

# 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.



## *Please get your your Huntsman's Purse contribution in.*

The holiday season is upon us, and in the long tradition of our club and the sport of foxhunting, members and supporters of the New Market-Middletown Valley Hounds are asked to show their appreciation for our professional huntsman by contributing to the Huntsman's Purse.

You may make your contribution using PayPal or by sending a check please note Huntsman's Purse on your payment.

Payment by Check: Make your check payable to: NM-MVH - Mail to: NM-MVH, P. O. Box 423, Jefferson, MD 21755

Payment by Credit Card or PayPal Account: Go to [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com), click on - SendMoney -, use the email address [nmmvh.treas@nm-mvh.com](mailto:nmmvh.treas@nm-mvh.com) and follow the instructions on screen

## *The hunt calendar* 2020



### 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 DECEMBER FIXTURE CARD** ☆☆☆

Hounds move off at 10am unless otherwise noted.

### 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



## *Comfort in traditional things*

In the chaos of 2020 there is comfort in the conventions of riding to hounds. Comfort in the parts of our sport that remain consistent like the beauty of the lands we traverse, the scenes of open field and thick forests, the natural elegance of the entanglement of Mutiflora rose hedges laying along the edges of fields dormant and awaiting spring. The wonderments we see within the leafless forest, blanketed with thick underbrush parted here and there with game trails. The ground strewn with fallen trees and limbs, the sweet smell of the damp earth is always intriguing. Here and there a hidden den, sometimes it is within a pile of rocks, sometimes it's in an old tree trunk and amazingly sometimes it's in the middle of a field of fresh cut corn or soybean totally exposed to the sun and rain. Dens are havens for all kinds wildlife not the least of which is the clever elegant fox. To this scene add a pack of sturdy hounds noses to the ground tails feathering suddenly gloriously raising their voices as one. All of this viewed from the back of a good horse In the companionship of like minded friends young and old, some how it all mixes together into a beautiful elegant timeless tableaux that could be from a hundred years ago. It's that timelessness that is so comforting, it reminds you that, by their nature somethings although ever changing, their essence remains the same.

## *Recently*

The hunting itself has been good, the weather cooperative, albeit a bit warm for December. Hampered by the deer hunting with rifle our schedule finds us juggling between the states and counties within our territory.

Last Sunday broke unseasonably warm, the morning mist turning to bright sun by meet time. Hounds opened on the first cast working the first tree line northeast, diligently they sorted the lines as morning moved toward mid-day. Hunting through the underbrush and spending the majority of the day pretty much working the thick wooded areas to the northeast basically paralleling the road, finding in the deep hallow there and producing some fine hound music. Temperatures in the mid to high 60's the field enjoyed perhaps the last of winters sunny warm days as a major snow storm is predicated for midweek.

No real tailgates for us in these Covid times so horses were loaded, a few brief conversation with friends who's trailers we're parked nearby along the road, and folks headed on home. We all miss the social side of our sport, the ability to be still in the field hunting however, is such a blessing.

## 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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#### Saddle For Sale

STEUBBEN SIEGFRIED 17" forward seat saddle, newly restuffed, good condition. Good for hunting or jumping, #350.00. Call Nancy Isaacson, [301-371-6063](tel:301-371-6063). May be seen in Middletown. 3/23/20

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