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MYOPIA HUNTER TRIALS

**In honor of Patrick Keough
Sunday, October 23, 2016**

**Bradley Palmer State Park
(next to 550 Highland Avenue)
South Hamilton, MA**

**9:00 a.m. – Trials
12:00 p.m. – Awards**

***** Classes for all ***
All ages and abilities welcomed!**

**Not riding? Be a fence judge!
Volunteers needed!**

www.myopiahunt.org

RULES AND CONDITIONS

The Myopia Hunter Trials offer an opportunity to gallop across country and negotiate hunt field obstacles. The courses are inviting and consist of fences and obstacles typically found in our hunt country.

The goal of the Trials is to demonstrate your horse's suitability for the hunt field. Horses are judged at each obstacle based on their form and style of jumping, their manners and way of going, and their obedience and efficient execution of the tests described below. Participants should remember that the hounds are running and these obstacles should be dealt with in a timely manner.

GATE OPENING: Mounted riders will open, pass through and close a paddock gate. Time limit of two minutes

LEAD OVER: Riders will dismount, take the reins over the horse's neck, run-up the stirrups, lower the top rail of a paddock fence, walk or jump over the remaining rail, replace the top rail and re-mount.

HOLD HARD: Upon being instructed to "hold hard" by Hunt Horn and voice at a random point on the course, riders will come to an immediate halt and remain halted until released.

GONE AWAY: The gone away consists of "begin" and "end" flags 100-150 yards apart. Horses will demonstrate a marked acceleration in pace at the "begin" flag and show their obedience as they decelerate at the request of the rider at the "end" flag.

Hunt Field attire is appropriate.

All riders will wear properly fastened ASTM/SEI-approved protective headgear at all times while mounted anywhere on the grounds.

Standing martingales are NOT permitted.

RIDE MYOPIA'S BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY!

Bradley Palmer State Park
next to 550 Highland Street
S. Hamilton, MA

Directions:

From the South, West or Northwest: Route 93 or Route 95/128, follow Route 128 North to Exit 20A, Rte. 1A North. Follow Route 1A North into Wenham. Turn left on Arbor Street, which becomes Highland Street. Proceed about 2.7 miles, turn left between stone pillars and gate – you will be directed where to park.

From the Northeast: Follow Route 95 South to Exit 54, Route 133. Follow Route 133 East to center of Ipswich. Turn right on Market Street which becomes Topsfield Road. Proceed about 1.3 miles and turn left onto Mill Road which turns into Highland Street. In 2.2 miles, just past Winthrop Street, turn right between stone pillars and gate – you will be directed where to park.

DIVISIONS

- 1. Junior Novice Qualified Hunter** **9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**
Open to subscribers (under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2015) of a New England Hunt who hunt regularly, riding a horse/pony they have fairly and regularly hunted during the current season and at least one of the previous two seasons. Course of approximately 1 mile, 16 inviting hunt-style fences, not to exceed 2'7" in height. Hold hard, gone away.
- 2. Adult Novice Qualified Hunter** **9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**
Open to amateur subscribers (18 years of age and over) of a New England Hunt who hunt regularly, riding a horse/pony they have fairly and regularly hunted during the current season and at least one of the previous two seasons. Course of approximately 1 mile, 16 inviting hunt-style fences, not to exceed 2'7" in height. Hold hard, gone away.
- 3. Junior Open Novice** **9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**
Open to riders under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2015. Course of approximately 1 mile, 16 inviting hunt-style fences, not to exceed 2'7" in height. Hold hard, gone away.
- 4. Adult Open Novice** **9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**
Open to riders 18 years of age and over. Course of approximately 1 mile, 16 inviting hunt-style fences, not to exceed 2'7" in height. Hold hard, gone away.
- 5. Field Hunter** **10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**
Open to amateur subscribers of a New England Hunt who hunt regularly, riding a horse/pony they have fairly and regularly hunted during the current season and at least one of the previous two seasons. Course of approximately 1.5 miles, 24 hunt-style fences, not to exceed 3'3" in height. Gate opening, lead-over, hold hard, gone away and ditch.
- 6. Open 3'3"** **10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**
Open to all riders. Course of approximately 1.5 miles, 24 hunt style fences not to exceed 3'3" in height. Gate opening, lead-over, hold hard, gone away and ditch.



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**One entry form per horse and rider combination
(form may be photocopied)**

Entry Fees per Division: \$40 Juniors - all divisions
\$50 Adults – all divisions

Entries and payment: Due by 5:00 p.m., Thursday,
October 20, 2015

Late/Day of Entries: \$15 Late Fee

Checks payable to: Myopia Hunt Masters' Account

Mail Entry and signed Myopia Hunt Secretary
Liability Waiver* to: P.O. Box 265
Hamilton, MA 01936

*Liability Waiver may be obtained at www.myopiahunt.org

Signature: _____
(Parent or guardian must sign if entrant is under 18 years of age)

Print Parent's Name: _____

Warning: Under Massachusetts law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 128, Chapter 2D of the Massachusetts General Law.

Name of Rider: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Division #: _____

Age of Rider: _____ if < 18
Junior divisions are open to riders under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2015.

Hunt/Stable Affiliation: _____

For Office Use: _____

Entry Number: _____

Liability Waiver Signed: _____

The same horse or pony, with different riders, may be entered more than once in the same division or entered in multiple division.

However, horses and ponies may not be entered in the same division by both a professional and an amateur or junior rider.

Eligibility questions will be referred to the Hunt Committee.

Riders may begin their ride at any time during the scheduled interval for your division. Please present yourself to the Warm-up Steward upon your arrival in the Warm-up area. Riders will begin the course in the order in which they check in with the Warm-up Steward.

NOTE: Riders must be on course before the end of the time scheduled for their division.

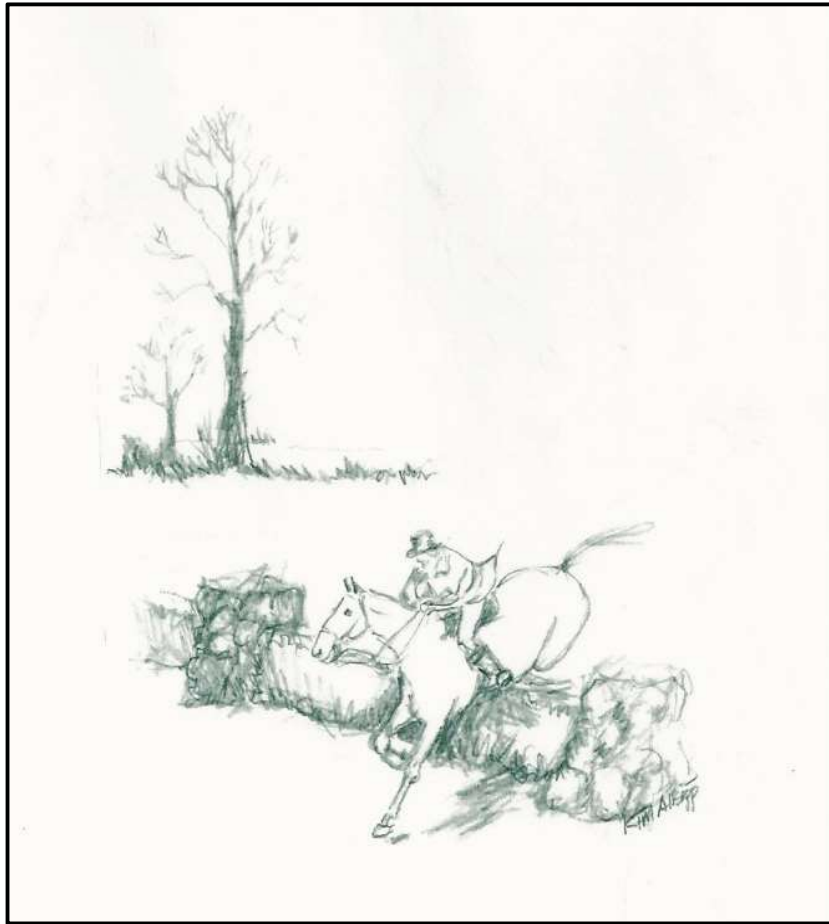
Non-competing horses are not permitted on the grounds.

Courses will be closed to participating riders beginning Friday, October 14th. The courses will re-open for inspection Friday, October 21st after 3:00 p.m. Course Walk times are:

Friday October 21	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday October 22	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sunday, October 23	after 7:00 a.m.

THANK YOU FOR BEING RESPECTFUL
OF OUR LANDOWNERS

PROCEEDS HELP BUILD AND MAINTAIN TRAILS
THROUGHOUT YOUR RIDING TERRITORY



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