

## FENCE Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Submitted by Missy Bright

The FENCE Fall Hunter Pace was held at the beautiful Foothills Equestrian Nature Center located at 3381 Hunting Country Road Tryon, NC. The course took riders around the Steeplechase track and under the interstate bridge, which was a challenge to some, to the Cross Country side. Riders enjoyed some of the many trails throughout the properties. Jan Bellows and Jean Wright assisted riders in navigating the one-way road from the show side to the Cross Country side trails. Riders skirted the Cross-Country field but were allowed to play there if they chose to do so. The course was set by Don Cash and Judith Kerns.

The wonderful lunch was offered by Foothills providing BBQ sandwiches or plates, wraps and burgers. Paul and his crew had their work cut out for them but they delivered!

The Registration Office was efficiently run by Tracie Hanson, Executive Director of FENCE and Jean Wright. They handled all of the paperwork involved, including the Coggins tests and assigning team numbers. As the teams prepared to hit the trails, they were greeted at the Start Line by Starter/Timer Extraordinaire, Joey Cabaniss and his trustworthy Assistant, Ashley Miller. At this time, riders are given their pep-talk and instructions on what ribbons and/or signs to follow as well as what kind of trails they'll be riding on. With the time change, the volunteers were in great hopes of not having to leave the light on for anyone!

It takes a village to deliver on a Hunter Pace at FENCE. Without the blessing of landowners allowing riders to ride on their properties, this Hunter Pace would be a short one. The next time you see or hear from one of the following Landowners, please thank them. The landowners are Lauren Field, Shelley Contin-Hubbs, David Hubbs, Lisa Huston, Kristin & Larry Hylland, Larry Jundt, Bill & Judith Kerns, Brian & Kristi Madey, John & Nancy Partridge, Dawn Repp, Gail Rubini, W.J. Spencer, Elizabeth Anne Turner, Larry Wassong, Petsey & Ron Wilson, and Jean Lindley Wright.

There were 45 riders in 22 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum pre-set time was one hour, fifty-two minutes. The riders who set the Field Hunter Optimum Time were Anita Crouse, Ann Fratcher, and Christine Vincent.

Now, let's get to those results:

First Place honors were awarded to the Team from Tennessee, Dena Kelley from Surgoinsville and Donna Schwind from Johnson City with the time of one hour, 52 minutes, 34 seconds. Beth and Camille Fiszer from Roebuck were close behind for Second Place with a time of one hour, 50 minutes, 49 seconds. Leslie Lattazano from Spartanburg placed Third with the time of one hour, 53 minutes, 40 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to the team of Savannah Adkins and Raelyn Spencer from Marion with a time of one hour, 54 minutes. Fifth Place was awarded to the team of Morgan Beaudreau from Pisgah Forest, Carol Land from Etowah, Aneta O'Connor from Charlotte, and Melicia Payne from Hendersonville. Their time was one hour, 49 minutes, 43 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place

was the team of Barb DiPalma from Inman and Mary Macy from Greer with the time of one hour, 47 minutes, 46 seconds.

Other Field Hunters navigating and taking the jumps were Kayla Casura, Melissa Coates, Anita Crouse, Amy Gaddis, Mary Hampton, Lucy Hooper, Amanda Jones, Natalie Lane, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Carol-Ann Marty, Erika Mathis, Emily Mitchell, Korie Painter, Louise Palmer, Elena Perea, Linda Plummer, Asher Quinn, Maggie Rink, Elise, Maddie, & Sadie Rogers, Laura Seiling, Harriette Smith, Camie Stockhausen, Andrea Stoll, Margaret Clare Summers, Allison Thompson, Sutton Turner, Samantha Vaughn, Kelly Walker, Jenna Wolski, and Sarah Yeziarski.

In the Trail Rider Division, there were 92 riders in 42 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 43 minutes, 11 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the team of Susan Angermeier from Chesnee, Missy Bright from Campobello, Ronnie Mann and Nancy Mason from Columbus with the time of two hours, 44 minutes, 20 seconds. Second Place was awarded to solo rider Elizabeth Ruff from Marion with a time of two hours, 41 minutes, 45 seconds. Just a mere 18 seconds behind was the team of Jessica Braznell from Leicester and Danielle Lamb from Marion with the time of two hours, 41 minutes, 27 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to the team of Julie Burnett and Andrew Minaudo from Mill Spring with a time of two hours, 45 minutes. Solo Rider Meaghan Morris from Landrum placed Fifth with the time of two hours, 40 minutes, eight seconds. Rounding out the placements for the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was the team of Kris Astle and Jessica Doutaz from Simpsonville, Michaela Burkhardt from Greer, Taylor Docktor from Woodruff, and Brandy Johnston from Belton. Their time was two hours, 48 minutes, 30 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out to enjoy the beautiful trails were were Brandi Apple, Brooke Barnes, Lisa Baugh, Kathy Bennett, Karen Benson, Stephanie Anne Bolshakov, Britt Botts, Tara Boyce, Carnie Britt, Susan Bryant, Pam Burroughs, Kelly Cannon, Cabell Clay, Lainie Coeby, Melinda Capuano, Katy Cowan, Shanette Cross, Janet Cummings, Jennifer Daily, Melissa Dalton, Ben Douglas, Amanda Eckenrode, Joleen & Tom Eizember, Farrah Ehrhord, Michelle Farago, Jill Ferenczi, Marisa Fishlock, Racel Garcia, Elizabeth Graben, Kimberly Greene, Kelly Grisham, Sheryl Gucmiero, Donna Hajek, Susan Haldeman, Beth Jones, Meredith Keen, Ann Drew Kelley, Jill Kelley, Caroline Knight, Kaitlyn Kubiak, Aubyn Kugler, Jennifer Labbe, Megan Lapkoff, Sandra Larson, Sarah Lawrence, Tammy Laws, Michelle & Penelope Lee, Emily Lammond, Abigail Malmin, Alicia Mansuetti, Lillie Martin, Elizabeth Martineau, Amber McClure, Stephanie McQueen, Courtney Milledge, Casey Murphy, Elizabeth Nalk, Jessica Owen, John R Pace, Boots Plyler, Feliks Ptak, Autumn & Jennifer Shaefer, Tonya Smedley, Laura Smith, Toni Smith, Marla Steinbers, Rosie Stimpson, Madison & Page Stout, Ivey Sumrell, Sabrina Toor, Kevin Whitney, Jess Wright, and Deb Zarish.

There were two riders in the Min-Pace [shortened] ride. Kristin Means & Brandi Miller. Their time was one hour, 46 minutes, 54 seconds.

Next up on the Western Carolina Hunter Pace Series is Goodwin Hounds Thanksgiving Hunter Pace and Trail Ride to be held on Sunday November 19th, 2023. The Rain date is the following Sunday, November 26th, 2023. Registration is Truck-Side so please have your forms

ready. Teams of four riders or less is preferred unless there is a family riding together. Ride early, plan to be back in camp for a Thanksgiving Feast, or eat lunch first and enjoy a beautiful 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, in case of getting lost, loose horse, injury, chasing discrepancies on registration, times, and placements.*

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