

Scotsgrove Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Sponsored by Middle Tyger Ruritan Club for the benefit of Southeastern Children's Home

held September 22nd, 2018

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September 22nd, 2018 brought out a very nice crowd to Scotsgrove Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride sponsored by the Middle Tyger Ruritan Club for the benefit of Southeastern Children's Home and other community programs. With visions of WEG still in the air, there were 71 riders on 37 teams. The weather cooperated with clear skies and a nice breeze coming through the woods.

With the trails as beautiful as they were and still are, it takes hard work and planning. Leslie Scott and Scott Take mowed the trails to a width that would support 4 or 5 horses being ridden abreast in most places. One could tell that trees that had fallen had been cut away from the trail. Trails were marked with Halloween colors going out and Christmas colors returning to camp. Michael Porter and Jason Shamis were the parking attendants for the day. There was ample parking in the upper pasture as well as the lower one. Jennifer Hilson and Lisa Porter handled the registration in the shade of the Pecan Tree. As always, they were checking Coggins and other necessary paperwork and giving the riders their back numbers.

Under the shade of a tent were Samantha Fouse and Gwen Phifer who were the timers for the day. Riders started and finished in the arena. The much-awaited Check Point was manned, or laded by Anne Clevenger who brought the supplies, Heather Davis, AK McMillan, and Jackie Smith. These ladies provided a cool drink for riders and a mandatory 3-minute hold for the horses.

Lunch was catered by Beth Straitiff and her family. On the menu was her delicious Egg Salad and Chicken Salad sandwiches, chips, and enough veggies to make everyone healthy and happy. There were cookies and brownies to soothe the sweet tooth. Sweet and unsweet tea and water were provided a liquid refreshment.

With the support of Katheryn Eilders and Elizabeth Lister, Laurie Ridgeway and Katie Tighe took care of the barn.

Without the owner's consent for a Hunter Pace, riders would not have the opportunity to ride on private properties. Many thanks to Leslie Scott and the Broadus family. There is beautiful land out there!

The Trail was 9.6 miles. Riders started in the arena and finished there as well. The trails led riders through the woods and out into open spaces. There was plenty of sunshine whilst riding under the power lines, but riders would head right back into the woods into the cool and shade. As an all time favorite, the Kudzu field was in top shape. The view was beautiful around Overlook Pasture. One never knows what the trail will be like in the Pine Nursery but it never disappoints.

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Now, lets get to those results:

There was a total of 18 riders in 11 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum Time, set by Tot Goodwin, was one hour, 33 minutes.

The First Place ribbons were awarded to the team of Jesse Ames from Asheville and Karolin Eichler from Rock Hill with the spectacular time of one hour, 33 minutes, 10 seconds. They were a mere 10 seconds of the Optimum Time! Second Place Honors involve a 3-way tie! Debbie Croft from Anderson, and Diane Hicks and Rebecca Tolson from Pendleton crossed the finish line with the time of one hour, 32 minutes, 31 seconds. Fifth Place was awarded to Dorothy Bayer and Beth Fiszer from Roebuck with the time of one hour, 30 minutes, four seconds. Rounding out the Field Hunter Division placements, in sixth place, was the duo of Anna Davis from Asheville and Kate Martin from Black Mountain. Their time was one hour, 44 minutes, 52 seconds.

Other Field Hunter out enjoying to day were Stacy Calvert, Samantha Cason, Anna Dalton, Christina Goen, Desiree Hill, Emily Mitchell, Holly Mitchell, Samantha Vaughn, and Jacqueline Wasniewski.

In the Trail Rider Division, there were 44 riders in 23 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 30 minutes, one second.

Here are the results:

First Place Honors were awarded to Carol Callahan from Union Mills and Jennifer Wilson from Mill Spring. Their time was two hours, 30 minutes, 30 seconds. The Second Place

Red Ribbons were awarded to the duo of Demetrio Alvarez from Landrum and Jamie Roof from Greer. Their time was two hours, 31 minutes, 18 seconds. Another duo, Lacy Westle and Diane Wilson from Asheville took Third Place with the time of two hours, 28 minutes, three seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to Elizabeth Lister from Greer and Ella Grace Skipper from Boiling Springs with a time of two hours, 33, minutes, 57 seconds. Fifth Place Honors were taken by lone rider, Kathe Burklow from Mill Spring with the time of two hours, 34 minutes, eight seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division in Sixth Place was the trio of Kelly Cannon from Roebuck, Heather Sarrer from Pauline, and Emily Wojcik from Boiling Springs. Their time was two hours, 23 minutes, 26 seconds. There were two teams who were close enough in their times to be given an Honorable Mention! The first team was the quartet of Kathryn Bucks from Belton, Taylor HYTE from Anderson, Cindy Wilson from Belton, and Emily Wilson from Williamston. Their time was two hours, 23 minutes, 23 seconds. The second team to receive an Honorable Mention was the trio of Nancy Anderson from Pauline, Lauren McRae from Weddington, and Olynda Stretcher from Spartanburg with the time of two hours, 23 minutes even. Honorable Mentions are given when a team is within thirty seconds of Sixth Place.

Other Trail Riders out to enjoy the course were Katheryn Alders, Missy Bright, Karen Brockway, Katelyn Cooper, Benay Daniel, Jill Davis, Val DeVine, Jennifer Evans, Isis French, Kimberly Hannu, Brandy Johnston, Arlene Lulavage, Ronnie Mann, Bridget and Dorothea Mercer, Marinne Moore, Sarah Plyler, Tracie Parker, Alan and Ariel Steele, Suzanne Stettler, Yasmin Straitiff, Bobby Turner, and Carrie and Olive Wilsey.

There was a fine group riding in the Mini-Pace Division. Anna Bowling, Nora Daniel, Kat Dooley, Tot Goodwin, Abby Masu, Kaleigh Porter, Haileigh Pruitt, Madison Shamis, and Braelyn Williamson enjoyed a shorter version of the Hunter Pace. This Division is perfect for those who have been out of riding for a while, older rider and/or horse, recovering from injuries, young/new riders for whom the regular pace length might be too long, or for those who are on a time constraint.

Up next for the 2018-2019 Hunter Place Series is the Tryon Hounds Annual Fall Hunter Pace on Sunday October 7th, 2018 at Cothran's Field off of Campbell Road in Landrum. Their rain date is Sunday October 21st, 2018.

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.

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!