



# 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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## NEXT MEETING

The next IEO meeting August 15th, is to be held at Kim Hillyer’s House at 3:30 PM. All members are welcome. Please contact me if you are able to attend, so I have an idea of how many to expect. [Ironrockfarm-hillyer@comcast.net](mailto:Ironrockfarm-hillyer@comcast.net) , 717-292-5515, 129 Blue Hill School Rd, Dover, PA 17315

## IEO SCHOOLING SHOWS FOR 2010

IEO shows for 2010 are August, 29<sup>th</sup> (regular show and Team Competition) at Harmony Hill, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at Harmony Hill. The club will have “L”, “I”, “R”, and “S” judges for this year’s competitions. New for 2010 is the Prix Caprilli class. The omnibus is posted on [www.ieodressage.org](http://www.ieodressage.org).

## SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES AWARDS

Series-end awards will be awarded at the Sept. show. So, if you have shown at 3 shows, you are eligible for a Series-end award, even if you are not a member. Contact Kim Hillyer for more information 717-292-5515.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Remember, if you are interested: There are sponsorship opportunities available. The form is on the website listing all the different options. Your names and or businesses will be listed on the website and with the corresponding award/awards you are sponsoring.

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 “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)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We have had 3 very successful shows so far this season, and I'm sure the team show is going to be a blast. Work on putting together teams if you haven't already. I'm hearing lots of buzz from people putting together teams, so it sounds like it's going to be a fun time.

I also wanted to take a moment to let everybody know that the new dressage arena at Harmony Hill has been worked on to make the footing much improved from the last show. Due to the newness of the footing and the recent rain we had before the last show at Harmony Hill, the footing was not as Kathy would have liked. She has taken steps to improve the footing, and I have been to the farm on 2 occasions and have seen for myself that the footing is looking good. I look forward to seeing you all at Kathy's, Harmony Hill Farm for the last 2 shows.

If you have any interest in being more involved, and would like to serve as an officer or on the board or a chair position, please attend the next meeting. We will be discussing the open board/officer positions and chair positions for the upcoming year. For now I know the President, Vice-president and show chair positions are available, as well as possibly board positions. I hope to see you there.  
Kim Hillyer

## **NEED TO LOCATE IEO MEMBER**

Does anyone have any new contact information for Pam Datsko?  
Contact Cindy Mattern 717-796-0755

## **TRAINING ON THE SPOT AND AGAINST THE CLOCK**

Californian Rachel Saavedra, a Grand Prix trainer and competitor and USDF Certification faculty member conducted the workshop at Hilltop Farm. Last month I wrote about the purpose and general scheme of these workshops in preparing candidates for the arduous USDF Instructor's Certification.

I participated with my horse Hero (schooling 4<sup>th</sup> level), and was the second to ride on Saturday. After a brief (5 minute) 'Warm-up', I stopped in front of the instructor and gave my assessment of my horse's good points, bad points, what I planned to work on and why – and how. All this in about 3 minutes! The clock was ticking as I had 45 minutes total to show my ability to train! I then went off and worked on transitions to improve the swing and impulsion – something we always have trouble with when we leave home and are tense in an unfamiliar arena. I found I was too much in the mode of "making the horse look happy" like in the show ring, and not enough in the mode of digging-in and getting the horse to really work, which is sometimes not a pretty sight, but what the instructor wanted to see: the rider making an obvious and big difference in the way the horse is going.

Day two I rode the one horse I had not watched the first day – the horse that went just prior to mine. Lucky for me, he was one of Hilltop's fabulous inmates: a horse in training with and shown by Michael Bragdoll. I was completely star-struck! So much so that after my 5 minute 'Warm-Up' I still had not considered what I would say to the instructor! The clock ticking

again! I did know which was the convex side, I did know that the lateral moves were quite easy for this training level superstar – so I decided to work on putting him over his back and straight through turns, as he had fallen onto his inside shoulder a bit. The instructor commented that I was riding like I had “two inside hands”. I couldn’t believe what a dummy I was! Where was my focus? I raised my hand and said, “Stop there! I give this lesson ALL THE TIME!” So off I went, working the horse onto a steady outside hand, getting him over his back and then asking for more swing and thrust – while riding circles to figure 8 to three loop serpentine. When I mentioned after a walk break that I intended to work the canter, the instructor reminded me that I only had 5 more minutes, and that it would not be wise to start something I couldn’t finish. When my time was up, I was quizzed on what my plan would be for this horse the next day (Canter!), and in the longer term.

In the mail we all received the written notes and suggestions about our performances. Happily, I received the recommendation to proceed to pre-certification and certification! Whew!

**Volunteer students will be needed** in the next two sessions – so if you have always wanted to take your horse to the beautiful Hilltop Farm (and get some free advice and experience!), look for information on the Maryland Dressage website or on Hilltopfarminc.com. – Katherine Nelson

### TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JULY 12, 2010

Show profit for May was \$311  
 Show profit for June was \$ 704.80  
 Show profit for July was \$ 677.98

Deposited:

Memberships (5)	169.00
Interest (2 months)	1.10
May show (962.5 show + 484 memberships)	1446.50
June show	1487.50
July show	1435.50
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paid out to:	Laura Beetle	300
	Johanna Gwinn	350
	Evelyn Susol	300
	Harmony Hill	1050
	Herritage acres	368
	Shannon Anderson (food)	134.25
	Margaret Scarff      copies	5.09
	Chris Cecil    postage	9.41
	USDF memberships	357
	Ribbon world	403.22
	CBLM dues	200
	York county parks	300
	Dept of state (articles of inc)	18.00

Karen Schaale – food	89.52
Kim Hillyer -postage,copies	131.69
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**Checking Balance as of July 11, 2010: (Balanced!) is**      **\*\*\* 6560.30 \*\*\***  
 Petty cash Balance as of July 11, 2010 is                      \$5.00

**ATTENTION SOUTHERN STATES FEED CUSTOMERS**

If you you feed Triple Crown, Legends, or Reliance feed, the IEO Dressage Organization, a non-profit club, can benefit from your feed labels. The S.H.O.W. program (Special Horse Organization Winner’s) has a program based with Southern States feed which includes Triple Crown, Legends, and Reliance.

Simply **cut off your proof of purchase seals on the back bottom of your bags**, or, if you receive **bulk deliveries**, send in the **original bulk bin delivery tickets** to Cindy as well. The club will receive:

- \$0.25/proof for Triple Crown feeds
- \$0.25/proof for Legends
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When you have acquired several, send them along with your show entry forms and they will be forwarded to Cindy. Or, **mail them directly** to:

Cindy Mattern  
 2889 Ford Farm Rd.  
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

We are planning on using the proceeds from these labels to sponsor our Young Riders, and to sponsor clinic opportunities for our club members. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!

Cindy Mattern, Donation Chair & Board Member, IEO Dressage Organization  
 717-796-0755 home

**NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES ON EQUINE VETERINARY TOPICS**

On September 7th, New Bolton Center Chief of Farrier Services Patrick Reilly presents **Hoof balance: An objective assessment for performance**. “Hoof Balance is one of the most debated topics in hoof care,” says Reilly. “The New Bolton Farrier Service has been working to develop an in-shoe force measuring system to aid in quantifying changes in hoof trimming and in understanding the effect of various horseshoes.” This and other topics related to hoof balance will be the topic of the September 7th presentation.

The First Tuesdays Lecture Series will offer an open lecture, at no charge, the first Tuesday of each month. For upcoming lecture topics, please see the website

<http://www.vet.upenn.edu/FirstTuesdays>. Though the lectures are free, seating is limited. Please RSVP to Patricia Hall at 610-925-6500 or [phall@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:phall@vet.upenn.edu).

### **HORSE RADIO NETWORK TO BROADCAST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS DAILY FROM THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL**

**Lexington, KY** - The International Equestrian Festival, held in the Lexington Convention Center, from September 25 through October 10, 2010, is located in the official host city of the World Games. To listen to all the radio shows visit [www.HorseRadioNetwork.com](http://www.HorseRadioNetwork.com). To learn about the festival or get exhibitor information visit [www.InternationalEquestrianFestival.com](http://www.InternationalEquestrianFestival.com)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION ON 2011 USEF TESTS**

New test material should be available for public distribution by late summer 2010. All test information and updates will be posted on the Federation website, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

### **ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2010**

August 7 and 8 - Clinic Matt McLaughlin For more info contact Melanie Adams at [madams8550@aol.com](mailto:madams8550@aol.com)

Jean Paul Pare' & Lita Hughes tbd approx Aug. 2010, For more info contact Melanie Adams at [madams8550@aol.com](mailto:madams8550@aol.com)

August 21 and 22 -Training with Stefen Peters at Hassler Dressage in Chesapeake City, MD. go to [www.hasslerdressage.com](http://www.hasslerdressage.com) for more info

October 21-24 Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA BLM Championships hosted by VADA. More information: [www.virginiadressage.org](http://www.virginiadressage.org);

October 30-31 USDF Advanced Lunging Workshop with faculty member Sarah Geikie at Hilltop Farm. Lunging of the horse on Saturday and Lunging the rider on Sunday. Lectures and demonstrations. Auditors must pre-register. Volunteer student riders are needed. 410-658-9898.

November 12-14 Williamston NC USDF/GAIG Region 1 Championships, hosted by NCDCTA. More information on USDF web site or at [www.ncdcta.org](http://www.ncdcta.org). A full calendar of competitions appears on the USDF web site. Region 1 competitions are listed on the Region 1 web site - [www.usdfregion1.org](http://www.usdfregion1.org)

November 20 – 21 USDF Advanced Teaching Workshop, Hilltop Farm. Ann Guptill, instructor. Auditors must pre-register. Volunteer student riders are needed. 410-658-9898.

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**C&M TACK SHOP –AN IEO SPONSOR** English, western, trail riding, Breyers. 717-357-7831 or 717-624-1133. 730 Plum Run Road, New Oxford, PA 17350

**Beautiful Branded American Trakehner Gelding** for sale. 15.3 hh bay gelding with lots of personality. 13 yrs. Great to work around, quiet, cross ties, clips, bathes, trailers, and love attention. Always the same to ride whether it be everyday or once a month. Jumps over 3', doing leg yeilds, and fun to hack out. Very out of shape. Owner is a college student currently in nursing school and working full time. Jiminy Cricket deserves a home where he can get the attention he

loves to have. Out of shape due to no time. \$6,500, price is negotiable. Good home only. Email at [aro128@psu.edu](mailto:aro128@psu.edu) or call (717) 679-3966, ask for Ashley.

**Umberto**, 9 year old, Lusitano gelding for sale....16.2 hand bay with chrome. Showing training level but schooling 2nd level movements. He has smooth gaits. No vices. His first ever show was the IEO schooling show in June earning 62.4% in both classes under S judge Johanna Gwinn. At the PVDA Ride 4 Life he earned a 64% and 5th place in training level 4. Contact Evelyn at 717-642-8309 or [evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com](mailto:evelyn@coolbreezefarm.com).

**16 H, 9 yr old Hanoverian cross** mare for lease \$175/ month or sale. Good disposition and temperament. Snaffle mouth. Would be great for someone looking for high dollar horse but doesn't have the bucks, but has the time. She has 10 trot. I have to many horses and to little time I don't want this one to be pushed aside she is to nice so my loss is your gain. This horse is kind, not stupid and worth a lot, she will be competitive on the AA circuit in hunters or in the dressage arena. She is schooling training level dressage and has easily Jumped 2'6 on the trail and great ground manners up to date on all shots no vices fmi call Melanie Adams 443-220-6058.

**3 year old filly**, is a gorgeous full bred Reg. **Lipizzan. Devona** is out of Casurina, Sired by Pluto Matina. Devona, has three very correct gates, beautiful confirmation and movement, this filly has already proven she is very trainable. Devona, in 2007 as a yearling year won first place at Dressage At Devon breed class with a 72% from Hilda Gurney! This was her first show ever! She leads, loads ties baths, blankets, stands for farrier and loves to be brushed and worked with at liberty and in hand. Has had a saddle and lunges. This fall she will be backed and her price will increase with her training. Dr. O evaluated this young filly and she received all 8's & 9's! Final score, 82.7% FMI see her video at [www.lipizzanerhorses.com](http://www.lipizzanerhorses.com) or contact Melanie 443-220-6058

**Albert** is a 16.2 TB Gelding 16 years old, 1<sup>st</sup> level, Cadillac to ride, beautiful floating action. Very sweet. Easy to be around. No vices. Looking for a good home with someone who can use and appreciate him. Owner is out of commission and will be for another year;

**Mallo Mar** is a stunning 17.2 Irish Sport Horse, gelding, black with chrome. Extremely personable. Has EPM. Would make a stellar therapy horse. Free to good home; and

**Brenda Lee** is an 8 yr old Cleveland Bay mare, 15.2, jumping 3 feet easily, flying lead changes, fox hunted last season, good bone, terrific feet, glamorous, nice mover. Not suitable for beginner. Forms a strong bond with her human. Asking \$5,000.

These three horses can be seen at the Whodathunkit Farm in Fairfield, PA. 717 642-5917 Ask for Cookie. ClubEquestrian.com

**Cute Haflinger:** Heidi is a 13.2 h, 4 yr. old. Great dressage potential for anyone interested in casually pursuing dressage/ trail riding. Does w/t/c with simple lead changes. Great for adult or younger child. Asking \$5500. Contact Dana 717-776-6549 (Newville)

**Hungarian Broodmare** - 16h, 11 yrs, sound and healthy has had 3 fabulous foals. Winner Get of Mare Class at Fair Hill in '08. Her yearling gelding (Beste Gold x Hungarian Laurel) won USDF All Breeds 2008 Reserve Champion AWR. Her two year old (Hungarian Wistar x Hungarian Laurel) won PHR Silver Stirrup National Reserve Champion for Dressage Sporthorse. Her yearling filly won the '09 'Born In The USA' Filly Championship at Fair Hill. Double registered AWR. Very easy if she likes you. \$1500. I would like to retire from breeding horses, but this mare is too good to not breed! Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

**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](http://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

**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.

**Horse trailer**, \$2400: (Rice Beaufort Double) 2 horse, bumper pull, TB size. Aluminum over steel frame, front unload ramp, removable rear top doors, easy lift ramp, good ventilation, new tires, can tow with a lighter vehicle (no tongue weight, tare weight 2000 lbs), full partition removable to haul mare/foal or yearling loose, locking groom's door. Inside = 84"h x 65"w x 124"L, Outside = 105"h x 86"w x 164"L. PA annual inspection done in January. Kept indoors, original owner, old (Horse box is 1983, axles are 1990, other parts are newer) but completely serviceable. Always kept in good repair and used regularly but lightly. More photos available. 717-235-6665

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Dues for December 1 – November 30

## 2010 IEO Membership Application

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

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