

## Cannon Equine Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Camp Croft State Park

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Camp Croft State Park located in the southern area of Spartanburg County was the setting for the Cannon Equine Hunter Pace and Trail Ride. Camp Croft offers a little something for everyone from camping, boating, hiking, and cycling to equestrian activities. There is a nominal fee to enter but it is well worth it.

After having to resort to the rain date, there were 44 horses and riders on the 8.6-mile trail. Mother Nature was somewhat kind this weekend! Riders registered at the cabin near the arena where social distancing was observed. Riders received a bagged lunch before or after their ride. The trails were marked with colorful ribbons and led teams through the woods and by the lake. Joey Cabaniss was the timer extraordinaire and he sent riders out with a smile after giving directions.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who made this Hunter Pace run like a swiss clock. Pam Burrows, Chris & Kelly Cannon, the Cordles, Jenna Gillespie, Joy Hudson, Carllyn Hughes, Kensley Hurry, Cathy Kirkland, Sharon Kirkland, Izzy Rini, Avery Walsh, Amy Green Wojcik, Emily Wojcik, and last but not least Mike Wojcik. For those who asked the Trivia questions and were out on the trails all day goes a special thanks.

Riders were met at a variety of points along the trails for the Trivia Game. The questions definitely made riders think refreshment. There was a First-Place tie in the Trivia Contest. Susan Angermeier and Debbie Fowler answered 3 out of 5 questions correctly as well as Karen Merrill and Teresa Snyder. Tamara Bruning and Madison and Paige Stout placed second. All three teams won sponsor donated prizes.

Now to the "main event" - In the Field Hunter Division there were 14 riders in 10 teams. The Optimum Time was one hour, 52 minutes, six seconds.

Let's get to those results!

First Place Honors were awarded to Nora Claire Croft from Anderson with the time of one hour, 55 minutes, 23 seconds. Debbie Croft from Anderson was a close Second Place with a time of one hour, 55 minutes, 24 seconds. With a time of one hour, 47 minutes, 31 seconds, Rebecca Tolson from Pendleton received the Third Place Yellow Ribbon. Fourth Place was awarded to the duo of Mary Livesay from Tryon and Austin Watson from Hendersonville with a time of two hours, four minutes, nine seconds. Diane Hicks from Pendleton placed Fifth with the time of one hour, 38 minutes, 58 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was the team of Frank Farino and Natalie Lane from Tryon with a time of two hours, five minutes, 17 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out on the trails were Deborah Allen, Margaret Allen, Britney Clark, Devon Tracy, and Carrie and Olive Wilsey.

In the Trail Rider Division there were 30 riders in 18 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 29 minutes, 29 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the team of Meaghan Morris from Lyman and Kelly Walker from Tryon with a time of two hours, 33 minutes, 46 seconds. Second Place was awarded to Carter and Renee Wade from Tryon with the time of two hours, 20 minutes, 12 seconds. Close behind in Third Place with a time of two hours, 20 minutes, ten seconds was the team of Hazel, Keith, and Olive Wade, also hailing from Tryon. Fourth Place was awarded to the duo of Nancy Ermy and Carlyne Groves from Simpsonville with a time of two hours, 19 minutes, 22 seconds. Pam Burrows from Spartanburg nabbed the Fifth Place Pink Ribbon with a time of two hours, 18 minutes, 43 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was Deb Zarish from Tryon with the time of two hours, 18 minutes, 32 seconds. But Wait, there's more! There is an Honorable Mention for the Trail Rider Division! Kathleen Nebel from Tryon received an Honorable Mention with the time of two hours, 18 minutes, 31 seconds. She was a mere second out of the Sixth Place Spot!

Other Trail Riders out to enjoy the beautiful weather for the day were Susan Angermeier, Missy Bright, Tamara Bruning, Terra Easterlin, Debbie Fowler, Charles Gould, Dawn Harrison, Joy Hudson, Lori Kunkel, Sarah Leshane, Ronnie Mann, Karen Merrill, Boots Plyler, Teresa Snyder, Madison and Paige Stout, Toni Von Ruden, and Emily Wojcik.

Next up for the Western Carolina Hunter Place is the Windridge Farm Spring Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Check the WCHP web site for the Registration Form. 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!

Registration will again be held on the driveway as the property is entered. Masks are required during registration and to pick up lunch. This has worked extremely well for the past few Hunter Paces at Windridge.

Check the website at [www.wchpace.org](http://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!