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IEO SCHOOLING SHOWS FOR 2010

IEO shows for 2010 are May 9th at Spring Valley, June 13th at Harmony Hill, July 11th at Heritage Acres, August, 29th (regular show and Team Competition) at Harmony Hill, Sept. 26th at Harmony Hill. The omnibus will be done and posted by the end of Feb.

IEO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

TRAINING FOR SHOW MANAGERS AND SECRETARIES

All Show managers and secretaries are asked to attend a training meeting on March 7th at 2:00, (this is before the regular meeting) at Kim Hillyer's. This training session is also open to any member who think they may be interested in learning these jobs. The more people who know this stuff the better!

2010 FIX A TEST SERIES

Cool Breeze Farm, LLC is hosting a Winter Fix A Test Series. Your last opportunity is March 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity to ride a test and then receive immediate instruction on how to improve upon it. It is a fun learning opportunity for you and your horse to take advantage of over the winter to prepare for next season's shows. Please note that IEO members receive a discount on their entries. Evelyn Susol 717-642-8309.

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 KatNels@msn.com 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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello IEO Members,

Well, it certainly has been a winter to remember. Record snow accumulation, records broken and winter wonderland everywhere! Even though the snow presented challenges for us as well as our four legged companions, we have spring to look forward to in another few weeks.

With spring comes our schooling show series. Five shows have been planned at three different facilities from May thru September. With Evelyn Susol's social and judge networking efforts, the club will have "L", "r", "R", and "S" judges for this year's competitions. A special thank you is extended to the show committee members who worked diligently to provide such an outstanding show itinerary. I also want to thank Tracey and Samantha Bray for their efforts in making the Prix Caprilli class a reality for the 2010 show season. The show managers and secretaries are also to be thanked for volunteering as these positions are so very important. If you see these individuals, let them know how much they are appreciated. Please check out the 2010 IEO Omnibus on the club's website www.ieodressage.org for all the information on classes, rules and awards. If you are unable to print the file or have any questions, please contact Karen Schaale or myself.

Early this year, the club reached another goal. In conjunction with efforts by IEO member Christine Carr, a new 6'x12' cargo trailer was purchased from All Pro in Carlisle, PA. Thank you Christine! This trailer will enable the club to have a portable storage unit for ring equipment, boxes for show items and other miscellaneous items. The trailer will save many hours of manual labor and be a central location for the club's property. The club will be discussing possible advertising on this trailer. More details to come in the future.

As always, the board appreciates the support of its membership and looks forward to another successful year. The IEO meetings are open to members and will be held periodically throughout 2010. Hope to see you soon!

Kim Hillyer, IEO President

GET THE REGION ONE NEWS ONLINE

You may also have region one news e-mailed directly to you by logging onto the web site, www.usdfregion1.org, and click on e-news and list your e-mail address.

IEO OMNIBUS IS NOW ON THE WEBSITE:

Also new this year, we will be offering a new class to the IEO schooling show schedule, and will be a fund raiser for the Young Riders fund. This will be the Prix Caprilli. This is a dressage test with jumps added. We will only be offering the training level test at this time with the jumps being 18". Part of the entry fees will go towards the Young Rider's fund. The fees will be \$25, member or not. The test will be posted on our website before the shows start. There is no eligibility requirements/limits, and an ASTM approved helmet with harness is required. There will be a possible limit to the # of entries accepted for this class at the show managers discretion. This class will be run immediately after lunch in order to facilitate the setting up of jumps for the class during the lunch break.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE USEF THERAPEUTIC DRUG RULE REGARDING NSAIDS FROM THE USEF EQUINE DRUGS AND MEDICATION PROGRAM

At this year's USEF Annual Meeting held January 13-17, 2010, an important rule change was approved affecting the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in competition horses. Over the years, ongoing veterinary research has revealed that not only is there little or no benefit to administering more than one NSAID to a horse for most medical concerns, it can actually cause potentially harmful, even severe side effects.

While the presence of two of the seven approved and quantitatively restricted NSAIDs in a horse will still be allowed prior to December 2011 (with the exception of the forbidden combination of phenylbutazone "Bute," and flunixin meglumine [Banamine®]), it is important to note that new restrictions are in place concerning their use. Beginning April 1, 2010, anyone using two NSAIDs in a horse within five days prior to participating at a USEF-licensed competition will be required to complete and file a NSAID Disclosure Form with the USEF Steward/Technical Delegate or their Designated Competition Office Representative. This form will allow the USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Program to collect valuable data regarding the use of NSAIDs in competition horses.

USEF has developed an education plan to guide management, owners, trainers, and exhibitors through the implementation of this rule change. Both the form and the pamphlet are immediately available online at: <http://www.usef.org/documents/drugsMeds/NSAIDDisclosureForm.pdf> and <http://issuu.com/equestrian/docs/nsaidandyourhorseweb?mode=embed&layout=http://www.usef.org/issuu/nsaids/layout.xml&showFlipBtn=true> It is important to note that a standard USEF Medication Report Form may not be used in this particular instance.

For additional information and veterinary literature regarding NSAID use and the change to the USEF rule concerning their use, visit: <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/Drugs/NSAID.aspx>.

If you are competing for [Adequan®/USDF All-Breeds Awards](#) and have not yet made a declaration for a specific Participating Organization, you must do so by **August 1**. The [All-Breeds Awards Declaration Form](#) for new declarations and declaration changes, along with appropriate breed registry papers or foal certificate must be submitted by August 1 in order to be eligible for these awards in the current competition year. Be sure to check the [USDF Web site](#) by August 1 to make sure your horse has been declared. Please contact [USDF](#) with any questions.

USDF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PLANNED

MDA and Hilltop Farm are excited to announce their plans to run a USDF Instructor Certification Program and Testing in 2010 and 2011. Dates and faculty are currently being booked and details will be available on www.hilltopfarminc.com in the coming weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for instructors as well as riders in this area. Auditing is available and demo riders and horses will be needed.

SLOW FEED HAY FEEDERS

By Jill Blackburn

Have you heard of the latest trend in feeding hay? I can vouch that slow feed hay feeders are a wise investment in more ways than one. I stumbled upon them when searching for something to keep my hay from turning into tumbleweeds and decorating the corn stubble next door. My friend and fellow club member Jodie Bayless had made her own hay feeder based on photos she found on the internet (<http://www.slowfeeding.com>). From this same website I learned how these hay feeders slow the horse's hay consumption, keeping their gut active without feeding them too much hay. Large hay bellies on horses add weight and stress to the back and joints. Bored horses learn to chew on wood and crib. Not only does keeping a constant supply of hay at their noses cost money, but it also ensures an edge when hay supplies are low from drought or monsoons. Slow hay feeders are a hot idea for good reason. Jodie has found that she can now use round bales, which adds to her savings. She buys quality horse round bales, opens them inside, and fills the hay feeder with the loose hay. This enables her to check for objects in the hay, especially decaying matter. Round bales are usually the perfect environment to cook up a batch of Botulism for your horse. My husband and I built 3 hay feeders based on Jodie's feeder for around \$100.00. I am sure I have recouped the cost already. I have found that 3 flakes of hay will usually last one horse 6 hours. They have to work at pulling the hay strands out a bit at a time. I've found very little waste of hay. Only a little bit will fall on the ground and the horses tend to eat that too. For the horses that are in stalls, I found that slow feed hay nets also work very well. I bought nylon nets with 1½ inch holes. Again, 3 or 4 flakes of hay will last them all night. The first couple of nights the horses were frustrated with the small holes, but they got the hang of it. After a few weeks I've found them to be calmer as they wait for me to fill and hang their nets. If you are interested in getting photos of the hay feeders I built, e-mail me and I can send them electronically. If I included photos in this newsletter, people with dial up would never be able to download it. Jodie and I built our feeders much like the feeder that is pictured on the top of the web site, (The 4 foot by 4 foot box with two sides made of goat panels) but made one major change. The wood in the interior that feeds the hay into the goat panel is taller and set two inches from the goat panel at the bottom. This steeper slant helps the hay to remain in reach of the horses lips. I found the horses can pull the hay out better if I load the hay so the cut side is hitting the goat panel. This slanted wall is the trick to these feeders--it keeps the hay where the horses can pull it out to eat. Jodie added a 4x4 inch piece of timber that floats freely on top of the hay to help push it down into the goat panel at the base. I did find that snow on the slanted interior will keep the hay from sliding down. However, once I brushed the snow off we were back in business. Goat panels are sold at Tractor Supply and can be cut with bolt cutters.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Remember, if you are interested: There are sponsorship opportunities available. The form is on the website listing all the different options. Your names and or businesses will be listed on the website and with the corresponding award/awards you are sponsoring.

REGION 1 OMNIBUS FOR LICENSED COMPETITIONS HAS BEEN MAILED

Send \$15 and your name and CURRENT ADDRESS payable to Region 1 Omnibus and mail to: Alison Head, 38595 Purple Martin Lane, Hamilton, VA 20158. Books will be mailed in February or early March.

YOUR PURCHASES CAN BENEFIT THE IEO

If you feed Southern States Feeds, (feed Legends, Reliance and/or Triple Crown feeds), the club can make some money! Cut off your proof of purchase seals on the back bottom of your bags, and mail them to Cindy Mattern. If you receive bulk deliveries, send in the original bulk bin delivery tickets to Cindy as well. The club will get \$0.25/proof for Legends, \$0.10/proof for Reliance, and \$0.25/proof for Triple Crown feeds. If you have any, and plan on showing, you can also send them in with your entries, and they will be forwarded to Cindy. Cindy Mattern: 2889 Ford Farm Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

The Mill of Bel Air, Hereford, Whiteford, and Black Horse will put 1% of your purchase toward the IEO. You must tell them when you make your purchase. The 1% will go towards purchasing of merchandise only.

USDF announced GMO point rewards for items purchased thru USDF: IEO would get a \$1.00 towards merchandise for each point earned. The points can then be redeemed by the GMO to purchase USDF merchandise! **Anyone can order and as long as the IEO's GMO # 103 is chosen when the order is placed, points are awarded to the IEO.** This is a great opportunity for the IEO to purchase USDF items for various functions with minimal amount of effort! So tell your family & friends to shop USDF!

COMING IN 2010

April 24 and 25 -Training with Debbie MacDonald at Hassler Dressage in Chesapeake City, MD. go to www.hasslerdressage.com for more info

April or May Date TBD clinic with John Paul Pare' and Lita Hughes For more info contact Melanie Adams at madams8550@aol.com

May 8-9 Riveredge Farm, Chesapeake City MD - USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic with Charlotte Bredahl. Rider and auditor applications available on the USDF web site, www.usdf.org;

July 3 and 4- USDF Instructor Certification Workshop (Riding - Training through Fourth Level) with Rachel Saavedra. More info will be available at www.hilltopfarminc.com as plans solidify.

21 to 25 -Clinic Christian Bachinger of the Spanish Riding School For more info contact Melanie Adams at madams8550@aol.com

July 24-25 Morven Park, Leesburg, VA USDF Region 1 Youth Team Competition, hosted by VADA/Nova. Special 20th Anniversary show. More information: lookingglassfarm@mac.com;

August 7 and 8 - Clinic Matt McLaughlin For more info contact Melanie Adams at madams8550@aol.com

August 21 and 22 -Training with Stefen Peters at Hassler Dressage in Chesapeake City, MD. go to www.hasslerdressage.com for more info

October 21-24 Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA BLM Championships hosted by VADA. More information: www.virginiadressage.org;

November 12-14 Williamston NC USDF/GAIG Region 1 Championships, hosted by NCDCTA. More information on USDF web site or at www.ncdcta.org. A full calendar of competitions appears on the USDF web site. Region 1 competitions are listed on the Region 1 web site - www.usdfregion1.org

GENERAL INFORMATION ON 2011 USEF TESTS

New test material should be available for public distribution by late summer 2010. All test information and updates will be posted on the Federation website, www.usef.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS *IEO members advertise for free*

TACKROOM TREASURES – AN IEO SPONSOR, 424 Abbottstown St. (Rt. 194), East Berlin, PA 17316, (717)259-0571, Hours: Tues-Weds-Sat. 10-4, Thurs.-Fri. 10-7, We have something for all horse lovers on your list!

C&M TACK SHOP –AN IEO SPONSOR English, western, trail riding, Breyers. 717-357-7831 or 717-624-1133. 730 Plum Run Road, New Oxford, PA 17350

Black Lace, 15.3 h, 8 year old Friesian Sporthorse Mare by Biense. Won both training level tests at first show with 67% & 68%. She is a lovely, energetic mare with elegant movement and suspension. She will be able to go far in the show ring. She enjoys trail riding also, crosses water, etc. Sound, no vices.

Asking \$18,500. 717-642-8309 or at success@coolbreezefarm.com.

Peter the Great, 16 h, 8 year TB/x gelding. He is nicely started in dressage and over fences. He trail rides. Asking \$4200. 717-642-8309 or at success@coolbreezefarm.com.

Mercedez Royale, 16.1 h 12 year old TB/Clyde mare. She has lovely confirmation and is an excellent event horse. Took her owner to a top place finishing at PC Nationals and successfully completed the AEC on her dressage score of 32. Visit www.coolbreezefarm.com, click on sale horses, for pictures and more information or go to <http://www.equine.com/horses-for-sale/search-results.html?tid=0&uname=msusol>

Contact us at 717-642-8309 or at success@coolbreezefarm.com.

Albert is a 16.2 TB Gelding 16 years old, 1st 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

Brenda Lee is an 8 yr old Cleveland Bay mare, 15.2, jumping 3 feet easily, flying lead changes, fox hunted last season, good bone, terrific feet, glamorous, nice mover. Not suitable for beginner. Forms a strong bond with her human. Asking \$5,000.

These three horses can be seen at the Whodathunkit Farm in Fairfield, PA. 717 642-5917 Ask for Cookie. ClubEquestrian.com

Four Winds Farm Lipizzans for sale: Beautiful Lipizzan filly, sired by Pluto Matina and out of Casurina. Won 1st at Dressage at Devon in 2008. \$6500. Contact 443-220-6058, or madams8550@aol.com, www.lipizzanerhorses.com

Cute Haflinger: Heidi is a 13.2 h, 4 yr. old. Great dressage potential for anyone interested in casually pursuing dressage/ trail riding. Does w/t/c with simple lead changes. Great for adult or younger child. Asking \$5500. Contact Dana 717-776-6549 (Newville)

For Lease at Olde Wheel Farm TBx mare, 15.2h 19yrs, very sound and reliable, correct gaits and big mover for her size, show experience, working 2nd level, eligible intro and Training levels. Horses and ponies trained, shown, leased, consigned and sold. Karen Baughman (717) 292-4001

Hungarian Broodmare - 16h, 11 yrs, sound and healthy has had 3 fabulous foals. Winner Get of Mare Class at Fair Hill in '08. Her yearling gelding (Beste Gold x Hungarian Laurel) won USDF All Breeds 2008 Reserve Champion AWR. Her two year old (Hungarian Wistar x Hungarian Laurel) won PHR Silver Stirrup National Reserve Champion for Dressage Sporthorse. Her yearling filly won the '09 'Born In The USA' Filly Championship at Fair Hill. Double registered AWR. Very easy if she likes you. \$1500. I would like to retire from breeding horses, but this mare is too good to not breed! Katherine Nelson 717-235-6665

EQUANIMITY FARM SPORT HORSES: Quality Hanoverians for the discerning rider...Currently for sale – foals, yearlings, and 2 year olds. Visit our website at www.equanimityfarm.com or contact Diane Vickery at (717) 919-2020, Dillsburg, PA

17" nice dressage saddle with girth. Medium-wide tree. Saddle is in very good shape with new billets. Asking price is \$500.00. Good investment for the money! Please call 717-292-9224 & leave a message. Karen Schaale

Crosby Sofride All-Purpose Saddle, black 17" Wide Tree. This saddle has been lovingly cared for. Excellent condition. Asking \$1050. Please call Jane @ 717-805-3289 regarding any questions.

BOARDING:

Beautiful, airy, clean indoor arena, large box stalls near Lineboro, MD and convenient to I83. \$415 per month. Field board also available \$295. (717) 235-0941.

Cool Breeze Farm, LLC, owned and operated by Evelyn and Mark Susol, is a state of the art facility, located just 8 miles from Gettysburg. The facility boasts 97 acres, 23 stalls, 80x200 Olympic size indoor arena with lights and sand footing, an all weather outdoor arena with stadium jumps, x-c course under development and miles of trails. The stalls are 12x12 with plenty of light and air. Care is comprehensive and includes holding and scheduling for Farrier and Vet, blanket changes, supplement feeding, medical care/rehab. Triple Crown feed and hay are provided, mineral salt and bi-monthly worming included.

Daily turn out except in inclement weather. Core services include: full care boarding and training in dressage (training level through Grand Prix) and eventing, competition, sales, musical freestyle design & choreography, and lessons in dressage and jumping. They also offer clinics and schooling shows in dressage and jumping for increased learning opportunities and internship/working student positions as well. Trainers and care givers live on the farm for 24/7 supervision of the horses. Doesn't your horse deserve the very best? Visit <http://www.coolbreezefarm.com> or call 717-642-8309 for more information. Stallions welcome. Now taking reservations for fall/winter boarding and full training, limited stalls available.

NEED AN INDOOR ARENA FOR WINTER TRAINING? Cynthia (Cindy) Mattern, a USDF Bronze Medalist, has over 25 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 three (3) barns in the Dillsburg area, plus she will travel to you. Call 717-796-0755 or kroniek1@aol.com References available.

OLDE WHEEL FARM - Classical dressage and horsemanship, training rider and horse on the flat and over fences. Adhering to the international training scale and ethical training of the horse. Trailer in / will travel. School horses, lunge lessons, show coaching, transport, and equine leases available to students. Our full care board starts at \$250. and includes Agway Superior feeds and top quality hays, skilled observant care, deworming, large matted stalls, turnout, and more. Lighted indoor (rubber/sand), 72x130' outdoor (rubber/grit), 100x230' outdoor (reinforced turf), hill and interval work areas. Quality, safety, knowledge, integrity, 40 years experience. Certified ARICP, IBA Dressage, and Centered Riding. Karen Baughman (717) 292-4001

BREEDING:

16 hand Chestnut Quarter Horse Stallion, big lovely mover, awesome disposition. Kids can ride him. Jumps, First Level dressage. This stallion even goes on trail rides. If you are breeding for disposition, he's your man. Live foal guarantee, artificial or live cover. \$1200. Call Dolly at Wellspring Farm (717) 235-0941.

If you would like to add or remove a classified ad, please call Kathy Nelson 717-235-6665. 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

2010 IEO Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Young Rider (under 22 years old) \$40.00 date of birth: _____

_____ Individual or Primary Adult \$47.00

_____ Additional Family Members \$28.00 each

List participating family members: (Include date of birth for Young Riders)

Make check payable to I.E.O. and send to: Evelyn Susol
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