

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 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.

Metamora Hunt Ball - February 16, 2019

Location: The Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks

Hounds & Hunting

By Joe Maday, MFH



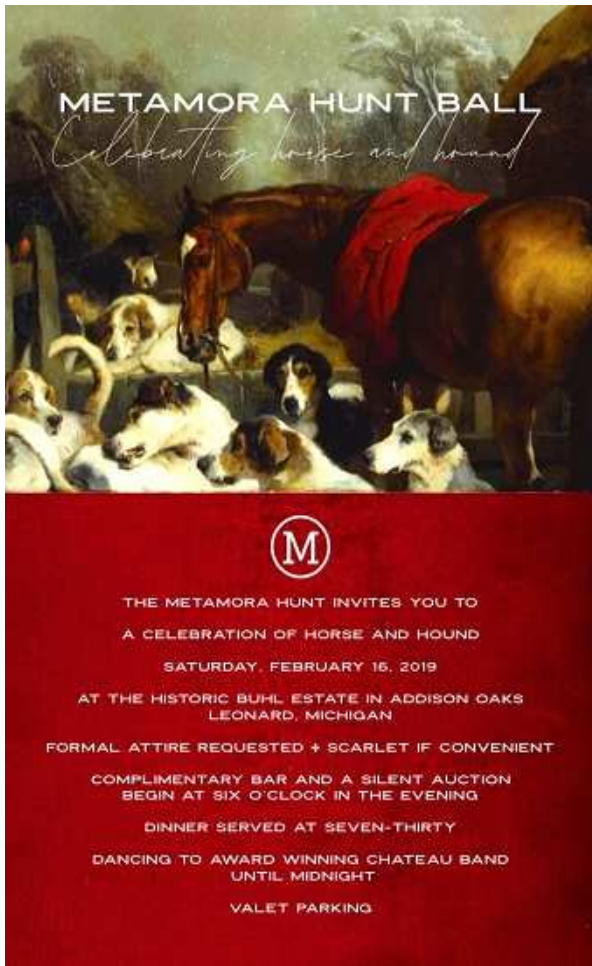
After many exciting hunt days the hunting season ended with the extreme weather that we experienced in the last few weeks. We're hoping that when milder conditions return, we can organize some other activities in hunt country.

For now, we look forward to the Hunt Ball which will be held on February 16, at the historic Buhl Estate. If you would like to attend Please contact Marcia Turner for information and tickets at 248.515.3229.

Additional News:

Metamora Hunt Subscriptions

Subscription forms will be mailed to our Riding and Non Riding Members in the next few weeks. 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.



The invitations are in the mail! **Please keep in mind that the Polar Vortex, ice covered roads, and the vagaries of the USPS may have delayed the delivery of some invitations!** If you do not yet have your invitation in hand, please contact Marcia Turner right away and let her know that you will attend.

We hope you are saving Saturday, February 16th, for our annual Hunt Ball in the historic Buhl mansion at Addison Oaks in Leonard, MI. The award-winning band, Chateau, (selected #1 band in Michigan by The Knot magazine), is tuning up, so choose your party clothes and get ready to dance the night away.

A two payment option is available, as is payment by credit card. You will note on the form that an Early Payment price is available to Riding Members who submit their applications with payment before March 31, 2019. This is a significant discount and the terms will not be extended for those applications not received by March 31st.

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: Valentine Dinner, 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

January has been all about getting ready for Mock Quiz Rally, a regional event hosted by MHIIPC. It's a prep for unrated and D level Clubbers in the Great Lakes Region, who plan to compete at the regional Quiz Rally in March in Indiana. Quiz Rally is an unmounted competition that tests Clubbers' knowledge of horse management. We love hosting this event and everyone has been working hard to make sure we're ready.

We had a meeting January 14, 2019 with **33 attendees!** We welcomed new members Katie Haege, Madison Karakashian and Myra and Michael Murray. We had several visitors that we would love to see again!

Linda Short-Lowe, the Great Lakes Region's RS (Regional Supervisor) is attending the USPC Equine Symposium & Convention in Stamford, Connecticut where she will attend leadership training and represent our region at a national



Foxhunters love to party, and midwinter is a great time to do so. The Hunt Ball is a long-standing tradition amongst foxhunts worldwide in which members of the hunt and guests enjoy an evening of revelry, fine dining, and dancing to celebrate another season of doing what we love, sharing with others the sporting way of life. These are traditionally black-tie affairs where women dress in evening gowns and men wear tuxedos or “scarlet if convenient”. This term is directed toward the gentlemen members of the hunt who have been awarded their “colors”. Those men wear a scarlet coat with tails that sport the hunts’ colors on the lapel.

The evening starts at 6:00PM with a cocktail hour with complimentary bar and a silent auction. A sit-down dinner follows and then dancing until midnight. Don’t forget to tune up for the annual horn blowing contest judged by our esteemed Huntsman, Adrian Smith.



event.

Sharlee Lowe has been chosen as an alternate to attend the USPC 2019 Inter-Pacific Exchange for Eventing, June 30-July 13, hosted by Hong Kong. Amazing!!



Moriah Orlando spent Dec 27 through Dec 30th at the Olympic Training Center in Sarasota learning about nutrition, sports psychology, team building and rider fitness. Between Moriah and her two team mates they climbed 30,000 steps in those

You do not have to be a member of the Metamora Hunt to attend. Think about friends who would enjoy a formal black-tie ball with an equestrian theme. The more people attending the ball, the more fun we will all have. Put a group together and RSVP as soon as possible to assure a table with your friends.

If you think of anyone who would like to receive an invitation, please contact Marcia Turner at mbkennels@aol.com or 248.515.3229 – phone or text.

Silent Auction



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.

four days!!



Ella Spiers and her mare, Skylar, spent a weekend in July cow sorting and barrel racing at Groveland Equestrian Center. Ella said Skylar loves sorting cows and it's something different for them to do. Ella and Skylar spend their summers eventing.



Olivia Rossman has started practicing for the shooting phase of Tetrathlon. Tetrathlon is a Pony Club sport that includes riding, swimming, running and shooting. The Great Lakes Region will be hosting its first qualifying Tetrathlon Rally in September 2019 and will send a team to Championships in the summer of 2020.



Please contact auction chairperson Michelle Mortier (586) 914-5802 or michelle1mortier@gmail.com to donate an activity, an item or gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, spa or retail store. We will be happy to arrange to pick your item up, or donations may be left at Old Magnolia Farm on Hosner Road north of Oakwood Road, in the tack room.

Horse Country Signs for Sale

Help make our country roads safer with these signs!!

All the Clubbers are riding, taking lessons, some are getting ready for Quiz Rally and they're all looking forward to show season, which will be here before we know it!

Winter

By Michelle Mortier
Honorary Secretary

The Metamora Hunt offers year round activities that involve riders and non riders alike. We offer some food for thought as you make your plans for this new year:

Winter:

- The Hunt Ball.
- Foxhunting, weather permitting.
- Foxhunting on foot, weather permitting.
- Hound Walking.

Spring:

- Trail Rides begin. These are organized group rides that serve as an introduction to foxhunting and provide conditioning for our horses.
- Earth Day: we celebrate by cleaning the roadsides in the Metamora Countryside.
- Hound Walking.
- Trail Trimming Days.

Summer:

- Landowners Picnic. We treat our valued Landowners to a good party.
- Trail Rides continue.
- Summer Hunter Pace: A fun ride with friends on a well marked course through the Metamora Countryside.
- Stable Tour: An organized tour of some of Metamora's most beautiful private stables.
- Hound Walking.
- Metamora Hunt Country Magazine is published and distributed.
- Trail Trimming Days.
- Youth Fox Hunt.
- Fox Hunting Begins: in mid-August.

Fall:



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

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.com

- Fox Hunting.
- Opening Day of Formal Hunting: A memorable event for Riders and Spectators.
- Hunter Trials: A fun and easy going horse show for adults and juniors.
- Fall Hunter Pace: A cooler weather version of our summer classic.
- Thanksgiving Day Formal Hunt.
- Trail Trimming Days.
- Hound Walking.

[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>

Calendar of Events

Hunt Sponsored Events:

[Metamora Hunt - Hunt Ball](#)
Saturday, February 16, 2019
Marcia Turner: 248-515-3229

Non - Hunt Sponsored Events:

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

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center:

www.banburycrosstec.org

Bedrock Stable B&B:

www.bedrockstablees.com

Crooked House B&B

www.crookedhousefarm.com

Crescent Ridge Farms:

Crescentridgefarmsllc@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