



The Bridlespur Hunt

September 2008

Long time Member, former MFH, and Friend Lost

James B. Orthwein died at his home at Age 84 after a long illness. He was a respected Master of Bridlespur Hounds for 35 years (1952-1987). He retired as Master when he felt he could no longer run and jump as he dearly loved. He was dedicated to the sport of foxhunting, a life member of Bridlespur, and a Member of the Masters of Foxhounds Association. Those of you who were fortunate enough to have hunted with him will remember a well turned out gentleman always mounted on a great horse.

He was a very private person and many of his contributions toward foxhunting were only known by few. When the building boom started to envelope our hunt country, Jim and the Pattersons purchase My Half Farm which was a very important part of our hunt fixtures. I know most of you have enjoyed runs through the farm which encompassed our beloved "Hueffmeier Woods". James B. Orthwein will be missed.

Submitted by Lillian Lewis



Pictured From Left to right:
Bill Patterson – former secretary deceased
Jean Patterson - Bridlespur life member
James Orthwein ex MFH deceased
Jane Kenny ex MFH deceased
After a hunt March 1987

Abby Wins

This past August, the American Saddlebreds had their World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville, KY. Over 2,000 horses are entered with many having to qualify just to go. Many of you may not know that when not hunting with Bridlespur in the winter, Jean and Abby Mutrux show Saddlebreds in the summer. This year, Abby got a thrill when she was asked to show a Kentucky owned horse in the 3-Gaited (riders) 13 & Under class at Louisville. There were enough entries that the class had to be split, and after two practice rides, Abby and "Hightimes Northern Son" rode out with the blue World's Championship ribbon. The next day, Abby showed her own horse, Blackboard, to a reserve World's Championship in saddle seat equitation. But that's not all....just this weekend, Abby and Blackboard ("Nelson") won the United Professional Horseman's Association Junior Finals in Indianapolis. Next stop is the Saddle & Bridle Medallion Finals at the St. Louis Charity. If anyone would care to come out and cheer for Abby, she can let you know when she shows.



Abby Mutrux and "Nelson"



Abby Mutrux and Louisville Lilly

Bridlespur Members at the American Eventing Championships

Three Bridlespur Members Qualified to compete at the American Eventing Championships held at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois. Maria Brazil was competing her horse Bon Chance (Pierre) in the Amateur Preliminary Division. Geri Washausen competed her horse Darth Vader in the Beginner Novice division and Brad Hall competed Jill Wagenknecht's horse Naughty Zoot in the Novice Horse division. All started well on Wednesday and Thursday for the dressage and cross country for the lower levels but then it began to rain. On Friday it poured during some of the Novice and Beginner Novice stadium rides and during the Training level Cross Country. It continued to pour on Saturday and they cancelled the Cross Country for levels of Preliminary and above. Our members persevered though

and Maria came home as reserve champion in Preliminary. She won money and lots of prizes. Darth and Zoot did not end up in the ribbons but they were delighted just to get to qualify and compete at the top of their levels. The parties were great and it is a great venue to watch Eventing at its highest level without having to fight the crowds at Rolex. For a more in depth look you can go to Geri's blog at

<http://www.chronicleofmyhorse.com/profile/GeriDarth>

Look for these Bridlespur members and more at the Queeny Park Horse trials on October 5th and 6th. Volunteer positions are still open. You may contact Jill Wagenknecht if you would like to volunteer.



Geri and Darth going too fast to focus

Fall Hunter Pace

Thanks to all of you who attended the fall Hunter Pace September 6th. Many members were in attendance and enjoyed the lovely course that Eleanor Hartwell laid out around the property. She made good use of the land and the route offered many creek crossings so that people could get a good feel for the lay of the land. The weather was perfect and everything went smoothly. Thanks to Geri Washausen for preparing the pizza lunch and to Joan Wagenknecht who did all the timing and calculating.

Cubbing Starts

Our first cubbing was held Saturday September 20th at Valley Green Farm. We had a great turnout with 22 people in attendance including staff and one wheel whip. There were a couple of new horses in the field including Eleanor's Jack, an OTTB who behaved beautifully. A great start to a new season.

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

Remember to be on your horse at least 10 minutes ahead of the time posted for the meet.



**Eleanor Hartwell on Jack
First day of Cubbing**

Bridlespur Members at the Olympics

Don and Leslie Granger decided to take a once in a lifetime trip to see the Eventing portion of the Olympic games in Hong Kong. They had a great time. You can read Leslie's Blog at

<http://www.chronicleofmyhorse.com/profile/LeslieGranger>

Check out Don's photos at:

http://www.pbase.com/stl_don/olympics_2008



Don and Leslie watching Mark Todd go Cross Country

A Note on Cubbing Season Attire

We are just starting Cubbing season. Cubbing season requires informal hunt attire otherwise known as Ratcatcher. Proper attire is important as it is a sign of respect to our landowners. It also looks nicer in the photos.

Informal (Ratcatcher)

To be worn during Cubbing Season and on Weekday hunts during Formal Season.

Except Staff who dress formally at all times.

COAT: Hacking jacket of subdued color in solid, check or tweed.

VEST: Of conservative complementary color, optional.

SHIRT: Ratcatcher with tab collar and stock pin, or shirt and tie. Stock ties are always appropriate

BREECHES: Brick, Buff or Canary.

BOOTS: Black or brown leather, Field or Dress.

HAT: Velvet Hunt Cap or Derby, Black or Brown.

HAIR: Unless your hair is cut close, it should be done up tightly in a hair net or other inconspicuous device. Contain hair in a bun or braid folded up, not a loose pony tail.

GLOVES: White or yellow string, brown, tan or natural leather.

WHIP: Hunting Whip with thong, optional.

JEWELRY: Not appropriate to hunting attire as it can be caught in branches and very painful to remove

PERFUME OR COLOGNE: Not permitted in the hunt field

SMOKING: Not permitted in the hunt field

Whether formal or informal attire please be sure to present a clean horse with neatly pulled mane. Consider a trace or body clip in the winter to help cool your horse after the hunt. If your horse throws his head in excitement try a standing martingale, it will help save your horse's mouth as the pressure will be on his nose when he tosses his head.

Polo shirts may be worn on warm days by permission of the masters only, if this is the case, the masters will send out an email notice. Do not assume just because the forecast is warm that proper hunt attire will be waived. Wear proper attire and keep a Bridlespur polo in your truck or trailer just in case. If you don't have a Bridlespur polo, wear a plain white or beige polo. All other attire remains the same.

Expanded Territory

Thanks to the hard work of Gene Deutsch and Annie Hoagland amongst others, we now can hunt on almost 500 additional acres due East of Valley Green. We hunted some of this new area last Saturday. It is beautiful property and a great addition to our hunt territory.

A Little History

Bridlespur had one of the first women Masters. Mrs. Henry Kaltenbach MFH took the helm during WWII when many of the men were fighting the war. Many hunts ceased operations during the war but Bridlespur continued functioning. In this photo she is turned out beautifully and her hunter certainly looks the part.



Mrs. Henry Kaltenbach MFH 1938-1946

Watch those Weeds

There are many plants that are poisonous to horses and some are native to Missouri. One of them has been spotted at Valley Green so be cautious when allowing your horse to snack in the hunt field. This plant is known as White Snakeroot .

Description: Perennial with smooth stems. Leaves are egg-shaped with teeth and grow opposite. Flowers are small, white and grow in loose clusters.



White Snakeroot

Concern level: High due to extreme toxicity.

Toxic parts: Leaves, stems and flowers

Symptoms: Occur between a few minutes and a few weeks of ingestion, lack of coordination, weakness, tremors, rapid pulse, jaundice, cardiac arrhythmia's, profuse sweating, inability to swallow, troubled breathing, sudden death.

Danger: Contains Trematol, a toxin which can be passed on through the milk of nursing mares.

Can be fatal.

For information on other plants poisonous to horses go to

<http://www.theequinest.com/care/toxic-plants/identifier/>

Deer Hunting

The new property has plenty of game. We have set up a hunting committee to handle all the aspects of non-fox hunting activities. Please contact Ron Ausman 618-458-7396 if you are interested in deer hunting on our property.

New Newsletter Editor

Leslie Granger has volunteered for the position of Newsletter Editor for the Bridlespur Newsletter Electronic Edition. This will be a very dull Newsletter without inputs from our members. Please send any of your thoughts, accomplishments, or any other suggestions for articles to:

LeslieGra@aol.com

You may also send Hunt related classifieds.

Bridge Closed Sept. 27th

Just a reminder that the Daniel Boone Bridge on HWY 40 will be closed to Westbound traffic on Saturday the 27th which is unfortunately a hunting day. To go around take Interstate 270 to 364 west (Page Extension). After you cross the River, take Hwy 94 south to Hwy 40.

Another alternate from Olive and Hwy 40 is to go north on Olive, Go left onto Hog Hollow Road. This will turn into River Valley Drive, go straight there. Turn right onto Maryland Heights Expressway and then bear right onto 364 West. Take Hwy 94 south to Hwy 40.

Upcoming Events

October 4th & 5th – Queeny Park Horse Trials

October 6th – First Aid Training session 1 in the evening

October 11th – First Aid Training session 2 in the afternoon

October 18th – Opening Hunt and Blessing
Reminder this is a catered event and we need a head count. RSVP to Marilyn Carney 314-963-1679 or Email Geri Washausen gwashausen@msn.com by October 13.

November 8th - Bridlespur Hunt Ball

November 11-16 - Iowa Hunt week
Contact Mary Hensel for more information or if you are interested in going.

November 16th – Queeny Park Hunter Pace