

## **Tryon Hounds Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride** **Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Submitted by Missy Bright

One could not have asked for a more perfect day for a Hunter Pace! The weather was gorgeous, starting off a little cool but warming up very nicely, and the setting nothing short of picture perfect!

Trailers and rigs turned onto the beautiful Cothran Field from Campbell Road and were directed to parking by Master Dean McKinney, Nelson Minnick, Mike Bowles, and Don West. These gentlemen were full of smiles and were being jolly good Greeters!

Master Becky Barnes and Nelson Minnick, President of the Board of Directors co-chaired this Hunter Pace.

The Course Designers and Trail Markers were Becky Barnes, Nelson Minnick, Jeanne and David Ahrenholz, and Holly Burke. This group did an outstanding job on grooming and marking the trails with pink tape, arrows and signage. The Trail Design was wonderful and was a very easy ride. The trail took riders through the woods and on the edges of fields. There were two wooden bridges to cross in the woods. The word heard from incoming riders was that the trails were outstanding!

Riders were greeted at the registration table by Becky Barnes and Wendy Hammil. Masks were worn during the registration process. Becky and Wendy took the entries, checked Coggins Tests, and gave numbers to teams.

Riders were sent off on the day's adventure by Timer Joey Cabiness. As always, he promised that he would leave the light on!

The Check Point was stationed at the beautiful Stone Cottage. The cottage is definitely a beautiful photo op. Skip Leck and Jim Sumrell greeted riders with cold water or a Stirrup Cup. A Stirrup Cup is a traditional drink, either Port or Sherry that is served to guests at a meet, prior to a traditional foxhunt. Since riders are leaving, the cup is given while a rider is leaving and have their feet in the stirrups.

Towles Napper served as Volunteer Hospitality rep and Becky Barnes served as Public Relations rep.

As everyone surely misses Lou Smith taking pictures at the Hunter Paces, Don West and Mark Jump were snapping photos of riders throughout the trail ride.

Without a landowner's blessing to ride on their property, a Hunter Pace would be pretty short. But not today! The Tryon Hounds Hunter Pace would like to thank Jim Cothran, The Red Horse Inn, Michelle and Kevin Sumner, The Meadows of Campbell Creek, Penny Dean, and Roger Wolters for allowing passage on their properties.

The only thing that was missing from this Hunter Pace was the food. Riders missed the aroma of hot dogs and burgers on the grills being attended to by their wonderful Grill Masters! This was an unfortunate occurrence but was necessary to keep everyone safe and socially distanced. On the lighter note, there was not a shortage of riders!

There was a total of 122 riders in 62 teams riding the 6.75-mile trail.

In the Field Hunter Division there were 45 riders in 23 teams. The Optimum Time was 57 minutes, 59 seconds

Now, let's get to those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to Diane Hicks from Pendleton with the time of one hour, one minute, six seconds. Debbie Croft and Nora Claire Croft from Anderson nabbed the Second Place red ribbon with the time of one hour, two minutes, seven seconds. Third Place was awarded to the duo of Marcia Headrick and Richard Neel from Townville. Their time was one hour, two minutes, 12 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to a quintet with the time of one hour, two minutes, 27 seconds. Jessica Boskovich, Mackenzie Crowder, and Morgan Willard from Waxhaw and Carol Land and Audrey Vaca from Marvin made up this team! In Fifth Place was the team of Britney Clark and Devon Tracy from Columbia with a time of one hour, three minutes, 21 seconds. Rounding out the placements for the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place were Natalie Lane and Susan Russell from Tryon with the time of one hour, six minutes, 45 seconds. The team of Karolin Eichler and Gabrielle Grubic, both from Rock Hill, received an Honorable Mention with the time of one hour, six minutes, 59 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out to enjoy the day were Natalie Aiello, Karol Aschaffenburg, Birdie and Mike Axelrod, Baiba Bourbeau, Carol Bridges, Jennifer and Adam Brown, Carolyn and Tom Cadier, Stacy Calvert, Ann Fratcher, Christina Goen, Justin Hall, Kaitlyn Hermans, Amanda Jones, Beatrice Lamb, Carol-Ann Marty, Emily Mitchell, Linda Plummer, Taylor Quick, Angela and Caleigh Reichardt, Martha and Peter Shanahan, Andrea Stoll, Patt Tarr, Becky Tolson, and Carrie and Olive Wilsey.

In the Trail Rider Division there were 66 riders in 31 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was one hour, 43 minutes, 50 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to Karen Merrill and Teresa Snyder from York with a time of one hour, 44 minutes, five seconds. There was a tie for the Second Place red ribbons with both teams one minute, 22 seconds off the optimum. Nancy Erny and Carolyne Groves from Simpsonville scored with the time of one hour, 42 minutes, 28 seconds. The team of Morgan Brink from Advance and Rachel Fischer from Lexington scored with the time of one hour, 45 minutes, 12 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to Susan Angermeier from Chesnee and Debbie Fowler from Spartanburg with the time of one hour, 45 minutes, 22 seconds. Ryleigh Bodde from North and Kay Dooley from St. Matthews were awarded the Fifth Place slot with the time of one hour 46 minutes, 10 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division, and taking Sixth place honors, were Bob and Tamara Bruning from Columbus with a time of one hour 40 minutes, 58 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out enjoying the magnificent trails were David and Jeanne Ahrenholz, Nancy Anderson, Gabriella Miller Beam, Tara Boyce, Missy Bright, Chris and Kelly Cannon, Missy Cashman, Debbie Craycraft, Cindy and Stephanie Easler, Kim Ewing, Karla and Maddie Fernandez, Carla Fulham, Anna Ginn, Mackenzie Gunn, Donna Hajek, Dawn Harrison, Laura Hendley, Susie Justus Hill, Katie and Parker Hixson, Lynwood Jackson, Sue Lomeazo, Mary Macy, Ronnie Mann, Sharon Clark Maxwell, Betsy McCray, Debbie McGrath, Ann McIver, Cynthia Milligan, Jon Napper, Kathy Nebel, Whitney O'Brian, Rachel O'Brien, Tracie Parker, Janna Ritacco, Alison Saari, Jennifer Scott, Kathy Scully, Barbara Smith, Jennifer Smith, Carol & CR Stanley, Peggie Sullenberger, Ivey Sumrell, Winesett, Jessica Wright, Sherry Wyatt, and Debra Zarish.

There were seven riders in the Mini-Pace Division. Gail Benner, Kate Coldren, Cathy Davis, Nancy Hasselbring, Elaine Hobbs, Kristin Kuhns, and Mary Macy rode on the abbreviated trail, which was part of the overall trail ride.

Last but certainly not least are the riders in the WINGS Division. Receiving First Place Honors was Elise Rogers from Columbus with the time of 44 minutes, 32 seconds. Solo Rider Shannon Jackson from Ellenboro placed Second with the time of 48 minutes, 38 seconds. Jane Barrett and John Chatterton from Columbus received Third Place with the time of one hour, one minute, 36 seconds.

Next up for the Western Carolina Hunter Place is the Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is a Pre-Registration Event only. Last date for registration is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Check the website at [www.wchpace.org](http://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.