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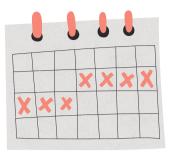


Introducing our own twist on "Where's Waldo"—"Where's Whinny?"

Each month, Whinny will be hidden somewhere in our newsletter. Your mission? Find her! Spot Whinny, take a screenshot, note the page, and email it to president@foothillsridingclub.org for a chance to win a special prize in our monthly drawing!

Happy Hunting!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### March

- 3.22 Dressage & Combined Training Show at FENCE
- 3.23 Dressage Show and Cross Country Schooling at FENCE

### April

- 4.5 Hunter Pace at Circle Z Farm
- 4.6 Working Equitation Schooling Show at FENCE

### May

5.17 Dressage & Combined Training Show at FENCE

### June

- 6.10 Newcomers Meeting FENCE
- 6.11 Trivia Night at FENCE

### July

7.19 Dressage Show at FENCE ~ Benefit for FENCE

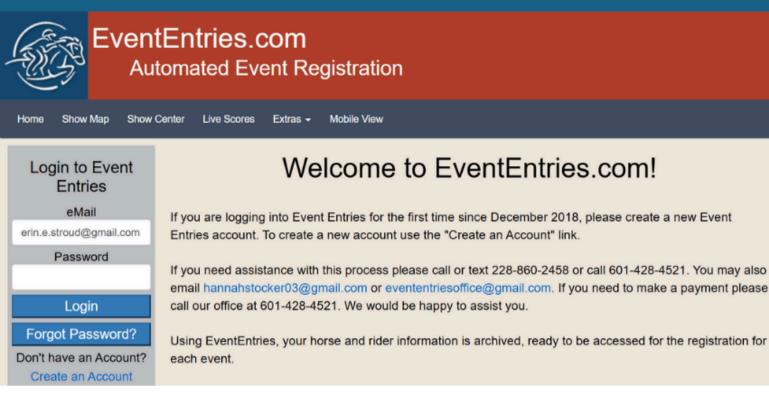
### September

- 9.6 Dressage & Combined Training Show at FENCE
- 9.7 Dressage Show & Cross Country Schooling at FENCE

### October

10.25 Dressage & Combined Training Show at FENCE

FOOTHILLS RIDING CLUB
2025 FRC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Membership into the FRC is a great idea. Perks include an informative, emailed monthly newsletter, discounts on club-sponsored activities, educational programs, socials with fun people, scholarship opportunities and year end awards! Join now with any one of our three membership options below.
<ul> <li>Individual (\$25)</li> <li>Family (\$30)</li> <li>Business (\$35) – includes a <u>free</u> business card sized ad in our monthly newsletter!</li> </ul>
Name (s):
Family Members:
Business Name:
Address:
City:Zip:
Phone:E-Mail:
<b>Please write legibly!</b> The club is not responsible for members not receiving club communications due to illegible membership forms.
Check ALL interests:DressageEventingWestern DressageWorking Equitation
Pleasure RidingEnduranceFox HuntingHunter/JumperBreederDriving
Hunter PaceTrail RidingSocial member only Other:
Ideas for clinics, horse events, educational seminars or social events for 2025:
I am available to volunteer for club sponsored events ( <u>list volunteer job you would like</u> )
I am available to help set up (usually Thurs) before the show
Make your check payable to FRC and mail to: FRC, P. O. Box 637, Landrum, SC 29356. If you have chosen to join as a Business Member, please attach your business card with this application! You can also join on-line at www.foothillsridingclub.org
For questions, please contact foothillsridingclub@gmail.com. Thank you for your support! Check our website for info, updates & more! www.foothillsridingclub.org



Does this site look familiar?

Heads up, 2025 show season—FRC is upgrading our show management software to the fantastic Event Entries system! This will be a new way for us to collect entries, curate orders of go, handle scoring, and manage stabling.

The new system will be rolled out for our March show. We know this might be a bit of a bumpy transition, so we appreciate your patience. We'll be releasing videos on how to enter, and we'll update our volunteer training to include the new scoring procedures.

We'll still be accepting club bucks as usual, just with a slight modification. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at <u>frcshows@gmail.com</u>—we're here to help!

### FRC Cross Country Schooling Day @ FENCE DATE: March 23, 2025

### Bring registration form to the tent on the FENCE House side at the beginning of the trail system. Registration from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Course cleared by 5:00 PM

#### Fees:

\*Schooling Fee: \$40 for FRC Members, \$50 for non-members. \*\*Checks payable to FRC.

\*\*\*Groups or individuals interested in schooling the water complex **must** email Margo Savage at **200redgate@gmail.com** and reserve a time in advance. Groups of 2 will be combined, no more than six in one group. Each group will have <u>20 minutes</u> to school the water complex. Once you have received a time, please make sure you are on time and prompt. If you are a "no-show" you will be liable for the fee for your reserved time slot.

#### Entries:

All entries, fees, and release forms will be taken upon arrival at the FENCE Trail Tent (on right, just inside the main entrance to FENCE at 3381 Hunting Country Road, across from the show grounds).

#### Rules:

- FRC RELEASE FORM must be signed by rider, or by parent or legal guardian, if rider is a minor, under 18. RELEASE may <u>not</u> be sign by trainer or instructor. Those without proper signature will not be allowed to ride.
- 2. Negative Coggins on participating horse (within one year) is required.
- 3. Rider must be accompanied by an instructor/coach or person responsible for their safety. Instructor may ride without paying the fee if they do not use the jumps or water complex (their horse is their transportation only).
- 4. ASTM/SEI approved helmets MUST be worn with harness secured when mounted. Safety vest required for all those who are jumping. The wearing of medical arm bands is highly recommended.
- 5. USEA safety and cruelty rules apply. Violators will be asked to leave the grounds.

#### Parking:

Participants can park in the FETA parking field. Overflow parking will be at the Show Grounds.

#### Water:

Nearest water is at the FENCE Center flagpole or at the Show Barns. Please bring your own equine and people refreshments.

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#### RELEASE

I understand that this is a high-risk sport and I am participating at my own risk. I hereby assume this risk and further do hereby release and hold harmless the FRC, FENCE, their employees and volunteers, judges and officials from all liability for their negligence resulting in accidents, damage, injury or illness to myself and to my property including the horse or horses which I compete at these events.

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. (Article 99E of the NC General Statutes).

I understand that this is a high-risk sport and I am participating at my own risk. I am aware that there is NOT\_a medic or any medical personnel on the show grounds.

Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian if rider under 18)

The person on the grounds who is responsible for making medical decisions for me in case of an accident or medical emergency is:

. He/she is aware he/she is to make medical decisions for me in case I am unable to and I have instructed him/her on the people they must contact (parent, spouse, etc.) in the event of an accident. He/she understands they are to transport me or arrange for transport to a medical facility if needed. FRC volunteers are NOT responsible for making medical decisions for any rider. EMERGENCY CONTACT #: FOOTHILLS RIDING CLUB

### **1ST PLACE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

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As a sponsor, your business will be featured in our marketing, event materials, and online promotions, plus you'll have the opportunity to showcase your brand at our events.

Interested? Email FRC President Erin Stroud-Parker at president@foothillsridingclub.org for more details!



### Welcome to the Foothills Riding Club Hunter Pace!

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025 (Rain Date: Saturday, April 12)

#### Place: Circle Z Farm, 1550 Oak Grove Road, Landrum, SC 29356

Registration Desk Opens: 8:30 am-1:45 pm Ride times start: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Organizer: Foothills Riding Club (<u>foothillsridingclub@gmail.com</u>) Questions or more information: Gerry Zordan – 860-485-8124 Day of Hunter Pace Contact: Margo Savage 864-399-3473

Divisions: Field Hunter and Trail Rider

Entry Fee: \$40 for riders (lunch included), \$30 for current 2025 FRC members & Junior riders (under 16), \$10 lunch for non-riders. Lunch from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. FRC members may pay with club bucks.

#### **\*\*HELMET AND NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED\*\***

Bring a hard copy of your Coggins or picture of your Coggins on your phone—internet is not always available on grounds at check-in.

The Foothills Riding Club would like to welcome you to our fifth annual hunter pace. Trails are mainly wooded trails, with some fields and some steep grades. Most trails are wide and open, with some bridge crossings, a short time on a road, and at least one water crossing. All jumps are optional.

Parking will be very limited and we encourage you trailer-carpool when possible. Enter at main gate and PLEASE follow parking attendant volunteers to assist with maximizing our capacity for the day.

PLEASE OBSERVE COURTEOUS TRAIL ETIQUETTE. When passing—please walk when approaching and departing a slower group, and give adequate distance before resuming a faster pace. Communication is KEY! Many people bring young or green horses that can get rattled by the commotion and excitement, and we wish all riders to have pleasant rides, no matter what pace they ride.

OFFICE USEENTRY/TEAM NUMBER:	Number of Riders in team:				
ENTRY FORM	<u>A AND RELEASE</u>				
(Please fill out address complete	ely as this is how ribbons are mailed)				
Circle: FIELD HUNTER or TRAIL RIDER	Circle: 2025 FRC member YES or NO				
RIDER:	HORSE:				
ADDRESS:					
	PHONE:				
EMERGENCY CONTACT AND PHONE:					
A copy of your horse's Coggins must be presented at check-in.					

#### \*\*\*HELMETS ARE REQUIRED\*\*\*

**RELEASE– READ AND SIGN:** I understand that this is a high-risk sport and I am participating at my own risk. I hereby assume this risk and further do hereby release and hold harmless the FRC and Circle Z Farm, their employees, volunteers, judges, and officials from all liability for their negligence resulting in accident damage, injury, or illness to myself and to my property including the horse or horses I compete at these events. Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity. (*Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*) **BE AWARE: There is NOT a medic or medical personnel on grounds.** 

RIDERS NAME: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

**RIDER'S SIGNATURE (Parent or Guardian if under 18):** 

Date:



Working Equitation friends, we heard you! The excitement is REAL, and spots for our April 6th WE Show are super limited!

Ready to ride? Get your entry in ASAP before it's full!

New to WE? No worries! Come watch for FREE or volunteer and see what all the fun is about!

Register: <u>https://foothillsridingclub.org/shows/#showinfo</u> Volunteer: <u>https://foothillsridingclub.org/volunteer/#vsignup</u>

### **TRIVIA NIGHT FUN!**

FRC's first Trivia Night was a successful and raucous affair on Feb. 27, with space maxed out at FENCE House at 80 attendees and many more wait-listed. There were 15 teams with four-to-six members. The devious minds of Anne Bandes and Margaret Freeman concocted the questions, aided by board members as score keepers plus set-up and clean-up crew. Many potential new club members attended and signed up. In the final results, only one point separated the first and second-placed teams. Save the date for the next Trivia night on June 11th!

The winners were:

First: Team Mutton Withers Bette Mann Deborah Anderson Knutur Berndsen Cerice Berndsen Jennifer Gruhn

Second: Team Derby Dames Tara Boyce Laura Eyre Lori Brock Teri Byron Andrea Zynda-Weiss Deanne Prusak

Third: Team Pink Pony Clubbers Ashley Parsons Lisa Bobbett Janna Bankston Karla Birkel













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### MEET A MEMBER

My love of horses began when I was a little girl. I went to a horse camp, and that was it - I was hooked. During my youth, I had the opportunity to take some lessons, and this turned into a passion that lasted a lifetime.

When my husband and I moved to New Hampshire, we bought a house with some land, and I thought maybe I could finally have a horse. It was then I found my first heart pony. She was a large Appaloosa named Snow. This horse was magical. I was still a beginner, but together we learned so much and had wonderful adventures down many dirt roads. When we moved to North Carolina, Snow came with us, and our riding and adventures continued. At 32, she passed away peacefully at Encore Stables after a wonderful 22

years together.

A new trainer, Molly Hernon, began teaching at Encore Stables and brought her amazing wonder pony Huckleberry "Huck". He and I have been partners for the last 6 years. Huck has stood by my side through two broken femurs and a hip replacement, and every time I come back stronger and more dedicated. At 70, I continue to compete with Huck in dressage at FENCE, and at home, we have started to jump again. Huck and I love to go to FENCE.

### KATIE LEMERISE

<u># of Years Membership:</u> <u>3</u> years

<u>Discipline(s):</u> Dressage and Jumping

<u>Favorite Food:</u> New England Lobster and Ribs

<u>Favorite Music:</u> I love to listen to country music while driving to the barn.

<u>Favorite non-horsey</u> <u>thing to do:</u> When I am not riding my sweet Huckleberry, I love to shop, especially to bargain hunt.

#### <u>Favorite thing about</u> <u>FRC:</u>

It is a lovely and friendly atmosphere where we hand out with old friends and make new ones.

### **MEET A MEMBER: KATIE LEMERISE**

The three people I admire the most in the horse world are my trainer, Molly Hernon, Stephany Fish Crossman, and McLain Ward.

My trainer, Molly, is the best trainer I have ever had. After I broke my femur (twice, but not riding accidents), she always found a way for me to ride. There were times when my walking was not great and I was struggling, but Molly always helped me get on my sweet Huckleberry and have horse time. Without Molly and Huck, I would not be where I am today. I am truly blessed to have them in my life. We are on this journey until the end, and it won't end for quite a while.



I have learned so much from Stephany Fish Crossman. It amazes me how small changes in body position can improve riding so much. I am so proud to ride for her.

I have watched McLain Ward for years, and he amazes and inspires me.



### **Horse Show Etiquette Educational Video**

It's a new year and the start of a new show season which means it is time to refresh our memories on horse show etiquette with "FRC rules for entering a horse show"!

FRC shows are designed to be a laid back and fun experience for riders and horses. They are unrecognized but still follow USEF guidelines. Whether you are new to showing or just need a refresher, this video from our Education team will help you make the most out of your show experience! <u>Click here</u> to watch on our YouTube page.

Highlights include:

- How not to aggravate the show secretary
- Warm-up ring etiquette
- What to do once you get to the ring
- Tips from Margaret Freeman, USEF Senior dressage judge



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# **BIT O' NEWS**

DO YOU HAVE A NEW HORSE? ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING NEW? HAVE A FUNNY PHOTO OR TIDBIT TO SHARE? SEND IT TO FRCNEWSLETTERS@GMAIL.COM

#### Buster & Sheryl McLaury 4-day Horsemanship clinic May 2 - 5, 2025. 2022 Double J Arena, 445 Lockaby Rd, Pendleton, SC 29670

Do you ever feel like your horse is walking on you or pushy in the stall or aisle? He won't stand still at the mounting block or possible ignores your aides. You may have a sense of dread if the wind picks up and your horse ignores you when you are on the ground or in the saddle? I have felt all of those things and sometimes it gets dangerous. I learned that they are ways my horse is ignoring me and taking over leadership.

Buster and Sheryl can help you and your horse with those types of problems and show you how to be the leader your horse needs. Life gets so much better when I became the leader or alpha horse with my horses. I continue to build on that relationship and it makes riding so much more enjoyable.

Buster McLaury and his wife Sheryl met Ray Hunter early in their career. They attended clinics and learned from him. They adopted the principles Ray taught and incorporated them into their own horsemanship discipline. Over the years they have traveled across the US teaching and giving clinics and sharing what they have learned from Ray Hunt and from their experience.

Buster and Sheryl will be teaching a 4-day clinic in Pendleton SC. They horsemanship clinic is aimed at any horse and rider no matter the discipline. I have been riding with them for many years. They have changed the way I think and ride. My relationship with my horses has improved so much and continues to grow.

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Horsemanship 2 (build on groundwork and riding skills with the goal of very light riding aids)

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Working Horse Versatility with Cows (build confidence in the horse that carries over to everything else the horse does)

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Ranch Roping (learn to become handy with a rope and roping skills. Fun and useful skills!)

Audit \$30/day.

https://www.bustersherylmclaury.com/

For questions and more info, please contact Lisa Krolak 828-279-9643 Email: <u>lisakrolak@hotmail.com</u>

### **FRC Scholarship Application**

The Foothills Riding Club (FRC) offers up to 4 scholarships annually for current members, aimed at supporting specific educational or competitive opportunities (not for regular lessons or local shows, but for championship events).

Scholarships are announced in the newsletter and on social media. The Board will select the recipients and determine the scholarship amounts. To be eligible, applicants must have logged a minimum of 4.5 hours of volunteer time with FRC. Scholarship recipients are required to "payback" their award in some way, such as by writing an article for the newsletter, speaking at a monthly meeting, etc.

Each member is eligible for **one scholarship per year**.

Applications must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the proposed event. T

The scholarship award amounts are based on the number of volunteer hours logged with FRC:

- **4.5 hours** = \$250
- 9 hours (full day) = \$500

A total of **\$2,000** is available each year, with a **\$500 cap** per scholarship recipient.

If there are more than 4 applicants, volunteer service to the club in the current and preceding membership year will be taken into awarding scholarships.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance after review by the FRC Board.

I wish to apply for an FRC Scholarship for:

Name:

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_ email:\_\_\_\_\_

Specific Purpose for Scholarship Request (include name, date, place)

How will you benefit from attending this event?

How will you "pay back" your scholarship to the club? Creative ideas welcomed!

Please submit your application to: FRC President PO Box 637 Landrum, SC 29356

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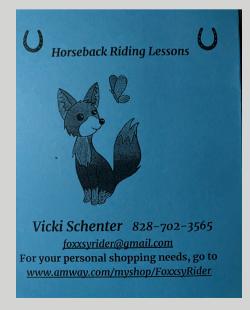
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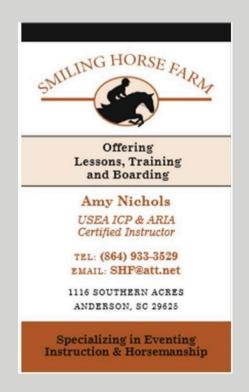
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