

Spring Valley Hounds November 2017 Newsletter

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October Events

- October 15 – Opening Day – Gibbs Quest
- October 18 and 25 – Gibb's Quest
- October 22 – Clark's
- October 29 – Harry Peck's – Halloween Hunt (theme is *Alice in Wonderland*)



Welcome New Members

Carla Prentiss, Kevin & Sue Mattos and Valerie & Jon Bonne.

If you, or someone you know, would like to become a member, please contact the Honorary Secretary at springvalleyhounds@hotmail.com

Hunt Breakfasts

- Thank you Dave Schroepfer for hosting Opening Day and Rachel Danitz for catering!
- Thank you Louise Barberi for hosting on October 22!
- Thank you Sabrina Ladlee for hosting Halloween!

If you are interested in hosting a breakfast, please contact the Honorary Secretary at springvalleyhounds@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

- November 1, 15 and 29 – Gibb's Quest
- November 5 – Hunter Pace – Allamuchy
- November 10 – Veterans' Day Hunt – Joint meet with Windy Hollow Hunt – Valley Green Farm
- November 12 – Carson's Pot Luck Breakfast at Jan Hartley's
- November 19 – Waterwheel
- November 23 – Thanksgiving Day Hunt – Gibb's Quest
- November 26 – Chamberlain's – Breakfast at Laura Yen's – RSVP (908)510-5565
- If you are interested in placing an ad in the roster, please contact Valerie DiCristina (908)362-9249



Theme for 2017 Halloween Hunt: Alice in Wonderland

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Anonymous Question

Question: How is the letter for the names of a new litter of hounds chosen?

Answer: All puppies are named after the first letter of the dam's name.



Featured Hound



Photo Credit Charles Frase

Titus

Titus came to us in April of 2017 from Essex Hunt. It is exciting to watch him transition into his new role hunting with us! Titus loves attention and having his paw held.

Tips & Advice

-Clean and inspect your tack regularly-

Ideally, tack should be cleaned after every use; this is difficult, but we should all strive to clean it as often as possible. A thorough cleaning includes getting under buckles –even the many small ones found on your bridle! Conditioning your tack is also very important: it prevents the cracking and drying of the leather. Be careful, though, because there is such a thing as using too much conditioner; this can cause erosion of the stitching and a breakdown of the leather. As you clean your tack, take note of any worn spots. Quick repairs are much less expensive than replacements!



Opening Day – Photo Credit W.B. Manning

A Whipping from the Staff

Communication

-Répondez s'il vous plaît (or RSVP) means "please respond." Information is sent out, and it is helpful to all involved if the appropriate person is notified of your attendance.

-In the field, communication is key. If there is something concerning going on, let your field master know immediately!

-Communication is also something that we can all do outside of the hunting community. Public relations is an integral part of what we do. We are using private land and driveways, as well as public roads. Please greet and thank people we meet while hunting. Reach out to your community and inspire interest in our sport.