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IEO SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2014

May 18 at Spring Valley Park, York, PA
June 22 at Harmony Hill, York Springs, PA (team show)
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

The Omnibus prize list for IEO schooling shows will be out soon and distributed to local Tack Shops and 4H groups.

NEXT IEO MEETING – ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

The next meeting will be on **Sunday April 27th** at Baker's Diner at 4:00. Hope to see you there!! Easy to get to and the Stuffed Potato Skins are great!

IN THE WORKS

Beth Major, who oversees the **Website** and our **Facebook page**, is asking for suggestions on content for those sights. If you have any suggestions please contact her 717-432-7068 or her assistant, Hayley McKay.

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.

A GREAT READ FOR MEMORIAL DAY: THE STORY OF RECKLESS

When the U.S. Marine Fifth Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition up the steep hills to the front lines, what they got was a real-life hero, Reckless, the courageous and indomitable warhorse who stood with her buddies for two years during the Korean War, saving many lives, raising spirits, and winning the love and respect of all who knew her.

She came on base in October, 1952, disrupting a softball game and capturing the attention of everyone around. Immediately named for the "reckless" rifles she would supply, she began life with the Marines as Private First Class Reckless. In short order she was an integral member of the platoon, learning quickly to run into her bunker when incoming fire hit the camp, navigate the trails and hills on her own, and calmly accept the roar of the recoilless rifles at close range. In skirmishes and firefights, and ultimately in the savage Battle for Outpost Vegas, Reckless showed her bravery and resilience. In that last bloody fight, surpassing all expectations, she hauled ammunition for three days and nights wherever it was needed. For wounds sustained, she was awarded two Purple Hearts. Ever the character, she also shared her buddies C-rations and mess hall chow, beers and an occasional whiskey, and on cold nights, their warm tents. She was promoted to sergeant by the Commander of the Marine First Division. Then, in late 1954, the men got their wish, and Sergeant Reckless sailed for San Francisco, a hero's welcome, and another new life.

Now, for the first time, read her whole story, made possible by the contributions of more than 60 Marines who shared their memories of Reckless in Korea and thereafter. By turns heart-warming, awe-inspiring, and downright funny, "They Called Her Reckless" tells of an incredible human-horse connection, and the power it unleashed.

From the moment she heard about Reckless, Janet Barrett knew she would write this book. Her experiences as a horsewoman gave her a particular appreciation of the tight bond that developed between Reckless and her fellow Marines, from which the story springs. Available from Amazon.com and the National Museum of the Marine Corps

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – LEARN HOW IT'S DONE!

We are looking for volunteers who are not board members to bring in more involvement of the membership. A member with secretary experience can work along with a member who would like to learn and help them along. Please contact Evelyn or Margaret Scarff (410) 692-6921 if you are interested.

NEW ONLINE COURSE

Earn USDF University Credit for completing the **Beyond Horse Massage Home Study Course**, part of the Masterson Method. You can enroll in the course through their website. See all of the education offerings on the USDF website education calendar.

ADVICE FROM THE JUDGE'S BOX

Dressage riders must be quick-thinkers and problem solvers. I instruct my students to break down their difficulties and have them quickly tell me what they need to do as a correction. Many times riders feel over whelmed with the fact that their figures and movements aren't maintaining quality. I encourage them to think in terms of gradual improvement. Instead of riding for perfection, I have them ride to do better. As they ride the long side they tell me what

they feel is needed fundamentally to improve. Impulsion, straightness, steadying the tempo etc. On the short side they make their corrections. The next long side they ride having isolated the main problem. The idea is to use the tools the instructor has given them and do "better" each long side. They must be quick to assess and correct. The fundamentals are the key to achieving the lightness and harmony we all seek to perform the exercises with ease both for us and our horses. Remember the fundamentals are in the training scale. No matter what sport you engage in or what level you have achieved, the key to success is a strong understanding and ability to perform the "basics". I encourage all riders to take the responsibility of knowing the fundamentals of our sport and to develop their skills in explaining them to their partners. Melonie Kessler USEF "S" Dressage Judge

2014 NAJYRC NEWS

Visit the USDF website for the latest information regarding the 2014 NAJYRC. The 2014 Selection Procedures for **Juniors and Young Riders** and the list of the 2014 Qualifying Competitions, along with rider applications and CDI report forms, can be found there. If you have any questions, please contact the USDF Sport Programs Department at najyrc@usdf.org.

NAJYRC APPLICATIONS

Applications to qualify for NAJYRC are available on the USDF website! The application fee is \$50.00, if received on or before April 1, 2014; April 2 through April 30, 2014, the application fee is \$300.00. No applications will be accepted after April 30, 2014.

SYNOPSIS OF THE MARCH I E O MEETING

The Show Season is all set. All venues have been paid and all judges are arranged. They are:
May: Laura Lee Beetle Boyle June: Johanna Gwinn
July: Phoebe DeVoe Moore August: Cheryl Ash September: Johanna Gray
Randall

Each show has a show secretary and show manager in place. Ribbons and trophies are in production and the High Score Awards have arrived and look great! Kim Hillyer is willing to do a training session for show secretaries. Our show dates are being posted on SVHSA sites including Twin Brooks. All shows will have a Show Hostess who would love to hear your feelings about the show and the venue. Lisa Acey will be the Hostess for the May show. We discussed ways to increase participation in the club and ways for members to get to know each other. Ideas include a **monthly Facebook Photo contest** where members post photos of their horses and the most 'likes' wins a \$5 IEO IOU. We also discussed a 'Funky Freestyle Contest' where riders create their own unique freestyle complete with costume and set to music of their own liking. Spectators would be the judges or perhaps we could invite a Celebrity Judge to participate.

Is anyone interested in a **Field Trip to Hassler Dressage** or to the **Iron Spring Conformation Clinic** in July? How about a social evening prior to the first show? Or a trip to the **Festival of Champions** in N.J. June 12 – 15th? Surveys were emailed to members asking about what members want this year. Unfortunately only 3 were returned. Your Board is always available for your thoughts and suggestions. Maggie Hawn, Secretary.

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

Premier Equestrian (5% discount) – MyUSDF

DressageTrainingOnline.com (25% discount) – 95122014

MyDressageStats.com (One free month) – USDF2014

DressageClinic.com (15% discount) – USDF20108070

DressageMeetingOnline.com (15% discount) – USDF4DMO

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

USDF NEWS: TIME TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES

Nominations are being accepted for **Participating Member delegates** in all regions, until April 15, 2014. To accept the nomination and to be elected, PM delegate nominees must be current USDF Participating Members, reside in the region in which they are running as a candidate, and attend the 2014 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Cambridge, MA. **PM delegates serve a one year term**, from the time of election in mid-year 2014 through the election in mid-year 2015. All nominations, in addition to any inquiries regarding nominations, should be sent to nominations@usdf.org.

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.

DO FEED NUTRENA FEED? 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**

NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES

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:

Horse Behavior April 28-29
Natural Horse Behavior Field Study Apr 30-May 4

ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2014

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

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

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.

THE IEO LIBRARY

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

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 Saddlesit 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

18" Walhausen dressage saddle in very good condition, med/wide tree, with fittings and girth \$700 (saddle doesn't fit the rider). Ogilvy memory foam half pad over \$200 new. Asking \$100. Contact Shauna Sober at (717)576-4679 or email slr824@comcast.net for pictures

Wintec Isabel synthetic dressage saddle for sale: 4 years old, excellent condition, 18" seat, includes easy change gullet kit with all trees and gauges. 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.

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 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

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 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.

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 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.

Dues for December 1 – November 30

2014 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: Jessie Barker
49 Milton Grove Rd. N
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

