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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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## NEXT IEO MEETING

Will be held Sunday, August 19 at 4 PM at Cindy Mattern's home. RSVP 717-796-0755.

Volunteers are still needed for the next IEO Show being held on Sunday, June 17th at Harmony Hill. If you would like to volunteer at this show, please email Kathy Barker, the show Manager at: [sbarkerfamily@embarqmail.com](mailto:sbarkerfamily@embarqmail.com)

## THE IEO 2012 SHOW DATE SCHEDULE NOW ON THE WEBSITE

Sunday, June 17, Sunday, July 22, Sunday, August 26, and Sunday, Sept. 23

The show Omnibus is now on the website: [www.ieodressage.org](http://www.ieodressage.org). We are offering Stakes Classes with MONEY PayBack!

## IEO SCHOOLING SHOW'S NOW HAVE A SNACK BAR!

The IEO is happy to announce that we have found a chef who will be cooking for our schooling shows for the rest of the season. No longer will you have to pack lunch for you as well as your horse and there will be a wonderful variety of delicious and healthy choices. The menu includes cold sandwiches (Ham, Turkey, Veggie Wraps, etc.), hot sandwiches (Pulled Pork BBQ, hot dogs), salads (Tossed Salads, Fresh Fruit Cup, Taco Salad), as well as fresh fruits, pastries, bagels, muffins, cookies and even fruit pies. There will be hot coffee to start the day and cold bottled juices and sodas too. We hope when you come to our next show in June that you will bring your appetite as well as your tall boots and try out our new food stand!

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 [katherinnelson08@comcast.net](mailto:katherinnelson08@comcast.net) 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)

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

The photographer for the May 27<sup>th</sup> show provided these 2 links to let riders find their proofs: <http://web.me.com/ktully56/IEODressage/Welcome.html>, and also be on the main web site [www.covecreekmorgans.com](http://www.covecreekmorgans.com)

## **IEO'S FIRST SCHOOLING SHOW OF 2012 SEASON**

The first of the 2012 IEO schooling shows was held at Harmony Hill Farm on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and attracted 70 entries. Judged by Paula Kierkegaard, the show was extremely busy and everyone seemed to have a good time. The footing in the warm up ring and the dressage court was well groomed and the constant stream of new riders and horses kept the 14 volunteers hopping! Show secretary, Kim Hillyer, capably scheduled the almost overflow crowd of competitors and smoothly managed the days scratched rides, which helped to keep us on time. The competitors were very pleased with the lovely and well groomed grounds at Harmony Hill and the show had a nice turnout of enthusiastic spectators.

The weather threatened in mid-afternoon with occasional rumbles of thunder, but we were lucky to avoid any major showers and watched the last trailer head for home with clear skies. High Point Winner of the day was Shauna Sober riding Aristocrat in a Training Level Test 2 class that scored 73.393. This show was the first test of our new Stakes Class format and it was well received. Stakes Class winners were:

*For Introduction/Training Classes:* Shauna Sober on Aristocrat in Training Level Test 2 with a score of 73.393 won first place and \$49. She also won second place (\$32) on Aristocrat with a score of 72.708 in Training Level Test 1. Congratulations Shauna and Aristocrat!

*For First Level through Third Level Classes:* Evelyn Pfoutz on Black Lace in Second Level Test 1 with a score of 70.142 won \$40. Congratulations Evelyn and Black Lace!

For the entire rundown of class results, please see the IEO website under Show Results for May, 2012. We look forward to our next show at Harmony Hill on June 17. Complete show results are attached.

Susan Moody, May 2012 Show Manager

## **MUSICAL FREESTYLE CLINIC with MICHAEL MATSON**

Nova Stables, Shippensburg, PA, Saturday, June 16, 2012

Riders \$65 / Auditors \$15, Lunch is included! CONTACT: Vicki Shoap (717) 532-9453

[linus@innernet.net](mailto:linus@innernet.net) Clinic will start at 9:00 am

Each rider will receive a CD of their horse's special music for them to use as a training tool (keeping regular tempo), just to have fun riding to "perfect music", or to use to create a musical dressage freestyle. Audience participation is highly encouraged to help the horses and riders select their music. This clinic is open to riders of all levels and all disciplines (not just dressage). Each rider will get a CD with their horse's music on it the same day.

## **IEO MEMBERS AT LISENCE COMPETITION**

Beloved MRF and Katherine Nelson at Prix St. Georges scored 61.8% and 4<sup>th</sup> place at the Heavenly Waters Show.

## **YOUNG RIDERS' CORNER**

**Attention Young Riders who are in or entering high school!** Did you know that you can earn your varsity equestrian letter even if your school does not have a team or club? The USEF is sponsoring the High School Equestrian Athlete program. This program is open to equestrian athletes in all breeds or disciplines who are enrolled in grades 9-12, and are currently USEF members, or become USEF members. The program will run June 1–May 31 of each year, and will honor those who document their training and competition involvement.

One of our own IEO Young Riders was recently recognized by the USEF and awarded her varsity letter for the High School Athlete Program. **Samantha Bray** was recognized for dedicating herself to a sport that requires tremendous training and preparation for competition. The USEF and the High School have acknowledged that equestrian athletes take the concept of teamwork to the highest level as they form a partnership with a horse; two independent beings working together and communicating with one another to achieve an overall goal.

If you are interested in additional information regarding this USEF program, please visit [http://www.usef.org/\\_IFrames/Youth/highschool/highschool.aspx](http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/Youth/highschool/highschool.aspx). And remember that the IEO schooling shows count toward your required competitions!

Tracey J Bray, CFE, CFSSP, CFSA

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### **SWEDISH WARMBLOOD/TB MARE FOR SALE**

**Estrela**-very nice 6 yr. old 16 H registered Swedish Warmblood/TB liver chestnut mare for sale currently riding at 1<sup>st</sup> level dressage, has also had some jumping training. She is currently on training board with Phoebe Devoe at Thornridge Manor in Glen Arm, MD. There are pictures, video, & more information about her on the website [www.thornridgemanor.com](http://www.thornridgemanor.com). She was not a match for her owner who has purchased another horse. She is priced at \$15,000.00, but reasonable offers will be considered. Please contact Karen Kindt at 717-697-3773 or Phoebe Devoe through her website.

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### **DRESSAGE AT DEVON: FOCUS ON EDUCATION**

**September 25 – September 30, 2012**

“Education has always been the backbone of Dressage at Devon, Inc. We’re very excited to be able to contribute to this effort on a stronger financial level. Our programs will cover a broad range, from amateurs to professionals, and children to adults,” said president and CEO, Lori Kaminski.

So far, the 2012 Dressage at Devon features:

- A session addressing emergency preparedness and response.
- Sessions with veterinarians from Unionville Equine, Unionville PA. Topics developed to keep your horses at their best.
- A USEF training program for FEI stewards
- A USEF training program for sport horse breed judges
- A USEF “S” judge program

And, as an extra bonus, crowd-pleaser Guy McLean will show off his awesome horses in an additional performance, whips and all, at the end of the day Sunday. This exhibition will include

Guy's fascinating commentary on his training techniques and the true partnership between him and his equine partners.

Dressage at Devon will take place from September 25 to September 30, 2012 on the Devon Horse Show Grounds, located on US Route 30, in Devon, PA. The show combines world-class dressage competition and the largest dressage/sport horse breed show outside of Europe with international Fall Festival shops with a great selection for equestrians and non-equestrians alike, an array of food, the Ladies' Day Hat

This year's sponsors include County Saddlery, Bit of Britain, Malvern Saddlery, Dubarry of Ireland, Performance Saddlery, The Horse of Course, SmartPak, HorseTech, The Dressage Connection and Iron Spring Farm.

For more information about Dressage at Devon, please visit [www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org).

### **IEO PRESIDENT'S LETTER : "IT'S GOTTA BE FUN"**

Riding and training dressage horses is hard physical work that requires consistent effort, daily devotion and lots of sweat to do well. While watching the warm up of a recent training session, my non-horsey friend George asked me, "Do you do this for fun, or is it really work?" My first response was to say we call it "schooling or working our horses" because we are actively seeking to develop our horses in body, mind and spirit through a series of progressively more challenging exercises that create a more balanced, more athletic and therefore, more beautiful animal. We seriously work at improving our horses (and ourselves!) every time we ride because we realize that when we ride better, they go better – and that is the reward we are seeking. Whether we are teaching the basic foundation skills of moving forward from the leg or asking for more advanced exercises like lateral work or flying changes, we follow the principles of the Dressage Training Pyramid and work towards the ideal, classically trained horse who dances beautifully under his rider.

Based on my initial response, the answer to George's question seems to be that dressage riding and training is all about hard work and lots of it. But is that really true? Dressage is also all about fun and discovering how to make our training methods fun for the horse. We should never lose sight of the essential fact that our horses have agreed to play with us whenever we head out to the arena to advance their education. We want them to develop confidence and pride in their work and for that pride to show when we trot down the centerline. To do this, we need their full cooperation and enthusiastic participation in the schooling process. Few horses will smile their way around the dressage arena if they feel they have been treated unfairly or drilled relentlessly. It is the happy dressage campaigner who pricks his ears and "struts his stuff" between the opening and closing halts of a test. Our job then is to find ways to keep the training process enjoyable while still developing the strength and grace that makes a good dressage horse such a joy to watch and ride.

So this month's challenge is to remember to keep it fun for our horses. Remember to school with a smile on your face; vary your schooling plan with days for relaxing trail rides interspersed with skill drill practices and conditioning rides. Play with your horse, praise every little improvement, offer walk breaks on a long rein between exercises and encourage your horse to enjoy your rides together. It is true that dressage is hard work, but it can and should be fun too and the rider who strives to balance the two will find a happier horse and a true partner to play with.

Susan Moody, IEO President

## **NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES**

**September 4, 2012** Dean Richardson, DVM, DACVS

**New techniques in equine fracture repair**

**October 2, 2012** Eric Parente, DVM, DACVS

**Airway Surgery: Is it any easier now for your horse to breathe?**

**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.

## **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).

## **USDF and RFDTV Bring Dressage to Your Living room**

Watch Robert Dover, Hilda Gurney, Jessica Ranshousen and Michael Poulin as they delve into the many aspects involved in the progressive dressage training of the horse and rider. Show times can be found on the USDF website. Check it out and share with others!

## **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

## **ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2012**

**July 28-29 Region One North Youth Team Competition** Morven Park Leesburg, VA Contact: Alison Head [lookingglassfarm@mac.com](mailto:lookingglassfarm@mac.com)

**September 26-30 Dressage at Devon**

**October 6-7 Region One Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore** at Averett College Danville, VA

Contact: Polly Yeago [payeago@bellsouth.net](mailto:payeago@bellsouth.net)

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

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

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

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**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

**Schleese JES dressage saddle** Medium tree (adjustable) very good condition, quality leather \$1000. 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).

**Used RO-TO harrow** for sale, good condition. needs teeth. \$500. Or best offer. FMI 410-692-6921 or 410-459-0798. Margaret Scarff

**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).

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**NEWBERRYTOWN.** New Private barn between Harrisburg and York, 5 minutes off I83. One stall available, sorry Geldings only. Quite small barn great for a retired horse. Matted stalls each with a Dutchdoor, for view and ventilation. Outdoor riding ring with great footing. Pastures with board fence or No Climb horse fence and lots of shade. **FULLCARE-** Hay available at all times, feeding, watering and stalls are done twice a day. Daily turnout weather permitting, I do not turn out in the rain. Brushing, hoof care are done daily, blanketing and fly protection as needed, holding for vet or Farrier if needed. Sate parks and trails nearby. \$250 per month. Call Christina Barclay Sauder 717-319-9241

**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.

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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



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