

Goodwin Hounds Spring Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Sunday, May 16th, 2021

Submitted by Missy Bright

Sunday was a beautiful day in Gray Court! The weather was most enjoyable with full sun on the fields and shade through the woods with a light breeze. There was no rain in sight.

The Landowner for this venue is Carolyn Groves who was very gracious in opening up her property for this event. Carolyn was the route setter and co-chair with Kat Dooley. This duo worked hard to keep this Hunter Pace running smoothly and manicuring the wonderful trails. But, without the group of wonderful volunteers who were in place, that could not have been done. Riders were greeted at the gate by Cyndi Milligan and Wes Moore for truck-side registration. They really appreciated the registration forms already filled out and ready to go. Coggins tests were checked and numbers were handed out. Jim Cassidy, Carolyn Groves, and Kevin Nohr handled the parking and road crew duties.

After tacking up, riders were greeted at the Start-Finish Line by Joey Cabaniss, Paige Cooley and Tot Goodwin. Directions were given along with ribbon colors to follow and of course Joey's jokes always put a smile on one's face as they were starting the 8.5-mile ride.

At the Checkpoint table there were options for liquid refreshment for riders. The Chocolate Wine was a rare treat! And, there was water as well as juice to quench the thirsts. Many thanks to Colleen Goodwin for supplying the refreshments. The Check-Point was well manned by Pam Brenyo, Nancy Erny, Emmie and Phillip Osborne, and Rachel Suave.

Now, let's get to the lunch table! Ryleigh Budde, Kat Dooley, Amanda Fisher, Sara Isely, and Charlotte Nohr set out a beautiful spread! Rick Moore donated the BBQ Pork and Carolyn Groves donated the BBQ Chicken. The BBQ Cook Extraordinaire was Clay Clayton of "Boots and Sonny's Drive-In in Landrum and his BBQ was absolutely out of this world! Kay Dooley, Sara Isely, and Charlotte Nohr were the dessert chefs.

Mark Jump was on site, also as a volunteer. He was taking pictures for riders out in the field and all around camp.

In the Field Hunter division there were 66 riders in 29 teams. The Optimum time was one hour, 40 minutes, 48 seconds.

Now, let's get to those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to Taylor Dinger from Fountain Inn, Allison Jewel from Gray Court, and Tenahvieve Harkai with the time of one hour, 40 minutes, 29 seconds. Carrie and Olive Wilsey from Hendersonville placed Second with a time of one hour, 40 minutes, five seconds. Marcia Headrick and Richard Neel from Townville nabbed the Third Place Yellow with the time of one hour, 43 minutes, 34 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to solo rider Deborah Allen from Aiken with the time of one hour, 36 minutes, nine seconds. Another solo rider,

Rebecca Tolson from Pendleton placed Fifth with a time one hour, 35 minutes, 29 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was the team of Emily Mitchell from Greer and Bill Mitchell from Spartanburg with the time of one hour, 46 minutes, 51 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out on the trails were Natalie Aiello, Lily Bancroft, Lisa Baugh, Jennifer Brown, Stephanie Bryant, Stacey Calvert, Samantha Carson, Britney Clark, Erin Cox, Nora Claire Croft, Andrew and Anne Curell, Anna Dalton, Barbara DiPalma, Lindsay Dolan, Karolin Eichler, Lanie Enos, Andrea Gaeger, Alex, Gonings, Brynja Gunnarsdottir, Beth Hardee, Jane Herman, Diane Hicks, Alayna Hines, Alex Huley, Sarah Isley, Jennifer Israel, Shannon Jackson, Amanda Jones, James King, Kaitlyn Kubiak, Olivia Laheac, Carol Land, Leslie Lattanzio, Anna, LaVigne, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Sophia Martin, Shanna Mauldin, Karen McManawicz, Gizell O'Grady, Tosha Pizzola, Linda Plummer, Asher and Sarah Quinn, Krista Rose, Lexie Shore, Janna and Paul Sloan, Patt Tarr, Devon Tracy, Emily VanDeMerve, Stephanie Wanicka, Jacqueline Wasniewski, Momo Weatherby, and Andrea Wiggins.

In the Trail Rider Division there were 45 riders in 20 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 20 minutes, 46 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the team of Susan Angermeier from Chesnee and Debbie Hines Fowler from Columbus with the time of two hours, 21 minutes, three seconds. Close behind for the Second Place Red Ribbon were Karen Merrill and Teresa Snyder from York with the time of two hours, 21 minutes 40 seconds. Third Place was awarded to the trio of Missy Bright from Campobello, Ronnie Mann from Columbus, and Peggy Sullenberger from Inman with a time of two hours, 19 minutes, 22 seconds. Close on their heels were Boots Plyler from Greenville and Sarah Plyler from Beaufort placing Fourth with the time of two hours, 19 minutes, 11 seconds. Fifth Place was awarded to Alexia and Mary Coker from Waynesville with the time of two hours, 23, minutes 29 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was the duo of Ann Fratcher from Greer and Kathy Nebel from Tyron with the time of two hours, 23 minutes, 36 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out enjoying the trails were Jeanne Ahrenholz, Nancy Anderson, Libby Arnold, Kathy Bethka, Bob and Tamara Bruning, Virginia Chibbaro, Steph Culbertson, Elaine and Darek Czarnecki, Kristen Dickson, Dawn Harrison, Kristen Kuhns, Lori Kunkel, Shannon Lafferm, Mary Macy, Clarie Moore, Mary Ann Morelli, Meaghan Morris, Laura Seiling, Leslie Shealy, Phil Sinclair, Jennifer Smith, Natasha Steffen, Olynda Stretcher, Carter, Hazel, Keith, Olive and Renee Wade, Jennifer Weaver, and Deb Zarish.

There was quite a nice group riding in the Mini-Pace. The Mini-Pace is a shorter ride that allows green riders or seasoned riders and horses to enjoy the trails without being under the wire. Also, riders who may be under a time constraint can get the ride in and get to another engagement. Those riding were Emma Bridges, Missy Frisch, Holly Jewell, Hudson Jones, Carol Neely, Leslie Scott, Katie Tighe, Sherry Trayhaw, and Melissa VanDoren.

Next up for the Western Carolina Hunter Pace Series is the Scotsgrove Spring Hunter Pace scheduled for Saturday, May 29th, 2021. This is the last regular event for the Western

Carolina Hunter Pace and Trail Ride for the 2020-2021 Series. Their rain date is June 5th 2021, which hopefully will not have to be used. But don't forget the Year End Gathering and Awards currently scheduled for Sunday, June 20th at Windridge Farm.

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.

See you on the trails!