

# Metamora Hunt Newsletter

July 2021

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

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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.**

***Metamora Hunt 14th Annual***

***Hunt Country Stable Tour***

***This Sunday, August 8, 2021 Noon – 4:00 pm***

## Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



The first fixture card of the season has been emailed. If you're a landowner or member and didn't receive one please let me know. The Youth Hunt will be held on Monday, August 2 and the informal season opening meet will be from the kennel on August 18.

The Hunt Country Stable Tour will take place on Sunday, August 8 with visits planned to six unique farms made available for all participants to enjoy.

If you would like to have an item of clothing displaying a Metamora Hunt logo you can take the item to "Creative Embroidery" in downtown Oxford. You can choose from the Hunt designs they have on file.

**Additional News:**



*Six showcased stables. Self-guided format. Metamora Hunt volunteers will be on site to direct you. All showcased stables are within a short drive of the Metamora Hunt kennels at 5614 Barber Road, Metamora, MI 48455.*

The Stable Tour makes a perfect activity when entertaining weekend guests or attending a nearby horse show! The Tour includes six stables that display a variety of styles and equine disciplines. If you have friends or family that may be interested in the Stable Tour, please forward this to them. Tickets for adults are \$45 and will be available the day of Tour, starting at 11am, at the Metamora Hunt Kennels on Barber Road. You may also buy tickets in advance by calling Mr. Joe Maday at 586-381-8834. Pay by cash or check payable to Metamora Hunt. Admission is \$5 for children under 12. Children must be accompanied by an adult ticket holder.



**Save the Date!**

**Metamora Hunt Ball - November 6th.**



**Please Save the Date! This year we will be hosting our annual evening of fun at the Devils Ridge Golf Club on November 6th. 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 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!



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 to support the Hunt and the Metamora Countryside. Contact Michelle Mortier: 586.914.5802.



All proceeds go toward the maintenance and preservation of bridle paths throughout the 100 sq. mile area comprising the "Metamora Hunt Country." Directions, map, and a detailed description of showcased stables to be provided on the day of the Tour upon ticket pick up or purchase at the Hunt Kennels.



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



For additional information call: 586-381-8834.

## Our Amazing Members

Mary Jo Halcin was recently presented with the Century Club Award. The Century Club Award requires a person and their horse to be still competing after the age of the rider, plus the age of their horse, exceeds 100! Mary Jo and her horse Moonlight Bay have been partners for some time, although their individual ages remain



confidential.

Mary Jo started riding later in life. She got her start as a hunter jumper rider at Hadley Hills in the 1980's. She went on to train with Tim Wright at Win-a-Gin and has been with Debbie Pace in recent years. Debbie relates that Mary Jo is always eager to learn and is excited about gaining knowledge and experience. She is a smooth, proper, and effective rider.

## Metamora Hunt Trail Trimming



The Metamora Hunt gathers groups of our Members and Supporters most Saturday mornings to maintain the private equestrian trails in the Metamora Countryside. We trim brush and remove fallen trees from the trails with the Landowner's permission.

This is usually just a couple of hours of fun effort for a great cause. If you are interested in joining us for trail trimming please contact one of our leaders. Their contact information is at the top of the left hand column of this newsletter.

## Pony Club News

Friends of the Pony Club: July 2021

Mary Jo has a great deal of gratitude for being able to still ride and be part of the group at Fair Play Farm and the Metamora Hunt. She is proud of having been awarded her Colors a few years ago and still participates in Hunt activities, including the Metamora Hunt Dressage Show this spring.



Congratulations Mary Jo! You are a wonder to us all and a true ambassador of the Metamora Hunt! We all recognize and appreciate your inspiration, hard work, and love of our sport! We are proud to call you one of our own.

## Horse Country Signs for Sale

Help make our country roads  
safer with these signs!!

Extra Extra Read All About it!!!!

Metamora Hunt II Pony Club has some Great News!!!

We have just returned from Championships and Festival and we've brought home lots of ribbons and a Gold Medal!!!



I would like to say how very proud I am of the young riders we sent to Lexington to represent us. They were excellent not only in Sportsmanship but in Horsemanship!!

As a Pony Club member, some spend years planning to qualify for Championships, attending Rallies, or other USEA Events, completing ratings



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 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:

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

Masters of Fox Hounds Assoc:

for HM or Quiz Education. Then there is fundraising, bottle returns, pie selling, and holding other horse events. Then it's finally here...

Some go on borrowed horses some go in a different discipline than they had originally planned, but they Go!!!



This year we had four riders complete the qualifications to compete as competitors. Ella Spiers competed as a Novice Eventer, her team finished 6th overall and received 9th place in HM. Galina Kuzara competed in Dressage, her team finished 3rd overall with a 1st in HM. Olivia Griffith competed on a modified Show Jumping Team, they received 2nd overall and 4th in HM.

[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)

**Seven Ponds Nature Center:**

[www.sevenponds.org](http://www.sevenponds.org)

**The Eventing Assn. of Michigan:**

[www.eventingmichigan.org](http://www.eventingmichigan.org)



**Last but not least Moriah Orlando competed as a Beginner Novice Eventer, her team received 1st overall and 1st in HM, receiving a Gold Medal. Moriah was also selected by the HM judges and Discipline organizer to receive the Tiny But Mighty Character Award. This is a royal blue quarter sheet embroidered Tiny But Mighty, with the United States Pony Club colors. This award is given to the Pony Club member that shows outstanding character both in and out of the Arena!**



**Galina Kuzara and Moriah Orlando also received the Margo Leithead Cornerstone Award of Excellence. This is a beautiful silver frame with the Pony Club pin of their discipline on it. This is given to the 1st place Teams in Horse Management. All four competitors also received a Certificate of Excellence for 0 points on their Turnout Inspection!!!**

**To complete the week these competitors along with Bella Tding and Chelsea McMillan participated in the Festival portion of riding in higher education.**

**I would like to congratulate each Competitor on their accomplishments and a job well done!! They made some great memories, met new friends, and reunited with old ones!!**

**This is truly what Pony Club is all about!**

**Looking forward to the month of August**

as the Metamora Hunt II Pony Club  
will be putting on our first USEA EVENT  
at Hunters Run August 21st and 22nd.

Until next time...

Ride Safe!

Mary Orlando DC

Amanda Shelton Secretary

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## Calendar of Events

### Hunt Sponsored Events:

#### Metamora Hunt - Trail Trimming Days

April - July Dates to be announced  
Contact Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

#### Metamora Hunt - Youth Hunt

**Monday, August 2nd.**  
Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken  
Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace:  
810.678.8762

#### Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour

Sunday, August 8th. .  
Contact Joe Maday: 586.381.8834

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

Saturday, September 18th.  
Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken  
Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace:  
810.678.8762

#### Metamora Hunt - Fall Hunter Pace

Sunday, September 26th.

**Contact Amanda Shelton: 615.440.9238**

**Michigan Fox Hunters Weekend**

**At the Metamora Hunt**

**September 10,11th**

**Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken**

**Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace:**

**810.678.8762**

**Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball**

**Saturday, November 6th**

**At Devils Ridge Golf Club**

**Contact: Marcia Turner: 248.515.3229**