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IEO SCHOOLING SHOW OMNIBUS

Is now posted on the website www.ieodressage.org, and ready for you to print your copy. If you can't print your copy, please contact Karen Schaale 717-292-9224. Good Luck at the May 11th show!

IEO MEETING

The next IEO meeting will be held at Kim Hillyer's, 129 Blue Hill School Road, Dover, PA 17315 on Friday May 30, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Please give Kim a call at 292-9224 if you plan on attending.

SPANISH RIDING SCHOOL CLINIC

Pre-registration for the Spanish Riding School Open USDF accredited Dressage Clinic is now available. Clinic is being held at Wellspring Farm on July 15 through July 19. Go to www.lipizzanerhorses.com (under clinics), then click on to SRS Clinic Reg. for the registration form to ride or to audit. Clinics at Wellspring Farm fill up very fast. If you sign up for one of ten rides per day, please keep in mind that Wellspring Farm prides itself on hospitality. Junior Hostesses are available to help meet the needs of you and your horse while staying at Wellspring Farm. Stalls are available for overnight and there is usually turnout available as well. Go to www.wellspringfarminc.com to see farm facilities.

DRAFT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS NOW ON USDF WEBSITE

The USEF in its boundless wisdom has determined that riders should have to qualify for the right to compete above third level by earning a number of points at the lower levels. The USDF is charged with coming up with a workable format for this. Please take some time to review the proposed rules and comments. This may be quite an annoyance to folks whose licensed competition budget is limited!

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

THE 2008 REGION 1 OMNIBUS

The Region 1 Omnibus contains the Prize Lists for the USDF/USEF Recognized shows for this area, as well as the current Tests. If you wish to order a copy, please send a \$10 check, payable to Region One Omnibus, to: Alison Head 38595 Purple Martin Lane Hamilton, VA 20158.

ADULT DRESSAGE CAMP – AUDITORS WELCOME

June 27, 28, 29. Halls Choice Farm in New Market, MD (new Frederick) www.hallschoice.com. Clinic with Debbie Bowman and Debbie Rodriguez. Musical Freestyle Training through FEI levels, Rider Fitness sessions, “Fix a Test”. Contact Kathy Curtis (703) 256-1252.

FUND RAISER

USDF announced GMO point rewards for items purchased thru USDF: IEO would get a \$1.00 towards merchandise for each point earned. The points can then be redeemed by the GMO to purchase USDF merchandise! USDF was contacted and the IEO does not need to do a thing! **Anyone can order and as long as the IEO’s GMO # 103 is chosen when the order is placed, points are awarded to the IEO.** This is a great opportunity for the IEO to purchase USDF items for various functions with minimal amount of effort! So tell your family & friends to shop USDF!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating 50 Years of Dressage
1958-2008

Wow what a spring this has been! Hopefully you are spending some quality time with your equine partner!

The IEO has been very busy. Final details have been worked out for the 2008 Annual Banquet as well as the trail ride/ book signing with Jennifer Bryant. Both of these events will be posted on the web site as the events draw near. The trail ride/book signing/picnic looks to be a fun filled day with various activities being planned. Cost is \$8.00 per person with the IEO supplying a deli-style lunch and refreshments. For a \$30.00 donation you will receive a copy of Jennifer’s book “The Art of Dressage” which is valued at \$34.95 and you get to enjoy all of the lunch goodies too! Children under 10 are free. Participants are asked to bring a pot-luck to share. If you plan on trail riding you must abide by Spring Valley’s rules and trail ride etiquette. A two page flyer will be e-mailed in the very near future. Deadline for signing up is June 15, 2008.

The Spanish Riding School Clinic to be held July 15 thru 19 at Wellspring Farm will now be instructed by Christian Bachinger. Please see the web site www.lipizzanerhorses.com for additional details. IEO members will receive a discount for riding and/or auditing. The July IEO meeting will be held in conjunction with this event on Friday July 18, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Heather Hobbs will be donating a trifold stand which will display IEO information. Anyone wishing to donate historical pictures for display please contact Kim Hillyer 717-292-5515 or Karen Schaale 717-292-9224.

The 50th Anniversary mugs have been ordered! They will be available for sale at our shows, meetings and events throughout the year. The new logo looks stunning on the cobalt blue mug. The gold lettering celebrates our club’s milestone! These mugs are dishwasher and microwave safe.

President's Message, continued...

The IEO will be sending a GMO Basket to the USDF Convention which will be held in Colorado this year. Our theme will be "Celebrating 50 Years of Dressage" with local items of interest. Anyone wishing to donate items may do so by contacting Samantha Bray at 717-292-9924. Due to shipping requirements, non-perishable items are suggested. Items unique to our geographical area would be most interesting and are encouraged by USDF. If you have ideas please share them with Samantha!

The IEO will soon be posting a banner! Marilyn Ostra has dedicated her time and efforts to designing a very attractive yet informative banner. This will be used at shows, clinics and events.

May 1, 2008 was the deadline for nominations to be accepted by USDF for the Hall of Fame. As you know, the IEO invested time and networking to canvas support for our club's founder, Lilian Wittmack Roye. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that USDF recognizes what an influence Lilian was for the sport of dressage which even continues to this day.

Schooling show season begins with our first show on May 11, 2008 which is exactly 50 years after the first IEO show was held at Bri-Mar Farm in 1958. Remember that entry due dates are earlier than in the past. Please mail all required information to each show's secretary. Don't forget to send a completed signed entry form, class fees and a current Coggins. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the individuals listed or a board member. Good luck and remember the important part is to have a fun filled day with your horse & show friends! At our June show, Heather Hobbs will be providing concessions. Rumor has it that the cook is really good. Food costs will be posted at each show.

One final note: Region 1 is soliciting donations for the financial support to help defray costs for Region 1's Dressage teams to compete in the North American Junior and Young Rider Championship to be held in Colorado in July. A donation bucket will be at our schooling shows. It would be great if the IEO could show its support in this endeavor!

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Until next month,
Karen Schaale, President

THE USDF REGION 1 MEETING

was held at the Hassler's new farm/training facility, Riveredge, in Chesapeake City, MD on March 16, 2008. The Hassler's new farm is lovely and the hospitality was outstanding. The lunch was catered and consisted of baked ziti (one with meat, one with veggies), salad, veggie trays, fresh baked cookies and bread. I must say, it was worth the drive!

The following are my notes from the meeting, divided by subject:

BLM: please note qualifying scores for BLM have been RAISED since last year. Complete details can be found at www.cblm.org and on pg 17 of the USDF Region 1 omnibus. The new scoring system has been simplified from previous years and note ribbon placement does not count any more. Only your score counts toward qualifying.

USDF Region 1 Meeting, continued...

OMNIBUS: the region 1 omnibus is now on sale. There is a cover photo contest currently underway for the 2009 omnibus. Visit the Region 1 website for details.

REGION 1 AWARDS: GMO's are to submit nominations for each of four categories. Nominations are due no later than the Fall Region 1 meeting.

ADULT TEAM COMPETITIONS: Adult teams are back. VADA/NOVA will host this year's competition at Culpepper (which is now a HITS facility and has been significantly improved) on August 2 and 3. GMO sponsorships are needed. This is not a recognized event. Trophys will go to the highest scoring GMO. Looking for a GMO to host the 2009 event--will be in summer, must have three show rings and stabling. Adults wishing to compete who do not have a team can contact their regional coordinator to be matched with others to create teams.

YOUTH TEAMS: VADA/NOVA will host again at Morven Park on July 19 and 20 this year. There will again be a Friday night party. Sponsors and prize donors are needed.

USDF ADULT CLINIC: was held on March 29 and 30 of this year at Hilltop Farm. Jane Savioe was this year's clinician, but has declined the invitation to stay on for next year. More than 200 auditors were expected to attend. This year youth teams will travel to Denver, CO. There was a silent auction to benefit the youth team at the clinic.

NAJC/NAYRC: 7 riders for each this year. Qualifying season has begun. Competition is July 26 thru Aug 3 in Denver, CO.

DEVON: volunteers are needed. See www.dressageatdevon.org

L PROGRAM: 3 programs currently running, hosted by NC, PVDA, and DVCTA. Currently accepting more candidates than there are testing spots...

CON-ED: Feedback is being requested from GMO members concerning potentially requiring L level judges to seek 8 hours of continuing education each year to remain licensed. GMO's are being encouraged to host continuing education events, regardless of con-ed requirement. Please send any educational events to the region one website for posting.

INSTRUCTOR CERTS: PVDA reports they are on hold.

REGION ONE WEB AND NEWS: send show dates and links to the web for posting!!

GRANTS: Adult and junior, \$1500 and \$750 respectively. Grants are for educational opportunities. The 2007 monies have been distributed. Grant structure has been changed to regional (no longer will there be adult and junior, anyone can apply). New grant guidelines are about to be approved. TDF money is also available.

USDF Region 1 Meeting, continued...

AYR/JR CLINIC: May 17 and 18 at Eagle Crest Farm in NJ. George Williams is the clinician. Auditors are welcome. All juniors riding in the clinic are 3rd level thru Prix St. George. Grants are available for riders thru TDF.

YOUTH BOARD: Region 1 rep recently resigned. Looking for candidates to be new representative.

CONVENTION: December 6 and 7 in Denver, CO. There is no election this year.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: USEF has tabled the issue until Jan 2009. New proposal is due out now. This summer the committee will release a draft to the membership at large for review and comment. There is a new website dedicated to comment on this issue being created thru the USEF site. Performance standards are scheduled to be implemented in 2011 so everyone is strongly encouraged to go to the site, read the draft, and comment!!!! This is our chance to have a voice in this issue, don't stand silent now and complain later...

PM/GM DELEGATES: 14 on ballot so far. Delegates must attend convention and must attend the Fall Region 1 meeting in November at Morven Park.

USDF: Implementing new strategic plan. Five committees: USDF governance; Education and Programs; Outreach to GMOs; Membership and Growth Retention; National Championships for AA. Dressage is the only discipline currently without a National championship show. Adult Clinics will continue in current format with a single clinician visiting each of the nine regions. Volunteers are needed for WEG in 2010. NEW THIS YEAR: not only will the USDF send delegates to random licensed shows for review, delegates will visit shows on the recommendation of competitors. If you know of a show that is in violation of the rules, or in need of an audit from the Federation, contact the region 1 director, Allison Head, and she will report the show to the Federation. The show will never know who reported it, or if it is being visited randomly or due to a violation report.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS: USDF is considering show levels/ratings similar to that of hunters because it provides mileage protection, but the USDF is not required to have such ratings, so the current system may continue.

GMOs: I reported to the crowd that IEO is celebrating our 50th anniversary--and everyone cheered and applauded us!! All GMOs were present, with the exception of just three. It is important for us to attend these meetings and network with the other GMOs. It also gives us a direct, face to face voice with the USDF and the Region 1 Coordinator. It was also strongly recommended that IEO nominate Lilian Wittmack-Roye to the USDF hall of fame for her contributions to the sport.

- Kelly Reed, IEO Representative

USDF “L” PROGRAM - SESSION C

“The more impulsion you have the more submission you need.” Well, ain’t it the truth! Every rider realizes it, but we don’t often stop to contemplate this and other truths that were the topics of the “C” session: The Collective Marks and Rider Biomechanics. Once again, this third session took place over a weekend with long days; four hours in a conference room, a break for lunch, and four hours watching valiant volunteers riding test after test.

L Program faculty member, Californian Sandy Howard, distilled the essence of the Collective marks (the 4 scores at the end of each test) beyond the directives as written on the tests. Complicating the matter for the judge, the criteria for the Collective Marks overlap a good deal: the quality of the Gaits is enhanced by an ideal level of Impulsion. Impulsion is the result of some degree of Submission (and vice versa), and the Rider’s Position and Effect of the Aids creates the Impulsion and Submission. The judge must decide where the basic problems originate, and also be careful to only penalize the rider in the one Collective Mark most applicable.

Some notes on the discussion:

Gaits: This score reflects the purity of all three gaits: a walk with four even beats, a trot with two even beats, and a canter with three beats and the diagonal pair synchronous. If the judge has raised the score of some of the movements due to the amplitude of the gaits, then the Gaits score should be increased accordingly above a 6.

Impulsion: The most important component is “The Desire To Carry Himself Forward”. The horse’s balance is scored here as well as for each movement in the test. This score would be affected by the quality of lengthenings.

Submission: This score reflects obedience and response issues: confidence and steadiness in the transitions, the ability of the rider to send the horse forward to acceptance of the bit. Some degree of suppleness and elasticity is necessary for this to happen.

Rider’s Position and Effect of the Aids: This score has a coefficient of 3! We spent a lot of time on the rider’s position and how it affects the horse’s performance. The rider should respect the horse. The rider should keep his center of gravity over the horse’s base of support, and enhance the horse’s performance. The rider’s base of support should be a combination of the pelvic rami (seat bones) and the upper thigh. The rider’s timing on the moving horse should not get out of phase with the horse’s gait. Discussion was extensive on the rider’s hip joint angle and mobility in the timing of the horse’s gait.

Sage advice for all ages: “Don’t Fight Gravity”! Use your aids when the down-beat turns up.

– Katherine Nelson

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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 or (717) 235-0941. Good Christmas present.

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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. \$18K. 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.

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:

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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:

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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 or 717-642-8309 to discuss the financial details.

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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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