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NORTHUMBERLAND BEAGLING FESTIVAL ABANDONED



The 1994 Northumberland Beagling Festival has been abandoned in the face of the HSA's annual September campaign. This would have marked the eighth annual week of action by saboteurs at what was Britain's largest hunting festival.

The HSA campaign began in 1987 when the festival was at it's height. At that time it ran for five weeks with up to five separate hunts a day. Over the last seven years, this has been whittled down to the token effort of last year's event which lasted only four days and could only boast one hunt per day. The Festival became notorious in recent years for it's much-heralded use of professional teams of stewards which led to their widespread adoption by hunts around the country. The last two years have seen heavy investment by the BFSS in promoting the event both to the public and the media.

In announcing the Festival's cancellation, the BFSS have claimed that the delay in introducing the Criminal Justice Bill is the central reason for the decision. However, Stephen Loveridge, a spokesperson from the BFSS warned the HSA in the press that we could not claim a victory: "The main reason it was cancelled is because over the last few years saboteurs have targeted it considerably...". Well, unfortunately for him, we do claim it a victory, especially because hunt saboteurs have clearly so often succeeded in preventing hares from being killed that it just isn't fun anymore...

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EDITORIAL

I HOWL EDITOR.

Following Gareth's resignation as HOWL editor some points should be made clear. The position of the editor remains independent of the elected committee. Recent events have confirmed that the committee can dismiss the editor or refuse to publish an edition but, without his consent, should not themselves alter content. The guidelines given are just that, they say no more than that the magazine must support the aims and policies of the HSA. Within those limits debate on those aims and how best to achieve them remains open.

I have assisted on the last few editions: I have seen nothing I would not have printed myself. To those who have objected to some controversial inclusions I would say that they do represent the opinion of a significant number of sabs: it is better that those views are aired where everyone has chance to reply. Disagreements kept stifled and left to fester will do real damage. The Contacts mailout is now running again and should be used for some subjects but with that said HOWL must be there for anyone to speak to all members. It has also been said other organisations include no self criticism. The answer is that they generally want no more than the handing over of subscriptions. HSA needs members to take an active part and can itself only act with their full cooperation; all communications should reflect that. Against this all sabs should remember that articles may be turned round on us, quoted out of context; do not provide them with good ammunition. We are also a direct action group so our words and thoughts should be geared to activism not theory.

II CONTENT

Forum remains open for wider debate; use it. For this and letters a contact name and address from individuals or groups writing in is requested. In the past some writers have not made it clear whether they represent a group or are giving their personal view; this must be clear. Also, doubts have been raised over authenticity of some items and this should stop now. This is not a rule for publication it is a practical measure to end doubts expressed; any anonymous articles will still be considered as before.

III CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL

Whenever this takes effect it is bound to make our job much harder. Over the past few months it has been hard to predict the legislation exactly. Rumours have flown fast and furious. Do not add to them. Common examples still are, "Sabbing will be illegal", "Mass hits will be illegal", "It will make no difference". All are dangerous in their own way, whether it stops a student about to start a college group, ends in a bad choice of group tactics, and so on. It is vital that sabs as individuals, as groups, as regions, get the best information available and that those you work with are equally clued up on what the new law is and what to do about it. We can now be sure of the final version of the bill, get the information, discuss it, and be ready. For all sabs, active or supporting, this is the worst time ever to lose contact, to delay fundraising, to start the season late, to send no donation, no excuses.

Stuart, Editor.

Thanks to Neckie and Cameron for help with layout and Karen for photographs.Thanks also to the ALF SG and the CAA.

Cover Story

CONGRATULATIONS

North East sabs and all other sabs who have turned up to the Beagling Festival over the last seven years!

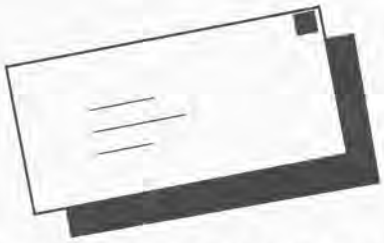
The front cover of this issue of HOWL is self-explanatory - after years of determination sabs have finally laid the Festival to rest, despite police, stewards, and violence.

The full story will be printed in the next issue of HOWL.

Cover photo: Newcastle and District Beagles leaving the Birtley meet, prior to being sabbed in September 1991.

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Letters

BADGERS -BOVINE TB "EPIDEMIC"

Dear HOWL,

As a former member of the government's TB Panel I am saddened to see recent reports of increased TB in South West herds, and the feeble steps taken by the Ministry of Agriculture to deal with the problem.

The facts are that for the first quarter of 1994 there have been 80 herd breakdowns, projecting 320 for the year. This is a six fold increase from the low 1986 figure of 51 but a modest upswing given the region's 22,000 herds. More worrying is that MAFF's scheme is 190 breakdowns in arrears and these arrears are sure to get worse. And areas such as Somerset and S.Wales, clear for decades, are getting outbreaks.

The MAFF's view as told by Permanent Secretary Richard Packer to the parliamentary Agriculture Select Committee is that: "...it is true to say we are not on top of the problem in the South-West and we won't be until a successful vaccine is developed (for Badgers)...(and otherwise)..we can't think of a way forward."

This is a totally inadequate and, for Mr Packer, disingenuous response. It is clear no vaccine will be available for 15-20 years and it would not work for cubs not out of setts. The real answer, of which they are aware, is better blood tests eg. gamma interferon and anamnesic ELISA. These are on mass trial in Ulster now.

Farmers' main worry is in any case the time taken with the present tests, only c.80% accurate. Six out of ten times when a herd is derestricted for movement the cause is a false alarm over false positive non-TB cattle anyway; a four month delay avoidable with better blood tests.

It is hard to see how the worsening situation is other than a result of Mad Cow replacements and extra stock turnover, and nothing to do with badgers as has been recognised in Ulster for years. It is obvious the situation will necessitate improved testing/monitoring anyway and the £2 million per year wasted on badger culls should go there.

I left the "Consultative Panel" two years ago for reasons of scientific, intellectual and moral integrity. I still see no reason to change my opinion.

Martin Hancox,
Gloucestershire.

IN REPLY

Dear HOWL ,

Gee! A column of my own! But what purpose did Freemanballs serve? It was a heavily edited piece, originally prose, from my punk fanzine past. It can only have been intended to embarrass or irritate me. It did not, but I am annoyed at the waste of space in HOWL on vindictive crap. Also if someone did want to submit poetry who is Gareth Gee to ridicule them ?*

On a different matter ACAB must be off his/her rocker if they think that taking a committee post represents a career move: the opposite in fact. Some such as R.King think that any sort of organisation is sinister authoritarianism. Any change to the role or contents of HOWL would have to be an AGM decision. As for my letters, yes, those were my criticisms but your paranoia does you no credit. HSA committee meetings are open to members and sabs (give notice if you wish to attend). The committee is just a group of sabs who administer the HSA. It now has a Group Liaison Officer so with better communication we should be able to stop this infighting and get on with saving animals and resisting the CJB.

Mark Freeman,
Avon.

*The standard of poetry required for HOWL is now impossibly high. You have been warned .-Editor.

BASTARDS ?

Dear HOWL,

In response to recent letters I have something to add on whether all police are bastards or not? On 1/7/94 one Robert Moore was charged with dangerous driving, an offense from a previous Fitzwilliam meet. Witnesses were two sabs and a special constable. After a day long trial Moore lost the case and lost his license for a year; to regain it he must pass an advanced test. Tough shit Bob! So anyway I know of one PC who is not a total bastard.

Moatty,
Peterborough.

Write In to HOWL

Articles, letters and photographs are welcomed. Forum remains open for your opinion, we just haven't had any items submitted for this issue.



CJB LEAFLET

Dear HOWL,

From experience as a sab I would tend to agree with Gareth Gee and others that the police are our enemies and would look cautiously at what impartial conduct we do see.

However, seeing the condemnation of Paul Davis and other HSA committee members over their approach to the Criminal Justice Bill I feel I must make some points in their defence.

The bill does affect sabs directly and we should oppose it on a political level also. The HSA committee seem to me to be in the best position to get support amongst the general public. Many may dislike this but it is the educated middle class who most confidently express themselves in the media, at MPs' surgeries etc.

As a sab I agree the text of the CJB leaflet does not reflect a complete picture of police action - for the very good reason that it is not aimed at sabs. The readership is those with 9-5 jobs and good intentions but who are fully taken up with their own personal lives. They will sign a petition but are not going to give up shopping at Boots, or eating meat. We are courting popular appeal from those with orthodox lives.

I agree also that we should remember our "direct action anarchist roots". I argue that as vegans and AR activists we are all (HSA committee members included) acting on a fundamental anarchist premise.

At this crucial period of our history we should not alienate others by dismissing all police as bastards. The general public does in fact have wide sympathy for them. We should seek to enlighten them to pro hunt prejudice and wrongful arrests, but to try this on a single-sided leaflet is to invite misunderstanding. As a movement we should be aware of the power and influence of the word, what it has done for governments of all persuasions, and of the resulting suffering for animals and humans alike. We too should be ready to use language to achieve our aims.

Tony Hare,
Bristol

ANIMALS IN NEED

Dear HOWL,

I am writing to all animal charities in the country to ask members to write to the BBC Chairman requesting an Animals in Need appeal similar to the Children in Need appeal. Ask for an appeal in the near future (1995); letters to arrive by Jan.1995. Write to the Chairman of the BBC, PO Box 333, London SW1W 0BQ.

Yours,
Miss J. Roper
Derby.

WRITE TO ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

Those imprisoned for "Animal Rights offences" would appreciate letters and messages of support.

Most jails now allow stamped, self-addressed envelopes to be sent in with letters and cards. Please enclose these if you write, so that prisoners don't waste their limited funds on postage.

Remember that donations can be sent to the ALF Supporters Group who provide financial help for these prisoners – cheques and postal orders made payable to "ALF Supporters Group" can be sent to ALF SG, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX.

Please be careful with what you say – remember that mail sent to prisoners is likely to be opened and read before it reaches them.

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HMP Risley
Warrington Road
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Alison McKeon RE2370
HMP Askham Grange
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CALLING ALL GROUP CONTACTS.

The contacts list is currently being updated. If you're a group contact and have not received any mailouts recently, please 'phone Norma or Karen on (0602) 590357 straight away. If we don't know your address we can't send you any information!

MORE HOUND EXERCISE

Dear HOWL,

'M' from Nottingham (HOWL 54) seems to miss the point of my reply (HOWL 53) to Wayne's article (HOWL 52) on hound exercise. I have never seen hounds put into danger by sabs on roads or elsewhere. My point is simple; sabbing hound exercise is pointless.

Maybe I was pedantic on some hunting terminology but puppy walking and hound exercise are different, with different purposes. I am not driven by "BFSS logic". Nor will I give up wearing a flat cap as hunters do because this offends M's sensibilities.

Drag hunts go on hound exercise as well. This cannot be to create "an effective killing machine." It is to get the new hounds to pack together; a pack that hunts together is less likely to have stray hounds ending up as road pizza. The business of hunting is learnt during cubbing; drawing, responding to encouraging horn calls, running on scent as a pack, to mark to ground, to kill. So to reduce the pack's effectiveness at killing, get up early and sab cubbing.

To suggest that I advocate the end of hunting on tactics, one of our most effective, is ridiculous. However these tactics rely on exploiting hounds' own training, or you could not hunt them on! M's chaos theory of sabotage has another minus point though, a pack that does not run close together will tend to spread wider and get more chopped kills (kills without a chase).

Finally I agree with M's last paragraphs but I am annoyed with the constant insinuation that I have some sort of sympathy with hunting and the scum who practice it. Criticise me for what I do or say but to use a tactical disagreement to cover a personal attack is totally unacceptable.

M.Freeman,
Avon.

CJB CAMPAIGN

Dear HOWL,

I am writing to congratulate Paul Davis on his article in Howl 54 on the Howard Bill campaign; well written, truthful and to the point.

Contrast Gareth Gee trying to justify his actions on issue 54 of HOWL, and his resignation, at the Leeds meeting. It was obvious his own ideals were clouding the sabbing issues. The really disturbing feature was that none of his statements that day were about sabbing, before or after the Howard Bill. Nor did they address how to advance public or media perception of sabs; like it or not this is the arena we now fight in.

The leaflet was a good positive attempt to do this. Strangely for all the criticism of it I have not seen or heard of a viable alternative. Nor did I see Gareth Gee at the top of the Downing Street gates at the CJB march the other week; thought he'd have been first over.

Hopefully this will all calm down now and those few who want to carry on bleating about class politics will have read the front of HOWL 54 and decided this is not for them. Leave the real sabs to get on with saving lives.

Jon,
Colchester.

NEWS

Keith Mann

Keith has been given prisoner category A status. This is because of the nature of the accusations against him. It must be stressed that he has to date not even been charged. (Gurjeet Aujla is also category A, though he has been charged).

The real reason is the embarrassment Keith has caused the authorities by walking out of an unlocked van. The measure is vindictive. Both will face a stricter prison regime as will potential visitors.

Please write to ask why this extra punishment has been given before evidence of the claims has been brought forward, to:

Governor
HMP Manchester,
1 Southall St.,
Strangeways,
Manchester M60 9AH.
and

Home Office
Queen Anne's Gate
London SW1

New Forest Sabs Not Guilty

Two New Forest sabs were found not guilty of violent disorder at Southampton Crown Court.

Charges followed a protest at a hunt ball in Lyndhurst where eggs were allegedly thrown at New Forest FH whipper in John Mitchell's Land Rover; he also sustained a broken nose.

In court ABH charges had already been dropped but the trial proceeded on sketchier public order charges. However, even public order charges have to be proven against some one in particular and when the prosecution could offer no further evidence the judge had to call a halt. Another sab had seen her charges dropped the previous week.

All these sabs went free but only after a long period under threat of fines or imprisonment on flimsy evidence.

Beagles carry on

Bad news: the Ampleforth Beagles are not finished. They will no longer function as a college pack but will continue as the Old Ampleforth Beagles, kennelled at the Middleton FH kennels. Their new master and huntsman is now SIMON LONGWORTH. Those of you who attended the Northumberland Beagling Festival last season will know him as "Alpha One", that brave soul in charge of the security team. He's also appeared on various shoots in Yorkshire and the York & Ainsty North and South Foxhunts.

Conservationists?

Research by the Game Conservancy, an organisation devoted to conserving certain species so some people can kill them, has shown that the actions of some gamekeepers over the last 25 years has endangered the survival of the native Red legged Partridge.

Two gamekeepers have been prosecuted accused of releasing imported hybrids (Red leggedxChukar Partridge, an East Mediterranean species) into the wild. These birds are cheaper for game farmers to rear, though they survive less well in the wild. The native species, found in the Midlands, East and South of England has disappeared in some areas. Release of the hybrids was banned this year.

Reformed ?

Readers of the People 5/6/94 will have read about a 'new' bloodsport; lamping foxes with lurchers, carried out in S.Yorkshire. The main practitioner described was David Noakes, of 7, Lindale Gardens, Goldthorpe, Barnsley, reported as stamping on and clubbing his dogs' quarry. Seen posing over a stack of victims Noakes said: 1) foxes need to be kept down, 2) the fox is normally dead when the dog reaches it and 3) he has given up lurchers anyway due to public opinion and his wife doesn't like it.

Major let up

Steward Richard Grieve was found not guilty of GBH charges at York Crown Court recently after hitting Dave Callender at the Middleton FH closing meet, 1993. Grieve admitted striking Callender with a whip handle splitting his head to the bone. He claimed at different points of the trial to have been provoked by abuse from other sabs, to not having gauged the force of the blow, and not to have lost his temper. It was alleged that the victim had been trying to unseat a rider. That rider backed him up that far but denied having seen the assault. Much was made of ex-major Grieves' N.Ireland training which would have prevented any loss of temper. One aspect of N.Ireland training is of course to single out long standing members of targeted organisations for particular attention. Fact: Dave Callender has been a hunt sab since HOWL was printed by Caxton.

Coursers fined

Two coursers were fined a mere £48 and smaller costs after convictions for poaching. A third was convicted but sentence deferred while a decision over confiscation of his van is made. They are; Charles John Richards (27) farm worker of Forton nr. Chard; Robert Frank Naish (21) factory worker of Glynswood, Chard; Rory Alan Richards (no relation) of Aberbargoed mid- Glamorgan. They were caught in their van with four lurchers and a terrier and a gutted and decapitated deer carcass. Rory Richards had a five inch knife covered in blood. His solicitor claimed he had set out after a fox and his dogs got a deer instead. This clashed with the other defendants whose solicitor claimed they had merely gone out to exercise their dogs.



Letters continued

BUAV

Dear HOWL,

I am troubled to hear of Ralph Cook's election to the BUAV committee. While I do not agree with that committee in everything there are things that all who are concerned with animal rights and BUAV members in particular should know.

One of the issues raised by Cook et al at the BUAV AGM was the misappropriation of certain BUAV funds; there were also accusations of bad financial management by certain BUAV committee members. If this should be true I would give full backing to any of the proposals made to deal with that. What you should also know is that Ralph Cook was ousted from the then HSA Committee of which he was secretary following similar allegations. No doubt Ralph can explain where all the HSA funds disappeared to but he cannot prove it as he and the then HSA treasurer John Hale have "lost" the account books and are withholding HSA files.

The HSA committee at the time (I was on it) declined to waste sabs' funds on lengthy legal proceedings, so Ralph & Co. have never been forced to give full account. My own view of Ralph is that he is a liar. You may wish to hear his side but the only means of proof has been "lost". Animal Rights is an uphill struggle anyway but with the likes of Ralph Cook the loads we all bear are heavier still. I condemn him for abuse of trust of all sabs; please don't let him do as much to the BUAV. I call on him to do the decent thing and stand down from the BUAV Committee.

Joe Tax/Tom Frampton,
HSA/BUAV member.

Sabbed in the U.S.A.

Howl 54 reported a legal victory against anti-sab laws in Montana where they were ruled unconstitutional, restricting freedom of expression. Sabs in the US still face a range of state laws with national legislation to come. Using hunter protection to their advantage sabs have turned hunters themselves. Buying the right license they can legally take to the woods kitted out with appropriate clothing and weapons. Their techniques are clumsy - they make too much noise, lay down strong scents, blow ultra sonic dog whistles, they even use cartridges with high (loud) charges and no lead shot. Such beginners inevitably kill nothing and scare game from experienced hunters. It's all legal: there's no law against incompetence. Source: Out of the Cages #8

■ Sabs Joanna David-Harris and Terence Stuart were acquitted in July of criminal damage and public order charges at Chichester magistrates' court following a two day trial. The charges followed a large hit on the Chiddingfold Leconfield and Cowdray hunt on December 4th 1993.

■ Hyline rabbit farm at Lymm Cheshire has closed down. The company running it has been forced to cease trading and go into liquidation as has Coney Europa Ltd. the associated trading company. The company had been struck repeatedly by ALF actions and some animals had been liberated. Surviving stock is to be re-homed by the RSPCA.

■ Charges resulting from the Swalesmoor fur farm investigation against Alison McKeon and Angie Hamp were dropped. Rachel Morgan was bound over for one year. All other defendants were bound over or found not guilty. No one was imprisoned as a result of this trial.

■ Any sab who has attended Fell Week and suffered local farmers and police threatening action by the mountain rescue team will be gratified to hear that the Ullswater FH had to call on Patterdale Mountain Rescue to help them out. Unfortunately, it was 24 crag fast hounds and not Dennis Barrow who had to spend the night out in high winds and driving rain. They were rescued uninjured the next day. The fox that led them there also left uninjured

■ S.Devon sab Jackie Thomas was assaulted at the Mid-Devon FH in March, being struck in the face with a stick. Pouring with blood she made a complaint at the local station. One Gilbert Henry Scott of Drewsteignton was interviewed and admitted the offence. With a stroke of legal genius he came in brandishing a mangled lamb (one of many fox victims of course) and claimed provocation. This insane argument was fully accepted and he left with only a caution. sab's solicitors should note this and stock up their freezers with the equally mangled victims of their local hunt.

SALESGOODS SPECIAL OFFERS!

POSTAGE FREE SKI HATS

Black HSA ski hats embroidered with our round logo in red are now on offer at only £6.50 **POSTAGE FREE**. They're ideal for those misty 5am kennel-watch mornings, or winter street collections!

NEW HORNS!

The HSA is at last selling affordable, copper hunting horns again and they're of excellent quality!

Test run at the opening meet of the Quorn last season, they're easier to blow than a Paxman (but look the same) and more lightweight. Equip yourself for the coming season for only £9.25 (price includes postage).

DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON WILDLIFE!

The latest HSA T-shirt is on sale at a **SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE** of only £6.50 (plus 10% p&p).The new design consists of a striking black/white/red photo with the phrase: "Don't Turn Your Back On Wildlife" on the front, and "Ban Hunting Not Hunt Saboteurs" on the reverse.
This new shirt is available in white, sizes large and X-large only.

To purchase any of the above items, simply send a note to our PO Box address detailing your order with a cheque or postal order for the correct amount made payable to HSA.

Please don't forget: every purchase you make from our salesgoods range donates money directly to supporting non-violent, effective, direct action against bloodsports. Thankyou for your support.

HSA. PO BOX 1. CARLTON. NOTTINGHAM. NG4 2JY.

DR MARTIN BALLUCH CAN STAY

Influential hunt followers have failed in their attempt to use the Immigration Service to help them sort out Cambridge Anti-Bloodsports member Dr Martin Balluch. Tired of the liberal courts system with its pinko magistrates and lefty judges they opted to complain to a service which dispenses with details like specific charges, names of accusers, examination of evidence or rights of appeal. A panel of three Home Office advisers make the decision following trial by weight of influence.

It was alleged that Dr Balluch's presence in the UK was not conducive to public good. Following complaints the IS kept Dr Balluch under observation and produced photos of demonstrations; these were accompanied by suggestions that this was subversive and that the Home Secretary was 'cracking down' on 'this sort of thing', just to give him confidence in his impartiality. Evidence of the usefulness of his work was requested from his university department. A small storm of protest followed with strong support from within the university, which seems to have swayed the civil servant judges - doubtless they are another cell of commies planted decades ago to wait their chance. Now if the Home Office were privatised....

This is a good result for Dr Balluch. However much of his support came from a scientific establishment who were rightly scandalised at the thought of advanced work being screwed up by neanderthal's with friends in the right places. Dr Balluch's work can be understood by hardly anyone and can probably not even be spelt correctly by the IS and hunters. This makes attacking it hard. We can only guess what would have happened if he had been a sociologist. Some of the work was EC funded so if it had ended early, questions would have been asked outside cosy British establishment circles.

For the future we must beware of the short circuiting of what rights we do have. With Dr Balluch the ordinary courts failed to give the hunt the sort of treatment they felt he deserved and they were able to apply to the IS star chamber as he is a foreign national. For most sabs the CJB threatens freedoms in a similar manner: curtailing freedom to return to an area without recourse to ordinary trial procedures. An establishment used to getting its own way will not be patient with a legal system not delivering the goods. The CJB has made massive shifts in procedure to move enforcement from civil courts to the magistrates and from them to the police. There may be other battles to fight in this area.

LEGAL FEATURE

The Criminal Justice Bill probably will be law this autumn.....

Here HSA Campaigns Officer Paul Davis looks at some vital clauses other than the ones creating the offense of aggravated trespass.

The abolition of the right to silence is probably the best known of the CJB's other clauses. The right to silence is in itself not being abolished, but if you don't give the police a statement then at any trial the judge can point this out to the jury and they will be entitled, which they are not in theory at present, to draw adverse inferences from your refusal to say anything to the police. In practice it is already obvious at trials if you have refused to do this and no matter what the law says, judges do invite juries to interpret this adversely. Magistrates often do make the same assumptions. Maybe in practice there's not much change, but police are bound to use this to pressurise inexperienced sabs. Make sure your group knows the truth.

The bill also gives police custody officers powers to set bail conditions, previously only possible in court. At least now you can put your side across. You will be able to challenge conditions in a court but that will take time and magistrates will be slow to argue with police and many will be happy not to. Meantime, if you break these conditions (even if they turn out to be beyond what the law allows when eventually challenged in a court of law) then you risk immediate arrest and remand. The potential for abuse is vast - activists could be arrested merely to impose wide reaching bail conditions. We all know that police forces and Crown Prosecution Offices up and down the country will waste time on charges with little or no evidence. See any past issue of HOWL.



He will still be able to do this

The section on terrorism is worrying (and it's frightening even that people out to save wild animals should have to worry about such legislation). There are two offences created; one is going equipped for terrorism, having "any article ..in circumstances giving rise to reasonable suspicion [that you have it for] a purpose connected with the commission, instigation or preparation of acts of terrorism". Never mind old fashioned concepts like proof - you can commit a serious offense based on someone's 'reasonable' suspicion.

The other is "possessing information useful to terrorists". Here there is no attempt to define the term "terrorist" or what sort of information would be classed as useful to them. The police have a long history of not distinguishing the campaigner from bomber and of catching all in the same net just to be safe. Could the RSPCA be in trouble for keeping detailed information on battery farms or hunts? Remember Colin Blakemore recently got an injunction to stop Vernon Coleman publishing his address as he is a "terrorist" target. With this bill he could have saved himself a few quid and gone down to the local cop shop and got Coleman banged up. The history of "Terrorist" legislation being used to quieten activists or troublesome journalists does not inspire confidence.

To round off, there will be a power to stop and search within a specified (by police) radius of a given place, if they fear violence. Ostensibly to stop football violence, this power can be applied anywhere. Some look on these measures as a re-hash of the old "sus" laws. Will hunt supporters spot non existent weapons? Will police searches of every sab in the area take, say, until the hunt has finished or is out of sight? Never!

You will still be able to read Turning Point without committing an offense, but all the sections are open to abuse and we can expect a frustrating time until challenges work their way through the courts. If British courts fail we could even be looking at appeal to the European Court at Strasbourg and all the delay entailed by that. That could temper the use of these measures; much as was done with abuse of section 5 of the Public Order Act. Who knows, this could turn out to be another nice little earner!



But he can be sent to prison.....

HSA CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 1993/94

Your committee started the year full of enthusiasm and with the intention of getting the HSA back to the forefront of the Animal Rights Movement. Subsequent events with which we are now familiar have ensured that we will be in the thick of things one way or another with the introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill at the start of this coming season, probably by the opening meets.

After last years highly charged AGM, we began the year hoping for a united front, and as usual sabs got on with the job in hand - stopping more shoots and hunts from killing than I can remember. We had a smaller turnout at the beagling festival than in previous years, probably due to many sabs (and press) thinking it had finished years ago (in effect, of course, it did but the BFSS insist on wheeling out a bunch of old duffers every year to demonstrate how trendy and vital hunting is in this day and age).

When the last hunting season began, we saw the predictable upsurge in violence from hunters and their support against sabs, but for some reason, our efforts to expose this in the press met with silence. Puzzled at first, all became clear when Michael Howard's rabble rousing promises to the party fops at last years conference began to ring true, and the media continued an obvious campaign of disinformation and smears about sabs (what a surprise).

With such a devastating piece of legislation on the card, most of our energy since the CJB was given its first reading has been taken up with trying to work out exactly how it will affect sabs and the HSA, how we can fight it or get around it and what we can get sabs and supporters to do to highlight the injustice of it. The HSA's commitment to direct action is what marks it out from most of the other animal rights organisations, but this has thrown up some difficult problems. To allow the bill to progress unchallenged, without us saying anything against it would have been indefensible.

This we have tried to do to the best of our abilities but its not easy when we are dropped like a hot potato by

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A Brief Appraisal of CAA Activity.

by Davey Shepherd,
Campaign for the Abolition of Angling

Recently it has come to light how widespread the problem of discarded fishing tackle is. In city parks where ponds have been built for amongst other things, angling, large numbers of pigeons are being recorded as caught or damaged by monofilament fishing line. In Bristol and London the problem seems extensive though unheeded as pigeons are classed as vermin. They are hardy birds and if released after treatment, should survive in the wild.

Raising the issue of tackle victims has recently been successful in getting a number of restrictions/bans in place up and down the country. One example is a ban on angling at Hainault Forest Country Park Lake and South Lake due to injuries inflicted on wildlife. On Clapham Common signs have recently been erected which prohibit fishing on two ponds in order to protect birdlife. Fishing bans are also in place on Horseshoe Lake, Gloucs. and on the River Hull; the latter due to litter problems.

Media success

The CAA continues to have a high media profile which includes appearances on TV and radio shows. Although not always the best quality coverage, it does help raise awareness of issues and succeeds in intensely annoying anglers! The best quote must come from Tommy Turner, a well known Birmingham angler: "I don't eat fish, they're my brothers."

National Anti-Angling Week, our yearly event to mark the June 16th start of the course fishing season, was well received by local media in different parts of the country. This year a novel publicity stunt was staged outside the IPC (publishers of Anglers Mail) Tower in Waterloo. An ex-angler ceremoniously burnt his rods and tackle worth hundreds of pounds, for watching photographers. This coincided with a leafleting session. The week of action and particularly the London demo must have really struck home to anglers, judging by the amount of abusive messages and letters we received.

Since June a number of different sab groups have had excellent success on the river banks. The most common tactic used is to actually get in the water where possible; simply talking to anglers is less effective. Feedback on our report forms shows the N.East, N.West, and S.Wales regions to be the most active.

The future

After the introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill we will face the same legal difficulties as foxhunt sabbing.To avoid those involved in the animal protection movement becoming despondent, emphasis is now being placed on tackle clear-ups. These have been used previously to gain publicity on Anti Angling Weeks, and have probably saved many lives. The CAA urges all sabs to consider organising tackle clear-ups. Get in touch with the CAA office for details.

Campaigns by local welfare groups look set to be very effective in the future. Several media organisations have shown interest in covering stories relating to the killing of protected species such as cormorants and goosanders by anglers, who's excuse is that these birds eat too many fish.

Sabs should also be on the look out for anglers with commercial fishermen, raising support for seal culls. One of the present close seasons for seals is to be reviewed in 1996. A look at the game fishing (salmon and trout) press recently shows great concern about protecting dwindling salmon numbers from seals. Their methods include netting which inevitably catches and kills all sorts of sea creatures.

TO AVOID FURTHER CONFUSION:
The national protest against the Shark Angling Festival on Sept. 8th and 9th was not a CAA campaign. Enquiries about shark fishing should be addressed to:
Shark Protection League,
B.M.L.A.P.L., London,
WC1N 3XX.



Fishing sab sticks the oar in

Injunctions

Tyneside ARC has been targeting reservoirs near Newcastle with peaceful actions, resulting in injunctions being taken out against five ARC members. North East Water have obtained ex-parte injunctions with a hearing scheduled in London for late August, to argue for longer bans. The orders cover a huge tract of land; a large part of two counties. Not only are actual reservoirs and banks included but land also used for catchment and supply installations. North East Water are apparently claiming that sabbing may affect the water purity of the region. The whole purifying operation is detailed and is according to them, in danger from sticks being thrown into the water (it does not mention the sticks came from the water in the first place). A private security firm has been involved in the cases.

The following article has been written by the HSA's current tactics officer; Cameron Evans. In it he explains his views on scent and how sabs can use it to their own advantage.

SCENT

and its effect on hounds and sabs

Scent is not the only aspect of hunting sabs should learn about to be more effective in the field. The most important aspect I feel is to learn about the hunted quarry and the way it runs, so you can predict the way it will go most of the time. If people want to, then I will write something on this as well. The following piece is based on reading up on the subject and my own observations out in the field as well as talking to hunt followers.

It has always been said that: *"the first rule about scent is that there is no rule"* and this is true. There are some points however which are generally considered accurate observations to observe, and this is what I'll try and explain.

Please note that the following is mainly based on the fox and foxhounds.

Where does scent come from?

The scent that hounds follow would appear to come from the pads. There are scent glands found between the toes and pads on each foot which produce (to the human nose) a sweet smell. This information is backed up by the few scientists who have studied the fox. It is also known that hounds can lose a scent on wet plough, which clogs up the fox's scent glands. Scent can also be lost when a fox runs through a sheep field or an area that has recently been spread with muck.

Next we'll look at why hounds don't keep on the scent. There appear to be many reasons for this, but the two main ones are:

1) The condition of the ground.
2) The temperature of the air.

Good scenting conditions

- When the ground is wet.
- When the air is colder than the ground.
- When snow or frost is forthcoming.
- When the smoke from a garden fire or a chimney stays low and does not rise.
- In fog.
- When the fox is running upwind.

Scent is not a liquid left on the ground, but a form of gas which evaporates into the atmosphere. It is these gas particles that the hounds follow. Scent particles can be carried by the wind. When the fox runs across the wind you will see the hounds spread out instead of being in a line. This type of hound behaviour is called 'feathering out'.

The following is taken from an article on scent in Hounds magazine Oct 86 issue. Regarding humidity it says: *"Warm air holds more moisture than cold. As warm air cools there comes a point (the dew point) when the air becomes saturated, ie., it will hold no more moisture and the excess water appears as mist or fog or condenses on cold surfaces, for example on grass as dew. The amount of moisture in the air at any one given time is known as Relative Humidity and is expressed as a percentage of a given volume of water to the amount which would be present were the air saturated at the same temperature."*

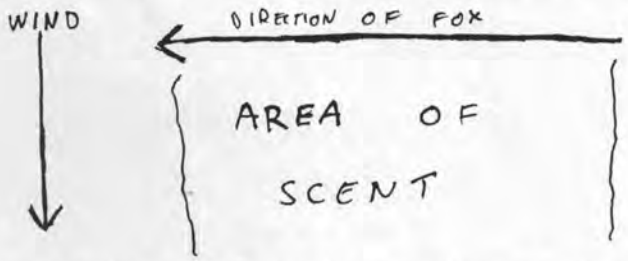
Bad scenting conditions

- When the ground is dry.
- When the weather is stormy/unsettled.
- When the air is warmer than the ground (a sunny day).
- When the frost is coming out of the ground.
- When there is strong wind.
- When there is heavy rain.
- When you can smell the fox (you're taller than the hounds).

What sabs can do to counteract the scent.

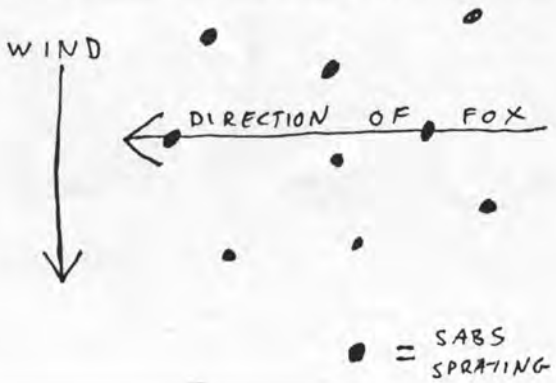
If there is a chance that the fox has simply continued in a straight line, then obviously you cannot risk 'hunting on' tactics. Instead, you must make it as difficult as possible for the hounds to pick up the line again. This is best done by use of a spray.

If you think that the fox may have run straight on, spray in a large area before the hounds arrive. Scent will drift with the wind, so spray a wide area behind the fox, at about one and a half foot above ground level (hound head height). If you think that there is a chance that the fox jinked, spray to either side of the hounds as well.



Do not spray the hounds directly as many hunt staff are neurotically sensitive about 'their' hounds and it achieves nothing.

Bear in mind that by spraying you might actually indicate to a huntsman roughly where the fox has gone. All he has to do is ride round the sabs and cast his hounds a little further on. For this reason it is often a good idea if there are enough sabs, to spray in many different places near where the hounds have checked, and thus give the huntsman no clue as to the location of the fox.



Alternatively, you could try to deliberately mislead the huntsman or staff, by spraying in one particular area where you know that the fox has not run, in the hope that the hunt staff themselves will attempt to hunt the hounds in that direction.

If the fox crosses a road, far better than any spray are the exhaust fumes from a vehicle. Driving over the point at which the fox crossed a few times will obliterate any scent.

Personally, I do not think that using sprays works that often, because hounds are running very fast and will not want to stop. It's likely that if they do stop, when they carry on they'll pick up the scent quickly a little further on. Having said that, used at the right time and in the right place, I know that the spray can be as effective as the horn and the whip. If used in the wrong place, it can be as effective as a fart!
The best spray to use seems to be eucalyptus and citronella oils from chemists (bulk is cheaper). Mix them with water and then leave for a few weeks before use.

REMEMBER: Do not spray the hounds directly



Buckhounds with noses down trying to find a scent in the New Forest

Glorious Sabs and Grumbling Guns

If we choose to believe the shooting fraternity that grouse are in decline, a rarer species seems to be the grouse shooter.

As the mist rose on the morning of 12th August 1994 80 saboteurs met at Middleham, North Yorkshire with the aim of disrupting the opening of the shooting season. Scouts who had been out the previous weeks observing grouse numbers, heather burning and butt and lodge preparation soon encountered the first shooting party moving onto Harkerside Moor. With mobile phones the sabs soon descended upon the shoot and completely stopped their first drive. With mass media presence and various BFSS officials milling around, the infamous North Yorkshire constabulary shoot squad descended upon us, forty strong and officers we had come up against time and time again over the past four years.



Shooters and gun dogs with nothing to do

Saboteurs aware of policing tactics returned to vehicles and moved off to the second shoot on Lofthouses, while decoy vehicles held up the main body of police. Again as shooters took their obligatory "early lunch" saboteurs, now split into three groups to confuse and hinder security and keep police numbers limited, move onto Grimworth and Swetton also stopping drives and holding up further ones while they waited for police support.

Only two other shoots were found that day and when you take into consideration that over 1200 miles of grouse moors were scouted that day the supposed glory of the twelfth seems to be more and more only for the few that will brave the organised disruption from the saboteurs, despite mass protection from 40 plus Yorkshire coppers and 30 security. (Loved the fleecy jackets lads!)

The following day as the media returned to their bars and the BFSS rushed back to the safety of the south, saboteurs met at Castle Bolton and quickly found a shoot eight miles north on Harkerside Moor once again. This shoot consisted of only ten guns and forty beaters, loaders etc, who had taken great lengths to avoid us.

As the beaters embarked on the second drive saboteurs descended upon the butts to see the shooters scurrying back to their Range Rovers fuming at police inability to prevent us from reaching them. As it was 11.40 an early lunch was called but after some daring delaying tactics shooters didn't actually reach their hampers until 1.45 and at 2.45 attempted another shoot. This went ahead unhindered, as sabs had pre-beat the whole area during the morning and lunch. The next drive couldn't start as the main body of sabs were at the butts.

At this point the only real downer of of the two days happened. Inspector Arthur Lacy, Divisional superintendent based at Richmond, allowed the shooting party to use "minimum force" to eject us from the moor. This was stupid and provocative as it brought us into physical conflict with the beaters who we have rarely had problems with, only the presence of independent observers from Liberty and sabs self control prevented an ugly situation.

Eventually their final drive began only to be thwarted by a small but bold group of sabs rushing the butts and thus finishing the day as a total victory for us. numbers of grouse shot two!

A total of eleven protesters were arrested over the two days, last years average per day!

A big thank you to those who attended especially the southern groups and those who had reservations about sabbing in North Yorkshire but attended anyway.

By the time you have read this a week of grouse sabbing will have taken place (full report in next issue) and shoots in North Yorkshire will continue to be sabbed throughout this season.

LEGAL NEWS



Kevin Allen terrier man for acting as a steward on the Essex hunt

NOT GUILTY

In Essex on the 13th and 14th June a sab was on trial for violent disorder at Harlow Magistrates Court. Keith Allen, a terrierman for the Essex Farmers & Union FH was acting as steward for the Essex Hunt. He quite reasonably climbed onto the sab van bumper. Of course the police arrested the driver. The CPS naturally proceeded with this case. In court Sgt. Sutton even admitted helping the steward with his statement. The idea was that the poor man had been terrified by his ordeal. Sab photos show a remarkably composed, even cocky, expression. As the sergeant explained he must have been smiling for the camera.

POLICE DOGS

Richard Chapman, kennel-huntsman to the Cheshire Forest FH bit the hand that feeds him when he turned hounds on the normally obliging Cheshire police. Police had arrived at the kennels to question him about death threats alleged to have been made against his former girlfriend. He admitted obstructing police, criminal damage and threatening behaviour but denied threats to kill and drink-driving. He was eventually found guilty, put on probation, fined £250 and given a 3 year driving ban. Unusually for Cheshire police, no sabs have been arrested in connection with this incident.

WHALEY MEET AGAIN

Whaley watchers will be delighted to see that the John Major of fox-hunting has trodden on another banana skin. Simon Wild had been convicted of threatening behaviour, allegedly hitting Whaley with a video camera. The defence said Whaley had pushed into Wild repeatedly until he was himself pushed away. This was believed on appeal. Perhaps the judge had noted Whaley's endless attempts to publicise his plight (see Howl 54 and for that matter Options magazine, Radio 4, etc.,etc.) and realised he would have chased any photo opportunity given.

We feature Photos of convicted hunt thugs Roger Wakerfield (below) of Mundon Road, Mundon, Essex and Bryn Chitterdon (middle) of Priory Road Bicknare, Essex. Both escaped with community service after convictions for violent disorder, affray, and criminal damage.
Wakefield's Landrover is also pictured on this page driving at Essex sabs. One sab dives on the ground to escape.







ROTTEN TO THE CORE

The hunting community often tries to dismiss violence against saboteurs as a "one-off" by individual hunt supporters who just went a bit too far. The HSA has long felt that there is a deliberate policy of encouraging violence against saboteurs, both to intimidate and punish opponents of hunting, and also to create a climate of violence at hunts that could then be turned around and used as a propaganda weapon against peaceful protesters. However, until recently we could only speculate that such a policy existed and that it came right from the top.

Now, one brave woman, a former hunt supporter of many years' standing, has decided to stand up and speak out against this culture of violence. Her name is Lynn Sawyer and she was at one time as committed to hunting as she is now repelled by it. She even acted as a mole for the BFSS within the animal rights movement and found that saboteurs were not violent extremists motivated by class hatred, a tale she and every other hunt supporter had been force-fed for years. Instead, she found that saboteurs were on the whole deeply committed, sincere individuals who acted out of great and genuine concern for animals and that her own side were deliberately distorting the truth and provoking violence simply to suit their long-term political aims.This brought her face to face with the hypocrisy inherent in the hunting world and she began to question what she had always previously taken as read. Ironically, it was only the depth of her involvement in hunting that allowed her access to the inner echelons denied to most hunt supporters, where she discovered facts that were to make her question her support for bloodsports and ultimately turn her back on that world for ever.

The rest of this section is in Lynn's own words. We have left her tale as she wrote it as well as her open letter to the hunting world. Both pieces speak eloquently of the determination of the hunting hierarchy to continue on the path of violence and confrontation and the inability of the bloodsports community to set it's own house in order.

LYNN'S STORY

My hunting career began with the Essex Foxhounds in 1982 when I was fourteen. By 1990, I had hunted with many different packs, including the East Essex, Essex Farmers' & Union, Puckeridge & Thurlow, Cottesmore, and West Kent Foxhounds; the Eastern Counties, Northamptonshire and Kent & Sussex Minkhounds; the Epping Coursing Club; and many West Country foxhound and staghound packs. Those eight years were spent running, or occasionally riding, to hounds; wielding a spade at digouts; helping out with hound exercise and doing odd jobs around hunt kennels; stewarding at point-to-points; collecting signatures on pro-hunt petitions and donations for the BFSS; and working on BFSS stalls and persuading the public at shows and by writing to the press.



Some of Lynn's ex-friends on the Northants minkhounds with Frank Payne, terrierman from Leicestershire, leaning on his stick

From 1984-90, much of my time was spent gathering information for the field sports fraternity on anti-hunting activity. This meant doing anything to gather information including taking vehicle registrations (over 130 on file by 1990!), photographing sabs, delving through animal rights literature and music bought in specialist shops, attending animal rights meetings and gigs, chatting to the police and generally finding out what I could (none of which I am proud of now).

For several reasons in 1990, I could no longer continue these activities and I then spent four years trying to ascertain what exactly my feelings were. I spent time with the Shire hunts (the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Belvoir Foxhounds) and revisited the Essex before deciding earlier this year that it was time to speak out in the hope of stemming the tide of grossly exaggerated anti-sab propaganda and the violence it has brought to the field.

I went to great lengths to discuss the issue of hunt violence with the BFSS and other pro-hunting people [including John Hopkinson, Stephen Loveridge, Peter Smith and Nick Herbert of the BFSS and John Swift, director of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)] *before, and indeed for some time after, it became clear that I could not permeate their rather narrow-minded way of thinking or change or influence any of them without being patronised or being singled out as a trouble-maker.*

An open letter to the hunting world.

This is an open letter to those who I feel have a right to be informed of my recent decision to abandon my position of neutrality on the hunting issue in favour of the animal rights movement. For those who are not already aware, I ceased to be a hunt supporter four years ago because I was very uncomfortable with the way in which I was expected to behave in that role and due to the reaction I received from some pro-hunt leaders when I disagreed with their tactics. Four years of sitting on the fence has given me time to reflect upon my past as a hunt follower, a BFSS voluntary worker, a farm worker a meat-eater, etc. Endless hours have been spent studying animal rights literature, keeping up to date via the sporting press, attending hunt meets and listening whilst in the field to the views of a wide spectrum of people from both sides. This decision is probably the most difficult that I have ever had to make, it has not been taken lightly and I am simply being honest with the readers of this letter and with myself. My reasons are as follows:

1. Whilst maintaining my deep respect for the sanctity of human life and dignity, I have extended my concern to ALL sentient beings. I now believe that it is abhorrent to kill, unless in exceptional cases such as euthanasia, or to cause suffering to any living creature for our own benefit. This means that I am now a dietary vegan and I will be boycotting leather, silk, wool, etc. in the future. I can no longer ignore my remorse at the large amount of suffering that I have caused, nor can I ignore what is happening in the abattoirs, in the laboratories, in the oceans, down on the farm and out in the field.

2. Whilst I will admit that saboteurs are not all paragons of virtue, I can testify that twelve years of observing sabs active in the field, including six years of information gathering for the BFSS, I was treated with courtesy on most occasions, witnessed others being treated in a similar fashion and non-violent, effective tactics. I am fully satisfied that most sabs are altruists and that there is more than adequate legislation to deal with anyone, from either side, who threatens or uses violence.

3. British history is full of cases when people have had no option but to use non-violent direct action unless they wanted their grievances to be totally ignored by a self-serving establishment. The suffragettes were not deterred by prison and their modern counterparts, the sabs, the road protesters, CND, or any other group or individual who refuse to be patronised by the state are not going to abandon deeply held beliefs when they face the same historical fate. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill seek to criminalise all those seen by the government as weak enough, unconventional enough or easy enough to brand as a threat to society to use as scapegoats for their incompetence. This endangers the civil liberties of EVERYONE and it obliterates the right to protest effectively, the right of freedom of movement, the right of freedom of association and the right to live in a way that differs from what the government thinks is normal. I suggest that people read this draconian piece of literature and consider its implications very carefully. I cannot maintain a position of neutrality in the face of such a vicious attack on civil liberties.

4. The instigators of the use of stewards in the field could not have possibly thought up a more effective way of raising the levels of violence to unprecedented levels. It seems rather too convenient that when sabs used the inevitable, time honoured mass hit tactic when faced with large, less than diplomatic hordes of "the lads", who dragged them off public rights of way under the aegis of the BFSS, that Mr Howard then launched his attack on the less powerful, less influential group involved in the resulting battles. I hope that I am wrong in assuming that this was the desired outcome of those who put the lives of hunting folk, stewards, sabs and police officers at considerable risk by their confrontational tactics, because if I am right then the ramifications of this bill are even more sinister. Once again I cannot turn a blind eye to this sort of manipulation and bullying.

I apologise to those who will feel betrayed by this change of heart, especially those who have had the decency and integrity to listen. I will never support the use of violence against people and I guarantee that past confidences will remain confidential.

Lynn.

TV BAITERS FINED

Following Graham Hall's Channel 4 undercover expose four men in the Irish Republic faced 100 animal cruelty charges. They are: Michael Carroll of Inch Cross, Stradbally (32 charges); John Conroy of Rathmoyle Cottages, Abbeyleix (18 charges); Tom Conolly of Mountmellick Road, Portlaoise (32 charges) and Michael Marum of Chapel Street, Ballanakill, Co. Laois (18 charges). All pleaded guilty and were given six month suspended sentences and ordered to pay £1,000 to the Laois Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

Ringleader Tom Parr of Emo Portlaois, Co. Laois was dealt with at other proceedings and after pleading guilty was given the same sentence. It was Parr whose famed working terriers attracted customers for his sick badger-baiting package holidays. In Eire as in Britain it is the badger that's protected not the fox. These sportsmen were seen torturing both but can only be charged with badger offences.
Source: Irish Council Against Bloodsports.

EARTH STOPPER FINED

The South & West Wilts Foxhunt featured in another case when its earthstopper, John Rossiter of Cock Rd., Laverton, nr. Frome, was fined £160 with £150 costs after he admitted interfering with a badger sett. He had blocked sett entrances with compacted earth, which could lead to badgers suffocating underground; he had also damaged sides and tops of entrances. Under the Badgers Act, hunt masters are responsible for the actions of their employees and are legally charged with ensuring that they understand and obey the law. Why was the case against master David 'Kipper' Herring dropped? It is obvious many hunts cannot or will not obey the law. They should lose the exemption given to fox hunts to allow them to interfere with setts. Anything short of this is a farce.

BADGER DIGGERS FINED

Five badger diggers were caught red-handed on their way to a dig at Lawrence Weston, Bristol, after a tip-off. RSPCA Officers lay in wait and confronted them as they arrived at the sett equipped with terriers, spades and badger tongs (used to grip and pull out the animal).

The five men from Bristol: Steven Michael Farley (26) of Doncaster Rd, Southmead; Lee Nash (23) of Mancroft Rd, Lawrence Weston; Robert John Massey (23) of Westleigh, Southmead; Julian Vokins (23) of Kildare Rd, Knowle and Barry William Nicholas (19) of Lurgan Walk, Knowle, were each fined £240 and disqualified from having custody of a dog for two years and for having interfered with a badger sett jointly with others. Nice work by the RSPCA but will fines like those really deter maniacs like these ?

EX-MASTER CONVICTED OF BADGER OFFENCE



Ex South & West Wilts Hunt master Philip Doggrell of Benjafield Farm, Milton on Stour, was fine £700 under the 1992 Badger Protection Act after driving over a badger sett in his tractor while spraying slurry on a neighbour's field. The area was covered with a carpet of slurry over an inch deep. Mr Dogrell whose family are all involved in the hunt, and hosts a meet once a year, claimed he was not aware of the sett's presence and that he had tried to avoid it ! Guilty.



Whaley tries to placate a resident of Plaistow, West Sussex after his hounds had killed ducks and chickens in her garden

JEREMY HAGAN WHALEY

As reported in HOWL 54 the former Chiddingfold master and huntsman has been forced out by his committee for attracting sabs to the hunt.

Since then he has been heard in all the media complaining of the harassment he has suffered at the hands of animal rights activists, the pressure of which he says broke up his marriage.

While the smug guests on Radio 4's Mid Week programme tutt tutted at all this he neglected to mention a few sneaky ploys of his own.

The skin trade tax scam has been covered in HOWL 54 but Whaley also played fast and loose with the Legal Aid board. He obtained a certificate (the thing you can't usually get for s.5 now) to take out injunctions, (a civil action), against some sabs whom he had a long standing grudge against. Legal Aid is means-tested. Research at Companies House showed Whaley to have assets in a property company to the value of around £30,000 which is a touch over the legal aid limit. On this being reported to the Legal Aid Board the certificate was withdrawn. It was soon after this incident that Whaley was dismissed.

Another fact about Whaley's anti-sab campaign came to light when it was found that his first wave of security men came from the nearby Guards depot at Pirbright. Men of the Irish guards gave evidence in court. It has since been stated that they are allowed to moonlight with their commander's consent. This has apparently been withdrawn.

The hunt now employs private security firm RKR. Again the bleeding hearts on Radio 4 are not too familiar with their tactics or they might think a spot of freepost wasn't that bad.

P.S.

Whaley has now gone to the Berwickshire FH. The Chiddingfold have been forced to take on Valentine Villiers as their new huntsman. This prat bought his way into the Braes of Derwent in the late eighties; a mediocre pack already, they haven't got over him yet. Sabs in Sussex and the Borders are in for a treat.

NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS



The bloody end of a Buckhunt in the New Forest

The New Forest Buckhounds are the only pack in the country which hunts male fallow deer. They hunt every Monday and Friday during September and after a break for the rut in October, continue through November to April. When hunting resumes, many bucks are still recovering their strength and can be easy targets for the hunt. In this article, New Forest sabs explain what it's like in the Forest for the bucks and for the sabs.

Run to exhaustion

The hunt claim to single out old animals as "deer management". A 'harbourer' is supposed to pick out the right buck. On the day, the duty Forestry Commission keeper acts as harbourer for the hunt and selects a suitable buck. This animal is then supposedly separated from the rest of the herd by about eight or nine experienced hounds called "tufters". In practice they do not always achieve this and the hunt will pursue what they can find. Despite hunt denials they also often change bucks during a hunt. The summer edition of Hounds magazine 1993 states that at the opening meet at the Royal Oak, Fritham, hounds lost their deer but "a fresh deer jumped up in front of them and away they went".

Once the tufters have found a buck the rest of the pack is released and the full hunt starts. The hounds are bred for stamina and run the buck to exhaustion after a hunt of several hours. At this point the hounds are called off and the deer is held down by supporters and shot. The carcass is taken off to private land to be dismembered for trophies away from public view, which are then given out to landowners and hunt followers.

Deer management?

Hunt supporters claim that only old or injured bucks are hunted and killed, but sabs have witnessed and filmed countless examples which prove otherwise. It is young, healthy bucks that will give the hunt a good chase Again, Summer 1993 issue of Hounds reveals a glimpse of the truth. It describes a day when the hunt met at the Lyndhurst Park Hotel on the 1st February 1993: "...by now he [the hunted buck] was using all his cunning and knowledge of his terrain. A strong buck that could easily give us the slip....we ran another large circle and [he] was taken quickly and cleanly in New Copse. This 5 year old buck had given us a 5 mile point..." .
So despite the hunts claims, we see that hunting has little to do with deer control or culling or any management. Each year in the New Forest the Forestry Commission kill 700 deer using marksmen. The buckhounds kill 7 to 21 deer a year, an insignificant amount as far as deer control is concerned.

Dirty tricks

The buckhunt is not adverse to using dirty tactics to get their buck. On several occasions supporters have headed the buck back towards the hounds to ensure a kill. Last season a buck that had already been hunted for several hours, ran into a large pond in a desperate attempt to escape. With ducks flying in all directions and hounds only yards behind, hunt supporters lined the banks and watched as the buck zig-zagged in the pond trying to escape. Eventually he staggered out and was immediately grabbed by the hunt followers and held until he was shot. This incident was reported in the local press, resulting in much support for the New Forest hunt sabs who tried to save its life.

Hunt supporters intervened on another occasion, again with tragic consequences. The buck ran into the branches of a fallen tree whilst being pursued, whereupon three supporters ran over to it and wrestled it to the ground. They sat on the animal to



Huntsman John Stride

prevent its escape and waited for the huntsman to arrive. The terrified and exhausted creature was then shot in the head.

Excellent sabbing

Last season did however see some excellent sabbing with every meet (Mondays and Fridays) sabbed. The start of the season was particularly successful, as the hunt did not kill for the first five meets. Sabs were not surprisingly arrested on a number of occasions, as the New Forest is subject to a number of by-laws in addition to the general laws of the land. One of these bye-laws states: "no person shall in or on the lands of the commissioners without lawful written authority ..... wilfully obstruct, disturb or annoy in any manner any person lawfully in or on any such lands". It is this law that often lands sabs in court.

The by-laws are enforced by the police hunt squad (consisting of two officers) who attend every meet and the duty keeper. The keeper is independent in the eyes of the court, even though he may be a hunt follower. Contravention of the Forest by-laws is not an arrestable offence, but police rely on public order powers to remove sabs from the area. Last season there were seven separate court cases against sabs involving the buckhunt. Most of these ended in acquittals, but some resulted in fines and bind overs.



Dragging the dead animal away to be cut up

Hit with iron bar

Buckhunt sabs are often subject to verbal and physical abuse. Although not as violent as the New Forest Foxhounds, due mostly to the absence of terriermen, violence and intimidation at buckhunt meets is not uncommon. The worst times appear to be when supporters from the West Country are visiting. One incident at a New Years day meet involved a sab being hit with an iron bar; he needed six stitches for the head wound. On another occasion a LACS observer had her video camera smashed. The huntsman was eventually convicted of criminal damage after tearing a sabs map in half!

Despite the constant threat of violence and arrest, the New Forest sabs will be stepping up their campaign against the buckhunt in the future. Anyone interested in sabbing the buckhunt with them should contact the HSA office.

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the people who are supposedly sympathetic.

Due to the political process (and apathy) prevalent at the moment we didn't stand a chance of stopping the bill becoming law (something we realised at the start) but we have made large inroads into the perceptions held by politicians, press and public of sabs. on how the campaign has been run. The HSA has not become a lobbying organisation as some people have tried to imply, but we had to try and galvanise members and active sabs to do something to protect their ability to intervene on shoots or hunts. We have been working extensively with other affected groups such as Liberty and the Freedom Network (a conduit for dissent against the bill by Road Alert, Earth First!, Advance Party, squatters and travellers groups etc.) to try and inform the public how the bill will affect them and also to snowball actions and campaigns with a view to making the new law unenforcable. The political force behind the bill is reliant upon people becoming paranoid, marginalised and buckling under the pressure. After all is said and done, are we really going to let the BFSS, BASC, NHC etc dictate to us via the Home Office that we aren't allowed near a hunt/shoot and if we do get there, we have to stand by while they rip *the* (not "ours" or "theirs") wildlife to pieces for fun.

We are sabs because the animals need us <u>now</u> and one more law (although a draconian one) must not stop us doing what we have to do. Now is our chance to make a stand for what we believe in, adapt to new situations, find new tactics or revamp old ones but we can't give up, its not just our liberty that depends on our actions - lives are at stake. We don't honestly know what will happen after the law comes in but please keep the HSA informed of what is going on in your area - it's the only way we can get the whole picture and hopefully set about changing things. If you meet the police in your area normally, and you think it will do any good, try again this year and let us know how things go (meetings are normally for the police's benefit for information gathering on us). If the police where you sab have funny handshakes and act like the hunts own security firm, by all means tell them to get stuffed, but do let us know what's going on - it may be a situation we can use.

Sabbing will continue with or without the HSA, but we feel that it is vital for sabs (members or not) to have a national voice and a network of communication. The HSA is your organisation - it is run by ordinary active sabs, voluntarily for the benefit, (we hope!) of sabs in the field. You may be unhappy reading of political disagreements within the organisation but at least you do hear about them and its up to you to do something positive if you disagree with how things are going.

We need more sabs to get involved with running the organisation. We say this year after year, but once again this year there will not be a committee election due to lack of candidates. This puts the non elected committee in a difficult position - election by default is not a healthy situation, so if you are interested in giving the HSA the benefit of your energy and commitment please phone the office for more details.

That's it for now and hope you have a devastating cubbing season.

P Gammon
HSA Chair

WALES

Cardiff Sabs report an improvement over the season. A regular group from Cardiff, **Newport**, **Pontypridd** and outlying villages has been established. Transport problems have been solved. The group has a good mixture of working people, unemployed and students. Working with **Swansea** and **West Wales** sabs, they have sabbed the Vale of Glamorgan, Pentyrch, Ystrad, Tredagar Farmers, Llangibby, Curre and Vale of Clettwr. Mid-week hits have meant travelling to Bristol. Sabs also attended both Devon and Cheshire weeks.
They extend thanks for help given by **Bristol Sabs** and look for larger numbers in the coming season.

SOUTH WEST

Bath and Bristol sabs began cubbing in August with the Vale of White Horse FH and went on against the Avon Vale FH and Mendip Farmers' FH. The Clifton Foot Beagles were also hit.

The main season began with the Tedworth FH opening meet; a fox was chopped but sabs took hounds off others repeatedly. The hunt's first reaction was to try to re-model the Bath van but after that they relied on running for it. This was the opening meet too for **Pewsey Vale HSA**, a group dedicated to sabbing the Tedworth. The next hunt was the Vine & Craven FH who followed the Tedworth and ran for it. The Mendip Farmers' were re-visited but packed up after two hours in a downpour without a scent.

Then came a return to the Duke of Beaufort's FH who have turned nasty of late after years of humiliation by sabs. Some 70 sabs from **Avon**, **Dorset**, **Ross**, **New Forest**, **Swindon** and **Thames Valley** attended. Some things don't change and hounds spent more quality time with sabs than with criminal Ian Farquar (sett blocking, drink driving, what next?). The usual ride 'em down, whip 'em off, kill the driver tactics followed from Britain's hunting elite -but they didn't work.

The Tedworth and Old Berks took Bath HSA through to Christmas and Boxing Day at the Tedworth's Pewsey meet. A small number of sabs were expecting little in heavy frost but the hunt pulled an outstandingly scummy stunt by tearing up a foxcub kept on a leash in a nearby garden. The hunt removed the body in a sack. Sabs were held back by hunt riders and left outnumbered by angry and now embarrassed hunt thugs. They moved on to see the Wiltshire & Infantry Beagles riot to deer and run away. The fox cub incident got national press coverage.

Group News a round up of last season and the summer as reported from local groups to HOWL. If your group isn't in ask your contact why not. Reports and photographs welcome. To;the Editor HOWL.

The Old Berks FH 's first meet after Christmas was sabbed by Swindon and Bath sabs. Swindon HSA had carried on the demolition of this hunt begun by Thames Valley. They have covered virtually every Saturday meet since September and seen only one kill. Some sabs moved on to the Shrivenham Beagles who were sensibly hunting with a handful of support near the main London-Bristol line. The huntsman called it an early day. On New Year's Day the Wiltshire & Infantry Beagles were sabbed by Bristol, Bath and Pewsey Vale sabs on the downs at Heytsbury: no kills.

The rest of the season saw Bath and Bristol sabs at the Cattistock, South Dorset, Bicester, Grafton, South & West Wilts., Avon Vale FH and Mendip Farmers FH. They also got to the national hit on the S Dorset and to the Devon Week of Action. The regular sab has still been the Tedworth.

Pewsey Vale had only three sabs out at Lockeridge but they kept the hounds to themselves all day except for one scent when they soon took back control. Another small local group at **Bradford on Avon** had an effective season against Avon Vale FH. Their youth did not prevent the usual intimidation or stop a long series of telephoned death threats. The Mendip Farmers have swapped more spectacular violence for regular small scale incidents and intimidation. Sabs have persevered and been rewarded with a dig out stopped and taking the hounds for a solid hour with the huntsman two miles away.

Shooting has not been forgotten. In late February Bath and Bristol sabs hit shoots near Lackham Agricultural College, which offers a game management course. They arrived early to find wildfowlers after duck along the nearby Avon. The police arrived in force and though sabs got back between guns and quarry, intimidation and obstruction allowed the shooters to abandon that site and get to another. Police were threatening action but sabs moved over the river to a pheasant shoot and once again they got in front of the guns and stood their ground despite shoves and threats and some shooting still going on round their heads. Shooting did stop though and sabs then went on to stop a rough shoot found nearby.

WEST MIDLANDS

Wolves sabs sent their final hit list for 93-94. Top by a long way was the Albrighton with over thirty visits. Others were: Albrighton Woodland, Quorn, Atherstone, Cheshire FH, Cheshire Forest, Sir W.W.Wynn's, Shropshire Beagles, South Shropshire, Meynell FH, Ledbury, N.Ledbury (BFSS open day), Worcester FH (BFSS open day), North Staffs FH, Croome & West Warwick, and eight hunts from the Devon Week of Action. Besides Devon Week the group attended grouse shoots at the start of the season, Shires Week and Cheshire Week. Other sabs included a partridge shoot and an angling match.

EAST MIDLANDS

Nottingham and **Mansfield** sabs started the season off well at the Quorn, Cottesmore, Atherstone and Belvoir for cubbing. The best day was one visit to the Belvoir; an excellent pack who packed up hours early with no kills and an extremely unhappy huntsman. Sabs attended the opening meet of the Quorn and there were



Mick Thayne a Quorn supporter explains an intelligent argument for hunting

no kills. The Quorn, once the most prestigious hunt in the country are now an average pack when sabs are present. Michael Farrin (huntsman) prefers to run off instead of trying to hunt. During the last season sabs concentrated partly on the Quorn, honouring them with their presence five days in a row. The supporters were unhappy (to say the least) at the sight of the trusty Mansfield sab van day after day. Sabs also kept up the pressure on the Belvoir FH, trying to sab them every Saturday with **Leicester** and **Derby** sabs. Overcoming two main problems - an excellent pack of hounds and a very annoying huntsman, sabs began to see progress resulting in a memorable sab. Martin Thornton (huntsman) had been out of action, so sabs thought they would take advantage of the less experienced whip being in control of the pack. When hounds were called away from the huntsman and off several scents, sabs were surprised to see that Thornton was after all back in the saddle, obviously not quite up to his usual form. The last sabs saw of him was when he was struggling to get his hounds back, shouting "Bloody antis" as the hounds just kept running - away from him!

Notts and Mansfield sabs joined forces with **Sheffield** sabs, successfully concentrating on the Grove and Rufford Tuesday meets. Sheffield sabbed the Grove on Saturdays. Between them they covered three-quarters of their meets last season. They also visited the South Notts with Sheffield resulting in considerable success. Notts and Mansfield sabs also visited the Barlow FH, managing to stop a dig out on one occasion; the Cottesmore, Fernie and the Meynell and South Staffs, who were very surprised to see sabs from about four different groups, and more surprised as the hounds deserted the huntsman for sabs within five minutes of them arriving!

Notts and Mansfield sabs supported a number of hits during the season, including the Middleton and Derwent joint meet, the Blankney, the Cheshire and Cambridge FH. During the summer they have packed up the Dove Valley MH with other groups, including one day when there were four other visiting packs.



Portsmouth Landrover with its windscreen smashed whilst doing the Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdrey in March 94. RKR security were out giving sabs hassle.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Following the death of Tom Worby on 3rd April 1993 **Cambridge Sabs** have waged a campaign against the Cambridgeshire FH all season with **Peterborough HSA**. Forty four CFH meets were sabbed including 13 cubbing meets.

As a result of this campaign a badly weakened hunt has only just kept going helped by the Oakley FH. Sabs noted usually rare joint meets with the Oakley FH; a sign perhaps of a merger. The field and car support likewise included a regular Oakley contingent.

Though numbers dropped after Christmas some 848 sabs attended CFH meets this season. The steady pressure meant under ten kills. All dig outs bar one were stopped. Sabs even prevented 3 kills where a fox was released close to hounds.

The response was some violence and to bring in stewards. Some 386 were used over the season and at £30 per day the bill was £11,580 before taking other costs into account. Some of these 'stewards' were no more than local thugs. Most were there for the money and so knew nothing of the area, or of hunting. Briefed on the best known sabs they stuck to them - only to be lead out of the way while others sabbed the hunt.

The police played their part. Mostly they delayed sabs with vehicle/document checks: sabs were arrested to be released without charge soon after. More unusually they forcefully removed a dead fox from sabs and once searched sab cars for firearms. When sabs were removed from a public footpath at gunpoint the woman pointing it did not even have a licence; sabs still await charges to be brought against her.

Police here do not consider horns, gizmos, or voice calls to be a breach of the peace and even stopped one dig out to prevent a b.o.p.

All in all the CFH are barely operating and at some cost even to do this much. Kept alive to save face for national hunt organisations, their survival is in question.

On April 3rd a year after Tom Worby's death 50 people held a vigil at CFH kennels including a kennel inspection. Cambridge Sabs thank all who have helped so far on this campaign.

In the Press

On the "Glorious 12th"

"...a generally subdued opening to the glorious 12th both in England and in Scotland. Many of our larger moors have chosen not to shoot until this week or later to avoid saboteur activity. Several N.East moors including Swinton, Ousterbank, Dallowgill, and Grinton were assaulted by antis who appeared particularly well organised this year."

From the Shooting Times. 18/8/94

Q - *I work as a secretary but my hobby is following the local hunt. The people I work with found out and are making my life miserable. What can I do?*

A - *I am delighted to hear your life is miserable. I hope things get worse for you. The social psycopaths who hunt wild animals are intellectually deprived, parentally challenged, bloodthirsty port louts.*

People like you who go out and watch people who hunt are even worse. Why not take up a less barbaric hobby? You could try bungee jumping for example - and for an extra thrill you could forget to tie the rope. As you hurtle to the ground don't forget to tell yourself what a good job you are doing to keep British blood sports alive.

From The People 5/12/93

*Huntsman*Balls

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Stephen Loveridge, BFSS Press Officer, in letter. January 1994.

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- **Get in touch with your local group (details from our office on 0602 590357) either to go sabbing yourself or to help in other ways, such as fund-raising**
- **If you are not already a member, please join the HSA using the form on the right – it only takes a few minutes to fill in and return to us.**
- **If you *are* a HSA member, please pass on the form to someone else who would like to join us.**
- **Support us by buying HSA t-shirts and other merchandise – phone the HSA office if you don't already have a merchandise form.**
- **Let them know what you think! Write to your local newspaper's letters page and your MP to let them know your views on the Government's changes to the law. Your MP's address is *House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.***

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Cheques should be made payable to "HSA". Return to Hunt Saboteurs Association, PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY. For a Standing Order membership form or more information phone (0602) 590357.

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• Resources at the Mid Wales Animal Sanctuary are "stretched to the limit" and any donations would be gratefully received. Cats and kittens there were joined last year by Bryn, an elderly stray foxhound who has unfortunately fallen ill.

If you can help, please write to MWAS, "Rhydd-y-Wawr", Gwystre, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6RN.

Events

Anarchy in the UK. October 21st-30th. Festival with 500 events throughout London including sabbing, Animal Rights and environmental activism, various entertainment and lots more.

Details from Anarchy in the UK, Earth day, Box ZZ, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford OX4 1RQ. Info.Lines (within ten days of the events) will be on (071) 247 9249 and (071) 274 6655.

IFAW Animal Action Week.
24th-30th September.
Details from: International Fund for Animal Welfare, Warren Court, Park Road, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2GA.

International Hunt Saboteurs Gathering. October 26th, at the SE8 Club, Deptford, London.
Details from; Earth Days (Sab Gathering), GA, Box ZZ, 111 Magdalene Road, Oxford.

Vegan Society with the Vegetarian Society presents free lectures by Dr Michael Klaper foremost American expert on vegetarian nutrition. Venue; the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital, Gt.Ormond St. London WC1N 3HR. Mon.26th, Tues.27th, Thurs.29th Sept. All 7.30-9pm.

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Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. Publishes *ALF SG Newsletter.*

• **Campaign for the Abolition of Angling (CAA)** PO Box 90, Bristol BS99 1ND. Telephone (0272) 441175. Publishes *Pisces*, newsletter of the CAA.

• **League Against Cruel Sports** 83-87 Union Street, London SE1 1SG. Publishes *Wildlife Guardian.*

• **Fox Cubs** (The HSA's junior campaigning group) PO Box 370A, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4YN. Send large SAE for 'bloodsports factsheets' for young people.

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• **UK Animal Watch** - Infiltrates and investigates badger baiting, dog-fighting and other illegal bloodsports and exposes them in the national media. Contact: PO Box 220, WR4 9UZ.

• **Freedom Network** - provides information and ideas on the CJB. Contact: Green Office, The Old Dolehouse, 372 Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, SW9 8PT