

Spring Valley Hounds May 2018 Newsletter

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April Events

- April 15 – Annual Meeting



Upcoming Events

- May 5 – Derby Party – Black Hound Stables
- May 6 – Inter-hunt Puppy Show – Amwell Valley Hounds
- May 19 – Riding Clinic – New Vernon
- May 20 – SVH Horse Show- New Vernon
- June 17 9:00am – Hunter Pace – New Vernon
- July 14- SVH Golf Tournament – Minebrook Golf Club - Hackettstown
- September 30 9:00am – Hunter Pace- New Vernon
- August 4 – Hunt Night - Augusta
- October 28 9:00am- Hunter Pace- Allamuchy

Featured Hounds

Atilla



Atilla came to SVH from Essex Hunt in the spring of 2017.

He came to us with his brother Archer. Atilla likes to think of himself as a tough guy, but the secret is out: he is a big mush!

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*If you are interested in coming out roading Wednesday and Sunday please contact: springvalleyhounds@hotmail.com



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Dr. David Schroepfer - Posey
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Valerie DiCristina - Zorro

Available hounds:

Archer, Atilla, Poco, Samson, Si,
Prudence, Smiley, Poncho

A Whipping from the Staff

Répondez s'il vous plaît (or RSVP) means "please respond":

- Reply within a day or two after receipt of an invite, or at least by the date requested by the host
- Reply back in the manner requested by your host
- If for some reason you have to alter the original R.S.V.P, it is only proper to let the host know

Information from: munaluchibridal.com

Spring Valley Hounds first began in New Jersey in 1915, when a draft of hounds was sent from England to Seth Thomas Jr., by the Duke of Beaufort. They were kenneled in Green Village with Percy Drury as huntsman, who was also sent over from England.

In 1917, when the United States entered World War I, Mr. Thomas sent the pack to Virginia. They returned to Morristown in 1919, their number greatly reduced by heartworms. The remaining hounds were sent to Watson Webb, who had a pack of English Foxhounds in Shebourne, VT.

In 1922, Mr. Thomas bought a draft of English Harriers from the pack of Lord Erwin in England who was being sent to India as Viceroy. Redgate was built at this time, with a large brick kennel and stable in the woods behind the house. The Spring Valley Hounds was run as a "private pack" by invitation of Mr. Thomas, and regular guests included Henry Colgate (who was later master), Howard Bayne (donor of Bayne Park and the Horse Show grounds), Hartley Dodge, Leon Freeman and Dr. F.T. Van Beuren, Hon. Secretary for over a decade. At this time, the Spring Valley Hounds and the Essex Fox Hounds held a number of joint meets each year. Seth Thomas, Jr. passed on his MFH first to his daughter Josephine, in 1929, and then his daughter, Emily Augusta, in 1930. In 1932, Seth Thomas, Jr. died, and Manning Jacobs, his son-in-law, became MFH. The Spring Valley Hounds first became a subscription pack in 1933, when it became financially impossible to maintain the hounds as a private pack. Rates were \$50 for a single person, \$100 for a family of two or three, and \$150 for a family of four or more. In 1934, the hounds moved to the Bates property from Redgate with James S. Jones as huntsman. Also at this time, the Spring Valley Hounds changed to a drag pack, with hounds purchased from James Brady, then MFH of the Essex Fox Hounds. Before 1934, the Spring Valley Hounds hunted imported Belgian and Polish Hare, and until about 1935, was usually called the Spring Valley Harriers. In 1938, the Spring Valley Hounds was officially "recognized" by the Masters of Foxhounds Association. In 1939, Manning Jacobs passed on MFH to J. Spencer Weed and Henry Colgate jointly. In 1943, Mr. Robert Fairburn assumed MFH with Mr. John Hays until 1951 when Mrs. Gustav Koven took Mr. Hays' place. Mr. Fairburn resigned in 1972 and Mr. Gustav Koven became joint MFH. In 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Koven appointed Mr. John Casey, Mr. Frank Gibbs and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Jayson. Hounds were kept at the kennels at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Barry Jayson located on Pleasant Plains Road and known as Weatherlea Farm, currently the visitors center for the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Jayson died in 1998 and Mrs. Jayson, now Kurdzialek, retired in 2000. The hounds were then moved to the kennel at Gibbs. Mrs. Valerie DiCristina became Joint Master in 2000. In 2007, Mrs. Jenny Kobilinski and Mr. Paul Opdyke joined Mr. Frank Gibbs and Mrs. Valerie DiCristina as Joint Masters. Mr. Paul Opdyke resigned as a Joint Master due to relocation to California in 2009 and Mrs. Jenny Kobilinski was named Huntsman. In 2011, Mrs. Jenny Kobilinski resigned as Master and Huntsman. In 2011 Dr. David Schroepfer was appointed as huntsman. Ms. Emily R. Berthoud was joint-huntsman during the 2011 & 2012 seasons when Dr. Schroepfer was unable to hunt hounds. In 2014 Dr. David Schroepfer joined Mr. Frank Gibbs and Mrs. Valerie DiCristina as Joint Masters. Dr. David Schroepfer continues to hunt the hounds.