



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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THANK YOU, KIM HILLYER!

Kim passes the torch to Karen Schaale in January, and we all appreciate her stewardship.

IEO BOARD/MEMBERS MEETING:

Dec. 14th, at 6:30. This meeting will be at Evelyn Susol’s Cool Breeze Farm in Orrtanna, PA. Please contact Evelyn Susol if you plan to attend. evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com Her phone # is 717-642-8309, and address is 731 Orchard Rd. Orrtanna, PA 17353.

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

Membership application form is at the end of the newsletter.

EARN YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP BY CALLING MARILYN OSTRAS

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!

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 IEO SHOW CHAMPIONS

Introductory Level Adult:

Champion – Jennifer Smith with Magic Wish
Reserve Champion – Karen Pelton with Whimsical William
3rd – Vicki Behnke with Redman's Derby
4th – Heather Hobbs with Riddle Me This

Introductory Level Young Rider:

Champion – Samantha Bray with Life Takes Visa
Reserve Champion – Anastasia Volland with Heavenly Skies

Training Level Adult:

Champion – Jenn Hoffman with Como Park
Reserve Champion – Karen Schaale with Dante
3rd – Deb Braughler with Redman's Derby
4th – Patti Hancock with Vagabond

Training Level Young Rider:

Champion – Samantha Bray with Live Takes Visa

First Level Young Rider:

Champion – Alexandra Moody with Autumn Twist

Musical Freestyle:

Champion – Alexandra Moody with Autumn Twist

Volunteer of the Year Award: Karen Schaale

RIDER BIOMECHANICS!

Who knew something so scientific sounding, could be so much fun, Colleen Kelly kept things fun and FUNNY. From her description of keeping your chest open by imagining wearing a black lacy bra with a white bow and merely lifting the bow, to her great Australian accent and sense of humor, two days with the seat expert Colleen Kelly, was a hoot.

My farm, Wellspring, hosted the two day event. I even demonstrated how to change the frustrating "No Go" horse attitude to the "How Quick Should I Go" horse, all with no spurs, no stick, and hardly any leg. For purposes of a visual demonstration, I even wore a black lacy bra with a white bow over my three layers of clothes (it was cold). Colleen mentioned the technique many times to the audience before I unzipped my vest to expose the black lacy bra to the chagrin of Colleen (her kind of fun) and the roaring laughter of the auditors. Ah, humiliation just to entertain.

Auditing was free to IEO members as long as they brought a covered dish. This clinic drew about sixty people. That's 60 covered dishes. I have to say my personal choice for best food was Marilyn Ostra's chocolate cheese cake. We all wolfed down tons of great food (did I mention it was cold) and thoroughly enjoyed Colleen Kelly.

Wellspring Farm will host a clinic in July, 2008 sponsored by the MDA and featuring Spanish Riding School clinician Harold Bauer. I like to make hospitality my trademark, so if you are thinking about bringing a horse to this in July, be assured that you and your horse will experience good 'ole fashioned Glen Rock hospitality. See you in July.

Dolly Broyles

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

It has been my pleasure (OK, not quite always) to produce this newsletter each month since March 2001. It is not so difficult for me, since I have done desk-top publishing since the dark ages of 1986, and my boss has been quite generous with the use of the copier, cable wireless internet connection, and other equipment. I do believe that a newsletter is the life-blood of any club, and the exchange in ideas is very important to the mission of the organization. I would like to thank you all for the gift of the very elegant whip rack – and also for your contributions to the newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I would like to congratulate all of our year-end winners this year. It was such great fun seeing all of you show this year, and do so well. Due to having such a successful show season and our many generous sponsors, the IEO was able to award everybody with beautiful pottery from Winchester Pottery. I hope to see you all again next year.

I would also like to thank Monica Willett for doing such a fantastic job with the silent auction this year at the banquet. There were tons of great items to bid on, and the auction raised lots of money for the club. This helps us to give such nice awards. I also want to thank all of the contributors to the auction. I know I had fun and came home with a few goodies.

We are currently working on our show season for 2008. We certainly will need show managers and secretaries for each of our 5 shows next year. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Ostra and let her know. Some of the veterans are willing to train, so if you aren't sure how it's done, don't let that stop you from volunteering. As an added perk, if you manage/secretary a show, you will earn free membership for the 2009 membership year!! As soon as we have dates and locations, the information will be published on the website and in the newsletter. The omnibus will follow once we have judges and managers lined up.

I also want to personally thank everybody who contributed to the gift certificate and gift basket full of goodies that was given to me at the banquet. It was such a surprise, and very much appreciated. I will certainly put it to good use. I have really enjoyed being president and I have couldn't have done it without everybody's help. I've had great people around me to support me along the way. I am certain the IEO will continue to have success under Karen Schaale's leadership. Just remember it can't be done without our many great volunteers.

Kim Hillyer IEO – President

2008 BOARD AND OFFICERS

Congratulations to the new slate of officers, beginning their terms in January.

President: Karen Schaale
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Treasurer: Evelyn Susol
Secretary: Maggie Hawn

Board
Montie Eagle
Monica Willett
Marilyn Ostra
Dee Epstein
Kristin Herzing

USDF "L" PROGRAM

The USDF trains our dressage judges for licensing by the USEF. The first step in a judge's training is participation in the "L" program. The "L" program is offered by dressage clubs (usually very large ones) who provide the management, the venues, and the demonstration horses. The program consists of lectures and symposia which take place over several weekends. The "L" program can be audited by any USDF member – even if the member has no intention of applying for a judge's license. Anyone wishing to learn what the judge is thinking will benefit. This winter and spring, the DVCTA (Philadelphia area) and the PVDA (Southern Maryland and Northern Virginia area) are offering the "L" program.

CLASSIFIED ADS *IEO members advertise for free*

Belgian/QH 2006 ch, gldg. Ready to break in spring. Already walking around with saddle. Ties all day long, trailers, baths good too. Not going to be draft looking, but will be big. More like his sire, Citation King Leo. Dressage prospect. \$5,000. www.wellspringfarminc.com (717) 235-0941.

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 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 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 or 717-642-8309.

EQUANIMITY FARM SPORT HORSES: Quality Hanoverians for the discerning rider....Currently for sale – foals, yearlings, and 2 year olds. Visit our website at www.equanimityfarm.com or contact Diane Vickery at (717) 919-2020, Dillsburg, PA

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.

Crosby Sofride All-Purpose Saddle, black 17" Wide Tree. This saddle has been lovingly cared for. Excellent condition. Asking \$1050. Please call Jane @ 717-805-3289 regarding any questions.

BOARDING:

Beautiful, airy, clean indoor arena, large box stalls near Lineboro, MD and convenient to I83. \$415 per month. Field board also available \$295. (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. \$1200. 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.



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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
Cool Breeze Farm, LLC
731 Orchard Rd
Orrtanna, PA 17353