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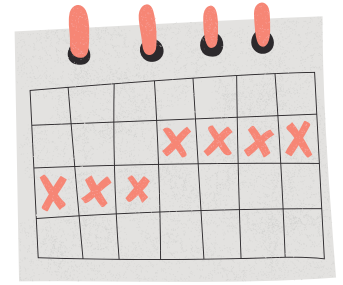
## APRIL 2026

Our 2026 season is officially underway! With over 250 entries at the March show and more than 120 riders enjoying the Western Carolina Hunter Pace, the year was kicked off with strong participation, great weather, and even better community spirit.

Relive the best moments and find your favorites photos on our website:

[foothillsridingclub.org/shows/#showphotos](https://foothillsridingclub.org/shows/#showphotos)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## May

**5.23 Dressage & Combined Training Show**

## June

**6.9 Newcomers Orientation at FENCE**

**6.24 Trivia Night at FENCE**

## July

**7.18 Dressage Show**

## September

**9.5 Dressage & Combined Training Show**

## October

**10.31 Dressage & Combined Training Show**



## 2026 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.

- Individual (\$25)
- Family (\$30)
- Business (\$35) – includes a free business card sized ad in our monthly newsletter!

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**Please write legibly!** The club is not responsible for members not receiving club communications due to illegible membership forms.

**Check ALL interests:**     Dressage     Eventing     Western Dressage     Working Equitation

Pleasure Riding     Endurance     Fox Hunting     Hunter/Jumper     Breeder     Driving

Hunter Pace     Trail Riding     Social member only    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas for clinics, horse events, educational seminars or social events for 2026:

\_\_\_\_ I am available to volunteer for club sponsored events (list volunteer job you would like)

\_\_\_\_ I am available to help set up (usually Thurs) before the show (30 club bucks for about 2 hours work)

\_\_\_\_ I am available to help pack up after the show (15 club bucks for about 1 hour work)

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](http://www.foothillsridingclub.org)

For questions, please contact [foothillsridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:foothillsridingclub@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

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# MARCH SHOW RECAP

Submitted by Kristen Griffith

Foothills Riding Club kicked off the 2026 show season at FENCE on March 21-22. With 250 entries, the atmosphere was a blend of competitive spirit and springtime fun. Riders of all levels took to the rings for Dressage, Combined Tests, and Working Equitation.

One of the weekend's highlights was the Sunday cross-country schooling, where riders took advantage of the beautiful weather to enjoy the creative jumps and get their horses in the water. The show had a lineup of wonderful judges who provided insightful feedback to riders. Saturday's rings were overseen by judges Alison Head, Missy Powers, and Lucille Sullivan, with Jennifer Roth at C on Sunday.

Our Technical Delegate, Jan Bellows, was instrumental in keeping everyone safe and in line with the rules. Additionally, Amy Barrington's jump course design provided a fun challenge for competitors. Capturing the memories were photographers Lee and Kristen Griffith and videographer Erik Olsen, while the voices of Megan Malan and Donna Searby kept everyone informed throughout the weekend.

It wouldn't be a community event without a little local flair. A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU goes to our First Place Prize sponsor, Landrum Hardware, who provided high-quality tape measures—a practical and much-appreciated gift for our winning riders.

Foothills Mountain Bar-B-Que was on-site all day serving up delicious meals for competitors and spectators, as well as providing special lunches for our hardworking volunteer crew.

A show of this size is a massive team effort, and we owe a debt of gratitude to our 45 volunteers. A special shout-out goes to the 14 superstars who volunteered both days! Under the leadership of Show Secretary Kathy McFadden, Office Assistant Margo Savage West, and Volunteer Coordinator Meaghan Morris, the logistics were seamless.

We are so grateful to everyone who pitched in and filled these vital roles:

- Scorers: Elizabeth Stroud, Amy Sakovich, Anne Bandes, Margaret Freeman, Christie Moldovan, and Kathy Nebel.
- Awards: Betsy McCray, Megan Malan, and Andrea Zynda-Weiss.
- Scribes: Georganna Webster, Helen Kaiser, and Abby Kogler.
- Ring Stewards: Sue Mullen, Tara Boyce, Sheri Castanon, Deb Zarish, Emily Osborne, and Boots Plyler.
- Warm-Up Stewards: Amber Whitman, Peggy Horton, Andrea Young, and Nancy Hudson.
- Runners: Ariel & Greenley White and Sue Mullen.
- Stall Checker: Dawnn Repp.
- Hospitality: Christie Moldovan, Roberta Decker, Lauren Wingate, and Georganna Webster.
- Jump Course Setup: Amy Barrington, Meaghan Morris, and Zoe Kharpertian.
- Jump Judge: Bette Mann.
- Jump Scribe & Timer: Christie Moldovan.
- Jump Crew: Max Malan, Rowan Daniel, Aleah Wicks, and Lucy Hooper.
- XC Sign-up: Baylon Hubbs, Shelley Hubbs, and Dawn Spinola.
- XC Water Complex Supervisors: Pernilla Dale and Cami Stockhausen.

Whether you were in the saddle or cheering from the rail, thank you for making the March show such a welcoming event. We're already looking forward to seeing the FRC crew back at FENCE for the next one!

# MARCH SHOW RESULTS

## Combined Tests for Saturday March 21, 2026

Class Title	#	Horse Name	Rider Name	Eventing		Eventing SJ Jump	Eventing SJ Time	Eventing Final Score	FINAL Placing
				Dressage Total	Dressage Placing				
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	119	R.E.O.	Gulledge Bailey	30.90	1	0	0	30.90	1
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	135	Coat of Many Colors	Martindale Kimber	32.20	2	0	0	32.20	2
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	62	Shadow	Dunbar Harper	33.10	3	0	0	33.10	3
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	79	JUST MY LUCK	NEISER MARGARET	37.80	4	0	0	37.80	4
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	68	The Comedian	Leaven Abigail	38.40	5	0	0	38.40	5
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	144	Caught Cha Lookin	Schaefer Autumn	39.40	6	0	0	39.40	6
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	128	Corwin	Lee Penelope	41.30	7	0	0	41.30	7
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	38	Aussie Man	Shephard Adelaide	41.90	8	0	0	41.90	8
Grasshopper - Combined Test JR	1	Lucy's Legacy	Allen Victoria	47.80	9	0	0	47.80	9
Grasshopper - Combined Test SR	72	Kings Moon Dash	Mann Kaiya	31.30	1	0	0	31.30	1
Grasshopper - Combined Test SR	42	Prius	Small Rachael	33.10	2	0	0	33.10	2
Grasshopper - Combined Test SR	142	Emmie	Rushing Raina	34.70	3-T	0	0	34.70	3
Grasshopper - Combined Test SR	151	Bewitched	Tatar Julie	34.70	3-T	4	0	38.70	4
Starter - Combined Test JR	103	FGF Tiebreak Bella	Goddard Maddie	34.10	1-T	0	0	34.10	1-T
Starter - Combined Test JR	96	little Miss Sunshine	Barten Emma	34.10	1-T	0	0	34.10	1-T
Starter - Combined Test JR	100	Poof the Magic Pony	Chiriakov Matilda	36.20	3	0	0	36.20	3
Starter - Combined Test JR	46	Lucy	Sullivan Cora	37.90	4	0	0	37.90	4
Starter - Combined Test JR	64	Cruise Control	Keaton Leah	38.80	5-T	0	0	38.80	5
Starter - Combined Test JR	140	Benny and the Jets	Roth Molly	39.10	7-T	0	0	39.10	6
Starter - Combined Test JR	67	Angel's Graham Piano	Knoll Yasmin	39.10	7-T	0	0	39.10	7
Starter - Combined Test JR	61	Axle	Davis Kinsley	42.10	9	0	0	42.10	8
Starter - Combined Test JR	39	Blizzy	Shephard Oliver	38.80	5-T	4	0	42.80	9
Starter - Combined Test JR	76	Frosted Punch	Moss Harper	43.50	11	0	0	43.50	10
Starter - Combined Test JR	150	Pacific Surf	Suttles Maple	45.60	12	0	0	45.60	11
Starter - Combined Test JR	74	Mischief Managed	Moseley Sawyer Kate	50.30	13	0	0	50.30	12
Starter - Combined Test JR	89	Cherrybrook Blue Smoke	Nielson Emma	43.20	10	0	0		E
Starter - Combined Test SR	73	Only Lately Invested	McDonald Taylor	33.80	1	0	0	33.80	1
Starter - Combined Test SR	45	Red Flyer	Stiles Margret	34.70	2	0	0	34.70	2
Starter - Combined Test SR	60	Picasso	Cowan Katy	35.30	3	0	0	35.30	3
Starter - Combined Test SR	81	Marcato	Patton Leslie	35.60	4-T	0	0	35.60	4
Starter - Combined Test SR	129	Serendipity	Lewis Julia	36.50	6	0	0	36.50	5
Starter - Combined Test SR	141	jack	Rushing Raina	37.40	7	0	0	37.40	6
Starter - Combined Test SR	30	Cadbury Fruit N Nuts	Mercier Brooke	37.70	8	0	0	37.70	7
Starter - Combined Test SR	49	Solatoga	Wimmer Sharon	35.60	4-T	4	0	39.60	8
Starter - Combined Test SR	37	Bold Humor	Shelton Susan	40.60	9-T	0	0	40.60	9
Starter - Combined Test SR	130	Rogue Endeavor	Neese Rachel	40.60	9-T	0	0	40.60	10
Starter - Combined Test SR	12	Liv'n Legacy	Evans Tracey	40.60	9-T	4	0	44.60	11
Starter - Combined Test SR	43	BSQH Steel Magnolia	Spring Katie	42.40	12	4	0	46.40	12
Starter - Combined Test SR	114	Avalon	Exizian Korinne	49.40	13	0	0	49.40	13
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	44	Mr. Jekyll	Stiles Margret	31.50	1	0	0	31.50	1
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	54	Cece	Anderson Reyse	31.80	2	0	0	31.80	2
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	102	Stryder	Glenn Haley	33.50	3	0	0	33.50	3
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	147	FGF DollarsforPennies	Shelnutt Lara	35.00	4	0	0	35.00	4
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	154	Technique	Von Kaenel Grace	37.70	5	0	0	37.70	5
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	149	Esprit Des Corps	Stockhausen Camie	38.50	7	0	0	38.50	6
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	31	Giant's Gateway (Beans)	Moorshead Sarah	38.80	8	0	0	38.80	7
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	35	Peaches	Schembra Leena	40.90	9	0	0	40.90	8
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	105	Shorter	Guth Linda	41.80	10	0	0	41.80	9
Beginner Novice - Combined Test A	110	The Rise of Avalon	Baird Addison	37.90	6	4	0	41.90	10
Beginner Novice - Combined Test B	57	Caught Me	Bergrud Lauren	24.10	1	0	0	24.10	1
Beginner Novice - Combined Test B	4	Apollo	Bennett Kathy	31.50	2	0	0	31.50	2
Beginner Novice - Combined Test B	145	Climb That Mountain	Schaefer Jennifer	40.90	4	0	0	40.90	3
Beginner Novice - Combined Test B	50	Special Fierce	Wimmer Sharon	46.80	6	0	0	46.80	4
Beginner Novice - Combined Test B	85	Sweet Dolchey	Raasch Tracey	45.30	5	0	0		E
Beginner Novice - Combined Test B	127	FGF So Valentino	Lee Michelle	36.80	3				E
Novice - Combined Test JR	83	Missile Mist	Potter Lila Jane	28.30	1	0	0	28.30	1
Novice - Combined Test JR	75	SLE Ocean Ablaze	Moseley Stevens	30.30	2	0	0	30.30	2
Novice - Combined Test JR	97	Ascot Martin	Calhoun Zalie	36.40	5	0	0	36.40	3
Novice - Combined Test JR	55	Kismet to the Blue	Bailey Adda	35.00	7	4	0	39.00	4
Novice - Combined Test JR	148	Evalina Slack	Slack Evalina	39.20	3-T	0	0	39.20	5
Novice - Combined Test JR	95	Chip Chop	Arnall Georgia	38.30	6	4	1.2	43.50	6
Novice - Combined Test JR	94	Beatrice B. Blossoms	Arnall Camille	35.00	3-T	4	8	47.00	7

## Combined Tests for Saturday March 21, 2026

Class Title	#	Horse Name	Rider Name	Eventing					FINAL Placing
				Dressage Total Score	Dressage Placing	Eventing SJ Jump	Eventing SJ Time	Eventing Final Score	
Novice - Combined Test SR	99	Rathcoole Rock N Roll K	Coates Melissa	35.30	4	0	0	35.30	1
Novice - Combined Test SR	13	Happy Camper	Dudley Lee	36.70	6	0	0	36.70	2
Novice - Combined Test SR	8	On A Whim	Childers Rachel	38.60	7	0	0	38.60	3
Novice - Combined Test SR	22	Dawn's Early Light	Hauenstein Katie	35.80	5	4	0.4	40.20	4
Novice - Combined Test SR	143	Donâ€™t Throw Stones	Salisbury Candice	26.70	1	12	4.4	43.10	5
Novice - Combined Test SR	59	SW Completely Cooley	Castillo Natalie	30.60	3	0	0		E
Novice - Combined Test SR	101	Oscar la Vista	Fisher Emily	29.20	2	0	0		E
Training - Combined Test	104	Atoka	Goulding Randi	42.00	1	0	0	42.00	1
Training - Combined Test	93	B. E. Isabella	Allen Jemma	43.50	2	0	0	43.50	2



## Dressage Tests for Saturday March 21, 2026

<u>Class</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Horse Name</u>	<u>Rider Name</u>	<u>Dressage %</u>	<u>Placing</u>
USEF Training Level Test 1	41	Carolina	Skoglund Gwyneth	63.27	1
USEF Training Level Test 1	77	Sullivan	Mott Charly	62.12	2
USEF Training Level Test 1	151	Bewitched	Tatar Julie	61.15	3
USEF Training Level Test 1	79	JUST MY LUCK	NEISER MARGARET	58.85	4
USEF Training Level Test 1	80	The Poet	Palmer Amanda	58.27	5
USEF Training Level Test 1	121	Cherrybrook Blue Smoke	Hoffman Emma	57.89	6
USEF Training Level Test 2	41	Carolina	Skoglund Gwyneth	68.45	1
USEF Training Level Test 2	98	Mutual Express	Clemons Bastien	66.21	2
USEF Training Level Test 2	77	Sullivan	Mott Charly	62.41	3
USEF Training Level Test 2	3	Sunny C Pacmans Injun	Barrett Jane	61.03	4
USEF Training Level Test 2	78	ROMEO	NEISER LILY	61.03	5
USEF Training Level Test 2	17	Belfast	Follenius Krysten	58.62	6
USEF Training Level Test 2	80	The Poet	Palmer Amanda	54.31	7
USEF Training Level Test 3	90	Falconwood's Firecracker	Riddell Allie	62.20	1
USEF Training Level Test 3	3	Sunny C Pacmans Injun	Barrett Jane	62.00	2
First Level Test 1	112	SF Secret Service	Dawson Naia	66.30	1
First Level Test 1	115	Saul Good	Goosmann Catherine	63.52	2
First Level Test 1	106	Tiny Dancer	Hargett Janice	59.26	3
First Level Test 2	112	SF Secret Service	Dawson Naia	65.46	1
First Level Test 2	91	Falconwood's Precious Gem	Riddell Allie	64.85	2
First Level Test 2	52	Caicos Express	Ambrosic Bri	57.12	3
First Level Test 3	155	Honestly Heaven	Westrich Frauke	63.33	1
First Level Test 3	153	Silas	Valentino Lorie	57.64	2
Second Level Test 1	157	Circe Maria	Wilson Justine	65.29	1
Second Level Test 1	138	Dream of a Day	Perea Elena	63.29	2
Second Level Test 1	22	Dawn's Early Light	Hauenstein Katie	61.57	3
Second Level Test 1	51	Spellbound Charm	Wist Julie	56.00	4
Second Level Test 3	20	Dei Lutte Deern, aka Fari	Gourley Natalie	64.41	1
Third Level Test 1	21	Fortune Cookie	Guinn Ashley	66.49	1
Third Level Test 1	120	Rascalberry	Hackett Katerina	65.41	2
Third Level Test 2	21	Fortune Cookie	Guinn Ashley	70.00	1
Third Level Test 3	120	Rascalberry	Hackett Katerina	65.00	1
Third Level Test 3	25	Fuer Elise HVH	Lanier Jacquelyn	60.38	2
Fourth Level - Test 3	16	Mission Point	Faulkner Susan	55.97	1
Fourth Level - Test 3	27	Felis Apollo	Lanier Jacquelyn	34.31	2
USDF Introductory Test A - Large Arena	29	Reese's Pieces	McMurray Charlene	62.81	1
USDF Introductory Test A - Large Arena	82	Barney	Phillips Kathy	58.13	2

## Dressage Tests for Saturday March 21, 2026

<u>Class</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Horse Name</u>	<u>Rider Name</u>	<u>Dressage %</u>	<u>Placing</u>
USDF Introductory Test B - Large Arena	19	Godsend	Goodrich Hatsie	64.06	1
USDF Introductory Test B - Large Arena	82	Barney	Phillips Kathy	61.88	2
USDF Introductory Test C - Large Arena	134	Roux's Gambit	Maddux Catherine	62.75	1
USDF Introductory Test C - Large Arena	19	Godsend	Goodrich Hatsie	57.50	2
USDF Introductory Test C - Large Arena	1	Lucy's Legacy	Allen Victoria	52.75	3
USDF Introductory Test A - small arena	33	Men Are Tipperary	Rice Ashley	31.60	1
USDF Introductory Test A - small arena	132	Socks in the City	Pierce Jasmine	35.00	2
USDF Introductory Test A - small arena	156	Waldfee	Wiggins Andrea	37.20	3
USDF Introductory Test A - small arena	131	Oso Fine	Penn MJ	37.80	4
USDF Introductory Test A - small arena	133	Queen of Asgard	Touma Katie	39.10	5
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	156	Waldfee	Wiggins Andrea	32.20	1
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	18	Bacchanal	Freeman Bess	33.40	2
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	53	Tos	Ambrosic Bri	34.70	3
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	33	Men Are Tipperary	Rice Ashley	35.90	4
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	113	Chewy	Dawson Nancy	36.60	5
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	133	Queen of Asgard	Touma Katie	39.70	6
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	29	Reese's Pieces	McMurray Charlene	40.90	7
USDF Introductory Test B- small arena	36	Daily Dude	Shelton Susan	47.20	8
USDF Introductory Test C - small arena	46	Lucy	Sullivan Cora	34.50	1
USDF Introductory Test C - small arena	18	Bacchanal	Freeman Bess	34.80	2
USDF Introductory Test C - small arena	67	Angel's Graham Piano	Knoll Yasmin	35.50	3
USDF Introductory Test C - small arena	132	Socks in the City	Pierce Jasmine	37.30	4
USDF Introductory Test C - small arena	84	Blue Eyed Beau	Raasch Tracey	39.80	5
USDF Introductory Test C - small arena	53	Tos	Ambrosic Bri	40.50	6
Beginner Novice Test A	137	Mr.Bean	Merritt Eliza	33.80	1
Beginner Novice Test A	98	Mutual Express	Clemons Bastien	34.10	2
Beginner Novice Test A	129	Serendipity	Lewis Julia	34.40	3
Novice Test A	138	Dream of a Day	Perea Elena	26.70	1
Novice Test A	152	Soul on Fire	Thompson Karen	31.70	2
Novice Test A	57	Caught Me	Bergrud Lauren	33.10	3
Novice Test A	99	Rathcoole Rock N Roll Kid	Coates Melissa	37.80	4
Novice Test B	152	Soul on Fire	Thompson Karen	32.30	1
Novice Test B	99	Rathcoole Rock N Roll Kid	Coates Melissa	35.00	2
Training Test A	104	Atoka	Goulding Randi	38.30	1
USAWE Working Equitation Intro Level 1	87	Freya	Repp Dawn	64.42	1
USAWE Working Equitation Intro Level 1	134	Roux's Gambit	Maddux Catherine	63.85	2
USAWE Working Equitation - Level 2	87	Freya	Repp Dawn	50.70	2
USAWE Working Equitation - Level 3	108	Mon Ami	Austin Harley	84.82	1



## Dressage Tests for Sunday March 22, 2026

<u>Class</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Horse Name</u>	<u>Rider Name</u>	<u>Dressage %</u>	<u>Placing</u>
2023 USDF Intro Test A - small arena	123	Small Batch Bourbon	Khamis Lakin	58.13	1
2023 USDF Intro Test B - small arena	123	Small Batch Bourbon	Khamis Lakin	61.56	1
USDF Intro Test A - large arena	24	My Sangria	Johnson Alicia	51.88	1
USDF Intro Test B - large arena	24	My Sangria	Johnson Alicia	53.13	1
USDF Intro Test C - large arena	134	Rouxâ€™s Gambit	Maddux Catherine	66.50	1
USAWE Working Equitation Intro Level 1	134	Rouxâ€™s Gambit	Maddux Catherine	68.46	1
USAWE Working Equitation Intro Level 1	87	Freya	Repp Dawn	67.12	2
USEF Training Level Test 1	125	Maribelle	Kemp Jenny	68.27	1
USEF Training Level Test 1	92	Falconwood's Firecracker	Kays, DVM Kelley	64.81	2
USEF Training Level Test 1	121	Cherrybrook Blue Smoke	Hoffman Emma	60.58	3
USEF Training Level Test 1	48	Cocoa	Willard Kaylee	52.31	4
USEF Training Level Test 2	125	Maribelle	Kemp Jenny	68.45	1
USEF Training Level Test 2	151	Bewitched	Tatar Julie	66.55	2
USEF Training Level Test 2	121	Cherrybrook Blue Smoke	Hoffman Emma	58.45	3
USEF Training Level Test 3	126	Havana	Kincaid Caitlin	63.80	1
USEF Training Level Test 3	151	Bewitched	Tatar Julie	62.20	2
USEF First Level Test 1	47	Raziela NDSH	Sullivan Lucille	61.11	1
USEF First Level Test 1	2	Fast Flying Fred	Barrett Jane	58.15	2
USEF First Level Test 1	63	Star Boy	Hoesli Coral	57.41	3
USEF First Level Test 2	5	Louisdor R	Borrey Sarah	65.30	1
USEF First Level Test 2	2	Fast Flying Fred	Barrett Jane	59.55	2
USEF First Level Test 3	91	Falconwood's Precious Gem	Riddell Allie	69.72	1
USEF First Level Test 3	122	Gran Torino	Ignatoski Alaina	66.94	2
USEF First Level Test 3	153	Silas	Valentino Lorie	54.58	3
USEF Second Level Test 1	122	Gran Torino	Ignatoski Alaina	63.29	1
USEF Second Level Test 3	20	Dei Lutte Deern, aka Fari	Gourley Natalie	68.81	1
USEF Third Level Test 3	25	Fuer Elise HVH	Lanier Jacquelyn	66.13	1
Fourth Level - Test 3	27	Felis Apollo	Lanier Jacquelyn	67.22	1
Fourth Level - Test 1	28	Royal Crown	Lisa Bezzeg	65.00	2
Fourth Level - Test 3	16	Mission Point	Faulkner Susan	60.42	3
Prix St George	118	Morante	Gryson Natalya	60.59	1



# TD CORNER

Submitted by Jan Bellows

Thank you to all of our competitors for checking in with your warm up stewards and ring stewards. It makes our shows go so smoothly. For those of you that didn't you can try again in May.

Remember a red ribbon in the tail means the horse kicks. Green ribbon means it's a green horse. Give plenty of space. If you see a red ribbon or pom pom in the forlock it means the horse doesn't do oncoming traffic well.

Let's keep up the good work everyone!

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# MEET A MEMBER



## GWYNN ROBERTS

### Favorite thing about FRC:

I love how inclusive and welcoming it is. My horse and I are not fancy or competitive. We love learning and I love having a goal to practice for (a new jump height or learning a new dressage test), and Banjo loves shows for the molasses cookies involved. FRC doesn't require the fanciest horse or most expensive saddle and we always see friends and cheer each other on. I also love the trivia nights and educational seminars that happen. I plan my year around FRC's calendar!

### Favorite Horse:

My all-time favorite horse is definitely my current horse Banjo. I've only had him three years but I don't know how I got through life before him. He was a bit of an impulse buy and it has been incredibly challenging. He was terrified of everything when I met him (arenas, trailers, stalls, tack, mounting blocks, head shy, etc). and he was incredibly green under saddle and a bit on the small side but I bought him anyway (because horse girls make poor decisions) but it was the best decision ever. We have barely gotten up to training level dressage and 18" jumps but he happily lives in a stall inside an indoor arena now and he comes and picks me up at the mounting block now so I am proud of how far he has come. He has the biggest heart and the best work ethic and he's just my best boy. He is currently rehabbing from keratoma surgery but we can't wait to get back to the FRC shows later this year!

### # of Years Membership:

4

### Discipline(s):

A little of everything in an english saddle

### Favorite Food:

Fermented grapes (wine)

### Favorite Music:

I don't have a favorite but am currently on a 90's pop music kick

### Favorite Horse Movie:

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (the 2002 animated one)

### Favorite non-horsey thing to do:

Highpointing - I try to hike to the highest point of every state (I'm at 38!)



# HUNTER PACE RECAP

Submitted by Missy Bright

April 4th was a lovely day for the Foothills Riding Club Spring Hunter Pace. A huge thanks to landowners Gerry and Sara Zordan for allowing us to ride their beautiful property.

Mother nature attempted to intervene in this wonderful ride but we outsmarted her. We did have several little showers. The trails were approximately 7 miles and were wide enough to ride side by side by side! And talk about beautifully marked! Yellow directional arrows galore guided Riders up and down hills beside the huge lake and through the cross country field. These rides are supposed to be easy to follow and to get lost on this ride you would have to have your eyes closed the whole time.

Many thanks to the members of the Foothills Riding Club who volunteered to keep us safe all day: Helen Kaiser, Christine Allen, Betty Hill, Amy Correll, Dee Dee Martinson, Brooke Mercer, Gwynn Roberts, Lucy Hooper, Ivey and Jim Summerell, Lee Dudley and Pat Rogers.

The turnout was surprising! The parking areas were full! There were 121 Riders in the two divisions, Field Hunter and Trail Riders. We were blessed to have several photographers on site. We even celebrated 2 birthdays!!

Jan Bellows and Kathy kept the start and finish line in order. What a pair. Thank you, Margot Savage West for chairing this event. Registration was a breeze. Erin Stroud-Parker was showing off her baby and getting her used to the sights and sounds. What a cutie!





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# THE STRETCHY CHEWY RESPONSE

Submitted by Margaret Freeman, USEF Senior Dressage Judge

I have a friend with a lovely show hunter that has some “dressage buttons,” which were installed before she bought him. We were talking about his clear response to a request for the “stretchy chewy” movement, its use in dressage showing and thus how she could access it as well for her hunter training.

The folks who write the U.S. dressage tests promote the inclusion of the stretchy chewy for several reasons, so that riders are encouraged to master it. One obvious reason is its value for stretching during both warmup and cool down during training sessions. Another valuable use is less obvious – when the rider softens her hand forward during a test, even in a very subtle way, it encourages the horse to relax his back and refresh his topline. This trained response is beneficial all the way through the spectrum of tests, from Training Level to Grand Prix. A subtle release of the rider’s hand forward after any difficult movement gives the horse a mini vacation to soften his topline and to renew his energy.

One of the mistakes I often see when judging this movement at Training and First Levels in dressage is that riders just let the reins go slack. That’s not the way the test directives are written: “Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact . . . .” The point is for the horse to seek the contact as it softens toward the bit, and the value is lost if the connection is just dropped. The movement isn’t intended as a limbo contest (how loow can you goooo?). It’s to make the connection across the topline a reliably renewable resource.

# 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.

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:*

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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**

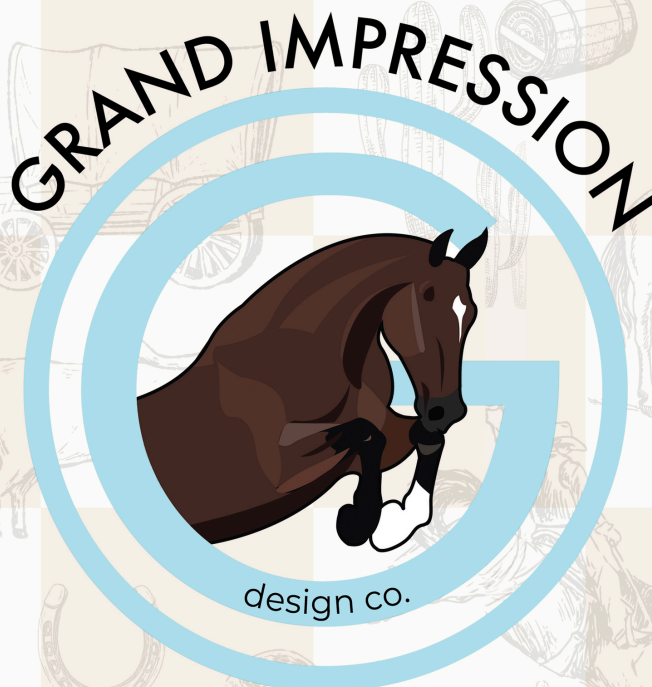
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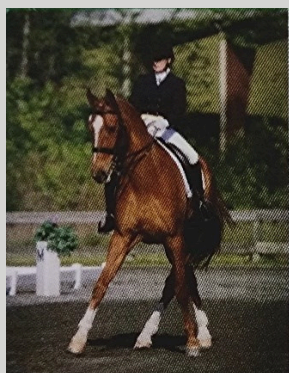
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