

NM-MVH E-NEWS

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Up Coming Events

In our "Covid times" to go forward requires an understanding of the most current restrictions. Please note the requirement to have a liability waiver and a Covid 19 release on file to attend our mounted events.

In the field capping and restrictions.

On most hunt days we will accept cappers but you must have waivers and covid releases on file, practice social distancing while on the fixture and unmounted and have made prior arrangements with a Master to come out. Please supply your own snacks and drinks.



Early January, hacking down the farm lane, photo credit Master Grace

Winter Hunting

To say we have been having a good winter season from a pure fox chasing point of view is an understatement. Emily has our hounds very fit and they are keen to hunt for her. It's just a pleasure to see. There have been days on fox and days on coyote and even some days of both. Plenty of views and wonderful hound music.

It is of course the time of the year when the hardest hunt and well, those off us not of such a stout nature think about hunting while we sit by the fire. Of course this year there is the Covid 19 thing which is a whole other hurdle to get over. I have hunted a number of fabulous milder dryer days but for me, half a decade into my seventies and although perfectly willing to die in the hunt

The hunt calendar 20/21 season**December**

All meets 10:00 am unless otherwise announced.

Ratcatcher weekdays and formal on weekends.

Weather and ground conditions may force changes. Please check for updates.

☆☆ **UPDATED FIXTURE CARD** ☆☆☆

Hounds move off at 10am unless otherwise noted.

January/February bring weather related scheduling issues. The way we handle this is to get out when and where we can. So temperature and ground conditions play a huge part as does the always an issue parking situation. When possible the fixture location will be placed on our Facebook page several days in advance, also the most current info and any last minute changes are available on the monitor. 301-371-4081



MARYLAND SPRING HUNTER PACE SERIES

March 27th: Goshen (Mess farm)

April 3rd: NM-MVH (Kennels)

April 11th: Marlborough (Club)

April 17th: Potomac (location TBD)

May 15th: Carrollton (location TBD)

May 22nd: HCIBH (Kennels)



"the old switcheroo", photo Sarah Lowe

field, with my boots on, so to speak, the added element of the off chance of getting exposed to COVID plus uncomfortable temperatures and greasy footing makes you, at the very least, hesitate. Still, this seasons the cry of "our hounds are on fire" or "they hunted that coyote across the river and back again", is just killing me not to have been there.

*A shout out to all our wonderful members,
who despite the curtailed social activities and
the no tailgate gate thing, have been so
wonderfully supportive you all are just the
best group of folks.*

Looking Forward Clay Shoot

We also have a date for the popular clay shoot. That is March 27, 2021. So mark your calendars and pass the word to all your shooting friends.

Hunter Pace

The date for our Spring Hunter Pace, April 3, 2021 at the club course. As we get closer to that event there will be a workday or two. Please come out and help we have had to cancel so many events that support our financial bottom line that it would be fabulous for this Hunter Pace to be very successful.



Hounds walkout everyday, photo credit Randy Medd

Hunt Policy and Protocol

1. card properly received is an invitation to hunt.
2. Respect the landowner and their property: stay off crops, hay fields, newly seeded or wet fields and lawns. Avoid interfering with livestock. The last rider through should close the gate unless otherwise instructed. Report any damage to Field Masters and make temporary repairs where possible.
- 3 Give every courtesy and consideration to the landowners through whose kindness fox chasing is possible.
4. We hunt as guest of the landowner by specific invitation on the day of the meet. Do not trespass uninvited on other days.
5. Children under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult and ride to the rear of

the field except on Junior Days.

6. Cap fees are \$80. Juniors are \$30 Holiday Hunts \$100. Same guest is limited to 3 hunts per season.
7. Guests must check in with the Field Secretary, sign a waiver and pay the cap. Please call prior to the meet to let a Master or the Honorary Secretary know your are bringing a guest.
8. Smoking is not permitted in the NM-MVH field.
9. Observe common sense rules of safety, courtesy and good horsemanship.

THE FIELD IS REQUESTED TO STAY TOGETHER AT ALL TIMES.

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