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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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A Charter Group Member Organization of the USDF

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

Membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

## **IEO SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2014**

May 18 at Spring Valley Park, York, PA  
June 22 at Harmony Hill, York Springs, PA  
July 20 at Wellsville Riding Club, Wellsville, PA  
Aug 24 at Harmony Hill, York Springs, PA  
Sept 21 at The Friendly Horseman's club, Denver, PA

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

We will be meeting every month on the last Sunday of the month at 4:00 at Baker's Dinner on Route 15 in Dillsburg--easy to get to. Date is easy to remember. So plan on coming—no excuses. The club runs on Volunteers!

## **WELCOME IEO INTERN HALEY MCKAY**

A Senior at Penn State York majoring in Management and Marketing—Haley McKay will be working on the Omnibus, seeking out Show Venues, working on Public Relations and advertising.

## **AN EARLY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AND CLUB FUNDRAISER COMBINED....**

Get your volunteer hours in early and be able to relax through the show season by volunteering a couple hours of time at the Bonton in Chambersburg selling Community day Coupon books. The books are \$5 and all of the proceeds goes directly to us. There are \$500 worth of savings

coupons in the book that can be used at any Bonton store on Feb. 28-March 1. Bonton stores are located in Carlisle, York, Chambersburg, Hagerstown, Camp Hill and Lancaster. Sell these books to your friends and family for a donation to our club and let them take advantage of the great savings. Contact Evelyn for books and to schedule your time to sell books at the Bonton. This is an easy, warm, non-energy expending way to get \$\$\$ as well as volunteer time.

Volunteer positions for this year will include ring set up and tear down, scribe, warm up ring steward, announcer, scorer (x2), runner, show secretary and manager and a new position called the TD. The TD will check bits, spurs, whip length as they do at recognized shows. Let Evelyn or Heather know which show you want to help at and your preferred job so you can get the job you'd like to have.

### **IEO SHOW AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2014**

The following awards are available to members and **non-members** alike.

Series End awards. There will be 1st-6th places for Intro, training, first, 2nd, 3rd and above, MFS, WDAA, and USEA. All tests of the levels (i.e. training 1, 2 and 3) are combined as well as all divisions (Jr/YR, Pro, AA) will be combined.

There will be a special high score award for the highest scoring Pro, AA, and Jr/YR of the day. Scores from USDF and USEF dressage tests count.

There will be a high score medal for USDF, all USEF levels, MFS, USEA and WDAA for Pro, AA, and Jr/YR division.

For Year End awards, for members only, we will pin these levels:

Intro A / B (for those riders who do not canter),

Intro C / Tr 1;

Tr 2/3

First

Second

3rd and above

MFS

These will be split into Pro, AA, and Jr/YR

The USEF Rider tests and Suitability are not eligible for any awards except class ribbons.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to 2014! We hope to make this year a fun and productive year for our club.

Some things we will be looking into and preparing for will be a booth and demonstrations at the Horse World Expo in Harrisburg in 2015, a recognized show in 2015 and if not this year, hosting the "Tri-State Challenge" and inviting 2 GMOs from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania to have a team competition. Hopefully this will become a yearly event and which state will get to keep the trophy....

We will be looking into a bus trip to the Festival of Champions at Gladstone, NJ this June.

If there are any programs you would like to see the IEO host, any clinicians you would like us to have, etc., please let Evelyn or Heather know as soon as possible so we can get to working on setting it up. The USDF does offer funding to GMOs for educational opportunities and USDF credits can be earned as well. Looking forward to hearing your suggestions.

Keep a look out for the New Omnibus for some new changes for this year.  
Looking forward to a great 2014!  
Evelyn Pfoutz

### **SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 26 BOARD MEETING.**

The new board met for the first time on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Under discussion were appointments of IEO members to chair the various committees such as Volunteer Chair, Show Chair, Newsletter Editor, Hospitality Chair, Clinic Chair and Public Relations.

We are in the process of firming up venues for the shows. At the next meeting we will be signing up show secretaries and show managers for each show. Please plan on attending the next meeting or contacting Evelyn Pfoutz ([coolbreezedressage@gmail.com](mailto:coolbreezedressage@gmail.com)) or Heather Hobbs ([medveddunk@hotmail.com](mailto:medveddunk@hotmail.com)) if you are interested in volunteering for these positions.

The Omnibus will show some changes. Western Dressage will be offered again. USEF dressage-approved bits must be used and helmets must be worn. There will not be separate Pony Classes. We decided to bring back the Series End Awards including awards for Eventing and Western Dressage. There is no change in the class fees but there will be a \$20 late fee. Year End Awards will have slightly different categories. Categories will be: 1. Intro a and b 2. Intro c and training 1 3. Training 2 and 3 4. First 5. Second 6. Third and above 7. MFS. We discussed ribbons and trophies and prizes. There will be some really neat changes.  
Maggie Hawn. IEO Secretary.

### **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 1733

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## **RIDING BEGINS AND END WITH THE UPPER BODY**

By Dr. Rudolf Vlatten

Riding begins and ends for the most in the upper body from the hips to the shoulders. The horse picks up on it so readily because of its simplicity. The straight hip-shoulder line always remains the same whether full seat, half-seat or jumping position with the only changes being: body to the front open door and forward, right shoulder forward into the half-pass left, upper body back half-halt and so on.

This allows for the hands to be free and to ride in looped reins after every little signal. The goal is to ride through the body, without hands and rein weight only. It is just like when having a dog on a leash and going for a walk, run or better yet bike ride. Zero weight on the leash is the only way for it to be pleasant and successful. In riding, it's the same. The beauty of it is that it takes all the mystery out of the exercises.

The focus needs to be from the hips to the shoulders and keeping a straight line whether positioning that part of the body to the front of the vertical or on the vertical or behind the vertical depending on the forward, the quiet, and the bringing back of the horse.

In order to develop upper body riding, the rider must release the legs and hands fully and use them only when necessary and then release them again. It is through the release that the body will become as it should and play its role of riding in the most subtle way. The end result will be light and harmonious riding and the horse moving freely as if without the rider.

## **DO FEED NUTRENA FEED?**

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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: **Jessie Barker, 49 Milton Grove Rd N, Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

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## **NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES**

February 4, 2014 Dr. Tom Schaer to Discuss “Leaping from Bench to Stall, Cage, or Bedside”

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.

Penn Vet’s Hofmann Center at New Bolton Center is offering seven short courses on equine reproduction and behavior this spring, including stallion handling, horse behavior, and mare and foal management.

The continuing education courses are open to veterinarians, owners, breeders, trainers, stallion handlers, vet techs, behavior specialists, and vet students and residents.

“Our participants tell us that they particularly enjoy the combination of small group classroom presentations and discussions, along with hands-on labs and demonstrations,” said Sue McDonnell, founding head of Penn Vet’s Havemeyer Equine Behavior program at New Bolton Center. “Instructors can customize the material to each participant’s needs and interests.”

### **Courses:**

**Just Stallion Handling** Feb 27-28 (Advanced) & March 13-14 (Basics)

**Breeding Management of the Mare** March 5

**Mare and Foal Behavior and Management** March 11-12

**Horse Behavior Modification** March 31-April 1

**Horse Behavior** April 28-29

**Natural Horse Behavior Field Study** Apr 30-May 4

## **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

## **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

## **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 [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 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](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.

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

