

## **Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace**

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Submitted by Missy Bright

The Coxe Road Fixture was the scene of the Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace. Green River Farm is the owner of the property. The weather was cloudy with a little chill but otherwise comfortable for riding. The rain held off for most of the day but most knew rain was moving in.

Upon entering the property, rigs were guided to the parking area in the field. Cones had been strategically placed to help drivers avoid some rough spots.

The Green Creek Hounds did not disappoint on this Hunter Pace! The trails were well marked with yellow or red tape, depending on which division was ridden and arrow signs were placed to ensure riders didn't lose their way. Trails in the more open areas were wide enough for a car to pass! The water crossings were very easy to navigate and not deep due to the lack of rain. Many thanks to those who groomed and marked the trails.

The GCH volunteers that we want to thank for this day were Kurt Allen, Randy Autrey, Lisa Broyles, Allie Conrad, Janet Cummings, Debbie Fowler, Lynwood Jackson, Marc James, Mark Jump, Lydia Kolbas, Deb Kornacki, Elyssa LaRock, Anne LaVigne, Mark Leaf, Skip Leck, Jane and Terry Lynch, who were the timers, Marijo MacLachen, Holly Mitchell, Catherine Mooneyham, Susie Nixon, Harald Pfeiffer, David Raley, Andrea Stroll, Christine Vincent, Kelly Walker, and Jillian Woolridge.

Let us not forget the spread of eats that these members provided. Fresh off the grill hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixins were provided along with salads, chips and a wide variety of liquid refreshments to quinch the thirst. The most exciting part of the feast was the dessert table. You name it, it was there! The most standout dessert was the Kitty Litter Box Cake. You had to be there!

The trail mileage was about 9.5 miles and included options for jumps.

There were 47 riders in 21 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum Times was 54 minutes, 25 seconds.

Now, let's get to those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to Anita Crouse from Marion and Bryce Knopp from Northport with the time of one hour, six minutes, 25 seconds. Sara Jackson from Wendell, Amanda Jones and Linda Plummer from Ellenboro nabbed the Second Place Red Ribbon with a time of one hour, 14 minutes, four seconds. Third Place was awarded to Lisa Broyles from Saluda and A.D. Joyce from Spartanburg with the time of one hour, 20 minutes, seven seconds. The trio of Carol Land from Etowah and Erin Evon and Niav Lorenzo from Charlotte earned the Fourth Place Ribbons with a time of one hour, 21 minutes, 28 seconds. Asher Quinn and Sarah Yezierski from Pisgah Forest placed Fifth with a time of one hour, 30 minutes, 27 seconds.

Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was Janada Jay from Hodges and Toni VonRuden from Bradley with the time of one hour, 36 minutes, 14 seconds.

Other Field Hunters on the trails were Savannah Adkins, Birdie and Mike Axelrod, Jane Barrett, Stephanie Bryant, Desiree Castanan, Kayla Casura, Melissa Champion, Jennifer Daily, Stephanie Easler, Pat Figueroa, Beth Fisher, Daisy Fouts, Danielle Galli, Donna Hajek, Emory Heffron, Erin Hurlbert, Deb Jundt, Helena and Jacob Kaiser, Danielle Lamb, Taylor Lampert, Leslie Lattanzio, Abby Lylz, Emily Mitchell, Michelle Montgomery, Martha Morris, Rachel Neese, Korie Painter, Brandon Smith, Raelyn Spencer, and Carrie and Olive Wilsey.

There were 42 riders in 18 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum time was two hours, 25 minutes, 27 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to Jennifer and Olivia Wilson from Mill Spring with the time of two hours, 30 minutes, 45 seconds. Not far behind was the team of Alison and Paige Saari from Williamston and Layla Sutton from Anderson placing Second with the time of two hours, 31 minutes, five seconds. Third Place was awarded to Anna Ginn and Allison Higgins from Anderson with the time of two hours, 31 minutes, 15 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to the trio of Kathleen Nebel and Deb Zarish from Tryon and Janet Sheldon from Moultrie, GA with the time of two hours, 18 minutes, 38 seconds. Jade Menkes from Duncan and Terry Shaw from Campobello earned the Fifth Place Slot with the time of two hours, 17 minutes, 35 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was Susan Angermeier from Chesnee, Missy Bright from Campobello, and Nancy Mason from Columbus. Their time was two hours, 35 minutes, 34 seconds. Marianne Moore and Doris Saunier earned an Honorable Mention with a time of two hours, 15 minutes, nine seconds.

Other Trail Riders out enjoying the day were Olina Beddingfield, Michaela Burkhardt, Sarah Clark, Olivia and Ryan Ducker, Joleen and Tom Eizember, Isabelle Farmer, Christina and Scott Graziano, Dawn Harrison, Laura Hendley, Brandy Johnston, Sydney Langley, Morgan Lieske, Elizabeth Love, Meaghan Morris, Erica Revelle, Sally and Russ Rock, Sydney Shipp, Jennifer Smith, Melissa VanDoren, and Joel and Kori Wing.

The Mini-Pacers were Sarah and Payton Cyrill, Beth and Camille Fiszer, Karen Merrill, Madigan Murphy, Melissa Palotta, and Teresa Snyder. Their times ranged from 55 minutes to one hour 38 minutes. The shorter trail gives riders a chance to participate but not be out as long. It provides a shorter distance and times for those who may have other engagements for just getting that young mount out for a short hack.

Last but certainly not least was the Costume Contest. There were costumes to the left and right! The tricky part for some was to ride the distance with the costume on. The Winner of the Best Costume incorporating the Horse was Daisy Fouts, in a fabulous chicken costume with an abundance of feather on both rider and mount! The Best Group Costume was awarded to Meaghan Morris and Melissa VanDoren, "minimalist & Shera". The Best Individual Costume was Stephanie Bryant as a big, scary Halloween Spider.

Next up is the Western Carolina Hunter Pace and Trail Ride Series is the FENCE Fall Hunter Pace postponed to their rain date of Sunday, November 13th, 2022. Ride times start at 9am and run until 2pm. Registration opens at 8:30.

To save time at the Registration Tables, please 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 full address and emergency contact and email to insure you can be contacted. There are five pages on this Pace's registration form

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. The photos this season are in a new format. With the weather being so unpredictable here of late, rain dates are in place in case of a postponement.

See you on the trails