



## Hunting Fall and Winter 2015

On Sunday 4 October's **Opening Meet at Marsh Creek**, it was great to see all our friends again to start the season. We had a cool, overcast day, with very little game—a quick find at the start with a good driving run to the first corner of the oval and back to ground was the only rabbit of the day. Hounds thoroughly worked the oval and out toward the upper hedgerows to the far upper woods blank, marking at several holes along the way. Coming back, they worked the north and west side of the oval and drew the south woods, returning to horn to end the day. The Yeakles gave a wonderful tea. All in all a nice start to our 68th season. Lisa Booth, David Harshaw and I walked hounds and worked on pack training Wednesday and Saturday at kennels and worked on the runs. **Twin Ridges Farm** on Sunday the 11th was a sunny dry day. Hounds found two rabbits in the quarry covert for big looping runs to the end and back to ground. Then I lost a hearing aid in the heart of the quarry cover, and during my search Uwchlan and Yeoman got off on a deer. After getting the pack back together with great



*Opening Meet—Blessing.*



*Jefferis's—Moving Off.*

work by staff, we drew back toward the meet to end the day. My apologies to all! The Kalmbachs gave us a great tea afterwards. On Wednesday, Gene Bolt and I got hounds out, then David Duvall and I did some much-needed fence repairs. On Saturday, Dave Harshaw, the Farnhams and I got all hounds out for a good walk. On the 18th, we had a good day in chilly, dry and windy conditions at **George Jefferis's**. Hounds found and ran 3 different rabbits. The first one was holed in the woodside towards the kennels, then hounds worked into the tree plantings and pushed one out toward the left field. It looped to the right back into the cover edge, but three ran on across after a deer that had cut out south. They came back to horn fairly quickly, then worked the trees thoroughly to the north where Souza got up a big one that they drove back through to the south edge to a check. Salsa fresh found it and worked it along the dirt road to a mark in the tree holes to end the action. Salsa and Souza were the stars, with Quarry's big voice keeping the pack together. Everyone had a great time and the tailgate was super. Happily the burrs were not too bad—for once there were more on me than hounds! Wednesday October 21 Gene and I walked hounds and did some pack training at kennels. Logan Luffel and her new baby daughter came for a visit, and Gallion was very pleased. On Saturday, Dave Harshaw, Lisa Booth and I walked at kennels and reorganized to prepare for in-season bitches. Sunday the 25th at **Bob Berry's** was a beautiful day, too warm, and no rabbits anywhere. One big doe ran out of the hillside cover, but no one broke on it. Nice tailgate afterwards, and hound deburring wasn't too bad—again there were many more on the master's coat than on hounds! The Farnhams and Bernadette Berezowski were a big help. Wednesday October 28 we walked hounds and cleaned up. Saturday October 31 at kennels Lisa, David and the Farnhams exercised and fed hounds.



*Berry's—getting out hounds.*



*Bedwells—second rabbit!*



*Bedwells—end of day.*

Sunday's November 1st meet at the **Bedwells'** was a testing workout for hounds—clear, dry and very warm. The long upper field hedgerow gave us two rabbits at the start. The first rabbit was pushed out for a short run and back quickly to ground. The second gave hounds



a good run down to the end from the lower side to the top, with good views for the field, then ran out the north side pursued by the pack through two cover patches and back up the far end of the hedgerow to ground. We then drew the center field cover and across to the power line cut hedgerow where a deer group broke out on the near and far sides. I held the pack on the near side and we drew across to the right hedgerow covers. They worked a rabbit in the cover along the woods in Parman's field, then more deer came out everywhere. We gathered the pack and went back to the open field and drew back along the upper hedgerow toward the Bedwell's to end this deer-filled day. The staff did a great job, and only two hounds broke and were recovered. We ended the day with a great tailgate at the Bedwells' barn. Many hands made light work afterwards—Gene Bolt, David Harshaw, Gwen Knight, the Farnhams, Bernadette Berezowski and James Overstreet deburred



*Silberman's—rabbit 2 into the woods!*



*CFS—there he goes!*



*CFS—Yuengling with burns!*

the pack! We had a good hunt at **Janeice and Eli Silbermans'** November 8th—one rabbit quickly to ground at the start, then after a long draw along the woods borders of the big cornfield, hounds marked a short runner to ground. Coming back, Souza got up a good one that the pack ran down the path all the way through the woods to the bottom line fence, turned right, and went to ground in the tangle at the cornfield corner. Getting back up the hill we then drew the hedgerow at Eli's west pasture. Hounds worked up to the end where a rabbit was tallyhoed out and they followed the line to the roadside hedgerow where it got to ground. Crossing the road, hounds worked the Plums' hedgerow down to the woods and back with a short runner to ground halfway along. We then crossed the road and drew back towards Eli's to end the day. The tea at the Harrisons' was grand! Afterwards, David Harshaw, Kate, Helen and Ned Farnham, Bernadette Berezowski and I deburred hounds as James Overstreet fed the pack. Lisa and I walked hounds at kennels on November 11th and on the 14th Gene Bolt and I walked hounds at kennels and did some repair work. Sunday November 15th at **CFS** was a good, warm, though burr-filled day. We drew right along the center stream line, and worked two rabbits back and forth up to the bridge, then crossed over to the track hedgerow, where they marked one quickly to ground. Then we crossed the lane and drew the center hedgerow on to the end, finding and running one on along the pond edge to ground. As they worked several from brush piles and weeds to marks two, then a third deer broke out left and ran towards Lancaster Avenue. No hounds broke but kept working to a final mark. They came to horn, and we next drew up the far hedge line, speaking at holes at the top. The patch cover was blank, so we collected hounds and staff to end the day. The tailgate was great, with some super sandwiches, pies, and deviled eggs. David Harshaw, Bernadette Berezowski, Dick Gross and I had a tough cleanup at kennels—especially with Yuengling! Saturday November 21st Gene Bolt, David Harshaw, Kate and Helen Farnham and I enjoyed hounds hunting at kennels for the first time since the pipeline crew finished. It was a good morning. They put one to ground in the hay rolls along the stream, then forced a rabbit out of the hedgerow on the hillside of the south pasture that gave them a good run down to the stream. It looped through the rhododendrons around the carriage barn, into the pine cover where they dug it out of the tangles and into a pile of logs to ground to end the hunt. Uwchlan and Souza were the stand-outs, though Yuengling won the burr prize—again! Sunday the 22nd was cool at **Green Valleys at Welkenweir** and a nice afternoon for a



*Welkenweir—hillside rabbit!*



*Hallman's—there he goes!*



*...and Kate's birthday.*

large field. Before moving off, we had a moment of silence for our beloved Paul Wiedorn, who died on Friday morning after a long illness. We scoured the cover all around the property and had one short run to a mark in the hillside tangles near the pavilion, otherwise this usually productive meet was blank. Staff were on the spot when needed, and hounds dug into every place possible to no avail. The tea afterwards at Julie and Tag Geers' Little Field Farm was super. On Wednesday the 25th and Thanksgiving morning I stood out the pack. We had a good training day November 28th at kennels. Lisa Booth, David Harshaw, Bernadette Berezowski and I watched a 3 couple work the hedgerows to find their first rabbit for a run to ground in the stream briar line beyond the carriage barn, then force their second from the hedgerow in the upper left field for a run to a mark down in the stream hedgerow near the road and pond. They got up the third in the rhododendron bank hill

below the house and worked it to ground in the cover at the tenant house. Souza accounted for a fresh one there to end the morning. Quarry and the S sisters were stellar. Deburring was pretty tough, with Salsa and Yuengling the most heavily decorated. We stood out the pack in two groups beforehand, as the Z young entry and Yarrow were all in heat! Sunday November 29th at **Hallman's** was a slow start with a wow finish. Hounds worked the first l shaped hedgerow and the left field covert blank, then drew the upper hedgerows to the far woods and back, crossing toward Thayer's to the corner where deer ran out toward the road. Helen and Ned Farnham did a great job stopping the two errant hounds. We then worked back to the corner where they put a short running rabbit to ground. We crossed back to the left end of the first hedgerow where they picked up a line and worked it to the center of the lower field and flushed out a big bunny. They ran it for a looping double in the left tree line and a mad dash with Uwchlan right behind it down to the barn area in front of the field and to ground in the overgrown tangle among the old equipment. Cynthia Hallman was at the right spot to see it and hounds marking the earth. Tea at the Farnhams' was great, with a surprise birthday cake for Kate!

Wednesday December 3 was a fine training workout at kennels. The young entry packed up very well and Saturday was more of the same. On Sunday December 6th at **Ryers's Farm** hounds scoured the hedgerows and patches of cover. The cover was very open and deer droppings were everywhere. Hounds ignored two deer in the upper field and worked hard to get something going to no avail. We had a nice tailgate tea at the upper barn after the hunt. Wednesday Gene and I walked the pack and worked on training the young entry. They did very well, and need couples no longer. On Saturday, David, Kate and Helen Farnham and I walked and exercised the pack. We hunted December 13th in spring-like weather at **Cheslen Preserve**. Hounds worked in the tangles below the rail line, speaking in the left corner at an earth, then worked the cover along the line blank and crossed to the upper edge. They drew along to the big center hillside covert with no action til they flushed out a big red fox that led the pack up to the power line hedgerow and the woods. They came back to horn with the help of good staff work. We then went down quickly to draw the rail line hedgerow and drove a big rabbit out and across the tracks to the trail gap where they put it to ground in a big pile of limbs. They then bolted a small rabbit and ran it to ground in the rail line briar hedgerow a hundred yards west to end the day. They then bolted a small rabbit and ran it to ground in the rail line briar hedgerow a hundred yards west to end the day. The tea at the Booths' afterwards was super. Gene and I worked on puppy training on Wednesday and did the monthly meds. Saturday the Farnhams, Gene Bolt, Bernadette Berezowski and I walked all and worked on pack training. Sunday the 20th at **Marsh Creek** was a beautiful day, but with little game. A quick run at the start, then blank. Yarrow was a super worker her first day out in a while. The tailgate was grand. At our **Boxing Day Meet at Allerton Farm Gate** on Sunday, December 27th, was a tough day for the pack. After a short find and mark in the covert on the hill, we ran into deer problems in the woods and hedgerow below Mose Cornwell's. All but two were recovered across the road above Josie's, and those were picked up going back to the meet. But it's a happy morning hunt when old friends and new ones turn out to watch hounds work. Our guests had a fine time and will be coming out again. Our thanks to our hostess Josie Parman for her Christmas present to Skycastle—her invitation for a Boxing Day Hunt and the Breakfast afterward. Her warm welcome, huge ham and giant elk hat rack are all we need in our Christmas Box! On Wednesday the 30th, Gene and I worked with the pack at kennels and set up the barn for the New Year's morning hunt to end the year.

Everyone is welcome to join us on bye days. Call Jim Scharnberg or Gillian Wiedorn Tuesday and Friday for times and locations. Our 64th season is going very well indeed so far. We will be exploring new locations on bye day hunts the second half of the season. Please let us know if you have any friends' properties in mind

*We owe our sport to our wonderful landowners.*

## Paul Wiedorn, Dear Friend and Longtime Pillar of the Hunt

Paul Wiedorn died peacefully at home Monday, November 16th after a long and tough illness. He was a tireless supporter of the hunt for many years, in the field and in kennels, and a patron member. He was out in all weather whipping in for Wednesday and Saturday morning hunting and exercise, as well as regular Sunday meets, year round. His help and whipping in at the basset pack trials was vital. He was a staff member for over 14 years. Paul was our indispensable "Mr. Fixit". From spotting problems to replacing kennel run porto doors, maintaining and repairing equipment, run wire and gutters, drainage problems, and more I can't think of, he was terrific.

He made visitors at our hunts and new people especially welcome. He was a truly kind and wonderful person, and a very dear friend.

