

## Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Submitted by Missy Bright

The Coxe Road Fixture was the setting for the Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on a beautiful yet a little breezy day. This Hunter Pace would not have been a success without the teamwork involved. The volunteers and riders were awesome.

Upon entering the fixture, one was greeted by the first shift of Mark James, Deb Jundt, and Anna LaVigne. This trio did a fantastic job of lining up the rigs in just about a perfect line. When the second shift, Beth Fisher, Beth Kelly, and Janna and Paul Sloan took over, they were able to maintain order. There was room for all rigs to be parked with ample room between for horses not to be crowded.

Registration was back again with the on-site registration. The experienced Holly Mitchell was assisted by Meg Allen and Martha Woodham. These ladies held their own! These ladies had on their game faces and took charge. They also helped vote on the costume contest. There was a merchandise table set up by Anne Curell and while she rode the course, riding Mr. Buttons, Deb Kornacki, and Mark Leaf manned the merchandise.

There was a smorgasbord of food available to be consumed before or after riding. Cindy McDonald had a long day. She had just flown back from Wisconsin and was there along with Andrea Stoll and Jillian Woolridge to serve up the feast. Brandon Gagner had all sorts of liquid refreshments available. Melanie Snowwhite dropped off pasta salad. Louise Palmer dropped off her Cole Slaw, rode the course with her family, and then hacked home. Now that is a long day! Lydia Kolbas brought her Broccoli Salad and then helped organize the food presentation. Anne Curell brought enough Chili to feed half of Texas. Janet Cummings brought chips. Ginny Sullivan was extra support by helping set up and keep the Chili stirred. Those who brought a dessert are to be applauded. It was hard to choose which to eat.

Terry and Jane Lynch were the timers and also took part in judging the Costume Contest. They had a long day as well.

Let us not forget the wonderful crew at the Check Point. Anna Dalton, "DJ", Skip Leck, and David Raley were on hand for the three-minute rest. They offered riders a nice adult beverage or bottled water as a refreshment.

Riders have David Raley to thank for setting up the wonderful course. He was on course all week mowing and trimming. It is a real treat when arrow signs are used in addition to the ribbons.

A Special Thank You to "DJ" and Anna who were kind enough to send an email with every bit of information needed to acknowledge all of the volunteers. Green Creek Hounds had their game faces on and it showed!

In the Field Hunter Division there were 48 riders in 26 teams. The Optimum Time was one hour, 25 minutes which was set by Jillian Woolridge and the course was 11.96 miles.

Now, let's get to those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to Shannon Jackson from Ellenboro with a time of one hour, 27 minutes, 48 seconds. Second Place was awarded to Shalise Gallaher from Columbus and Miki Razo from Tryon with a time on one hour, 30 minutes, 45 seconds. With a time of one hour, 43 minutes, one second, Carol Land, Kate Galeazzi, Niav Lorenzo, Nithvi Mallipeddi, Matthew Savage, and Lexie Shore brought home the Third Place Yellow Ribbon. Fourth Place was awarded to Asher Quinn and Sarah Yeziarski from Pisgah Forest with the time of one hour, 45 minutes, 12 seconds. Nicola Deines from Rutherfordton and Linda Plummer nabbed Fifth Place with the time of one hour, 49 minutes, 36 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was solo rider Beth Fiszer from Roebuck with a time of one hour, 52 minutes, 26 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out to enjoy the day were Carol Bridges, Lisa Broyles, Julie Burnett, Pavlina Byman, Nora Claire and Debbie Croft, Anne and Andy Curell, Anna Dunn, Stephanie Easler, Anne Field, Daisy Fouts, Kathrine Gillette, Nicole Hatfield, Marcia Headrick, Lucy Hooper, Lynwood Jacksonn, Mary Kelly, Francesca Lamar, Kathrine and Natalie Lane, Leslie Lattazio, Andrew Minaudo, Emily Mitchell, Victoria Naumann, Rachel Neese, Maria Oglesby, Jennarose Ortmeyer, Tosha Pizzola, Debbie Schmidz, Emily Sentell, Becky Tolson, Jennifer Trilk, Steve Unitedt, and Jacqueline Wasniewski.

There were 62 riders in 25 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum Time was three hours, three minutes, and 58 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the duo of Linda Farris from York and Katherine Smith from Tegalay with the time three hours, four minutes, nine seconds. Second Place was awarded to Shelby Frazier from Spartanburg and Meredith Keen from Simpsonville with a time of three hours, one minute, 50 seconds. Bob and Tamara Bruning of Columbus nabbed the Third Place Yellow Ribbons with a time of three hours, six minutes, 46 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to Hayley Toney from Rutherfordton and Paige Stout from Columbus with the time of three hours, eight minutes, eight seconds. Kathy Nebel and Deb Zarish from Tryon placed Fifth with the time of two hours, 59 minutes, 35 seconds. Rounding out the Placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was the trio of Susan Foster from Spartanburg, Susan Kessel from Roebuck, and Peggy Sullenberger from Inman. They had a time of three hours, eight minutes, 24 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out enjoying the trails were Susan Angermeier, Gabby Beam, Meredith Benfield, Missy Bright, Pam Burrows, Sam Butterworth, Wrylan Chaput, Caroline Coates, Janet Cummings, Derek and Elaine Czarnecki, Sam Dawkins, Becky and Bre Deyton, Loni Dietench, Olivia Ducker, Ashley Evans, Debbie Fowler, Kailey Greene, Nicky Guffey, Donna Hajek, Emily Holden, Dixie Howell, Danielle Lamb, Abigail Malmin, Ronnie Mann, Karen Merrill, Cynthia Milligan, Piper O'Connell, Anna Grace Parris, Boots Plyler, Feliks Ptak, Susan Russell,

Stephanie Schult, Teresa Snyder, Kristan and Tom Stanley, Carol and CR Stanley, Madison Stout, Clare Summers, Carter, Hazel, Keith, Olive and Renee Wade, Lauren Wojack, and Jess Wright.

There was a nice group of riders who enjoyed the 5.96-mile Mini Pace. Thoes riders were Kelly Adam, Kris and Claire Astle, Dorothy Bayer, Stefanie Berles, Karin DeLap, Camille Fiszer, Marina Martinez, Madigan Murphy, Daniel, Harry, Jessica, and Louise Palmer, Emily Pamick, Megan Payton-Russell, Ali Thomas, and Elizabeth Whitten.

Congratulations to all of the participants of the Costume Contest. The judges had a very hard time making the decision for the winners. However, the overwhelming majority chose "The Viking", aka Shannon Jackson as the First Place winner! Second Place Honors were awarded to the duo of Julie Burnett and Andrew Minaudo, aka Batman and The Hulk, respectively. Third Place Honors were awarded to "The Purge", aka Asher Quinn and Sarah Yeziarski. One can tell that there was a lot of imagination and creativity this year!

Next up for the Western Carolina Hunter Pace Series is the Windridge Farm Winter Hunter Pace and Trail Ride set for Sunday, November 7th. The rain date is Sunday November 14th, 2021. Come, ride, eat, and enjoy the day.

A friendly reminder that there has been a switch with the FENCE Fall Hunter Pace and the Windridge Winter Hunter Pace. Windridge Farms will host the Hunter Pace on November 7<sup>th</sup> and FENCE will hold their Hunter Pace on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>, with the Goodwin Hounds in between on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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. If there is the meal order sheet included with the registration form on the website, turn this in along with the registration form in insure you get your meal. Some entry forms don't have a spot for an address but go ahead and write it somewhere on the form or use the aforementioned label!

Check the website at [www.wchpace.org](http://www.wchpace.org) for upcoming events, changes, and to view your photos taken by the Official Western Carolina Hunter Pace Photographer, Lou Smith. With the weather being so unpredictable here of late, rain dates are in place in case of a postponement.