

Tryon Hounds Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Held Sunday, October 7th, 2018

Reported by Missy Bright

The lush green fields were filling up early on the property of Jim and Noreen Cothran on North Campbell Road! The temperature was already hot at the start time but otherwise the day was beautiful. Riding through the woods offered a cool breeze every now and again.

Drivers entering the property were met with the smiling faces of Don West, Nelson Minnick, and Dean McKinney. Rigs were expertly pulled into parking slots to give ample room for mounts tied to the trailers. Riders were also met with smiling faces at the entry tent by Jeanne Ahrenholtz, Karen Benson, Cindy Milligan, and Anne Pierce. These ladies were taking entries, checking Coggins Tests, and giving riders their team numbers.

There was a lot of prep work for the Hunter Pace. There was mowing and clearing trails. The trails were absolutely gorgeous and very well-manicured and marked. The ride length was nine miles taking riders through the woods and fields. There were obstacles for riders to take and several very negotiable water adventures. Wes Moore was the expert mower and grill maintenance, and set up. Others out clearing the trails were Mike Axelrod, Beth Blackwell, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Wes Moore, Dean and Roberta McKinney, Richard Pierce, Don West, and Anita Williamson.

The lunch table was beautifully set up with flowers up by Ivey Sumrell and the servers were Joleen Eizember, Edwina Hutto, Towles Dunbar Nappa, and Becky Barnes Webel. The chief grill master was Jim Sumrell, grilling the burgers and dogs to utter perfection. There was an array of condiments and salads available and plenty of cookies to enjoy. The food supplier was Rebecca Barnes Webel.

The Check Point was manned by Brenda Cox, Skip Leck, and John Quintoni. They provided iced cold water and a very nice Port to incoming riders. After the mandatory three-minute hold, riders were on their way. And..... at the finish line riders were offered an ice-cold bottle of water!

As Tryon Hounds usually does, two dollars of the entry fee was donated to Polk Equine Emergency Rescue (PEER) who were on hand to display their transport van, explain the organizations services, and answer questions about the group. PEER also came equipped with their power water sprayer and sweaty horses were happy to get a refreshing spray down after their work out.

The timer for the day was Joey Cabaniss and his sidekick Melissa from the Farm House in Landrum. Joey always puts riders at ease with his humor. He gives great directions before sending riders and their mounts off. The turnout was very nice with 82 riders in 41 teams.

Now, let's get to those results:

There was a total of 38 riders in 18 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The trail was nine miles. The ride time for the Field Hunters was set by Kaitlyn Kubio. That time was one hour, seven minutes, 21 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to Tim Giles from Gaffney with the time of 56 minutes, 51 seconds. The Second Place Red Ribbon was awarded to Amy Christensen from Landrum with the time of one hour, 21 minutes, 35 seconds. Third Place was awarded to Stacey Calvert from Hendersonville with the time of one hour, 22 minutes, 26 seconds. Birdie and Mike Axelrod from Columbus nabbed Fourth Place with the time of one hour, 23 minutes, 23 seconds. Fifth Place was awarded to the trio of Debbie Croft from Anderson and Diane Hicks and Rebecca Tolson from Pendleton with the time of one hour, 23

minutes, 40 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division was the duo of Martha Hall and Peter Shanahan from Mill Spring with the time of one hour, 25 minutes, 59 seconds.

Other Field Hunters on the course and out to enjoy the beautiful trails were Amanda Aiello, Lydia Cox, Ella Davis, Nicola Deines, Karolin Eichler, Tom Eizember, Christina Goen, Alex Goirs, Gabrielle Grubic, Ella Kepple., Katie Martin, Amanda McDonald, Emily Mitchell, Erin O'Dwyer, Rockey Maria Oglesby, Lyn and Ted Owen, Jennifer Pagano, Neil Parnes, Linda Plummer, Jules Porter, Hyland Sheffron, Daniel Short, Emma Skelton, Kirsten and Tom Stanley, and Aileen and Allen Wawrzaszek.

In the Trail Rider Division there were 40 riders in 20 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, four minutes, 52 seconds.

Here are those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to the trio of Caren Crane and Nancy Klouda from Landrum and Leslie Shealy from Spartanburg with a time of two hours, five minutes, one second. In Second Place there was a tie! The first team was a trio from Asheville. Lacy Westle, Diane Wilson, and beginner rider Emily Zou. Their time was two hours, five minutes, 34 seconds. The second team in the tie was solo rider Missy Bright from Campobello. Her time was also two hours, five minutes, 34 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to Chris and Kelly Cannon from Roebuck with the time of two hours, two minutes, 49 seconds. Fifth Place went to another solo rider, Kathe Burklow from Mill Spring with the time of two hours, two minutes, 33 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division was a trio from Hendersonville. Dawn Harrison and Carrie and Olive Wilsey had the time of two hours. 13 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out to enjoy the day were Tara Boyce, Pam Bellows, Carol Callahan, Dawn Clhgrergen, Laura Hendley, Andrew and Sydney Henson, Sally Herring, Yana Hills, Christine Holm, Lisa Kotalik, Nancy Lucas, Leslie Martin, Michelle and Nicole Mayakis, Kathy Nebel, Boots Plyler, Allison Rhyne, Wendy Schonfeld, Jennifer Smith, Annette Spencer, Cheryl Thorp, Stacie Wadsworth, Jennifer Wilson, and Autumn Wooten.

There was a fine group riding in the Mini-Pace Division as well. On the shorter course were Jane Barrett, John Chatterton, and Anne and Richard Pierce. This Division is perfect for those who have been out of riding for a while, older rider and/or horse, recovering from injuries, or for those who are on a time constraint.

Up next for the 2018-2019 Hunter Pace Series is the Greek Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace set for Sunday, October 28th, 2018. This is a Hunter Pace where everyone can dress up for the Costume Contest or just for the fun of it. The Location is on Coxe Road. A Short Ride (Mini Pace) is offered (approx. 4 – 5 miles) which does not qualify for placement points but does receive an attendance point. The Rain Date will be on November 4th, 2018. On Deck will be the FENCE Fall Hunter Pace on Sunday, November 18th, 2018.

To save some time at the Registration Tables and crowds, download the Registration Form from the Western Carolina Hunter Place website for the specific event and slap a return address label on it, including your emergency contact info and email to insure you can be contacted.

Check the website at www.wchpace.org for upcoming events, changes, and to review your photos taken by photographers Lou Smith and Jan Smith. This time of year, Mother Nature can be very unpredictable. Rain dates are in place for those postponements or cancellations.

See you on the trails next time!