

# COUNTRY LIFE

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## *Hunt Ball 2021 – A Season's End Celebration in Barrington Hills*

MASSBACH HOUNDS AND FOX RIVER VALLEY HUNT

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 members and guests gathered for the 2021 Hunt Ball at Barrington Hills Country Club. Adults, young adults, and teens were welcomed for an evening of silent and live auctions, a raffle, cocktails, dinner, dancing, and recounting another season of riding together.

The Fox River Valley Hunt (FRVH) was founded in 1940 and until 2000, members rode horses to hounds in Barrington Hills, Huntley, Kirkland, and Richmond. In 1997, the FRVH added country in and around Morgan, Georgia. The Massbach Hounds (MH) formally Cornwall Hounds was founded in 1975 and its members have been riding horses to hounds ever since around Stockton and Elizabeth, Illinois. In 2000, MH and FRVH combined their hound packs and staff and created a partnership to share general operating expenses. Their Fox Hound kennels and home base is in Elizabeth, Illinois, also where Master Tony Leahy and MH-FRVH staff reside. Each hunt handles its own membership, local expenses, and real estate. Members and their horses gather at regularly scheduled events through the spring, summer, and fall to ride together in an age-old tradition. The Hunt Ball offers a season's end celebration of this multi-generational family friendly sport. It is common to see grandparents, parents, and grandchildren participating in traditional Horse & Hound activities together. U



Vicki and Dennis Kelly with Paula Jacobson and Terry Groh



An Evening Highlight: FRVH-MH Master of Fox Hounds, Tony Leahy awarded Sophie Schroeder (age 12) her Colors with FRVH.



John and Leslie Roberts



John Norys and Douglas Cannon



Ashlee LeCompte Lazic and Nemanji Lazic



FRVH President Bob Heaton, FRVH-MH Huntsman Mark Murphy, FRVH Master of Fox Hounds Marilyn Heaton, Jeff and Jenny Heaton and Isabel Shanahan



Katie Tyler, Jane Gallagher, Naomi West, Sophie Schroeder, and Michaela Joyce.



Chuck and Maureen Prettyman



Monica Gully and Risa LaMontagne



Mary Rachel Taylor, Dorothy Symonds, Deb Nestrud Gallagher, and Jan Nestrud



Betsy and Jim Bramsen