

Windridge Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

held Sunday September 24th, 2023

Submitted by Missy Bright

Good weather blessed Windridge Camp for this Hunter Pace. Mother nature was kind to bring us warm weather and bright skies. The turnout was wonderful. There were 114 riders in 42 teams! The trails were in good shape, marked with pink tape. There were two creek crossings, well a little larger than creeks but not a full river, and two road crossings. The trail was 8.45 miles taking riders through the woods, Cross County Field, and the Kudzu trail. Alicia and David were working hard.

Last but definitely not least was the food! Janine Connor and Cynthia Thomas really set up a smorgasbord. Riders were served pulled pork, slaw, baked beans, and pickles and all the other condiments with cookies for dessert. A grand choice of sodas was available along with cold bottled water was on hand to quench the thirst.

There were 46 riders in 18 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum Time was set at one hour, 11 minutes, 25 seconds.

Now, let's get to those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to Adriana Acedo from Fort Mill, Haddon Bugenske from Matthews, Carol Land from Etowah, and Evangeline Moore from Arden. Their time was one hour, 11 minutes, 45 seconds. The Second Place Red Ribbon was awarded to Janada Jay from Hodges and Toni VonRuden from Bradley with a time of one hour, 13 minutes, 46 seconds. Solo rider Donna Schwind from Johnson City nabbed Third Place with the time of one hour, six minutes, 42 seconds. Another solo rider, Korie Painter from Piney Flats placed Fourth with the time of one hour, 22 minutes, 30 seconds. Samantha Rabaud from Greenville placed Fifth with the time of one hour, 27 minutes, ten seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was the team of Beth and Camille Fiszer from Roebuck with the time of one hour, 30 minutes, 20 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out on the trails were Kori Archambolt, Kayla Casura, Melissa Coates, Katy Cowan, Jennifer Daily, Mirhan Dulgeroglu, Meghan Duthie, Alison Fleming, David and Shalise Gallaher, Kristen and Lee Griffith, Shannon Jackson, Helen and Jacob Kaiser, Taylor and Fernando Lampert, Natalie Lane, Mandy Linder, Kathryn Maynard, Jessica and Louise Palmer, Elena Perea, Payton Peters, Linda Plummer, Jackie Pope, Anna Pope, Laura Seiling, Allison Thompson, Jennifer Trilk, Amy and Kacey Tucker, and Mahaley Wilson.

In the Trail Rider Division, there were 59 riders in 24 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, six minutes, 44 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the team of Susan Angermeier from Chesnee, Missy Bright from Campobello, and Ronnie Mann from Columbus. Their time was two hours, nine minutes, just 35 seconds of the Calculated Optimum Time. Not far behind was the team of Brittany Burgett from Asheville and Mae Weeks. Their time was two hours, 11 minutes, 30 seconds. Third Place was awarded to Stefanie Beierschmitt from Candler and Julie Tallman from Hendersonville with a time of two hours, 13 minutes. Fourth Place was awarded to the trio of Desiree and Sheri Castanon from Campobello and Stephanie McQueen from

Columbus. Their time was one hour, 58 minutes, 28 seconds. Fifth Place was awarded to the team of Gale Ford from Winder and Daniela Leidy from Catawba with the time of two hours, 15 minutes, 20 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider division for Sixth Place was the team of Christian Glover from Bostic and Daniell Lamb from Marion with the time of two hours 14 minutes, 20 seconds. In the Trail Rider Division, there was a team who were awarded an Honorable Mention. Sara Clark from Charlotte and Morgan Leiske had a time of two hours, 14 minutes, 40 seconds. That time is just 20 seconds out of Sixth Place.

Other Trail Riders out for the day were Kris Astle. Sandra Bailey, Kathy Bennett, Karen Brockway, Sophia Brown[Nunez], Bob and Tammi Bruning, Julie Burnett, Sarah Clark, Raven Cooper, Robyn Gillen, Brenda Gillette, Patti Goodson, Jennifer Grant, Donne Hajek, Jane Hall, Erica Hill, Erica Kilgo, Vickie Kinsella, Lisa Kotalik, Tammy Laws, Morgan Lieske, Jackie Lombard, Mary Macy, Jonathan Magid, Nancy Mason, Andrew Minuado, Meaghan Morris, Carrie Nicholson, , Jules Porter, Celeste Rouben, Peggy Sullenberger, Sutton Turner, Hazel, Keith, Olive, and Renee Wade, Jazmine Whyte, and Jess Wright.

Next up on the Hunter Pace Series is the Tryon Hounds Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at the beautiful Cothran's Field at 490 N. Campbell Road in Landrum. The rain date is Sunday October 15th, 2023. Registration starts at 8:30am so please have your registration forms filled out and signed with the Coggins handy. Teams of two to four riders are appreciated.

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. Please make sure complete names and addresses are on the forms and write legibly.

Check the website at www.wchpace.org for upcoming events, changes, and to view your photos taken by Photographers Amanda Towery and Katie Tighe. There is a link 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.