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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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## **HAVE YOU RENEWED MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014?**

Membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

## **NEXT IEO MEETING – ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

Sunday Jan 26th will be the first open IEO meeting of 2014, at 4 p.m. at Baker's Restaurant in Dillsburg.

## **HILDA GURNEY ADULT AMATEUR CLINIC**

Don't miss this opportunity! On April 12 and 13 PVDA will help host Hilda Gurney at Wyndham Oaks Farm, 19301 Bucklodge Road Boyds, MD.([www.wyndham-oaks.com](http://www.wyndham-oaks.com)) Auditor pre-registration is strongly encouraged to facilitate planning, and current USDF members save up to \$20 if they pre-register. Walk-in auditors should plan to bring a chair, if possible. If you pre-registered to audit, your name will be on the registration list provided to the organizer and a pre-printed name tag will be available for you at the clinic which will serve as your ticket. If you walk in, there will be registration forms and blank name tags at the registration desk. For more information contact: Jocelyn Pearson [jpearson@erols.com](mailto:jpearson@erols.com)

## **OMNIBUS FOR LICENSED COMPETITION 2014 WILL BE ON LINE**

Most USEF dressage competitions in Region 1 will be listed on line. Get all your show info on your Smartphone, Ipad or Tablet. Region 1 now provides a page on the website that has all the same features of the old Omnibus such as show listings, access to dressage tests, Regional Championship rules, information about NAJYRC, Developing programs, Dover Medal (second level adult amateur) etc. as well as general competition information.

## **IEO YOUNG RIDER FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT**

**"I Support Young Riders!"** only \$20. Orders to Samantha Bray, 717-292-9924; 160 Pinewoods Rd, Wellsville PA 17365. See the IEO website for details.

## **INVITATION TO IEO MEMBERS**

### **Balance Seat Riding Winter Clinic Series**

This 5-week clinic series starts on Friday, Jan 31/Saturday, Feb 1 and runs for 5 consecutive week-ends (1/31 & 2/1, 2/7 & 2/8, 2/14 & 2/15, 2/21 & 2/22, 2/28 & 3/1). March 7/8 will be used as a "bad weather" make-up week-end if needed. The Friday night sessions will run from 7-9 PM at Margie Williams home (4225 St. Clair Bridge Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 21084).

Saturday session will be held in the indoor arena at Heart and Hands Equine Center, 2215 Pinetown Rd., Lewisberry, PA 17339.

Friday night chalk talks - \$5/each, but you must pre-register as we need to be certain to have sufficient chairs, hand-outs, coffee, etc. - Saturday auditors are free! Contact instructor Susan Moody for the schedule of events and topics. ([roomoody02@gmail.com](mailto:roomoody02@gmail.com))

**Fee:** \$25. - Make Checks Payable to: Maryland Region Pony Club

**Mail to:** Susan Moody, 626 Observatory Dr., Lewisberry, PA 17333

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## **COLD-WEATHER TIPS FOR HORSES FROM NEW BOLTON CENTER**

[January 8, 2014; Kennett Square, PA] – With temperatures dropping to single digits this week, Michelle D. Harris, VMD, DACVIM, lecturer in the Section of Emergency and Critical Care at Penn Vet's New Bolton Center, offers the following tips to keep horses healthy and safe during the cold days of winter.

1. **More Calories:** People joke about "bulking up for winter," but for horses that live outside, increasing calories is a very real need because it takes more calories to keep warm. High-quality hay is the foundation of any healthy diet, and boosting calories through an increase of the hay ration is a healthier option than increasing the grain ration. Older horses that are unable to consume their calories from hay due to dental disease might need another calorie source, such as corn oil. Horse owners should consult with a veterinarian about dietary management during the cold winter months.
2. **Water, Not Ice:** Horses need abundant, fresh water, even when it is cold outside. Owners should check several times daily to make sure that the water source is not frozen. There are numerous types of heating units, made specifically for this purpose, to ensure that your horse has fresh, unfrozen water available at all times.
3. **Fresh Air:** Keeping your horse in a warm, tightly shut barn is not necessarily a good thing. A closed-up barn increases your horse's exposure to airborne dust and allergens. A well-ventilated barn, even if it means a drop of a few degrees in temperature, will keep the air fresher and healthier for your horse. If your horse has a non-infectious respiratory disease such as Recurrent Airway Obstruction ("Heaves") or Inflammatory Airway Disease, it is particularly unhealthy for the horse to be inside the barn since exposure to high levels of particles in the air can trigger a flare-up of respiratory signs. Invest in a warm, weatherproof blanket and leave a horse with airway disease turned out, with access to a run-in shed for shelter.

4. **Check Under Blankets:** Some horses that live outside year-round have their blanket on all winter. While blanketing is necessary to keep your horse warm, it can sometimes hide things lurking beneath. The same can be true for horses and ponies that are not blanketed, but grow a very thick hair coat. Make sure to bring the horse in and remove the blanket at least once weekly so that you can check for any new lumps, bumps, or changes in body condition. Remember that a long hair coat can hide a lot and you need to actually touch your horse to get an idea of condition. A good grooming session will provide the opportunity to check the horse thoroughly, and provide some valuable bonding time when the weather is not conducive to riding.
5. **Blanket Consistently:** Keep in mind that blanket management can impact the growth of your horse's coat. Blanketing a horse will encourage less growth of the hair coat, so if you are going to blanket, be consistent.

### **DO FEED NUTRENA FEED?**

Save your feed labels to benefit the IEO. Proofs for Nutrena feeds can be mailed to IEO Young Rider, Samantha Bray, at 160 Pine Woods Rd., Wellsville, PA 17365

### **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 cash! Send these labels, to: **Cindy Mattern, 2889 Ford Farm Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

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

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. To access e-TRAK, IEO members just need to log in to the website at [www.usdf.org/e-trak](http://www.usdf.org/e-trak).

### **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](http://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](mailto:Beth.Major@ymail.com)

### **NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES**

January 7, 2014	Ultrasound Examination of Fetal Well-Being in Late Pregnancy: Is My Foal at Risk? Dr. Virginia Reef
February 4, 2014	Gender: A Fact in Your Mare's Performance Dr. Pat Sertich
March 4, 2014	What's Your Diagnosis? Neurologic Disease in the Horse Dr. Laura Johnstone

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

## **ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2014**

**January 11-12, 2014 Instructor/Trainer Lunging Workshop** hosted by Hilltop Farm in Colora, MD. Contact Holly Fisher at [holly@hilltopfarminc.com](mailto:holly@hilltopfarminc.com)

**March 15-16, 2014 Instructor/Trainer Refresher Workshop** hosted by Hilltop Farm in Colora, MD with Sarah Geikie. Contact Holly Fisher at [holly@hilltopfarminc.com](mailto:holly@hilltopfarminc.com)

**March 16, 2014 Region One Spring Meeting** at Hassler Dressage in Chesapeake City, MD

**April 12 and 13, 2014 USDF/Nutrena Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney** at Wyndham Oaks Farm in Boyds, MD. Contact Jocelyn Pearson [jpearson@erols.com](mailto:jpearson@erols.com)

**June 5-8, 2014 Festival of Champions** at USET Headquarters Gladstone, NJ

**July 15-20, 2014 NAJYRC** in Lexington, KY

**July 26 and 27, 2014 Youth Team Competition North** hosted by VADA in Leesburg, VA

**July 26 and 27 Sport Horse Seminar** hosted by DVCTA at Iron Spring Farm, Coatesville, PA. Contact Anne Moss [annemoss@verizon.net](mailto:annemoss@verizon.net)

**October 2-5, 2014 USDF/GAIG Regional Championships** in Williamston, NC

**October 16-19, 2014 BLM Championships** in Lexington, VA.

**November 6-9 Dressage Finals** Lexington, KY

**November 13 Region One Web conference**, 7pm

**CLASSIFIED ADS** *IEO members advertise for free*

**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](mailto:tpeiper@aol.com) or visit the web site & nbsp; [www.bucknhorsehollow.com](http://www.bucknhorsehollow.com)

**Wintiec Isabel synthetic dressage saddle** for sale: 4 years old, excellent condition, 18" seat, includes easy change gullet kit with all trees and guage. Asking \$800.00 Contact Dane 717-919-2020

**Beautiful Custom Saddlery Laguna dressage saddle** for sale. mono-flap, deep seat, adjustable tree, wool flocked, buffalo hide flaps, 18" or 18.5" seat 3 years old and in almost new condition. Currently set for a medium size horse. Asking \$3100.00 Contact Diane 717-919-2020.

**Western show jeans All WRANGLER** Blue (jean) 10x34 and 30x36, stonewash black 10x34, Black 29x36 & 10x34, 1 pair flannel lined L.L. Bean jeans size 10 ALL \$15.00 each Email Leslie London [quarterhorseleslie@gmail.com](mailto:quarterhorseleslie@gmail.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

**RIDE THRU THE WINTER!** 65'x130' private indoor arena and large outdoor arena available for hourly rental. Indoor arena offers custom equestrian footing, extensive mirrors and a quiet environment, ideal for young horses. New Oxford, PA. Sue Smith 717-451-4726 or [smsmith@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:smsmith@mtholyoke.edu).

**SPRING RIDGE STABLES** is a full care boarding facility in Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA. 45 minutes from Harrisburg, we are easily accessed from either routes 11&15 or rt. 322. We offer 16 box stalls with daily stall cleaning, daily turn out in small groups in 7 spacious grass pastures, warm water wash bay, sand footed indoor arena and a large outdoor arena, and mowed riding trails, some wooded around the farm. Lessons available. We also have some good minded training level horses available for on farm lease, please call for availability. Boarding fee is \$350.00 per month. Please call for more information. 570.898.1050

**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](mailto:kroniek1@aol.com) References available.

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

## 2014 IEO Membership Application

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

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

One of the current membership benefits that IEO members enjoy is the ability to qualify and show at the Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial (CBLM) Championships held every year.

Are you interested in qualifying for this show in 2014? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

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

Make check payable to I.E.O. and send to: Jessie Barker  
49 Milton Grove Rd. N  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

