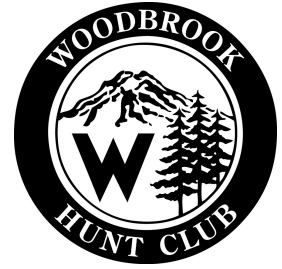


# THE BABBLER

Fall, 2011



## FROM OUR ETERNAL GRATITUDE DEPARTMENT

So little space and so many to thank. Beginning with the Kick Off Banquet and going back and forth from there....Of course, we bid on classes for the Hunter Trials but, Mike Warford inspired an additional venture....gravel for our lumpy driveway! Cathy Johnson, Stacia Dugan, Margo Forstrom, Sheridan Jones, Nicole Kurtenback, Gary Warner, Eric Stiemert, Kathleen Brogan, Gloria Sferra, Tami Masters and Melody Fleckenstein chipped in....or, in this case, 5/8<sup>th</sup>rocked the project. Member, Shelly gave \$500 toward ongoing kennel repairs...bless her! ...and then we have Jt. MFH Melody Fleckenstein. Where to begin? She has been the perpetrator of an entire clean up of our property, housing in the Club's back porch, installing those lovely wall sconces in our great room and so much more that it defies listing. Every Hunt needs it's angels and she is ours!

Moving briskly backward, Buildings & Grounds guru, Eric Stiemert reports much kennel improvement thanks, in part, to a generous donation by Col. Barbara Guller and the work of many. Our property consists of 5 acres with 6 historic structures (that might be a euphemism for aging) and numerous other delights. As Eric notes, much of the Club's resources have gone to fighting the proposed Cross-Base Highway and little to maintaining and improving structures on the property. Aside from removing things too impolite to mention, recent work parties have replaced 12 beams and 50 stringers in the kennel and leveled it's foundation.

Back run fencing has been replaced, curbing installed to prevent hound escapes. Kim Robertson achieved immortality of a sort by helping in the hauling of 8000 pounds of cement and enduring an attempted pick-up by the salesman at Lowe's. Add power washing and exterior paint and it's possible our kennel hasn't looked this good since it was built years ago.

## NEW MEMBERS, RETURNING MEMBERS AND WANNABES

Long time Woodbrookers, Lori Lennox and Leah Smith have returned to the fold as Social Members. Regina Puratic is a new member who joined our work parties even before joining our Club.

GYMKHANA MADDNESS: Our Gymkhana was fantastic and we hope it will be the first of many. It was so much fun that children cried when their parents made them leave. Besides the dubious pleasure of watching recalcitrant children pout their way back to the trailer, early reports show an income of \$1,629. A wonderful lunch was donated by the lovely and very organized Sheridan Jones and her charming husband Jason. The office was managed by the always delightful Michaela Hansen and the whole event was masterminded by Johanna Herrigstad and Joint Master Melody Fleckenstein.

## YOUR BOARD 2011 – 2012

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**FROM ACROSS THE POND:** Our contact in the U.K., Adrian Dangar, reports a thriving season under way that no ban seems to slow. A few hunt saboteurs still attend some of the fixtures but, he considers them “thugs”. Adrian has taken up his former post as MFH and Huntsman of the Sinnington Hunt. When not crawling out of bed for 7 am fixtures, he continues to field riding adventures around the world through Wild & Exotic. Also, he arranges fishing trips and has caught far more fish than we have in the past year.

**FROM OUR OWN BACKYARD:** The Back Country Horsemen of WA 2012 Raffle Calendar is now available. Not only do you get the beautiful calendar but there are 11 monthly chances to win \$300 with a final Grand Prize drawing for \$3000! Only 1500 tickets/calendars will be sold, \$20 each. Please help support the organizations who's mission is to keep public lands open to horses and mules. Contact Lori Lennox to reserve yours or find her at a hunt. [lennen82@gmail.com](mailto:lennen82@gmail.com) Or 360-482-2742 .

**FUN ON THE WEB:** There are a number of sites that offer information on our sport of choice, ways to part you from whatever is left of your money and other delights. Horsechannel.com ~ almost daily. The Horse.com ~ endless information. Covertside ~ Join the MFHA and you will receive their newsletter and glossy magazine with updates on such delights as the “animal rights” agenda. Foxhuntinglife.com ~ A fun online magazine and equine land conservation resource. [huntingmemories.co.uk](http://huntingmemories.co.uk) ~ vintage memorabilia...pricey but, fun. Dappled Grey ~ boots!

**ANDY'S FIND:** A wonderful web site: [www.ponylocks.com](http://www.ponylocks.com). It's an unusual outfit that makes beautiful bracelets, necklaces and earrings from horse hair with sterling clasps and ferules (suitable for an engraved name). The items are rather pricey but, I've seen the finished product and will be having several bracelets made from the tail hair of some of our dear departed creatures. The items are quite elegant and mix well with other jewelry.

#### WOODBROOK CLASSIFIEDS

Featherlight 4 horse aluminum gooseneck trailer, 1999 model, 7'x7',4" floor length plus 5' nose. Mid-tack, dressing room professionally insulated and paneled at factory, attractive cabinetry, catalytic heater, plumbed for 2 propane tanks & 51 gal. water tank under neck for horse water. One divider in front compartment with escape door drop-down windows. Pictures available. Located in Elma. \$12,500. Lori Lennox [lennen82@gmail.com](mailto:lennen82@gmail.com) . Or 360-482-2742.

S'Brina Braithwaite is offering an antique hunting saddle, circa 1860s for sale. The condition is fair to good and is usable or perfect for display. Solid pigskin, made in England from Piccadilly, it is solid pigskin, bridle leather half panels, narrow tree. Nickel silver nail heads, fittings and stirrups. If interested, please contact her at [s.c.braithwaite@gmail.com](mailto:s.c.braithwaite@gmail.com) . [Pictures are available.](#)

## HUNTER TRIALS RESULTS

Junior Working Hunters 15 & Under  
Sponsored by Carol Masters  
Winner Virginia Miller on Mr Mormack

Junior Working Hunters 18 & Under  
Sponsored by Joanna Herrigstad & The Stiemerts  
Winner Rachel Roth on Reignmaker

Junior Working Hunter Under Saddle  
Sponsored by Alan Amoroso  
Winner, Kelsey Dougherty on Nothing But a Bentley

Junior Handy Hunter  
Sponsored by Klara Lukacs & Deborah Gididngs  
Winner Rachel Roth on Reignmaker

Junior Hopeful Hunters 10 & Under  
Sponsored by Andy Lorig, Regina Puratich & Mike Warford  
Winner Lara Carrion on Jedi

Junior Hunters Lead Line  
Sponsored by Jean Brooks  
Winner Samuel Kralick on Paris  
Owned by Linda Hagerman

JUNIOR HIGH POINT WINNER  
Rachel Roth on Reignmaker

Senior Working Hunter Under Saddle  
sponsored by Andy Lorig, Emily Brown & Michelle Hoedeman  
Winner Gabrielle Hansen on Little Black Dress  
Owned by Anna Collier

## Hunter Hack

Sponsored by Tanja Oliver  
Winner Gabrielle Hansen on Little Black Dress  
Owned by Anna Collier

Senior Working Hunters  
Sponsored by Gloria Sferra & Melody Fleckenstein  
Winner Meggie Elledge on Montague.

Senior Handy Hunter  
Sponsored by Shelley Kendall & Margo Forstrom

Winner, Jennifer Hansen on Patron  
Owned by Kate Gormally

Field Hunter  
Sponsored by Mike Wager  
Winner, Meggie Elledge on Jet  
Owned by Cathy Johnston

Pairs Over Fences  
Sponsored by Joanna Herrigstad & Tami Masters  
Winner Jennifer Hansen on Patron & Haley Parks on Dances with Me  
Hunt Teams  
Sponsored by Tami Masters  
Winners, Patty Stiemert on Cayuse  
Tami Masters on Spend It Fast  
Meggie Elledge on Montague

SENIOR HIGH POINT WINNER  
Meggie Elledge on Montague

JUDGE: Sparkle Arend

HUNT SPEAK 101: Might as well bone up on this special language while the autumn leaves drift by the window and land in your gutters.

**Account for:** To kill or put a fox to ground. In our case, it is riders who are most likely to be put to ground.

**Away:** The fox is in the open and/or hounds are on a scent line. At Woodbrook the scent lines are drawn by our trusty Drag Team and broken at predetermined places for the checks.

**Babble:** When hounds give tongue for anything not a legitimate quarry.

**Bitch:** A female hound.

**Blank:** Failure of hounds to pick up the scent when cast.

- Blooded:** A hound or follower after his or her first kill. Not to be confused with bloodied which is common among the humans in our field and never refers to small animals....much.
- Boo Hoo:** When a hound sings out because he/she is lost and/or frustrated. Bet you never heard that one before.
- Breakfast:** A meal served after a hunt regardless of the hour. In our case members team up in small groups to provide the feast.
- Brush:** A fox's tail. We've seen pictures of that!
- Button:** A hunt button is black or brass with the hunt's distinctive logo engraved thereon. It is worn at the invitation of the Master.
- Bye Day:** An additional hunting day not on the Fixture Card.
- Cap:** The fee paid by nonmembers to ride with the field. Guests are allowed two such rides before membership is expected.
- Car Caravan:** When available, non riders follow the hunt in vehicles.
- Cast:** When hounds are led in pattern through an area where a fox may be present or drag scent is laid. Think fishing!
- Challenge:** When a hound first speaks to a line.
- Charles:** Never mind. Our only Charles has no brush.
- Check:** When hounds lose the scent line or it is broken by the Drag Team. A time to catch one's breath and share libations.
- Cheer:** The Huntsman's encouragement to hounds. Various hunts have different calls.
- Colors:** Distinctive hunt livery worn by members at the invitation of the Master. Woodbrook's is scarlet collar on black coat.
- Country:** The hunt's general territory as registered with the Masters of Fox Hounds Association. Ours is the Fort Lewis Reservation.
- Couple:** Two hounds; hounds are numbered in couples because, it's easier to count them by twos. Some hunts collar a young hound to an experienced one for training purposes. You guessed it, the collars are called couples.
- Covert:** Woods or dense growth where a fox may be found.
- Cur Dog:** Any canine not from the pack.
- Dew Claw:** False toe/claw on a hound's forelegs.
- Dog:** A male hound, male fox or any non-hound canine.
- Draft:** To remove hounds from a kennel or a pack.
- Draft Hound:** A single hound removed from it's pack.
- Draw a covert:** To put hounds into a covert to find a fox or drag scent.
- Drive:** To urge hounds forward. Those who don't go forward are said to "dwell"
- Entered Hound:** A hunting member of the pack.
- Feathering:** A waving of the hound's stern (tail)
- Field:** Mounted followers other than the Master and staff. Our hunts usually have three flights: 1<sup>st</sup>Flight (jumping), 2<sup>nd</sup>Flight (non jumping) and Hilltop (a slower pace for less experienced horses and riders. This field rides from check to check giving good views of hound work and runs.
- Fixture Card:** Dates, times and places for scheduled hunts.

**Full Cry:** The sound of many hounds hunting hot and heavy as a pack.

**Give Tongue:** When a hound speaks.

**Gone Away:** The chase is on!

**Hilltoppers:** Riders who do not plan to jump but, move at a walk or trot to strategic viewing spots.

**Honor a Line:** A hound gives tongue on a line another hound has been hunting.

**Hound Music:** The sound made when hounds are in full cry.

**Huntsman:** That individual in charge of hunting the hounds. At Woodbrook Our Master and Huntsman are one in the same.

**Joint Masters:** Two or more Masters who share responsibility for the Hunt operations in one club.

**Larking:** Jumping fences unnecessarily when hounds are not running. That is a no, no.

**Riot:** When hounds chase anything they shouldn't.

**Scarlet:** Proper term for the red coat. Pink is an old term denoting a long ago tailor in England by the name of Pinque.

**Whipper-In:** Staff who assist the huntsman with hounds during the hunt.

**Ware!** A warning of any potential hazard in the field. In our case this includes wire, holes, loose horses and hounds passing through the field.

And that is just the tip of the iceberg...

