



CLOSE CONTACT

The Newsletter of the International Equestrian Organization, promoting “international style” riding (dressage) since 1958 – The oldest dressage organization in the United States.

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DUES FOR 2008 SEASON ARE DUE NOVEMBER 30 FOR IEO/ USDF MEMBERSHIP

VOTE!

Attached is also the ballot for the 2008 officers and board members. Please vote. The votes are due back to Maggie Hawn by Nov. 8th. There will also be ballots at the banquet, so you can vote there as well.

PAT SMELTZER

Pat was a guiding light for the IEO dressage club, serving as president for many years beginning in 1973. She was an early student of IEO founder Lilian Roye, and had success competing with her horses Finlandia and Donja in the 1970s and 1980s – a time when dressage was a nascent sport everywhere in the United States. Pat was a widely appreciated judge and instructor, transmitting her enthusiasm and passion for horses and dressage to many in those early days. Pat’s leadership, enthusiasm and energy were essential in bringing the first CDI competition in the US to the York, PA Fairgrounds in August of 1976, after the Olympics in Montreal. With several students, she founded the CAMDA dressage club in 1986. Pat Smeltzer died September 4th after a long illness, at age 74.

IEO MEETING

October 19, 2007 Kristin Herzing 7721 Hanoverdale Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112 Phone: 717-566-1369

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 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.

Thank you to all who helped for the Sept 16th show
Volunteers are appreciated more than you know
The ring was set up in record time
Alexandra Moody, Samantha & Tracey Bray did just fine

Mary & Dee ran the adding machine tape
Whipped the show into really good shape
We had Susan Moody scribing till her lips turned blue
Maggie Hawn wrapped up the afternoon crew

Marilyn in the booth & Dorry running tests
Without you all, it would have been a mess
A laptop loaned from Angela White
Helped the scores get loaded without a fight

Kim did it all throughout the day
With help from her little one on the way
Karen & Jon set up/tear down extraordinaire
There was hardly a need for me to be there

All the participants, so many super rides
Its nice to see everyone making great strides
So thank you again to any I forgot
I had a great time & I learned a lot

Manager for a day - Kristin Herzing

KUDOS FROM MEMBER

I wanted to congratulate the IEO on hosting such nice schooling shows this year. I particularly enjoyed the series this year - mostly due to a more inviting atmosphere. I think since we have provided better/ nicer awards - this has drawn in new faces, but we keep people coming back by just plain being friendly and accepting. I love that the trainers, amateurs and youth that I meet at the shows are ready to chat and are not judgmental. We are all out there to better our riding, provide good training and loving homes for our horses - so we all have a common goal. Thanks members for making the shows fun and welcoming !
- Jenn Hoffman

CLINIC: FREE FREE FREE

Lecture/Demo with Colleen Kelly November 6th and 7th at Wellspring Farm in Glen Rock, PA. Colleen Kelly is a specialist on Rider biomechanics and how your seat, position and balance affect the horse. She is in the states for the Equine Extravaganza in VA, and the Equine Affair in Mass. While she is here she is available for lectures and lessons. This is a great opportunity for the members of the IEO. This clinic is Free to IEO members!! This will include a potluck dinner, so if you are coming, please bring a dish to share. Also, included is a Demo ride on Tuesday evening and 2 additional demo rides on Wed. AM. She is also available for lessons on Wed. if you are interested. See more information on this Lecture and Demo below.

IEO MEMBERS SUCCESS AT LICENSED COMPETITIONS

On July 28-29th at Morven Park Evelyn Susol and her Fillipe were 2nd in the FEI MFS TOC (GP) with a 65% and won the Grand Prix on Sunday with a 64%.

Kristen Herzing and Gentleman tied for 2nd in his 2nd 1 test & got a 3rd in his 2nd 3 test with 63% in both.

Katherine Nelson and Beloved MRF placed 3rd in (1st level) TOC freestyle scoring 68%.

On Aug 18th Evelyn Susol riding Sandy Holcomb's Black Hawk and Katie Bixler (new IEO member) riding her Teunis de Haan won the Caroline Muldoon Pas de Deux \$5000 Challenge at Morven Park out of 7 teams. The show was put on by EEM, Inc., in association with their Summer Fling Recognized dressage show. They rode to the Batman Trilogy sound track.

HENRIK JOHANSEN IS COMING BACK TO PA THE WEEKEND OF NOV 17-18.

If enough of you are going to come to work with Henrik then we will plan the clinic, as it is far more fun working with him and another incredible learning opportunity! For those of you who don't know Henrik you may visit his website at www.positiveriding.com.

Henrik (a Danish Bereiter residing in Sweden) is a wonderful, positive, encouraging, up beat instructor to really works and takes his time with each horse and rider. He has many excellent exercises for fixing issues and focuses on the rider position and the way we influence the horse. The approximate cost will be \$200 like last year, but they are working on the budget. He will also do semi privates and the lesson cost will be split between the 2 riders. Please let me know asap if you are wanting to clinic with him and then I'll make further arrangements. Contact Evelyn Susol 717-642-8309

BE READY FOR AWARDS

Here is a great opportunity to volunteer and get your time in so you can qualify for year-end awards. The IEO has taken on the responsibility of setting up the Dressage rings for the Pony Club D rally at Diamond 7. The rings are to be set up on Oct. 20 and torn down on the 21nd. You will earn 1 full day for each day you help. We will be setting up 4 rings. One is ours, and the other 3 are the Pony Clubs. This went very well last year and the club earned some money. Last year the set up took about 2 hours and the tear down was less. We need someone to take on organizing the group for this. Also, if you want to be on the set up or tear down crew, please let me know. Contact Kim Hillyer at 717-292-5515 or ironrockfarm-hillyer@comcast.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

IEO members – free clinic:

Non-members - \$10.00 (includes lecture and Demos Tuesday evening and Wednesday AM)

Pony Club members \$5.00 (includes lecture and Demos Tuesday evening and Wednesday AM)

Please contact me if you are interested in attending. Seating is limited for the lecture (unlimited for the demo), so please contact Kim Hillyer at ironrockfarm-hillyer@comcast.net or 717-292-5515, ASAP for your spot.

Banquet:

Please look for your invitation within the next couple of weeks. The Awards banquet is on November 9th at the Altland House in East Berlin, PA. Even if you are not up for awards come any way. The food is great, the company is fun, and there will be a silent auction that has many great items to bid on. This was great fun last year. You'd also be there to support and congratulate the 2007 year-end winners.

Awards/Volunteers:

There is a small # of riders who have qualified for awards this year but still need to put in some volunteer time in order to get their awards. The awards are going to be so nice; I'd hate to see anybody left out. Especially since you've worked so hard to get where you are. There are 2 additional volunteer opportunities to get in your time. October 20th the IEO will be setting up 4 dressage rings for a Pony Club dressage rally at Diamond 7. Last year this only took a little over 2 hours. You would get a full day's worth of volunteer time in for setting up the rings. The tear down will be on Sunday the 21st. You would also get a full day's volunteer time for that day as well. This is also a fundraiser for the club, and something we have committed to. We need about 12 or so people to make this happen in a reasonable amount of time. Please contact Kim Hillyer at ironrockfarm-hillyer@comcast.net if you are going to be able to do this. I have heard from a few already. Even if you have already contacted me on this, please do so again, so I can confirm my list.

Awards:

If you have qualified for year-end awards, please e-mail me all your scores from the IEO schooling shows for 2007. I have a master list of scores from the shows. I will be double-checking the scores you e-mail me with that list. I need them by Oct. 8. Remember, you must be a member, you needed to show at 3 shows, and have in either 2 half days or 1 full day of volunteer time in order to qualify.

CLASSIFIED ADS IEO members advertise for free

Schoolmaster, second level plus. Very sound and healthy 19 year old (one-owner) mare ready to teach a new dressage rider. Very good mover, competitive through 2nd level, also easy piaffe and a little passage. Contact Katherine Nelson for more info 717-235-6665.

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 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.

VLX saddle by Custom Saddlery, in buffalo leather! 18" seat, medium tree, standard flap. This stock saddle sells for \$2,199. Selling for \$1800. Excellent condition. No longer fits horse's changing back. Call Kristin @ 717-566-1369

BOARDING:

Beautiful, airy, clean indoor arena, large box stalls near Lineboro, MD and convenient to I83. \$355 per month. Field board also available (717) 235-0941.

Cool Breeze Farm is just 8 miles from Gettysburg. Evelyn Susol is the resident trainer in dressage at all levels with all breeds of horses. Mark Susol does eventing and together they start young horses. Core services include training, competition, young horse, sales, MFS. Indoor arena, 97 acres of trails, full care. Visit www.coolbreezefarm.com for complete resume, credentials and more information. Space available now – limited stalls available for winter, so reserve space now: boarding (\$450 + lesson package) and full training (\$950) stalls. 717-642-8309

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 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. \$1000. Call Dolly at Wellspring Farm (717) 235-0941.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Very Nice 1990 Valley 2 horse bumper pull horse trailer for sale. Excellent floor, new mats, tires, battery, repainted. Current PA inspection. White w/blue stripe. Two horse straight load with ramp. Needs new rubber gaskets for side escape doors. Asking \$2850.00 and considering all offers. Contact Kelly Reed 717-634-9193 or kmedic@post.com

Pennsylvania Riding Academy is offering dressage lessons on FEI schoolmasters to qualified students. Contact Paul Belasik for more information, www.paulbelasik.com, 717.432.0860

Very Gourmet Equine Mashes “Every horse deserves to be pampered.” Treat your horse to a delicious oat based mash. Sold in single portion mix & serve recyclable containers. Just add hot water, mix with the provided utensil and serve to your horse. Contact us at www.verygourmet.com or 717-361-0536.

Barn Help Wanted: Small dressage barn needs some **part time stable help**, salary negotiable. In Pinchot Park area. Contact Karen Oberdorf 717-292-0244.

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.

Ballot for Board and Officers for 2008

President: Karen Schaale _____
Vice President: Kim Hillyer _____
Treasurer: Evelyn Susol _____
Secretary: Maggie Hawn _____

Board Members: Please vote for 5.

Laura Watts _____
Montie Eagle _____
Monica Willett _____
Tracey Bray _____
Dorrie Powell _____
Marilyn Ostra _____
Cindy Mattern _____
Dee Epstein _____
Kristin Herzing _____

Please email votes to maggie51@comcast.net or mail to her at 1405 Smokehouse Lane, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110 by November 10, 2007. Ballots will also be available at the IEO Banquet on Friday November 9th. Every IEO member age 15 and above is entitled to one vote.



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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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