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IEO's RIDE FOR LIFE CLASS SPONSORSHIP

IEO will be sponsoring the Training Level, Test 2 class on Saturday, June 20th in the PVDA Ride for Life! We are so happy to be able to support both a worthy cause and the efforts of our sister GMO! Consider competing or spectating at this show, a road trip with friends is always fun!

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Exciting programs in the works for our committee. We will be initiating two new programs this year which we think will be a huge benefit for our members. Additional information and applications will be available shortly; if you have any questions or concerns please e-mail Sue, address below.

1. Lesson Lottery program - designed to promote the education of our members and support the growth of professional members by connecting IEO trainers/clinicians with new students. Participating Trainers will offer one lesson at half their normal rate and members in good standing will apply to the lottery for a 1/2 price lesson with specific trainers/clinicians they have not worked with in the last year. We are currently reaching out to trainers interested in participating; if you are a trainer, coach or clinician who would like to be included in this opportunity, please contact Sue Smith at smsmith@mtholyoke.edu by July 1.

2. Educational Scholarships - IEO will be offering (4) \$100 educational scholarships designated for dressage education (lessons, clinics, seminars, etc.). In order to qualify, a member must be in good standing with the club and have shown dedication to the club through the equivalent of 3 days of volunteer service (or more!). Application deadline will be November 7th, 2015. All those who apply will put their name in a drawing arranged at the year end banquet for these amazing scholarships. Be sure to get your volunteer hours started now!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings! Here we are in June and our show season is in full swing! What more can be said about the month of May other than “WOW”! Our May show marked a new club record with 83 rides! What a tremendous showing! Thank you to all that made this day a success: show management, volunteers, exhibitors, judge and the folks at Diamond 7 ranch. Our survey results show a definite desire to return to Diamond 7 in the future. What a super way to kick off our season! Our June Show is shaping up to be a wonderful day as well. We return to a fan-favorite venue, Harmony Hill Farm! I know this will be a terrific day for everyone – I can't wait!

A new award concept will be piloted at the June Show. We call it ‘Merit Awards’. These awards will be purely discretionary on the judge's part. If the judge sees a quality in a ride or rider they wish to recognize, they will give the rider an IEO Buck as recognition for a job well-done. This is just one more way of recognizing a special effort, sportsmanship or quality in a competitive performance. The scribe will note such awards and we can publish the item in our newsletter – this will be a nice thing to try and will be included in our after-show survey.

If you haven't joined our Facebook group, I sure hope you will do so! It is a great place to share ideas, news and many of you have even posted clinic information. Terrific! This is exactly what we we hoped would happen. Please feel free to post things that other members will find interesting. It's a great way to stay connected during this busy season.

Your leadership team is busy making plans for the second half of 2015. We have chosen Allenberry as the location for our End of

Year Awards Dinner. This event will be held on November 14th. Please save the date, we promise to make it a fun event! Get those silent auction donations lined up early!

Our upcoming schedule of Board meetings is as follows: June – no meeting; July Meeting will be held on July 26th at 3pm, at Baker's Diner; August – no meeting; September Meeting will be held on September 27th, we will be having a speaker and encourage everyone to attend, location to be announced.

Hold on to your saddles folks - It's already a great year!

Lisa Acey
2015 IEO President

DRESSAGE CLINIC AT HOBBY HORSE STABLES: Major Jeremy Beale instructor Clinic will be held Wednesday JUNE 24, 2015 Hobby Horse Stables 120 Wellsville Road Wellsville, PA 17365 Please reply to Lynn at: Heatherwood7@comcast.net

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION IS COMING TO QUENTIN!

Our sister GMO, the WPDA, was unable to secure a venue in Western Pennsylvania for their two rated horseshows this year so they will be holding them at the Quentin Riding Club show grounds in Lebanon. The date of the next show is August 15-16. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lisa Acey at huntermidge13@aol.com . You can find out show details by checking out the WPDA website at: <http://wpdressage.org/usefusdfrecognizedshows.html>

Thank You!

CLINIC IN NEW OXFORD - August 16, 2015

Dom Schramm, international 3* Eventer and trainer, will be offering a Dressage/Show Jumping clinic in New Oxford, PA.

Dom and his wife, Jimmie, star in their “how to” web series Evention TV, as well as competing through Advanced level Eventing. Methodical and positive in his training and teaching methods, Dom is just as much at home starting young prospects as he is campaigning upper level horses. \$110 for 45 min private dressage lesson; \$90 for a group jump school, divisions from cavaletti to 3'+. For info, please contact Sue Smith smsmith@mtholyoke.edu or 717-451-4726.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS!

As discussed in last month’s Newsletter, we have a NEW Membership option! It is called a “Supporting Member” and the cost of this membership is \$30/year versus a Full Membership cost of \$50/year. We have also made the NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM interactive. There are two ways you can submit your NEW Application Form.

Option 1: The document is interactive and if you have appropriate software installed you can TYPE directly onto this form and then print it out and Email or Mail it. ** Information is noted below

** Option 2: Print out the document and handwrite directly onto this form.

** Two ways to send in this form: 1. Email your typed or handwritten completed form to Cindy Mattern: kroniek1@aol.com
If emailing your form, in your subject line, please state: IEO (your name) Application 2015

2. Mail your typed or handwritten completed form to Cindy Mattern, 2889 Ford Farm Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 Cell: (717) 979-0247 If you have any questions or you are unable to open the interactive membership form from the IEO website, please reply to, Kathi Rickert at: kathir@mautilities.com

Thank you for updating your information for us! Your 2015
Membership Chair, Cindy Mattern

We are looking for show volunteers for the July - October Schooling Shows. Please contact the show manager if you would like to schedule your volunteer time. If you have membership questions please contact Cindy at : kroniek1@aol.com or 717-796-0755.

USDF LAUNCHES NEW YOUTH DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDER/HANDLER SEMINAR

The United States Dressage Federation is pleased to announce its partnership with Dressage at Devon to create a new sport horse seminar geared toward youth. This new seminar has been created to familiarize the younger generation with the dressage sport horse industry. The seminar will be held September 28-29, 2015 at Dressage at Devon and will consist of classroom and practical handling sessions, along with the opportunity to observe competition classes and practice judging. Visit the USDF website for more information.

REGION 1 2015 ADULT CLINICS AUGUST 1 & 2, 2015 KATHY CONNELLY AND BETSY STEINER WILL BE SWITCHING OFF TEACHING AND INTERACTING WITH ATTENDEES.

Pepperwood Farm, Fuquay Varina, NC. Application Deadline is June 12th. Who can apply as a demo rider? Adult Amateurs, Professionals and all riders age 22 and up are encouraged to apply on any breed or level of horse. No competition record is necessary. Demo rider information and fees and online applications are located on the USDF website. Audit Pre-registration closes on July 17th.

Who can audit? EVERYONE! These clinics are auditor based, meaning they are designed to be educational for riders of all levels and backgrounds. The new format will increase interaction between auditors and clinicians; bring your questions! (Do we feel a “Clinic Caravan” coming on?) NEW! Group Fee: Pre-register as

a group of 6 or more to receive the most discounted registration fee. (Please let Sue Smith of the Education Committee know if you would like to go!) Check out USDF Podcast Episode 53: Kathy and Betsy Discuss the New Series

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee sets the ballot for officers and Board Members for the following year. We also tally the votes with the ballot being available in the Newsletter in the Fall and also at the Annual Awards Banquet in Nov. Results are announced at the Annual Banquet. The committee is composed of Maggie Hawn (IEO Secretary) and Heather Hobbs. We need one other member on the Committee. If interested in being on this committee or running for the 2016 Board please contact me at hawnmaggie51@comcast.net

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>.

ENJOYING YOUR USDF 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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95122014 MyDressageStats.com (One free month) –
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USDF4DMO USRider (\$29 reduction in the activation fee for
new USRider members) – USDF14

USDF'S PODCAST CHANNEL

Podcasts will include excerpts from many of the educational activities held at Adequan/USDF National Conventions and Symposia, interviews with dressage legends, information about USDF programs and events, and other dressage news from across the country. The Official

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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.

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