



## *Foothills Field Hunter Trials*

*September 28, 2024*

*at*

*The Green Creek Hounds kennel course  
including the Carolina Performance Series*

### *PROGRAMS:*

*Junior classes beginning at 9:00 AM*

*Leadline class at 11:30 AM - judged on turnout of rider, horse and presenter*

*Adult classes immediately following Juniors. Field hunter classes will run  
concurrently with Hilltopper classes (different sections of kennel course/field)*

*Prizes: all classes ribbons First through Sixth*

*: Perpetual trophy (inscription) for high point Field Hunter with cash award*

*: Perpetual trophy (inscription) for high point Hilltoppers with cash award*

*: special prize for Junior with high points*

*: prizes First through Third all adult classes*

*Closing date: September 14, 2024*

*Tailgate options:*

*Patron: \$225 for front row parking - lunch for two (limited availability)*

*Sponsor: \$175 for premium parking - second row and lunch for two. (limited)*

*Judges: Jeanne Smith and Chuck Stark*

*All entries should be made online. Entries after closing date will be double entry fees.  
Negative Coggins and releases must accompany entry, available online.*

*Entry fees: Adult - \$35/class Junior - \$25/class*

*All entries include lunch - courtesy of Green Creek Hounds. Donations accepted*

*JUNIOR CLASSES:*

*Hilltopper Junior: riders follow a field master at walk, trot and slow canter. May walk over a log. Judged on suitability.*

*Junior Field Hunter: riders follow a field master at walk, trot, canter, over fences, reverse field and hold hard. Judged on suitability for first flight Junior.*

*Junior Under Saddle: shown at walk, trot, canter. Riders may be asked to back up. Judged on suitability as a field hunter.*

*Junior Future Fox Hunter: shown in a group at walk, trot, halt. May be asked to reverse field.*

*Junior Handy Hunter: shown over course of jumps, judged on manners and promptness. May be asked to open a gate, change of pace, halt, back up.*

*Champion Junior Hunter: First and Second places will follow a field master and judges will pick horse or pony most suitable for hounds and hunting. (No entry fee)*

*Best turned out Junior Award: open to all Juniors showing at least one class.*

*Leadline: open to ages 8 and under, shown in hand by a competent handler - led at the walk. Award for best turnout of horse/pony, rider and handler.*

## *ADULT CLASSES:*

*Strictly Fox Hunters: must be member of recognized or registered hunt and who regularly rides to hounds. Class for riders who DO NOT horse show or compete in Eventing or other equestrian disciplines. Riders in pairs, shown at walk, trot, canter and over a short course of fences, at judges discretion.*

*Hilltopper (amateurs) - Carolina Performance Hilltopper class*

*Horses/riders must be regularly hunting in the Hilltoppers field. Will follow a field master at walk, trot, and canter. A small log to be stepped over may be included. Reverse of field, hold hard, other tasks at judges discretion.*

*Hilltoppers Hack: Group shown at walk, trot, canter. May be asked to hold hard, and back.*

*Hilltopper Handy Hunter: pairs of riders to be asked to change position as they navigate a course per judge; including a gate, may have dismount/remount, navigating a small log. Horses must show being able to lead as well as follow.*

*Champion Hilltopper: awarded to horse/rider with most points from Hilltoppers classes in total. (No entry fee)*

*Best turned out Hilltopper: (must have competed in at least one class)*

*HILLTOPPER HORSES AND FIELD HUNTER HORSES MAY NOT BE CROSS ENTERED.*

## *FIELD HUNTER COURSES:*

*Pairs Hack: riders (pro and amateur) shown at walk, trot, canter. May be asked to back up and hold hard.*

*Hunt pairs over fences: course will have one or two fences to be taken abreast. Must be experienced or schooled together to enter this class.*

*Ladies Hunter Over Fences (amateur): may be ridden in pairs. Course over fences.*

*Gentlemans Hunter Over Fences (amateur): may be combined with ladies depending on entries.*

*Handy Field Hunter: course of fences with handy tests; trotting a fence, open/close of gate, mount/dismount, backing up. Emphasis on manners and promptness.*

*Hunt teams: groups of 3 riders over course of fences and change of direction judged on manners, spacing, pace and appearance and safety.*

*Hunters over Fences: pros/amateurs - Carolina Performance Field Hunter class*

*Fences up to 3 ft., may include other fox hunting tasks. Judges discretion.*

*Fox Hunter Hack: judged on way of going, appearance, manners, judges discretion.*

*Champion Field Hunter: First and Second places of all field hunter classes will follow a field master over a course, judges discretion.*

*Best turned out Field Hunter: (competing in at least one class)*