



**LARRY PITTS, MFH**

**b. 1941-present**

**Eglington and Caledon Hounds 1976-1980, Potomac Hunt 1980-2015, and  
Bedford County Hunt Club 2016-2023**

Growing up on a small NC farm, Larry Pitts often mentioned an early love of growing tobacco and vegetables. His other loves were hunting and fishing in the countryside near his family farm.

Larry left the countryside for the navy for four years. Soon after, he decided to return to his love of hunting. His first post in hunt service was at the Sedgfield Hunt as whipper-in to huntsman Ian Milne. He then went on to whip-in at Old Dominion Hounds for a year with Mr. Brainard and huntsman Ray Pearson. Through this start to his career with hunting and hounds, he was able to learn much and began to foster relationships that would continue through his years as a professional huntsman.

Mr. Brainard arranged for Larry to go to Canada to Eglington and Caledon with Major Kindersley. He was there for four years as huntsman learning and gaining experience before accepting a position at the Potomac Hunt in Maryland with Tommy Dowd, MFH. Larry and his wife Peggy spent the next 35 years with the Potomac Hunt, breeding, raising, showing and hunting hounds and raising their two children Justin and Laura. Laura is now an MFH at Potomac. As a team, they were crucial to creating a pack and hunting experience that made Potomac prominent in the show ring and a joy to experience in the field. Larry was known by his staff and those in the field for long days in the saddle always ending with great stories of gallops and hounds speaking, always persevering for the great sport.

Over the years in service, Larry's personable character allowed him to learn and foster great friendships with renowned huntsmen such as Ian Milne, Melvin Poe, Jake Carle and Warren Harrover. A camaraderie and sharing of knowledge that brought growth to breeding and hunting hounds.

Larry continued the established Potomac Hunt tradition of breeding the Virginia type straight American foxhound. This breeding program continued with quality found in hounds such as Potomac Hunt "Jubilee", a five-time American Foxhound Champion.

Early on, Larry brought in a hound from Old Dominion, "Apollo" that he knew and trusted. From that line came "Applejack" and then "Apple" who was the first American foxhound to be overall champion at the Virginia Hound Show. Other very strong American hounds that Larry bred included, "Preacher", "Topsy", "Tansy", "Krypton" and the most well-known, famous Potomac "Jefferson" the Centennial Hound in 2007.

Larry retired from Potomac after 35 years in 2015 and moved to his home in Bedford, VA. Since he could not "retire" his passion, he then became huntsman and MFH of the Bedford Hunt for five years and continued to support hound shows and hunting, always with a smile and friendly "Howdy!" for old friends.