



Harwinton Lions Club

Schooling Dressage Show

English & Western

Sunday, April 21, 2024



8 am – 5 pm



**Halcyon Show
Stables**

231 Beach Street, Litchfield, CT

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What is Dressage?

The word dressage comes from the French verb dresseur meaning to train. Dressage is often described as watching a horse and rider dance together. It is one of many disciplines in horseback riding.

How has dressage evolved?

According to the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), “Dressage became an Olympic Sport in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm with only military officers eligible to compete until 1953 when the rules evolved to allow both civilian men and women to compete.” Today dressage is a worldwide sport with men and women competing on a level playing field.

What will you see today?

Horses and riders perform a series of movements as stated in what is called a dressage test. Judges look not only at the individual movements, but also how they flow from one movement to the next. Each movement is scored from 0-10 with 10 being excellent, 5 sufficient and 0 no movement was performed. Points are then added and divided by the total possible score to give a percentage mark. Overall scores of 70% or over are considered very good and scores of 60-70% are considered good. A scribe also sits with the judge to write down specific comments. The goal of competition is for the rider to improve their own score by using the feedback from the judge to inform their future training. The classes you will see today increase in difficulty from Introductory through Second Level.

In dressage there is only one horse and rider in the ring at a time. At the beginning of each class, you will hear an audible signal which lets the rider know that it is time to enter the ring. For the lower-level English tests the rider may choose to have a caller read the dressage test aloud to help them remember the test. For

Western tests the rider may choose to have a caller read the dressage test aloud for any level. At the end of each test the rider halts and salutes the judge before leaving the ring.

How do the horse and rider communicate?

Dressage is a team sport. When training a dressage horse, the goal is to achieve graceful and balanced movement through the use of subtle cues from the rider. The rider remains balanced in the saddle while using aids to signal the horse which include: weight, legs and hands. As a result the horse and rider develop a very special connection.

We hope you enjoy watching and learning about this discipline!

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Classes

(Classes may be combined or split as entries warrant)

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2023 USEF—Training Level	Test 1 Test 2 Test 3
2023 USEF—First Level	Test 1 Test 2 Test 3
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2022 WDAA Western Dressage—Intro	Test 1 Test 2 Test 3 Test 4
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2022 WDAA Western Dressage—Level 1	Test 1 Test 2 Test 3 Test 4
2022 WDAA Western Dressage—Level 2	Test 1 Test 2 Test 3 Test 4
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Schedule

Classes begin at 8:00am

Morning Break (at the discretion of the judge)

Lunch Break 12:30pm to 1:30pm (approximately)

Afternoon Classes resume at 1:30pm

Awards

First Place Prize and ribbons to sixth place

High Score award for Youth, Amateur Adult & Open

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