

FENCE Fall Hunter Place and Trail Ride

Sunday November 5th, 2017

The mission of Foothills Equestrian Nature Center is to serve as a community resource for the preservation of green space and for educational opportunities linking nature, animals, and people.

Mother Nature once again tried to pull a fast one on the FENCE Fall Hunter Place and Trail Ride! With a misty rain coming down early on Pace Day, everyone might have thought that no one would show up. It was quite the opposite. By noon, the exercise rings were filling up with trailers and trucks. The day was quite comfortable for riders with a breeze blowing through.

The FENCE gang were on their A-Game for this PACE. Dot Moyer designed the course and took care of the setting. Anne Swift and Carol TenBroeck took care of flagging the course. The trails were well marked and all positive comments were heard throughout camp. The trails were in good condition and riders were able to use the track again! Lou Smith, the official photographer for the Hunter Pace Series, was able to capture riders galloping along the track and later coming in towards the finish line.

Thanks go to Steve Gold, Jim Hanson, and Tyler Hanson for their parking expertise. Ample room was given so horses could be tied out at the trailers without being cramped. Julie Gordon and Tracie Hanson were taking care of the officer business in the Show Office. Riders filled out the forms and signed waivers, showed all Coggins Tests, and were given numbers. Jan Smith, the WCHPace Coordinator was busy in the office as well working on results as riders came back in from the ride. Once again, the Foothills Mountain Bar-B-Q crew outdid themselves. There were many options for finding something good to eat. They offered up Pork or Chicken Plates, Burgers, Veggie Wraps and Meat Wraps. Sides were baked beans, slaw, and bread. Sweet and Unsweet Tea, lemonade and soft drinks were offered to quench the thirst. They try their best to stay so all riders have a chance to eat. Food is a huge part of a Hunter Pace!

Joey Cabaniss was the timer extraordinaire. He always sends riders out with a joke or two, ensuring riders know which color ribbons to follow. He'll always leave the light on for you. Ruth Gold was Joey's assistant for the day. Timing is not as easy as it appears when there are riders starting and finishing at the same time. Riders were greeted at the Check Point by Billy Jean, Marilyn LeFeber, and Carol TenBroeck. During the mandatory three minute wait time, riders were offered liquid refreshments.

Last but definitely not least are the Land Owners. These are very gracious people who understand the love of riding. Hardy thank yous go to David and Shelly Contin-Hubbs, Mike Frye, Karen Graham, Larry and Sondra Hodge, Bill and Kathy Jansen, Judith and Bill Kerns, Brian

and Kristi Madey, Joe and Kathy Picone, Ron and Deborah Ricci, Gunnard Rubini, Myron and Linda Schatzburg, Barbara Schuvart, Carl Small, Elizabeth Anne Turner, Larry Wassong, Ron and Petesy Wilson, and Jean Wright.

Give up some love for DeAnna Norton, a true Hunter Pace Rider. She is recuperating from a broken hip. DeAnna is one of the riders from Tennessee who rarely misses a Pace.

Despite the impending gloomy weather, attendance was high. There were 110 riders in 55 teams!

Now, let's get to those results!

There was a total of 43 riders in 20 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum Time was one hour, 50 minutes.

First Place Honors were awarded to Susannah Cord from Columbus and Dorothea Mercer from Campobello with a time of one hour, 51 minutes, 34 seconds. The Second Place Red Ribbon was awarded to Christina Goen from Lyman and Emily Mitchell from Greer with a time of one hour, 52 minutes, 45 seconds. They were a mere nine seconds out of First Place. Third Place goes to the quartet of Kinsey Jamerson from Wellford, Amanda McDonald from Mill Spring, Erin O'Dwyer from Tryon, and Hyland Sheffron from Columbus with a time of one hour, 46 minutes, 22 seconds. Lisa Clements from Chesnee and Amelia and Molly Nowicki from Inman nabbed the Fourth Place Ribbon with a time of one hour, 53 minutes, 39 seconds. Fifth Place Honors go to the duo from Asheville, Jutta Echevarria and Susan Haslam with a time of one hour, 43 minutes, 43 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division, Sixth Place was awarded to Baiba Bourbeau from Tryon and Beatrice Lamb of Columbus with a time of one hour, 57 minutes 39 seconds.

Other riders out on the trails were Amanda Aiello, Karen Brockway, Amy Christensen, Debbie Croft, Nicola Deines, Barb DiPalma, Stephanie Easler, Tim Giles, Beth Goldizen, Susan Haldeman, Marcia Headrick, Olivia Kuo, Carol Land, Mary Livesay, Elizabeth Love, Sadie Mann, Roy McMillan, Tess McNally, Claire Moore, Rich Neel, Sara Sinno, Brandon Spencer, Janine and Tom Stenson, Jenny Taylor, Rebecca Tolson, and Felecia Wichtman.

In the Trail Rider Division there were 67 riders in 35 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 24 minutes, 44 seconds.

Here are those results:

First Place Honors are awarded to Kristin Ahlum from Simpsonville and Jerah Sowinski from Greenville with the time of two hours, 24 minutes, 42 seconds. They were just two seconds off the Calculated Optimum Time! Llyn Josef from Columbus and Molly Watson from Landrum were awarded the Second Place Red Ribbon with a time of two hours, 23 minutes, 38 seconds. Greenlee and William Taylor from Fletcher earned the Third Place Yellow Ribbon with a time of two hours, 26 minutes, 40 seconds. Fourth Place Honors were awarded to Jennifer

Smith with a time of two hours, 22 minutes, 41 seconds. The duo of Michelle Drum from Campobello and Lori Kunkel from Newberry were awarded the Fifth Place Ribbon with a time of two hours, 21 minutes, 41 seconds. Rounding out the placements for the Trail Rider Division, Sixth Place was awarded to Kevin Ester from Laurens and Amy Mims from Enoree with the time of two hours, 28 minutes, 31 seconds. An Honorable Mention goes to Krhim Shilata from Tryon. Krhim's time was two hours, 28 minutes, 40 seconds. An Honorable Mention is when a rider's time is less than thirty seconds out of Sixth Place.

Other riders out on the trails were Brittany Anns, Katelyn Bearden, Matt Boles, Cam Brandon, Missy Bright, Marlana Burrell, Shelia Coppersmith, Andrea Davis, Ciara DeNardo, Valaria DeVine, Jennifer Evans, Lynn Fitch, Terra Garrison, Joy Griffin, Jennifer and Kathryn Gruhn, Paula Hammon, Cindy Hansuit, Laura Hendley, Peggy Horton, Ann and Tony Hubbuch, Sandra Hunter, Natalie Hyatt, Susan Justus Hill, Cindy King, Debbie Knebel, Danielle Lamb, Janet Leatherwood, Arlene Lulavage, Ronnie Mann, Reiss McKinney, Reed and Roanne McNutt, Bridget Mercer, Sydney Miles, Constance Moore, Ashley Outlaw, Reuben Parton, Jane Polk, Taylor Reed, Alexander and Janet Stone, Ivey Sumrell, Jessica Thomas, Josie Thompson, Michelle Townsend, Christy Ann Traylor, Jennifer Trili, Bobby Turner, Di Wang, Diane Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Jillian Woodridge, and Jess Wright.

Up next for 2017-2018 Hunter Place Series is the River Valley Pony Club Fall Hunter Pace and Trail on Sunday November 19th, 2017, followed by the Windridge Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on Sunday December 3rd, 2017. Windridge will be the last Hunter Pace before the Holidays roll in.

To save some time and crowds at the Registration Tables, download the Registration Forms from the Western Carolina Hunter Pace website for the specific event and slap a return address label on it including your emergency contact and email to insure you can be contacted. Some forms don't have a spot for an address but go ahead and write it somewhere on the form or use the aforementioned label!

Check the website at www.wchpace.org for upcoming events, changes, and to view your photos taken by Photographer Lou Smith. With the weather being so unpredictable here of late, rain dates are in place in case of a postponement.

See you on the trails next time!