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A Charter Group Member Organization of the USDF

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## THE IEO 2012 YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET NOVEMBER 10

Registration form is in this newsletter. It's time to plan for the Annual Banquet and the Silent Auction on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Silent Auction is always lots of fun and the bidding can be quite competitive. Proceeds from the auction also help to defray the cost of the Banquet. I am the organizer for the Silent Auction so please send me information on any items you wish to donate—I need to know the item and its value and who is doing the donating. The items may be brought to the Banquet or arrangements can be made to drop off any items to a member of the board. Thanks so much for your support, Maggie Hawn. [Maggie51@verizon.net](mailto:Maggie51@verizon.net).

## YOUR PHOTO NEEDED: POWER POINT SHOW FOR IEO 2012 ANNUAL BANQUET

IEO member, Pamela Amende, has volunteered to design a power point presentation of IEO members and their horses to be shown at the Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 10. This project needs your help as we are asking members to forward pictures directly to Pamela. Formal portraits, action shots, candid photos around the barn or at shows are all welcome. Cove Creek Photography has been taking pictures at each of our schooling shows

([http://photo.covecreekmorgans.com/IEODressage/May\\_2012\\_Photo.html](http://photo.covecreekmorgans.com/IEODressage/May_2012_Photo.html)) so check there to see if you can find the perfect picture. Pamela has asked everyone to follow these directions:

1. Photos need to be accurately labeled as to names of horse and rider. Any short descriptive remarks are encouraged and welcome – “Here is Captain Crunch, Mary Smith’s adorable 13.0 hand pony enjoying a breakfast treat!”
2. Photo must be submitted in digitalized form (jpg-emailable) or sent on a disc to: IEO Members Photo Project, c/o EverBlest Ministry Institute, 322 South Front St., Wormleysburg, PA 17043.
3. Members photos accepted presently through computer date and/or postmark of October 31, 2012 to be part of the project. Pastor Pammers cell is 379-3331 or email [everblestministry7@yahoo.com](mailto:everblestministry7@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

**IEO 2012 Annual Awards Banquet Information and Registration**

**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 PM Cocktails and Silent Auction begin, 7:00 PM Dinner with awards to follow

**Place:** Bay City Restaurant, 110 Eisenhower Dr., Hanover, PA 17331 (Phone: 717-637-1217)

**Cost:** \$23/person, Cash bar

**RSVP:** Please send your registration and check (payable to IEO) by Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to: Cindy Mattern, 2889 Ford Farm Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Come early to see the wonderful items up for bid in the Silent Auction! If you have items to donate to the Silent Auction, which benefits the IEO, please contact Maggie Hawn (maggie51@verizon.net) to register your donation. Horsey items, gift certificates, baskets of cheer and theme baskets are very popular!

**IEO 2011 Awards Banquet Registration Form**

**Name:**

**Email/Phone:**

**Number of tickets:**

**Closing Date:** Thursday, November 1, 2012

**Mail registration and check to:**

Cindy Mattern, 2889 Ford Farm Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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**IEO Board and Officers Election 2013 – Ballot**

This ballot lists the nominated members for Board positions and club Officers to serve for 2013. You may choose someone from this list, or may nominate a current member from the floor. Officers and Board members shall be elected by secret ballot at the November meeting, held on Saturday, November 10 during our Annual Awards Banquet at the Bay City Restaurant. **Anyone not able to attend the November meeting may submit his/her vote by prepared ballot to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Mail ballot to: IEO Secretary, Dr. Margaret Hawn, 1405 Smokehouse Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

*IEO Board Positions – Vote for 5*

Jessie Barker                      Kim Hillyer                      Katie Beasley                      Beth Major  
Kathy Barker                      Evelyn Pfoutz                      Margaret Scarff

Nomination from the floor to sit on the IEO Board for 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

*IEO Club Officers – Vote for 1 for each office*

President – Susan Moody  
Vice-President – Karen Pelton  
Secretary – Amy Pavlik  
Treasurer – Cindy Mattern

Nomination from the floor to hold IEO club office for 2013 \_\_\_\_\_

## **FREE LECTURE ABOUT SADDLE FITTING WITH TERRY PEIPER**

on Sunday Nov. 4 at PM at our farm outside of Carlisle. 6 Buck Dr., Carlisle, PA. My goal is to spread the word about proper saddle fit and prevent needless suffering and possible long term permanent damage to horses and riders. My lectures are purely educational, no sales pitch. I promise. Please bring a chair and a friend. We will be sharing the information, a birthday cake (Stoney's 32nd) and refreshments. (717) 240-0723 [tpeiper@aol.com](mailto:tpeiper@aol.com)

## **ANN FOWLER - CLINICIAN COMING TO SHADY DELL STABLES, LLC**

November 10, 2012 USDF "L" graduate, IDA Coach and professor at Cazenovia College, and President of the Central New York Dressage and Combined Training (CT) Club. Fowler has managed many equestrian symposiums, adult riding camps, clinics, and riding instructor's workshops. All levels of riders welcome! Entries will fill on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Carole at Shady Dell Stable at 717-225-3796.

## **USEF HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ATHLETE PROGRAM**

This program provides high-school-aged equestrians (whether competing in 4H, academy, local shows, or rated shows) with the opportunity to earn a varsity letter in equestrian - just like any other high school sport. With nearly 6,000 students enrolled since the program's inception, more and more young equestrians are receiving well-deserved recognition for their devotion to the sport. Students (including those that are home schooled) can earn a varsity letterman patch and year pin for completing the program along with a certificate for their achievement and recognition to include on college applications.

As the program continues to grow, we hope school administrators will take notice of their equestrian student athletes and offer more recognition of their accomplishments, and help accommodate competition schedules. More information about the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete program can be found at [www.usef.org/highschool](http://www.usef.org/highschool).

## **USEF EQUESTRIAN COLLEGE SEARCH**

Students looking to continue their equestrian career after high school will love the collegiate resources USEF has created. Students can use the USEF Equestrian College Search to see which colleges offer the equestrian degree programs or riding teams that match their interests. The College Search contains profiles of over 100 schools and is available at [www.usef.org/collegiatesearch](http://www.usef.org/collegiatesearch).

## **SCHOOLING SHOW RIDERS PHOTO PROOFS READY**

Photos from the schooling shows are now available on the website from Cove Creek Photography. [http://web.me.com/ktully56/IEODressage/June\\_2012\\_Photos.html](http://web.me.com/ktully56/IEODressage/June_2012_Photos.html)

## **USDF DEVELOPS A TRAINING LEVEL FREESTYLE TEST**

You will be able to see the test on the USDF website starting December 1, 2012. Training level riders - strike-up the band!

## **IEO MEMBERS AT LICENSED COMPETITIONS**

Katherine Nelson and Beloved MRF won the Prix St. Georges at the PVDA Loch Moy show with 66.759%.

## **IEO PRESIDENT'S LETTER "CORNERING OPPORTUNITIES"**

I had the pleasure to scribe for Anne Moss, an 'r' rated dressage judge, at our final schooling show of this season. Scribing is just about my favorite volunteer job. Scribes get a front row seat to peek at lots of wonderful rides while scribbling furiously on the test sheets and receive a free dressage lesson from the judge in the process. Anne was delightful company, constructive and encouraging in her comments and cheerful and supportive with all the competitors. She smiled at one chestnut pony and chided him for being "naughty" as he challenged his rider on the centerline, but her empathy and kindness toward the young lady laboring to keep the pony straight had her smiling by the end. I enjoyed working with Anne and admired not only her focus, but also her persistent effort to choose not just the best comment possible that honestly described what she had seen, but also the most helpful for the rider. An afternoon spent recording all those constructive criticisms left me with a reoccurring theme that I copied onto many test sheets; the need for more preparation for and better understanding of the underutilized, often forgotten, but all important corner.

Every dressage arena comes equipped with 4 corners and every dressage test requires horse and rider to negotiate said corners every time they navigate around the ring. That's 4 opportunities every circuit of the arena where riders can improve their performance and thereby, their final score. I believe that the undervalued corner contains important elements that can help to make every dressage test better – if riders will remember these few simple ideas.

Improvement #1 occurs when riders utilize each corner as an opportunity to rebalance their horse by using a half-halt as they approach and enter the corner. Half-halts serve to engage our horses by asking them to shift more weight off their forehand and onto their haunches, which then encourages them to lighten and lift their shoulders. Improvement #2 occurs when we laterally supple our horses in each corner by pushing their ribcage out with a strong, active inside leg at the girth, thereby helping to correctly connect our horses to the outside rein. Too often we merely steer our horses through the corners by tugging on our inside rein, which means we end up *pulling* them through the corner instead of *pushing* them through the corner. This may seem like a subtle difference in riding technique, but it can make a dramatic improvement in our horses, especially as it helps them to maintain their balance and straightness.

So make an effort to think about riding every corner you encounter in a more focused, proactive way and see if you don't find opportunities to improve both your horse and your test scores!  
- Susan Moody, IEO President

## **NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES**

**November 6, 2012** Joy Tomlinson, DVM **Headshaking syndrome in horses**  
**December 4, 2012** Jonathon Palmer, VMD, DACVIM **The critically ill foal**  
**January 8, 2013** Santiago Garcia, MVZ **Easy keepers - Metabolic disease in horses**  
**February 5, 2013** Mary Utter, DVM, DACVO  
**Eye cancer in horses - What it looks like and what you can do about it**

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

## **APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DVCTA “L” PROGRAM**

Visit the [Delaware Valley Combined Training Association website](#) to download a participant/auditor application form for the DVCTA “L” Program. The program will start with Session “A” on November 10-11, 2012, in Kennett Square, PA, with instructor Jayne Ayers. For more information, please contact organizer, [Darcy Miller Brown](#).

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

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](http://www.usdf.org/e-trak).

## **ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2012**

**Oct 13-14:** Anne Gribbons Clinic at Hassler Dressage

**Oct 14:** 9-5 Barbara Strawson Four Winds Farm FMI go to [www.lipizzanerhorses.com](http://www.lipizzanerhorses.com)

**Oct 17-19** Vet Imaging Seminar at Hassler Dressage

**October 18-21 BLM Championships** Virginia Horse Center Lexington, VA Contact: Dianne Boyd [greyhorse11@gmail.com](mailto:greyhorse11@gmail.com)

**October 27-30** Jane Savoie’s [The Art of Teaching – Shining Light on Learning](#) in Gladstone, NJ. Find information on the USDF website.

**November 1-4 USDF/GAIC Regional Championships** Williamston, NC Contact: Martie Healey [martieh@cox.net](mailto:martieh@cox.net)

**Nov. 4 – Terry Peiper Saddle Fitting Lecture** - *This event has been canceled*

**Nov 8-10 Young Dressage Horse Trainers Symposium** at Hassler Dressage

**November 10 – Clinic with Ann Fowler** contact Carole at Shady Dell Stable at 717-225-3796

**November 10 and 11** Young Horse Clinic Ulf Moeller GoodNess Ridge Farm, Mt. Airy MD Kelly Gage [tempichange@hotmail.com](mailto:tempichange@hotmail.com)

**November 10 Region One Fall Meeting** Leesburg, VA Contact: Lisa Schmidt [crisismgt@aol.com](mailto:crisismgt@aol.com)

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**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)

**FOR SALE:**

**Meeka** - Looks like an Andalusian! 10yr old gray QH mare, 15.2hands, BEAUTIFUL mover! She is as smooth as glass to ride, has been in professional training with Stacey Dee of Grace Farms, trail rides, jumps, is ready for Training and First Level dressage. This lovely mare is a rare find with a great brain. Current price is \$3500. Call Stacey at 717-557-7582 for more info.

**Gus** - 5 year old, 17.2+ hand, dapple gray TB gelding. They don't get any nicer than this horse! Gus is big, beautiful, and loaded with talent and athleticism! He is a stand out in any ring, with the movement and suspension to wow in dressage, the scope and power to win in the jumpers and eventing, and the grace and form to be a top notch hunter. This horse has it all! He is playful and fun to work with, has great manners, loves people, is athletic and graceful, and has no vices or issues to hold him back. He is a one in a million horse that stands out in a crowd - your next big star! He's super comfortable and has an auto lead change. He has been free jumped over 4' with ease and in perfect form. He is clean legged, has great feet, gets along with other horses, and is built to perform and hold up for the long haul. Suitable for a junior or amateur rider.

Price will go up with additional training. Suitable for junior or amateur rider. Current price is \$15,000. Contact Stacey Dee at 717-557-7582 or [gracefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:gracefarm@yahoo.com) [www.gracefarms.com](http://www.gracefarms.com)

**Giselle** - 10 year old, 13 hand buckskin registered Welsh Pony mare with lots of flashy chrome! Giselle is a one of a kind pony! We have had her since she was a yearling and she has had top notch training and handling her whole life. My kids are outgrowing her and so we are looking for one lucky junior rider who wants a world class pony to knock the socks off all the other competition! She has a great brain, is drop dead gorgeous, has a hack winning trot with the power and engagement to win in the dressage ring as well, jumps in text book perfect form (they don't jump any better than this pony!) She is well-bred, has impeccable conformation, is super sweet and easy to work with. She is an all around fabulous pony who is athletic, safe & sane, sound, talented, flashy and absolutely gorgeous! GREAT home only! This pony is very special to us and we will only sell her to the right person. Current price is \$20,000

Contact Stacey Dee at 717-557-7582 or [gracefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:gracefarm@yahoo.com) [www.gracefarms.com](http://www.gracefarms.com)

**Hungarian Broodmare** - 16h, 12 yrs, sound and healthy has had 3 fabulous foals. Winner Get of Mare Class at Fair Hill in '08. Her offspring have won USDF All Breeds 2008 Reserve Champion AWR, '08 PHR Silver Stirrup National Reserve Champion for Dressage Sporthorse, the '09 'Born In The USA' Filly Championship at Fair Hill. Double registered AWR. \$1500. or will consider a lease, can stay at my farm. Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

**Dressage saddle for sale** : #134 Germania Klasse by Thornhill 4yrs old. Medium tree Deep soft seat 18" with soft external thigh rolls, German leather, Wool stuffed shaped panels. Point and V billet for balanced girthing. In great condition selling because it did not fit my horse properly. Originally \$1200.00 asking \$600. Please call 717- 319-9241 Christina Sauder

**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

**Schleese JES dressage saddle** Medium tree (adjustable) very good condition, 17.5", quality leather \$1000 (originally \$3000). Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

**Albion dressage saddle.** 17.5" Extra Wide SLK High Profile. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,000. Contact Linda Colflesh at 717-258-6166 of [LColflesh@comcast.net](mailto:LColflesh@comcast.net).

**16 ½" Laser Dressage saddle** adjustable tree, 16" flaps, excellent condition, panels re-flocked and soft. \$950. 717-235-6665 or [katnels@msn.com](mailto:katnels@msn.com).

**WANTED: On-farm lease of large pony or small horse** near Dillsburg by 2<sup>nd</sup>-level dressage rider for lessons, showing and fun. [Beth.Major@ymail.com](mailto:Beth.Major@ymail.com) 717-818-9127

### **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.

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**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. \$200/mo Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

**NEED AN INDOOR ARENA FOR TRAINING?** Cynthia (Cindy) Mattern, a USDF Bronze Medalist, has over 25 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.

**EVELYN PFOUTZ - COOL BREEZE DRESSAGE**, available for instruction, horse training, clinics, fix a tests, schooling show judging, and musical freestyle. Visit [www.Coolbreezedressage.com](http://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](mailto: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.

**THE IEO LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!**

You know the adage, "neither a borrower nor a lender be", but we want you to be both. 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

Dues for December 1 – November 30

**2012 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

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

