

## HUNTER PACE

A Hunter Pace is a set course over obstacles throughout the hunt country of a once established hunt. No hounds or game are involved. There is a designated start and finish and contestants are timed by their total time taken on course. This is not a test of speed but an opportunity for individuals to ride hunt country they might not normally get to see. Riders go out in small groups in a staggered start system. Within each group, some riders may be jumping their horses while others could be hilltopping or bypassing the jumps. The course is marked by the organizers and there are even opportunities to “view” game by finding hidden pictures of fox in areas where they might be expected to be found. Those finding “game” can exchange the picture for a prize when they return. There are three divisions offered which include both hilltopping and over fences. These divisions will also be divided Junior (18 & under) and Adult. The divisions are:

**Bluebird** - the slowest division. Time is determined by a hunting day where there may be no game found. Country is still covered by hounds and field when they cast from one cover to the next. While slow, this group is still based on a combination of walk, trot and canter.

**Cast and Run** - the middle of the road. Time is based on a day when the hounds are cast, run game, check, re-cast, and possibly run again. This group trots and canters with some breaks.

**Gone Away** - the quickest division. Time is based on the very best day when hounds are cast, game has broken cover or been “viewed”, and most importantly, all hounds are on the line.

**While a fast division, excessive speed will be penalized.**

Awards will be presented after all competitors have returned and their times have been tallied. Ribbons will be presented 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place to individual riders in each division. **Ribbons will not be mailed.** Lunch and drinks will be available on site. Lunch is not included in your entry fee.

### **HELMETS WITH HARNESS ARE REQUIRED!**

*If you come to start without a helmet you will not be allowed out and will forfeit your entry fee.*

**Dress appropriately. Boots with a heel (at least 1 inch) APPROPRIATE, SAFE TACK IS REQUIRED.**

*English or Western tack allowed.*

### **Directions to Kingston South**

(from Atlanta)

Take I-75 N to exit # 290 (Hwy 20)

Turn left off exit (Hwy 20 West) heading toward Rome. You will travel through four traffic lights. At the 5<sup>th</sup> traffic light (2.3 miles) you will turn left, following signs for Hwy 411 South, Hwy 20 West, Hwy 61 South. You will travel 4/10 of a mile and then take the ramp to the left following signs for Hwy 41 North, Hwy 411 South. You will travel through four traffic lights and then take the ramp/exit (2.8 miles) to the right for Hwy 411 South toward Rome. You will go about 12 miles on 411 S. You will see a green county marker for Floyd County. You will take the next right after this sign onto Bidly Rd. **Keep going straight on Bidly Rd. until you see parking signs.**

Secretary's tent will be close to parking area.

**Any Questions? Call Lee Ann Gilson at 678-873-8785.**

Since foxhunters typically go out in all types of weather, please be advised that this event will not be cancelled for rain.

**Registration 8:00 a.m., first horse may start at 8:30 a.m.**

**Bluebird competitors please try to start by 10:30 a.m.**

**Last horse on course no later than 11:30 a.m.**