfortable while out fox hunting or exercising your horse this winter. You will be more alert, responsive, and flexible if you are not chilled.

Diane Kangas 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 Diane, pictured here with her talented hunt horse Shebe Girl, is a most worthy recipient.

Diane has been a member of the Metamora Hunt for 5 years and she and Shebe hunt twice each week. Shebe Girl is a registered Tennessee Walking Horse with silky smooth gaits and a pure heart. Diane is the "Anchor Rider" in the in the second flight and her experience and attention help to keep other riders safe.

Diane started riding in 4H with her sisters. She competed in barrels, and enjoyed years as a long distance trail rider with her husband Don. They have completed the Michigan Shore to Shore event 7 times, always with gaited horses. Their shared passion for gaited horses took them to carriage driving, competing in several states.

The couple moved to Metamora in 2016. After attending the Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball that year with Debbie Pace, she developed an interest in foxhunting and joined the club.

With 27 years as a creative director in advertising with international experience in graphic arts and marketing, Diane is a wonderful ambassador of the Hunt. She often contributes her talents and time to produce beautiful promotional and informational pieces for our events, website, and newsletter.

Wearing a fleece neck gaiter is a good way to keep from losing body heat and a pair of ear flaps under your helmet is another important addition. A loose fitting pair of breeches with a smooth set of long underwear really helps. Loose fitting clothing and boots capture your body heat. Tight fitting clothing or boots are usually chilly.

A wool "Melton" coat that is a size larger than usual, with a wool sweater worn underneath, is a good start to being warm on a winter fox hunt. Winter riding boots are also commonly used by fox hunters. Avoid cotton clothing if you can. Wool or poly will keep you warm, even if damp.

Nylon or silk sock liners used under wool (never cotton) sox are a good bet. Also you might try using stick on toe warmers on top of your socks and perhaps just above the outsides of your ankles. Those little hand warmer packs tucked inside of your gloves really work too!

Be careful and stay safe out there!

Slow Down Please!

With the fall equine activities at peak, we would like to remind everyone that the country roads of the Metamora Countryside are often traveled by horses and hounds. We all need to slow down when passing horses and riders. Horses are unpredictable and can move quickly in any direction when frightened. Please slow to 10mph or less when passing.

Congratulations Diane, you are a most worthy recipient of colors. Your kindness, energy, and ready smile make us all proud to have you with us.

Pony Club News

Friends of the Pony Club: November 2021

Hello Everyone

This Year has flown by! As we come to the close of our riding season here in Michigan, I'd like to give you a little recap of our year:

- In February the Metamora Pony Club hosted an education day, which included girls from other parts of the region, to study for horse management.
- In May we hosted our Region's Eventing rally at Hunters Run Farm and every Club member participated!
- In June Myra Kent attended Dressage Rally.
- July was Championships and Festival. Moriah Orlando, Ella Spiers, Galina Kuzara, and Olivia Griffith all brought home ribbons! Those members along with Chelsea McMillan and Bella Dring attend Festival!
- August started Informal Hunting season with the Metamora Hunt. This year the Metamora Pony Club has four active Hunt members, Moriah

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.

[Metamora Hunt Photos](#)

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

To view more of Nathan's photos go to facebook.

Orlando, Myra Kent, Emerson Shelton, and Madeline Smith!

I'd like to give Special Honor to Kalin McQueen one of our members, who while very busy at college, found the time to attend the RRP in Lexington. On October 13, 2021 Kalin MacQueen and her horse Wacky Pal competed in the Retired Racehorse Project at the Kentucky Horse Park horse in Eventing. Kalin placed 10th in the Beginner Novice Division and placed 5th for the Amateur Division Overall. Kalin and Wacky Pal also won the United States Pony Club Award presented to the highest placing Pony Clubber. What an amazing experience to train an Off the Track Thoroughbred for its SECOND Career! Kalin you have made us Pony Club Proud!!! What a great way to represent Metamora!!

October 12th the was our Annual Sponsors Meeting. The New officers for 2022 are: Mary Orlando DC, Tammy Dring and Michele McMillan JDC, Monica Spiers Treasurer and Helen Kuraza Secretary.

This past weekend we held our Fall Rating at Hunters Run Farm. We had 4 Members Rate. Myra Kent D3EV, Bella Dring D3 EV, Sydney Calin D1HM, Izzy Calin D1HM. Congratulations to all!!

Lots of links:

Metamora Hunt:

www.metamorahunt.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.org

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:

www.banburycrosstec.org

Seven Ponds Nature Center:

www.sevenponds.org

The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:

www.eventingmichigan.org

What a Wonderful Year!!

Until next month

Ride Safe!

Mary Orlando DC

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Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Earth Day Clean Up

April Date TBD

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 May, June, July

Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093,

Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace

July Date TBD

Contact John Mandich: 248-990-1910

Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic

by invitation: July Date TBD

Contact Marsha Freed: 248.214.7003

Metamora Hunt -Youth Hunt

August Date TBD.

Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093,
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Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour

August Date TBD.

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Metamora Hunt - Opening Day of Formal Hunting

September Date TBD

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Metamora Hunt Dressage Show

Date TBD

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Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

September or October Date TBD

Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238

Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend

October Date TBD

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