Bath Horse Show rides on Aug. 18-19

This year’s revamped Bath Horse Show and Mini-Trial, sponsored by the Bath Pony Club, Bath Volunteers for Service and Bath Community Fund, is scheduled for Aug. 18-19, at the Bath Pony Club grounds, 141 Remsen Rd., just west of Medina Line Road.

The 74th edition of the horse show has been redesigned as an eventing competition, more challenging for horse and rider and more interesting for spectators. Each horse-and-rider combination will compete in three separate events – dressage, stadium jumping and obstacle jumping along a cross-country course – with cumulative scoring determining division winners.

“Although this year’s format is different from previous Bath Horse Show competitions, these events – the beauty and grace of dressage and the challenge of jumping, whether in the show ring or along the cross-country course – are very exciting and provide a thrilling experience for the rider and horse and spectators,” said Connie Wyatt, district commissioner of Bath Pony Club.

This year’s format begins with a schooling day on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m., when competitors test the course and show ring for practice runs, and spectators can peek behind the scenes for a look at participants’ preparations.

The full day of competition in the three disciplines occurs Sunday, Aug. 19, at 8 a.m.

In addition to the riding competition, the two-day event will feature concessions, demonstrations and raffle baskets from each of the three participating nonprofits.

“Bath Volunteers is pleased to participate in this event,” said Amy Bowers, BVS horse show committee chair. “We have more than 40 years as ‘administrators’ of the horse show, helping with the front gate and concessions, among other things, and this year, our members will help judge the jumping along the cross-country course.”

Proceeds from the horse show have always been dedicated to giving back, whether to the American Red Cross, recipient of receipts from the first year, to the Bath Firefighters Association Inc. for the next 70 years, or the Bath Pony Club, BVS and BCF beginning two years ago.

“Bath Community Fund is proud to be part of this uniquely Bath tradition, especially since altruistic legacy has been such a strong core of the horse show tradition,” said Jody Miller Konstand, BCF advisory board chair.

Admission is free. Financial contributions at levels ranging from $25 and up are accepted. Donations, payable to BVS/Bath Horse Show, can be sent to P.O. Box 33, Bath, 44210. See the full-page ad on page 11 in this month’s Bath Country Journal for more details.

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