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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.  
Location is 2889 Ford Farm Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

Sunday, August 26, and Sunday, Sept. 23

The show Omnibus is on the website: [www.ieodressage.org](http://www.ieodressage.org). We are offering Stakes Classes with MONEY PayBack! If you would like to volunteer at schooling shows, please email the show Manager listed on the Omnibus at our website: [www.ieodressage.org](http://www.ieodressage.org)

**IEO SCHOOLING SHOWS will not have the same snack bar at the last 2 shows. We are trying to find another vendor at this time. We will keep you posted.**

**JULY IEO Schooling Show: The results of this show are also attached with this newsletter! We had 74 rides plus 2 Suitability Classes, although there were several scratches through the day. We ended ahead of schedule, thank you to those who rode ahead of their scheduled ride times! The next show will be Sunday, August 26. Entries must be post marked by Sat. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> to not have to pay a \$5 late fee per class. Check out the Omnibus for each show, as there is a different show Manager & Secretary (to whom you should mail your entry), for each show. Cindy Mattern, Treasurer and July Show Manager**

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)

## **YOUNG RIDERS' CORNER – THE DRESSAGE 4 KIDS FESTIVAL**

Sofia and I have started our preparation a year before the big show. We started by opening a dedicated bank account that would accommodate the saving we needed for D4K. The expenses were such :Division Fee \$76, Friday Schooling Show \$25, Stalls \$125 for the duration + \$50 for Thursday arrival =\$175, Turnout paddock \$200 for the duration of the show, Hotel reservation \$245.

So far we were at \$721 not counting gas expenses. ( My husband had no idea).. Sofia was saving every penny to help me cover the costs.

On July 5th, we were finally on our way. It was our first time going to Lendon Gray festival and everyone in the family was nervous. I've exchanged more than a dozen emails with festival secretary and got as much feedback as I can get from the people that "been there, done that". We arrived a day early to allow Sofia and her horse to settle in and participate in schooling show which was held on Friday. On Friday morning, shortly after entering arena and going behind judges both, Corie spooks and starts bucking until Sofia is off. EMT's were on the show grounds and came quickly to evaluate Sofia. I thought I was going to have a mental break down right there and then. Luckily everything was OK. Sofia got back on Corie and entered show arena again. After successful test they got 67.89 and a blue ribbon. Sofia was the last ride of the day and Judge came out to tell us that she was so happy Sofia decided to ride. She said "Sofia's Performance was the highlight of her day". Later that night all kids had a written portion of the test and Lendon Gray presented Sofia with a special award for braveness and fantastic ride which was nominated by the judge. Saturday was a big day, the next step was to ride "THE REAL" dressage test. Sofia and I were very nervous, hoping that this time Corie will be a good girl. The test went very well. The dressage score was 75.685 and Sofia got second place. Later that day was equitation - last part of the scoring accumulative. Sofia and Corie again shined the arena. All three tests combined put us 3rd place in her division and a Bronze Medal. All our worries were behind and we had a successful show after a rough start. Of course Sofia is planning on going next year :O). We will be working very hard this year to prep for 1st level. Sofia turned 9 this year, I wonder if she will be the youngest kid riding 1st level next year??

I hope we will have some young riders from our club joining us At D4K next year.

Dressage4kids festival was ALL ABOUT KIDS show. We were so fortunate to meet kids from all over America, even from Canada and Argentina. *Oxana Maitre*

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

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

## **IEO PRESIDENT'S LETTER - ON MAKING HASTE SLOWLY**

Sometimes the shortest distance between two points looks nothing like a straight line. Training dressage horses is a good example, because it can often be a frustrating exercise of two steps forward and then one step back. Training issues, lameness problems, sometimes the recognition that a horse's dressage training foundation contains a hole the size of the Grand Canyon, can curtail all forward progress. All of which can be very annoying to riders who believe that they deserve "it" now, or even better, deserved to receive "it" sometime yesterday. "It" can be just about anything – think putting your training level horse on the bit or riding a correct canter-walk transition. Developing the discipline of delaying gratification, of making

haste slowly, so that our horses can remain both mentally and physically sound is an important trait for a serious dressage rider and one that deserves discussion.

American culture today celebrates the quick fix, be it fast food, instant messaging or texting while doing just about anything else. We seek instant gratification and often lose sight of our long term goals in our hurry to make everything happen now. Dressage by its very nature is a slow growth process, where enjoying the journey is often as important as arriving at your final destination. I was reminded of this last week when Waylon achieved another dressage training “first” when he quietly and kindly hacked out wearing his new double bridle. He looked so cute and accepted the two bits with such aplomb, that it would have been easy to just put him to work and let the leverage of the curb bit and chain manufacture the upper level frame he is working towards. Instead, we smiled, praised and thanked him for his superb effort and put the double bridle back on its peg until next week. Delaying that gratification and continuing to work in the simple snaffle 5 days a week will mean a more gradual climb up the levels, but it’s what is best and smartest for the horse.

Sometimes the quickest way forward requires you to take your time and wait. The next time you’re tempted to shorten the distance to your goal by using force or maybe the latest fad gadget, ask yourself if you are doing what is best for your horse or are you just being impatient? Make haste slowly and take the time to enjoy the process.

Susan Moody, IEO President

## **YOUNG RIDER CLINIC WITH ANDREA VELAS -**

Western or English Everyone is welcome!

Andrea Velas has competed and trained at every level through Grand Prix. Her attention to detail and clarity are praised by students, whether beginner or FEI. Effective rider position is emphasized. She wants to share her love and her knowledge of dressage with young riders in our area. Andrea is one of the few US riders to have earned all six Gold, Silver, and Bronze USDF Medals and Freestyle Bars. Whether you are a jumper, trail rider or western rider, a little work on the flat can improve your horses' performance.

We encourage all riders of all levels and riding styles to participate in this fantastic opportunity.

This clinic is geared towards young riders in our area and special pricing for kids under 21 has been generously offered by the Academy.

Please email Oxana Maitre for more info and entry forms at [shiningstarstable@gmail.com](mailto:shiningstarstable@gmail.com) or call 717-756-4202.

## **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.

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

### **ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2012**

**August 12** Barbara Strawson Riding and Auditing slots still available! Four Winds Farm, <http://www.barbarastrawson.com>

**August 18-19:** Equine Wellness Symposium at Hassler Dressage

**Sept. 5 - J.J Tate** Four Winds Farm <http://www.jessicajotate.com/>

**Sept 8-9:** Steffen Peters Clinic at Hassler Dressage

**Sept 12:** Hassler Dressage at Riveredge Schooling Show

**Sept 17-18:** Long Lining and Training with Bo Jena at Hassler Dressage

**September 26-30 Dressage at Devon** [www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org).

**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)

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

**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)

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

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

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

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**FOR SALE:**

**Rosa**, 8 year old, 16.3 hand, bay, TB mare. 2007 USEA Future Event Horse Reserve Champion scoring a 74.9%. She is safe, sound, no vices. Not mare-ish. She needs a good loving home. She can event, do hunters, dressage, trail ride, or be a mom. I don't have time and her talent is being wasted. \$6000. Evelyn: [coolbreezedressage@gmail.com](mailto:coolbreezedressage@gmail.com) or 717-422-6203.

**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

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**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

**Keiffer "Aachen" dressage saddle** Lovingly Care 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. 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).

#### **BOARDING:**

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**RETIREMENT/ SEMI-RETIREMENT 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

**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

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Dues for December 1 – November 30

## 2012 IEO Membership Application

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

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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

