The Reader

CenterLine Dressage is a Group Member Organization of USDF. CLD members are automatically members of the United States Dressage Federation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DRESSAGE EXHIBITORS, OFFICIALS, & MANAGERS

The USEF instituted new rules affecting competition, effective December 1, 2008. Following is a small sampling of rule revisions and additions that particularly affect dressage riders.

> •GR1302.2c & GR.1309.2b: If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation...the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$30 non-refundable fee

•DR120.1: Smooth half chaps are legal through First level

•DR 120.5: New whip length: 120 cm or 47.2 inches

•DR 120.11: Cooling vest may be worn under a riding jacket

•DR 126.3: Competitions may reserve the right to fill ride times in the event of a "no show"

•DR 128.9: In order to enter a musical freestyle the rider MUST have a score of 60% or better in the highest test of that level.

The full USEF rulebook is available for download at the USEF website: <u>http://www.usef.org/contentpage2.aspx?id=rulebook</u>

Volunteer Opportunity

CLD member Sue Graham has volunteered to be manager for IceBreaker.

She needs a co-manager! This is an easy, laid-back show with little responsibility.

Please consider giving your time to help your club and to help Sue out.

Contact: Alice Martin, alice.martin@mac.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(For more info on all events please see the CLD online calendar.)

February 7 - 8

Jennifer Kotylo Body Awareness Clinic @ Pratense Farms, Chatham Contact: Paula Briney, Clinic Organizer, 217/652-1635

February 16

CLD Board of Directors Meeting Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

February 21

"American Dressage Mari Monda Zdunic Seminar" Madison, WI Contact: 608/265-5206 or olsonk@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu

March 6 - 8

Lilo Fore Symposium @ Illinois Horse Fair, Springfield, Contact: Pinky Noll, Clinic Organizer 217/787-7317

March 14 - 15

USDF "L" Education Program Session A Waukesha, WI area Contact: Kathy Dunn, 608/223-9238

March 28 - 29

Jayne Ayers Clinic @ Woodland View Farm, Mapleton, IL Contact: CJ Baker, Clinic Organizer, prctack@sbcglobal.net

EQUINE PROMOTION BOARD INVITES HORSEMEN TO APPLY FOR UPCOMING VACANCIES

The Illinois Equine Industry Research & Promotion Board (EPB) is asking interested, qualified Illinois horsemen to submit applications for three seats on the Board to be filled, beginning this year.

Deadline for applications is February 28, 2009 so appointments can be made at the Board's annual meeting, according to Karen E. Freese, Chair.

The Board is made up of Illinois horsemen who must represent a cross section of the industry by geography and segment. Members whose terms are expiring are Penny Boyer, southern Illinois, working horses; Lois Guyon, northern Illinois, pleasure horses; and Steve Hollewell, northern Illinois, show horses.

Application forms are available at www.horsemenscouncil.org. Click on the EPB logo, then locate Board Applications under the index for Directors & Committees.Applications also may be requested from the Board office in Springfield.

All applications shall be submitted to: Illinois Equine Industry Research and Promotion Board, 3085 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL 62703, phone (217) 585-1600, fax (217) 585-1601. A resume or brief biography is requested to enable the EPB to make an informed and unbiased decision on the qualifications of each individual applying.

A detailed research application is available (as well as a shorter project application) at www.horsemenscouncil.org or from the EPB administrative office.

JOCKEYS new reality series from animal planet

A reality/documentary series entitled "Jockeys," featuring Santa Anita-based jockeys including Mike Smith, Alex Solis, Aaron Gryder, Chantal Sutherland and Joe Talamo, will debut Friday, February 6, at 8 p.m. Central on Animal Planet. All show prizelists at centerlinedressage

Shot in HD, "Jockeys" will depict the athletes indepth, at work and at home. "Based upon the pilot we've been able to review and from the feedback we've received from the jockeys themselves, this series is going to break new ground, as far as how the jockeys are perceived and understood," said Santa Anita Community and Special Projects Director Pete Siberell.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (For more info on all events please see the CLD online calendar.)

March 31-April 2

Col. Christian Carde Clinic @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact: Alice Martin, Clinic Organizer, alice.martin@mac.com

April 19

CLD Board of Directors Meeting Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

April 25

CLD IceBreaker Schooling Show @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact: Sue Graham, Show Manager 217/483-4650:

April 26-27

USDF "L" Education Program Session B Waukesha, WI area Contact: Kathy Dunn, 608/223-9238

May 15-17

Sue Hughes Clinic @ Brier Bank Farm, Marine, IL Contact: Nancy Spear, 618/684-4185

May 23-24

USDF "L" Education Program Session C Waukesha, WI area Contact: Kathy Dunn, 608/223-9238

June 20

Al Khamsa Dressage USEF/USDF recognized @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact: Debbie Mackie, Show Manager debbie.mackie@honeywell.com

APPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE ON USEF.ORG!

The 2009 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival of Champions will be held in Gladstone, New Jersey, June 18 - 21. This Festival of Champions will once again feature the National Championships for the Grand Prix, Intermediaire I, Young Adult "Brentina Cup", Young Rider, and Junior divisions. Applications of Intent for all divisions are now available on the Federation website, www.usef.org.

High Performance (Grand Prix & Intermediaire I) applications, qualifying competitions, and ranking lists are available at this link: http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/ allDressage/hpdressage.aspx.

For more information, contact Jennifer Keeler, National Director of Dressage, at jkeeler@usef.org.

INCREASE IN PRIZE MONEY AT GREAT American/USDF regional dressage Championships

The USDF and Great American Insurance Group have announced that prize money at the Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships has been increased to include the adult amateur and junior/young rider divisions at both the Intermediate II and Grand Prix levels

In total, over \$143,000 in prize money will be awarded at the 2009 Regional Championships, divided evenly among the nine regions and 35 divisions that are offered. Champions in each division will receive \$273 in prize money and an embroidered jacket and cooler provided by TuffRider. Reserve champions will receive \$182 in prize money along with a saddle pad provided by Great American Insurance Group.

The Region 4 Championship will be held September 4-6 in Mason City, IA. Region 2 Championships will be held at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL, October 2-4.

For more information, see the USDF website: www.usdf.org/ competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/ index.asp.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (For more info on all events please see the CLD online calendar.)

June 21

Maryal Barnett Clinic @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact: Alice Martin, Clinic Organizer, alice.martin@mac.com

CLD Board of Directors Meeting Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

July I I

CLD Firecracker Schooling Show @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact: Paul Truax, Show Manager, paultrax@ameritech.net

July 25

Sir! Celebration USET/USDF Benefit @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact:Alice Martin, alice.martin@mac.com

August 16

CLD Board of Directors Meeting Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

August 29-30

CLD Classic I & II @ Illinois State Fair Grounds, Springfield Contact: Jeannie Craver, Show Secretary mowarda@aol.com

September 19

Al Khamsa Fall Dressage USEF/USDF recognized @ StarWest, New Berlin Contact: Debbie Mackie, Show Manager debbie.mackie@honeywell.com

Lilo Fore Dressage Clinic

presented by CenterLine Dressage ILLINOIS HORSE FAIR Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield March 6 - 8, 2009 (Friday - Sunday) Produced by Horsemen's Council of Illinois

Lilo Fore, of Santa Rosa, CA, is an FEI "I" judge and is an Examiner for the USDF Instructor Certification program. She is also an Examiner for the USDF Sporthorse Breeding program, and has trained horses and riders on the national and international levels. She frequently offers dressage clinics around the world and at her own facility in Sonoma County.

Clinic Fee: \$520 for three 45-minute sessions, one per day.

Clinic Fee includes one stall with first bedding, shared use of a tack stall, Horse Fair exhibitor badge for rider, plus one weekend pass to Horse Fair.

Although horses of every level are encouraged, more upper level than lower level horses will be selected for the eight available slots. Be prepared to provide a video of you riding your horse in the final selection phase. Horses will be chosen by quality and breed variety.

Horse Fair pass holders are encouraged to audit the clinic. General admission to Horse Fair is \$13 per day or \$20 for the entire weekend.

Clinic Schedule: Daily lessons run from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Barn 13. On Saturday at 2 p.m., Dr. Gerd Heuschmann's documentary, *"If Horses Could Speak"*, will be presented with commentary by Ms. Fore in the Seminar Hall on the lower level of the Livestock Center.

For more information, contact Pinky Noll at (217) 787-7317 or NollLaw@aol.com.

LILO FORE CLINIC RIDER APPLI	CATION FORM	
Send \$100 deposit check made out to ILLINOIS HORSE FAIR to:	Pinky Noll	
APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 9	1190 Williams Blvd.	
VIDEO DEADLINE: February 17 (if required) Applicants selected will be notified February 20 and the fee balance will be d	Springfield, IL 62704 <i>Feb.27. Horses must have a negative Coggins;</i>	
release forms required from all participants. (Applicants not selected will have	deposits refunded immediately following the Clinic.)	
Cancellations: Refunds made only if spot can l	be filled by alternate.	
Name	Phone	
Address	Cell	
City/State/Zip		
Email		
Horse's Name	Breed	
Level(s) Competing	Awards Won	

(Attach last year's accomplishments on a separate piece of paper.) For Information: (217) 787-7317 or NollLaw@aol.com

USDF "L" EDUCATION PROGRAM WELCOMES AUDITORS

The Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association (WDCTA) has announced the schedule for the 2009 USDF Region 2 "L" Education Program.

The USDF "L" Program was created to teach participants and auditors how to evaluate dressage performance at Training through Second Levels. After graduating from the "L" Program, candidates may apply to USEF for the 'r' Judges Training Program to become a licensed judge.

However, the "L" Program is not just for those who want to become licensed judges. The program's intent is to give competitors, trainers, and instructors a broader insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage, qualify individuals to officiate at schooling shows, serve as continuing education for licensed judges, and to serve as a prerequisites for entering into the United States Equestrian Federation 'r' Judges Training Program.

•March 14-15: Session A, "Introduction to Judging and Biomechanics." Instructor: Jayne Ayers

•April 26-27: Session B, "Gaits & Paces, Movements & Figures." Instructor: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

•May 23-24: Session C, "Basics, Collective Marks, Rider Biomechanics, & Equitation," Instructor: Sandy Howard

Sessions A, B, and C may be audited for a cost of \$65.00 for each session, payable in advance or \$75 as a walk-in. This includes any materials (other than the Dressage Glossary) that may be needed for these sessions. The Dressage Glossary will be available for purchase at the sessions. Kathy Dunn is the organizer of the Region 2 sessions, and she can be contacted by phone at (608) 223-9238. The Auditor Registration Form is included in this issue of *The Reader*, on page 8. Concred information on the "I" Program can

 General information on the "L" Program can be found at www.usdf.org.

Auditor Registration Form on Page 8

CLD Member Rose Grant is planning on attending all three sessions of the "L" Program in Wisconsin, and has graciously offered a few spots in her car for anyone who would like to attend any or all of the sessions with her. Rose can be contacted at amegarose@centurytel.net.

AMERICAN DRESSAGE WITH MARI MONDA ZDUNIC

The University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, in conjunction with the 20th Annual Seminar for the Serious Horse Owner, presents "American Dressage with Mari Monda Zdunic."

The day-long seminar will be held Saturday, February 21, 2009, on the UW campus in Madison, WI.

More information on the seminar, including a full schedule of the day's events, can be found at www.vetmed.wisc.edu/ce/horse_owner.

Registration is \$60/person; \$39/person for groups of 5 or more. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

For registration information, contact Karl Olson at olsonk@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu or (608) 265-5206.

FROM THE JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE

A weekend with Sue Hughes USEF "r" judge and USDF Region 2 Director

May 15-17, 2009 Brier Bank Farm, Marine, Illinois CLOSING DATE: MAY 6, 2009

Sue Hughes, USEF "r" judge in both eventing and dressage, is also a Level III Centered Riding Instructor, and is a Life Member of the Certified Horsemanship Association. She has served USDF in many capacities – she was the National Nominations Chair for 9 years, served on the Violet Hopkins Symposium Planning Committee for 11 years, and is currently starting her 9th and final year as Region 2 Director. With a busy daily life of riding, teaching, and caring for horses on her own property, Sue and her husband live in rural Plymouth, Michigan.

1. Friday Night Lecture 6:30-8:00pm: "From the Judge's Box"

Learn about the discussion concerning "classical" vs. "competition" Dressage – and what it means for you and your horse - whether you show or ride in your own backyard.

2. Saturday May 16 Schooling show - officiated by Sue Hughes

See <u>www.brierbankfarm.com</u> or <u>www.ledressage.org</u> for prizelist and entry form

3. Sunday May 17 Clinic with Sue Hughes – utilizing her expertise as "r" judge, and her background in Centered Riding and Certified Horsemanship, Sue will guide participants on how they can improve for greater success in the show ring and the schooling arena.

Clinic schedule: 7:00am-2:30pm

CLINIC FEES: (please mark below)

Privates: 45 minutes

____\$75 LEDA member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

\$85 non-member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

Semi-Privates: 1 hour

_____\$55 LEDA member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

\$65 non-member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

____Stall fees: \$25/day or \$60 weekend (12 noon Friday – 5:00pm Sunday)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR LECTURE & AUDITING: (please mark below)

\$5 LEDA members - includes Lecture on Friday & Sunday auditing

\$15 non-member participants - includes both Friday Lecture & Sunday auditing

TOTAL FEES: Scheduling Requests:

UNREGISTERED AUDITORS WELCOMED FRIDAY AND SUNDAY AT \$10/SESSION

Make checks payable to: "LEDA" and mail w/coggins by May 6th to: Nancy Spear, 1 E. Lake Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966

I understand that riding horses is a high risk sport and I am participating (or allowing my child to participate) at my (his/her) own risk. I hereby assume this risk and release and hold harmless Little Egypt Dressage Association, Brier Farms Ltd., Gay Anderson, & Sue Hughes from all liability for negligence resulting in accidents, death, damage, injury or illness to myself, my horse(s) or to my property during the clinic. I represent that I have the required abilities to safely participate in this event.

Signature (or parent signature if under 18)

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTERLINE DRESSAGE

In attendance: Paula Briney, President Tracey Walker, Awards Chair Marilyn Weber, Newsletter Editor Pinky Noll, Alice Martin, and, by phone, Secretary Janet Fitch

President Tracey Walker called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as amended. There was no treasurers report at this meeting.

Old Business

Membership fees

After the board discussed a discounted membership rate for early sign-up, Marilyn Weber moved that memberships be reduced to \$25 for adults and \$15 until November 15. Pinky Noll seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

By-Law changes

The ongoing work on revising the by-laws continued with a discussion of many suggested changes that will bring the by-laws into line with our present circumstances, especially the fact that there are no longer any CLD chapters. Tracey suggested a goal to finish work on the revisions by the February meeting. She will follow-up on the discussion and make the changes in a document to be approved then.

2009 Show Omnibus

Information on our show is due December 1. The board discussed an increase in the stall fee for Classic. Alice moved and Paula seconded a motion that the stall fee be raised from \$80 to \$90 for a stall for three days and two nights.

Paula moved that the office fee for the entry for the show be raised to \$25 with a \$5 gift certificate given for a perfect entry form with a discount of \$250r a perfect entry form. Marilyn Weber seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Pinky moved that Elena Voigt receive this year's award for volunteer of the year for her wonderful work as manager of this year's Classic. Marilyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Awards Banquet

There will be a committee sign-up sheet available at the banquet to encourage participation by more members. Members are also requested to bring items to be put in the CLD basket to be taken to the USDF annual meeting.

New Business

Board meeting dates

The next meeting will be December 13. In 2009, the board will meet on the third Sunday of every other month. Pinky suggested that we add a second meeting in March to focus on Classic. The vote was postponed to the December meeting.

Paula suggested that CLD sponsor a youth quadrille to music with lessons, monthly (suggested by Pinky) practices, and some opportunity to exhibit. Possible teachers for lessons could include Brenda Zeitler and Melanie Michalak. Everyone agreed it was a good idea that will be followed up early next year.

Horse Fair

Due to the problems with Horse Fair in the past couple of years and the apparent hostility of that organization to dressage, Pinky will work to feel them out for what their thinking is about us at this time. We already have a contract with Lilo Fore for Horse Fair weekend, we just need to decide how to use her, at Horse Fair and/or in clinic lessons at StarWest.

Annual Christmas Party

This year's party will be hosted by Pratense Farms. Members who plan to attend are asked to bring a dish to share. Paula will do the invitation and Tracey will track RSVPs.

Academic scholarship

There is one application for the scholarship this year, and when the references arrive, Janet will send copies of the complete application to fellow committee members, Marilyn Weber and Alice Martin.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

USDF "L" Education Program

AUDITOR REGISTRATION FORM

Name:	USDF Member No:
Address:	
	Work: ()
Cell: ()	
Fax [.] ()	F-Mail [.]

Sessions A, B, and C may be audited for a cost of \$65.00 for each session, payable in advance or **\$75 as a walk-in**. This includes any materials (other than the Dressage Glossary) that may be needed for these sessions. The Dressage Glossary will be available for purchase at the sessions.

All sessions (lecture and barn) will be held in the Mukwonago/East Troy area.

I wish to audit the following sessions:

Session A: Introduction to Judging and Biomechanics Date: March 14-15, 2008. Instructor: Jayne Ayers.

_____ Session B: Gaits & Paces, Movements & Figures Date: April 26-27, 2008. Instructor: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez.

 Session C: Basics, Collective Marks, Rider Biomechanics, & Equitation.
Date: May 23-24, 2008. Instructor: Sandy Howard.

Please return this form along with the necessary fees (payable to WDCTA) to:

Kathy Dunn 1633 Angel Crest Way Madison, WI 53716

If you have any questions, please call Kathy at 608-223-9238 or 608-444-2823; or Candy at 262-363-3640 or 262-613-8226.

	CLD Horse/Rider N		n Form	
	Name of Horse:		! NOTE !	
	Name of Rider: Name of Owner:		As award nomination fees are now part of	
1 41 5	Address:			
CenterLine Dressage	City: State:		membership	
ZIP: Telephone:	E-mail:		fees both rider & owner must	
1	t dues? (circle one) YES I		be current members of	
	vination shown with CLD in previou YES NO		CLD.	
If yes, when & what	levels?			
At what level, category, an	d division do you expect to show?			
Level (you may choose more than one)	Category (you may choose more than one; only one award may be won per level)	Division (you may choose only one)		
Intro				
Training	Junior/Young Rider			
First				
Second		Schooling D	g Division	
Third	Adult Amateur			
Fourth				
PSG				
-1	Novice	Open Division		
1-2				
Grand Prix			וונ	
Musical Freestyle	Open			

CLD Year-End awards are for specific Horse/Rider combinations. Each horse or rider must be nominated separately. Forms must be received <u>BEFORE</u> scores will be counted and membership fees must be current. MAIL TO: Marilyn Weber 3662 Hagaman Rd

3662 Hagaman Rd. Chesterfield, IL. 62630

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Reader Page Ads	Full Page	\$50 Non-Member	\$25 Member	
	Half Page	\$25 Non-Member	\$12.50 Member	
	1/4 Page or Less	\$12 Non-Member	\$6 Member	
Photographs (original preferred) can be included in your ad. They can be black and white or color, but they will be black and white in the printed READER. Page Ads Up for 1 Month				
Reader Classified Ads	50 words or less	\$5 Non-Member	\$3 Member	
	Additional 25 words	\$2 Non-Member	\$1 Member	
No Photographs Classified Ads Up for I Month				
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Items for publication or inclusion in the READER should be received by the editor by the 15th of the month. Items for THE READER, activity forms, etc should be sent with a check for the charges, if any, to:

THE READER c/o Kelley Clausing 1736 S. Farmingdale Rd. New Berlin, IL 62670

