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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.

www.ieodressage.org

A Charter Group Member Organization of the USDF

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NEXT IEO MEETING

Will be held on September 14, 2012 at 7pm at Kim Hillyer's home. RSVP 717-292-5515.

THE IEO 2012 YEAR END AWARDS NOVEMBER 10 - SAVE THE DATE!

November 10, 2012 The IEO banquet will be held at Bay City restaurant.

To qualify for awards, you must have contributed 1 full day or 2 half days service to the IEO. If you still need those hours contact Karen Pelton to volunteer for the last 2012 show. The show secretary is Maggie Hawn and her phone number has changed to 919-5559.

SILENT AUCTION NOVEMBER 10

Contact any board member if you would like to contribute an item to the silent auction.

WESTERN DRESSAGE

Thanks to Montie Eagle for a well attended & informative Western Dressage demo at the July IEO show. The board is continuing to research western dressage & hope to provide two western dressage classes for the 2013 IEO show season.

IEO WEBSITE RENOVATION

Keep an eye out for the new and improved IEO website! Beth Major, our talented computer savvy member, is making eye-catching changes and increasing the ease in navigating of the site.

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 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

IEO POWER POINT SHOW FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET

We're excited to announce that 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 will need your help as we're asking members to forward pictures directly to Pamela. Formal, action or candid shots are welcome – you might even consider contacting Karen, our IEO show photographer from Cove Creek Photography, to find the perfect picture.

http://photo.covecreekmorgans.com/IEODressage/May_2012_Photo.html

1. Photos need to be accurately labeled as to names of horse and rider. Any short descriptive remarks are encouraged and welcome.
2. Photo must be submitted in digitalized (jpg-emailable) form 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 at everblestministry7@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

IEO SCHOOLING SHOW SNACK BAR

Thanks to Kathy Weaver! We will have food at the last 2012 IEO show! So come hungry. Kathy has offered to supply a mouth watering menu of fruit bowl, mac & cheese, beef bbq & hot dogs. A donation jar will cover costs.

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/IEODressage/June_2012_Photos.html

NOMINATIONS DUE FOR 2012 IEO BOARD AND OFFICERS

Since 1958, the IEO has been promoting and supporting dressage in the central Pennsylvania area and every autumn we take time to nominate officers and board members to steer the IEO in the coming year. All organizations need new ideas, new faces and new enthusiasm to remain current. If you are interested in helping as a member of the Board or as an Officer of the club, or want to nominate someone else who is a member and would be willing to help, please contact club secretary, Maggie Hawn (maggie51@verizon.net) to volunteer. Please plan to join us at our September meeting if you are interested in running for an office (September meeting: Friday, September 14, 2012 at 7 PM at Kim Hillyer's home. RSVP to Kim at ironrockfarm-hillyer@comcast.net). The ballot will be sent out in the November issue of our Close Contact Newsletter and the final voting will take place at our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 10. Please plan to join us that evening for delicious food, great friends and good times as we honor our club's riders and all their hard work and success this year!

Susan Moody, IEO president

IEO PRESIDENT'S LETTER "If Dressage Was Easy, Everyone Would Do It!"

Alex and I recently finished teaching 4-days of Pony Club summer camp, which always helps to keep me in touch with what today's younger riders think. It's easy to suppose that playing mounted games and jumping grids will be a whole lot more exciting than schooling on the flat and working without stirrups, but this year there were a few campers who actively campaigned to spend more time learning about dressage. The classical art of dressage requires great discipline and patience – two qualities I seldom associate with young teens, but these riders were excited about learning longitudinal suppling and how to sit in a correctly balanced seat. We teased with them that mastering dressage was a long journey and that the reason there are more hunter/jumper hunt seat riders in the United States is that dressage is just plain harder. They grinned when we told them, "If dressage was easy, than everyone would do it!"

I was reminded about a quote from Christoph Hess, (FEI "I" judge and former director of training for the German Olympic Committee) who said that the journey to ride at Grand Prix was like hiking across the Rocky Mountains, barefoot and in winter! And yet riders set out every day with fresh enthusiasm to train their horses and themselves in this exacting sport. I'd like to believe that we continue the journey because we are inspired by every small proof of improvement and that every day we build a better relationship with our horses through dressage is a good day.

So tomorrow when you finish your warm-up and consider which exercise should come next, cross your stirrups over your horse's withers and ride without them while you school your lateral work and transitions. Imagine you're traveling over frozen mountain trails in mid-January when your thighs begin to burn and your lower back begins to ache. Then be grateful for those nice warm boots you're wearing and remember that dressage is not easy – so sit up straight, toes forward, lift your chin and ride! Susan Moody, IEO President

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](#).

MERIAL LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE - EQUINEDRUGFACTS.COM

In 2012, Merial has launched an unapproved product educational initiative in an effort to help educate horse owners about the types of drugs and other related products available in the market. The latest step in that initiative is the launch of the website www.EquineDrugFacts.com. The site is designed to help horse owners navigate through the confusing equine drug marketplace and ultimately provide their horses with the best health care possible.

DRESSAGE AT DEVON

Penn Vet's New Bolton Center talks take place Friday, September 28 and Sunday, September 30 in The Devon Room.

Friday, September 28 at 2 pm: **A Team Approach to Soundness** will focus on issues of lameness and the role of the farrier.

On Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 pm, **Keeping Centerline In Focus: Cutting Edge Advances in Equine Ophthalmology** and at 2:30 pm, **Behind the Scenes at New Bolton Center**.

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.

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) 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

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 25-27 Nicole Weinague clinic visit <http://pkinpa.com/open-clinic-sept-25-27-with-nicole-weinauge/>

September 26-30 Dressage at Devon www.dressageatdevon.org.

October 6-7 Region One Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore at Averett College Danville, VA
Contact: Polly Yeago payeago@bellsouth.net

Oct 13-14: Anne Gribbons Clinic at Hassler Dressage

Oct 14: 9-5 Barbara Strawson Four Winds Farm FMI go to 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

November 1-4 USDF/GAIC Regional Championships Williamston, NC Contact: Martie Healey martieh@cox.net

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

November 10 and 11 Young Horse Clinic Ulf Moeller GoodNess Ridge Farm, Mt. Airy MD
Kelly Gage tempichange@hotmail.com

November 10 Region One Fall Meeting Leesburg, VA Contact: Lisa Schmidt
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 or visit the web site www.bucknhorsehollow.com

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 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 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 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 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 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.

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.

BOARDING:

HARMONY HILL FARM – 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 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 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.

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Dues for December 1 – November 30

2012 IEO Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

