

December 07

The Bridlespur Hunt Newsletter



Photo by Don Granger. Visit Hoof-pics.com to order your Hunt Ball photographs.

The beautiful Algonquin Golf Club was a fabulous venue to celebrate our 80th Anniversary. The evening opened with cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres in The Club's elegant library. Photographer Don Granger was on hand for pictures, formal and candid. The Silent Auction, hosted by Lei Ruckle and her right-hand man, mother Boots, was better this year than ever and inspired many bidding wars.

When Huntsman Eleanor Hartwell blew the horn to call everyone to dinner, the doors opened and the crowd was greeted by tables glowing with custom made Hunt Scene lamps and personal gifts of our 80th Anniversary Photo Journey album, created by Leslie Ayers with cover artwork by Jean Mutrux. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing over the pictures and memories. Anne and Harry Weber shared special memories of hunts gone by with the guests.



Happy Holidays

Hunt Club Colors were awarded this year to Gigi Harrow, Janelle Allton and Tess Fleischli. A special recognition award was bestowed upon long-time members Leslie Ayers and Marilyn Carney to honor them for all they have contributed.

The Bob Kuban Band cranked up during a delicious dinner, and an energetic crowd danced the night away after dessert and wine.

Hill N' Hound Hold Successful Event

David Jeffery and Gary Pregler again hosted their Fall Horse Trials along with the Area IV Championships at their property in Illinois. The Equine industry is becoming accustomed to a wonderful experience when they bring their horses to compete in this semi-annual event. Thanks to the Bridlespur members who were on hand to help.

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Bridlespur Receives praise from Missouri Department of Conservation

Armand Hoffstetter recently met with the Missouri Department of Conservation and we received high praise from them. Below is a small excerpt from a follow up note Armand received:

“Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on December 4, 2007. We all thoroughly enjoyed our discussion with you concerning your " Bridelspur Hunt Club" history and the tour we had of your property (Valley Green Farm) in Lincoln County. Your use of the property is an excellent fit to go along with the Edith Carlson's desire to keep the property in a Conservation easement with MDC.

You have tremendous potential on your property to increase the wildlife habitat.”

If you would like to talk to Armand further about our relationship with the conservation department feel free to e-mail him at armandh@earthlink.net



Remember to check the Bridlespur recorder to confirm hunting day plans
573.485-4942

If you are making holiday wishes with Santa make one for good weather for the New Year's hunting. Ho Ho Ho

Superbowl Party

Max and Jill Wagenknecht will again graciously host the 2008 Superbowl party. February 3 is the date. Maybe we can get Jill to do some type of lottery for the coveted theater seats. It's always a fun time; mark it on your calendar!! Details later.

Successful Hunters

An estimated 10-15 deer have been harvested off the Valley Green property. Two really nice Bucks were taken, one by Jay Hurd's son which was a 13 point that scored 140 Boone and Crockett, another Buck was taken by Terry Cowell a friend of Ron Ausman, who has been helping build jumps and cut down some trees on our property. His buck was a 10 point that scored almost 150 Boone and Crockett.

If you would like more information on this contact Ron Ausman.



Note to Luncheon Hosts:

Our hunts have been consistently getting larger, especially with the success of our new youth program. Please plan on at least 30 people. Also we want to be sure our hungry Staff is taken care of so please hold back enough for them. And of course, thanks for volunteering your culinary skills.

OPENING HUNT & BLESSING



Thanks to the efforts of Leslie Ayers, the new clubhouse chairs are being enjoyed. Twenty-eight members sponsored one and according to Leslie they have bragging rights (or you are in my chair rights). Thank you to all who contributed to this effort.

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A large crowd gathered for Opening and Blessing of the Hounds November 4th. Three Creek Bassets were there and enjoyed a good day of hunting as well. Brunch was organized by Marilyn Carney. Long time members Marvin and Marge Harwood were honored for extensive dedication to the Equine Industry.



Bridlespur Members Celebrating Halloween in Style

Stephanie & Robert Muhlbaugh make a spectacular sight.

SEND NEWSLETTER ARTICLES TO Jane at deznr@fidnet.com or Tess at multibella@gmail.com



May the New Year Bring you Joy and Contentment as in the Eyes of a Child

Oh, a wonderful horse is the Fly-Away
Horse -
Perhaps you have seen him before;
Perhaps, while you slept, his shadow has
swept through the moonlight that floats
on the floor.
For it's only at night, when the stars
twinkle bright,
That the Fly-Away Horse, with a neigh
And a pull at his rein and a toss of his
mane,
Is up on his heels and away!
The Moon in the sky,
As he gallopeth by,
Cries: "Oh! what a marvelous sight!"
And the Stars in dismay
Hide their faces away
In the lap of old Grandmother Night.
It is yonder, out yonder, the Fly-Away
Horse
Speedeth ever and ever away -
Over meadows and lanes, over mountains
and plains,
Over streamlets that sing at their play;
And over the sea like a ghost sweepeth
he,
While the ships they go sailing below,
And he speedeth so fast that the men at
the mast
Adjudge him some portent of woe.
"What go there!" they cry,
As he flourishes by
With a whisk of his beautiful tail;
And the fish in the sea
Are as scared as can be,
From the nautilus up to the whale!

And the Fly-Away Horse seeks those
faraway lands

You little folk dream of at night -
Where candy-trees grow, and honey-
brooks flow,
And corn-fields with popcorn are white;
And the beasts in the wood are ever so
good
To children who visit them there -
What glory astride of a lion to ride,
Or to wrestle around with a bear!
The monkeys, they say:
"Come on, let us play,"
And they frisk in the cocoanut-trees:
While the parrots, that cling
To the peanut-vines, sing
Or converse with comparative ease!
Off! scamper to bed - you shall ride him
tonight!
For, as soon as you've fallen asleep,
With a jubilant neigh he shall bear you
away
Over forest and hillside and deep!
But tell us, my dear, all you see and you
hear
In those beautiful lands over there,
Where the Fly-Away Horse wings his
faraway course
With the wee one consigned to his care.
Then grandma will cry
In amazement: "Oh, my!"
And she'll think it could never be so;
And only we two
Shall know it is true -
You and I, little precious! shall know!

