

The Reader



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT BY NANCY SIMPSON

Hello CLD Members,

We have two upcoming opportunities for volunteering - - wait, don't moan and quit reading! One of our schooling shows, FireCracker, will be held at StarWest on July 14. I don't remember what year we started this show, but of course the name comes from the fact that it is always held close to July 4.

Schooling shows are a low key, no pressure place to learn how to scribe, how to be a ring steward, how to score, etc. There will be people at the show who have experience doing all of these jobs, people who would welcome the opportunity to teach other club

members (or parents of club members) the ins and outs of these jobs. Shadowing someone, even for half a day, is a great way to learn. Kudos to Judy Nordstrom who has volunteered to be the Show Manager! Judy 'trained' at IceBreaker and is now doing FireCracker for all of us. Classic I and II, our USDF-USEF approved show, is August 25-26, at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Jobs include setting up the rings, preparing the judges box/table, ring stewarding, running tests from the judges to the office, helping with the dinners provided to exhibitors, taking down the ring at the end of the show, etc. While this is not the place to

UPCOMING EVENTS

(For full calendar of events, see the online calendar at centerlinedressage.com)

July 6 - 8

Clinic w/ Gerhard Politz
at StarWest

Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer
alice@starwestonline.net

July 14

CLD FireCracker Schooling Show
Entry Deadline: June 30

Contact: Judy Nordstrom, Manager
judith_n_62707@yahoo.com

July 15

Melanie Michalak Youth Clinic

@ Pratense Farms
see application on page 9

July 21

CLD Chevaux Schooling Show
@ Voigt Farms in Chrisman, IL

Contact: Merri Voigt at
cci@ecicwireless.com

learn how to scribe, once you have scribed at a schooling show, it is an easy step to scribe for the Introductory, Training, and First Level classes. It is sometimes possible to sit with the judge and scribe to gain confidence - - plus, it is a great way to increase your knowledge of correct movements within the tests.

If you have any suggestions for programs we could provide to you, our members, please just drop me a line or call (217-793-6810) E-mail addresses for all officers are at the end of this newsletter.

Take Care,
Nancy Simpson

40th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT BY ALICE MARTIN

In the course of 40 years, the sad times must come as well. Two weeks ago there was the unexpected news that an early member of CLD had passed away.

Karel Lee Ragsdale's daughter Lisette called me on June 5 to say that her beloved mother had been riding her new horse with her daughter-in-law Teresa when she fell from the saddle. The horse had done nothing untoward. The autopsy revealed her aorta was torn in two places. Her husband Ron was about 20' away from the fall. She was unresponsive when he reached her.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at Fairview United Methodist Church, Avena, with the Rev. John Heicher officiating. Karel was buried in Fairview Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fairview United Methodist Church, 700 East First Street, Kinmundy, IL 62854; The Gideons, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN; Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund, 236 Henry Sanford Road, Bridgewater, CT 06752, Put "Memorium for Karel Ragsdale" in the note line).



Karel Lee (Bail) Ragsdale was born Nov. 15, 1939, in rural Fayette County, Avena Township, the fourth sibling into the Christian farm family of Fred and Harriet (Fletcher) Bail. She married Ronald Gene Ragsdale on Sept. 3, 1960, at Fairview United Methodist Church.

Karel was a lifelong member of Fairview United Methodist Church. She was an IRS enrolled agent, owning Karel Lee Ragsdale Accounting. Karel had a true love and passion for horses. She earned the USDF bronze medal. It was beautifully displayed at the funeral home with her white gloves, gleaming boots, shadbelly and top hat. A champion's blanket of roses draped the coffin.

For years she had an Arabian breeding farm, Ragsdale's Arabian Lea, at their home in St. Elmo. Karel was an active participant in the horse organizations that she joined from the St. Elmo Trailblazers to serving as national treasurer for Al Khamsa, Inc. for several years. She taught a number of local youth to ride and never failed to help a fellow horseman.

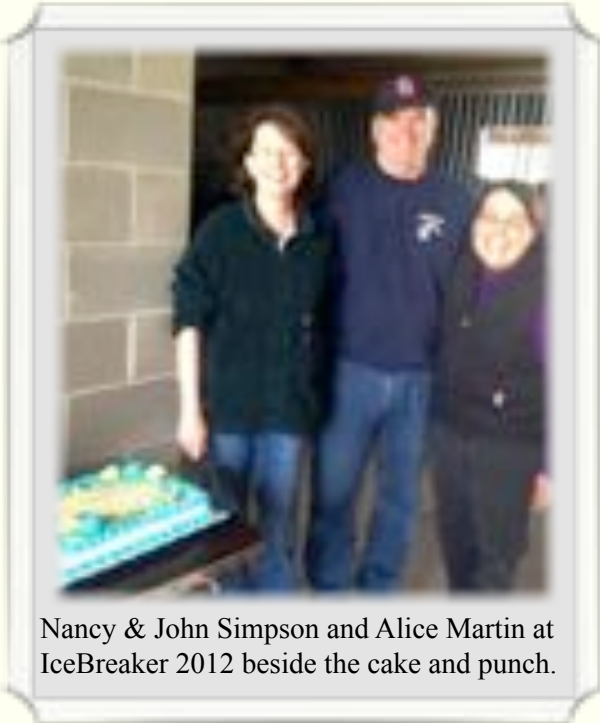
In her passing, she leaves behind her husband, Ronald Gene Ragsdale of St. Elmo; son, Brent Ronald (wife, Teresa) Ragsdale of St. Elmo; daughter, Lisette Rene' (husband, Mark) Ehrat of Shobonier; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and sister, Mary M. (husband, R.W.) Smith of St. Elmo. Few of us get to die doing the thing we loved most. Ride on, Karel.



CLD is inviting all charter members to have dinner on us at our Awards Banquet on November 10, 2012. There will be other observances throughout the CLD calendar in 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.

If you were unable to enjoy a taste of ruby red 40th Anniversary punch at IceBreaker and to have a piece of anniversary cake, be sure to come to StarWest on July 14. Cake and ruby red 40th Anniversary punch will be served at FireCracker.



Nancy & John Simpson and Alice Martin at IceBreaker 2012 beside the cake and punch.

Alice Martin, Chair of the 40th Anniversary Committee	alice@starwestonline.net 217-546-9400	Nancy Simpson, Committee Member	president@centerlinedressage.com 217-652-6397
Janet Fitch, Committee Member	janou18@gmail.com 217-355-1658	Debbie Baird, Committee Member	dbaird835@aol.com 217-494-0899

WHAT'S NEW FROM USDF

One deserving group member will receive the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant to attend the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, presented by SmartPak, in New Orleans, LA. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by August 31. <http://tinyurl.com/usdftruh>

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 26, 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Nancy Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

The minutes from the April 21 meeting were approved electronically and printed in the April newsletter.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alice Martin, Katie Keim, John Simpson, Leslie Burkett, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Kathi Cannon, Deborah Porter, and Janet Fitch via cell phone. Vickie Piper attended as a guest.

TREASURER: Katie Keim reported that she has received 2 invoices for 20 saddle pads to be used at the awards banquet. She will contact Marilyn to make sure all is correct. She reported a net income of \$166.43 for the Ice Breaker Schooling Show.

MEMBERSHIP: Anne Scrivner was not present, but reported that there are 3 new memberships, with a total of 79.

NEWSLETTER: Kathi Cannon reported that it is going well and there are 168 friends on FaceBook.

WEBSITE: Martin Kuhn was not present but sent a report: one email newsletter has been sent out that we've had adequate time to gauge the receipt/reading response to since the last meeting. That was sent to 178 recipients, 44.1% of which opened the emails.

In accordance with what I'd said the last meeting, the next email newsletter will go out to fewer recipients. The email newsletter list has been culled from 178 down to 96 eliminating non-CLD members who had failed to open any of the previous 12 email newsletters.

SCHOLARSHIP: Janet Fitch gave a report via cell phone. She noted that she would do an article in the newsletter to promote CLD scholarships.

AWARDS: Marilyn Weber was not present.

SYMPOSIUM: Kate Fleming-Kuhn reported that Cindy Ishoy is the clinician at StarWest Nov. 16-18. This will include a mid-day luncheon with Cindy for CLD Members. This will not be at the CLD Awards Banquet as previously planned (see new business).

YOUTH: Paula Briney, Marilyn Weber and Jaymie Geisler were not present.

CLASSIC: John Simpson reported that all is going well with the plans for the 2012 CLD Classic. The fairgrounds are squared away, and an EMT has been confirmed. The judges are Beverly Rogers and Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez.

OLD BUSINESS: IceBreaker went well. There were 42 rides and 6 scratches.

Our donation to The Dressage Foundation is complete. Please see addendum in the April newsletter.

Ted and Judy Sunder have agreed to be the new Safety Coordinators at shows.

NEW BUSINESS: July 12, 2012 is the Firecracker, judged by Melanie Michalak. There will be a clinic hosted at Pratense Farm with the judge the next day for the youth of our club. We will invite Pony Club to share this clinic at \$40 for each ride.

There was discussion regarding USDF perks such as the Free Dressage Radio. Kathi Cannon will write an article for the May newsletter on technology to help members access these free perks.

Discussion was held concerning the Education Day/Awards Banquet, which is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 10, 2012. Because we want to include festivities related to our 40th Anniversary, including a movie and reminiscences from our guests, the Board discussed moving the actual riding and clinic lessons to the next weekend, Nov. 17-18. The Board was worried about having the clinician Cindy Ishoy as part of the 40th Anniversary dinner would make the evening quite long. We did not want to overshadow the celebration and talks by some founding members with a program by Cindy. By having her come next weekend we felt all the focus could be on her and what she has to teach us. This weekend would include a luncheon with Cindy for CLD members.

A motion was made electronically to accept the plan to have actual clinic rides with Cindy Ishoy on the weekend following the Awards banquet/Anniversary celebration.

Deborah Porter moved to adjourn; second by Alice Martin.

... MINUTES FROM THE APRIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting is June 30, 2012 2:00pm at StarWest.
The following meeting will be August 11, 2012.

Respectfully,
Deborah Porter

ADDENDUM: After the meeting we held a discussion on the Awards Banquet and Clinic change. Janet Fitch moved, Martin Kuhn seconded, the motion passed with 7 Aye votes.

2018 FEI WEG BID FOR USA

Wellington, FL - June 14, 2012 - Wellington, along with four other cities, has been confirmed as a bidder for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games™ (WEG). The world championships of international equestrian disciplines are held once every four years as one of the world's major sporting events. The International Equestrian Federation (FEI) confirmed Wellington along with Rabat, Morocco; Bromont, Canada; Budapest, Hungary; and Vienna, Austria.

"We are honored and delighted to be selected as a bidder," said Michael Stone, President of Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP), the management company of the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC). "We will seek meetings with the Village of Wellington and other local entities to discuss the candidacy, along with the United States Equestrian Federation."

As the facility organizers, ESP submitted Wellington as the host city for the 2018 FEI WEG. Wellington is home to the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, already one of the world's largest equestrian facilities and site of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival.

Stone noted, "The FEI put a lot of effort into ensuring the viability of the bid before moving it on to the candidacy status. This is very gratifying for ESP as the organizers."

THANK YOU TO SUSAN EDWARDS & SVF WATER

In recognition of CenterLine Dressage's forty years, member and Classic sponsor Susan Edwards has kindly donated water for exhibitors and volunteers emblazoned with CLD's fortieth anniversary logo.

Thanks Susan!



Attention Adult Amateurs! What could you do with a week dedicated to dressage training?

THE CAROL LAYELL GIFTED FUND provides over \$1,000 scholarships each year to enable Adult Amateurs to set aside quality time, to concentrated training, away from the daily pressures of job and family.

REQUIREMENTS

- UNDER 60th Birthday
- Strong volunteer history within your GMC Region
- Applicant must own the horse

The Gifted Fund Scholarships are available for dressage riders at ANY LEVEL!

This scholarship is meant for the adult amateur to have the opportunity to be in an enriched training situation that is not readily available during the course of daily life. We do not intend this concentrated time to include clinics, camps, or symposiums. The model we look for is a training program of 5-7 consecutive days, with the same trainer, with a horse that is owned.

Applications are available at www.dressagefoundation.org and must be received by The Dressage Foundation office no later than September 15th of each year.

For more information, please visit www.dressagefoundation.org or contact Janice Johnson at (822) 454-8385 or janice@dressagefoundation.org



THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION
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www.dressagefoundation.org | www.dressagefoundation.org

Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated!



"As an adult amateur, I struggle to balance the financial and time demands of my family, professional career, and ambition to ride upper-level dressage. The Gifted Fund has provided me with a chance to take a step back from these concerns and focus on my horse and my sport for an entire week. This scholarship will have a long-lasting impact on my skills as a rider and my passion for dressage."

Leticia Meyer
2012 Region 4 United
Scholarship Recipient





CenterLine Dressage New Member & Renewal Form

(Membership year is December 1 through November 30)

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Date for Youth Members (21 & Under): _____

Reader Preference

<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paper Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership Type	Details	Totals
Individual Membership	<p>\$45</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>
Junior Membership (21 & under)	<p>\$25</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>
Family Membership	<p>\$65</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 2 Vote, 2 USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>
Total Dues:		\$ _____

Please send to:

Anne Scrivner
 CLD Membership Secretary
 membershipsecretary@centerlinedressage.com
 7500 Minder Road
 Rochester IL 62563-6121

Revised: 1.3.12

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLD events in **bold**

July

6 - 8

Gerhard Politz Clinic at StarWest.
Contact: Alice Martin at alice@starwestonline.net

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CLD FireCracker Schooling Show at StarWest
Contact: Judy Nordstrom, Manager at
judith_n_62707@yahoo.com

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**CLD Youth Clinic with Melanie Michalak,
FireCracker Judge**
Contact: Alice Martin at alice@starwestonline.net

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**CLD Chevaux Schooling Show at Voigt Farms,
Chrisman IL**
Contact: Merri Voigt at cci@ecicwireless.com

August

11

CLD Executive Board Meeting at StarWest; 2pm
Contact: Nancy Simpson, President
president@centerlinedressage.com

25-26

CLD Classic I & II
Contact: John Simpson, Manager
jsnrhorse@prodigy.net
Deb Porter, Volunteer Co-Ordinator
d.porter5000@sbcglobal.net

September

15 - 16

Al Khamsa Fall Dressage I & II at Tower Hill, Dawson IL
Contact: Terri Morenz, Manager
<http://towerhillequestrian.com>

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Clinic with Maryal Barnett at Tower Hill, Dawson IL
Contact: Terri Morenz, Manager
<http://towerhillequestrian.com>

October

5 - 7

Gerhard Politz Clinic at StarWest.
Contact: Alice Martin at alice@starwestonline.net

November

16 - 18

CLD Education Days with Cindy Ishoy at StarWest.
Contact: Alice Martin at alice@starwestonline.net

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SYMPHONIE
DRESSAGE SADDLE**

17 1/2" seat with a wide
tree. 16" flaps.

Approx. 12 yo. In
wonderful, cared for
condition. Wiped down
after each ride and
conditioned with Passier
Liederbalsam once a
week.

No rips, tears, or severe
scratches. Just the normal
rubs from stirrup
leathers. Slight fading on
back of cantle and rear
panels.

Does not have the plastic
buttons on the pommel,
but silver ones with the
KN emblem.

Billets straps are
developing a slight
cracking so will more than
likely need replaced in the
near future. Serial # is
0108972 WK2 45

Price: \$850.00

Contact: Kathi Cannon -
kathi_cannon@yahoo.com

CenterLine Dressage subsidized Youth Clinic with Melanie Michalak, Freestyle Designer

Sunday, July 15, 2012 at Pratense Farms, 6732 Wagon Ford Road Chatham, IL 62629

CenterLine Dressage is proud to sponsor **Melanie Michalak** in a unique combination of music and riding and enthusiasm that is infectious. See <http://www.cutterfarm.com/Michalak%20Bio.pdf> for a full bio.

Riding lessons will be 45-minute private sessions at a subsidized cost of \$40 for CLD Youth Members, (join at <http://www.centerlinedressage.com/join.html>) \$50 for non-CLD youth. If all the Youth slots are not filled, Adult Amateur CLD Members may ride for \$75 per lesson and \$85 for non-member adults.

Pratense Farms requires all riders under the age of 18 to wear a ASTM hard helmet. All other riders are asked to wear helmets but are not required to do so. This clinic will be filled on a first come, first served basis. We have 9 ride times available each day. Overnight stabling is limited, day stalls are available. Please contact Paula Briney by e-mail BrineyPaula@aol.com or by cell phone 217-652-1635 to make stabling arrangements. Auditors are welcome at no charge. All are welcome to join the potluck lunch at noon.

Melanie Michalak Clinic July 15, 2012 Rider Application

Rider: _____ email address _____

Birthdate, if under 21: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Horse: _____ Level of horse: _____

Sunday time preference: AM _____ PM _____

Stabling: Day Stall desired on _____ (date)
Overnight desired on _____ (date)

I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Center Line Dressage and Pratense Farms and its employees, volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this activity or related activities. I also hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the activity management, event committee and members, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with participation in this activity or related activities.

Signature of Rider (or parent signature if rider is a minor) _____

Total amount enclosed: _____ CLD _____ Briney Training

Checks for lessons are to be made payable to **CenterLine Dressage**. Checks for stabling are to be made payable to **P.J. Briney Training LLC**. Return application with check(s) to hold ride times and stabling to Alice Martin, 1736 S. Farmingdale Rd, New Berlin, IL 62670. Directions to Pratense and ride times will be emailed the week before the clinic. Questions? Call 217-546-9400 or email alice.martin@mac.com

Club Officers & Personnel
(Full list and mailing addresses online)

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CLD Advertising Rates

(see detailed info & photo policy online www.centerlinedressage.com/advertising)

Reader Page Ads	Full Page	\$50 Non-Member	\$25 Member
	Half Page	\$25 Non-Member	\$12.50 Member
	¼ 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 1 Month

Web Advertising Basic Classified Web Ad included in any Reader Package! See online for more details.

DEADLINE FOR READER ITEMS



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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c/o Kathi Cannon
1736 S. Farmingdale Rd.
New Berlin, IL 62670

