

## Scotsgrove Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

held Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Submitted by Missy Bright

Mother Nature treated us wrong! According to all weather media, last weekend was supposed to be a wash. However, come Saturday, the sun was shining bright. So, on to the Rain Date. Trails had been groomed and marked and the course was set.

With the assistance of Scott Tate and a host of others Leslie was able to make it work. The trails were in great shape with just one sippy area. The 7.8-mile trail route was marked by pink ribbons outbound and blue and white to bring riders back to camp after making the mandatory stop at the check point. Following ribbons was pretty easy. The usual trails were followed allowing riders to navigate the trails through woods, fields, and the pine plantation, with some cross-country jumps, but no water crossings. Riders were taken around the ponds and enjoyed a nice canter up "Kudzu Hill".

The check point or half-way point was held at the Hangman's Tree. Handing out ice cold water and timing the mandatory 3-minute hold were Kat Dooley, AK McMillan, Jackie Smith and Heather Daniel. What a pleasant group of ladies! They had carrots for the mounts as well!

Now, let's get to the food! Lunch was shopped for, prepared, and served by Amye Rank. Amye was very organized and did her usual job catering the lunch. Chicken Salad and Egg Salad sandwiches were available with an assortment of chips and brownies for the sweet tooth. There was a wide variety of cold drinks on hand to quench the thirst.

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First Place honors were awarded to solo rider Janada Jay from Hodges with the time of one hour, 17 minutes, 58 seconds. Second Place goes to the team of Morgan Beaudreau from Pisgah Forest, Carol Land from Etowah, Jemma Leininger from Gerton, and Mia Spearman from Hendersonville. Their time was one hour, 20 minutes, 43 seconds. Solo Rider Donna Schwind from Johnson City placed Third with a time of one hour, 20 minutes, 46 seconds. Fourth Place is awarded to Carrie and Olive Wilsey from Hendersonville with the time of one hour, 23 minutes, 30 seconds. Fifth Place has been awarded to the team of Beth and Camille Fiszler from Roebuck with the time of one hour, 24 minutes, 29 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was Korie Painter from Piney Flats with the time of one hour, 25 minutes, 56 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out were Natalie Aiello, Kayla Casura, Katy Cowan, Anita Crouse, Alison Fleming, Anne Fratcher, Dawn Harrison, Summer Irons, Amanda Jones, Helen and Jacob Kaiser, Danielle Lamb, Eva Miller, Emmily Mitchell, Linda Plummer, Faith Prettyman, Maggie Rink, Sutton Turner, Christine Vincent, Camron Ward, and Ella Womack. Summer Irons enjoyed the trails so much, she went for a second round!

In the Trail Division, there were 46 riders in 22 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 52 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to Autumn and Jennifer Schaefer from Pelzer with the time of one hour, 59 minutes, 53 seconds, a mere 59 seconds off the Optimum! Bob and Tammi Bruning from Columbus placed Second with the time of two hours, four minutes, 41 seconds. Third Place, with the time of two hours, four minutes, 55 seconds, was Darci Crooker and Vicki Smith from Inman. Fourth Place was awarded to the team of Paula Moore and Tony Natale from Aiken with the time of one hour, 56 minutes, eight seconds. Jennifer and Olivia Wilson from Mill Spring placed Fifth with the time of two hours, five minutes, 37 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was the team of Donna Hajek from Inman and Jess Wright from Travelers Rest with the time of two hours, six minutes, 33 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out enjoying the day were Heather Abrell, Susan Angermeier, Kris Astle, Anna Bennett, Missy Bright, Karen Brockway, Shanette Cross, Jennifer Daily, Jill Davis, Barb DiPalma, Chad Earls, Mary Gleason, Donna Hajek(2<sup>nd</sup> Ride), Morgan Humeston, Stephanie Jennings, Vicky Kinsella, Caroline Knight, Fernando and Taylor Lampert, Mary Macy, Ronnie Mann, Nancy Mason, Bridget McCrary, Madigan Murphy, Erin Stroud-Parker, Jasmine Pierce, Anna Rakovskaya, Jean Siljander, Jazmine Whyte, Mahaley Wilson, Linda Wilson, Jess Wright(2<sup>nd</sup> Ride), and Deb Zarish.

Next up on the Western Carolina Hunter Pace Series is Windridge Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride to be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There is no Rain Date. Gates will be open at 9:00. First horse out at 9:30. Ride early, plan to be back in camp for lunch, or eat lunch first and enjoy a beautiful afternoon ride Current Negative Coggins REQUIRED Dress casual. Helmets required for all riders.

To save some time and crowds at the Registration Table, 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. *Please make sure that complete names and addresses are on the forms. We would appreciate a phone number, when possible, in case of getting lost, loose horse, chasing discrepancies on registration, times, and placements.*

Check the website at [www.wchpace.org](http://www.wchpace.org) for upcoming events, changes, and to view your photos taken by Photographers Amanda Towery and Katie Tighe. There is a link on the WCHPace Series website for Amanda and Katie's photos. With the weather being so unpredictable here of late, rain dates are in place in case of a postponement.