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March, 2015



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Slowly but surely we are getting closer to Spring, albeit baby steps, but our first show will be here before you know it! Have you set your goals for this season? Have you read over the 2015 USDF tests? Our March meeting will be held at the Giant Grocery store in Camp Hill on the second floor, in one of the community rooms on Sunday, March 29th. We will be showing the new USDF DVD “On the Levels” for all who wish to attend. We will be serving light refreshments and want to plan an appropriate amount of food so please RSVP to me at: hunerridge13@aol.com if you would like to attend. Our board meeting will be held at 1:30pm, we will begin the DVD at 3:00pm. You are welcome to attend both portions of this meeting or come for the DVD only – I look forward to seeing you!

Our committees are truly working hard to serve you. The Omnibus has been posted and will continue to be updated as necessary. Our Education Committee is planning some new adventures for us; the Awards Committee is making great strides in gifts, ribbons and trophies and have revamped the Series End Award Program for this year! Our Membership Committee has designed a new interactive membership application and we hope to add a PayPal feature in the future. Our Show Committee is updating some of the resource materials found on our website and looking at process changes for future Omnibus or is that Omnibi???? . LOL! We are making strides in all areas – a big thank you to Beth Major, webmaster and Kathy Nelson, newsletter editor, as the Public Relations Committee these ladies are our unsung heroes - they make sure our public presence projects both a positive and professional image. Thank you ladies! Please check out all the news and activities featured through this issue of Close Contact, join in the community and get involved - It's gonna be a great year!!

Lisa Acey
2015 IEO President

MARCH 21-22 IEO OUTING

We will be organizing a Clinic Caravan to the Janet Foy Clinic sponsored by PVDA. See the Education Committee Update below for details.

MARCH 28th IEO OUTING

The American Hanoverian Society will have a stallion show at Hilltop Farm in Colora, MD beginning at 6pm. There will be wine and light refreshments. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Margarett Scarff has offered to coordinate this trip. Please let her know by March 21st if you would like to go. It promises to be a fun and educational time! You can contact Margarett at: mdanews@aol.com if you have questions or would like to participate!

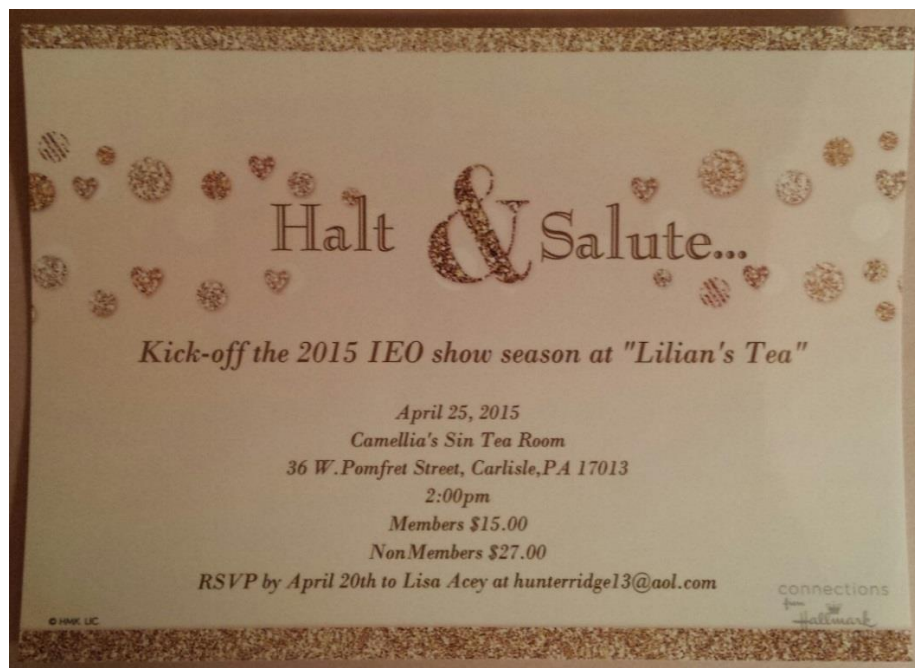
MARCH 29th MEETING

Our March meeting will be held at the Giant Grocery store in Camp Hill in one of the community rooms on Sunday, March 29th. **We will be showing the new USDF DVD "On the Levels" for all who wish to attend.** Agenda items are due to Lisa by March 15th. We will be serving light refreshments and want to plan an appropriate amount of food so please RSVP to Lisa Acey at: huntridge13@aol.com. Our board meeting will be held at 1:30pm, we will begin the DVD at 3:00pm. You may attend both portions of this event or the DVD showing only.

HORSE WORLD EXPO

Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, **March 5-8**. Lots of educational activities and great shopping!

LILIAN'S TEA – April 25th - please join us for our 2015 Season Kick-off celebration!



Checks for Lilian's Tea may be made payable to "IEO" and sent to :
Lisa Acey
348 Million Dollar Road
Halifax, PA 17032

RSVPs and checks are appreciated by April 20th. Please visit the tea room website for sample menus; your fee will cover menu items listed under the monthly events/menu on the tea room website. Vegetarian and gluten free selections are available upon request – please indicate your needs in your RSVP.

Nonmember pricing includes tax & gratuities. Event pricing for IEO members has been significantly discounted. This is a lovely venue, quaint in every way, including the gift shop! Don your party hat and join the fun! Parking can be found opposite the tea room in the parking garage. Parking is free on weekends. Please visit : www.camellias-sin.com

UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Hello All! We're one day closer to spring and one day closer to great riding weather. In the interim, the education committee has been staying warm by initiating a program we like to call the "Clinic Caravan," creating a community car pool to various equine events in the area. We have two upcoming trips you'll want to include in your calendar. **March 21-22, we will be organizing a Clinic Caravan to the Janet Foy Clinic sponsored by PVDA**; the clinic addresses the new 2015 tests and gives you an opportunity to watch demo riders school the tests under the tutelage of a FEI "U" judge -<http://www.pvda.org/event/janet-foy-new-test-clinic/>. The following month, we will be **touring Iron Spring Farm on April 11th**. To sign up, e-mail me at smsmith@mtholyoke.edu. And, please keep us in mind if you are headed to a fun equine event and would like to coordinate with fellow IEO members!

IEO E-MAIL BLASTS!

If you see this is the subject line of an email, please give it your prompt attention. IEO Email Blasts are used when the IEO Board has an important message for you or your action is needed! Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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



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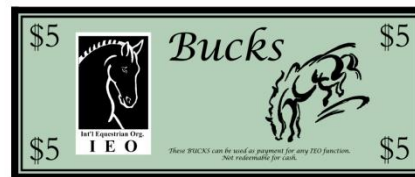
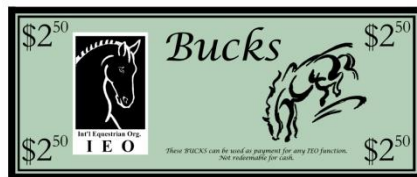
VOLUNTEER TIME –As you know, IEO members wishing to qualify for year-end awards are required to volunteer for one full work day or two half work days at a club show, clinic or other event. Effective for this 2015 membership year, “Bucks”, free memberships and requisite service days will be awarded as follows: Board Members will automatically receive credit for a full day toward their volunteer requirement.

Committee Members will automatically

receive credit for ½ day toward the volunteer requirement and will receive a “Buck” (\$2.50) for the remaining ½ day of volunteer time when logged. Show Managers and Show Secretaries will receive free memberships for the following club year, but they are not eligible to receive “Bucks” for the show they manage or serve as secretary. Show/Event volunteers will receive credit for the volunteer time (day/half day) and are also eligible to receive “Bucks” for same time period.

We are looking for show volunteers for the May Schooling Show at Diamond 7 Ranch. Please contact Kathi Rickert if you would like to schedule for volunteer time for this show. Kathi can be reached at : kathir@mautilities.com

Introducing the new “IEO Bucks”



These new IEO “Bucks” will be replacing the IOU’s. Just as their predecessor, “Bucks” will be

given for volunteer hours in half and full day increments. They could also be given as a high score award or a judge's special award.

The "Bucks" may be used for any IEO functions such as show entry fees and the year end banquet. They are not redeemable for cash.

Win the First \$5 Buck!

Find each of the words listed to the right in the word search! The first person who correctly completes the word search and mails it to:

Kathy Nelson

9856 Holly Hill Lane, New Freedom, PA17349

C'mon, you know you want to give it a try!



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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>.

BREEDER'S SEMINAR 2015

March 26 – 29, 2015 Stallion show March 28. 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 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

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'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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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

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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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