

NM-MVH E-NEWS

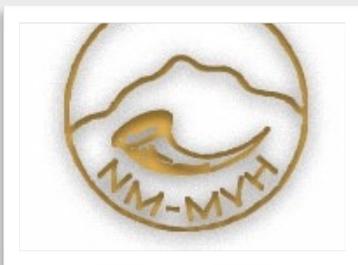
New Market Middletown Valley Hounds | Middletown | Maryland

Up Coming Events

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.



Deacon Manley blessing hounds 2020 opening meet Windward

Opening Hunt 2020

There is always something just special about opening Hunt. Not sure if it is the time-honored traditions of stirrup cup toasting the hunt season to come, or the blessings of the hounds for safe and noble hunting and the safety of all participants, or the wonderful picture of formally turned-out horses and riders, but it is always a magical experience. 2020 with all it's difficulties was no exception.

The few rain showers about as riders mounted did not dampen spirits and indeed, for the most part, gave way to sunshine, cool but not bitter temperatures with a light breeze that actually made for perfect conditions. Three good size fields of members and guests attended the blessing given by Deacon Manley, hounds were taken forward by huntsman, Emily Melton through the wrought-iron gates of Windward and cast in the eastern fields

The hunt calendar 2020

November

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.

November

☆☆ UPDATED NOVEMBER FIXTURE CARD ☆☆☆

Hounds move off at 10am unless otherwise noted.

11/1 Windward Opening Meet

10:45 Blessing

11:00 Hounds move off

11/5 Monocacy Park

11/8 St James

11/12 Dr Belt

11/15 URC junior meet 11 am

11/19 Monocacy Park

11/22 Dr. Bennet

11/26 Mack's Gate Thanksgiving Holiday Meet(WV firearms)

11/29 Monocacy (MD/WV firearms)

December

12/3 no hunting md WV firearms

12/6 Monocacy md WV firearms

12/10 no hunting md WV firearms

12/13 Mack's WV firearms

12/17 Dr. belt

12/20 Dr. Bennet

12/24 Windward

12/27 St James WV youth

12/31 URC WV firearms

hunting westward in full view of the spectators. First field circled back to negotiate the barn coop (photo op) and on past the house to access the lower hay field, second and third fields worked their way in that direction via Windward's lower horse pasture. It wasn't long before hounds opened working the woods to the west. We stayed the day to the Windward side of the fixture as scent was plentiful.

Third field had a great opportunity to watch hounds work a covert for what seemed a long time, finally increasing in volume, the hounds broke cover darting across the cross trail to our left, nose to tail on a tight line. Surely we had just missed the fox ... indeed Chad Traugott viewed from his vantage point back a bit from the field master. Just then the huntsman came galloping down the cross trail immediately in front of us and the run was on westward. Hounds could be heard in pursuit along the edge of the cornfield. After a couple of hours on the day and a lovely hold at the scenic pond with the sun warming everyone, hounds were collected and we hunted home with yet another short run. The weather was still pleasant and everyone brought out their snacks and drinks, gathering near the hound trailer in the field to enjoy the last of the warm sun. As the afternoon waned winds started kicking up, temperatures were falling and folks headed home under a magnificent double rainbow ... like I said a special day.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to enjoy our beloved country sport during these trying times, thanks to all who make this possible.



*Mark your calendars
Reserve your space soon.*

Only a few slots left, contact Brian bripaulsen55@yahoo.com **202-549-3897** Visit <https://www.nm-mvh.com/Sporting.html> for details.

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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The speed on the kennel driveway 14 mph and is monitored.

Get your dues in, in a timely manner. 2/3 in order to cub, in full by opening in November.

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