



The Bridlespur Hunt

Jay Hartwell

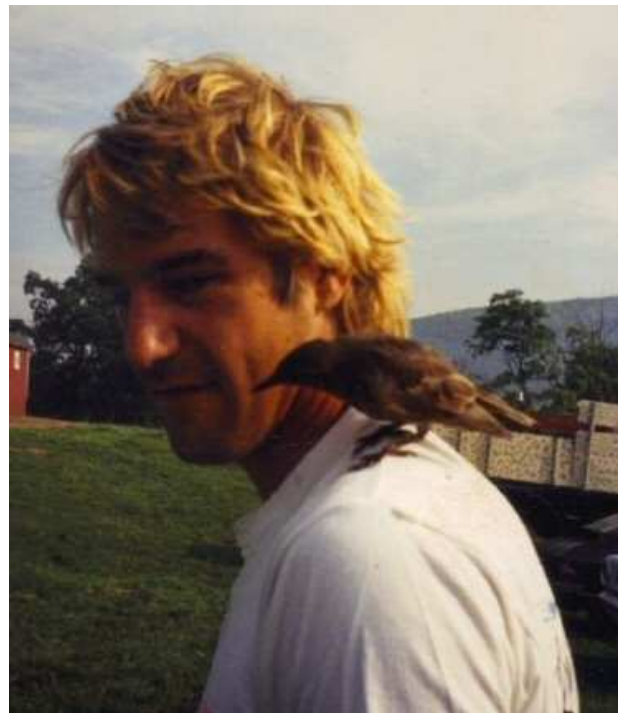
Eleanor's husband Jay passed away on January 9th. Many Bridlespur members attended a lovely memorial service for him at the Oak Grove church in Eolia on January 29th. Those attending were lucky enough to meet many members of Jay's family. There was a reception held afterwards at the Clubhouse. Jay was diagnosed with lung cancer last spring. Aggressive therapy gave him another eight months, but this cancer was particularly deadly and it returned with a vengeance last October.

Here are excerpts from a write-up by Betsy Park, Eleanor's mother.

I had ample time to consider the Jay Hartwell we had known. At the end of the day I realized that there was much I had NOT known about him..... He was a graduate of St. Paul's.....he had spent at least a year traveling and working in Australia, Asia and Europe.....his given name was JULIAN.....he had a degree from the University of New Hampshire in Environmental Studies.

But here are the things we DID know! He was very conservative, in the old fashioned sense. Nothing was wasted, splurged on, thrown away. He epitomized the New Hampshire mantra (Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without). He was really good-looking ("He got all the girls" said his old friend Paul). In every house I visited (five, in all) he built hundreds of feet of shelving for his library..... he read political history, biography, world history, environmental science. He was a carpenter by trade, but that is an oversimplification; he was much more a craftsman, who did not

tolerate schlock, sleaze or short-cuts. And finally.... much, I think, to his own surprise..... he became a shopper, and a Daddy. Eleanor's pantry was always superbly stocked with mostly organic goodies, that Jay gathered on his travels to "the city", and weekend mornings were spent ferrying Madeline to hockey practice, or whatever other seasonal activities she was engaged in. Fatherhood amazed him, and Madeline had her Daddy captivated from the moment she arrived.



Jay Hartwell

If you wish to pay tribute in Jay's memory, checks may be made out to Madeline Hartwell Education Fund, that the family has set up for her, or to the Hospice of your choice in memory of Jay Hartwell. Eleanor's address is:

**106 Hopkins Lane,
Eolia, Mo.63344**

“Ride with a Whip”

Bridlespur donated a rather unique gift to a silent auction to benefit Queeny Park Equestrian Events last year. It was a “Ride with a Whip” day with a Bridlespur Hunt whip. Christy DeMauro, an accomplished Eventer and dressage rider was the winner. She chose one of our coldest days to ride with Jill Wagenknecht on February 28th. Jill also kindly provided a horse. Christy had a great time and it was fun to have her.



Christy riding with Jill

Hunting for non-Foxhunters

Total deer count of deer taken off the property this season was 13. Turkey season is Monday April 20th through May 10th.

Those members that turkey hunt, make sure they notify Eleanor and the Manley's the day before they hunt. This is for safety reason and to let our staff know that you will be hunting. Remember to follow all Missouri Hunting Regulations and wear international orange.

Contact Ron Ausman for more information or if you have any questions.

<http://www.mdc.mo.gov/hunt/turkey/sprturk/>

Use Your Clubhouse!

As our hunt season draws to a close, don't forget the clubhouse and grounds are available to you between seasons. There are 1400 acres of nature, wildlife and ponds to explore. Hiking, fishing or just wandering about are highly recommended.

BH grounds also boast a State Natural Area. The Sandy Creek Natural Bridge is visited every year by an Eolia High School class and we have had other visit requests as well. Make sure to check out this phenomenal act of nature. It has a cool swimming hole right under it, so take your suit (or not). 🧐

The clubhouse and picnic tables are yours to use. Just please clean up and take the trash to the dumpster on your way out. We also have a recycle bin, so help out the environment. There is a checklist on the bulletin board near the back door if you have any questions. 🗑️

Please remember the club visitor policy and have any guest sign a liability release. There are blanks available in the basket on the clubhouse bar.

For any further questions, please contact a Master.

New Club in town

Sarah Zenisek is starting a sidesaddle/ carriage club in STL. Planning to do Aside (or astride if you must) monthly trail rides, get groups together to travel to parades and shows, and possibly get some clinicians to come in town. Hoping to have the first trail ride April 25th at Queeny at 10am followed by a pot luck brunch and the first meeting. She's thinking of naming it the Missouri Ladies Ride and Drive club with emphasis on sidesaddle and carriage driving. If you are interested contact Sarah szenisek@gmail.com.

First Aid for Foxhunters

Robert Wilmot and Tess Fleischli have been refining the Medical Emergency Manual and Mary Hensel provided a real life run through of the process. We identified an improvement opportunity in our process. We need to understand how to start the 4-wheeler!!

The final touches are going into the manual and they worked with Leslie Granger to develop a medical card for riders to have on file with us, as well as, carry with them on the hunt. Had Mary stayed unconscious, it would have been beneficial for EMT / ER processing.

We expect to have the documents out for review soon and will go into more detail during the Annual Meeting on April 22nd. Please make arrangements to join us.

Thanks to the medical committee for their help with this. It will be fun to share our plan with other hunts!



**Lei Ruckle rescuing Basset Hound that was stuck in the creek (Gold Cup preparation)
Photo courtesy of Donald Granger**

Three Creek Basset Gold Cup March 20-21st

The Gold Cup is a Field Trials for foot pack hounds including Beagles and Basset Hounds. There are usually several packs that participate from around the Midwest.

There is a Joint Meet at the My Half Farm at 10AM with hound numbering at 1PM. Lunch provided by Jeannine Patterson and Lillian Lewis. Then the Bunny Ball is held Saturday night at Whitmoor Country Club. The Bunny Ball is a fun filled evening of dancing with a Calcutta to "buy" the hounds competing the next day.

Sunday morning the Hounds will be hunted by our own Eleanor Hartwell and Judged by Tommy Jackson and Anne Weber. There will be a luncheon and awards presentation immediately following at the beautiful, newly remodeled Strathalbyn Club. This is a great time to rabbit hounds in action. Everyone is invited.

Contact Lei Ruckle or Elliot Chubb for more information. chubbmande@sbcglobal.net

Bridlespur Members bring home the win again!

Bridlespur brought home the Henley Cup from the Hillsboro Hounds Point-to-Point for the third year in a row!

2007- 1st Sarah Zenisek/Lucy (Stephanie's chestnut mare), 2nd Stephanie Muhlbaugh /Cool Prince, 3rd Robert Muhlbaugh /Fitz William

2008- 1st Sarah/Kate

2009- 1st Stephanie/Lucy, 3rd Sarah/Kate out of 9 horses in the race



Sarah Zenisek and Kate 2008

The course consists of:

- ½ mile trotting behind the master
- ½ mile over jumps
- ½ mile Flat Race to the finish line

Refusals are penalized at the start of the flat race (they start behind the rest) and 2 refusals are disqualified. I'm happy to say no BH horses have ever refused!

It's held right around St. Patrick's Day every March at Percy Warner Park's world famous Iroquois Steeplechase track. The day usually consists of 5-6 sanctioned steeplechases including hurdles and timbers, terrier races, and the Fox Master's Challenge for the Henley Cup closes up the day. This year they also added a trotting race for foxhunters which was really exciting. 1/2 mile of trotting to the finish, horses that break have to circle to the back. I hope more Bridlespur members can come next year! The event also has some interesting rules:

- No whips allowed
- Humane blunt spurs only
- Horses have to have been "well hunted" that season and riders must be a current member of an MFHA recognized hunt
- Horses may not have been entered in a sanctioned race of any type within the last three years



Stephanie, Sarah, and Robert 2007

Calhoun County Illinois Hunt

On Wednesday February 28th, Bridlespur members took their annual Ferry ride across the Mississippi on the Golden Eagle Ferry to hunt at the Burch Farm in Calhoun County. This was our best attended week day hunt all year. The weather was warm and beautiful. The Burch's were our fabulous hosts at a wonderful luncheon afterwards at the Wittmond Hotel which has been in their family since it was built in 1885.



Jill Wagenknecht and the Mihilbaughs coming across the Mississippi River on the Golden Eagle Ferry

Shawnee Hunt Week

Mark Smith MFH of Shawnee Hounds (Illinois) invites members of local hunts to participate in their "Shawnee Hunt Week" each year. It is also a joint meet with another hunt. This year guest hunt was Longreen Foxhounds of Tennessee which has mostly Penn-Marydel hounds. Mark Smith and Susan Walker hunted the 19 couple of hounds together. Lei Ruckle and Leslie Granger went down Friday the 27th of February to represent Bridlespur and join in on the fun. The hunt that day was at Pyramid State Park, which is not too far to travel. The country is old strip mine country and is therefore fairly open. There are some coops to navigate. It was quite an exuberant pack of hounds and Lei and Leslie had a great time. Shawnee also hunted Saturday and had their annual Hunt Gala Saturday night at Richard Finke, MFH's home.



Susan Walker, MFH & Mark Smith, MFH

Tag Your Horse

Recently a member of the Tennessee Valley Hunt lost their horse for several days after becoming separated from their horse during a hunt. Fortunately the horse was recovered. One of the recommendations was to attach a dog tag to your horse's breastplate with your name, and cell phone number. Hopefully your breastplate will stay with the horse and if anyone finds him they can call you. It doesn't happen often but if it does you will be glad your horse has a tag.

Volunteers Needed!

Remember that each person is required to have some volunteer service to the club. Contact Leslie Ayers 636-398-8099 to offer your services on the days you are available.

Hunter Pace April 4th – Need two people to check in riders and someone to handle getting lunches.

Schooling show on April 17th -19th - Need volunteers for set up, jump crew Fri/Sat/Sun and take down on Sunday.

The Big Show May 30-31st - We need volunteers for several areas. Jump crew, set up, take down, ribbons etc. We need a big push on **BOX SALES**. Please call Leslie Ayers to reserve your special area of work.

Bridlespur Hunt Ball Save the Date!

Saturday November 14th
Meadowbrook Country Club



<http://www.meabr.org/>

Young Foxhunters

Meet new foxhunter Maggie McCann. Maggie comes from Jill's barn and has been borrowing one of Jill's horses (Okie) for hunting.

Maggie is an 18 year old high school senior; She'll be going to college in California next year and after graduation she hope to continue on and get a DVM. Her horse's name is Wonder; he's a 22 yr old, bay American Saddlebred and she's owned him since he was 15. He's never shown but he was a great starter horse, very safe and loves people.



Maggie McCann on Okie

Upcoming Events

March 28th – 7PM Closing Party –
Hosted by Jean, Chris, and Abby Mutrux.
Don't miss it!

April 2 - 11 – Western Challenge
Bridlespur is not participating this year but people may still attend if they wish. It goes West to East this year Closing hunt on the 11th is with Coal Valley Hounds. Info at <http://www.westernchallenge.org>

April 4th - Bridlespur Hunter Pace

April 17-19th - Bridlespur Schooling Show

April 22nd – Bridlespur Annual Meeting Whitmore Country Club Hosted by Gerda and Werner Kugler. A notice is going out at the end of the month. We would like a good turnout for this meeting.

May 30th-31st – Bridlespur Horse show
Need Volunteers, contact Leslie Ayers.

June 21st – Bridlespur Hunter Pace

September 12th – Bridlespur Hunter Pace

Don't forget to check the hotline for any changes in hunt schedule 573-485-4942.

Classifieds

Electro-Groom horse vacuum - New they are \$599.00. This one is about 10 years old. Lightly used. Works great. (has a little rust from sitting in barn) . Asking \$200.00. Contact Leslie Ayers layers@centurytel.net 636-398-8099

Wanted: Two horse slant, thoroughbred height trailer. I am considering a pull behind or 5th wheel, steel or aluminum. Sellers may contact Beverly Stevens 314-773-4039 or by e-mail stevens0358@sbcglobal.net

Dressage Saddle - 17" Albion Original Comfort, lightly used, saved for showing only \$1500

Sidesaddle - Whippy 21.5"x 13", show condition/show ring/hunt field ready, appointments class appropriate, reinforced for jumping, \$2000

Sidesaddle - Beck Morrow 22"x 14", show condition/show ring/hunt field ready, appointments class appropriate, not reinforced for jumping, \$1000

Sidesaddle - Comal 20"x 13", Show condition, not reinforced for jumping \$800

For additional information on the four saddles above contact Sarah Zenisek szenisek@gmail.com

Newsletter articles

Please send any of your thoughts, accomplishments, or any other suggestions for articles to:

LeslieGra@aol.com

You may also send Hunt related classifieds.