

# Tryon Hounds Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Submitted by Missy Bright

Cothran Fields was a beautiful site to see on this cool fall morning. The weather was picture perfect. The fall weather is slowly creeping in. It was quite evident by the riders' remarks that the trails were fantastic. The trails were perfectly marked with red arrows on white board and by the strips of pink hanging on trees. There were Hunter Pace signs on main roads directing drivers to the venue.

Registration was held under the big tent on the edge of the field. A big shout out goes to the chefs for the day in Kirk's Kitchen Food Truck. Made to order burgers, dogs, and wraps, complete with fries.

The official mileage for the ride was 8.1 miles and teams took off through the field lined with trailers. They crossed the road and rode alongside a beautiful pasture and barn. There were many opportunities for jumping should anyone desire. Many of the jumps were made by nature and were gorgeous. Through the woods riders crossed several water obstacles and were surrounded by laurel and rhododendron. They passed through the properties of Meadows of Campbell Creek, Jane Peterson's Farm, and on to the Red Horse Inn, Penny Dean and the pond at Mary wall. And of course, riders passed the old Stone Cottage.

Course designers were Dean McKinney and Nelson Minnick. And following a great course design comes the marking phase. Dave Ahrenholz, Dean McKinney, Nelson Minnick, John Napper and Jim Ritchie were spot on! It is always appreciated when there are ribbons and directional arrows to follow.

Pace Day Volunteers are a cherished people. Without these ladies and gentlemen, chaos would ensue. These wonderful volunteers are Jeanne and Dave Ahrenholz, Beth Blackwell, Candy Clapp, Katrina Daniels, Chris Eizember, CC Fraser, John Gaeto, Karen Graham, Cat Hennessey, Skip Lect, and Jennifer Smith.

We had the opportunity for many photo ops thanks to the landowners who were gracious and let us cross their farms. Those thanks go to Mike Cothran of Cothran Fields, CC Fraser, Richard Kugler, The Meadows of Campbell Creek landowners, Michelle Sumner, Madelon Wallace, Christian Wolters and the Red Horse Inn, and Roger Wolters.

There were 80 riders in 38 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum time was one hour, 19 minutes, 30 seconds.

Now, let's get to those results.

First Place Honors were awarded to the duo from Ellenboro, Amanda Jones and Linda Plummer with the time of one hour, 20 minutes, 16 seconds. With a time of one hour, 18 minutes, 40 seconds, Second Place was awarded to Kathryn Maynard from Huntersville, Elena

Perea from Asheville, and Allison and Andrea Thompson from Fairview. Birdie and Michael Axelrod from Columbus nabbed the Third Place Yellow Ribbon with the time of one hour, 21 minutes, five seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to Stephanie Easler from Mill Spring with the time of one hour, 21 minutes, six seconds; a mere one second out of the Third Place slot! Toni VonRuden from Bradley took the Fifth-Place spot with the time of one hour, 17 seconds, six seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Six Place is Jacqueline Wasniewski from Campobello with the time of one hour, 24 minutes, 14 seconds. An Honorable Mention is given to the team of Sophia Martin and Shanna Mauldin from Columbus with the time of one hour, 24 minutes, 27 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out on the trails were. Susan Anderson, Kathy Bailey, Jane Barrett, Dorothy Bayer, Debbie Beckwith, Kathy Bethka, Tammy Biondi, Carrie Britt, Kayla Casura, Melissa Champion, John Chatterton, Julia and Vlada Cherkizka, Alexa Ciceroni, Kathryn Copeland, Katy Cowan, Genevieve Crouch, Steph Culbertson, Anne and Andy Curell, Sarah Cyrill, Barb DiPalma, Mihran Dulgeroggi, Sharon Fenske, Beth Fisher, Beth and Camille Fiszler, Tiffany Fuller, Rachel Garcia, Donna Hajek, Jane Hall, Martha Hall, Emory Heffron, A.D. Joyce, Deb Jundt, Carol Land, Katharine and Natalie Lane, Jacqui and Jasmine Lanier, Leslie Lattanzio, Bella Leet, Julia Lewis, Sandra Llamas, Niav Lorenzo, Abby Lyle, Charlene McMurray, Gena Meredith, Emily Mitchell, Meredith Mobley, Towles Napper, Ann O'Brien, Korie Painter, Tiffany Picheco, Asher Quinn, Elise Rogers, Laura Seiling, Peter Shanahan, Christine Stitt, Michelle Summer, Laura Treffinger, Jennifer Trilk, Sutton Turner, Stephanie Wanicker, Carrie and Olive Wilsey, and Sarah Yeziarski.

There were 71 riders in 33 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum Time was one hour, 55 minutes, 23 seconds.

Fist Place Honors were awarded to solo rider Dawn Harrison from Hendersonville with the time of one hour, 55 minutes, 51 seconds. With the time of one hour, 55 minutes, 53 seconds, Second Place was awarded to Anna Ginn and Allison Higgins from Anderson and Allison and Paige Saari from Williamston. Third Place was awarded to Tamara Bruning and Cynthia McDonald from Columbus with the time of one hour, 55 minutes, 57 seconds. With the time of one hour, 54 minutes, 30 seconds Kay Griffin from Columbus and Paula Moore from Aiken walked away with the Fourth Place White Ribbon. With a time of one hour, 56 minutes, 36 seconds Cynthia Milligan from Columbus and Susan Russell from Tryon scored the Fifth Place Pink Ribbon. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place with the time of one hour, 53 minutes, 37 seconds was the quartet of Susan Angermeier from Chesnee, Missy Bright from Campobello and Ronnie Mann and Nancy Mason from Columbus. There were two teams within 30 seconds of 6<sup>th</sup> place, who received an Honorable Mention. Deborah Allen from Aiken, Maria Oglesby and Julia Schmidt from Clemson finished with the time of one hour, 53 minutes, 23 seconds. Kristin and Jeremy Ahlum from Greer finished with the time of one hour, 57 minutes, 30 seconds.

Other Trail Riers out basking in the beauty of the scenery were Mary Allen, Karol Aschaffenburg, Melissa Auen, Joan K. Barkley, Caroline Brobst, Karen Brockway, Michaela Burkhardt, Jeannie Burrell, Kelly Cannon, Samantha Carter, Deborah Cate, David Cato, Kaylee Champagne, Sarah Clark, Alexa and Mary Coker, Melissa Dalton, Kathy Davis, Abigail

DeVries, Joleen and Tom Eizember, Christina and Scott Graziano, Jeanne Griggs, Jamie Hempen, Laura Hendley, Mary Beth Herbert, Carltyn Hughes, Cassandra Lobo, Mary Macy, Meaghan Morris, Kathy Nebel, Izzy Rini, Maggie Rink, Kimberly and Matthew Savage, Leslie Scott, Leslie Shealy, Paige Stout, Susan Tramell, Marcy Vance, Christine Vincent, Lori West, and Deb Zarish.

The Mini-Pace Division was well represented as well on this awesome day. The times varied between 48 minutes, 53 seconds to one hour, 20 minutes, nine seconds. Those riders were Savannah Adkins, Kristine Astle, Gabreille Beam, Meredith Benfield, Taylor Docktor, Danielle Lamb, Kristine Means, Karen Merrill, Brandy Miller, Russ and Sally Rock, Autumn and Jennifer Schaefer, Sandra Silver, Teresa Snyder, Carol Stanley, and Angela and Josie Thompson. Well done!

Next up on the Western Carolina Hunter Pace and Trail Ride Series schedule is the Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace to be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The rain date is Sunday, October 30<sup>h</sup>, 2022. The venue is their Coxe Road Fixture. Registration starts at 8:30 and Ride times start at 9am and run til 2pm.

To save time at the Registration Tables, please download the Registration Forms from the Western Carolina Hunter Pace website for a specific event and slap a return address label on it including your full address and emergency contact and email to insure you can be contacted.

Check the website at [www.wchpace.org](http://www.wchpace.org) for upcoming events, changes, and to view your photos taken by Photographers Lou Smith, Katie Tighe, and Amanda Towery. Many of the photos this season are in a new format, so be sure to follow the link at the top of the WCHPace Series website photo album to access those additional pictures. With the weather being so unpredictable here of late, rain dates are in place in case of a postponement.

See you on the trails