



Summer Report and Welcome to the Fall Season

Welcome to the start of our 71st season of hunting in Chester County. We are looking forward to good sport. Bring friends to see the pack as the season gets under way! As well as our Sunday meets, you are welcome to join us for the weekly training hunts Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Jim Scharnberg for locations and times.

Our 2018-2019 season began well in June. Walking out and hunting three days a week has gotten the pack in fine shape. White Acres Farm, CFS, George Jefferis's, Bob Berry's, Harold Hallman's and Marsh Creek all have had game. Our thanks to them all for letting us use their land for training hunts this summer. Our hard-working summer crew—Gene Bolt, Kate, Helen and Ned Farnham, Phyllis Allen, Gillian and Jonathan Wiedorn, Andrea and David Herr—made this summer's training and exercise really work.

During most of the month of June we walked and trained at kennels as intermittent rain permitted. We hunted Marsh Creek on the 23rd with a run to ground in the oval and marks along the hedgerows, but with high grass and uncut fields we headed back early to exercise the rest of the pack. We hunted a 3 couple at CFS the morning of July 1st before it got too hot. Hounds put one rabbit to ground after a run in the center stream cover at the start, but that was it. They worked the hedgerows and the corn blank from then on, but found only a solid pasting of burrs! Cleanup at kennels afterward was extensive and Gene, Phyllis and I had out hands full. Gene's iced tea and treats afterward were most welcome. We hunted a 3 couple at Bob Berry's the morning of the 8th in lovely cool 60° weather for a change. Two short runs to ground in the hedgerows, else little action. It was good to get out into burr-free fields for a change, and cleanup wasn't bad.



Margot and her 5 pups July 15th.



End of the hunt at kennels July 15th.

Margot delivered a nice litter of 5-3 boys and 2 girls—in the early morning of July 15th. To celebrate the new arrivals, Gene took a small pack of hounds out for a short hunt this morning. The far fields, still awaiting a cutting, seemed too high for a walk-out, so we hunted up the creek where visibility was better. Hunt pack: Salsa, Souza, Teasel, Uwchlan, Ziva, Irmine. Hunt Crew: Helen, Ned, Gillian, Jonathan, Phyllis, Gene; Kate joined us for the end of the walk-in having stayed back to stand-out the other hounds. Phyllis and Gillian had a “tally ho” near the pond below the spring house just as the hounds were coming down the driveway. It took a moment but the hounds caught the line and gave chase to a small but nimble rabbit that seemed to run up alongside the creek. Having lost the line, we moved a bit up and Jonathan and Ned had a “tally ho” on the far side of the creek. The hounds, still busy in and alongside the creek seemed to miss this one. They also missed the deer that Ned and Jonathan watched run off across the field toward the woods. The hounds were still working around the carriage garage when Helen called a deer running from the creek area up the hill across the uncut fields. A bit later, Salsa, Uwchlan, and Ziva crossed right over the deer line, but ignored it. Perhaps it was the dryness of the fields and grass. There was some speaking just below the carriage garage, but no views and the hounds did not seem to dwell there. Just before crossing over from the creek to the wooded patch just above the carriage garage, Phyllis called a “tally ho” for a very large rabbit that sciddled around the edge of the

patch which had been mowed—there was a track that had been cut near the creek and around the wooded patch. After blanking on the wooded patch, the hounds crossed back to the creek and worked up to the edge of the woods. After working the wooded patch with the chimney to a blank, we thought it best not to press our luck and with our little pack re-assembled, we walked back to the barn and snacks and cooling tea provided by Gillian. Thanks to everyone for their assistance this morning! Sunday the 22nd we had a good hunt at kennels



Coming in from hunting at kennels July 22.



Five of a kind!

with 4 1/2 couple. The newly cut fields made going much easier. Hounds holed the first rabbit at the tenant house, then found and worked a rabbit along the creek hedgerow to ground in the bank behind the carriage barn. They worked out to the end and back, then got up another for a driving hunt toward the pond and road that doubled back and was forced out by Artful for a run up the hill to ground in a big bush cover by the pool. Uwchlan was in the earth to finish there. We drew back through the tenant house hedgerow to finish the morning, and made it through without rain. Deburring wasn't too bad, and Gene's treats and lemonade and Gillian's iced tea were most welcome.

From of July 31st to August 4 staff exercised the pack and did a great job caring for the pups and Margot while I was away in Vermont. On August 5th we got all out for exercise. We had a hunt on the 12th at the farm and I took out Salsa, Souza, Irmine, Artful, Iroise and Ziva. Whips were the Wiedorns, Gene and Phyllis. Hounds worked the creek cover, with Artful speaking on a line, but no view. They got a rabbit up at the hill top cover, which doubled back and got to ground practically in front of me. The covers were blank going down toward the tenant house, so we ended the day and went into clean hounds. We finished up at my house with refreshments and a puppy party. They are growing fast! On the 19th we played with hounds in the barn as it poured rain, and finished with a puppy party at my house. On the 26th we hunted at Marsh Creek. Hounds found immediately in the oval at the start and ran the first rabbit to ground on the south side. They marked two small rabbits to ground along the west side, then had a short run to ground in the middle of the center field long hedgerow. After working the far hedgerow blank we drew back to the trailer to end the morning. Clean up was easy for a change, and we finished up at my house with refreshments and a puppy party. They are growing now, an impressive lot and well on the way to being weaned. Soon Margot will be able to return to kennels and start hunting again, to her great relief!



Saturday September 1st we walked and groomed hounds for the **Ludwig's Corner Horse Show**. We then went to the grounds to set up our big tent for the conservation groups and hounds. We finished grooming hounds on Sunday, catching three hounds' coats on the blow just in time. We have given the tent for over 20 years to help get out the news about protecting open space, watersheds and farmland here in Chester County, and will continue to do so in the face of heavy development pressure. Let's all work to make sure that the last crop in the county is not an asphalt strip mall parking lot. What a great day we had at the show on Monday the 3rd! We had a crowd in the tent all day. There was also a big group from each of the hunts with us—Kimberton, Warwick Village and Bellwood—and many visitors. Our Hound parade went very well and we put on a fine show, happily before the heavy rain squall which hit after we got back to the tent! We distributed the latest county info on agricultural easements, and info for the US Sportsmen's Alliance. Ryers's Farm for Aged Equines

had successful days at our 40'x40' Open Space Conservation Tent, with the Green Valleys Watershed Association and French and Pickering Creek Conservation Association. All in all it was a very successful show. September 8th and the 9th it was a heavy rain-out and we stretched hounds in the barn and did monthly meds. On Sunday the 16th, we walked at kennels. Sunday the 23rd the rains came again, so we walked the pack between rain bands at kennels. On the 26th we exercised the pack and Dr. Rowan of Paoli Vetcare came to give the annual inoculations to all hounds.

It has been an interesting summer, with wild heat swings and a lot of heavy rain. We pray that the hunting season's weather will be kinder! This season should be a good one. November will be a "no cap fee" month, so bring out lots of guests to share the fun.

We owe our sport to our wonderful landowners.

CONDUCT IN THE FIELD

The following are a few common sense rules of behavior for people who hunt with our pack.

1. FENCES. Climb rail fences at the post where strongest, not in the middle. Slide under wire fences when possible. Don't stretch the wires. If a fence is broken, secure it if possible and immediately report it to staff.

2. GATES. If a gate is opened, make sure that the last person through closes it securely. If barways or rails are let down, make sure that they are put back up.

3. GROUNDS. Keep off lawns and gardens near houses, and winter wheat or other soft seeded ground, including golf greens, tees and traps.

4. LIVESTOCK. Keep well away from all livestock in fields and paddocks so as not to excite them. Move quietly around the enclosed area, rather than cross it, unless following the Field Master.

5. SMOKING AND ALCOHOL. No smoking or drinking permitted in the hunting field. One of our meets is at a school that asks that there even be no alcohol on the property.

6. PARKING AT THE MEET. Don't park on driveway edges or where inconvenience will be caused to others. Be guided by the Field Master on arrival.

7. HOUNDS. Silence is golden when Hounds are drawing, or at a fault, or working a patchy line. And don't urge on a lagging Hound. Notify the staff quietly.

8. Finally, be guided by the Field Master. Keep behind him unless Hounds are running. Keep at least 30 yards behind Hounds when running, and hold up for the Field Master as soon as they hesitate on the line. If no Field Master is present or appointed for the day, keep thirty yards between yourself and the Huntsman and Hounds when hunting so as not to turn rabbits back into cover, and a good twenty yards when moving off or going home.



SKYCASTLE FRENCH HOUNDS 2017-2018 SEASON

AGE	ENTRY	SIRE	DAM
11	Salsa '08 Souza '08	} Ch. <i>Gebeba</i> LARRY '06	Mischief '01
10	Teasel '09 Trompette '09 Tuppence		} Ch. RIDDLE '06
9	UWCHLAN '10	<i>Gebeba</i> LARRY '06	
6	Yvette '13	GALLION <i>des Roccs du Plessis</i> '12	Souza '08
5	Iroise <i>Eus Bro Ar Gwesklen</i> '14	GUILDON <i>Eus Bro Ar Gwesklen</i>	Alpine <i>Eus Bro Ar Gwesklen</i>
5	Irmine <i>des Terres du Templier</i> '14	BUZET	Easy <i>des Echos des Abers</i>
4	Zelda '15 Ziva '15	} GALLION <i>des Roccs du Plessis</i> '12	Tuppence '09
2	Margot <i>des Marais du Champ Canteau</i> '17		HASTRO <i>des Marais du Champ Canteau</i>
2	ARTFUL <i>des Ronciers de la Brenne</i> '17	JUPEAU <i>Des Ronciers de la Brenne</i>	Hirondelle <i>des Brumes de l'Orzon</i>
1	NEPTUNE <i>des Ronciers de la Brenne</i> '18	LANCOME <i>Des Ronciers de la Brenne</i>	Jitaine <i>des Ronciers de la Brenne</i>
7/15	BALLADE '19 BERET '19 BONBON '19 Bijou '19 Boutonne '19	} ARTFUL <i>des Ronciers de la Brenne</i> '17	Margot <i>des Marais du Champ Canteau</i> '17

Important Date: October 7th-OPENING MEET

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LUDWIG'S CORNER HORSE SHOW



Warwick Village Hunt



Bellwood Hunt



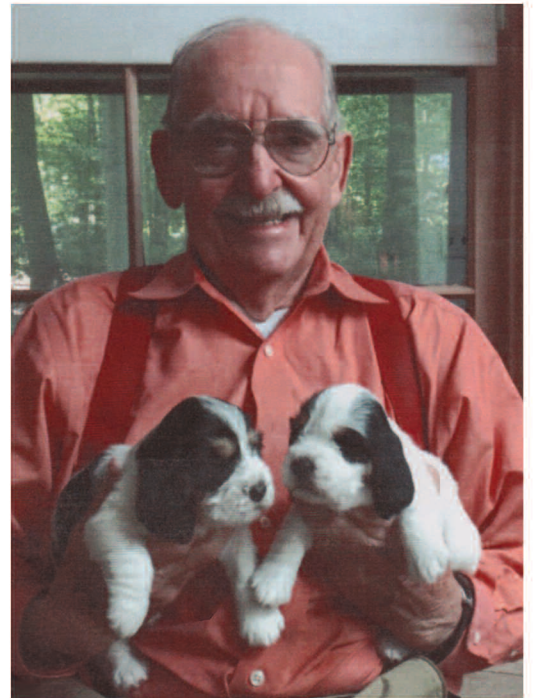
Skycastle French Hounds

LUDWIG'S CORNER HORSE SHOW-THE CONSERVATION TENT



MARGO'S PUPPIES

Margo whelped July 15 and produced five absolutely gorgeous puppies –
3 boys and 2 girls



MARGO'S PUPPIES





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