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Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we share with you the hiring of Rhodri Jones-Evans as our new Huntsman. Rhodri is an accomplished huntsman who comes to us from the Mooreland Hunt. His experience is deep and his accolades many. Rhodri started working in the hunting world in 1994 after graduating from college with distinction with diplomas in Forestry and Rural Skills and Game and Fishery Management. It did not take long for Rhodri to fall in love with his work in the hunting world before he was hired on with the Wynnstay Hunt in North Wales. From Wynnstay he was recruited and hired by the indomitable Ben Hardaway and his son in law, Mason Lampton, as Professional Whipper-in to Huntsman Mason Lampton for the venerated Midland Hounds. This was the post that brought Rhodri from his home in Wales to America. Rhodri was then recruited by another well-known Master of Foxhounds, Tony Leahy, of Fox River Valley of Morgan, Ga and Massbach Hounds of Massbach, Il where he was Kennel Huntsman. Tony and Rhodri scheduled hunting an incredible four days a week. If the weather was good, they would hunt other days in addition to the scheduled days. Sometimes hunting in excess of 200 days in a year. After putting in his time with Tony, Rhodri was recruited by Leslie Rhett Crosby, current MFHA President, to be the Huntsman for the Mooreland Hunt in May of 2005. Rhodri would spend the next 17 years with Mooreland and has served them with distinction. In that time, he has achieved some amazing results and earned the love and respect of Joint Masters, Leslie Rhett Crosby, Dr. John Moody, Evie Mauldin and Liz St. John. Below are a few of the accolades achieved with the Mooreland Hunt:

### **Champion English Hound – Virtual Hound Show 2020**

*Number one English hound in show – sired by Mooreland hound, shown by Rhodri Jones-Evans*

### **Grand Champion - Virginia Hound Show 2012**

*Number one hound in show, overall – bred and shown by Rhodri Jones-Evans*

### **Grand Champion - Southern Hound Show 2012**

*Number one hound in show, overall – bred and shown by Rhodri Jones-Evans*  
**Grand Champion – Southern States Hound Show 2008**

*Number one hound in show, overall – bred and shown by Rhodri Jones-Evans*  
**Reserve Grand Champion – Virginia Hound Show 2008**

*Number two hound in show, overall – bred and shown by Rhodri Jones-Evans*  
**Grand Champion - Mid America Hound Show 2007**

*Number one hound in show, overall – bred and shown by Rhodri Jones-Evans*  
**Champion Crossbred Hound - Mid America Hound Show 2007**

Rhodri is not only an accomplished huntsman he is also an avid bird hunter. He enjoys organizing, hosting, and attending pheasant, chukar and quail hunts. Training bird dogs and generally living a lifestyle rooted in rural pursuits. Rhodri is not coming to Camargo alone. He will be arriving with his lovely girlfriend Kathleen Reed. Jenna and I have known Kathleen for years. She is a Long Run Woodford Hounds member and enjoys nothing more than riding in the hunt field to the sweet sounds of Rhodri's hounds, long walks on the beach and travelling with Rhodri. We are excited beyond words to welcome both Kathleen and Rhodri and look forward to you all meeting them in the very near future. Stay tuned for information on a meet and greet at the Camargo Club as soon as practicably possible.