

PAIRED UP FOR A GOOD TIME

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The Arapahoe Hunt Cross Country Pace Event, held October 14, 2006, drew hundreds of horse enthusiasts to the spectacular Plum Creek Valley for a day of riding, with costumed horses and riders competing in pair pace events, and a demonstration of the disciplined hounds of the Arapahoe Hunt.

Amanda Jarine and Brett Swier took home the blue ribbons from Division A, and Division B winners, Lisa Philpott and Samantha Blakeney, turned in a perfect time, only to be tied with Beanie Schaller, Jessica Maranto, and Scotty Giddings—all just six seconds off the pace. In Division C, Ann Hayes, Peg Henneck, and Deb Bennett took home the blue ribbons and prizes.

The “Wizard of Oz Team” was pinned with the best costume award, followed by teams inspired by Bin Laden and Camelot. The beautiful Plum Creek Hollow Farm graciously provided a diverse course of water, natural fences and banks. Eve and Todd Bridges, Chairpersons of the Pace, expressed special thanks to Nancy and Richard Gooding for providing such a wonderful facility for this event, which is the inaugural site for the event, and one, which competitors remarked, would be thrilling to ride again. Also thanked were Liz Andrews, Fritzi Riahi, Don and Lenora O’Connor, Lise Stevens, Bill Wilbur, and PlanetTack.com, together with the dozens who volunteered for course repairs, jump judging, and check-in booths.

Lawrence Phipps III, Joint-Master of the Arapahoe, added colorful commentating of the event to the special delight of riders and spectators. Dr. Marvin Beeman, Joint-Master, thrilled the crowd with a demonstration of the Arapahoe hounds. Many of the competitors joined Dr. Beeman, Whipper-In Bob Knox, Whipper-In Herb LaMee, and Field Master Marc Patoile for a mock hunt with hounds, over many of the fences on course. Over 50 riders made this chase quite a spectacle, as hounds arrived back at the start to mingle with the spectators. This fund-raising event provides enough funds to feed the Arapahoe hounds for over a year. **H**



The team from “Camelot” took home a ribbon.

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Field Master Marc Patoile leads participants on a mock hunt.

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When pigs fly...with the help of some fine horses.

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Dr. Marvin Beeman, Joint-Master, demonstrates the bond between huntsman and hounds.



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The imagination of the costumes added to the spectacle of the pace event.



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This team featured Osama Bin Laden, the rider with the bull's-eye on his back.



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Plum Creek Hollow Farm provided a fun and diverse cross-country course.



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A Viking rider on an Icelandic horse



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This pony and horse make a striking pair.