

# Babbling Hound

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Cubbing at Pitcaple Farm

## President's Foreword

Welcome to the latest edition of Babbling Hound. The articles which follow provide news of what has been happening in W-WH recently and other items of interest. Thanks to everyone who has contributed and especially to our Editor, Celia Stone who has once again put together a fine read.

At the AGM in January, our long serving director representing Supporting Members, Anne Peace, completed her maximum term on the Board according to our By-Laws. Anne is always a familiar figure at hunts doing stalwart duty as a road-whip and has always been deeply involved in the social side of the hunt. Happily, Anne continues to remain extremely active helping in all areas, from organizing the Pub Night to helping with the Olde English Feast to co-chairing our Gymkhana sub-committee to....the list goes on. Thank you so much, Anne, for all you have done for W-WH and

everything you continue to do.

Our thanks are also due to our current "Ambassador of the Year" (awarded by the Joint-Masters at the Hunt Ball) Tracy Ferguson who served as a Director for the past two years and continues to help on sub-committees despite her very busy life as a travelling international farrier – and an avid hunter with W-WH.

Our new Supporter Member Director is Sydney Lineker

and she is joined on the Board by two other Directors, Allan Harold (a former Secretary of the Hunt) and Patrick McGuire all of whom we welcome and thank for volunteering their time.

We are looking forward to another busy year and I look forward to seeing you all often out hunting and at our many non-hunting activities.

Happy reading and Good Hunting!

*Paul Sherman*



G Parker

Anne Peace – keeping us safe on the roads

## Joint-Masters Message

From Sheffield in the south to Elmira in the north, Amarna (Badenoch) in the east and Stratford in the west, W-WH covered a lot of territory in the Fall, 2008 season. We had the usual extremes in weather and conditions - from the customary hot days of early September to torrential downpour at Elmira at the end of October to snow flurries of late November. Through it all, we enjoyed having many good runs and sizeable fields. Best of all, both those mounted and unmounted really enjoyed themselves. There were many days when the smiles on peoples' faces said it all. Many times our guests told us how much they enjoyed the first time experience of riding to hounds; even those more seasoned among us had much with which to elevate our spirits in the 2008 fall hunting season!

The Amarna hunt on the first Sunday in October was typical of this spirit. We had been confronted by some tightening in land availability and worked hard to line up an additional 200 acres to the south of where we usually hunt. Last minute arrangements went into revising the usual hunt course, well supervised by Dr. Colin Peace supported by Anne, and having the breakfast in the basement of the barn adjacent to where the trucks and trailers were parked. Despite this challenge, members turned out to build jumps on the day before the hunt and everybody, yes everybody, thought it was a wonderful day of riding to hounds. On the day after our Hunt Ball, which regrettably this year was not when the clocks go back, we drove our trailers to the Elmira hunt just as the rain drops were starting to fall and did they ever fall! Despite the weariness of many in the field, hunters and hounds made it through the usual territory (even surviving a large ditch) and we don't think anyone, human, horse or hound, had as much as a square inch of dry skin at the end. We still partook of a lovely



breakfast delightfully hosted by Betty Millman, with even more comraderie, before going home for a good rest.

Thanks to everyone who made Fall, 2008 yet another special season. To all those who hosted hunts, including landowners, we are indebted for your generosity. On this occasion, we would like to single out Amy and Mike Hahn and their four delightful daughters, who every year both spring and fall, have us to Shakespeare on not only one but two occasions - a Sunday and a Wednesday. Your confidence in us is greatly respected! To all those who provided the backdrop for many excellent breakfasts,

thank you.

Courtesy of Ann-Marie Casey-Christensen and Patrick McGuire, we enjoyed a joint meet with Hamilton Hunt at Cornerstone Farm in early November. We are grateful to the Masters of Hamilton Hunt for having us hunt with them in their territory and for bringing their hounds to this meet. For the last two years, we have appreciated Ashley Hubbard's skill in blowing the horn and handling the Hamilton Hunt hounds.

We would like to say especial thanks this year to Paul Sherman, our club president, who assumed the added duties of huntsman towards the end of the Spring season. We were of course delighted that Paul agreed to carry the horn on into the fall season. Aably supported by our field secretary Lyn, Paul spent a lot of 2008 driving between Mississauga and Hunters' Run and Hunters' Run and the meets. It is a good thing the gas prices have come down because we don't know whether your huntsman could afford all this driving if gas were to remain at \$1.30 a litre. But more importantly,

Paul has put immense energy into walking (and training) hounds and ensuring as many noses and tails that left the kennels in the morning return at night. Paul has even found time to initiate writing 'The Horn' after each hunt and we are sure that many of you have reflected with pleasure on this new column now posted onto our website. Paul was ably assisted through the fall by whippers-in - Allan Harold, Robin Cook, Jeff Peller and, when in Stratford and Shakespeare, Perdita Cook. You all have also given a considerable amount of valuable time and the hunt club appreciates your work very much!

We couldn't hunt if we didn't have the great cooperation of the Cooks at Hunters' Run. Carl and Carol, a hearty thank you for letting us have the kennels and most Wednesday meets (and one Sunday meet this fall) as well as the Hunter Trials and Pace on your property. Thanks to Carl for his daily dedication to caring for many barking and excited mouths in those kennels.

Last but not least, thanks are due to each and everyone of our dear members and guests who got up early to get their mounts ready, trailored them to hunting, and without whom, the joie-de-vivre that is riding to hounds would have been impossible. Further, without those unmounted members and guests, who assist in preparing horses on hunt day, register members and guests and pass the stirrup cup, road





whip and play such an important role in keeping our hounds safe, we could simply not even have a W-WH! Thanks and more thanks to you all!

There have been three important social events over the fall and winter. The Hunt Ball at the Galt Country Club, the Christmas Party at Badenoch Community Centre and the Pub Night at the Aberfoyle Mill were greatly enjoyed by many. Whether it was a Pat sourcing questions for the Pub Night Quiz or a certain Cook playing 'you-know-who' at the Christmas Party, those who contributed greatly (and participated) in these

events were too many to number! They were successful events financially as well as socially.

W-WH again provided the riders, horses and hounds for the Riding to Hounds exhibit at the Spirit of the Horse during the Royal Winter Fair. We are fortunate to have many loyal members who contribute to this event year in and year out. Recently, members of other hunt clubs have assisted us in different ways and we are truly grateful to that support as well. Especial thanks are due here to Paul Sherman and Robin Cook, who mount their horses and

take the hounds into the ring, and to Sharon Warriner who provided grooming expertise beforehand. At our AGM in January, there was strong support voiced for us to keep participating in this event in the future. We hope to continue to get increasing numbers of volunteers to assist in different ways. We truly subscribe to the idea that putting our sport in front of the public is important in winning their support.

Spring season is almost upon us! We hope you have been able to ride and keep your horses fit over winter. Alternatively and with the onset of some beautiful early

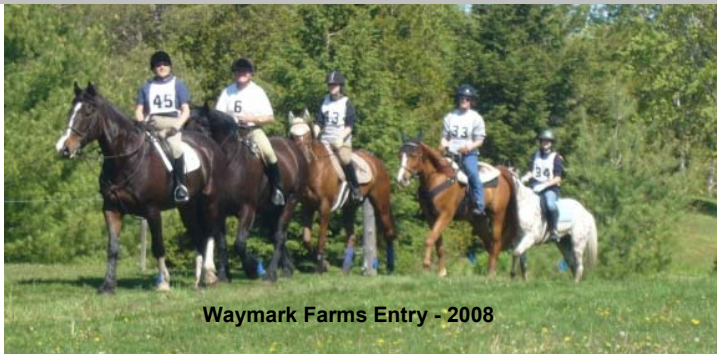
spring weather, you are now getting your horses fit once again for riding to hounds. The taste and excitement generated by a field of riders and horses and excited hounds is almost palpable. We hope to see many of you this Spring out cubbing starting on April 8<sup>th</sup>. or at one of our full hunts starting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If we don't see you there, we will at least be expecting you at our Olde English Feast on April 18<sup>th</sup>. at Tommy Blake's!

Until then, cheers.....

**Kris Hallman, MFH & Jock Buchanan-Smith, MFH**

## Spring Games Report

*Pat Van Esch-Dussault*



Waymark Farms Entry - 2008

Hey everyone, hope all is well I wanted to let everyone know about this year's Spring Games and Horse Show (before it happens : ). As show chair I am working with a wonderful committee of W-W Hunt volunteers to deliver an event that appeals to a wide range of folks and skills.

Would you believe that W-W Hunt has been running an annual spring event for at least 35 years This casual fund raiser has seen some changes over those years but the main idea was and still is

to have fun, support the hounds and get some experience in a cross country type of course and in traditional style classes such as Pairs and Versatility.

This year the Spring Games will include the ever popular Mini-Hunter Pace, a Musical Ride (who are the Mystery riders?), traditional Trials classes (Trophies cash and ribbons to be given away) and the second Annual Gunnar's run which has \$250.00 in

cash prizes!

Due to time available, or should I say not available, in the day, we have decided to hold our Gymkhana separately on Sunday, June 28th. Watch for the announcement from our Newshound for details on location and timing.

Many people have enjoyed the Mini Pace in the past but I've noticed a distinct lack of entries for our traditional hunt classes. I'm encouraging anyone who wants to try natural jumps in a natural setting to come on out and play with us. We'll have something for everyone! The jumps are wide and friendly and the courses are designed to give new and inexperienced riders experience and confidence. We will also have some challenges for those of you who are familiar with cross country jumping. And some of our classes are just plain fun!

I can't stress enough that this is a casual event with lots of folks around to help, aid and advise anyone who needs it.

You may be seeing a call for volunteers for the day of the Show. This event cannot happen with-out "ground support". Many of the folks I count on each year to help with the day may want to actually partake of the event and I don't blame them, its fun! We need new faces with fresh ideas and energy so when you see the call for volunteers, please think seriously about putting your name forward.

With huge thanks to those who were involved, helped and participated last year, I really look forward to this year's event and hope to see a lot of smiling faces out there both in and out of the "ring".

Hoping the new season brings you good things,



## *'Gaiety of Carriage and Outlook'*

*Celia Stone*

As many of you know, I have been one of our few riding 'members without horse'. That is to say, I turn up on an assortment of horses - borrowed daughter's pony, extra horses of other members, or mounts of members who cannot ride at a specific meet. It is a hunt by hunt mystery to all (including me) as to which mount I might arrive on and yet I have managed to hunt enough times each season to feel like I can call myself a fox hunter. I am forever grateful to the generosity of those members who have helped me be an active member in our hunt.

There is, of course, a safety factor that sometimes niggles at the back of my mind as I mount a horse and follow the hunt without a clue how the horse is likely to react. Coincidentally, that same niggling doubt has been rattling in my mother's head but she is less inclined to throw caution to the wind. This fall she demanded I find a horse of my own and she would cover its board.

Thus began my search for a horse which initiated an incredibly kind offer from Ginny and John Hawthorne to loan me Toby for the coming hunt year. John has retired from hunting, at least for the moment, and Toby was developing an amazing girth as a pasture puff while babysitting Ginny's up coming hunters. Toby is a Clyde Hackney which places him in the esteemed ranks of some of our veteran members such as Heidi, Frisco and Ceileidh. Having a Clyde in the family has made me more aware of the breed so I thought I'd do some homework on just what I'm riding.

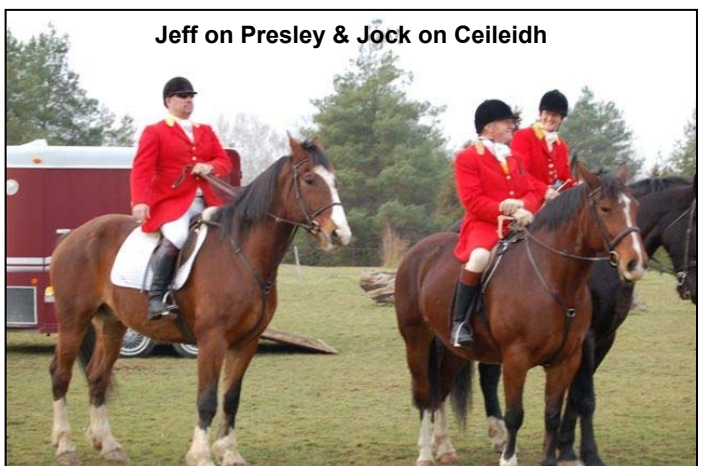
Thought to be over 300 years old the Clydesdale is a breed of draft horse derived from the farm horses of Clydesdale, Scotland, and named after that region. In the eighteenth century John Paterson of Lochlyloch brought from England a Flemish stallion, black in colour with a white face and some white on his legs and made him available for breeding to

the locals. (Toby is clearly a descendant of Lochlyloch with his black body, white feet, and royal carriage!) The new breed's exceptional strength and good nature made it popular and at one time there were at least 140,000 Clydesdales in Scotland. Ultimately, two world wars and the development of the tractor eliminated the need for heavy horses and their cost to keep caused their numbers to dwindle. Today the Clydesdale is classified as 'at risk' by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and probably number around 5000 globally, although there are signs they are becoming more popular.

Some of their return to vogue has been fueled by their public recognition through television and the annual Superbowl commercials that promote Budweiser beer. Many of us look forward each year to the release of the commercials that feature the Budweiser Horses. Last year Jake was too small to join the hitch so he was placed on a weight training program supervised by the hitch mascot Dalmatian. (To qualify for one of the hitches, a Budweiser Clydesdale must be a

gelding with an even temperament and strong, draft horse appearance, be at least four years old, stand at least 18 hands at the withers, and weigh between 1,800 and 2,300 pounds. In addition, each horse must be bay in color have four white stocking feet and a white blaze.) This year Jake has graduated to the hitch and reflects on his heritage which he says is 'a story of strength, triumph and oats.'

The Budweiser Horses made their debut in 1905 when August Busch, Jr. presented a team to as a gift to his father: August Anheuser Busch, Sr. Senior was lured outside under the ruse that his son had purchased him a Studebaker. After admonishing "Gussie" that purchasing a new luxury vehicle during the depression was unwise, he came out of the brewery in St. Louis and discovered to his delight a new Studebaker Beer Wagon and a perfectly conformed Six Horse Hitch of Clydesdales. Recognizing the advertising and promotional potential of a horse-drawn beer wagon, Busch, Sr. had the team sent by rail to New York City, where it presented





two cases of Budweiser beer to Al Smith, former governor of New York and an instrumental force in the repeal of Prohibition. Presumably the press response was great and thus, 100 years later the team is still featured in the annual marketing plan.

Many of our Hunt are found aboard finer built horses who do well in the field. I myself once bred thoroughbreds for the track and spent hours studying their confirmation

and beauty. Yet, I have quickly become entranced with the impressive stature, yet 'in-your-pocket' nature of the Clyde. I think the best summary is given by the Canadian Clydesdale Association – "The dashing action and striking beauty of the Clydesdale continues to arouse the admiration of true horsemen."

Please feel free to admire our collection of Clydes in the field this season!

at their Cornerstone Farm in Caledonia. I was grateful to be able to ride up with HH huntsman Ashley Hubbard and gain valuable insights observing his handling of the Hamilton hounds.

Our meet on the next weekend was at Sheffield where land limitations and some very heavy ground conditions made whipping-in extremely difficult. Consequently, it took considerable time to recover hounds.

The following Wednesday we rested our hounds and joined Eglinton & Caledon Hunt meeting at Eramosa. This provided a further opportunity for me to ride up with another huntsman, Steve Clifton, for more valuable observations.

To be able to accompany and learn from professional huntsmen is invaluable as I strive to train and hunt our pack so as to provide you, our members and guests, with enjoyable days in the field. We owe a collective "thank you" to both Steve Clifton and Ashley Hubbard for their generosity in providing these two opportunities.

Our Hunt at Ayr in mid November coincided with what turned out to be the beginning of an early winter – cold and windy with intermittent snow. We hunted with a smaller pack, which complimented the smaller field of die-hards. Despite the conditions, hounds and riders enjoyed themselves and all returned safe to the meet thanks to great work by our road whips, joined on this occasion by Master Kris who drove her Jeep just like it was trained to whip in! So,

after a short hunt, horses and hounds were loaded and we drove a little way to Sue Morrison's home who, with her husband David, kindly hosted our Hunt Breakfast. With Master Jock and Virginia being away it fell to Pat VanEsch-Dussault to liaise with local landowners, greatly helped by John Gillespie on whose property we met.

The next time we were able to hunt was at the Closing Meet.

As usual I was supported in hunting the hounds by the hard working whippers-in: Robin Cook and Allan Harold who are usually on hand to continue their invaluable help with hound walking when we are not hunting and so know the hounds by name and their different personalities. To be as effective as possible as a whipper-in is not, as it might appear to some, simply galloping all over the place having a jolly good time. It involves a great deal of time and commitment not just on hunt days – I've already mentioned hound walking and getting to know the hounds, also it is generally accepted that whippers-in should be the best mounted, so keeping their horses in peak fitness is essential for those times when a fast sprint is necessary to get where they want to be before the hounds. And then you wait! Yes – it can be lonely out there out on the perimeter of hunt country, standing guard to keep the hounds safely in bounds and being the huntsman's eyes. Then there is trailering hounds to and from the meets: thanks again to Robin



Colin & Heidi



Pat & Frisco

## Notes From The Huntsman

Paul Sherman

The 2008 Fall season presented many challenges mainly due to the weather of late summer and early fall resulting in many crops being left on for late harvesting. Although this severely restricted available hunting country we did our best to adapt to the conditions in an effort to provide enjoyable hunting. The third week of November saw the weather close in with extreme cold, snow, wind and ice and we were

obliged to curtail activities. Fortunately, conditions improved sufficiently for us to enjoy the Closing Meet from the Kennels on 31 November.

Those of you who have read "The Horn" on our website will have seen my description of Sunday hunts prior to the Hunt Ball. The following day we met at Elmira in the pouring rain and the next Sunday enjoyed a joint-meet with Hamilton in their country kindly hosted by Ann-Marie and Patrick

who can usually be seen with the hound trailer behind her Jeep (or Sean's Durango – thanks Sean) while Chancey joins Spirit in my trailer.

Jeff Peller has also helped out as a member of the whipping-in team on most Sunday hunts and Masters Kris and Jock are always extremely supportive and step-in when extra help is needed (if they are not Field mastering). There are many others who have helped: Marcy Lowes at Ayr; Virginia Buchanan-Smith (who also readily provides back-up hound trailering services), Ginny Hawthorne and Rachel McClelland on Wednesdays – thank you all.

And let's not forget thanks to our intrepid road-whips who perform an increasingly essential role as the roads surrounding and crossing our available hunt country continue to get busier and busier. Invariably led by Anne Peace, David Craig and Lyn Sherman they always appear where needed to help with safe crossings and with re-directing wayward hounds back to the safety of the pack. Many others, spouses, families and friends follow the hunt by car or on foot

and we thank you all for your support and help.

In the last issue of Babbling Hound, I mentioned that we were looking forward to entering three young American hounds this spring: Newbury (male), Nellie and Nettle (females) are fine looking young Penn-Marydel hounds we acquired from the Eglinton & Caledon Hunt kennels. Those of you who have joined us for hound-walking will have seen how well they have come on and we are looking forward to having them show their stuff during imminent Cubbing and formally entering them into the pack.

During the winter break we were hoping to be able to breed one of our better females to a good male from another hunt but we have had to delay this as one or two of our hounds became mysteriously ill and we needed to be sure all was well in our kennels before we could proceed with breeding. Utmost thanks are due to our vet, Dr. Colin Peace who, together with Anne has spent many hours with our hounds testing, treating and nursing them. I should also mention Master Jock and Virginia Buchanan-Smith for

spending so much time helping with this problem and for providing TLC at Pitcaple as required.

Hound-walking has been taking place most Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the winter and will resume at the end of Spring hunting. Meanwhile we will continue to walk out on Friday mornings during the hunting seasons.

My thanks to everyone who helps whip-in during these walks and with individual training which is all part of keeping the pack fit and healthy. Joining me regularly on week-days and Sundays are Masters Kris and Jock, Virginia Buchanan-Smith, Al Harold, Sydney Lineker and Anne & Colin Peace. We are also usually joined on Sundays

by Robin Cook, David Craig and my wife Lyn. Others who have come out from time to time include Marcy Lowes, Heather Burlock, Beverley Nykamp, Jeff Peller, Lisa Yeo and Megan Sykes. I hope I've remembered everyone who has helped and apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

The Masters have mentioned the sterling work Carl Cook does looking after the hounds as kennelman and I should like to add my personal thanks for his unswerving attention to the hounds in all weathers.

So now we look forward to the Spring 2009 season: See you in the field!



Huntsman Paul Sherman with hounds

## ***Changes to the SPCA Act -Ontario Bill 50– Jock Buchanan-Smith MFH***

Our readers may know by now that Bill 50 passed into law to take effect on March 1, 2009. It was recognized that revisions to account for animal cruelty in our society were necessary. However, the bill does prescribe greater

powers for humane society inspectors to enter premises (not private homes) where animals are kept. Appropriate exceptions have been made for practices such as hunting and farming. The Canadian MFHA

were involved on your behalf in obtaining the exception for hunting. Our sport of riding to hounds should not be affected and this bill should curtail inhumane practices with animals from taking place in Ontario. Further

information is available at the following web address:

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/statutes/english/2008/elaws\\_src\\_s08016\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/statutes/english/2008/elaws_src_s08016_e.htm)

## *The Vet's Corner* By: Dr. Colin Peace, M.A., Vet. M.B., M.R.C.V.S.



Most horse vets have a quiet time between Christmas and the end of February. Some, who are involved with the thoroughbred and standardbred stud farms, have a few early foals to deal with, January 1<sup>st</sup> being the birthday of all our race horses. But many of us have hibernated, some at home, some in Florida, the Caribbean or further south, but by the end of February, it suddenly dawns on us that Spring is coming and with it all the hectic activities of our equestrian lives.

Horses need to be 'got fit'. Health measures need planning and setting in motion. Whatever the particular addiction, be it hunting, trail riding, show jumping, dressage, Pony Club or Western activities,

the end of February marks a time for decisions. Feet, teeth, worms, vaccinations – all these need consideration, but fitness is at the root of it all.

Many of our hunters have been living a very quiet life, turned out with or without rugs, doing very little organized exercise. Some of our hunters have been clipped, rugged and kept indoors for most of the winter. Food regimes have varied. Heidi still looks pretty good but her girth now goes up six holes from the end of last summer. She has been turned out all winter. Many other hunters have fared similarly. They will need building up, in both food and exercise to muscle up for the fray. Much depends on just how much hard work they have

been doing – be careful. They may be softer than you think and will need just as much conditioning to get them ready for riding to hounds. Gradual increase in both spheres is the rule.

To get the best results, start with the feet. Get them shod. Check out the teeth. Worming comes a little later. Depending on your individual vaccination plan, now is a good time to get up to date. Horses don't usually react to vaccinations when they are on maintenance rather than full ahead production rations. Begin easy work.

The athletes' approach to fitness is worth considering. Doing slow exercise is a great start, gradually increasing the time involved. However, within a week or two, short periods of trotting using the athletes' 'fartlek' or 'interval training', using intermittent walk 400m trot 400m repeat and repeat. This soon builds stamina so that in another week or so these exercises can be extended and cantering introduced. Within a month, you should be able

to canter a mile comfortably and soon repeat it once or twice in one exercise period. Intersperse this with longer trots, 2, 3, 4 miles building gradually. I don't think my knees will stand it but we'll test it out and stop if it hurts too much – do they call it physiotherapy?

As horses start work, so will their appetites increase. Remember, bran is a laxative and useful to include while the increasing amount of hard feed - oats and sweet feed are the composite rations. Measure the weight of your horse (the girth tapes are useful) and record the weekly weight along with a record of your exercise program.

By the end of April, you'll be wanting some jumping. Start small, repeat and set up a series of 3-4-5 jumps to develop a rhythm. Those 'drags' are going to be fun this spring! And then think of the Autumn Hunt Festivals! Yes it will be worth getting fit both for your horse and your body.

## *Hunt Events*

### **Hunt Ball**

Once again the Wellington-Waterloo Ball was enjoyed by many, with excellent food, dancing and a fiercely competitive Silent Auction.

The Horn Blowing competition added a family touch this year with several of our Junior

members participating and often doing a better job than the adults! Alex Rothwell (Mike Mooney and Carol Rothwell's son) won this division. While Dawn Peace clearly led the women!

This year Colours were awarded to Dave Coons and Ann-Marie Casey Christensen, both of

whom have showed great support for the Hunt through their participation, support and generous loans of mounts to those missing horses from time to time. Dave deserves special recognition for his willingness to man the gates in the hunt field for all of us who would never be able to get back on our

horses once we got off!

This year's Directors' Awards featured the team of Allan Harold and Sydney Lineker. Allan was awarded Field Hunter Sportsman of the Year which recognizes "the Hunt member who best displays the qualities of fair play, humour, valour and epitomizes the spirit





**Ann Marie Casey Christensen**

of field hunting. This person demonstrates a helpful attitude, sensibility and dedication to the enjoyment of everyone in the hunt field.” Allan’s leadership and Whipping-In has been a wonderful component of our successful hunting seasons and his support in the transition of Huntsmen has been invaluable.

Allan has been accompanied by Sidney whose enthusiasm, organization and willingness to pitch in wherever help was needed was recognized with the Supporter Member of The Year Award. This is awarded to the person who demonstrates exceptional dedication to the achievement of “fun for everyone” and the



**Alex Rothwell**

betterment and enjoyment in all Hunt activities.

The Joint-Masters presented the W-WH Ambassador of The Year to Tracy Ferguson. This award recognizes the individual who best demonstrates the attributes most representative of the principles and ideals of the Wellington-Waterloo Hunt. Tracey’s continued support in bringing new riders and their mounts to our hunts has been wonderful in building membership and awareness of our sport



**Boys are never too old for toys – right Tenny?**

### Christmas Party

Once again we launched the Christmas season with our families in the Badenoch Community Centre complete with Santa and one of his eight tiny Reinponies. The adult gift exchange featured good natured (right, Carol?) swapping of a coveted blanket and bird feeder and the children enjoyed their gifts of toys and crafts.



**Santa's Staff**

### Pub Night

Pub Night lived up to its reputation of great food - the steak and mushroom pie with dumplings had us all going back for more - and a welcome visit with friends we hadn't seen since the AGM. Pat's traditional Quiz was the source of much interest and controversy yet clearly won within record time by the table at the back! (Casey-Maguire, Connelly-Levellys, Roses and Stones!!) The horse race was a close one for five furlongs, but when John's horse stumbled,



**Skye Levelly**

Skye Levelly cruised to the finish line. Darts were fiercely competitive but Patrick made a strong come back after last year's defeat.

### Classified Ads

**A room available** in the country (furnished or unfurnished) for you. Board also available for your horse. Individual care for your horse with turn-out. Conveniently located on Hwy 6 between Guelph and Hamilton. Available immediately. Please contact Al Waxman @ 905 690-2109.



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## *More Than a Membership* Editor

"Not long after I got home from the hospital, Virginia Buchanan and Kris Hallman delivered a beautiful plant called a clivia on behalf of the Waterloo Wellington Hunt Club. It was wonderful to be remembered by the club as I go way way back (to the 70's!!) and still like to support the club. Attached is picture of the plant in bloom which I hope can be included in the newsletter along with my thanks and appreciation." *Beverley Smart/Nykamp*

Beverly's letter sparked a thought that if ever the rain, cold or accompanying aches and pains should ever make

us consider packing in Hunting, I suspect it is the camaraderie of our Hunt that will keep us coming back. Over the past year there have been several occasions when heartfelt notes of thanks have reminded us that membership in this Hunt provides inclusion in a group that cares for its members beyond their participation on horseback. The group has provided trailering rescues, cancer treatment support, death condolences and more. I think we can be very proud of our Hunt and the source of comfort, encouragement, and down right fun it provides for us on so many levels.



**Bev's Clivia**

## *Upcoming Events*

April , 8 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Spring Cubbing starts.
April 18 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Olde English Feast
April 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Spring Opening Meet
May 16 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	
May 19 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	Work Days for Horseshow
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	
May 24 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Mini Hunter Pace & Spring Horseshow
June 28 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	PPG /Gymkhana for all ages
July 24 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	Landowners' BBQ
August 26 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Pony Club clinic, mini-Hunt & BBQ
August 26 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Fall Cubbing starts
September 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Hunter Pace
September 20 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Fall Opening Meet
November 7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Hunt Ball
December 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Annual Christmas Party
December 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Christmas Ride at Cornerstone