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## NEW IE0 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2012

Congratulations to them all!

President – Susan Moody  
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Treasurer – Cindy Mattern

Board Members – Kathy Barker, Tracey Bray, Kim Hillyer, Margaret Scarff, Beth Major

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012 (!) NOW DUE

The new Membership year starts Dec. 1, 2011. Send your membership dues to Cindy Mattern, 2889 Ford Farm Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. An application can be found on-line at our website: [www.ieodressage.org](http://www.ieodressage.org) or at the end of this newsletter.

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](mailto: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](mailto:KatNels@msn.com)

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## **IEO PRESIDENT'S LETTER DECEMBER 2011**

(This month's letter is from a speech given at the 2011 IEO Annual Awards Banquet discussing the quality of Excellence)

Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." I'm sure the riders here tonight would agree that the riding success they have earned this year stems from their devotion to both their horses and to the art of dressage. It is the consistency of daily schooling of our horses that builds the muscle memory necessary to perform the balanced, fluid and beautiful movements of dressage. It also takes consistency for riders to progress from the "kickers and steerers" stage of the beginner to become the elegant upper level rider who performs with imperceptible aids. Choosing to devote a piece of your day, every day, to ride your horse means putting aside other commitments and focusing your energies to improve your communication with your horse. It means riding when it's too cold, or too hot, or too windy (my personal favorite!), or too wet, or when you'd rather curl up with your cat and a good book. It means getting out of bed before the sun gets up to feed and muck stalls, even when you don't want to, but you do it anyway.

Excellence is not a skill; it is an attitude that must be cultivated daily. As riders, we need to get into the habit of doing the hard things that are required for us to make steady progress. Let me give you an example: transitions. Transitions are the hardest moments for us to ride well and are usually the last things for us to master. They require great balance, and preparation, clear communication, and preparation, superb body control and more preparation to perform well. But how often do we go out, just struggle through the up and down transitions and spend our time schooling 20-meter circles? We should be paying attention to riding those transitions with precision, subtlety and grace – but we'll all agree, it's easier to just canter 20-meter circles. Schooling those awkward transitions to make them stronger and smoother requires discipline and discipline is a good habit to cultivate!

The path to find excellence is paved with good work ethic, patience, and perseverance. Confucius said, "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential .... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." Good words to ponder and remember as we get ready for tonight's Year End Awards. So, with that, I would like to say, congratulations to everyone who cultivated the habit of excellence this year and qualified for an IEO Year End Award! - Susan Moody

### **ATTENTION USDF MEMBERS!**

USDF has established a new Peer-to-Peer Commission comprised of volunteers who have been charged with trying to make riding in dressage competitions more appealing and rewarding for riders by creating a system whereby riders can compete against others of similar ability and experience. Many USDF members have a passion for the sport, but a reluctance to compete. The Commission needs your input on what would entice more competitors to the dressage competition arena as every rider should be able to enjoy showing and have a chance to win!

Other sports have handicaps or rating systems that enable a level playing field such as golf, tennis or even other equestrian sports like team roping or the hunter arenas. The Commission has discussed adding classes/divisions based on prior show history, taking into account scores accumulated, ribbons won and/or Championship qualifications earned. But they need to hear from you, the members! Please send your input to [peertopeer@usdf.org](mailto:peertopeer@usdf.org) by November 23 so that the Commission can discuss these ideas at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in San Diego.

## **NEW BOLTON CENTER FREE LECTURES**

The schedule for the next several months has just been announced:

**Jan 3, 2012**      Melissa McKinnon, DVM  
**Bone scans: Nuclear Scintigraphy and your horse**

**Feb 7, 2012**      Janet Johnson, DVM, DACVIM, DACVS  
**Colic in 3D - The Glass Horse**

**March 6, 2012**      Suzanne Stewart, DVM  
**Suspensory ligament disease in the performance horse**

**April 3, 2012**      Louise Southwood, DVM, PhD  
**It's 10 p.m. and my horse isn't right: When is it an emergency?**

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 USDF 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!

As a member of USDF, your members get many great benefits that they may not be aware of. Your GMO, as a USDF affiliate, can advertise these benefits to help increase your GMO membership and retain your existing members.

To access e-TRAK, USDF GMO members just need to log in to the website at [www.usdf.org/e-trak](http://www.usdf.org/e-trak)..

## **USDF and RFDTV Bring Dressage to Your Livingroom**

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.. Check it out and share with others!

## **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](http://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

**YOUR HELP NEEDED TO BENEFIT THE IEO DRESSAGE ORGANIZATION:  
S.H.O.W. PROGRAM**

Do you or your barn where you board your horse, feed Triple Crown, Legends, or Reliance feed? If you do, the IEO Dressage Organization, a non-profit club, can benefit from your feed labels. The S.H.O.W. program (Special Horse Organization Winner's) has a program based with Southern States feed which includes Triple Crown, Legends, and Reliance.

If you can work with your barn owner and **cut off your proof of purchase seals on the back bottom of your bags**, or, if you receive **bulk deliveries**, obtain the **original bulk bin delivery tickets** and send to Cindy. The club will receive:

\$0.25/proof for Triple Crown feeds, \$0.25/proof for Legends , \$0.10/proof for Reliance  
\$10.00/ton for Triple Crown & Legends bulk deliveries, \$4.00/ton for Reliance bulk deliveries  
When you have acquired several, send them along with your show entry forms and they will be forwarded to Cindy. Or, **mail them directly to:**

**Cindy Mattern, 2889 Ford Farm Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

We are planning on using the proceeds from these labels to sponsor our Young Riders, and to sponsor various clinic opportunities for our club members.

Cindy Mattern, Donation Chair & Board Member, IEO, 717-796-0755 home

**ACTIVITIES COMING IN 2011-2012**

**January 16-17, 2012** - Succeed/USDF FEI Level Trainers' Conference featuring Christoph Hess. Information on the USDF website about coverage of this event.

**March 18, 2012** The Spring Region One meeting will be held at Hassler Dressage at Riveredge in Chesapeake City, MD.

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**FOR SALE:**

**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

**16 H, 9 yr old Hanoverian cross** mare for lease \$175/ month or sale. Good disposition and temperament. Snaffle mouth. Would be great for someone looking for high dollar horse but doesn't have the bucks, but has the time. She has 10 trot. I have to many horses and to little time I don't want this one to be pushed aside she is to nice so my loss is your gain. This horse is kind, not stupid and worth a lot, she will be competitive on the AA circuit in hunters or in the dressage arena. She is schooling training level dressage and has easily Jumped 2'6 on the trail and great ground manners up to date on all shots no vices fmi call Melanie Adams 443-220-6058.

**3 year old filly**, is a gorgeous full bred Reg. **Lipizzan. Devona** is out of Casurina, Sired by Pluto Matina. Devona, has three very correct gates, beautiful confirmation and movement, this filly has already proven

she is very trainable. Devona, in 2007 as a yearling year won first place at Dressage At Devon breed class with a 72% from Hilda Gurney! This was her first show ever! She leads, loads ties baths, blankets, stands for farrier and loves to be brushed and worked with at liberty and in hand. Has had a saddle and lunges. This fall she will be backed and her price will increase with her training. Dr. O evaluated this young filly and she received all 8's & 9's! Final score, 82.7% FMI see her video at [www.lipizzanerhorses.com](http://www.lipizzanerhorses.com) or contact Melanie 443-220-6058

**Albert** is a 16.2 TB Gelding 16 years old, 1<sup>st</sup> level, Cadillac to ride, beautiful floating action. Very sweet. Easy to be around. No vices. Looking for a good home with someone who can use and appreciate him. Owner is out of commission and will be for another year;

**Mallo Mar** is a stunning 17.2 Irish Sport Horse, gelding, black with chrome. Extremely personable. Has EPM. Would make a stellar therapy horse. Free to good home; and

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Dues for December 1 – November 30

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\_\_\_\_\_ Young Rider (under 22 years old) \$45.00 date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
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