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## 2008 IS THE IEO'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The IEO will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2008. Yes, fifty years of IEO dressage & the club wants to share this with the rest of the dressage world!

As part of our celebration, I would like to submit an article to USDF for publication in their monthly magazine. In order to write this article, I need your expertise and memoirs! It need not be fancy or grammatically correct, just heartfelt with some names, dates and history. If you can add some interesting bits of human/equine stories - great! I will act as writer and editor (with the help of spell check etc).

Also if you know of anyone who should be contacted to assist us in our free lancing, please let me know!

Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you,

Karen Schaale

## IEO BOARD/MEMBERS MEETING:

The January IEO meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00, at Marilyn Ostra's. (16780 Cumberland Hwy. Newbury, PA 17240. 717-523-4185 [mostra@embarqmail.com](mailto:mostra@embarqmail.com)) Please contact Marilyn if you are planning on attending. This meeting is open to all members.

## DUES FOR 2008 SEASON WERE DUE NOVEMBER 30 FOR IEO/ USDF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership application form is at the end of the newsletter.

All materials must be submitted in writing by the 20th of each month for the next issue of "Close Contact" to the Editor, Katherine Nelson, 9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349, or fax: 717-235-2853, or email [KatNels@msn.com](mailto:KatNels@msn.com) with your name and "IEO" in the subject bar. Officers and board members must submit reports. Newsletters are mailed around the first of each month. Material submitted after the due date will be held for the following issue. Persons submitting material will be responsible for any violation of copyright laws. The editor reserves the right to shorten and/or edit any material received. Editor: Katherine Nelson, 9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349; 717-235-6665; email [KatNels@msn.com](mailto:KatNels@msn.com)

## **HORSE WORLD EXPO 2008**

Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Maryland January 17 – 20 and Pennsylvania Farm Show Arena, February 21-24. Contact [www.horseworldexpo.com](http://www.horseworldexpo.com) or 301-916-0852 for information.

## **WINTER RIDING CLINICS**

Cool Breeze Farm will again be hosting a Fix A Test series this winter (Jan-March). The format is that you ride a test, which will be judged, and then you will receive a 20 minute lesson on how to improve your ride. "R" and "S" judges will be the judges/clinicians for the 3 shows. This will be a great learning opportunity to get opinions and helpful advice from judges to make your rides better for the up coming show season. The judges are all very friendly, kind and supportive. They make riding/showing a very positive experience. Take advantage of having this level of judging so close. They are all excellent instructors as well and teach any person and any horse at any level. All IEO members that sign up for the fix a test may take \$5 off the entry fee per show. Please see the attached entry form at the end of the newsletter. Hope to see you this winter!

## **MORE IEO MEMBER SHOW SUCCESSES**

Kelly Reed reports: My mare Eurythmic and I recently competed at VADA/NOVA's Autumn II licensed show at Morven Park on the 17th and 18th of November. We achieved the following: On Saturday, Training 1: 63% Third place, and Training 2: 63% Third place. On Sunday, in freezing temps and sleet in the outdoor arena, we scored a 67% for second place in Training 1 and 65% for third place in Training 2.

## **EARN YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP BY CALLING MARILYN OSTR**

Volunteer to manage a schooling show in 2008 – Five chances to win! If you haven't managed a show before, the veteran managers will help you. Call 717-532-4185.

## **WHAT CLINIC, FUND RAISING, PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DO YOU WANT?**

If you hear of or think of a good fund raising activity or a great idea for a program or clinic, give the committee chairpersons a call. They would love to hear from you!

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Okay, where do I start? As your newly elected president, I know I should be more formal and not be at a loss for words. Many of you may find the "loss of words" quite humorous as I did. So again, how do I begin? Well, let's start with Happy New Year!

Next, I must recognize the newly elected 2008 Board Members! Congratulations to Montie Eagle, Dee Epstein, Kristin Herzing, Marilyn Ostra, and Monica Willett. The membership elected you for your leadership skills and dedication to the IEO. As we change rein and begin a new year, it will be my pleasure to work with each of you. As many of you are aware, **2008 is the IEO's Fiftieth Anniversary!** Plans are in the works for celebrating our GMO's milestone. Stay tuned for more!

While doing domestic chores over the holiday season, I realized that this time of year is for reflecting as well as looking and planning for the future. Over the past several years, Kim Hillyer has led the IEO with utmost professional skill yet maintained a friendly atmosphere. During her tenure, the membership has grown, show entries have increased and the financial status has reached close proximity to the comfort zone. Wow! What is there left to do? Then I realized that the club's mission statement says it all:

promote dressage. Exactly what Kim's journey entailed. So the IEO needs to continue to strive for new members, keep our shows relaxed and friendly, and be fiscally prudent for the next fifty years.

Our first priority in 2008 will be the schooling shows. As show chair, Marilyn Ostra will be securing show grounds for the upcoming season as well as recruiting show managers. How about becoming involved and learning how to organize and run a show? The IEO needs several individuals who can assist in preparing for and/or running a show. Yes, it is challenging but if the duties are shared with a friend it becomes more fun than work! The club is making great strides in recognizing the efforts of its volunteers. How about serving on the volunteer committee being chaired by Monica Willett? This committee will be reviewing the IEO's volunteer recognition program. At the 2007 Awards Banquet, many volunteers were surprised with IEO and equine related gifts. Not only was the awards banquet well attended, but the 2007 award recipients received stunning hand made pottery items with a dressage theme! The silent auction shopping extravaganza was exciting yet competitive which only added to the fun!

Okay, let's repeat our formula for success yet add some new twists. Goals for 2008: How about giving back to the dressage community? How about attending at least one IEO meeting with a new member or a perspective member? How about spreading the word about how much the IEO has to offer? What about volunteering at one show and learn just one small job? What about striving for year end awards? This is your club so make a new year's resolution to become more actively involved.

In closing, my deepest respect goes to Kim who will continue to serve as vice-president. If only I can be half the president she was.....Okay - It's time to halt and salute! To Kim, the 2007 board members volunteers and membership, thank you for all your efforts over the past year as 2007 was certainly a success!

As winter surrounds us, lets prepare for the upcoming show season by becoming involved and making the IEO's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a year to remember!



*Karen Schaale*

*IEO President*

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

Deposit from	: Silent Auction	1135.00
	: Arena Set up fund raiser	250.00
	: Banquet	950.00
	: sponsorship	60.00
	: Coleen Kelly clinic	445.00
	: Petty Cash	20.75
	: memberships	679.00

Total deposit		3539.75
paid out to:	Winchester Pottery	700.00
	Ribbon World	69.59
	Kim Hillyer	222.82
	Altland House	1351.54
	Diamond 7 deposit	400.00
	Karen Schaale (postage)	7.95
+ Interest		3.33
Checking Balance as of Dec. 14th: (Balanced!) is		8781.06
Petty cash Balance as of Oct. 19. Is		\$5.00

### **USDF ‘L’ PROGRAM – NOTES FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY**

If someone told me I had to go back to college, I would cry. But the USDF ‘L’ program for dressage judges is exactly like a fairly challenging college course, and I was in heaven. I audited the ‘A’ session which took place over a weekend, eight hours each day. I came prepared by reading the newest version of the dressage part of the USEF rule book, and having read all of the articles on horse biomechanics by Dr. Hillary Clayton in the USDF magazine. On my arrival I was handed a stack of hand-outs almost 2” tall.

Much of the discussion on Saturday was about responsibilities of the judge, rules, looking up rules, conflicting rules, opposing rules, stupid rules, and being prepared to deal with unusual problems at the horse show. All this was a big yawn for the auditor, but no doubt struck terror in the heart of the judge candidate. The discussion about the development of a clear and consistent methodology to choosing each score (“what to look AT and what to look FOR”), and examples of such, were rather interesting to the instructor, competitor and trainer.

The really good part for me began on Sunday morning with the all-day lecture and demonstration on the biomechanics of the horse and the movements. There were a LOT of only slightly familiar terms (from the Clayton articles) and some new ones. What we all refer to as “The Basics” in horse training are now thought of, in my brain, as “The Biomechanics”. We watched 12 brave volunteers on horses from training to second level (the scope of this course) and dissected their horse’s gaits and performance in minute detail. All 55 of us.

Although we saw the clear relationship between rider biomechanics and horse biomechanics in action, the rider is discussed in other sessions to be held in the spring, along with actually putting a number score on what we see.

Our instructor, Jeff Moore, has vast training, teaching and judging experience, and was one of a handful of USDF luminaries to see the need for and to develop the curriculum for this program. I can attest to the fact that the judging today is LIGHTYEARS better than 30 20 years ago – excuse me... I can’t possibly be that old. - Katherine Nelson

**INTRODUCING COOL BREEZE FARM'S WINTER FIX – A – TEST SERIES**

Saturday January 12, 2008, Saturday February 9, 2008, Saturday March 8, 2008

(Rain or snow dates will be on Sunday) Start time 8 a.m.

Opening Date: November 15, 2007

Closing Dates: Jan 7, 2008

Feb 2, 2008

March 1, 2008

Where: Cool Breeze Farm, LLC  
731 Orchard Rd., Orrtanna, PA 17353  
717-642-8309  
[success@coolbreezefarm.com](mailto:success@coolbreezefarm.com)  
www.Cool Breeze Farm.com

Purpose: To keep you and your horse active through the winter, to prepare for the up coming show season or to prepare to move up a level and to get a 2 for one deal by being judged and getting a mini lesson to help you improve in specific areas with judges who are also excellent teachers/trainers in their own right.

Judges: January : Heidi Berry (R), Philomont, VA.  
February: Janice Conlon (R) Grasonville, MD  
March : Libby Anderson (S), Catharpin, VA

Cost: \$50 per 30 minute time slot, which includes the judging of one test and approximately a 20 minute lesson. Limited to 16 horse/rider combinations.  
If you sign up for all 3 shows at once or if you are an IEO member there will be a \$5 discount per show. Please include a copy of a current coggins . Make checks payable to CBF.  
No Dogs Please! Water available.

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IEO member: Y N Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Level and test: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Level and test: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Level and test: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Citation King Leo** 2007 Appendix stallion. **Super looker** bay with big blaze, in your pocket friendly. Will mature to 16 hands. Brother jumping in recognized shows. \$4,500. [www.wellspringfarminc.com](http://www.wellspringfarminc.com) or (717) 235-0941. Good Christmas present.

**Fast, fast, fast, Poco Bueno/Leo Old Foundation 2007 Red Dun filly.** Gotta see her to believe her. You can sit her mother's trot all week long. Hers looks the same. Excellent western pleasure prospect. I can see her doing barrel racing. Check out the bloodline. It's awesome. This is going to make one heck of a nice kid's horse. \$4,500. [www.wellspringfarminc.com](http://www.wellspringfarminc.com) or (717) 235-0941.

**Swedish Warmblood gelding.** 8 yr, 16.1H, dark bay. 8 gaits with lovely suspension in the trot. Very talented with lots of potential. Safe and sound, no vices, loving attitude, just a little green in dressage aids (but learning quickly) and no show experience. \$25K. Contact Evelyn at [evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com](mailto:evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com) or 717-642-8309.

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**17" nice dressage saddle** with girth. Medium-wide tree. Saddle is in very good shape with new billets. Asking price is \$500.00. Good investment for the money! Please call 717-292-9224 & leave a message. Karen Schaale

**D.G. Stackhouse Dressage Saddle:** 17", Long billets, black, medium tree. asking \$1,000.00. Steff Snyder (717)626-0670 evenings.

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## **BREEDING:**

**Approved, Elite AWS stallion, Manahawk**, by Roemer (Dutch) out of Bolero (Hanoverian) mare. 16.3 hand, chestnut, with chrome. Talladega, his second son, was 2nd in the AWS class and 9th in the colts of 2005 at Devon. Numerous championship titles at dressage and eventing. Stud fee \$750. Please see [www.manahawk.com](http://www.manahawk.com) for more information.

**16 hand Chestnut Quarter Horse Stallion**, big lovely mover, awesome disposition. Kids can ride him. Jumps, First Level dressage. This stallion even goes on trail rides. If you are breeding for disposition, he's your man. Live foal guarantee, artificial or live cover. \$1200. Call Dolly at Wellspring Farm (717) 235-0941.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Wanted....consistent, reliable, responsible barn help or working student.** Non-smoker. 5 days a week from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Duties include feeding, turning out, and stall cleaning. Grooming or possible riding for the right person. Pay may include a stall for your horse or lessons if so desired. Please call Evelyn at [evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com](mailto:evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com) or 717-642-8309 to discuss the financial details.

**Pennsylvania Riding Academy** is offering dressage lessons on FEI schoolmasters to qualified students. Contact Paul Belasik for more information, [www.paulbelasik.com](http://www.paulbelasik.com), 717.432.0860

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**FOR SALE:** Inexpensive towing vehicle: Chevy 2500 Diesel, 4x4 pick-up with tow package. 1993 Silverado, 8' bed, 115 K miles, A/C, Automatic, in excellent condition. Same owner for 10 years, repair records available. Photos available. \$5200. Kathy Nelson, 717-235-6665.

If you would like to add or remove a classified ad, please call Kathy Nelson 717-235-6665. Non-member ad rates: Full page \$20. per issue; Half page \$15. per issue; Quarter page \$10. per issue; Classified ad or business card ad \$5. per issue. 'Camera ready' ad copy should be sent to Katherine Nelson, 9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349.



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Katherine Nelson  
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New Freedom, PA 17349

Dues for December 1 – November 30

## 2008 IEO Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Young Rider ( under 22 years old) \$40.00 date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual or Primary Adult \$47.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Members \$28.00 each

List participating family members: (Include date of birth for Young Riders)

Make check payable to I.E.O. and send to: Evelyn Susol  
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