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IEO 2013 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – SAVE THE DATE!

The 2013 IEO Annual Awards Banquet to honor our club’s year end awards winners will be held on Saturday evening, November 16 at Duke’s Riverside Bar and Grille located in Wormleysburg, PA. We are planning a delicious buffet dinner and silent auction to be held in Duke’s beautiful second-floor banquet room, which comes along with spectacular views of the Susquehanna River. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun with good friends and great food.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2014 IEO OFFICERS AND BOARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the IEO Board for 2014. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 5 Directors at Large. Board members are expected to attend all meetings. Before you submit a nomination for someone, please make sure they are a member and that they are willing to serve. Officers and Directors will be elected by secret ballot at the November banquet. Send nominations by October 1st to Beth Major at beth.major@ymail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS JULY SHOW WINNERS

Complete results follow in this newsletter.

High Score Intro	Shauna Sober with Captain Wentworth	75.000%
High Score Training Level	Peg Helder with Ima Rock Solid Hobby	71.200%
High Score First Level	Shauna Sober with Aristocrat	65.200%
High Score of the Day Jr/Yr	Bethany Yerger with Shazam	73.125%
High Score of the Day AA	Tammy Murphy with Versace	66.875%
High Score of the Day Pro	Shauna Sober with Captain Wentworth	75.000%

IEO SCHOOLING SHOW DATES FOR 2013

August 25 (team show) and September 22. All the shows will be at Harmony Hill. The prize lists are located on the IEO website www.ieodressage.org

JULY IEO SCHOOLING SHOW 2013

On Sunday, July 21, 2013 we held our third of five IEO Schooling Shows at the beautiful Harmony Hill Farm! The heat of July broke just before the show and we had an absolutely wonderful day!

Thanks to all of the volunteers, the show ran flawlessly! With only 47 rides (3 of which were WD), we started at 8:30am and ended before 4pm.

It's the volunteers who make the show possible and I have to say that we all had a great time together! Much laughter and fun in the Secretary's stand made the day pass quickly!

Thank you to: Heather Hobbs, Traci Beaudette, Becky Tackas, Becky Frankeny, Lisa Acey, Sue Budesheim, Melissa Forrester, Lisa Johnson, Tammy Murphy & Brad Wood! And Kim Hillyer - THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You were not only the Show Secretary, you were helping DURING the show in the Secretary's stand!

Leslie London, Hospitality Chair, had a wonderful snack and lunch spread for the volunteers and judge. Thank you, Leslie for feeding us so well!

Facility Extraordinaire!!! YES, that would be a Harmony Hill Farm! Thank you Kathy and Doug for having such a wonderfully prepared facility for our show and preparing the grounds and "tools" (love those walkie talkies!) for us! And Doug, the clean up after the show - thank you!

The next show will be the *August Team AND Regular Individual show*. You have to ride your individual test for year end awards, then HAVE FUN and make/join a team for the August Show! Cindy Mattern, July Show Manager

HELP: TAKE PICTURES AT THE SHOWS!

Last year at the November Year End Awards Banquet, we had a PowerPoint presentation running during the banquet. It was filled with pictures of members and their horses at the IEO Schooling Shows.

Soooo, please BRING YOUR CAMERAS to the next two (2) shows so we can have another powerpoint presentation for the **Nov. 16th Awards Banquet!**

SOUTHERN STATES FEED LABELS: BENEFIT FOR IEO

YES! We are still collecting these feed labels, too! Triple Crown, Legends, and Reliance feed The IEO Dressage Organization, a non-profit club, can benefit from your feed labels, similar to the FUTRENA label program.

If you can **cut off your proof of purchase labels on the back of your bags**, the club will receive:

\$0.25/proof for Triple Crown feeds,

\$0.25/proof for Legends ,

\$0.10/proof for Reliance

Send these labels, 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 various clinic opportunities for our club members. Cindy Mattern, S.H.O.W. Chair & Treasurer, IEO, 717-796-0755 home

IEO MEMBER PROFILE:

Name: Leslie London Horse's Name: Hillbilly Hobby "William"

Profession: nurse/artist

Current training level and how long you've been riding: reacquainting myself with training level as I took much time away to finish school. I have been riding since 1969, not sliding off since 1975 but riding with purpose since 1984.

Long term riding goal: to have strong legs

Favorite dressage book: Common Sense Dressage by Sally O'Connor

Favorite quote (can be related or unrelated to riding): "Live like someone left the gate open"

The most important lesson I ever learned: The horse is the teacher and rider, the student.

My happiest horse memory: every minute my gelding sees me I am met with a low, deep and heartfelt nicker.

My dressage role model or favorite rider: Charles de Kunffy

My most embarrassing moment on a horse: William ALWAYS passes gas when the judge at a schooling show is giving me remarks.

When I'm not riding I like to: work outside with my plants/flowers.



NEWLY MINTED EQUINE TERMS - YOU HEARD THEM HERE FIRST

Have you ever stopped to wonder at some of the horsemen's terms we use all the time and how confusing and silly they must sound to lay people? Like talking about a green horse when it's obvious that the horse in question is white with orange spots? Or commenting that a rider's saddle has jockeys – what's up with that? I've started a new list of tongue in cheek equine terms that you might recognize and enjoy during these dog days of summer – here are a few.

Labor of Love – It's how you explain to non-horsey friends why you can't lift your arms or straighten your back, and occurs right after you've stacked 10 tons of hay in your mow on a humid summer day with the temperature pushing 105 degrees. In use, it goes like this, "It's a labor of love. If I didn't love these horses so much, I would never labor like this!"

Sweat Equity – This is a common condition experienced by dressage riders who are 30 minutes into a lesson and suddenly realize they are working much harder than their horse. At that moment, their fondest desire is to create sweat equity - the horse needs to work more, the rider needs a break and the sweat being produced needs to leak out of equine pores for a change.

Grooming – This verb is generally accepted to denote any activity utilizing brushes, combs and rub rags whose final objective is to produce a clean and shiny mount. In the real world, grooming involves taking the dirt off the horse and putting it all on the rider, but no one ever mentions that part. From now on, *Grooming = Remove dirt from horse, apply to Rider.*

TOC - This abbreviation stands for Test of Choice if you're reading a dressage show class list, but I often think of it as a handy description for many ponies I know, as in *Takes Off Canter*, or *Tense On Centerline* or even *Trips Over Caveletti*.

No Brainer – Often used in the real world to define a simple task that doesn't require any mental effort. In the dressage world, it is used to describe the panicked horse that refuses to approach the judge sitting quietly at C. As in, "That no brainer of a warmblood doesn't have the good sense God gave a flea."

Space Cadet aka Airhead – An apt description for any dressage horse whose most outstanding daily achievement amounts to digesting hay and exchanging oxygen for carbon dioxide. These horses fill their days musing how to resist tracking up or bending into the corners, while remaining zoned out and totally detached from the wants and desires of their frustrated riders. Lack of focus and limited attention span are a must; look of bemusement under saddle a bonus.

Weapon of Choice - "Never go into battle without your weapon", preached an early instructor of mine. By that she meant, where are your spurs and why didn't you use your stick after he refused at the ascending oxer? A fully prepared rider going out to train carries a dressage whip, or two, and is prepared to use her artificial aid of choice appropriately when all respect for the rider's leg has evaporated like so much escaping steam. Better to carry it and not need it than to need it and not be carrying it, I always say.

Work Stoppage – The cessation of work as a means of protest against the poor working conditions provided by management. Or in the dressage world, your horses committed refusal to get and stay in front of your leg, no matter how much you flail at him with your heels. So what's the solution to this common training issue? See *Weapon of Choice* above.

Work in Progress – The possibilities are endless and the opportunities for improvement abound when we describe our performance in the dressage arena as a work in progress. Not to worry that your partner is 11 or 15 or even 23 years of age, they are all works in progress and will be until they retire to become the pasture ornaments of our dreams.

Well, the President's letter that runs monthly here in our Close Contact Newsletter is also a work in progress - with unlimited opportunities for improvement. I hope you enjoyed this month's installment and that it brought you a grin, maybe even a smile.

Susan Moody, IEO President

VISIT [e-TRAK](#); USDF'S ONLINE LEARNING CENTER

If you haven't spent many hours on this website, you are really missing out on a great opportunity to learn from some of the best teachers and trainers in this country and abroad. You can search for such things as "leg yield" and see written articles from past USDF Connection magazine articles as well as YouTube video selections from USDF produced DVDs.

Available at *no cost* to all current IEO members, e-TRAK is USDF's online learning center for dressage and equine education. Through one convenient location, members can access hundreds of educational resources, engage in structured learning activities, and earn USDF University Program credit! To access e-TRAK, IEO members just need to log in to the website at www.usdf.org/e-trak.

YOUTH CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP

Would you like to attend the 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, presented by SmartPak? Check out the [Youth Convention Scholarship](#) opportunity, open to all USDF Youth members! Application deadline is August 15.

MEET THE JUDGES - JOIN THE HOSPITALITY CREW

Please consider joining me sharing I.E.O. hospitality at functions and shows. Duties would include but not limited to welcoming participants to the show grounds, helping with planning food for the volunteers and judge on show dates, any food planning for other I.E.O. functions such as this May 18 clinic for volunteer training. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Leslie London cell 717 817 5094 or home 717 755 4108.

THE IEO LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

The IEO library has over 40 horse-related titles ranging from training to novels - something for everybody. The titles are now posted on the IEO website (www.ieodressage.org) so you can see what is available. Is there something you would like to borrow? Something you would like to donate? Something you wish we had? Call or email librarian Beth Major. Phone: 717-432-7068 email: Beth.Major@ymail.com

JUST FOR FUN...

Purpose: As a method to get to know more about our IEO members, a monthly member profile will be featured in the newsletter. Email your filled-out questionnaire (cut and paste into an email) and attach a photo of you and your horse to katnels@msn.com. Don't be shy!

IEO Member Profile Questionnaire:

Name: _____ Horse's Name: _____
Profession: _____
Current training level and how long you've been riding: _____
Long term riding goal: _____
Favorite dressage book: _____
Favorite quote (can be related or unrelated to riding): _____
The most important lesson I ever learned: _____
My happiest horse memory: _____
My dressage role model or favorite rider: _____
My most embarrassing moment on a horse: _____
When I'm not riding, I like to: _____
Something people don't know about me: _____

NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES

This schedule is subject to change. Please RSVP to beltb@vet.upenn.edu. Please check the website, <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/FirstTuesdays>, for the most current information.

ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2013

September 24-29, 2013 Dressage at Devon

October 17-20, 2013 USDF/GAIG Regional Championships hosted by VADA in Lexington, VA

November 1-3, 2013 BLM Championships hosted by NCDCTA in Williamston, NC

November 7-10, 2013 The first US Dressage Finals will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park, in Lexington, KY.

November 16, 2013 Region One Fall meeting at Best Western Leesburg, VA

December 4-7, 2013 USDF Convention Lexington, KY

T-Shirt Order Form

IEO Young Rider Fundraiser

“I Support Young Riders!”

**Give your orders to Samantha Bray or send them to her at
160 Pinewoods Rd, Wellsville PA 17365**

Circle Size (unisex sizing) 100% Cotton

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Number of Shirts _____

Cost per Shirt \$20.00

Total Cost _____

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Make Checks payable to IEO

Memo: YR fundraiser

Name _____

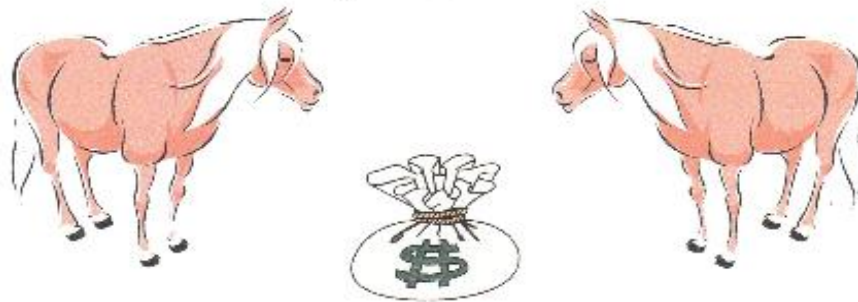
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Nutrena Feed Label Redemption Program

A Benefit for the International Equestrian Organization



Would you be willing to support this non-profit by saving your Nutrena Feed Labels?

It's Easy!

Just clip the proof of purchase from each bag of Nutrena Feed that you purchase and return it on your next trip.

We'll collect the feed labels and proofs of purchase and redeem them.

Thanks for helping!

Proofs for Nutrena feeds can be mailed to IEO Young Rider, Samantha Bray, at 160 Pine Woods Rd., Wellsville, PA 17365

JULY SCHOOLING SHOW RESULTS

Introductory Level – Test A

#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
AA	Tammy Murphy	Versace	107	66.875%	1
AA	Beth Major	Tip Top	104	65.000%	2
AA	Pamela Amende	Everblest Exodus	99	61.900%	3
Jr/Yr	Bethany Yerger	Shazam	116	72.500%	1
Jr/Yr	Shelby Alwine	Dutchess	99.5	62.200%	2
Pro	Shauna Sober	Captain Wentworth	120	75.000%	1
Pro	Angel Dunchack	Jabhali MH	68	42.500%	2

Introductory Level – Test B

#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
AA	Tammy Murphy	Versace	104	65.000%	1
AA	Leslie London	Hillbilly Hobby	102	63.800%	2
AA	Pamela Amende	Everblest Exodus	99	61.900%	3
AA	Donna Morelli	Tip Top	96.5	60.300%	4
AA	Krista Mazzarella	Flewthecoop	91.5	57.187%	5
Jr/Yr	Bethany Yerger	Shazam	117	73.125%	1
Jr/Yr	Olivia Staub	Classy Cee Cowboy	100.5	62.812%	2
Jr/Yr	Shelby Alwine	Dutchess	87	54.375%	3

Pro		Angel Dunchack	Jabhali MH	98	61.300%	1
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Introductory Level – Test C

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
Pro		Kim Hillyer	Ona Wild Goose Chase	134	67.000%	1
Jr/Yr		Olivia Staub	Classy Cee Cowboy	116	58.000%	1
AA		Krista Mazarella	Flewthecoop	127	63.500%	1

Wester Dressage TOC

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
Jr/Yr		Hope Null	American Phi (Intro 2)	138	57.500%	1
Jr/Yr		Hope Null	American Phi (Intro 1)	151	53.900%	2
Pro		Peg Helder (L1, 1)	Ima Rock Solid Hobby	258.5	69.864%	1

Training Level Test 1

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
AA		Patricia A. Jackson	Skip the Crowd	155.5	64.800%	1
Pro		Peg Helder	Ima Rock Solid Hobby	169.5	70.625%	1
Pro		Kim Hillyer	Ona Wild Goose Chase	168	70.000%	2
Jr/Yr		Haley Rudacille	Gyzmo	161	67.083%	1

Training Level Test 2

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
AA		Patricia A. Jackson	Skip the Crowd	174	62.142%	1

Pro		Peg Helder	Ima Rock Solid Hobby	192.5	68.800%	1

Training Level Test 3

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
Jr/Yr		Haley Rudacille	Gyzmo	146.5	58.600%	2
Jr/Yr		Hayley Mckay	Arrow Von Henry	147.5	59.000%	1
Pro		Peg Helder	Ima Rock Solid Hobby	178	71.200%	1
AA		Patricia A. Jackson	Skip the Crowd	153.5	61.400%	1
AA		Sue Smith	Thundershock	151	60.400%	2

First Level Test 1

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
Pro		Shauna Sober	Aristocrat	189	65.200%	1
Pro		Kathryn Weaver	Kodakrome	180.5	62.241%	2
Jr/Yr		Hayley McKay	Arrow Von Henry	158.5	54.655%	1
AA		Sue Smith	Thundershock	185.5	64.000%	1

First Level Test 3

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
AA		Alexandria Moody	Waylon's Music	192.5	62.100%	1

Second Level Test TOC

	#	Rider Name	Horse's Name	Score	%	Placing
AA		Alexandria Moody	Waylon's Music (test 1)	216	61.700%	1

AA	Linda Colflesh	Chance (test 2)	229	60.263%	2
AA	Linda Colflesh	Chance (test 1)	200.5	58.428%	3

CLASSIFIED ADS IEO members advertise for free

Large Pony Or Small Horse Wanted - I'm a small adult looking for a half-lease or share-board on a large pony or small horse, preferably with some dressage training, within 30 minutes of Dillsburg. I am an intermediate rider with many years of experience. I was schooling 2nd level on the last horse I leased. Call anytime: Beth 717-818-9127.

For Lease: Hannah is a 15.1 hands 12-year-old TB mare. She has competed in Jumpers, Eventing, Dressage, and has been used in intermediate lessons. Shown in Level 2 Jumpers and evented through Novice and is a Beginner Novice packer. She is perfect away from home. Hannah is very willing and loves to jump. Shown 3' and schooling 3'6" at home. would be perfect for a small amateur or strong child. Prefers a rider with quiet hands and seat. Barefoot, easy keeper that prefers to be turned out alone, and absolutely no vices. Hannah loves apples and long trail rides. Looking for a two-year lease from September 2013 to August 2015 while I am in Graduate school. Contact Elaine Tierney (717)574-2783 etierney03@gmail.com

FIT RIGHT SADDLE SOLUTIONS - Saddle fit evaluations performed by Certified Saddle Ergonomist, Riding Instructor, Independent Saddle Fitter. For over 30 years, Terry Peiper based at Buck N Horse Hollow in Carlisle, PA has been "Helping Horses With Their People" through riding lessons and clinics. Recognizing the huge need for proper saddle fit Terry is a proud member of the Saddlesfit 4 Life network of equine professionals dedicated to preventing long term damage to horse and rider. Terry is also an Authorized Schleese Saddlery, Specialized Saddles & TW Saddlery Representative. Adjustable dressage, hunt seat, western performance, trail and endurance saddles are available for demonstration and trial rides. For a personal saddle fit evaluation, saddle fitting lecture or training session with your horse contact Terry at (717) 240-0723 tpeiper@aol.com or visit the web site www.bucknhorsehollow.com

Keiffer "Aachen" dressage saddle Lovingly Cared For, Competed In And Sadly Outgrown! 17" Medium Tree Keiffer Aachen – Black \$400.00 Can Be Seen And Tried At Any IEO Show! Kathy Weaver, Harmony Hill Farm Harmony-hill-farm@earthlink.net 717-991-8157

Bits for sale... 5 3/4" KK Conrad Weymouth curb (square port for ergonomic comfort and helps with horses that get their tongue over the bit) (\$100), Korsteel Kimberwicke 5 1/2", (\$15), Korsteel curb bit (\$20), and a stainless steel 6" thick curb bit (\$10) missing one curb chain hook. (photos available) Also, 3 black 16" English leather brow bands (\$10 each). The first 2 are black padded. coolbreezedressage@gmail.com or 717-422-6203.

30" Wintec elastic cair dressage girth. \$90.00, 17" Triumph Schleese saddle \$2950.00, both in excellent condition. Contact Karen 717-497-0923 or kypelton@centurylink.net

BOARDING:

SHINING STAR STABLE has a full care boarding openings in Dillsburg. Full care boarding, training and riding clinics. We focus on Dressage training, but all disciplines are welcome. Full board is \$275. We have large size sanded outdoor arena and a large round pen as well as private trails. No stallions, but well behaved horses are welcome! Call or text Oxana Maitre 717-756-4202 check out our site at: <https://sites.google.com/site/shiningstarstable/>

HARMONY HILL FARM – harmony-hill-farm.com Private 18 stall facility with an exceptional individualized boarding program. Amenities include: full-court dressage arena, 275 X 150 main jump arena, attached indoor arena, manicured hacking fields and paths with permanent cross country jumps, wooded trails, access to water at our “beach”. Grass pastures and individual paddocks. Personalized instruction and training available in Hunters, Jumpers and Dressage. Professional references available upon request.

RETIREMENT/ SEMI-RETIREMENT/ TRAIL HORSE HOME Spacious in/out, good summer pasture, 24 hr hay, auto water. 800 acres of riding trails. Round pen. I have room for 2 more horses on my farm near Glen Rock I-83. \$225/mo Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

NEED AN INDOOR ARENA FOR TRAINING? Cynthia (Cindy) Mattern, a USDF Bronze Medalist, has over 30 years of experience teaching riders and training horses in both Dressage and Hunt. She utilizes the pyramid for classical training. Cindy accepts trailer-ins at two (2) barns in the Dillsburg area, plus one (1) in Perry County. She will travel to you. See her ad in the IEO website. Call 717-796-0755 or kroniek1@aol.com References available.

EVELYN PFOUTZ - COOL BREEZE DRESSAGE, available for instruction, horse training, clinics, fix a tests, schooling show judging, and musical freestyle. Visit www.Coolbreezedressage.com.

If you would like to add or remove a classified ad, please call Kathy Nelson 717-235-6665 or email katherinnelson08@comcast.net. 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.

Dues for December 1 – November 30

2013 IEO Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Young Rider (under 22 years old) \$45.00 date of birth: _____

_____ Individual or Primary Adult \$50.00

_____ Additional Family Members \$35.00 each

List participating family members: (Include date of birth for Young Riders)

Make check payable to I.E.O. and send to: Cindy Mattern
2889 Ford Farm Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

