

## August Wayne DuPage One Day Horse Trials Wrap Up

With a bright blue sky above and low humidity, the Sunday August 15 Wayne DuPage Horse Trials One Day welcomed back many competitors from the July One Day as well as many first time Wayne DuPage One Day competitors.

The One Day format has found its niche and its supporters as many riders, parents, “significant others” and spectators repeatedly commented to the organizing committee and the show officials that they “love this format”. A few days after the show, one competitor remarked that because she was home by 2:30 (the day of the show) as far as her children were concerned, she hadn’t even been gone that day!

Although multiple riders had multiple horses (one rider from MI brought a Preliminary, Training and two Novice horses) the competition finished on time and without any scheduling issues. Many riders took advantage of the optional one day dress code that allows riders to compete wearing a light colored shirt, without neckwear, in all three phases and permitting them to go from phase to phase without a “costume” change! Likewise many riders were seen competing in the show jump arena wearing their protective vest and pinney and then leisurely walking to the cross country start box.

**Feather Creek Equestrian Center** (Elgin, IL) treated everyone on the grounds to a buffet of food and beverages for several hours Saturday afternoon as spectators, competitors and coaches walked the brand new cross country and show jumping courses designed by **John Williams** who had been in Wayne earlier to set the courses creating a new look just for the August HT.

This month’s on site stabling included **an electrical outlet on every stall** and with three generators running from Saturday through the competition’s end Sunday, every rider who choose to was able to hang a fan on their horse’s stall.

Wayne DuPage Horse Trials is fortunate to have an abundance of volunteers who year after year ensure the volunteer roster is complete! This is an amazing group of supporters without whom the show could not exist. Along with many individuals who volunteer yearly, is a group known as **FTEA**, Friends for Therapeutic Riding Activities, (Winfield, IL.) The FTEA group, who has been volunteering for the August show for many years, was also on hand in July, filling volunteer positions in the parking lot, the office, jump judging, show jumping, dressage....you name it, they were there.

Wayne DuPage Horse Trials, Inc. also wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, the host of both the Wayne DuPage Horse Trials events in July and August. Pratt’s Wayne Woods Forest Preserve is a spectacular venue for all three phases of a horse trials!

The 2011 schedule for the Wayne DuPage Horse Trials, Inc. is in its early planning stages and currently includes a **Lucinda Green Cross Country Clinic** Sunday/Monday **June 12 & 13** as well as its **Sunday July 10 One Day Horse Trials!** E-mail [waynedupageht@sbcglobal.net](mailto:waynedupageht@sbcglobal.net) with inquiries.