

## Cones Derby and Dressage Show, by Jonna Ahl

On July 21 at the Hoosier Horse Park, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual cones derby that also featured dressage classes. The cones courses were designed by Julie Oliver and the show secretary was Jonna Ahl. In spite of the 90° heat forecast, there were 11 entries (2 were non-members), 15 drivers, and 18 horses in attendance. Four of the drivers drove their horses on the show grounds or schooled in the arena and on the marathon course. Ten of the horses were driven in the show (one horse had 2 different drivers), and the rest were schooled in the arena and on the marathon course or were ridden for pleasure.

The show was completely staffed by volunteers including the judges. Lynna Spence judged 2 dressage classes with Ann Blakey scribing, and Sandy Green judged 4 cones classes. David Green was the announcer, and the other volunteers included IWWI members Tamara Vannarsdall, Bill Powers, Bob Oliver, Frank Hornbeak, and Debbie and Steve Ivins, as well as several folks associated with the Meadowstone Therapeutic Riding Center. IWWI placings in the Timed Pleasure Cones class were: Joy Owen, 1<sup>st</sup>; Ruth Hornbeak, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Brian Vannarsdall, 4<sup>th</sup>; Kristin Whittington, 6<sup>th</sup>. Results of the Take Your Own Line class (same course but the cones are not numbered): Bob Oliver, 1<sup>st</sup>; Julie Oliver, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Brian Vannarsdall, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kristin Whittington, 5<sup>th</sup>; Joy Owen, 6<sup>th</sup>. In the Marathon Obstacle class, Kristin Whittington was 1<sup>st</sup>; Debbie Ivins, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Joy Owen, 3<sup>rd</sup>; and Brian Vannarsdall was 4<sup>th</sup>. Training level dressage was won by Bill Powers; Debbie Ivins was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Joy Owen was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Preliminary level dressage was won by Julie Oliver, and Ruth Hornbeak was 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 2 teams comprised of 3 turnouts for the Team Competition; one called themselves Meadowstone and the other was the WHOA team. The Meadowstone trio had the fastest cumulative time to trot the serpentine pattern. The competition ended around 2pm just as the afternoon heat was increasing, even so, several people stayed around to drive out on the marathon course. Everyone was safe and had a good time.