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HUNTSMEN'S ROOM 2025





HUNTSMAN'S HALL OF FAME 2025



MORVEN PARK, LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



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The Museum Board selected the period from 1907 to World War II as the foundation for establishing the Huntsman's Hall of Fame. During this era, organized fox hunting became closely linked with Morven Park, now home to the Museum of Hounds and Hunting North America.

In 1907, the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America—the governing body of fox hunting—was founded by six distinguished Masters of Foxhounds, including Westmoreland Davis. Davis, who resided at Morven Park, later became Governor of Virginia.

The Museum of Hounds and Hunting North America and its Huntsman's Committee together with The Trustees of the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation, hope the names and distinguished records of preeminent huntsmen from all eras will, in time, grace the walls of the Huntsman's Hall of Fame. It is the Museum's wish that all huntsmen feel equally honored to be among a celebrated company of foxhunters who have earned the gratitude of those who follow hounds.

This limited-edition folio is dedicated to all who have carried the horn with courage and honor in the United States and Canada.

We are proud to welcome three new inductees to join the ranks of previously honored and distinguished huntsmen.

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### PROGRAM

### May 24, 2025

# THE HUNTSMAN'S HALL OF FAME

MUSEUM OF HOUNDS & HUNTING NORTH AMERICA

### 3:00 pm Huntsman's Hall of Fame Induction

The Museum of Hounds and Hunting, North America is pleased to announce the induction of three huntsmen who have demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to advancing the sport of hunting with hounds to the Huntsman's Hall of Fame, Morven Park, Leesburg, Virginia. These stalwarts of the hunting community will join the 44 distinguished Huntsmen honored in the past.

### Welcome

Tommy Lee Jones

Member, Huntsman's Committee

Thomas H. Jackson, ex-MFH (1945–2015)
Sewickley Hunt Club, Pennsylvania, Ottawa Valley Hunt, Canada
Mission Valley Hunt Club, Coal Valley Hounds and
Mr. Jackson's Oxford Hounds, Kansas
Presented by Lt. Col. Dennis Foster, (US Army Ret.)

Donald Philhower (1953–present) Golden's Bridge Hounds and Millbrook Hunt, New York *Presented by* Mrs. William W. Stahl, Jr. ex-MFH

Larry Pitts, MFH (1949–present)
Eglinton and Caledon Hounds, Canada, Potomac Hunt,
Maryland and Bedford County Hunt Club, Virginia

Presented by Mr. Irvin Crawford II, ex-MFH

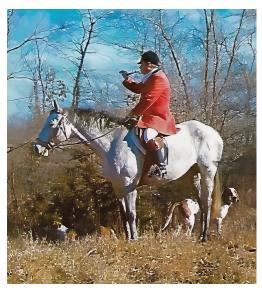
4:00 Opening of the Huntsman's Room

5:00 Reception



# THOMAS H. JACKSON, ex-MFH b. 1945 - d. 2015

Sewickley Hunt Club 1973-1975, Ottawa Valley Hunt Club 1976-1984, Mission Valley Hunt Club 1984-2009, and Coal Valley Hounds 2002-2011



Thomas H. Jackson, born June 19, 1945, in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, passed away on October 21, 2015, at the age of 70. Survived by his daughter, Tracey, and son, Kevin, Tom's life was marked by hard work, passion, and kindness. Starting work young due to financial struggles, he developed a love for the outdoors and began his lifelong career as a professional huntsman after serving in the Army and earning two Bronze Stars during the Vietnam War.

Tom's career took him from Pennsylvania to Canada and the Midwest, where he served as huntsman for various clubs, including the Sewickley Hunt Club, Ottawa Valley Hunt Club, and Mission Valley Hunt Club. He also was the Huntsmen for the Coal Valley Hunt Club and Joint Master of Foxhounds. He was well-respected and admired in the foxhunting community, known for his skill, kindness, and mentorship. A passionate hound breeder, he worked to improve hunting packs across the U.S., especially in the Midwest, and was President of the Central States Hound Club.

Tommy had a unique ability to connect with people, landowners, and juniors, often mentoring aspiring huntsmen and involving young riders in hunts. He cherished his Irish heritage and was remembered for his honesty, generosity, and zest for life. His dedication to his craft and hounds was beautifully captured in a quote from Foxhunting in North America by Alexander Mackay-Smith, emphasizing his innate understanding of hounds and the deep bond he shared with them.

"Most of the factors which contribute to the successful hunting of a pack of hounds can be learned. But there is one quality which must be born in a huntsman--it cannot be learned. This is the sensitivity and understanding which enables a huntsman to put himself in the hound's position and to know instinctively what that hound is apt to do. If he is so endowed a huntsman can secure the confidence and trust of his hounds and so create a partnership which can perform miracles in the hunting field."

Tommy Jackson's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the traditions he upheld in the hunting world.



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### LARRY PITTS, MFH

b. 1941

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 Sedgefield 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!"

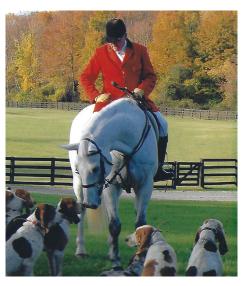
for old friends.



### DONALD PHILHOWER

b. 1953

Golden's Bridge Hounds 1976-2006 and Millbrook Hunt 2004-2019



Donald Philhower grew up in Peapack, New Jersey, and heard foxhounds run for the first time at the age of nine. They ran all night, under a full moon and from that point on he was hooked. He could not get enough and as he says, "it stuck in his blood ever since."

When Donald was thirteen his father took a job with the Essex Hunt where Buster Chadwell was the Huntsman. Harvey Styer taught him how to ride and Jill Slater then Joint Master hired him to work summers at the Kennels exercising and working with hounds. After graduation he went to work full time at Essex as the second whipper-in until 1973, when Harvey Styer huntsman at Golden's Bridge hired Donald as first whipper- in. In 1976 Senior Master Reggie Fox asked him to carry the horn for GBH which he did for 30 years. Donald bred an exceptional pack of hounds at GBH focusing on the Penn Marydel which were the best suited for the country and had exceptional nose and drive.

In 2004 he was hired at Millbrook to take over from Betsy Park, huntsman for 28 years. It was a homecoming of sorts as Elias Chadwell and Earl had both been Huntsman at Millbrook which went back to Donald's Essex days and working for Buster Chadwell. Donald worked to build the Millbrook pack and brought Penn Marydel blood into the mix. There was a fair amount of Essex blood as well which he deftly used to his advantage along with his connections in the Huntsman's world: Jody Murtagh, Larry Pitts, Marion Thorne and Tony Leahy. He has been known to say, "good hounds have to have voice, nose, speed and drive" and that "breeding foxhounds is a combination of science, art, and luck."

Donald has given Millbrook some of the finest sport in its history. He opened up our north territory with the Masters and his breeding program continues to flourish. When one talks about the invisible hand of a huntsman with his hounds, Donald has it in spades. He has always believed the most important aspect of hunting is to breed a pack suited for your country, to provide the best sport possible.

Humble, patient, courteous; a recipient of the Ian Milne Award in 2018, Donald has indeed made outstanding contributions to the sport of foxhunting.



### PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED HUNTSMEN





### TOMMY LEE JONES (b. 1946)

Casanova Hounds 1970-2020

Born in Virginia, Tommy Lee Jones' family hunted with the Bull Run Hunt. His father was a professional horseman and he began hunting at a very young age with many of the hunts in Virginia. In 2019-2020 he celebrated his fiftieth season hunting the Casanova hounds

As a young man, Tommy Lee was fortunate to be able to hunt with many fine Virginia huntsmen. While hunting with Casanova in 1967, Tommy Lee was appointed to serve as a Whipper-In to huntsman Captain Ian Benson. When Captain Benson returned to Ireland in 1970, Tommy Lee

was asked to carry the horn for Casanova.

He has a fine eye for both horse and hound and has bred hounds able to win on the boards, yet full of the drive, stamina, and speed necessary to find and pursue the fox. He possesses that admirable Virginia trait of allowing the pack to hunt the fox with minimal interference.

The Masters of Foxhounds Association established an award for Hunt Professionals who have shown the utmost dedication to the sport of foxhunting. In 2013 Tommy Lee was the first professional Huntsman to be presented with the Ian Milne Award.



### JOHN J. "JAKE" CARL, II, ex-MFH (1938-2021) Keswick Hunt 1973-2000

John J. "Jake" Carle, II was born to foxhunting parents. He began riding at age five and at age seven he began foxhunting with Keswick, where he found his passion. In 1963 whipping-in became full time and the following year he became joint master.

During these early years, under the mentorship of Bill Brainard, Jake began judging shows, which became a

lifelong passion.

In 1985 Dr. Joe Rogers, Bill Brainard and Sherman Haight invited Jake to be a Founding Member of the Museum of Hounds and Hunting.

In 1973 he took over the horn at Keswick. One of Jake's greatest hunting pleasures was to put his hounds in with those of other packs at Joint Meets. The sport produced was almost always excellent, and the bonds between hunts were happily strengthened.

Said Jake, "I was so lucky to hunt in an era when the term 'Country Life' meant something. In Keswick and Rapidan, to landowners large and small, hunting was a way of life, and hounds were always welcome."



### DAVID E. WENDLER, ex-MFH (b. 1935) West Hills Hunt 1955-2009

David E. Wendler, ex-MFH, served with distinction as huntsman of the West Hills Hunt for 54 years, from 1955 to 2009.

David was born in Collinsville, Southern Illinois in 1935. It was there that he began his lifelong love of hunting with hounds.

After a brief stint in the Army, David visited one of his sisters in California who was married to Clyde Kennedy, a premier horse trainer at the time on the West Coast. Kennedy was then training a number of Hollywood actors who had founded the West Hills Hunt, including Dan

Dailey, Ronald Reagan, and John Huston.

David was hired as kennelman in 1954 and soon promoted to huntsman. For 54 years David showed great sport at West Hills and helped the other California hunts up their game. He was also a fixture on the steeplechase and point-to-point circuit in California until a few years before his retirement.





#### **JAMES LEE ATKINS (1941-2013)**

Old Dominion Hounds 1977-1987, Piedmont Fox Hounds 1987-1989, Warrenton Hunt 1993-2005

James Lee Atkins was born in Rappahannock County, Virginia. His early experience with hounds came from accompanying his dad for night hunting. As he grew older, Jim—a natural horseman—began breaking colts and then taking the youngsters out with the Rappahannock Hunt.

He established his own construction company while continuing to ride with Rappahannock Hunt, often assisting his brother-in-law, Huntsman Billy Dodson, with Whipper-In duties.

Old Dominion Hounds was looking for a successor to aging Huntsman Ray Pearson. Throughout the 1976-1977 season, Jim whipped-in to Pearson, and upon Ray's retirement at season's end, took over the horn.

At Piedmont Fox Hounds in 1987, Huntsman Charlie Kirk was ready to retire. Jim moved to Upperville and for two years he and Joint Master Randy Waterman hunted a split pack. An offer from Dr. Jim Gable to serve as his farm manager had Jim enjoying his second love for the next two years. He returned to hunting when Dr. Gable asked Jim to put together a private pack.

When Warrenton Hunt approached him to replace departing Huntsman Richard Buswell, Jim accepted. For the next 12 years Jim not only showed outstanding sport, he made it fun for everyone.



### DR. G. MARVIN BEEMAN, MFH (b. 1933)

Arapaho Hunt 1986 - present

Marvin Beeman was born in Sedalia, Colorado in 1933. In 1934 the family moved to the Arapahoe Hunt kennels, where his father George Beeman was professional whipper-in. Marvin began to ride at age four and, by age six, was hunting with an uncle. In 1942 Marvin was made gate-boy for the hunt, and in 1943, age ten years, he was promoted to Whipper-In, when the rest of the hunt staff were called into military service. Marvin's father George was Huntsman by then, and the son turned hounds to the father for 42 years. In 1986 the roles

reversed, until a hunting accident ended George's career.

For many years, Marvin has been one of the most recognized and respected veterinarians in the country, specializing in equine lameness. His national positions and awards are legion.

After succeeding his father as Huntsman at Arapahoe in 1986, Marvin was elected Joint Master in 1990. In 2008 he was elected president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, serving until 2011. Marvin distinguished himself as a "hands-on" president, and for his quick and quietly diplomatic solving of all problems great and small.

George and Marvin Beeman are the only father-and-son to be inducted into the Huntsman's Room.



### C. MARTIN WOOD III, MFH (b. 1943) Live Oak Hounds 1974-2003

Marty Wood founded the Live Oak Hounds in 1974, as Master and Huntsman. He was blessed with an innate ability as a Huntsman and became an amateur on equal footing with the elite professionals. Together with his wife and Joint Master Daphne Flowers Wood, they set the standard for foxhunting done properly, from breeding an outstanding pack of hounds, to introducing new people, young and old, to the sport and encouraging and educating younger, eager hound show judges.

In 1990 Marty was elected president of the Masters of

Foxhounds Association, and thus began his most important and long-lasting work. Marty alerted the foxhunting world to the dire threat to the sport by the anti- hunting/animal rights movement. His insistence that all field sportsmen join together in a common cause to thwart the antis has become a universally accepted practice.

Marty spearheaded American support for British foxhunters in the days of political upheaval, not only raising significant funds for their foxhunter's cause, but by leading a group to join the thousands of people marching in opposition to the Hunting Act in London. He is the only American asked to judge at the Peterborough Hound Show.





### ANDREW BARCLAY (b. 1954)

Green Spring Valley Hounds 1981-2001

Andrew Barclay was born April 12, 1954 in Norwalk, Connecticut. When he was three years old, the family moved to the mountains west of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where his riding career began. Blessed with natural ability, at age fourteen he took up eventing and then discovered foxhunting with the Rose Tree Foxhunting Club in the nearby York, Pennsylvania, area. For two seasons (age 16-18), Andrew hunted with Rose Tree, serving often as Honorary Whipper-In.

In 1974 the Green Spring Valley Hounds hired Andrew to turn hounds to George Leslie Grimes. In 1981 Grimes, in failing health, handed the horn to Andrew. Thus began a legendary twenty-year career, during which the Green Spring pack set the standard for hunting throughout the foxhunting world. In 2001, the cumulative effects from injuries incurred in some devastating falls led to Andrew's retirement.

In 2006 the MFHA began their Professional Development Program, with Andrew serving as chief instructor. In addition to that role, he now serves as the MFHA's Director of Hunting.



## SHERMAN P. HAIGHT, JR., MFH (1922-2016)

Litchfield County Hounds 1922-2016

Sherman P. Haight, Jr. began his foxhunting career at an early age following Connecticut's Watertown Hunt.

He served during WWII in the South Pacific with the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. After the war he returned to Litchfield, Connecticut, where he resurrected the remnants of the Watertown pack as Mr. Haight's Litchfield County Hounds in 1948. For thirty-four seasons Sherman carried the horn with distinction, showing excellent sport both at home and in Aiken, South Carolina.

Sherman had an uncanny eye for hound conformation, and for forty years was one of the most respected hound show judges in the country. In 1978 Sherman was elected President of the MFHA. A born leader, his term was one of the most pleasant and successful in that organization's long history.

In 1985 Sherman joined Dr. Joe Rogers and Paul Krauss to form the Museum of Hounds and Hunting, NA at Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia. Sherman not only founded the Huntsman's Room, but also drew up the standards necessary for induction. A gentleman of "the old school" and a true sportsman in every sense of the word, Sherman epitomized the standard recognized and honored today.



## WILLIAM JOHN WHITE, JR. (1918-1996)

Brandywine Hounds 1946-1996

Johnny White was born in 1918 and raised on a dairy farm. He served as a rifle instructor during WWII. In 1946, following his discharge, Johnny went to work for the Mather family, quickly progressing from groom to Whipper-in to their Brandywine Hounds, where he turned hounds to the legendary Gilbert Mather.

Johnny shared the Huntsman's duties with Mr. Mather, as well as running the kennel, until 1959, when Gilbert Mather died. From then until his retirement, Johnny was sole Huntsman and kennelman to this

outstanding pack; and from 1964, with the help of his daughter Brenda, he ran the hunt stables as well.

Known as a quiet huntsman, Johnny had a natural rapport with his hounds (the "golden thread") and an uncanny ear for each hound's voice. Johnny was known for putting in long days, hunting every covert until sundown, always up with his hounds. A gifted breeder as well, his hounds formed the foundation for many a new pack; and Brandywine bloodlines grace the pedigrees of all the country's best packs.





## NANCY PENN SMITH HANNUM, MFH (1919-2010) Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds

MFH & Huntsman 1952-57, 1962-69, 1974-78

Nancy Penn Smith Hannum was born to be a foxhunter. Her mother's father, E.H. Harriman, founded the Orange County Hounds of New York, which subsequently relocated to Virginia, where both her parents became its Masters. Following the untimely death of her father, Richard Penn Smith, her mother married William Plunket Stewart, the founder and MFH of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds in Unionville, PA. In 1940, she married John B. Hannum III. Upon the deaths of both parents in 1948, she inherited the Cheshire Hounds.

The future of the Cheshire Hounds was always in her head. Her approach to hunting fluctuated between scientific and mystical. She was well-known for her diligence in following a hunt to an end, but she always juggled the competing claims of the Field. After almost every hunt, she wrote down her reasoning for her actions and analyzed it for errors and insights.

She was also passionate about preserving open space and took a strong stand against potentially threatening development. She was described as "the informing spirit behind one of the most unique and successful conservation efforts in the nation."



### ALBERT OLLIE POE (1931-2019) Piedmont Fox Hounds 1954-1974, Fairfax Hunt 1976-1980, Middleburg Hunt 1980-1995

Widely considered the best breeder of American Foxhounds of the 20th century, Albert O. Poe was born into a foxhunting family in Hume, Virginia. Albert's father, Ollie Poe, maintained a small pack of carefully bred American hounds of the Bywaters strain.

Like all his siblings, Albert grew up riding; as a teenager, he became fascinated with hound breeding, and hunting was in his blood.

In 1946 his brother Melvin accepted the position of huntsman with the Old Dominion Hounds. When Albert Hinckley

assumed the mastership, he hired Albert to break and make hunters.

In 1954 the Piedmont Foxhounds hired Albert as First Whipper-In. However, at opening meet that same year, Albert, at 23, became the youngest professional huntsman in the country. For the next 21 years, he bred one of the best packs in the United States and produced great sport for its followers.

In 1975 Albert left Piedmont to train race horses, with great success, at Charles Town—until they were all claimed. Then Randolph D. Rouse, MFH, came calling: Fairfax Huntsman Mike Rowe was in failing health, and Albert was hired.

In 1980 Albert moved on to Middleburg Hunt, where almost every hound in the kennel traced its lineage back to Piedmont and the famous hounds Albert had bred. For 15 years he showed superior sport at Middleburg, restoring this pack's historic reputation.



#### MELVIN MORRISON POE (1920-2014) Old Dominion Hounds 1945-1962, Orange County Hunt 1962-1992, Bath County 1992-2014

Born near Hume, in the heart of Virginia's hunt country, Melvin and his nine siblings grew up riding, hunting and learning the ways of wildlife in the forest and fields near their home.

Hunting, jousting, and baseball, the passions of his youth, were interrupted by World War II. Shortly after returning home from the war Melvin took the job as huntsman for Old Dominion Hounds. For 16 years Melvin built the Old Dominion into a hard running pack.

His career with Orange County Hounds spanned nearly 30 years. Melvin's "rebel yell" could be heard cheering hounds on across the grasslands of northern Fauquier County. Melvin's fox sense—knowing where to look after a loss—was

Melvin was lured out of retirement by George Ohrstrom, who formed a private pack in the abandoned Bath County country. 2010, at the age of 90, marked Melvin's 20th season there.

legendary. He retired as huntsman from Orange County at 70 years of age.





### GEORGE BRICE (1871 - c. 1950)

Brice Family Private Pack, Essex Fox Hounds, Huntsman 1914-1934

From Maryland's Eastern Shore to New Jersey and beyond, George Brice was a consummate hound man with considerable influence in Penn-Marydel circles. The scion of a long line of Eastern Shore foxhunters, he hunted his own private pack in Chestertown (Kent County) before being "imported" – bluetick hounds and all – by New Jersey's newly formed Essex Fox Hounds in 1913. There he enjoyed a successful 21 years as a huntsman. Brice continued as Essex's huntsman until spring of 1934. The

pack itself was sold in 1935, but the bloodlines of Brice's hounds appeared in multiple packs throughout that area.

Ex-MFH Joseph Thomas ranked Brice as one of the country's three greatest huntsmen, along with Jack Smith of the Brandywine and Virginia's Charlie Carver.



### BENJAMIN H. HARDAWAY III, MFH (1919-2017) Midland Fox Hounds, MFH and Huntsman 1950-1994

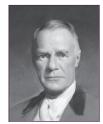
Ben Hardaway serves as living proof that the hunting gene exists in human DNA. His name is recognizable throughout the hunting world and his legacy will live on with cry, drive, and biddability in the Hardaway Crossbred Foxhound.

When he was five, accompanied by his nurse, he started hunting rabbits with beagles in Florida. He moved to Georgia and discovered coonhounds and night hunting. But one night, when he was 12, he heard a different cry—foxhounds running a red fox . "I had never heard hounds running like that," he recalled. "Their

music sang through my entire being like something electric and changed everything it touched forever."

This passion for foxhounds made him a man with an enthusiastic mission. The advent of deer in his hunting country in 1966 prompted him to develop the Hardaway Crossbred that proved to be deer steady.

"July hounds gave me the greatest thrill and my goal was to keep that cry and nose, but cross him out so he would be biddable enough to break off deer." It certainly proved a success.



### REDMOND C. STEWART, MFH (1873-1936) Green Spring Valley Hounds MFH and Huntsman 1892-1914

The co-founder, first Huntsman, and first Master of Maryland's Green Spring Valley Hounds, Redmond Conyngham Stewart served in this capacity for more than two decades. He was also one of the founding members of the ultimate timber race, the grueling Maryland Hunt Cup, in which he rode 15 times.

In the autumn of 1892, fourteen Baltimore-area residents gathered to form the Green Spring Valley

Hounds. Redmond, at age 18, was elected Green Spring's first Master of Foxhounds.

Stewart soon became renowned for his perseverance with his pack, his reputation as a hound man, and his love for the hills and dales of Maryland. By the age of 20, he began hunting the joint packs of the Elkridge and Green Spring on occasion. He hunted the Green Spring pack for 22 years, continuing as Master an additional year, and retired in 1915.

During WWI he served as a staff officer in the First Division of the U.S. Army, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal. A successful lawyer, he also served in the Maryland legislation.





### HUGH D. BYWATERS (1911-2000) Warrenton Hunt Huntsman 1939-1973

Dick, as he was known throughout the hunting world, carried on the generation of the famous Bywaters family; his father was Burrell Frank and his grandfather, Hugh, served as huntsman and Master of the Rappahannock Hunt. He continued to breed excellent hunting hounds and hunted the Warrenton pack for thirty-five years plus five seasons as a whipper-in for a total of forty years of loyal dedication to the sport.

Hugh Bywaters was a most outstanding ambassador of foxhunting, respected by all, especially landowners, large and small,

with particular concern for all aspects of the environment and the balance of nature.

Being a talented equestrian and moderate in all respects of life, he set an excellent example of turn-out and decorum.



### MAJOR CHARLES M. KINDERSLEY, MFH (1900-1993) Eglinton Hunt and Eglinton & Caledon Hunt, Canada MFH and Huntsman 1947-1968

MFH and Huntsman 1947-1968

Charles M. Kindersley, MFH, was a wise and witty man with a great sense of humor. He was an outstanding soldier, hound breeder and foxhound judge. He was a teacher who shared his profound knowledge of foxhounds and pedigrees with anyone who asked.

In 1947 Major Kindersley became honorary whipper-in to Terence Morton, huntsman of the Eglinton Hunt. After a serious spill by the huntsman, Major Kindersley took the horn, which he carried for 21 seasons.

He was Master of the Eglinton Hunt, later renamed the Eglinton & Caledon Hunt, from 1949 until his death in 1993. Charles Kindersley often stated that "conformation of a foxhound is as important as it is to a horse," reinforcing that view by founding the Canadian Foxhound Show in 1956 and remaining its chairman until 1993.



### FELIX PEACH (1916-1991)

Hillsboro Hounds, Huntsman 1936 –1942, 1945-1958, 1959-1974

In 1936 Felix Peach became huntsman of the Hillsboro Hounds and, except, for a stint in the army training guard dogs from 1942 to 1945 and a year off in 1958, continued as Hillsboro's huntsman until his retirement in 1974.

Felix was highly respected by the night hunters and field trialers and was elected president of the Tennessee State Foxhunters Association, continuing the historic connection between the Hillsboro Hounds and the field trialers.

Felix was a bold rider and a successful competitor at hound shows. He had a keen sense of humor and determination to show sport. His long and colorful career left a legacy of lightheartedness and laughter that endures in the culture of the Hillsboro Hounds.



### ORVILLE ROBERTS (1876-1956)

Pickering Hunt Huntsman 1910-1939

Orville Roberts came from a dairy farming family that bred and hunted foxhounds near Garrettford, in Southern Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

In 1910, Mr. William Clothier asked Orville to give up the dairy farm and integrate his hounds with the fledgling Pickering Hunt.

While serving as huntsman of the Pickering Hunt from 1910-1939, Roberts also served as huntsman of the Glen Moore Hunt, 1918-1928, and the Eagle Farms Hunt, 1919-1920.

After his retirement from the Pickering Hunt, Orville Roberts hunted a pack of his own hounds until his death in 1956. Orville Roberts was a fine horseman, with character, honesty, faithfulness and dedication, coupled with the polished art of hunting hounds for half a century and more.





### GEORGE M. BEEMAN (1909-1992)

Arapahoe Hunt

Born in that part of Colorado now known as Sedalia, George Beeman was descended from pioneering stock.

Upon his father's death, George, then only fourteen, left school, and went to work to support the family. In 1930, an old schoolboy friend, working for the Arapahoe Hunt, told George that the hunt needed help. So began George's career with the Arapahoe that was to last for sixty-two years. Starting in the stables, he was soon put to work as a whipper-in, then as

huntsman, a position he held until 1987 when he passed the horn to his son, Marvin, who had been whipping-in to his father for forty-four seasons from the age of ten.

Since the Arapahoe country was populated by coyotes to the exclusion of foxes, George Beeman was probably the first huntsman to regularly hunt coyotes.



### ALBERT "PUD" CROSSON (1911-1976)

Cedar Croft and Bayard Taylor Hounds, Huntingdon Valley Hounds, Rose Tree Foxbunting Club, Whitelands Hunt, Pickering Hunt

Albert Crosson was born to a foxhunting family. He began hunting at the age of eight in the Unionville, Pennsylvania, area where his father, Silas, hunted hounds extensively.

His first staff position away from home was the Cedar Croft and Bayard Taylor Hounds in Kennett Square. In 1940 he became huntsman of the Rose Tree Foxhunting Club. He enlisted in the Navy three years later and served his country until the end

of World War II. After the war, he hunted the Huntingdon Valley Hounds until 1949 when he returned to Chester County and took over the horn for Whitelands. His final move was to Pickering Hunt in 1960 where he hunted hounds until his death in 1976. He died in the hunting field of a heart attack after his hounds completed a splendid run, marking their fox to ground.



#### GEORGE LESLIE GRIMES (1919-2009)

Green Spring Valley Hounds

Leslie Grimes, huntsman for the Green Spring Valley Hounds, was born in Virginia on December 9th, 1919. His career with hounds began as a whipper-in to the Fairfield County Hounds in Connecticut. World War II claimed the young Grimes for several years, but in 1946, he was recruited by the Masters of the Green Spring Valley Hounds to replace retiring huntsman Otis Hayes.

Grimes hunted the Green Spring Valley Hounds for 35 seasons until his retirement in 1981, establishing a phenomenal reputation for hunting

accumen under the leadership of ten different Masters. Grimes was renowned as a complete horseman, a complete hound man, and a brilliant huntsman. His horn and voice cheering on his hounds was nothing less than extraordinary.



### W. OZELLE MOSS, MFH (1902-1976)

Moore County Hounds

The Moore County Hounds, Southern Pines, North Carolina, established in 1914 by the legendary James and Jackson Boyd, was their gift in 1942 to W. Ozelle Moss, with the hope that he would maintain the sport at a level consistent with its past.

"Pappy" Moss carried the horn, ably assisted by his wife who acted as whipper-in, until his death in 1976.

During the thirty-four seasons that W. Ozelle Moss hunted this private pack of hounds, his popularity and the high level of good sport attracted large numbers of foxhunters and their families

to hunt with the Moore County throughout the winter months. Many of the visitors became

With equal love of the land, W. Ozelle Moss and Mrs. Moss expanded their own land holdings, which later became the centerpiece of the Walthour - Moss Foundation, a land preservation of significant importance to Southern Pines and to the preservation of fox hunting in the area for years to come.





### WILLIAM ALMY, Jr., MFH (1900-1979) Quansett Hunt, Culpeper Hunt, Warrenton Hunt

William Almy, Jr. carried the horn for thirty-seven seasons as Master or Joint-Master of four separate packs of foxhounds. He organized the Quansett Hunt, Ma., in 1919 and hunted those hounds through 1930 and again from 1934 to 1956. In 1930, Almy joined Col. Albert E. Pierce as joint-master and huntsman of the Culpeper Hunt, Va., as Joint-Master, hunting the hounds for two seasons. Returning to Quansett in 1934, Almy bred the third and what he considered the most

brilliant pack of his career. He hunted this pack in the country where the Almy family had been large landowners since 1700. In 1960, Almy was elected president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, in which capacity he served until 1970.



### OSCAR BEACH (1891-1963)

#### Casanova Hunt

During 1927-1952 Oscar Beach served as honorary huntsman for the Casanova Hunt in Casanova, Virginia. He was a hound man, who hunted for nothing more than the pure joy of hunting. He possessed a keen fox sense and exhibited unmatched courage while traversing the countryside in pursuit of the fox. Hunting primarily American Hounds, he had a varicolored pack of any type hound that would hunt. This efficient pack of hounds consistently provided excellent sport to the Casanova followers for many seasons. His great wit, personality and diplomacy made him respected and admired in foxhunting circles and in the community.



### DOUGLAS M. BURGESS (1902-1975)

### Potomac Hunt

Douglas M. Burgess was the professional huntsman for the Potomac Hunt for 22 years. He started as a professional whipper-in for Orange County Hunt in Virginia. Barely five feet tall, Burgess was a familiar figure at many events held for various charities in the Washington area where the famous "lemon and white" hounds of the Potomac Hunt were exhibited. He won national acclaim in the sports world for the American foxhounds he bred and trained during his tenure with the Potomac Hunt.



### FRANCIS "FRANK" MARION FRALEY (1912-1988) Goshen Hunt, Redland Hunt

Frank Fraley was a country man, born on a farm in Montgomery County, Md. At eighteen, he was asked to hunt the hounds for Thomas T. Mott's Redland Hunt and did so from 1933 until 1957. In 1957, he helped start Goshen Hunt with William F. Carl as Master. Frank was committed to enhancing the field hunting abilities of his hounds. He relied on the Bywaters breeding of American foxhounds for the attributes he bred into his pack. Frank was huntsman a total of 44 years; 24 with The Redland and 20 with Goshen.



### RECOGN



#### WILLIAM du PONT, Jr., MFH (1896-1965) Foxcatcher Hounds

William du Pont, Jr. was raised at "Montpelier" near Orange, Virginia. In 1912, when still a school boy, Mr. du Pont began a pack of his own. He selected the American Hound (Virginia Red-Bone type) as their size, keen nose, bold cry and ability to 'get through' the country made them the ideal hound for that mountain territory. In 1917 the pack was referred to as the "Foxcatcher Hounds," still kenneled in Virginia. In 1926 the pack was divided and William du Pont took his hounds to Fair Hill, Md. Foxcatcher Hounds was recognized by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

During Mr. du Pont's hunting career of fifty-seven years as Master, he hunted the hounds for thirty-five years. He had a canny ken of the whereabouts of a fox, showing good sport to many foxhunters.



### GROVER VANDEVENDER (1894-1974)

Farmington Hunt

Grover Vandevender bred and trained horses in Albemarle County, Va. He taught the art of foxhunting to three generations of riders including novelist William Faulkner. He became huntsman of Farmington Hunt in 1929 and held that position for 32 years. The late Jack Rinehart, former MFH of Farmington, praised Mr. Vandevender as "one of the greatest huntsmen I have ever known. He was endowed with a sixth sense when it came to handling hounds, horses and children."



#### C O GZ



### THOMAS ALLISON (1882-1970)

Meadow Brook Hounds

For forty years, 1911 to 1951, Thomas Allison served as huntsman of the Meadow Brook Hounds, Long Island, NY. Born in Fauquier County, Virginia, where he observed the ways of foxhounds from an early age, he moved to a sandy, generally poor scenting country where he bred a pack of hounds to suit the conditions, providing sport to the large Meadow Brook fields which earned his enviable reputation. Mr. Harry I. Nicholas, while Master of Meadowbrook, commented that "no harder man to hounds ever sat a horse, no fence is too high for him and no day too

long, and as a huntsman in the field and in the kennels, he has few equals in the country."



#### HUNTON F. ATWELL, MFH (1904-1985) Piedmont Fox Hounds, Loudoun Hunt

Born near Evergreen Mill in Loudoun County, Va., Hunton Atwell was huntsman for the Loudoun Hunt from 1923-1934; the Piedmont Hunt, Upperville, Va., from 1930-1931; private pack 1937-1946; Master, carrying the horn for the Loudoun Hunt from 1948 to 1985. Through good years and bad, he hunted with dedication, good humor and a sporting mindset. In the last season of his life, he hunted hounds twenty-eight times, leaving the country with a cadre of experienced and ardent foxhunters who understood the discipline of the hunting field.





### CHARLES CARVER (1878-1951)

Piedmont Fox Hounds, Mr. Thomas' Foxhounds, Foxcatcher Hounds, Green Spring Valley Hounds, Essex Fox Hounds, Vicmead Hunt

The forty year tenure of Charles Carver as huntsman included six packs of fox hounds. He served Mr. Joseph B. Thomas, MFH, Mr. Thomas' Foxhounds, Va., for 22 seasons, 1911 to 1932; Piedmont Fox Hounds, Va., from 1915-1919; Foxcatcher Hounds, De., from 1932-1933; Green Spring Valley Hounds , Md., from 1933 to 1934; Essex Fox Hounds, NJ., 1935-1937; and Vicmead

Hunt, De., 1938-1951. Mr. Thomas, MFH, referred to Charles Carver's career as "the most clever huntsman within my ken... an indefatigable enthusiast in breeding, training and hunting hounds, he is the keenest man imaginable in his desire to account for a fox once found."



#### ELIAS CHADWELL (1894-1975)

Millbrook Hunt

For twenty-two seasons, from 1928 - 1950, Elias Chadwell hunted a pack of American hounds for Millbrook Hunt, NY. Tall, thin, graceful and very soft-spoken, his patient skill with hounds and knowledge of fox-lore made him a legend in the field. His modesty, dignity and courteous manner impressed the observer as well.

Helping his hounds with an uncanny cast, cheering them with his melodious voice and crossing a challenging country with ease, he stood out as a huntsman. His lovely level pack of tri-color hounds was a joy to watch.



### WILLIAM CHADWELL (1918-1986)

Essex Fox Hounds

For forty-three seasons from 1940 to 1942 and 1944 to 1977, William (Buster) Chadwell hunted the Essex Fox Hounds in Peapack, NJ. His many seasons of hunting at Essex were only interrupted by World War II service in Burma. William Chadwell was the most accomplished of the early band of huntsmen who successfully coped with the infusion of deer in many hunting countries following World War II. He bred and trained a pack of hounds thoroughly steady to riot. His quiet and affable manner,

always professional in every respect, enhanced a reputation for giving brilliant sport of the highest order.



### HOMER B. GRAY, MFH (1893-1952)

Rombout Hunt

For twenty-three seasons, 1929 until his death in 1952, Homer B. Gray, MFH, was also honorary huntsman of the Rombout Hunt, Poughkeepsie, NY. He possessed that rare ability to be "as one" with his hounds. They were joyfully obedient to him, even with the proliferation of deer, where a quiet word was all that was needed to prevent riot. He had an uncanny sense of where to recover the lost line of a fox, but only would he make a cast when his hounds had tried on their own and failed. Always well mounted, his hunters were a second love, giving further testament

to his ability and understanding of horse and hound.



### A. HENRY HIGGINSON, MFH (1876-1951)

Middlesex Foxhounds; Cattistock

The influence of A. Henry Higginson, MFH, left an indelible impression on the foxhunting scene. He not only carried the horn on both sides of the Atlantic, but exerted substantial influence on the bloodlines of many packs in the U.S. and Great Britain.

As Master of the Middlesex Foxhounds, South Lincoln, Ma., he hunted his hounds from 1907 to 1919 and, in England as Master of the Cattistock, from 1930 to 1939.

In 1905, Middlesex and Grafton competed in the famous English-American Foxhound Match in the Piedmont country of Virginia.

Before moving to England to become MFH of Cattistock in 1930, Higginson served seventeen years as president of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America.





### MASON HOUGHLAND, MFH (1888-1959)

Hillsboro Hounds; Harpeth Hills Hounds

Mason Houghland came to Nashville, Tn., where he was Master and Huntsman of the Harpeth Hills Hounds. In 1932 Mr. Houghland started the Hillsboro Hounds with hounds from Grasslands, which had failed in the Depression.

No comment about his career as huntsman, houndsman and master would be complete without reference to his place in the sport as an author. His foreword to Joseph Thomas's book Hounds and Hunting Through the Ages (1937 Garden City edition) is a discerning observation of the differences between the night hunters' culture and the organized society of recognized packs. Mr.

Houghland's own book Gone Away is also an enduring classic in a crowded field.

The gloss of whimsy and poetry over peril in his personality was reflected in his drawings, writings, gentle humor and courtly manners.



### STERLING LEACH (1897-1980)

Orange County Hunt

Born in Fauquier County, Virginia, before the turn of the twentieth century, Sterling "Duke" Leach lived a full life centered around horses, hounds and foxhunting near the center of Virginia horse country at The Plains. In October 1920, he was hired as a Whipper-in for Huntsman Edward (Ned) Chadwell of the Orange County Hunt, by the new Master of Foxhounds, Fletcher Harper. In mid-season 1924, he was given the horn to hunt hounds full time.

For the next 40 years, Duke Leach bred and hunted the Orange County hounds. By the time of his retirement in 1967, his

breeding success was reflected in numerous and repeatedly-won trophies at major hound shows and by the fact that his bloodlines were found in scores of other packs. Leach officially retired in 1964 but remained in kennels as joint huntsman until 1967.



### DALLAS LEITH (1908-1990)

Elkridge-Harford Hunt

Huntsman of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt of Monkton, Md., for thirty-seven years, Dallas Leith served from 1938 to 1978, with the exception of three years of active duty during World War II. Though he was a brilliant huntsman, Dallas Leith will be long remembered for the line of crossbred hounds which have provided so many memorable days in the field for Elkridge-Harford. In 1934, he bought American dog hounds from fellow Virginian Henry Matthews of Bull Run Mountain and crossed them with imported English bitches. This was the beginning of his long and distinguished career as huntsman and breeder of foxhounds. When

he passed the horn in 1978, he became an active Huntsman Emeritus, responsible for the care, breeding and training of hounds, until his death in 1990.



#### ROBERT MADDOX (1892-1948)

Middleburg Hunt

Robert Maddox was huntsman of the Middleburg Hunt, Middleburg, Va. from 1923-1948, following Arthur Kirby during the Mastership of Daniel C. Sands, and was succeeded in turn upon his death in 1948 by Charlie George. A particularly competent horseman, Robert Maddox stayed close to his hounds, quietly helping them only when necessary and at the last moment. During the twenty-five years that he carried the horn, a large number of hounds, outstanding in the field as well as on the flags, were bred at Middleburg. An account of a day in the field when Robert Maddox hunted hounds on cold, frozen ground, written by a well-known

English visitor, expressed the opinion that the "Middleburg pack went as fast as any hounds to which I have ridden, an opinion that may surprise and even shock some of my English readers."





### CHARLES SMITH (1889-1964)

Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds

Charlie Smith began his apprenticeship in England. After serving with the Dragoons in World War I, he became whipper-in for the private pack of Major George Smith in Hertfordshire. In 1920 he came to America as first whipper-in for Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, Unionville, Pa. Upon the retirement of Frank Dare, he became huntsman.

Not only was he an outstanding huntsman, he was a superb showman in hound classes and brought home numerous championships for Cheshire. He was a good horseman and able to

stay with hounds no matter what was in the way. He was an artist with the hunting horn. He retired in 1949, after twenty-nine years with Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds.



### HARRY WORCESTER SMITH, MFH (1865-1945)

Grafton Hounds, Piedmont Fox Hounds, Loudoun Hunt

Harry Worcester Smith, MFH, huntsman from 1905 to 1917, is considered to be one of those foxhunters credited with having made a marked improvement in the American hound during his time. It was his own pack, the Grafton Hounds, North Grafton, Ma., which competed in the famous English-American Foxhound Match in the Piedmont valley of Virginia in 1905, and was judged the winner. He was also the MFH of the Westmeath Hunt in Ireland, where he hunted his American pack on bye days during the season 1912-1913.

He is due, more than any one man, the credit for the formation of the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America in 1907.



### WILLIAM P. WADSWORTH, MFH (1906-1982) Genesee Valley Hunt

William P. Wadsworth was Huntsman and Master of the Genesee Valley Hunt, Geneseo, NY, from 1932 to 1975, except for the interruption of World War II, when he served in France and Germany with the 101st Cavalry. An exceptional hound man, Bill Wadsworth began hunting with his father, Major W. Austin Wadsworth, at the age of six, and started his training as a huntsman soon afterwards with a beagle pack of his own. His chief delight was always in the working of his hounds.

He served as President of the MFHA from 1970 to 1973, a position especially meaningful to him as his father had been its first president in 1907.



### WILLIAM WOODWARD (1900-1977) Montreal Hunt

Will Woodward, to whom hunting is hereditary, was born at the kennels of the South Staffordshire Hunt in England, where his father was whipper-in. He served at the Berkeley, wearing the brilliant yellow coat with the green collar before coming to the Montreal Hunt in 1930. Apart from a tour of duty with the Toronto and North York Hunt during the years of the second World War, he served the Montreal Hunt from 1930 to 1967.

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- Preserving the art and culture of hunting with hounds for future generations
- · Acquiring and safeguarding important artifacts
- Providing a permanent home for rare and meaningful objects
- Promoting understanding through educational exhibits and research
- Developing innovative and educational programs
- Augmenting our voice on the value of safeguarding open spaces

Museum members come from diverse backgrounds but are united in their commitment to preserving this unique sporting heritage. With the help of generous supporters, the Museum has built an extraordinary collection of art, clothing, tack, books, and memorabilia—capturing the spirit of North American foxhunting from Colonial times to today

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