Metamora Hunt Newsletter

April 2019

www.metamorahunt.com

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

Earth Day Community Clean Up

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



If you would like to help celebrate our ninety first season, please consider placing in our annual hunt publication this year. You can call Peter Gilles at 586.381.4794 or email him at metatmoraphoto1@aol.com if you have questions.



The Hunt season is over, however, I want to remind all riders that trails in the countryside are privately owned and it's important to have permission from



Will be Saturday, April 20th. Postcards will be mailed soon. Please meet at the Kennels at 9:00am. We provide a dumpster, help coordinate groups and maps, and have an informal lunch afterward.



Gather your own group of friends and neighbors to pick up a road-side, or join a group that morning. As with any of our outdoor events, please do check the Hunt hotline for any weather related updates: 810-678-2711.

landowners to ride them.

Spring is also a time to remember that ground conditions may be soft, so stick to riding on the roads until the trails have a chance to dry.

Additional News:

Metamora Hunt Subscriptions

Subscription forms were mailed to our Riding and Non Riding Members in February. Please renew your subscription to the Hunt soon. If you are not currently a Metamora Hunt Member, but would like to join us, please contact our Honorary Secretary Michelle Mortier for information: 586.914.5802.

Subscription forms are available on the Hunt website:

http://www.metamorahunt.com

Become a Benefactor - Social Member - Friend of the Hunt:

The Hunt hosts activities throughout the year that provide opportunities for participation in the social aspects of our Club and our sport. Those interested in becoming Non Riding Members may join for a very reasonable fee.

Please note: Most of our Riding Memberships, as well as Social Memberships and Benefactors of the Hunt,now include specific dining privileges* at the Hunters Creek Club. Please be sure to renew your Metamora Hunt Membership right away so that you can make a reservation for the Hunters Creek: Father's Day Dinner, or their Lobster Bake!

*For additional information and membership application, please contact our Hon. Secretary Michelle Mortier: 586-914-5802 : michelle1mortier@gmail.com

Pony Club News

By Lisa Rossman

Friends of Pony Club of Pony Club April 2019:

We had two meetings this month.



Our first meeting was held at Banbury Cross Therapeutic Riding Center in Oxford. We had the pleasure of meeting Julie Kinzie and her lovely pony Gym. They demonstrated ground work and tricks, which were enjoyed by all. She discussed her training methods and suggested suppling exercises they could do with their own horses.

Our second meeting was at a local library.

Pony Club Horse news:

Skylar is thankfully back to work after sinus surgery. Ella is focused on carefully bringing her fitness level back to where it was last year. She is monitoring Skylar's pulse and respiration rates periodically during her workouts. All the Clubbers were encouraged to take conditioning seriously and to start monitoring their horses' pulse and respiration rates during workouts.

Tip of the Month by Bob Carden



With the weather improving (soon we hope) we all are ready to be out riding on the roads and trails of the Metamora Countryside. Please remember that you need to renew your relationship with each Landowner that allows you to ride on their land this year. You should contact them now and ask for the privilege of crossing their land as you trail ride or exercise your horse. Do not make the mistake of assuming that Landowners who allow the Hunt to cross their land welcome all riders the rest of the year.

On each ride you must be aware of the turf conditions. If you have any doubt about the ground being too soft to be on trails or to cross land, keep to the roads only. A rider that leaves damaged turf or deep hoof prints invites having that land closed off to all horses.

Please remember to be courteous and friendly to the public as you ride out. A smile, wave of the hand, or tipping of one's cap does wonders for the good of our sport. Public relations are every Hunt Member's responsibility.



Ally will continue to lease Smooch until she heads off to St. Louis University in the fall.

Olivia R is riding her aunt's horse Suzy for the summer. Suzy is currently getting back into shape at Top Line Farm in Fowlerville.



Chelsea has been taking lessons with Christopher Gentner at Lost World.

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

Metamora Hunt - Earth Day Clean Up

Saturday, April 20, 2019 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 April, May, June, July Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Summer Hunter Pace

Saturday, June 29, 2019 Contact Bob Carden: 586.907.8594

Metamora Hunt - Landowners Picnic

by invitation: Saturday, July 13, 2019 Contact Marsha Freed: 248.214.7003

Metamora Hunt - Youth Hunt

Monday, August 5, 2019 Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384, Ken Matheis: 248.431.4093, Debbie Pace: 810.678.8762

Metamora Hunt - Stable Tour

Date TBD Contact Joe Maday: 810.678.8384

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

Miley has been lame, but Moriah is walking her.



Myra has been riding her pony and a Thoroughbred at the barn where she rides.

Olivia G has been riding outside now that it's warm.

Lauren and her mare lvy are doing much better after a rough patch. Lauren has been working her other horse Chick at home.

Mary O. is organizing a hack out from Interlaken on April 6th.

We are all looking forward to a healthy show and Fox Hunting season.

In the meantime, it's shedding season.

KEEP CALM AND GROOM ON!

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 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:

Metamora CT and CDE Preliminary Championships
June 20-23, 2019
Windrush Farm: 4295 Barber Rd. Metamora, 48055
Contact astridjoergens@yahoo.com
metamoracarriagedriving.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: rrrcarden@gmail.com monthly newsletters were taken by Peter. To view more of Peter's photos just click

on: http://www.metamoraphoto.com/gallery/index.php?cat=1

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Lots of links:

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.org

Banbury Cross Theraputic Equestrian Center:

www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B:

www.bedrockstablees.com

Crooked House B&B

www.crookedhousefarm.com

Crescent Ridge Farms:

Crescentridge farms llc@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:

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