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GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

For the volunteers who did the work of the IEO in 2014. Thank you for helping all of us work toward our riding goals – and for the comradery enjoyed by sharing our equestrian experiences!

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR END AWARD WINNERS

Category 1 Intro A&B

Jr Division: Madeleine Smith and Diamonds Silent Gold 63.526%

Pro Division: Heather Hobbs and GVF Hoping For The Best 70.941%

Category 2 Intro C & Training 1

Jr Division:

(1) Shelby Alwine and Alma Fuerte 62.35%

(2) Medeleine Smith and Diamonds Silent Gold 59.666%

AA Division:

(1) Tammy Murphy and Versace 76.426%

(2) Mary Marrero and Celtic Cross 70.914%

(3) Mary Stuart Smith and Mandara ISF 67.430%

Pro Division: Haley Rudacille and String Bean 69.894%

Category 3 Training 2&3

Jr Division: Samantha Bray and Sacre Coeur 65.723%

AA Division: Traci Beaudette and Bodacious One 73.553%

Pro Division: Kim Hillyer and Ona Wild Goose Chase 72.766%

Category 4 First Level

AA Division: Becky Frankeny and Silence Breaker 69.601%

Category 5 Second Level

AA Division: Linda Colflesh and Second Chance 59.57%

Category 7 Musical Freestyle: Sam Bray and Sacre Coeur 70.543%

High Score of the Year (broke the 80% mark)

Tammy Murphy and Versace with a 81.25

Angel Dunchack and Champ 80.3

Heather Hobbs and GVF Hoping For The Best 80.0

IEO PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

International Equestrian Organization Trophy

Highest scoring Intro level horse/rider: Heather Hobbs

Nicole Gafford Memorial Trophy

Musical Freestyle High Score horse/rider combination: Sam Bray and Sacre Coeur

Founders Trophy in Honor of Lillian Wittmack Roye

Highest scoring Training level horse/rider combination: Samantha Bray and Sacre Coeur

Leslie London Perpetual Trophy: Becky Frankeny and Silence Breaker

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I am pleased to report that your IEO leadership team has already taken up the task of setting goals for the coming year! We have held the first of two scheduled executive sessions, with the second being scheduled for the end of the month. You will note as you read through the newsletter that we have settled in on **show dates** and by the end of the month we expect to have reserved judges and venues for each of the shows. We reviewed the End of Year Wrap –up Surveys and as you requested, our show schedule will again include the venues you liked best. Yes, there is a sixth date on the calendar this year – more to come on that event! As a side note, **the results of our End of Year Wrap-up Survey** are reported later in this Newsletter – thank you to all who participated. Your comments and concerns were of tremendous value in our planning session.

Another change of rein this year is our committee structure. This year's committee and coordinator structure will be just bit different from past club years. I expect to have those changes in place very soon and they will be reflected on the masthead of this newsletter. Along that line, **board members will be reaching out to members to serve as committee members** or coordinators. Each committee will have a board liaison to assist them, answer questions and help them achieve committee goals. I hope you will consider serving on a committee as part of your volunteer efforts. We will have a more in depth article on committee involvement in the February newsletter.

Our 2015 Leadership Team is a knowledgeable and experienced group of horseman who are dedicated to leading our organization in the coming year. I am excited for the coming year and look forward to all that we can accomplish. If you have ideas, **or would like to attend a Board Meeting or present your idea to the group, please contact me** at huntermridge13@aol.com I would love to hear from you!

It's going to be a great year!

Lisa Acey 2015 IEO President

IT'S TIME RENEW YOUR IEO MEMBERSHIP

The membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

2015 IEO SHOW CALENDAR

The dates have been finalized – please save these dates. We anticipate the Omnibus to be finalized and published mid-February which will include detailed information about each show: May 17, June 14, July 19, August 23, September 20, October 25 (more details to follow on this event)

These dates can also be found on our website and Facebook page. Time to set your riding goals and make your plan to join us for a fun year of friendship and competition!

2014 END OF YEAR WRAP-UP RESULTS

Thank you to the members who participated in our 2014 End of Year Wrap-up Survey. Your time in completing the tool and your candor are greatly appreciated. The results of the survey were used to guide the first of two executive planning sessions scheduled this month for the 2015 Leadership Team. The results are briefly described below:

Membership service priorities:

Shows – Unanimously chosen as the main focus of our time & dollars

Educational Events – majority placed this as a second priority

Social Events - in the third priority position, but the majority who answered thought it would be a nice addition to our club calendar.

Horse Show Venues & Judges: Majority who answered the survey indicated either “yes” they preferred traveling to different venues or “no preference”. The venues we used last year were critiqued and overall were found to be acceptable. Specific concerns, such as footing, have been researched either resulting in a change of venue for 2015 or resolution of the membership’s concern. For example, one of our board members was happy to report new footing being placed one of the venue’s warm-up rings, which answers one of the concerns reported in the survey.

The membership felt all judges were acceptable and should or could be invited back for future shows.

Committees: Majority was in favor of committee participation and changes to committee structure and the addition of a Finance Committee. The Board will be discussing ½ day volunteer credit for committee participation at the next meeting – members were in favor of this change.

IOUs – The majority of respondents are in favor of earning IOUs for volunteerism in some format.

Boxed Lunch Availability - The majority of our membership did not feel the need to use this service as too much was dependent on assigned ride time.

End of Year Awards Dinner – The majority felt the evening was well organized; overall the venue and meal were acceptable; there were a couple votes for different menu items; the awards were unanimously approved. (We will begin planning the next awards night this Spring. If you have ideas please submit them to this website or contact a Board Member – we need your input)

FEBRUARY IS VOLUNTEER MONTH

Please consider putting your talents to work for your club! Volunteering for a show or committee is a great way to meet people, make friends and learn about our sport. If you are interested in putting in your volunteer time at a specific show, please email Tammy Murphy (tmurphy69@comcast.net) with your selection and the job you most enjoy tackling.

If you would like to put your talents to work by serving on a committee, please email Lisa Acey (hunerridge13@aol.com) and describe what you like to do and how you would like to contribute to our organization. We hope to have committees and participants finalized early in the month of February so all coordinators and participants can meet at the end of the month – stay tuned!

USDF MEMBER GUIDE CORRECTIONS

Members riding the following tests should be aware of corrections to the tests printed in the 2015 Member Guide:

- USEF First Level Test 1; movement #11 should read F-X-H Change rein. X Working trot
- FEI Prix St. Georges; movement #2 should read C Track to the right, M-X-K Medium trot, K-A-F Collected trot
- FEI Intermediate Test 1; movement #15 should read H-X-F Extended Canter

Complete copies of these score sheets can be found on the USEF website. The 2015 USDF tests can be seen at the <http://www.USDF.org/competitions/competitors/tests.asp>.

BREEDER'S SEMINAR 2015

March 26 – 29, 2015 The Seminar consists of three days of classroom lectures and hands-on, team-taught application of assessment theory at Hilltop Farm in Colora, MD. Travel to an equine reproduction clinic, featuring veterinary lectures, and visits to two Maryland warmblood breeding farms. Dr. Christmann is widely recognized as one of the world's leading experts on the Hanoverian breed.

Topics of Discussion & Activities

- History of the Hanoverian horse, the breeding aim, selection and breeding rules
- Theory for evaluating horses, including description of traits, both desirable and not desirable
- Practical judging of horses in-hand, under saddle, basic gaits, free jumping, and the Mare Performance Test

Thorough discussion of bloodlines, old and new. Gala Evening with Hanoverian stallion presentations. How to research breeding results, past performance, and pedigrees

Veterinary lectures on best practices in frozen semen, cycle manipulation of the mare.

For hotel reservations, please call 410-287-5450. Mention “American Hanoverian Society” to secure the group rate of \$70/night, single or double occupancy, plus tax.

Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. The “*AHS university: Breeder's Seminar 2015*” is open to all those who are interested. The fee for AHS or Hannoveraner Verband members is \$400 (\$450 for non-members) until January 15, 2015, in addition to travel and hotel expenses.

ENJOYING YOUR MEMBER PERKS DISCOUNTS?

Did you know that you are entitled to a discount on merchandise in the USDF store, and discounts on memberships and subscriptions with USDF's Member Perks partners? The discount codes are listed below for your convenience.

USDF Store (10% discount) – 2014MEM

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DressageMeetingOnline.com (15% discount) – USDF4DMO

USRider (\$29 reduction in the activation fee for new USRider members) – USDF14

USDF'S NEW PODCAST CHANNEL

Podcasts will include excerpts from many of the educational activities held at Adequan/USDF National Conventions and Symposiums, interviews with dressage legends, information about USDF programs and events, and other dressage news from across the country. The Official USDF Podcast channel is free, and available through the USDF website and on iTunes. Visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

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INSTRUCTOR WILL TRAVEL TO YOU AND HAS ACCESS TO SEVERAL INDOOR ARENAS from which to teach. Cynthia (Cindy) Mattern, a USDF Bronze Medalist, has over 30 years of experience teaching riders and training horses in both Dressage and Hunt Seat. She utilizes the pyramid for Classical Training and accepts trailer ins at barns from Gettysburg to Perry County. She will also travel to you. See her ad in the IEO website. Call 717-796-0755 or 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. 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.

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Dues for December 1 – November 30

2015 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

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: Cindy Mattern
2889 Ford Farm Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

