

Tryon Hounds Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Submitted by Missy Bright

The day was perfect for the Tryon Hounds Hunter Pace and Trail Ride. It started off a tad cool but warmed up to be a great day! Thank you to co-chairs Dean McKinney and Nelson Minnick for organizing and operating such a “well-oiled machine”. You and your crew held a successful event while raising much needed funds for the beloved hounds. The vast majority of riders were very positive about the trails. Comments were made after riders completed their rides

Tyron Hounds hosted 137 riders on a 7.3-mile course. Dean and Nelson designed the course, which was exquisitely marked with ribbon and arrow signs. The trails were in wonderful shape and extremely easy to follow. Pink ribbons on the right! There were plenty of photo-ops along the way. Those in charge of Trail Clearing and Course Marking were Dave and Jeannie Ahrenholz, Frazier, Nelson Minnick, and Jon Napper.

Without the following volunteers who gave their time, no such Pace could have been held. We thank Dave Ahrenholz, Piper Close, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Amanda McDonald, Dean McKinney, Debra Minnick, Nelson Minnick, John Napper, Jim Sumrell, Alan Taylor, and Don West. Don was the man-in-charge at the entry gate. Small rigs were pointed to the left field while the larger ones parked on the right side of the field. The number of rigs onsite grew as the weather warmed.

The Event Timer was the ever whitty Joey Cabiness. Joey is a world of knowledge when it comes to being a timer. Not being one to lead people wrong, Joey ensures that riders are advised of all information. Joey and his crew are not only accountable for start times and end times. They send out the posse when a team hasn't appeared at the check point or doesn't check in to finish. The best part is that he'll leave the light on for you. He doesn't go home until you do!

Without the generous support of the landowners, this would have been a very short Pace. Take a moment to thank the following landowners if you happen to see them. They are Dennis Braasch, CC Frazier, Richard Kugler, Red Horse Inn/Christian Wolters, Michelle Sumner, Madelon Wallace, Roger Wolters, and the landowners at the Meadows of Campbell Creek.

Now, let's get to the food! Lunch was shopped for, prepared, and served by Joshua and Marcus Kirkendoll and their crew at Kirk's Kitchen. This crew is out of Landrum and they prepared “to order” all meals for the riders, volunteers, and guests. Nothing frozen here! There were chips and a wide assortment of cold drinks to be had.

In the Field Hunter Division, there were 60 riders in 26 teams. The Optimum Time set was one hour, 36 minutes, 27seconds. This time was preset by Kaitlyn Kubiak.

Now, let's get to those results:

With a time of one hour, 38 minutes, 30 seconds, the First Place Honor was awarded to solo rider Summer Gosnell from Greenville, Tennessee. Second Place was awarded to McKenna Wager, also from Greenville, Tennessee and Cammie Stockhausen from Landrum with the time of one hour, 39 minutes. More Tennesseans claimed the Third Place Slot. Caleigh Green and Syndey Roney had a time of one hour, 32 minutes, 33 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to the team of Genevieve Crouch from Moore, Natalie Lane from Tryon, and Laura Seiling from Woodruff. Their time was one hour, 28 minutes, 35 seconds. Solo Rider Dawn Harrison claimed the Fifth Place Ribbon with the time of one hour, 46 minutes, six seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was the team of Teri Byron and Elaine Czarnecki with the time of one hour, 26 minutes, 45 seconds.

Other Field Hunter out making good time were Heather Abrell, Morgan Beaudreau, Kathy Bennett, Kayla Casura, Anita Crouse, Ansley Dollarhyde, Stephanie Easler, Beth and Camille Fiszer, Brody Fleming, CC and Cory Frazier, Mary Gleason, Mary Hampton, Lila Hanzio, Nicole Hatfield, Morgan Humeston, Shannon Jackson, Janada Jay, Amanda Jones, Kelley Kays, Monika Kim, Kaitlyn Kubiak, Carol and John Land, Jemma Leininger, Jacki Lombard, Ian McDonald, Emily Mitchell, Kori Painter, Ann Pope, Cathy Powers, Asher Quinn, Martha and Pater Shanahan, Addison Stump, Noa Taylor, Holly Taylor, Samantha Vaughn, Hernando and Taylor Ventura, Toni VonRuden, Carrie and Olive Wilsey, and Sarah Yeziarski.

In the Trail Division, there were 74 riders in 32 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was one hour, 55 minutes, 58 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the Team of Ronnie Mann and Stephanie McQueen from Columbus with the time of one hour, 56 minutes, 22 seconds. Second Place was awarded to the team of Hazel, Keith, Olive, and Renee Wade from Columbus with the time of one hour, 53 minutes, 52 seconds. The Third Place Yellow Ribbon was awarded to the team of Julie Burnett and Andrew Minaudo from Mill Spring with a time of one hour, 58 minutes, five seconds. Solo Rider David Catoe from Landrum nabbed the Routh Place Ribbon with the time of one hour, 58 minutes, 31 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was a Tie! Sarah Clark from Charlotte and the team of Carolyn and Thomas Cadier tied with the time of one hour, 52 minutes, 33 seconds. But wait, there's more! Two teams received an Honorable Mention. Kelly Cannon from Roebuck, Carityn Huges from Moore and Izzy Rini finished with the time of one hour, 52 minutes, three seconds. Rachel Garcia and Ivy Sumrell finished with a time of one hour, 58 minutes, 56 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out enjoying the perfect day were Jeremy and Kristin Ahlum, Susan Angermeier, Karol Aschattenburg, Julie Bankert, Janna Bankston, Anna Bennett, Karen and Mary Benson, Tara Boyce, Emma Bridges, Missy Bright, Bob and Tammi Bruning, Ryan Cable, Shanette Cross, Susan DeHaven, Ash Fisher, Beth Fisher, Susan Haldeman, Emory Heffron, Bayon Hobbs, Leona Ingram, Beth Jones, Jack Kern, Jennifer Labbe, Danielle Lamb, Haley LeMaster, Harriett Lewis, Chris Lopez, Mary Macy, Cathy Malone, Bette Mann, Nancy Mason, Jade Menkes, Vicky Minsella, Meaghan Morris, Towles Napper, Kathy Nebel, Deb Pasco-Jundt, Boots Plyler, Anna Rakovskaya, Janet Shelton, Redenta Soprano, Lisa Spriggs, Michelle Sumner, Julie Tallman, Victoria Taylor, Marcy Vance, Angela Vita, Jazmine Whyte, Brittany Wyatt, and Deb Zarish.

The Mini-Pace Division was represented by two teams. Team 53 was Kara Dowling, Leslie Scott, and Ann Whaley. Team 164 was Madison and Paige Stout and Kevin Whitney.

Next up on the Western Carolina Hunter Pace Series is The Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace and Trail Ride to be held on Saturday October 28th, 2023. The Rain date is the following day, October 29th, 2023. Registration opens at 8:30am. 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 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.