

## Tryon Hounds Fall – Hunter Pace and Trail Ride

Western Carolina Hunter Pace and Trail Ride Series - October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Reported by Missy Bright

The weather was picture perfect for the Rain Date Ride. The fall weather is slowly creeping in but this day it was downright toasty! It was quite evident by the riders' remarks that the trails were fantastic. The trails were perfectly marked with red arrows on white board and by the strips of pink hanging on trees. There were Hunter Pace signs that were seen starting at I-26 and Hwy 14 to direct the rigs right to Noreen and Jim Chapman's beautiful farm in Gowensville.

Registration was held under the big tent on the edge of the field. There were T-Shirts and Calendars for sale. The chefs for the day were hard at work grilling hotdogs and hamburgers. There were cold drinks, cooked apples and freshly made cookies. A big shout out goes to the Hare and Hound for rounding out the menu with their delicious potato salad.

Volunteers are what make these Hunter Paces. With the help from Michael Axelrod, Tom and Joleen Eizember, Skip Leck, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Melton Mann, Morgan, a family friend, Dean McKinney, Reed McNutt, Wes Moore, Anne Pierce, Paul Stathakis, Jim Sumrell, Don West, this ride was a success. Thanks also go to the Co-Chairs of the Tryon Hounds Hunter Paces, Louise Hughston and Nelson Minnick. One mustn't forget the Timer, Joey Cabiness. As always, Joey put lots of humor to the beginning of the rides. He even had some new jokes to try on the riders! Since it was still very much daylight when the last group of riders came in to finish, Joey didn't have to leave the light on!

The course was nine miles and teams took off through a beautiful field. They entered the woods and back out again into lush grassy fields. There were many opportunities for jumping should anyone desire. Many of the jumps were made by nature and were gorgeous. Through the woods riders crossed several water obstacles and were surrounded by laurel and rhododendron. They passed through the properties of Meadows of Campbell Creek, Jane Peterson's Farm, and on to the Red Horse Inn, Penny Dean and the pond at Mary wall. And of course riders passed the old Stone Cottage. Reed McNutt rode the course to secure the Field Hunter's Optimum Time.

The turnout was very nice with the field full of trailers. There were a total of 115 riders in 62 teams.

Now, Let's get to those results:

There were a total of 49 riders in 27 teams in the Field Hunter Division. The Optimum Time for the Field Hunter Division was one hour, 28 minutes.

First Place in the Field Hunter Division was awarded to the duo of Marcia Headrick and Richard Neel, II from Townville with a time of one hour, 25 minutes, 25 seconds. Close behind in Second Place was the team of Melissa Champion and Tim Giles from Campobello with a time of one hour, 24 minutes, 39 seconds. Carolyn and Ton Cadier from Columbus and Shelle Russel from Mill Spring nabbed the Third Place yellow with a time of one hour, 31 minutes, 25 seconds. In fourth Place, a team of one, Amy Christensen from Landrum had the time of one hour, 34 minutes, 56 seconds. Another solo rider, Rebecca Tolson from Pendleton placed Fifth with a time of one hour, 36 minutes, 19 seconds. Sixth Place was awarded to another solo rider, Amy Gantt, with a time of one hour, 36 minutes, 13 seconds.

Other Field Hunters enjoying the trails were Amanda Aiello, Holly Bacola, Kathryn Bethka, Karen Brockway, Jennifer Brown, Kathe Burklow, Samuel Crain, Debbie Croft, Steph Culberton, Nicola Deines, Leah Edwards, Carla Fullam, Christina Goen, Elizabeth Gregory, Martha Hall, Kelly Hart, Betty Hall, Cindy Kaufman, Christian Lopez, Nancy Mason, Anne McIver, Emily Mitchell, Caleigh Reichardt, Sylvia Riddle, Elise Rogers, Donna Schwind, Peter Shanahan, Monica Smyth, Heidi and Tom Stanley, Michelle Summer, Regina Weeks, Karen Williams, Lisa and Shane Woodson, and Sanders Wyatt.

There were a total of 66 riders in 35 teams in the Trail Rider Division. The Calculated Optimum Time was two hours, 19 minutes, 23 seconds.

The First Placer Blue Ribbon was awarded to Erin Fletcher and Forrest Samuels from Asheville with a time of two hours, 19 minutes, 43 seconds. This team was a mere 20 seconds off the Calculated Optimum Time! In Second Place, Darleen Bullock, Nikki Hynes and DeAnna Norton weren't too far behind with the time of two hours, 20 minutes, two seconds. The Third Place Yellow was awarded to the duo of Karen Merrill and Teresa Snyder from York with a time of two hours, 17 minutes, 48 seconds. The Fourth Place ribbon was awarded to Nancy Hasselbring from Columbus and Donna Searby from Tryon with a time of two hours, 21 minutes 46 seconds. Close on their heels with a time of two hours, 21 minutes, 47 seconds, Lyn and Ted Owen received the Fifth place Ribbon. Rounding out the placements for Sixth Place, the quartet of Joanna Cromartie, Cordelia Gaupo, Emma Lane and Diane Wilson finished with a time of two hours, 16 minutes, 37 seconds.

Other Trail Riders out to have a wonderful time were Becky Barnes, Karen Benson, Laura Bierly, Tara Boyce, Cindy Boyles, Missy Bright, Jackie Burke, Zoe Carlin, Elizabeth Dicey, Cindy and Stephanie Easler, Lynn Fitch, Charles Gregory, Carolyne Groves, Susie Justus Hill, Anne Howard, Ann and Tony Hubbuch, Kristen Hughes, Llyn Josef, Debra Kennerly, Lisa Kotalik, Nancy Kruger, Bonnie Lingerfelt, Arlene Lulavage, Lin Martin, Susan Melvin, Heidi Mendez, Debbie Nebel, Beverly Ozmon, Valerie Quinn, Mary Shuetz-Rathbun, Janna Ritacco, Antje Rochter, Jennifer Smith, Debbie Stanfield, Carol and C.R. Stanley, Janine and Tom Stetson, Ivey Sumrell, Emily Thomas, Bobby Turner, Molly Watson, Aimee Williams, Pat Woods, D'Lee Worden, Sherry Wyatt, Kris Yon, and Caroline and Wade Young.

Up next for the 2016-2017 Hunter Pace Series is the Green Creek Halloween Hunter Pace and Trail Ride on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. There will be a Costume Contest! Have your costumes ready and arrival early so you can go before the judges before you ride. Be prepared to see witches, goblins, ghosts and all manner of creatures. This is the riders' day to embarrass their mounts! Come one and come all and have fun. And remember, safety comes first. Watch out for other riders.

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

See you on the trails!