

Biltmore Equestrian Center Hunter Place and Trail Ride

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Mother's Day was a beautiful day to ride at the Biltmore Estate! The weather was beautiful and the trails were set. Several Riders took advantage of the special Mother's Day discount offered at the BEC WC Hunter Pace. Most notable amount the mother/child teams were Carol Land with daughter Sarah Quinn and Sarah's daughter, Asher Quinn. Other mother/child teams were Carrie and Olive Wilsey, Jennifer and Katelyn Wilson and the Nicholsons. If any mothers and child(ren) were left out, please give a shout out to us!

This ride at Biltmore offered up some new distractions for horse and rider. Being a special day, there was a lot of hustle and bustle on the public trails. There were bicyclers, picnickers, and Segways to ride near and don't forget the two way traffic on the bridge!

Charles Faison and Elizabeth McClean handled registration for riders and mounts. Kathy Bush was the timer for the day. Nona Hopper, who was at the bridge and Nick McClean, who was at the Check point, doubled as spotters. James Hewitt and James Mason helped with the trail maintenance. Clay Vick and the rest of the BEC Crew worked on the site prep and moving jumps around to make the large field riders started and finished thru that much more fun! Having the jumps so close to camp also meant many riders went back out to play and practice for a bit, giving photographer, Lou Smith, some extra "targets" for his camera lens.

One cannot forget the Biltmore Catering Group! This day they set up quite a smorgasbord of sandwiches, salads with several types of dressings, potato salads, slaw, yummy deserts, ice tea & soda. The usual Biltmore water bottles were there as well.

The trail was about 8.1 miles.

The turnout for this ride was quite large being it was a special day, Mother's Day. There were 97 riders in 46 teams.

Now, let's get to those results:

There were a total of 39 riders in 19 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum Time for the Field Hunter Division was one hour 30 minutes.

First Place Honors were awarded to the Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter team of Carol Land from Waxhaw and Asher and Sarah Quinn from Pisgah Forest with the perfect time of one hour, 30 minutes! Congratulations, ladies! Melissa Champion from Campobello and Julie Cook-Walker from Hildebran came in Second Place with a time of one hour, 32 minutes, 37 seconds. Third Place Honors were awarded to Christina Goen from Lyman and Emily Mitchell from Greer with a time of one hour, 25 minutes, 26 seconds. In Fourth Place, there was a three way tie. Team 318 was a solo rider, Diane Hicks from Pendleton. Team 316 was Marcia Headrick and Richard Neel from Townville. Team 317 was Debbie

Croft from Anderson and Rebecca Tolson of Pendleton. The time for these teams was one hour, 34 minutes, 50 seconds. Congratulations, riders! An Honorable Mention goes to Linda Plummer from Clover with a time of one hour, 24 minutes, 56 seconds. An Honorable Mention is given to a team or single rider whose time is 30 seconds or less out of sixth place. Congratulations to all riders.

Other Field Hunters out to enjoy Biltmore West Range trails were Bryan Baire, Cassie Craine, Alex Going, Martha Hall, Amanda McDonald, Anne McIver, Dean McKinney, Sydney Miles, Marianne Moore, Kay Mott, Carrie, Hugo, and Jules Nicholson, Erin O'Dwyer, Jane Polk, Fern Powell, Angela and Caleigh Reichardt, Diane Roemer, Peter Shanahan, Callie and Kristie Sowers, Melanie Spence, Kristi Suber, Rachel Turner, and Brittany Whitmire.

There were a total of 58 riders in 27 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 12 minutes, 14 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to Cynthia Milligan and Sandy Rhodes from Columbus with a time of two hours, 11 minutes, 26 seconds. The Second Place red ribbon was awarded to Lynn Fitch from Taylors and Debbie Knebel from Greer with a time of two hours, 15 minutes, 15 seconds. Nikki Hynes and DeAnna Norton from Greenville, TN picked up the Third Place Yellow with a time of two hours, seven minutes, 45 seconds. Fourth Place Honors were nabbed by the dynamic duo of Kristen Hughes from Laurens and Jennifer Smith from Simpsonville. Fifth Place was awarded to the trio of Alaina and MC Brooks and Tevis Cazedessus from Hayesville with a time of two hours, 17 minutes, six seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Trail Rider Division is the Team of Suzie Jacobson from Cameron and Sylvia Riddle from Raeford with a time of two hours, seven minutes, 20 seconds. Congratulations!

Other Trail Riders enjoying Biltmore were David and Jeanne Ahrenholz, Rebecca Barnes, Alyson Biddix, Elizabeth Caldwell, Caroline Coates, Marshia Cuit, Melissa Dalton, Joleen and Thomas Eizenbor, Paige Forrest, Susannah Francis, Kelly Hart, Gwen Hill, Elaine and Hugh Hobbs, Russell Hunsinger, Ginny Jennings, Jessica Johnson, Makenzie Little, Case Murphy, Barb Oklesen, Jeanine, John and Katie Pierce, Jeff Phillips, Ronald Piccari, Lynn Ronzello, Christine and Megan Salyer, Cole Shanholtz, Lauren Smith, Dana Taylor, Wendy and Willow Tomlinson, Bobby Turner, Melissa VanDoren, Gloria Verrecchio, Heidi and Leah Walczak, Brittany Ward, Carrie and Olive Wilsey, and Jennifer and Katelyn Wilson.

Up next for the Wester Carolina Hunter Pace Series is the Scotsgrove Farm - Hunter Pace & Trail Ride on Saturday June 3rd, 2017. The Year End Gathering will be held on June 25, 2017 at the Camp Croft State Park!

Check the website often at www.wchpace.org for upcoming events and changes, especially weather changes! You can also view your photos taken by Photographer Lou Smith online and place your orders as well.

See you on the trails!