



FOOTHILLS FIELD HUNTER TRIALS

Saturday, December 13, 2025

at

*The Green Creek Hounds kennel cross-country jump course
Featuring the Carolina Performance Series*

PROGRAM:

Start: 9:00 am

Juniors

Future Fox Hunters (non-hunt club members) f/b Strictly Fox Hunters

Hilltoppers

Carolina Performance Hilltoppers

Field Hunters

Carolina Performance Field Hunters

Prizes: all classes ribbons First through Sixth

: Perpetual trophy with inscription for high point Field Hunter

: Perpetual trophy with inscription for high point Hilltoppers

*: Cash prize \$500 for Champion Field Hunter as well as
Champion Hilltopper*

: prizes First through Third all classes, and Best Turned out J, H, FH

Entries open: November 1, 2025

Closing date: December 6, 2025

Judges: Jeanne Smith and Chuck Stark

FORMAL ATTIRE

BRAIDING OPTIONAL

All entries must be made online at: www.crfequestrian-nc.com

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 Green Creek Hounds. (Donations accepted)

JUNIOR CLASSES:

JUNIOR FIELD HUNTER(may include Hilltoppers):

Riders follow a field master at walk, trot, canter, (over fences if jumping), reverse field and hold hard. Judged on suitability for first flight Junior.

JUNIOR FUTURE FOX HUNTER: open to non-hunt members and guests. Shown in a group, walk, trot, canter following a field master, at judge's discretion.

JUNIOR HUNTER UNDER SADDLE: show walk, trot, canter in a group, judge's discretion, may be asked to back. Judged for suitability as a field hunter.

CHAMPION JUNIOR HUNTER: All will follow a field master and judges will choose 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.

ADULT CLASSES:

FUTURE FOX HUNTER: Non-hunt members interested in fox hunting, who may show or participate in hunter paces but do not belong to a hunt club. Riders will follow a field master and show walk, trot, canter, change of direction, small logs, judges' discretion for other tasks.

FUTURE FOX HUNTER UNDER SADDLE: show walk, trot, canter in a group; tasks at judges' discretion. Judged on suitability as a field hunter.

STRICTLY FOX HUNTERS: members of registered or recognized hunt who regularly ride to hounds. Class for riders who do NOT show or compete in other equestrian disciplines. Riders in fields (over fences group and Hilltoppers group) follow field master, shown at walk, trot, canter and over a short course of fences (field hunter participants).

HILLTOPPERS: open to riders regularly hunting in the Hilltoppers flight.

HILLTOPPER HACK: Group shown at walk, trot, canter. May be asked to hold hard, back, reverse.

HILLTOPPER HANDY: pairs of riders to be asked to change position as they navigate a course per the judge; may have to dismount/remount, navigate a small log. Horses must show ability to lead, as well as follow.

CAROLINA PERFORMANCE HILLTOPPER: Group will follow a field master at walk, trot, canter, possible hand gallop. Step over a small log, negotiate a water obstacle. Other tasks at judges' discretion.

CHAMPION HILLTOPPER: Judges' choice of top 6, course per their direction. Champion awarded for placings in all classes as well as final course and suitability for Hilltopping. (No entry fee).

Best Turned out HILLTOPPER: (must have competed in at least one class)

FIELD HUNTERS: Open to Hunt members regularly riding in First or Second Flight and comfortable negotiating fences.

PAIRS HACK: (riders Pro and Amateur) shown at walk, trot, canter. May be asked to back up and hold hard.

LADIES HUNTER OVER FENCES: (Amateur) may be ridden in pairs. Course over fences.

GENTLEMEN HUNTER OVER FENCES (Amateur). May be combined with Ladies dependent on entries.

HUNT PAIRS OVER FENCES: course will have several fences intended to be taken abreast. Must be experienced and/or schooled together to enter this class.

HANDY FIELD HUNTER: course of fences with handy tests; trotting a designated fence, dismount/remount, lead over a log, backing up, open/close a gate. Emphasis on manners and promptness.

HUNT TEAMS: groups of 3 riders over a short course of fences and change of direction judged on manners, spacing, pace, appearance and safety.

FOX HUNTER HACK: (group) judged on way of going, appearance, manners, all tasks judges' discretion.

HUNTER OVER FENCES- Carolina Performance Field Hunter class Fences up to 3 ft. May include other fox hunting tasks. Judges' discretion.

CHAMPION FIELD HUNTER: Judges' top 6 will follow a field master over a short course of fences, other tasks judges' discretion. Champion will be based on all class placings as well as final course. (No entry fee)

Best Turned out FIELD HUNTER: (competing in at least one class)