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IEO SCHOOLING SHOW OMNIBUS AND RESULTS

are now posted on the website www.ieodressage.org. and ready for you to print a copy. If you can't print your copy, please contact Karen Schaale 717-292-9224. Good Luck at the August 17th show!

IEO PICNIC

the IEO picnic was held July 26th at Spring Valley Park in Glen Rock. The IEO rented a pavilion in the woods, which was very clean and quite cool, making our picnic lunch/ pot luck very pleasant. The 14 members (and some husbands) that attended enjoyed checking out the new IEO bulletin board, chatting with Jennifer Bryant (author of several books, including a new book about the history of the Equestrian events in the Olympics), and hearing about Sam Bray's trip to Lendon Grey's Youth Dressage Festival (including pictures !). Thanks to all those who came to enjoy the afternoon and support the IEO in its anniversary year ! – Jenn Hoffman

IEO MEETING

The August IEO meeting will be held at Evelyn Susol's residence August 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Please contact Evelyn if you plan on attending

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

IEO MEMBERS SHINE AT REGIONAL LICENSED COMPETITIONS

Karen Schaale and Dante at the PVDA Ride for Life at First Level: Placed 2nd & 3rd in the Musical Freestyle TOC. Received a MF of 66% score which qualified us for the VADA NOVA MF championship in Sept as well as the CBLM championship in Oct.

Marilyn Ostra's steed, **Not Your Average Joe**, was the **highest scoring Quarter Horse** at PVDA's Ride for Life show, held June 28 and 29th. They scored a 62.4% in Sunday's Training level Test 3 class to win the award. Marilyn was very pleased with her rides, and rightfully so, this was only their second outing at a recognized show. The handsome liver chestnut turned on the charm, and the pair put in some quality tests throughout the weekend.

Hilbert fan de Schlaetdyk is Highest Scoring Friesian at PVDA Ride for Life Show

With trainer Evelyn Susol aboard, Hilbert was the highest scoring Friesian in the professional division at the PVDA Ride for Life show, held June 28 and 29th. His score of 67.20% was received in Training Level Test 4. Hilbert is a 6 year-old Ster Friesian Stallion who was imported from the Netherlands. He is registered with the FPS. Owned by Dr. Linda Hansen and her husband, David Fisher, he was a Valentine's Day gift for Linda in 2007. Linda is an equine chiropractor, owner of Animal Sports Therapy, L.L.C. animalsportstherapy.com

Over the weekend of July 26-27 2008 the IEO member **Kristin Herzing** was the star of 3rd level at the EEMI Summer Dressage Classic at Morven Park. She won her 3rd level 2 with a 66% and was the highest score at 3rd level for the weekend. She also qualified her MFS for the BLMs with a 65.8.

Evelyn Susol rode Hilbert fan de Schlaetdyk and finished off his qualifying season with a 66.8 % in Training 4. He earned 2 second places, a third and a 5th.

Evelyn Susol also rode Solitaer SJK at Prix St. Georges and qualified him for the BLM championships with a 60.8%. This was the horse's first show since 2006 and his 2nd PSG ever. "Soli" earned a 6th and a 2nd place on Sunday.

Paige Johnson and Z Orlando made it through their first recognized show with 2 third places and a 6th.

Orlando was a little full of himself but Paige pulled the rides off beautifully and handled everything like a pro.

YOUR USDF PURCHASES

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!

IEO LIBRARY – GET INSPIRED!

Many books and videos are always available. Contact Librarian, Pam Datsko 717-361-0536

Celebrating 50 Years of Dressage
1958-2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year certainly has been busy for us! Our schooling shows have been very successful. Entries totaling over 70 rides in June & July have far exceeded our expectations. Thank you to the July show manager Mary Krysakowski and show secretary Cindy Mattern as well as all the volunteers! The last two shows will be held in August and September. Show Chair Marilyn Ostra has announced that due to the increased number of entries, it has been necessary to accept entries that are considered complete first with the incomplete entries placed on a waiting list until all info is received by the show secretary. This may equate to your entry not being able to be scheduled. Please read the attached notification from Show Chair Marilyn Ostra. If you are unsure what constitutes a completed entry please don't hesitate to ask questions! Also, remember that in order to qualify for year end awards you must secure your volunteer hours!

The book signing and picnic with Jennifer O. Bryant was held on July 26, 2008 at Spring Valley Park. Even though the weather was warm, the Spring Valley pavilion was cool. For those who attended, it was a very pleasant event as everyone had the opportunity to chat with Jennifer Bryant. Jennifer chatted about numerous events and individuals with whom she has met and worked with. It was very interesting! In addition to the book signing, an impromptu speech was given by young rider, Samantha Bray, who shared her experiences at the Lendon Gray Youth Dressage Festival held at the HITS show grounds in Saugerties, New York. Congratulations are in order for Sam! More to come as Samantha has promised us an article on her experiences and awards! Don't forget the pictures! Special thanks to Jennifer Hoffman who organized this event and provided a thought provoking dressage trivia game.

Please congratulate Kelly Reed on her accomplishment of capturing the USDF Rider Performance Award for Training Level! Way to go Kelly!

The Spanish Riding School Clinic with Instructor Christian Bachinger was held July 15 thru 20 at Wellspring Farm owned by IEO member Dolly Broyles. IEO members spent Friday evening chatting with Christian. A very enlightening experience as Christian shared riding school history, equine training techniques, and his homeland culture with us! Thank you Dolly for your generosity and hard work in preparing your farm for the participants, auditors and the IEO club!

The next several months will be very busy for the IEO. Two more schooling shows will be held and the year end awards banquet in November. The club is looking for donations for the banquet's silent auction. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The silent auction is always a good way to help your club and do a little early Christmas shopping for your horse, instructor and horsey friends! Please contact Kim Hillyer if you wish to make a donation or secure donations from area businesses.

Also, the IEO Board nomination process will soon begin with nominations being presented by the nominating committee at the October meeting. Nominations from the floor will be received at the October and November meetings. The secret ballot will be held at the November meeting. Mail in ballots will be accepted prior to the meeting. The IEO is your club. By serving as an officer or board member you have the opportunity to be a part of a grass roots dressage club! Get involved and help the IEO make a difference by promoting horsemanship, sportsmanship and dressage!

The August IEO meeting will be held at Evelyn Susol's residence August 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Please contact Evelyn if you plan on attending. - Karen Schaale, President

IMPORTANT SCHOOLING SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT!

Due to the very large number of show entries received at all our shows, it is imperative that all entries be complete when mailed to the show secretary. As you know, our schooling shows require hours of preparation including but not limited to processing show entries, verifying current coggins certificates, scheduling classes, totaling entry money received, ring duties, running the show, and day after show obligations. The IEO members who volunteer to run our shows invest hours of hard work in addition to fulfilling home and work obligations. Unnecessary time and effort is being expended due to incomplete entries being submitted. The 2008 Omnibus states that participants are to complete an IEO entry form with rider and class information, sign the IEO release on the entry form, submit payment based on current membership status, have proof of a current negative Coggins (dated within one year of the show date), and mail everything to the show Secretary by the closing date. If your entry is late, the \$5.00 per class late fee must also be included. As one can surmise, processing over 70 entries can be quite a feat!

Effective immediately, if the show secretary receives an incomplete entry, that entry will not be processed or scheduled until the entry is complete. Complete entries will be processed first, and incomplete entries will be placed on the waiting list. This is not a drastic measure but a policy that must be firmly adhered to in order to save the sanity of those individuals who have so graciously offered to run our schooling shows! - Marilyn Ostra, Show Chair

NOMINATIONS

Once again it is time to begin thinking about the process of nominating club officers and board members. The bylaws state that the positions for officers (Pres, VP, Secretary & Treasurer) and 5 Board Directors-at-Large shall be slated at the October meeting with floor nominations also accepted at the November meeting. In addition, a secret ballot is to be conducted at that meeting. The Secretary may accept ballots prior to the November meeting (which will coincide with the 2008 Annual Banquet) for anyone not able to attend. You may be asking - why is this e-mail being sent now? Don't ballots get distributed?

Well, the club president believes in planning ahead, giving members time to toss things around, and question former or current officers on the IEO volunteer positions and duties. Individuals willing to serve on various committee positions are also being sought. If enough members volunteer, rotation of positions would foster new ideas, secure the club with a talented volunteer pool, and prevent member burn out. While volunteerism is increasing at the IEO, this is an opportunity to serve your club and get more involved! While serving you will gain a vast knowledge of equestrian wisdom as well as meeting fellow dressage enthusiasts! The IEO needs individuals willing to attend the majority of club meetings and offer their skilled services to a club that is experiencing growth.

If you are interested in throwing your name in the hat, please contact Secretary Maggie Hawn. Any interested individuals with questions concerning position duties, please contact a current officer or board member (director at large). Remember, the IEO would not have celebrated its 50th Anniversary without members willing to volunteer! Won't you be a part of the next golden era? - Karen Schaale, President

RAVE REVIEWS FOR THE CHRISTIAN BACHINGER CLINIC

I can't say that I had any single 'Ah-Ha' moment, but can say that as a person who frequently works with trainers from Europe, this was right up there in the quality of instruction. I felt that Christian was able to quickly establish a rapport with both my horse and myself so that we would best benefit from his expertise and instruction. I am very much looking forward to participating again next year if possible, and would recommend this opportunity for the serious rider. - Florence Wetzel

CLASSIFIED ADS *IEO members advertise for free*

Consider Me - June 2008 bay colt with chrome by Coromino out of Look At Me by Le Santo. Premium GOV colt who received comments such as - jumper type colt with really nice trot, nice walk, gorgeous head and neck, active hind end. definite stallion prospect and the spitting image of Coromino. Offered for sale at \$15000. Autumn Charm Sport Horses www.autumncharmsh.com or call jenn at (717) 246-3048

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Hungarian Broodmare 16h, 9 yrs, sound and healthy has had 3 fabulous foals. Her 2 yr old won at Morven Park Breed Show in May. Double registered AWR. Very easy if she likes you. She is in foal again, due around June 20, 2009. Attractively priced. I would like to retire from breeding horses, but this mare is too good to not breed! Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

Red Dun Old Foundation Quarter Horse gelding by Citation King Leo, two years old, 15 hands, will mature to at least 15.3, broke, ride **bareback** wtc, **vault on from the rear like an Indian**, ride double, dead quiet, gentle, pretty, trailers, ties. Even suitable for a beginner. \$6,000. (717) 235-0941 or www.wellspringfarminc.com.

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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

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.

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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:

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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.

Celebrate I.E.O.'s 50th Anniversary



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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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