

Tradition Of The Hunt Sparks Holiday Season



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Waiting for the Call of the Huntsman's Horn



JOINT MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS RICHARD KUSCHELL AND DAUGHTER, SUSAN



JAMES MONAHAN AND GENE RAWLINS UNLOAD "GOLDEN GIRL"



B.O.H. FOXHOUNDS BURST FROM THEIR KENNELS



RICHARD KUSCHELL, JR., AND JOHN SLAUGHTER SHARE STIRRUP CUP

The oldest active foxhunt in Michigan, The Bloomfield Open Hunt, celebrated its 47th year of foxhunting Saturday at its annual Hunt Ball. The foxhunting men were attired in the brass-buttoned dress "pinks" which extend into the formal length

tails. On the collar and lapels are worn the colors of the hunt, for Bloomfield, plum collar and buff lapels. Also represented were the colors of Metamora and Waterloo Hunt at Jackson.

It is traditional at hunt balls that only Masters of

Foxhounds and former masters may speak and so those so honored were seated at the speaker's table. Active riding preparing for the hunting season, called "cubbing," begins in the early morning hours of August before the heat of the day when the

scent is strong. The young hounds are worked collared to the older hounds.

Early morning workouts and first hunts continue into October when the official formal hunt takes place. Those who have won their colors by proving themselves

fox hunters wear their badges of honor: For the men, pink coats with club colors; for the women, black coats and club colors.

Each Wednesday and Saturday throughout the season members gather for the

chase and with cooler weather the hunt starts later in the day. Thanksgiving Day has another meaning for followers of the hunt, as the Thanksgiving Hunt is a tradition at BOH.

The turkey dinner is es-

pecially welcome after hours of riding and jumping over frozen turf in the sting of cold. The hunts will continue until poor footing, due to snow, signals the end of the 47th year at BOH.

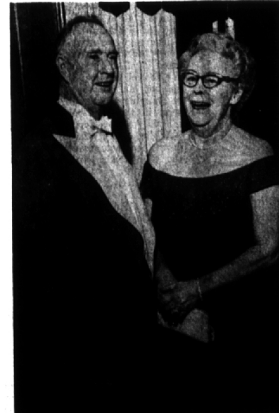
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CLUB PRESIDENT AND MRS. DAN O'MADIGAN JR. (LEFT) AND DR. HAROLD A. FURLONG, WEARING CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR, WITH MRS. FURLONG



FORMER JOINT MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS HAROLD HAVERMALE, MRS. HAVERMALE AND DAUGHTER, MRS. C. EDWARD HORNUNG



FORMER JOINT MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS C. C. PATTERSON AND MRS. PATTERSON



JOINT MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS A. A. CLARK AND MRS. CLARK