

Tryon Hounds Spring Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Submitted by Missy Bright

The beautiful Long Shadows Farm was the Venue for the Tryon Hounds Spring Hunter Pace and Trail Ride. With the generous Long Shadows Farm hosts, Kia and Michael Atkins along with Landowners Jay Alexander and Bob Jordan of Caroland Farms, the Coxes, the Malones, Kerrie Pennington, the Taylors, the Von Bluechers, and the NPA-Billy Mills-President, riders had access to 9.5 miles of gorgeous trails which included crossing the Iron Bridge, twice, several creek crossings, glorious meadows, and jumps to satisfy the craving for being airborne!

The weather was perfect except for the wind that was very gusty at times. It was a nice afternoon to have so many people together breaking bread.

Dean McKinney and Nelson Minnick were the course designers and what a wonderful job they did! Of course, to have a great trail ride means a lot of trail clearing and course markings. Stepping up to the plate were Dave Ahrenholz, Chris Eizember, Tom Eizember, Dean McKinney, Nelson Minnick, Jim Ritchie, and Helmuth Von Bluecher. Setting the time for the Field Hunters was Bonnie Lingerfelt. The Registration Tent was well run by Jeanne Ahrenholz, Kathy McElvenny, and Wendy Wipperman. These ladies performed gracefully under pressure with 160 entries and a mountain of paperwork! Parking duties had the team of John Gaeto, Jack Kern, Dean McKinney, Nelson Minnick, Redenta Soprano, and Don West. Big rigs to the right and smaller trailers to the left, which was conveniently located close to registration and restroom! Joey Cabiness was on hand to send riders out with directions and check them back in upon return. As always, the Check Point was in good hands. David Delaney, Skip Leck, Jim Sumrell, and Susan Taylor offered a cool drink to riders or a nice adult beverage. What goes up must come down so event clearing was handled by David Ahrenholz, Dean McKinney, Bonnie Lingerfelt, and Nelson Minnick.

A very special thanks go out to the Kirk's Kitchen crew. Johsua and Marcus Kirkendoll and the ladies were on site for a great lunch that could be purchased and served fresh from their food truck. They did an outstanding job with over 160 people to feed.

In the Field Hunter Division, there were 58 riders in 24 teams. The Optimum Time was one hour, 46 minutes.

Now, let's get to those results:

In the WINGS Division Barb De Palma from Inman was the First Place Winner with the flying time of one hour, 12 minutes, 49 seconds.

First Place in the Field Hunter Division was the team of Shanna Mauldin and Sophia Martin from Columbus with a time of one hour, 45 minutes, 54 seconds. Kathy Bethka from Simpsonville and Steph Culbertson from Fountain Inn nabbed the Second Place Red Ribbon with the time of one hour, 46 minutes, eight seconds. Third Place was awarded to Columbia's Brittney Clarke, Emma Kontir, and Devon Tracy with the time of one hour, 45 minutes, 48

seconds. Solo Rider Donna Schwind from Johnson City brought home Fourth Place with the time of one hour, 45 minutes, 18 seconds. Jacqueline Wasniewski from Campobello, another solo rider, placed Fifth with the time of one hour, 44 minutes, 22 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division was the quartet of Daisy Fouts from Boiling Springs, Leslie Lattanzio from Spartanburg, Rachel Neese from Inman and Samantha Vaughn from Greer. Their time was one hour, 41 minutes, 44 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out to enjoy the trails were Kris Astle, Jane Barrett, Helmuth von Bluecher, Carolyn and Tom Cadler, John Chatterton, Nora Claire Croft, Genevieve Crover, Andy and Ann Corell, Nicola Deines, Taylor Dockter, Stephanie Easler, Beth Fisher, Andrea Gager, Shalise Gallaher, Alex Goins, Alexis Grisham, Hanna Holub, Shannon Jackson, Amanda Jones, Julianne Kosel, Carol Land, Katharine and Natalie Lane, Niav Lorenzo, Gene Meredith, Emily Mitchell, Claire, Moore, Kerrie Pennington, Gwen Phillips, Linda Plummer, Asher Quinn, Jim Ritchie, Elizabeth and Matthew Savage, Emily Sentell, Seamus Sheehan, Braudon Smith, Jessica Stevens, Jenny Taylor, Momo Weatherby, and Carrie and Olive Wilsey.

In the Trail Rider Division, there were 88 riders in 39 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 36 minutes and a record number of ten teams who were all within less than two minutes of that time!

There was a tie for the First-Place honors! Solo rider Dawn Harrison from Hendersonville finished with the time of two hours, 35 minutes, 48 seconds. Caitlyn Dempsey from Inman and Lauren Wojack from Greer also finished with the time of two hour, 35 minutes, 48 seconds, both teams a mere twelve seconds under the optimum. Third place honors were awarded to Karen Benson from Campobello, Kaitlyn Shaheen from Landrum, and Lisa finished third with the time of two hours, 35 minutes, 42 seconds. The trio of Missy Bright from Campobello, Ronnie Mann and Nancy Mason from Columbus finished Fourth with a time of two hours, 36 minutes, 57 minutes. Fifth Place was awarded to Bob and Tamara Bruning from Columbus with the time of two hours, 34 minutes, 33 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was the team of Eva Miller from Glenville and Sutton Turner from Cullowhee with a time of two hours, 34 minutes, 16 seconds.

Incredibly, there were four teams to receive Honorable Mentions for being within 30 seconds of Sixth place. Kristin and Jeremy Ahlum from Greer shared a spot with a time of two hours, 37 minutes, 46 seconds. With a time of two hours, 34 minutes, ten seconds the team of Pavlina Byma from Tryon, Melissa Coates from Matthews, Jennarose Ortmeyer and Ashley Rice from Rutherfordton, and Kaymane Smith from Campobello earned an Honorable Mention spot. Susan Angermeier from Chesnee and Debbie Fowler from Columbus finished with a time of two hours, 37minutes, 56 seconds. Last but certainly not least was the duo of Kathy Nebel from Tryon and Boots Plyler from Greenville who finished with the time of two hours, 24 minutes, three seconds.

Other Trial Riders taking advantage of the beautiful trails and wonderful weather were Michael Bachelor, Janna Bankston, Stefanie Bates, Carrie Britt, Michaela Burkhardt, Marlana Burrell, Stacy Calvert, Debbie Cate, Sara Clark, Kristen Davidson, Kathy Davis, Peyton and Ryan Dueker, Joleen and Tom Eizember, Susan Foster, Ann Fratcher, Carla Fullam, Kirsten Griffith,

Jenny Gruhn, Martha Hall, Laura Hendley, Justin and Megan Jornigan, Wendy Kester, Sue Kessell, Mary Macy, Amanda and Ian McDonald, Cynthia Mulligan, Marianne Moore, Victoria Naumann, Piper O'Connell, Kathy O'Connell, Daniel, Jessica, and Louise Palmer, Tracie Parker, Anna Grace Parris, Emily Penegar, Olivia Peyton, Tiffany Picheco, Jessica Porsnia, Feliks Ptak, Russ and Sally Rock, Susan Russell, Doris Saunier, Peter Shanahan, Jennifer Smith, Peggie Sullenberger, Patt Tarr, Steve and Wyatt Untiedt, Christine Vincent, Carter, Hazel, Keith, Olive, and Renee Wade, and Jennifer and Olivia Wilson.

There was a large group of riders in the Mini-Pace Division where the mileage who enjoyed the shorter, five mile course. Janet Cummings, Joanne DeAngelis, Rachel Garcia, Anna Grace, Beth Jackson, Fawn Kennedy, K. Kubiak, Kristin Kuhns, E. Lafour, Betsy McCray, Ann McIver, Judith Seager, Erin Stroud, and Ivey Sumrell.

Next up on the Hunter Pace Series is the FENCE Spring Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on Sunday, May 8th, 2022.

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.