

## FENCE Fall – Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Western Carolina Hunter Pace and Trail Ride Series - November 6, 2016

*Reported by Missy Bright*

The sky was bright and the temperature was a tad chilly for the start of the FENCE Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride. However, heavy coats and vests came off quickly as the big warm-up started. What a nice day for a ride at FENCE! Once again, riders were able to take their mounts onto the Steeplechase Track. What a thrill that is! Riders were taken on some very familiar trails as well. The trails were designed by Dot and Bill Moyer, and Carol and Gary TenBroek. Reports from riders who had finished the ride were very complimentary of the trails and the bright ribbon markers. Everyone appeared very happy at the end of the ride.

The Landowners who were very gracious in allowing riders to cross their property were David and Shelley Contin-Hubbs, Mike Frye, Karen Graham, Larry and Sondra Hodge, Bill and Kathy Jansen, Judith and Bill Kerns, Brian and Kristi Madey, Joe and Kathy Picone, Deborah and Ron Ricci, Gunnard Rubini, Linda and Myron Schatzburg, Barbara Schuvert, Carl Small, Elizabeth Anne Turner, Larry Wassong, Petesy and Ron Wilson, and Jean Wright.

Registration was held in the all familiar FENCE Show Office. Amy Schmitt, Julie Gordon, and Dana Zygmont, smiling as usual, took registrations, checked Coggins reports, handed out the team numbers, as well as making sure riders got their lunch ticket. Debra Carton and Jim Zygmont made parking very easy with ample room between trailers to tie mounts to. There was no worry of a soupy parking lot since there has been no rain the recent weeks. Joey Cabanis was the timer with Ruth Gold assisting and calling out "Time!" when teams crossed the Finish Line. Joey was full of himself with new jokes. He wants to make sure that we know the general direction of travel and what the markers look like. And of course, he'll leave the light on!

Riders were met at the Check Point by Marilyn LeFeber, Martha Love, Elise Murphy, and Carol TenBroek. During the three minute rest for the mounts, riders were offered icy cold water and some splendid Port. After the rest period, riders and their mounts were sent happily on their way. A Lunch of

BBQ Plates and Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, slaw and baked beans was set up under the Pavilion. Tea and soft drinks were included. Lunch was provided by Foothills BBQ.

The trail was 8.5 miles and took riders over several creek crossings, which were fairly easy to cross with the lack of rainwater. Riders were taken up the hill toward the FENCE House and down the other side to enter the woods. There was a nice balance of wooded areas and open fields. Unfortunately, riders could not play at the water trap. It appears that new grass has been sown. There were jumps, both natural and manmade all along the trails for those who wanted to partake.

The turnout was awesome with 136 riders in 70 teams. Well Done!

Now, here are the results:

There were a total of 50 riders in 27 teams for the Field Hunter division. The Optimum Time for the Field Hunters was one hour, 51 minutes.

First Place Honors were awarded to the team of Hannah Bowers and Brittany Whitmire from Brevard with a time of one hour, 50 minutes, 37 seconds. They were a mere 23 seconds off the perfect time. Theresa Tyree from Pelzer was awarded the Second Place Red Ribbon with a time of one hour, 51 minutes, 56 seconds which was less than thirty seconds out of First Place. Lisa West from Campobello, another team of one took Third Place with a time of one hour, 51 minutes, 48 seconds. Fourth Place was awarded to the trio of Amanda Aiello from Ellenboro, Nicola Deines from Landrum, and Tracey Rouse from Tryon with a time of one hour, 49 minutes, 49 seconds. Jenny and Alan Taylor from Landrum were awarded Fifth place with a time of one hour, 48 minutes, 43 seconds. Rounding out the placements in the Field Hunter Division were the Trio from Tennessee; Ann Brumback and Brenda McNenny from Johnson City and Lorie Fleenor from Bristol with a time of one hour, 47 minutes, one second.

Other field Hunters out to have a great ride were Holly Bacola, Rene Buche, Pamela Burrows, Bryton and Melissa Champion, Amy Christensen, Debbie Croft, Anna Dalton, Cindy Davis, Becky Deyton, Tracy Estes, Richie H. Fleming, Ann Fratcher, Amy Gantt, Elizabeth Greene, Susan Haldeman, Kelly Hart, Marcia Headrick, Diane Hicks, Danielle Lamb, Keri Lewis, Richard Neel, Lyn Owen, Erin and Reine Pagliano, Linda Plummer, Jane Polk, Sylvia Riddle, Jaime Robertson, Casidie Rose, Samantha Roubaud, Lisa Spriggs, Katharine Stancliff, Rebecca Tolson, Heidi Trull, Julie Cook Walker, and Aileen and Allen Wawrsuszek.

There were a total of 86 riders in 43 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 21 minutes, 26 seconds.

First Place Honors were awarded to the duo of Susan Haslam from Asheville and Sharon Maxwell from Canton with a time of two hours, 21 minutes, nine seconds. They were a mere 17 seconds off the perfect time! With a time of two hours, 20 minutes, eight seconds the team of Karen Merrill and Teresa Snyder from York nabbed the Second-Place Red Ribbon. Third place was awarded to the team of Kirsten Hughes from Laurens and Jennifer Smith from Simpsonville with a time of two hours, 22 minutes, 59 seconds. There was a tie for Fourth Place between Jennifer Wilson from Mill Spring, Sarah Lawing from Forest City, and Katlyn Lowder from Bostic. The time was two hours, 19 minutes, 35 seconds. The Sixth-Place Green ribbon was awarded to the team of Susannah Francis from Mill Spring and Carrie and Olivia Wilsey from Hendersonville with a time of two hours, 23 minutes, 32 seconds. There were Honorable Mention nods to Missy Bright, Darleen Bullock, Nikki Hynes, Pattie Lovelace, DeAnna Norton, and Lindsey Weicker. These riders completed their rides within 30 seconds of Sixth Place.

Other Trail Riders enjoying the lovely weather were Lisa Anderson, Margherita Barrett, Allie Baskins, Kristen Brown, Barbara Clausson, Caroline Coates, Doug and Nicole Cobb. Tonette Corn, Joanna Cromartie, Jennifer Dawdney, Marjorie Delaney, Michelle Drum, Joleen and Thomas Eizember, Kyle Farmer, Olivia Corn Farmer. Kelley Featheringill, Amanda Fisher, Lynn Fitch, Erin Fletcher, Elizabeth Galloway, Cordela Gaupo, Madison Harris, Laura Hendley, Madeleine Hepting, Anne Howard, Ann and Toni Hubbuch, Kelsey Hudson, Renee Hudson, Natalie Hyatt, Patricia Iacomini, Ginny Jennings, Llyn Josef, Claire Kennedy, Debbie Knebel, Keri and Nancy Kruger, Lori Kunkel, Emma Lane, Kendall LeDuc, Arlene Lulavage, Sara and Teresa Lyter, Lin Martin, Deanne Mcilwain, Ali Merritt, Larrie Jo Miller, Rebecca Murphy, Karyn Owen, Jamie Pierce, Boyce Pitts, Dakota Poniatowski, Valerie Quinn, Janna Ritacco, Forrest Samuels, Susette Schellin, Cathy Senger, Joyce Smartt., Jan Smith, Jennifer R. Smith, Debbie Stanfield, Sydney Swenson, Panela Tenby, Emily Thomas, Bobby Turner, and Felicity Waugh.

Up next for the 2016-2017 Hunter Pace Series is the Windridge Fall – Hunter Pace and Trail Ride scheduled for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. On deck, will be the River Valley Pony Club – Hunter Pace and Trail Ride scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to Benefit Christmas on Miracle Hill. This will be the last ride before we break for the Holiday Season.

Check the website at [www.wchpace.org](http://www.wchpace.org) for upcoming events and changes and to view your photos taken by Photographer Lou Smith.

See you on the trails next time for a safe and fun ride!