

The Green Creek Hounds Hunter Pace & Trail Ride  
Held Sunday, March 18th, 2012

Reported by: Linda Farris

What Super nice, friendly people at the Green Creek Hounds. Riders arrived to rain and dark clouds, but as the day passed it turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day. The Green Creekers were so appreciative about riders braving the elements and thanked them profusely at every location from the parking greeters, to registration to halfway point.

Steve Gold, Jerry Dove, Mike Greata, Corey Gasperson, CeeCee Wilmanns, Paul Nordan, Tot Goodwin, and Marion Conner welcomed trailers and helped parking as more and more trailers arrived as the sun peeked through.

Registration was handled quickly and efficiently by Ruth Gold, Carla Tumbleson, Melinda Holland, Kat Dooley, Pat Hale and Cynthia Milligan.

The starting location was a little bit down a trail opening to a small field, away from the tents. Andy Foster and Bob Bundy did a great job at timing the riders and explained the yellow ribbons for Trail riders, and the blue stripe ribbons for Field. When the ribbons were tied together both Field and Trail were on the same trail. There were spring colored pie plates with arrows along the way. It was very easy to follow and “walk” signs were placed where the footing was slippery from the rains.

Halfway point was handled by Deborah Bundy, Christie Fowler, Gwen Hunter, Harald Pfeiffer, Christie Hueman, Melinda Oduggan, Ginny Sullivan. They had plastic Easter eggs along the path to the tent. They offered water, apple juice and port. Again, they were very nice and asked how the conditions were on the trails and lent a hand in getting back in the saddle after tack adjustments.

The trails were a bit soggy, but offered some nice trotting spots in the open fields and a few various log jumps along the way. Green Creek is fabulous at putting sticks in holes, filling some with sand, and/or circling them with orange spray paint. You can tell safety and good footing is a priority with them. It makes for a comfortable, relaxed ride. Thank you goes out to Dolores and Charles Erthal for planning and marking the trail and providing the gator at the event. Harald Pfeiffer set the pace. Trail Signage was handled by Christi Fowler. A large applause goes out to the trail clearing crew of; Christi Fowler, Kem Ketcham, Gwen Hunter, Jeannie Ahrenholz, Christie Heuman, Buck Matthews,

Deborah Bundy, Harald Pfeiffer, Jan Whitehurst, Tori Fowler, Cee Cee Wilmanns, Bob Neville, and Janet Cummings.

Lunch was hotdogs or sausage dogs with homemade slaw, beans, chips, drinks, and lest not forget, the covered tent filled with homemade desserts from cakes, cupcakes, brownies, fudge, cookies and much more. There was a huge bucket of carrots for your four legged friends too. There were numerous members to thank for the home made desserts. Food was prepared and provided by Susane Brown, Jim Sumrell, Buck Matthews, Robin Brackett, Cynthia Scott, Nina Schug, and Carol Greata. Tents were provided by Emmie and Philip Osborne. Tables, chairs, BBQ and set up was handled by Kem Ketcham and Colleen Goodwin.

There was also an Easter Bonnet contest for riders and mounts. The best dressed hat went to everyone that participated.

The bonneted winners were: Erin Lowe-Pagliano, Susan Haslam, Beatrice Lamb, Biaba Bourbeau and Dean McKinney. Thank you to bonnet judges and bonnet photographer Kristina Nordan and Joan Dove. Prize donations were given by Elaine Hobbs and Janet Cummings.

You also were able to buy a Green Creek Hunter Pace T Shirt and other items at a separate tent. Thank you to Christi and Tori Fowler for sales of GCH merchandise.

Other applauses and appreciation goes to; Emmi Osborne for Flyers, design forms, and ribbons. Decorations by Alice Bentivegna. Publicity by Deborah Bundy and Janet Cummings. Thank You Christi Fowler for arranging the Port a Potty.

Thank you to Roger Smith and White Oak for the use of his beautiful land and countryside scenery.

The distance was a tad bit over nine miles with a couple of creek crossings.

Now, The RESULTS:

The Optimum time for the Field Hunter Division was one hour, 43 minutes. The Calculated Optimum Time for Trail Rider Division was two hours, 31 minutes, 32 seconds. There were 36 Field Hunters in 18 teams, and 38 Trail Riders in 16 teams, for a total of 74 riders in 34 teams.

Taking home the First place for the Field Hunter Division were Dean McKinney of Campobello and Fern Powell of Spartanburg with a time of one hour, 42 minutes, 8

seconds. Second place went to Beth Godlizen of Roebuck with a time of one hour, 44 minutes, 23 seconds. Third place went to Kat Dooley of North and Jada Lee, with a time of one hour, 45 minutes, 13 seconds. Fourth Place went to Shauna Moore of Asheville, with a time of one hour, 45 minutes, 30 seconds. Fifth place went to Stephanie Schulte of Tryon with a time of one hour, 39 minutes, 20 seconds. Sixth place went to Jan Ellis of Catawba with a time one hour 47 minutes, 30 seconds. Honorable Mention goes to Elizabeth Bush and Brenda Sears of Asheville.

Partaking in the varied terrain, woods and opens fields were: Chloe Bosshard, Baiba Bourbeau, Rene Broaddus, Kay and Lorie Fleenor, Carla Fulam, Susan Haslam, Sarah Hendricks, Tracey Hudson, Beatrice Lamb, Lauren Leistner, Alivia Livesay, Erin Lowe-Pagliano, Brian and Carolyn MacCormack, Anne McIver, Doug McMillan, Paula Moore, Wendy Newbegin, Ben and Dianne Phillips, Candace Pitts, Marie Solomon, Dorothy Weatherby, Brittany Whitmire and Samantha Wolf.

The Blue Ribbons in the Trail Rider Division was awarded to Wayne and Linda Farris of York and Meg Vanderbilt of Gastonia with a time of two hours, 28 minutes, 51 seconds. The Red ribbon went to Karen Brockway of Greenville and Nancy Mason of Greer with a time of two hours, 25 minutes, 31 seconds. Third place went to Paula Hennon of Asheville, Clarke Martin of Asheville and Nancy Stone of Fairview with a time of two hours, 38 minutes, 11 seconds. Fourth place went to Michael and Sharon Maxwell of Canton, with a time of two hours, 24 minutes. Fifth place was awarded to Denver and Wendy Cantrell of Mills River and Jacquelyn Karinja of Hendersonville with a time of two hours, 41 minutes, 43 seconds. There was a tie to Sixth place was granted to Sara and Teresa Lyter of Columbus, and Jean Pierre and Judi DeBeuf of Rutherfordton with a time of two hours, 42 minutes.

Riding along the river and creeks were also enjoyed by Victoria Bailey, Patricia Bellanca, Kelly Cannon, Heiko Detjens, Nancy Finkell, Ann Frarcher, Pamela Gordon, Bill and Kathy Gruhn, Melinda Holland, Martha Hunter, Benny Jackson, Virginia Jennings, Llyn Josef, Barbara Madill, Russell and Sally Rock, Bette and Ivey Sumrell, Megan Tarrer, and Bobby Turner.

Next on the calendar is The Tryon Hounds Spring Hunter Pace on April Fools Day – April 1st; plan to join the fun. HALTER will host their spring event on Sunday,

April 22nd followed by the Steps to HOPE annual event on Sunday, May 6th. And to wind up the competitions, the River Valley Pony Club will have their Hunter Pace on Sunday, May 20th. Sunday, June 10th we will have our Year End Gathering and Awards, so be sure to check the schedule and come play with us!!

Remember to check the website [WCHPace.org](http://WCHPace.org) for all upcoming events, news, articles, photos, placements and contact information.

Thank you to our photographer, Lou Smith for being at every event to capture the riders and their mounts as they fly over jumps, canter through the fields and enjoy the beautiful area trails. Hit "Photos" on the website to view the pictures. If you like, you can place an order online.

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