

Kelowna Spring Dressage Competition

Lynne Arbuthnot and her crew of helpers hosted on a super dressage show at the Kelowna Riding Club grounds on the last weekend of April. All three days were filled to capacity with riders competing at levels from Walk/Trot to Intermediare.

Starting on Friday, Monique Fraser judged the Cadora Percentage Day. Her day was filled with a variety of rides, finishing the long day with a number of Freestyles. Saturday and Sunday kept Monique busy with the PaRC Competition. Her many comments and suggestions were appreciated by the riders.

The Senior judge for the weekend was Jacqueline Oldham. She judged in the main dressage ring. On Saturday she judged the PaRC rides from First Level upwards. On Sunday, Jacqueline judged the EC National Competition for all levels. She was heard to say that she was pleased with the quality of tests she was judging.

The show committee organized a huge selection of prizes for the competitors. Not only were there saddle pads and sheets for the high test scores, there were also many draws and specialty awards, like the “rodeo” award and youngest rider award. Many riders went home with a “special” prize.

Each day progressed smoothly and both rings were kept on time by the judges and whipper-ins. The steward, Janet Bogaard, made sure each rider had the correct tack and attire. The highlight of each day was the musical “Freestyle” ridden by a number of riders. Friday and Saturday evenings finished with a hosted dinner available to the riders and helpers.

Smiling faces and helpful people staffed the show office. Tracy and her helpers had the test scores quickly added up, posted and ready for pickup. Cathy from Carousel Productions was available all weekend to video rider’s tests and was kept busy in both rings. Kathy from Spring Photography was on hand to take pictures of the horses competing and the prizewinners. Both

Saturday and Sunday had equine massage therapists available to massage the hard working horses.

With the weather cooperating, not too hot, too cold or too wet, the weekend for the Spring Dressage Show was a success. A huge “thank you” to Lynne and all her helpers for organizing such a great show.

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