

Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center
Fantasy Dressage Show
May 8, 2022

With threatening skies and a fierce wind, the Fantasy Dressage Show at MLEC began with hardy Iowa riders attempting to warm up their fresh horses AND survive the early morning test times.

With an 8:00 start time and a full day planned, there was little if any room for delays. The first rides were a little bright as judge Rebecca O'Bea from Leavenworth, Kansas and scribe PJ Koehler tried to secure their paper tests and keep the show going.

By 9:30am the weather began to improve as did the test scores with the first 70% was recorded by AA Amy Vanwyk riding Odin. Most of the rain stayed north and thankfully it warmed up gradually throughout the day.

MLEC welcomed back upper level rider Mickayla Frederick riding Wrainier Q and posting a respectable 68.30% on Fourth Test 3 . Hopefully we will see this team back for our recognized Dressage Shows in June and July.

Intro B, C and Training Level 1 were huge classes and awards up to 6th place were given out. Open level riders along with Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Riders were all very competitive.

The high score of the day was awarded to none other than past IaDCTA President, Julie Kuhle riding her Orion in the Pre-Beginner Novice B. This combination topped the board with a 73.30%. Way to go Julie! Orion was on his game despite a rather swollen leg, which prevented him from completing in the jumping phase. I'm sure all will heal quickly and they will be back on course soon.

With no food truck, all exhibitors and their support teams were treated to free pizza for lunch! Thanks to Libby and Tim Hott and MLEC for this nice and welcome nourishment. It hit the spot on a dreary day.

By 4:30 PM, the In Hand classes were held, and even after a long day, the judge and scribe took their time evaluating these “dressage stars to be”. It was close to 5:00 by the time everyone could call it a day and head home. With the Hunter/Jumper show also being held in the other rings, it was a delightful way to spend Mother’s Day. Thanks to all who came out to support our show!