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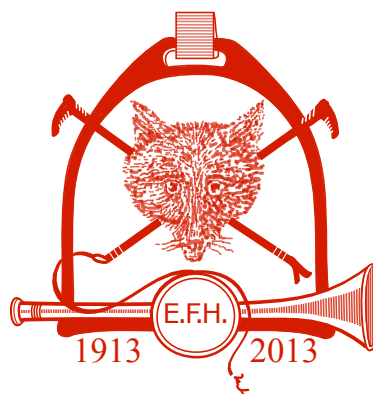
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## A New Century Begins

Pivotal moments are often challenging, full of possibilities and in the best of cases, extremely fruitful. Such was the centennial for an organization that has carried the torch for the sport of fox hunting in Somerset County for generations. The Essex Fox Hounds has emerged from a year of transitions and belt tightening ready for a new century.

What a year!! An ambitious Centennial Campaign focused attention on the need to care for our handsome but aging kennels and barn and, at the same time, get our fiscal house in order. Reining in ballooning operating expenditures was our first order of business. Hard as it was, changes to staff and reductions in the number of hounds, enabled the Masters to bring spending closer in line with income, putting the Essex Fox Hounds on a firm financial footing. The results are heartening. A youthful and hardworking staff and faithful subscribers and friends are transforming a once tired facility and injecting new life into this 100 year old organization. We presented grand designs for updating the 100 year plus facility but once again faced equally large operating expenses. It soon became evident that, before we could continue asking for financial assistance, it was time to address our expenditures. The tempo in the field and in the yard is upbeat, and those who have hunted this fall have enjoyed it.



*The contents of this Hunting Horn cover the events of the 2013-2014 season.*

*As one can imagine, the events and labors of the Centennial year resulted in the delay of this edition of the Hunting Horn. However, the grandeur of these events, as captured here, speaks for itself and necessitates coverage, making even late reporting worth a review.*



## ***Centennial Weekend In Gladstone***

Here, Here! The 2013 Weekend in Gladstone was a huge success. Three days of festivities covered the full range of what followers of the Essex Fox Hounds love best about life in the Somerset Hills. Carriages from far and wide, including the Miller's from KY, the Hunt's from PA, Granitos of NC, and from the Garden State, the Johnson, White, & Piancone all paraded to celebrate the fox hounds' centennial. On Friday the coaches were treated to an elegant stirrup cup by Fritz Mueller; that evening our friends at the USET hosted a splendid cocktail reception in the majestic USET stables; Saturday morning, the Essex Fox Hounds met at Spook Hollow Farm saluted by six antique coaches; Lou and Teri Piancone hosted the ultimate "Gatsby-esque" luncheon atop Oak Hollow Farm's sweeping fields later that day. By night fall Saturday, revelers gathered at Trump National for a gala Hunt Ball; and the weekend was crowned by a beautiful day of racing on the Great Lawn at Natirar. This grand weekend will be remembered as a happy and fitting tribute to one hundred years for the Essex Fox Hounds.

*From the top - Carriages gather in front of the home of Fritz Mueller;  
Lou Piancone's team assembles at Spook Hollow Farm;  
Mr. & Mrs. John White's team depart from Spook Hollow Farm;  
Tucker & Gretchen Johnson arrive at the races;  
James & Misdee Miller share a moment on the box seat.*





*Top left to Right -  
Anne Scher & Rose Biedron;  
Jacque Juntilla & Wallis Weiner-Trapness;  
Grier & Obie Filley*

### **Masters' Chase Point to Point is Born**

As this goes to print, the editor has the benefit of hindsight and a second year running of this young event. So it is with confidence, we can declare the Essex Fox Hounds' Masters' Chase an established tradition – and one to watch closely. With its strong potential for drawing beyond our local community and its superb setting on Natirar's Great Lawn, The Masters' Chase deserves special coverage as a future cornerstone of the Weekend in Gladstone.

Looking back to the first annual chase, audacity and determination enabled the organizers – a consortium of subscribers, friends and Parks Commission personnel to pull off a day of racing over a course of brush boxes that fielded over 55 entries. For a detailed and colorful description of this successful day, refer to Nancy Jaffer's comprehensive article in the October 13, 2013 edition of the Star-Ledger at NJ.com.

The significance of this event for our organization lies not just in its providing a pleasant outing for local spectators and a friendly day of competition amongst friends, but in its potential to grow into something approximating the early days of the Far Hills Race Meeting. With an emphasis on "family" and "amateur," this event could prove a significant source of income for Essex and a rallying point for riders and spectators who look back with nostalgia on the more wholesome and sports oriented bent of the Far Hills Races. Be sure to reserve your tailgate space on the rail early next fall – we predict it will become a coveted prize to be handed down to future generations.



*Racers - Mary Lane, Madison Paulik, Wallis Weiner-Trapness, Anne Seline & Jacque Juntilla; Mary Lane, Marie Juntilla & Chris Weeks  
The view of Lou & Teri Piancone's Oak Hollow Farm Reception*





## *In the Yard*

In the first edition of the Hunting Horn, we introduced Bart as our new Professional Whipper-In. At the end of the 2013-14 season, John Gilbert resigned and we welcomed Bart Poole to carry the horn. In this, our sixth edition, we introduce our new Huntsman - Bart Poole. Though Bart can be found most often in the kennels, he rarely stops moving and is joined in this busy pace by our new Professional Whipper-In Maley Coombs. Maley comes to us from Martin & Daphne Wood's Live Oak Hounds. A graduate of the MFHA's Professional Development Program, Maley also brings a background of upper level eventing experience both as a rider and horsewoman. Our staff horses are in excellent form and she & Bart are a force to be reckoned with.

## *View from the Kennel*

Change, with a reverence for all that has come before, is the creed by which Bart Poole is managing the Essex Pack. Bart started his term faced with the hardest of tasks for any Huntsman - to reduce the number of hounds in his kennel. Many packs up and down the east coast were the beneficiaries of this effort and eagerly sought the Essex Line. Careful selection went into culling the pack to maintain the integrity of the breeding considering, among other traits, a balanced profile of hunting experience. Though Eileen Haney, former Kennel-man was moving to West Virginia, she assisted Bart greatly before she left in making the transition a positive one for our pack. Scott Fagan, Harley "Butch" Williams, and Jim Gordon have ably taken over as road whips and the hunting moves forward.



American Bitch Unentered; Righteous & Russia took second Couple of American Bitches-Unentered; Jiffy won American Bitch Entered; Roadster won the Best American Unentered Hound; and Essex took home the Best Five Couple American Hounds.

Typical with the subjectiveness of hound show judging, our Essex hounds did not fair as well in the 2013 Bryn Mawr Hound Show - Rakish brought home third in Single Dog, Unentered; Athens placed second in Single Dog, Entered; Righteous was again second in the Single American Bitch Unentered; Righteous & Russia won Couple of American Bitches-Unentered; Euro was third in American Brood Bitch; as the only two entries in Veteran Hounds, Jimson & Indian were first and Second respectfully; and finally Essex took home second in the American Pack Class.



### **2013 Hound Show Results**

Under the direction of John Gilbert, the Essex hounds produced several good wins in the 2013 hound shows. At the 2013 Virginia Hound Show, Roadster won the Single American Dog Unentered; Roadster & Elijah won the Couple of American Dogs-Unentered; Deputy was 3rd in the Best American Stallion Hound; Righteous was second in the Single



### 2013 Puppy Show at Ellistan

The 2013 puppy show was hosted by Hank and Sarah Slack on the lawn at Ellistan. The day was picture perfect and marked the first event of the Centennial year. Our three judges were from the Middleburg Hunt - Barry Magner, Huntsman Mr. Jeffrey Blue, MFH and Mrs. John B. Denegre, MFH, judged our young unentered hounds.

*Right - Elizabeth Plumeri & Rocket;  
Below - Noah Morris showing Roadster  
& William Scher showing Rakish in front  
of the judges Barry Magner, Huntsman  
and Jeff Blue, MFH of Middleburg Hunt  
and John Gilbert, Huntsman of the EFH;  
Below right - Slack's Centennial cake.*



## Fox Hound Function

### Chinese New Year's Party

The snow of last winter did not discourage our friends from joining us at the Desiderio's incredibly beautiful Tranquility Farm in Chester, NJ where we rang in the Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse. Thank you to Ricci and Stephanie for having us, it was a really fun party! Please keep this great venue in mind when planning your next event, the Desiderio's can help you with *everything*.

*Right - Chris Merton, Constance Silverman,  
Ricci Desiderio, Jazz Merton & Karen Murphy*



## Essex Events

### Hunter Trials

The 2013 Hunter Trials was a chilly day that did not shake off an over night rain until well into the morning classes. Despite the cold, the event was attended by many faithful tailgaters. Dr. Brown held his corner with his usual flair, and the course sported its traditional finery of pumpkins, mums and cedars set up the day before by a large army of volunteers. When both judges, the late Carol Thompson and her sister Judy Richter, were both kept from their duties by last minute scheduling hurdles, Carla Sharp of Easton, CT saved the day on our outside course. She did a great job and we thank her for coming to our rescue. Mrs. Donna Marki, of Bedminster, N.J. once again judged our junior competitors. We are particularly grateful for her willingness to donate her time and talent year after year.



*Dr. Brown's 'Secretariat' themed Tailgate*

**Results:** Mr & Mrs Richard V.N. Gambrill Trophy (equitation walk/trot) - Elizabeth Plumeri on Oreo \* Equitation Beginner (walk/trot/canter) - Elizabeth Plumeri on Oreo \* Equitation Over Crossrails - Willa Merton on Sundae Supreme \* Equitation Over Crossrails - Lucia Silver on Elvis \* Fledgling Foxhunter Trophy - Champion - Willa Merton on Sundae Supreme; Reserve - Lucia Silver on Elvis \* George Neillands Memorial Trophy (lead line) - Rachel Reiter on Lilly \* Chocolate Bon-Bon Trophy (lead line walk/trot) Rachel Reiter on Lilly \* Briarly Wood Challenge Trophy (children's hunter over fences) - Annah Otis on Beekeeper \* Kingie Sugar Bowl Trophy (children's handy hunter) - Juliette Jacobson on Buster \* Tummy Memorial Trophy (children's hunter under saddle) - Sophie Morris on Rock Hard Safe \* Radar Memorial Trophy (champion children's hunter) Champion - Juliette Jacobson on Buster; Reserve - Sophie Morris on Rock Hard Safe \* Little Bronze Wing Challenge Trophy (pony club hunter over fences) - Annah Otis on Beekeeper \* Robert Pattison Memorial Trophy (open equitation on the flat) Annah Otis on Beekeeper \* Georgie Stanley Perpetual Memorial Trophy (champion pony club rider) Champion - Annah Otis on Beekeeper; Reserve - Sophie Morris on Rock Hard Safe \* EFH Family Class Perpetual Trophy - The Merton & Biedron Family \* Woodfellow Perpetual Trophy (pairs of hunters) - Rose Biedron on Apple and Juliette Jacobson on Buster \* Munchkin Trophy (costume class) - Medieval Court (Best Overall) Jacque Juntilla, Roger Juntilla, Peyton Brienza, Josie Juntilla & Brooke Brienza; Raggedy Anne (Most Creative) Willa Merton; Angel & Devil (Most Clever) Gigi Moynihan; Carousel Horses (Most Original) Cambell Gulbrandsen & Elizabeth Plumeri \* Mary Hoffman Perpetual Trophy (Low Green Hunter) - August Torsilieri on Tornado \* Low Green Hunter - August Torsilieri on Tornado \* Green Hunter Under Saddle - Lauren Fox on Hoss \* White Oaks Green Hunter Champion - August Torsilieri on Tornado; Reserve - Lynn Jones on Delilah \* Qualified Hunter (ladies) - Karen Murphy on George Clooney \* Qualified Hunter (gentlemen) - Gus Torsilieri on Top Cat \* Houndstooth Chesterfield Perpetual Trophy (Heavyweight Hunter) - Karen Murphy on George Clooney \* Second Monk Jones Memorial Challenge Trophy (handy open working hunters) - Karen Murphy on George Clooney \* Marvelous Maude Perpetual Trophy (hunters under saddle) - Richard Fox on Hoss \* Mary Hannah Herold Memorial Trophy (Ladies hunter u/s) Christy Johnson on Sully \* Invisible Ink Challenge Trophy (best turned out) Laurence Ross on Steel Commander \* Vieva Perrin Memorial Trophy (leading rider award) - August Torsilieri \* EFH Qualified Handy Hunter - Christy Johnson on Sully \* William Chadwell Memorial Trophy (EFH field hunters) - Laurence Ross on Steel Commander \* Ellen Rogers Schley Challenge Trophy (champion hunter) - Karen Murphy on George Clooney \*

### Hunter Paces

Cedar Lane Farm and the Johnson and Duke families hosted three more hunter paces this year! These paces are truly time consuming to organize and, for a person who doesn't even ride, Chris Nelson always designs a really fun course. Thank you to Jim Gordon, Chris Nelson, Jane & Frank Tunnerro, Ruth Beesch, Jazz Merton, and the staff at Cedar Lane who organize and run these great events.

**May 4, 2014 Results:** Buster Chadwell Trophy - Furlong & Matthews \* Jay Badgley Trophy for Subscribers - Juntilla & Weiner-Trapness \* Junior Division - Nicholson & Lesengretain \* Carden - Tilney Trophy - Richard Howard & Rotunno \* The Family Award - Ralph & Lynn Jones \*

**November 10, 2013 Results:** Open Division - Beesch & Evans \* Jay Badgley Trophy for Subscribers - Beesch & Evans \* Junior Division - Otis & Horn \* Family Division - Ralph & Lynn Jones \* Carden - Tilney Trophy - Knowles, Lipani & Lysebo

**October 20, 2013 Results:** Buster Chadwell Trophy - Knowles & Tannenbaum \* Jay Badgley Trophy for Subscribers - Juntilla & Weiner-Trapness \* Junior Division - Clarke, Epstein, Jacobson, Smigelski & Smith \* Carden - Tilney Trophy - Malato, Meier & Salvetti \* The Family Award - Otis & Wilmerding \*



## Full Cry

Brendan Furlong steps down as a USET team vet and also as a Joint Master of the Amwell Valley Hounds. We look forward to seeing more of Wendy & Brendan now that they have a little less on their plates. ❖ Speaking of Amwell, we hear that they were invaded by pirates from Essex, hmm. ❖ John & Jeannie Gilbert are now empty nesters. Libby is whipping-in to the Middleburg Hunt, Sarah is back at Yale, Katie Gilbert and our former Whipper-in Alec Guth married in June. We wish them all our best. ❖ Do you need a Playbill? The season stopped and everyone swapped so follow this: Bart left Ellistan to come to Essex; Grier left Cedar Lane to go to Ellistan; Sami Davis, who worked at Spook Hollow after her 1st stint at Cedar Lane, has gone back to Cedar Lane as the manager; Constance Silverman agreed to replace Karen Murphy as EFH Secretary 'cause Karen was terrible at that job; and Jim Gordon took over as Treasurer because that is a great job for him! ❖ Speaking of missteps, Ruth fell off her horse this summer and broke her arm which placed her on the sidelines for many weeks. Valerie Gimbel also fell during our recent Hunter Pace and she too was unable to ride with us for several weeks...though both, against doctor's order, joined us for Opening Meet. ❖ Terry McSweeney had a serious fall leaving the field recently and underwent surgery. We wish them all a successful and speedy recovery. ❖ Ice storms didn't prevent certain subscribers from heading south last December, and they were well rewarded by Jacque's incredible hospitality. ❖ Jazz has been penning a bible, though not a holy one. It's an instructional manual on how to glom off of "whales & unicorns." ...duly noted. ❖ Her husband Chris is roasting coffee and we look forward to the grand opening of his new location on Rt 22. ❖ Despite what you may have heard in a post office or elsewhere, Bart successfully drafted over 30 of our hounds. We thank Bart for a job well done and wish the best for these hounds in their new homes in Millbrook, Green Spring, Amwell, Wicomico and Old Chatham. ❖ We thank the Wilmerding's for safeguarding our weathervane and look forward to its return as we fix up our barn in the near future. ❖ The Hunt Ball photo booth negatives will be released soon...the EFH is excepting bribes from anyone who may have been acting inappropriately and would like certain pictures destroyed. ❖ Have you ever wondered where the well in front of the club house in the old pictures is? In replacing the floor in the Hunt Club office, it was found under Janice Dangerfield's desk. Ware hole...danger field. ❖ Apparently Scott Fagan tried riding during the 2013 Hunter Trials &



fortunately this ride was short lived ❖ Eileen Haney is in West Virginia. We miss her but thank her for her accurate and copious notes on our hounds and their hunting- once again proving her important contribution to the EFH. ❖ Constance Silverman has a new man in her life. Sorry Blizzard, the tall, dark and handsome Monty has taken over. ❖ Speaking of, Frank Tunnerio has a new love as well - Rosie's her name & Jane hooked them up. Happy wife, happy life? ❖ Another happy wife, Sarah Slack has also been hunting frequently this year thanks to Charlie's gallant and steady service in the hunt field. Go girl! ❖ A certain blonde and her horse, Roscoe, are threatening to move south next season. Please NO. ❖ Hunting season ain't the answer to slimming down before the holidays. Teas this season have come close to afternoons at Harrods- thanks to many talented chefs. Mary Lane has a party rentals business in her trailer and several ladies, whether they ride or not, produce a full bars out of their trunks. ❖ Have you been reading Nancy Jaffer's weekly column on NJ.com? If you haven't you should cause you are missing important news. Recently, she reported that our Hunt Committee Chairman Sally Ike is being awarded the US Hunter Jumper Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. Though this sounds like a retirement thing, Sally is not even close to slowing down! ❖ Let us know what you hear...

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