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Loudoun Fairfax Hunt and Loudoun Hunt - A 2022 Joint Venture

Dear Subscribers, Friends, Supporters of the Loudoun and Loudoun Fairfax Hunts, and the Landowners who graciously open their fields and farms to our sport:

As you may know, the Loudoun Fairfax and Loudoun Hunts have been holding joint trail rides and hosting each other on hunting days. The Masters of both hunts are pleased to announce that we will be hunting as one pack representing both hunts, beginning in formal season after opening day.

While we are still working out a few details, it is our initial plan that Loudoun Fairfax will begin cubbing on Sunday, September 4th and thereafter on Fridays and Sundays until formal hunting begins. The Loudoun Hunt pack led by Mr. Ron Johnsey will begin cubbing on Wednesdays and Saturdays while the hounds are being merged into a single pack by opening day of the formal season. All subscribers are invited to hunt any or all of those days that either pack is hunting during cubbing. It is intended that the merged pack will be hunted by Mr. Neil Amatt out of the Loudoun Fairfax kennels beginning on opening day.

Beginning in the formal season, hunting days will be a combination of Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, on a schedule to be determined by the Masters and will be communicated to the subscribers once the schedule is set.

There will be one fixture card with all revenue going into the new joint venture. Both hunts will retain their Masters and officers and will attend to shared responsibilities on hunting days. There will be a first field, a non-jumping second field, and a third field on at least two Sundays per month or as needed. Saturdays during cubbing will also offer a walk-only field for new riders, new horses, and those just wanting to try fox hunting at a slower pace.

This is an exciting opportunity which has been long overdue, and a first step towards a full integration of the two hunts, and more hunting opportunities in our beautiful, and perpetually conserved hunt country. As you can imagine, this is a difficult process and the care of our hounds is the first priority.

We are hosting trail rides on the weekends with opportunities for all skill levels and a party to kick off the season on August 26th at the LFH clubhouse (check hunt monitors, Facebook pages, or websites of either hunt as we confirm trail rides, cubbing dates and party times).

It has been a difficult past several years with tragedy and pandemic, but it is time to step forward and enjoy our sport and our beautiful hunting country. While the cost of maintaining our hounds and property has certainly increased, we are keeping our subscription fee essentially the same as last year. Your subscription invitation will follow this week. We hope you will join us this season.

Best Regards,

Carroll, Dave, Donna, Michael, Larry, Mary, and Paul

The Joint Masters of the Loudoun Fairfax and Loudoun Hunts