

# The Reader



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
 (For full calendar of events, see the online calendar at [centerlinedressage.com](http://centerlinedressage.com))

**September 27 - 28**  
 Gerhard Politz Clinic  
 @ StarWest  
 Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer  
[alice@starwestonline.net](mailto:alice@starwestonline.net)

**October 6**  
 CLD Executive Board Meeting  
 @ StarWest, 2pm  
 Contact: Nancy Simpson

**October 11 - 14**  
 Region 2 Championships  
 @ Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

**October 19 - 21**  
 Col. Christian Carde Clinic  
 @ StarWest  
 Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer  
[alice@starwestonline.net](mailto:alice@starwestonline.net)

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT BY NANCY SIMPSON

Hello CLD Members,

Hello everyone,

About that \$4,000.00.....

We have received a few Thank You letters from recipients of the money we presented to The Dressage Foundation in honor of our 40th Anniversary. Heather McCullough, from the Instructor Certification Program says: "It is extremely generous for CenterLine Dressage to send this gift to me, a dressage rider outside of your area.

I appreciate it very much and have been inspired and encouraged to receive support to further my dressage education even though I am not a top, elite rider."

I also received a phone call from Kelly Gage, Lexington, KY. She also is a recipient of a TDF grant + a \$100.00 gift from CLD. <http://www.dressagedaily.com/article/goodness-ridge-farm-mt-airy-md-welcomes-lendon-gray-pony-clinic>  
 The neat thing about this grant is that it is tied into our early years : the 'old timers' will remember how we were asked to purchase blue T-shirts with the logo and phrase "Dressage is Seldom Seen." Seldom

Seen was a pony, trained and ridden by Lendon Gray. There is even a Wikipedia entry for this pony! [guess who still wears the blue T-shirt ? Clue : he has managed many of the past CLASSIC shows]. Another connection to this grant: this recipient lives down the road from Elaine Gibala, who was one of the early clinicians and judges at out shows, as well as a founder of CLD. Yes, small clubs can have a big impact on our sport! Kelly said "I cannot tell you how grateful and appreciative I am that CenterLine Dressage thought to do such a nice thing in honor of their anniversary."

Enjoy this cooler weather! Please contact me if you have suggestions, comments or concerns. There is a link at the end of the newsletter, or you can use: [president@centerlinedressage.com](mailto:president@centerlinedressage.com) or 217-793-6810.

Take Care,  
Nancy Simpson

## 40th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT BY ALICE MARTIN

We are down to crunch time on the movie to be shown at the 40th Anniversary dinner. Anne Scrivner is still waiting to be inundated with your photos and videos. She reports that she has about five minutes worth of material. Here is your warning, you cannot be in the presentation unless you submit some material. We all want to see what you looked like 40 years ago.

As far as I know, the first dressage show held south of the Chicago area was held at Star M Stables, Watson, IL, in 1970. (I remember Ivan Bezugloff, editor of the first US dressage magazine originally call Dressage (1971) and later Dressage & CT, had written a scathing editorial of how dressage championships should not have corn fields in the background. I had written a letter to the editor that corn was in the background as our ring was pretty well surrounded by corn. He kindly replied that corn was fine in the Heartland and for non-championship shows.)

The first show, named The Hinterlands to sorta retaliate the Chicago area's hauteur, dawned fair. It quickly became stormy and the afternoon awards took place in a downpour. Horses came from Illinois and Missouri, happy to have a place to meet. If nothing else the show became famous for the



**Alice Martin, organizer of the first dressage show in Illinois south of Chicago, presenting an award to Sonja Kershaw, first president of St. Louis Area Dressage Society, on her Arabian stallion, Sabique, during the noon awards ceremony**

food served by the Watson United Methodist's ladies. Ah, the pies! As many shows did then, we offered a short cross country, later editions included Prix Caprilli, a dressage test with jumps in the arena as part of the test, taking low jumps both from the trot and the canter.

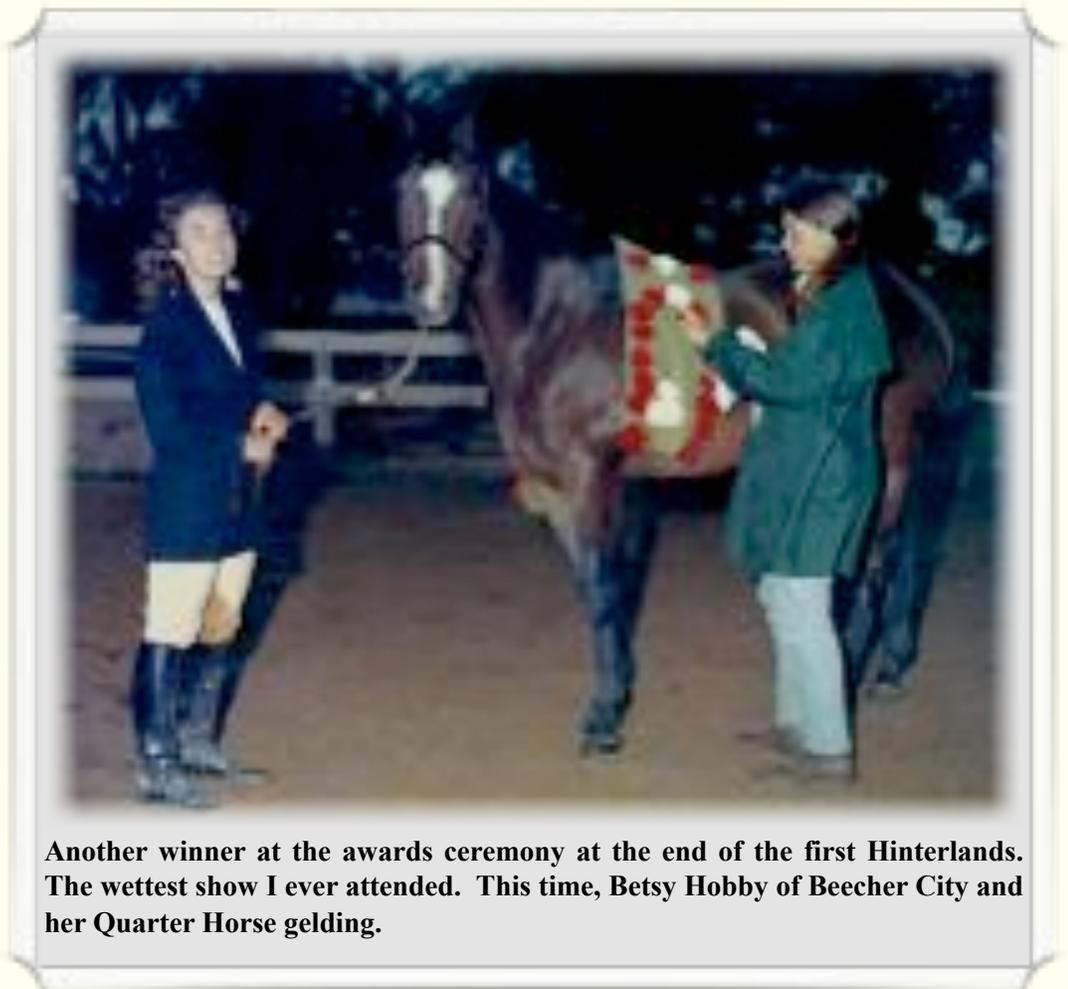
CLD is inviting all charter members to have dinner on us at our Awards Banquet on November 10, 2012. Please join us as a member and let others know about the celebration. If you remember other charter members, please let me know. Current addresses of early members are welcome. Join or re-join, spread the word.

Anne Scrivner is assembling a video for the Awards Banquet. She needs your pictures and videos for the presentation. You and your horse and any snippets from previous CLD activities will be much appreciated.

Anniversary cake and ruby red 40th Anniversary punch will be the finish of a special dinner at Illini Country Club. Paula Briney is hard at work making sure that details there will contribute to a memorable meeting. The punch will be served in the silver punch bowl that was The Hinterlands High Point perpetual trophy.

Get in touch,

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**Another winner at the awards ceremony at the end of the first Hinterlands. The wettest show I ever attended. This time, Betsy Hobby of Beecher City and her Quarter Horse gelding.**

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## MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST II, 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Nancy Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

The last meeting was held July 10, 2012. Minutes were approved electronically.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Debbie Porter, Alice Martin, Martin Kuhn, Kate Fleming Kuhn, John Simpson, and Janet Fitch by phone.

**TREASURER:** No report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Nancy reported for Anne Scrivner. There are now 86 members with Lucy Bagot as a new member. Welcome!

**NEWSLETTER & FACEBOOK:** Kathi sent a report that there are now 177 people on CLD Facebook.

**WEBSITE:** No activity to report.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Janet Fitch reported that a clinic participation scholarship had been awarded to Jayme Geisler to ride with Melanie Mehalak for the subsidized amount of \$40. Jayme submitted her required report on her lesson, which was published in the August Reader. Janet also wrote an article on the Academic Scholarship, which also appears in the August Reader.

**AWARDS:** No report.

**SYMPOSIUM:** Kate was not in attendance but the Board was reminded that the dates for the Cindy Ishoy Clinic are Nov. 16, 17, and 18, 2012. The Awards Banquet is Nov. 10.

**YOUTH:** No report.

**CLASSIC:** John reported that there 64 horses entered at the Classic. They will be taking late entries until 1 week before the show. The show day starts at 8:00AM and runs until about 5:00PM. Don't forget to attend the dinner on Friday night hosted by Jon and Pinky Noll, Rob and Judy Nordstrom, Pratense Farms, and John and Nancy Simpson. The Saturday night dinner is hosted by CLD, a fried chicken dinner by Hamilton's with 40th Anniversary cake and punch for dessert.

**INTER-CLUB LIAISON:** Leslie sent a report that she has contacted other clubs by E-mail.

### NEW BUSINESS

Nancy reported that there will be an all club CLD Social Meeting on October 20th. Location TBA. Sue Graham will be the guest speaker discussing Myo-facial release.\* The club hopes to host other social meetings discussing such topics such as "The development of Dressage: Past to Present Olympians"

Deb Porter moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kate.

Next meeting Sat. October 6 at 2:00pm at StarWest.

Respectfully,  
Deborah Porter

**ADDENDUM:** This has been postponed because of Sue Graham's broken shoulder and Col. Christian Carde's clinic was moved up to this same weekend. Please join the club for a potluck at StarWest at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, followed by a lecture from the Colonel at 7 p.m.

## CLD SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING

The CLD Academic Scholarship was established to assist members (of at least two years' standing) of all ages to pursue post-secondary education in any field at any community college, graduate program, professional school (nursing school for example), college, or university. The scholarship can be used for either full- or part-time study, and funds can be used for any educational expense. Although we are happy to help with the educational needs of our CLD youth, we are also encouraging more mature members who might want to retrain in a new area, go back for an advanced degree, an MBA, or, to complete the AA or BA still needing to be finished..

This scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic ability (25%), leadership (25%), involvement in equine activities (20%), and service to and involvement with CenterLine Dressage (30%).

Whatever your age, do not be put off by the thoughts of one of those multi-paged applications most scholarship grantors require. Our simple, concise application form is available for download from the CLD website. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 15, 2012.** Applications should be submitted both by email and in hardcopy to the address listed on the application form. The winner will be announced at the annual Awards Banquet.

The committee and I look forward to receiving your application by October 15.

Janet Fitch,

Chair, Scholarship Committee

### Additional Available CLD Scholarships

#### **Cheryl Finke Memorial Fund for Developing Riders**

The scholarship is intended to allow members the possibility to take advantage of extraordinary opportunities to advance their dressage careers. Applicants must be riding at Fourth Level and above. Consideration is given to service to CLD, dressage accomplishments, and potential significance of the activity for which support is requested. Scholarship winners agree to provide an article for The Reader describing their experience. They are also required to provide service such as judging a schooling show or instructing a clinic for the club within two years of the funded activity.

#### **Scholarship to Fund Member Participation in CLD-Sponsored Clinics**

The scholarship will provide amateur owners and juniors or young riders the opportunity to take part in CLD clinics. It is particularly meant to allow those who could only afford one day of a clinic to participate in all days of a two or three day clinic. This allows the degree of improvement and knowledge afforded by working on consecutive days with a clinician. Recipients will be required to do all days of the clinic for which they have applied, to be members of at least two years' standing, to be working with a coach or instructor, and to have goals that such a clinic should advance. A rider may use the scholarship once in any three year period. Winners are to report on what was gained from the experience within three months of the end of the clinic. This will be published in The Reader.

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## 2012 USDF ANNUAL CONVENTION

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) will be hosting its 2012 annual convention in New Orleans, December 5 - 8. Dressage enthusiasts from all around the country will gather to further their dressage education, get more involved with the sport, and share experiences and achievements with peers and friends. Mixed in with the sights and sounds of New Orleans this year's Adequan/USDF Annual Convention promises to be unforgettable!

Legends of the sport, such as USDF Hall of Fame Inductee and Olympian Hilda Gurney, world renowned speaker Dr. Hilary Clayton, and an impressive line-up of horse health and industry experts will be presenting a wide range of educational topics. Roundtable discussions, open forums, and interactive meetings provide the opportunity for gaining insight into USDF programs and comparing notes with peers from across the nation.

Education topics and interactive sessions include harmonizing with your horse, the relationship between conformation and mechanics in the performance of the dressage horse, joint disease in the equine athlete, the importance and effective incorporation of carbohydrates in a horse's diet, minimizing the risk of colic, and rider strength and fitness. There are also opportunities to learn more about equine insurance, USD programs, professional continuing education and networking, and local clubs. The always popular GMO Roundtable discussions will cover topics such as creating surveys, hiring show management, motivating members to join, insurance needs for GMOs, and USDF e-TRAK as a member benefit.

A special event, "Looking Back at London" will provide an opportunity to hear from an entertaining array of Olympic guests, who will share their Olympic experiences and provide insight into what happened behind the scenes.

On Friday and Saturday, join us for the Board of Governor's General Assembly where all of the yearly USDF decisions will be made and delegates will vote for USDF President, Treasurer, and Regional Director for all even regions. Also, special recognition of GMOs and regional volunteers will take place with the awarding of the GMO Newsletter Awards, Website Award, Photography Award and recognition of the Regional GMO Volunteers of the Year. Make sure to be in attendance to have your voice heard, to receive your awards, or to support your fellow GMOs and volunteers for their outstanding achievements! The highlight of the convention will be the Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet. Join your friends in a festive, Mardi Gras-themed, masquerade ball as we honor Hall of Fame inductees, Olympians, leaders of the sport, and annual award recipients. The Southern Eventing and Dressage Association (SEDA) will be extending southern hospitality and hosting an authentic Cajun welcome party at Mulate's, a local venue providing food, music, and atmosphere that must be experienced to believe.

The convention host hotel is the Sheraton New Orleans, just steps from the heart of the historic French Quarter. Dine at some of the finest restaurants in the country, experience the architecture of an old world city, and enjoy the music, culture, and flavor that is New Orleans with a stroll down Bourbon Street, a hot Dixieland band, and even hotter Creole cuisine. As they say in New Orleans, "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" (Let the good times roll!)

To find out more about participating, visit [www.usdf.org/convention](http://www.usdf.org/convention)

## WHAT'S NEW FROM USDF

### Rider Award Application Deadlines

In order for a rider award to be recognized in the 2012 competition year, the Rider Award Application must be received by September 30, 2012. Questions?

### Submit Pictures for USDF Rider Awards

If you were awarded a USDF Rider Award in the 2012 competition year, now is the time to submit your picture for the yearbook issue of USDF Connection. All photographs need to be received by Friday, October 5, 2012. See the 2012 USDF Photo Release Form for further information and instructions. Questions?

### Competition Season is Ending Soon!

The 2012 competition year ends September 30, 2012. Don't forget to check your scores! If you notice an error, contact the USDF Competitions Department. All score corrections must be reported to USDF by October 15 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

### Awards Deadlines

Don't miss out on a USDF award! September 30 is the deadline for submitting birthdates for vintage cup, adult amateur and junior/young rider awards; declaring for vintage cup awards and verifying adult amateur status; joining USDF for Breeder of the Year awards eligibility and submitting online Horse Performance Certificate applications.

Member Perks when you join the USDF either as a Participating Member or through your GMO:

- USDF Store (10% discount) – USDFMEM12
- DressageTrainingOnline.com (15% discount) – 95121521
- DressageClinic.com (15% discount) – USDF20108070
- Please click on the SUBSCRIBE button on the home page, click on ACTIVATE COUPON, fill out all the information and click on PROCEED, choose the membership package and continue to sign in.
- Barnby Notes (Free upgrade to premium online notebook version) – USDF2012
- Perfect World Dressage (Free year of Gold Membership) – USDF/PW2012

## CLD CLASSIC I & II RESULTS



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## REGION 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The Great American Insurance Group/United States Dressage Federation Region 2 Dressage Championships, presented by SmartPak and supported by Merial, will be held October 11-14, 2012, at the Kentucky Horse Park, and all Championship classes will be held in the Rolex Arena. The KDA Fall Classic 1 will be run in conjunction with the Region 2 Championships, all as one show, October 11-14, with classes to be held in the KHP Dressage Complex. On Thursday, October 11, the highest test in each level will also be held in the Rolex Arena. KDA wants all competitors to have the opportunity to ride in the Rolex Arena prior to their championship classes. There will also be a "Battle of the Barns" basket silent auction with the proceeds being divided among the Region 2 GMOs based on the number of volunteers from each GMO. Plan on attending and being part of the fun!

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## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AG TO CLOSE SPRINGFIELD SEROLOGY LAB

The Illinois Department of Agriculture State-Federal Serology Laboratory in Springfield will close on Friday September 14, 2012.

Federally required equine infectious anemia testing (Coggins testing) currently handled by the Springfield facility for horse owners across the region will be available through IDOA's Galesburg Animal Disease Laboratory at 2100 South Lake Storey Road, Galesburg, IL 61402-2100.

Dave DeFraties, Division Manager of Food Safety and Animal Protection for the department asks that all questions regarding testing and supplies be directed to the Galesburg staff at 309-344-2451.

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## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*CLD events in bold*

### **October**

**20** Colonel Christian Carde Potluck & Lecture  
**@ StarWest**  
**Contact: Alice Martin at [alice@starwestonline.net](mailto:alice@starwestonline.net)**

### **November**

**10** CLD Awards Banquet  
**@ Illini Country Club**

**16 - 18** CLD Education Days with Cindy Ishoy at StarWest.  
**Contact: Alice Martin at [alice@starwestonline.net](mailto:alice@starwestonline.net)**

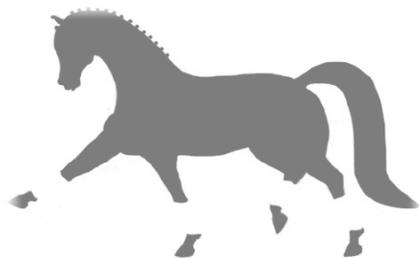
### **December**

**9** CLD Christmas Party  
**@ Deb & Dave Porter's Rochester**  
**6 pm**

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# DEADLINE FOR READER ITEMS



CenterLine Dressage

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:

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