

WHO'S WHO IN THE HUNT FIELD

THE MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS ("MFH") is the person or persons responsible for the kennels and showing good sport in the field. They run the day-to-day operations of the hunt. They work with landowners to preserve the land hunted on, and are responsible for carrying out the mission of the hunt, membership and both riding and tea events.

THE HUNTSMAN is the person who controls the hounds in the field to give a good day's sport. He/She gives direction to the Whippers-in in the field, and know each hound by name, color, markings and ability in the field.

THE WHIPPERS-IN are staff members who assist the Huntsman in the control of the hounds in the field and the kennels. They also are responsible to walk hounds during and after the hunt season. They assist the Huntsman in exhibitions, parades, hound walking and hound shows.

THE FIELD MASTER is the person who leads the field in the pursuit of the fox (scent) to keep up with the hounds, but keeping a safe distance from the staff and hounds at work. There is a Field Master for each flight, First, Second, Third and hilltopping flights.

THE FIELD consists of members and cappers who are riding with the hunt that day.

CAPPERS are invited guests riding with the hunt that day.

THE KENNELMAN is responsible for the hounds general care and health, keeping kennels in good clean and healthy operational order. Works closely with the Huntsman.

HUNTING ETIQUETTE

Riding membership is by invitation of the Masters only.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent only. A senior in the Smithtown Hunt is 18 years old or older.

Always give a greeting to Masters and staff. They have worked hard to make your day safe and fun.

Professionals and barns are required to prepare a list of riders and their horses to be given to the Honorary Secretary before the hunt begins. They are to present their capping fee, signed releases and introduce their riders to the Honorary Secretary.

Horses and riders must qualify to ride in the hunter trials and special classes in the horse show by hunting a defined number of times during that hunt season.

Never pass the Field Master of your flight.

Stallions are permitted in the field with special permission only.

No smoking. No drinking on roads. All cell phones are to be used only in the event of an emergency.

Subscribers may not contact landowners, public officials, etc. without prior permission from a Master.

All expenditures must be reviewed by a Master first.

Any horse found to refuse fences will be asked to ride to the rear.

Kickers must have red ribbons on their tails and may be asked to leave the field.

Always inform your Field Master if you wish to leave the field or move up or down a flight. The Field Master must keep track of everyone behind them for safety.

When you prematurely leave the hunt, do not interfere with the working of the hounds, staff or Huntsman. Get directions from the Field Master and make every effort not to cross the scent line.

Never interfere with a hound using your voice or whip; this is for the Huntsman and his staff.

Green horses should always start in third flight then gradually move up at the appropriate time and always wear a green ribbon on their tails.

Be careful not to block driveways, roads, etc. with your trailer. Be considerate of others.

Do not sweep trailers out on parking lots or private property. Be considerate of our landowners.

If you are riding another horse other than your usual, inform the Honorary Secretary.

No one is permitted to ride on hunt country on non-hunting days. The hunt has permission to ride as a group on specific days, many times by permit only.

At the end of the day, follow the hounds back to the hound van and remain there until the hounds have finished their reward and are safely back in the hound van. Thank your Masters and staff for the day's sport.

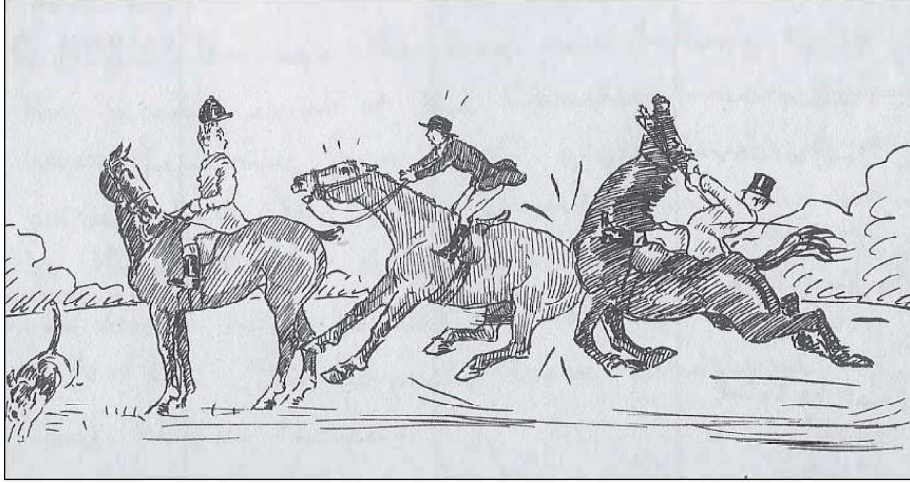
Please be on time for all meets and arrive at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled time on fixture card. The time on your fixture card designates the time the hounds will be cast. Our schedule is contingent on weather and other factors and is therefore subject to change. The hunt phone is updated every Wednesday and Sunday evenings, but *please call the hunt phone the morning of the hunt* to confirm that day's meet. Hunt Phone (631) 909-2940.

POSITION IN THE FIELD

Seniors with Colors: Those with seniority ride first in line behind the Field Master.

Seniors without colors and juniors "with buttons" follow seniors with colors. Junior members without buttons follow seniors without colors and juniors with buttons.

Members who bring out guests are responsible to ride with their guests in the rear of the flight that their guest is qualified to ride. Visiting Masters are always invited to ride forward behind the Field Master. Visiting staff is invited to ride with the Whippers-in or Huntsman upon their request.



CALLS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH

HOLD HARD - means stop where you are! It is signaled by a vertically raised forearm. Raise your own arm to alert riders behind you.

TRACK - means to ride single file.

"Hounds Please" for hounds, Huntsman, Whipper-ins, etc. means - they have the right of way. Make room for them to pass. If reversing, turn your horses head to passersby.

QUIET means exactly that – Quiet!!

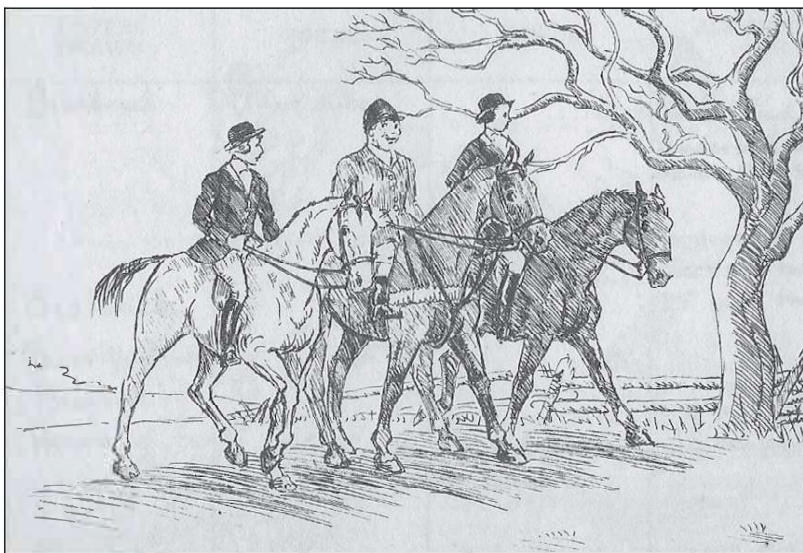
When riding first or second flight, you are expected to keep up. Guests who are unsure of their mounts should start in second flight. Inform your Field Master if you wish to move up or back.

Riding privileges are subject to the discretion of the Masters. Any rider, regardless of seniority or colors, may be asked to leave the field for any reason, including, but not limited to, safety of horse or rider, improper etiquette, interference of Huntsman, hounds or field or destruction of property.



THE SMITHTOWN HUNT PROPER HUNTING ATTIRE

PROPER HUNTING ATTIRE IS PART OF THE TRADITION OF FOX HUNTING; IT IS RIGIDLY CONVENTIONAL, BUT THE MOST PRACTICAL UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF WEATHER AND TERRAIN. SOME OF THE PLEASURES OF HUNTING COME FROM THE TRADITIONAL DRESS CODE. EACH HUNT HAS ITS OWN HUNTING ATTIRE. THE FOLLOWING IS THAT WHICH IS WORN BY THE THE SMITHTOWN HUNT. THE OFFICIAL COLOR FOR THE SMITHTOWN HUNT IS PURPLE.



DURING FORMAL SEASON- Wednesday's attire is ratcatcher (informal). Sunday's attire after Opening Hunt until Closing Hunt is formal.

ATTIRE TO BE NEAT AND WORKMAN-LIKE. Jackets should be buttoned at all times, no show coats and make sure you have the correct number of buttons. Chaps are not permitted in the hunt field; they may be worn for hound walking with the permission of the Masters. safety vests may be worn and are encouraged if needed to feel safe. safety is our number one priority.

Do not chew gum while riding.

Cell phones are to be turned off and used for emergencies only.

Leave business at home or stay home.

No sunglasses please. Please wear clear eye protection.

RAIN GEAR AND SKI JACKETS are to be dark in color - only worn by permission of the Masters or Field Master in charge. Always bring your riding jacket.

HUNTING WITH ANOTHER HUNT without an invitation to wear your colors the following may be worn: black hunt coat (no show coats) without hunt colors and hunt buttons, yellow tattersall vest with plain buttons, black boots (no brown or patent leather tops) and white stock tie.

FLASKS AND SANDWICH CASES

Men - hunting flask attached to front of saddle and sandwich case, only, attached to saddle "D" rings.

Ladies - hunt flask and sandwich case combined attached to saddle "D" rings.