

FENCE Spring Hunter Pace & Trail Ride

held Sunday, May 9th, 2021

by Judith Kerns & Jan Smith

Perfect weather and a Happy Mother's Day Hunter Pace colluded at FENCE to make an unforgettable ride through the countryside. The course began at the show office, crossed the racetrack and off through the Connolly trails area, Mahler land, Pony Track, Pete's Pond, and eventually back to the show grounds via Hoffman Hill. The course was altered to include a ride through a logging area which everyone enjoyed and included water crossings and hills through the forest. After completing the trail, riders were encouraged to cross the road to the Cross-Country FENCE course and enjoy the jumps and water feature for the rest of the day. Several teams of mother and daughters, including a mother, daughter, granddaughter, were seen enjoying the Hunter Pace for Mother's Day- it doesn't get any better than that! The trails were at their best thanks to our gracious landowners, FENCE and FETA staffs, and the large number of volunteers that make these events so enjoyable. We are all looking forward to the next HP at FENCE coming this Fall.

A big thank you to the FENCE crews for another outstanding Pace! Tracie Hanson, Organizer and Registration, Jan Bellows, Registration, Starters Ruth Gold and Jean Wright, Trail Judith Kerns and Roy Flores, Parking Jimmy Hanson & Wendy Cochran, and Mid-Point Sonja Griffin, Meg McGarrigle & Beth McGregor. A delicious box lunch was provided by Mountain View BBQ.

And special thanks to the generous landowners: Ben and Kathleen Douglas, Ben and Rhonda King, Nancy Mahler, James Mooney, and John and Lisa Walker. Without the generosity of our wonderful landowners, the Hunter Paces would not be possible.

Now on to – The Result:

In the Field Hunter Division there were 54 riders in 30 teams. The Optimum Time was one hour, 11 minutes, 16 seconds.

First Place blue ribbon was awarded to Diane Hicks of Pendleton with a time of one hour, 11 minutes, 56 seconds. Emily Mitchell of Greer earned second place honors with a time of one hour, 12 minutes, three seconds, just 47 seconds off the optimum. Third place went to Holly Bacola of Chesnee, with a time of one hour, 12 minutes, 32 seconds. Fourth place was awarded to Nora Claire Croft from

Anderson. The pretty pink ribbons went to Meg Allen and Katie Hixson, both from Columbus, with a ride time of one hour, nine minutes, 30 seconds. Sixth place goes to Claire Moore and Jenny Taylor, both from Landrum, with a time of one hour, 14 minutes, 24 seconds. Rebecca Tolson from Pendleton and Deborah Allen from Aiken were only three minutes, 31 seconds off the optimum, meaning they were within 30 seconds of Sixth place, earning them Honorable Mentions.

Other Field Hunters out to enjoy the beautiful trails: Natalie Aiello, Carol & Caroline Bridges, Carrie Britt, Adam & Jennifer Brown, Lisa Broyles, Tamara Bruning, Ryleigh Budde, Pavlina Byma, Britney Clark, Mary Cullen, Barb DiPalma, Karolin Eichler, Alexis & Jesse Grisham, Hollianne Haldeman, Shannon Jackson, Amanda Jones, Anna Dunn Joyce, Carol Land, Julianne Kosel, Jennifer Martell, Maria Oglesby, Linda Plummer, Taylor Quick, Asher & Sarah Quinn, Elise & Maddie Rogers, Julia Schmidt, Lexi Shore, Laurie Smith, Andrea Stoll, Lily Taylor, Allison Thompson, Devon Tracy, Audrey Vaca, Toni Von Ruden, Jacqueline Wasniewski, Brittany Whitmire, Carrie and Olive Wilsey, and Amma Yamada.

In the Trail Rider Division there were 101 riders in 41 teams. This was another close contest, with all of the placements as well as the Honorable Mentions less than two minutes off the Calculated Optimum Time of one hour, 33 minutes, 23 seconds.

First place honor goes to Melissa Dalton of Old Fort and Maggie Rink of Marion with a time one hour, 32 minutes, 59 seconds. Second place red ribbons were awarded to Kaylee Campagna of Mars Hill, Madison Smallwood and Joanna Wallace, both from Erwin, with a time of one hour, 33 minutes, 56 seconds. The Third place yellows go to Carlyne Groves & Nancy Erny, both from Simpsonville, who were just 38 seconds under optimum. Fourth place was awarded to Debra Zarish with a time of one hour, 32 minutes, 15 seconds. Fifth place ribbons went to Bob & Tamara Bruning of Columbus with a time of one hour, 32 minutes, five seconds. Sixth place was awarded to the trio of Anna Dalton from Columbus, Elyssa LaRock of Tryon, and Gena Meredith from Landrum, with a time of one hour, 31 minutes, 42 seconds. Honorable mention was awarded to Susan Angermeier of Chesnee and Debbie Fowler of Columbus with a time of one hour, 31 minutes, 30 seconds, and to Meredith Benfield and Gabrielle Miller, both from Shelby, who were a mere one minute, 57 seconds under the optimum.

Also out to enjoy the beautiful day and cool wooded trails were: Mary Allen, Paula Ball, Kathy

Bethka, Emma Bridges, Stephanie Bryant, Samantha Butterworth, Wrylan Chaput, Jorja Clark, Beth Clevenger, Kayden Cobb, Alexia & Mary Coker, Samantha Collins, Jeremiah Concepcion, Steph Culbertson, Janet Cummings, Olivia & Ryan Daeker, Kaitlin Davis, Lauren deWet, Kat Dooley, Katheryn Eilders, Joleen & Tom Eizember, Daisy Fouts, Ann Fratcher, Carla Fullam, Karen Graham, Cheryl Grigsby, Dennie Hall, Dawn Harrison, Susan Justus Hill, Jessica Hollifield, Elaine & Michaela Hughes, Helen Kaiser, Rebekah Kenowski, Kaitlyn Kubiak, Danielle Lamb, Leslie Lattanzio, Lizzie Lengling, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Mary Macy, Abigail Malmin, Ronnie Mann, Bette Mann, Amanda McDonald, Kristine Means, Karen Merrill, Cynthia Milligan, Emily Millsaps, Crystal Montoya, Meaghan Morris, Kathy Nebel, Rachel Neese, Charlotte Nohr, Piper O'Connell, Jennarose Ortmeyer, Anna Grace Parris, Tosha Pizzola, Feliks Ptak, Mary Jane Rice, Terry Russell, Annabel Schuler, Leslie Scott, Harriette Smith, Jennifer R Smith, Teresa Snyder, Carol & C.R. Stanley, Peggie Sullenberger, Ivey Sumrell, Lenore & Leslie Threlkeld, Kaitlyn Tighe, Jennifer Trilli, Sarah Tweed, Laura Vanderwolk, Dan & Kay Wellbaum, Jennifer & Olivia Wilson, Patricia Woods and Sherry Wyatt.

Next up for the Western Carolina Hunter Pace is the Goodwin Hounds Spring Hunter Pace and Trail Ride scheduled for Sunday, May 16th, 2021. The last regular event of the season will follow at Scotsgrove Farm on Saturday, May 29th. But don't forget the Year End Gathering and Awards currently scheduled for Sunday, June 20th. Check the WCHPace Series web site for additional information and Registration Forms. Add a return address label and include your emergency contact and email to insure you can be contacted for the generous prize vouchers awarded to the top ten placing teams at each of our events by The Farm House tack and feed store.

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

We look forward to seeing you on the trails!