

Green Creek Hounds Halloween Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

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Reported by Missy Bright

The costumes were in abundance on this beautiful day and many riders did their best to embarrass their mounts. There were Indians with beautiful headdresses. Super Girl made an appearance with super horse. Abe Lincoln strolled through. Tin Man was there. Word has it that two "Pink Ladies" showed up in their Poodle Skirts with their Poodle horses. and, one must not forget about those loveable Minions! Joan MacIntye must have had a really hard time picking the winner. In fact, there were three-way ties for both first and second places in the Costume Contest! First place was a tie between team #32 – The Wizard of Oz's Dorothy & the Tin Man (Catherine Mooneyham & Donald Jefferies), team #188 – a horse fly and a fox (Barb Okleson & Melissa VanDoren), and team #s225& 231 - Indians (Kay Fleenor, Tracey Hudson and Joyce Smartt). Second place was tied between teams #245 – Abe Lincoln (Kathy Hodge & Shauna Moore), team #198 – Minions (Patricia Iacomini & Ginny Jennings) and team #148 – Poodle skirts & poodles (Missy Bright & Jan Smith with patient poodles Tron & Magic).

The day started quite cool with the wind blowing through the tress. But as the sun rose higher the temperature rose as well and off came the coats, sweaters, and vests. T'was a beautiful day for a ride!

Riders coming in after their rides were reporting that the trails were magnificent and were laid out to most everyone's liking. Everyone was very pleased with their rides. The comments were most positive. The trails were beautifully prepped by the Green Creek Hunt Club. the Course Designer was Christi Fowler.

The landowner hosts for this ride were Jennifer and Roger Smith and this particular venue is many of the riders' favorite. The Chairman is Marion Connor. The Masters are Deborah Bundy, Christi Fowler, Tot Goodwin, and Kem Ketchum. These Masters are very instrumental in making this particular Hunter Pace what it is.

Parking was handled by Christiann Berandsen, Jerry Dove, John Hicks, Mark James, and Paul Nordan. They always seem to know how to rack 'em and stack 'em as Air Traffic controllers would say. There was ample room between rigs so the horses would have plenty of space to be tied up. Anna Lavigne and Carla Tumbleson, who were dressed as Official Registrars, made sure that all of the paperwork was signed; negative Coggins was present and gave riders their lucky number for the ride. Next to the Registration Table was Kathy Nebel selling the Green Creek Hounds T-Shirts, hats and other GCH clothing. The decorations were set up by Stephanie Schulte and Betsy McCray made a lot of horses and ponies happy with the carrots! Ann Fratcher, Jim Sumrell, and Wes Moore had the dogs on the grill along with chili, cole slaw, and all the

condiments. There was a smorgasbord of sweets for anyone's desire! Everyone must thank Tot Goodwin for the spectacular bush hog job!

Kem Ketchum was assigned to the table, chair, and tent brigade. Janet Cummings is responsible for all of the signs and the ATV. Directional signs along the highway to bring everyone in were very visible. The white signs with red arrows and the pink ribbons on the trail led everyone in the right direction. Lydia Kolbas was in charge of setting everything up. And what goes up must come down. Tear down was handled by Tara Boyce and Cynthia Milligan. These workers have everything down to an art.

Riders were met with at the Check Point by the smiling Elaine and Hugh Hobbs and/or Ann and Jim Troppmann. They were in a very nicely shaded area with plenty of room. Riders rest their mounts for three minutes and enjoy some nice chilled water or Port. Riders then went on their way for the second leg of the ride.

The trail was 9 miles long with numerous decorations on the trail to enhance the Halloween spirit. Most of the trails were wide enough to ride two and three abreast! Riders and their mounts had to cross the creek several times as well as cross the road to access the trail. These creeks gave riders a chance to let their mounts have a cool drink.

The starter was Joey Cabiness his trusty assistant Carol Parker. Start and Finish were in close proximity so they had to be one their toes! Joey kept the jokes coming as usual and he might have had to get ready to turn the night light on!

The turnout for this ride was huge! There were 180 riders in 85 teams.

Now, let's get to those results:

There were a total of 75 riders in 37 teams in the Field Hunter division. The Optimum Time for the Field Hunter Division was one hour, 42 minutes, 46 seconds.

The First Place Blue was given to solo rider Monique Ravesloot from Piedmont with a time of one hour, 43 minutes, 39 seconds. Monique was less than one minute off the perfect time! Coming in for the Second Place Red ribbon was another soloist, Peter Shanahan from Columbus with a time of one hour, 41 minutes, 41 seconds. In to win the Third Place Yellow were Lyn and Ted Owen from Hendersonville with a time of one hour, 43 minutes, 54 seconds. Fourth Place Honors go to the team of Desiree Hill from Simpsonville and Samantha Carson from Pelzer with a time of one hour, 44 minutes, 18 seconds. Fifth Place is awarded to Carla Fullam and Elise Rogers from Columbus with a time of one hour, 40 minutes, 15 seconds. Rounding out the ribbon placements for Sixth place is the trio of Kim LaScala, Susan and Terry Russell from Tryon with a time of one hour, 40 minutes, 10 seconds.

Other Field Hunters taking advantage of the wonderful weather were Amanda Aiello, Roberta Axelrod, Holly Bacola, Ariel Berrios, Virginia Borthwick, Chelsea Brooks, Sandi Burgdorf, Zoe Carlin, Rachel Childers, Amy Christensen, Cindy Clifton, Samuel Crain, Anna Dalton, Mia Dube, Trisha Dunn, John Erickson, Tracy Estes, Lori Fleenor, Ann Fratcher, Amy Gantt, Rachel Garcia, Whitney Gillen, Christina Goen, Elizabeth Greene, Martha Hall, Kelly Hart, Marcia Headrick, Kathy Hodge, Donald Jeffries, Kristin Johnson, Lilly Johnson, Barbara Ketchum, Nancy Klouda, Danielle Lamb, Elyssa LaRock, Mary LaVigne, Carson Longston, Tiffany Mattos, Hanna Maupin, Anne McIver, Brenda McNenny, Gena Meredith, Rachel Miller, Nelson Minnick, Baylis Mitchell, Emily Mitchell, Catherine Mooneyham, Shauna Moore, Richard Neel, Erin and Reine Pagliano, Angela and Caleigh Reichardt, Sylvia Riddle, Suzanne Rogers, Sheele Russell, Donna Schwind, Emma Skelton, Tiffany Swiney, Etele Toole, Rachel Turner, and Jenna Wilson. Peter Shanahan had such a good time, he rode the trail twice!

There were a total of 105 riders in 48 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum time was two hours, seven minutes, six seconds.

In First Place was the team of Jackie Burke and Elizabeth Dicey from Tryon with a time of two hours, six minutes, 22 seconds. The Second Place red ribbon was awarded to the duo of Jolene and Tom Eizembor from Columbus with a time of two hours, five seconds, 31 seconds. Third Place Honors were given to Doug and Nicole Cobb from Reidville with a time of two hours, five minutes, 20 seconds. The Fourth Place white ribbons were awarded to the quartet of Cindy Hansuh from Candler, Susan Haslam from Asheville, Sharon Maxwell from Canton, and Connie Moore from Waynesville with a time of 2 hours, four minutes, 48 seconds. The Fifth Place Pink was fittingly awarded to the "Pink Ladies" with the Poodle Horses, Missy Bright from Campobello and Jan Smith from Columbus with a time of two hours, four minutes 14 seconds. It was great to have them both back in the saddle! Capturing the Sixth Place green ribbon was the dynamic duo of Valerie Quinn from Campobello and Bobby Turner from Spartanburg with a time of two hours, three minutes, 51 seconds.

Other Trail riders out to enjoy the beautiful weather were Addison Arends, Karen Benson, Brandon Blankenship, Gail Bolt, Tara Boyce, Morgan Brown, Darleen Bullock, Candice Carr, Katherine Christensen, Janet Cummings, Cheyenne and Kathy Davis, Joanne Diimani, Kat Dooley, Michelle Drum, Tom Erickson, Lyle and Olivia Farmer, Lynn Fitch, Kay Fleenor, Erin Fletcher, Crystal Fogleman, Suess Fraser, Erin Gambrell, Amy Gee, Sara Gibbens, Evie Good, Carolyn Groves, Jennifer Gruhn, Tara Herrero, Anne Howard, Tracey Hudson, Kelsey Hudson, Kristen Hughes, Natalie Hyatt, Sandra Hyder, Nikki Hynes, Patricia Iacomini, Susan Jackson, Ginny Jennings, Megan Jornigan, Lynn Josef, Debra Kennerly, Debbie Knebel, Cathie and Deb Kornacki, Lisa Kotalik, Lori Kunkel, Sarah Lawing, Britney Link, Katie Lowder, Bret Lowery, Arlene Lulavage, Lisa Maloney, Bette Mann, Lin Martin, Susan Melvin, Courtney Meyer, Cynthia Milligan, Paula Moore, Gretchen Mullinax, DeAnna Norton, Rachel O'Brien, Barb Okleson, John and Katie Pierce, Ann and Richard Pierce, Stephanie Poole, Anna Rahing, Mary Jane Rice, Janna Ritacco, Forrest Samuels, Joyce Smartt, Jennifer Smith, Andrea Stall, Carol and CR Stanley,

Shelby Stewart, Kristi Suber, Sydney Swenson, Lenore Threlkall, Lisa Trojan, Melissa VanDoren, Brittany Ward, Molly Watson, Jennifer Wilson, Maxine Winesett, Sherry Wyatt, Kris Wynne, and Kris Yon.

Up next for the 2016-2017 Hunter Pace is the FENCE Fall Hunter Pace and Trail Ride to be held on the Equestrian Grounds on Hunting Country Road on Sunday November 6th, 2018. On deck will be the Windridge Farm Fall - Hunter Pace & Trail Ride to be held on November 20th, 2016, and then the River Valley Pony Club's Winter Hunter Pace on Sunday, December 4th. The entry waivers can be downloaded and filled out with a return address sticker on them to save time at the registration tents. Remember to think safety on the trails and be aware of other riders who are ahead.

Check the website often at www.wchpace.org for upcoming events and changes. you can also view your photos taken by Photographer Lou Smith. You can order your favorites online.

See you on the trails!