

Goodwin Hounds Thanksgiving Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Submitted by Missy Bright

Goodwin Hounds held their 2023 Thanksgiving Hunter Pace at Scotsgrove Stables. The day started off very cool but turned into a nice comfy day. Landowners Leslie Scott and the Broadus family opened up their property for a 9-mile Hunter Pace. Leslie set the course as well as set the pace. There were no water crossings but if there had been there might not have been much water since it's been terribly dry! The usual trails were followed allowing riders to navigate the trails were through woods, fields, power lines, and the pine plantation, with some cross-country jumps, but no water crossings. Riders were taken around the ponds and enjoyed a nice walk down "Kudzu Hill".

Chair and co-chair Leslie Scott and Kat Dooley, along with the assistance of Terry Carter and Patt Tarr planned and executed a wonderful ride as well as a Pre-Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Feast. Feast Assistants were Carolyn Groves, Sara Isley, Marc James, Cyndi Milligan, Charlotte Nohr, Emmie Osborne, and Coleen Wilson. The Turkey Chefs and Carvers were Kat Dooley and Wes Moore. The aroma of the feast was heavy in the air! The lunch table was lovingly prepared by Jim Cassidy, Charlotte Nohr, and Patt Tarr.

Rigs were met on the driveway and sent to the appropriate parking areas. Tot Goodwin, Jonathan Keisler, and Kevin Nohr were in charge of traffic control. Riders were registered by Cindy Milligan, Wes Moore, and Marcy Vance. Starter extraordinaire Joey Cabinass assisted by Tot Goodwin, Marc James, and Gwenlain Phifer sent riders off with the usual instructions. The trails were marked with different colors to guide riders outbound and then returning. Ann Fratcher and Christine Vincent were on hand at the Check Point to stop riders for the mandatory rest. They offered liquid refreshments for the riders and carrots for the mounts.

In Field Hunter Division, there were 25 riders in 47 teams. The Optimum Time set was one hour, 48 minutes.

Now let's get to those results:

First Place Honors were awarded to solo rider Mandy Lindley from Lawndale with the time of one hour, 47 minutes, 54 seconds. Not far behind was Amy, Casey, and Melissa Tucker from Central with the time of one hour, 48 minutes, 54 seconds. With a time of one hour, 49 minutes, 19 seconds, the trio of Emily Mitchell from Greer, Sutton Turner from Cullowee, and Cameron Ward from Glenville nabbed the Third Place Yellow Ribbon. Katy Cowan from Columbia, Nicola Deines from Rutherfordton, and Linda Plummer from Ellenboro claimed the Fourth Place Ribbon with the time of one hour, 43 minutes, 54 seconds. Solo rider Samantha Vaughn from Greer claimed the Fifth Place Ribbon with the time of one hour, 43 minutes, 53 seconds. Rounding out the Placements in the Field Hunter Division for Sixth Place was Pauline Byma from Tryon and Harriette Smith from Spartanburg with the time of one hour, 43 minutes, 45 seconds.

Other Field Hunters out like they were on a Fox Hunt were Dena Alley, Kori Archambault, Morgan Beaudreau, Julie Burnett, Cabel Clay, Jennifer Daily, Barb DiPalma, Meghan Duthie, Beth and Camille Fiszer, Daisy Fouts, Shannon Jackson, Janada Jay, Eleni Kapousidis, Danny and Trina Kerr, Carol Land, Megan Lapkoff, Jemma Kay Leininger, Mary Macy, Kathryn Maynard, Courtney Milledge, Andrew Minaudo, Rachel Neese, Kori Painter, Louise and Jessica Palmer, Melicia Payne, Asher Quinn, Hannah Russell, Donna Schwind, Adalyn Smith, Raegan Soloman, Camie Stockhausen, Carrie and Olive Wilsey, and Sarah Yeziarski.

In the Trail Rider Division, there were 20 riders in 49 teams. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 15 minutes, 25 seconds.

Julie Gosnell from Pelzer and Clare Summers from Pendleton claimed top honors with the time of two hours, 16 minutes, 30 seconds. Second Place was awarded to solo rider Dawn Harrison from Hendersonville with the time of two hours, 12 minutes, 26 seconds. Third Place was awarded to the trio of Susan Angermeier from Chesnee, Missy Bright from Campobello, and Nancy Mason from Columbus with the time of two hours, 19 minutes. Mary Carlson and Lynne Driscoll from Tryon claimed the Fourth Place Ribbon with the time of two hours, 11 minutes, 25 seconds. Solo rider Deb Zarish from Tryon claimed the Fifth Place Ribbon with a time of two hours, 20 minutes, 42 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division for Sixth Place was Hazel, Keith, Renne, and Olive Wade from Tryon with the time of two hours, 21 minutes, 20 seconds.

Other Trail Riders our enjoying the perfect day were Izzy Adams, Jeremy and Kristi Ahlum, Anna Bennett, Karla Birkel, Sara Borkosky, Michaela Burkhardt. Pam Burrows, Stacey Calvert, Deisree and Sheri Castanon, Taylor Dockter, Jessica Doutaz, Rachel Garcia, Amy Gee, Tot Goodwin, Donna Hajek, Kyle and Jenny Hoot, Stephanie Jennings, April Johnson, Brandy Johnston, Allison and Lachlan Jones, Olivia Keisler, Natasha Keresi, Danielle Lamb, Leslie Lattanzio, Ronnie Mann, Stephanie McQueen, Jade Menkes, Madigan Murphy, Charlotte Nohr, Kate O'Keefe, Tori Taylor, and Jessica Wright.

The Mini-Pace Division was well represented. There were 11 riders in 5 teams. The riders were Lilah and Melody Branch who were mentored by Anna Rakovskaya, Emma Bridges, Jillian Davis, Kailey Graham, Destinee Gregory, Donna Hajek, Krissy Mean, Brandy Miller, and Jessica Wright.

Next up on the Western Carolina Hunter Pace Series is Windridge Winter Hunter Pace and Trail Ride to be held on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. Stay tuned for more information. Must have a 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, when possible, in case of getting lost, loose horse, chasing discrepancies on registration, times, and placements.*

Check the website at 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 or cancellation.