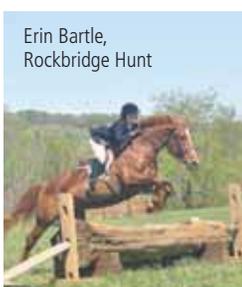


2012 Maury River Hunter Trials

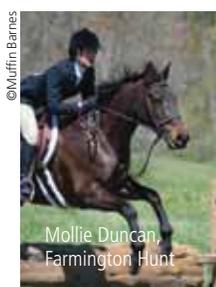
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Co-sponsored by the Farmington, Glenmore and Rockbridge Hunt Clubs took place at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington in April. Forty-seven riders of all ages representing hunt clubs, colleges and hunter stables from central Virginia competed in eleven field hunter divisions, with championships awarded for eight categories. Sandy Rives from the Keswick Hunt judged the event organized by professional organizers Penny and Brian Ross from Fairfield. The course was laid out in the outside area used for Virginia Horse Trials events with both permanent and temporary obstacles created to simulate jumps and obstacles typically found in the hunt field: logs, rails, coops, a bank, a gate plus an interesting water element at the end of the course that resembled a small pond. Foxhunters were put to the test over the gently rolling field with a stunning backdrop of mountains, sloping toward the Maury River that encircles the property-hence the name "Maury River Hunter Trials." Winners included members of the Rockbridge Hunt Club in Glasgow, Farmington Hunt Club in Charlottesville, and Glenmore Hunt in Staunton, and Middlebrook Hunt in Middlebrook. For complete results www.vahorsetrials.com.

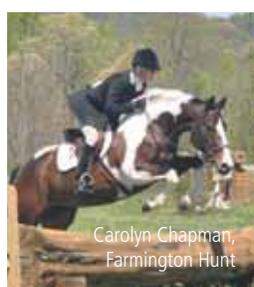


Erin Bartle, Rockbridge Hunt



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Mollie Duncan, Farmington Hunt



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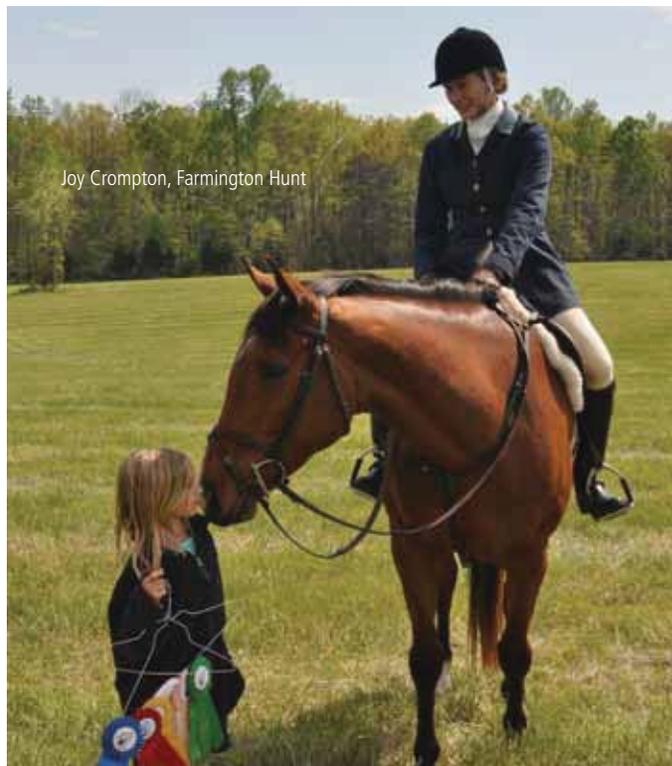


Rachel McMahan, Farmington Hunt

2012 Farmington Hunter Trials

The Farmington Hunt Club celebrated the beginning of an exciting new season with their inaugural Spring Hunter Trials held in April. The event, judged by W. Pat Butterfield and Tom Bishop, featured seven field hunter

classes. Sixty-two riders of all ages tested their skills over eleven jumps including logs, rails, coops, and straw bails. Hunting Ridge Farm in Free Union, which was graciously provided by owners Karl Pfefferkorn and Katharine Birdsall, provided a stunning backdrop for the event and photographer Beth Sutton with countless images of springtime equestrian life. For complete results visit www.Farmingtonhunt.org. Report by Elizabeth Sutton, Farmington Hunt Club Communications Chair. Photographs Elizabeth Sutton unless otherwise noted.



Joy Crompton, Farmington Hunt



Claire Huddleston and Diane Hawkins, Farmington Hunt

The Farmington Hunt kennels and clubhouse are located in Albemarle County near Free Union. The territory encompasses not only the rolling hills and fields at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where they have followed hounds since 1929, but also reaches into historic southern Albemarle along the Hardware and James rivers. The country's terrain presents constant opportunity for great sport with a wide variety of riding experiences. www.farmingtonhunt.org