

The Reader



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

March 23 - March 25
Clinic w/ Gerhard Politz
at StarWest
Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer
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April 1
Cavalia Trip
In St. Louis
centerlinedressage.com/cavaliatrip.html
Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer
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April 14
IceBreaker Entry Deadline
centerlinedressage.com/downloads/html
Contact: Sue Graham, Manager
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT BY NANCY SIMPSON

Dear Members and Friends of CLD,

Our 'revival' of the Potluck and Entertainment meeting style took place on Feb. 25. Over 20 people attended -- current, former, and new members. It was an enjoyable way to catch up with people in an atmosphere not pressured by deadlines or tasks. Best of all, there was no show ring to be put up or torn down!

If you have any suggestions for other formats for club get-togethers please send them to me or to anyone on the Board. We would love to grow our membership this year. If you have friends who are

curious about dressage or just love horses, consider inviting them to one of our events.

Did you knowthat WICS-TV recently aired a story about StarWest and dressage? View it here http://www.wicd15.com/shared/farm/video/wicd_vid_175.shtml

Did you know.....that your CLD / USDF membership now gives you FREE "Gold level" membership in Perfect World Dressage ? Go to <http://www.perfectworlddressage.com/> and click on Register, then click on Gold, and use your USDF number to create a login. Let us know if you upload any of your videos.

Please contact (217-793-6810 or jsnrhorse@prodigy.net) me if you have any comments or suggestions for our Club.

Nancy Simpson

40th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT BY ALICE MARTIN

At last someone took pity on my plea to contribute to this column. CLD co-founder Genelle Bishop Royer, now of Nauvoo, IL, came through with some reminiscences that will continue our look at some of the important instructors that helped dressage in Central Illinois:

“Somewhere, sometime, a British hunt scene painting caught my eye. What fun! Horses flying over stone walls, riders in pink coats following a pack of hounds. Then it was forgotten until a chance conversation with an employer in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She introduced me to her riding instructor and I mounted a horse for the first time. The chestnut mare named Princess took excellent care of her beginner riders.

Then back to Bloomington, Indiana, to continue graduate studies and riding, of course, with three excellent instructors: Sally Rogers (who taught every student the flying dismount), Kathy Foster, and Maxine Lewis. There I purchased a two-year-old, half-Arabian, Ril-Ka-Bar, who turned out to be an excellent instructor also!

On to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to teach at the University of Southern Mississippi. RKB continued as my sole instructor until a trip (310 miles) to Midland Hunt Club, Midland, Georgia, and lessons with Ann Ticehurst for a whole weekend. It was then back to Hattiesburg, hurricane Camille, and an invitation to teach at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

Genelle with two of her instructors, Ril-Ka-Bar and Betty Ann Howett at the Potomac Horse Center. Ms. Howett had been head of Porlock Vale Riding School, the most famous school of equitation in Great Britain.



Frederick (Stretch) Harting, established the Potomac Horse Center in Gaithersburg, MD in 1964. He employed Great Britain's Betty Howett, a Fellow of the British Horse Society and a highly acclaimed student of Nuno Oliveira of Portugal. She installed the BHS system of stable and horse management, teaching and riding at Potomac which became an important dressage center on the East Coast. One of the great things Potomac did for U.S. dressage was to bring perhaps the world's greatest horseman at the time, Nuno Olivera, to teach. Elaine Powell, another co-founder of CLD, traveled to Potomac to clinic with him.

Two students (one was Sue Steele) and I trailered RKB to Potomac Horse Center, Gaithersburg, MD, to ride with Betty Howett. It was a good trip. Sue bought a horse which we brought back with RKB. Betty was preparing to ride RKB, had the reins and whip in her left hand and he promptly bowed! I had failed to tell her the whip needed to be on the off side to avoid this situation. After her ride she gave him a sugar cube which he took and, after a second or two, spit out.

You have heard the rest in Alice's well-written articles. She, Elaine Gibala, and I got our groups together to start CenterLine Dressage. Alice helped me immeasurably with RKB. We showed in dressage up in the Chicago area as did Elaine. Elaine rode RKB through his first flying changes and rescued him, a training horse I had, and me after a scary horse trailer wreck.

Somewhere around the late '80s-early '90s my husband and I bought 20 acres about five miles south of Nauvoo. I accepted a teaching position at Southeastern Community College in Keokuk, Iowa. During this time we started the Great River Chapter of CenterLine Dressage. We gave lessons and held fun shows on our property and gave lessons and clinics in Iowa. The chapter grew to around 25 very active members. When CLD abandoned its chapter designations, the Great River Chapter became the Great River Classical Horsemanship Association as an Iowa GMO. Currently, there are about 40 extremely active members.

Now the Royer Stable has one Thoroughbred, Bravo, an ex-eventer and ex-pony club horse and one Hackney pony, an ex-hunter. During spring, summer, and fall, I give lessons at the Pollpeter Arena near Fort Madison, Iowa.

Oh, yes. I mentioned the hunt scene painting earlier. Several years ago I saw it again and realized a very important detail had been overlooked. Way down in the lower right-hand corner was a poor fellow on his backside near the stone wall and his horse was continuing with the hunt! I am forever grateful to Sally Rogers for her insistence that we learn the flying dismount. Ril-Ka-Bar and I practiced a few times! ””



In 1980, my late husband (Bill) and I gave up our boarding/training stable near Peoria and moved to Carthage, Illinois, where I had accepted a teaching position at Robert Morris College. We boarded our horses at the race track there, raised and trained to saddle and harness four offspring of Bill's road horse, Czarina. Bill continued his farrier business and training horses for clients. Together, we participated in several clinics in the Chicago area. I rode Ril-Ka-Bar; Bill rode Czarina.

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.

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Janet Fitch, Committee Member	janou18@gmail.com 217-355-1658	Debbie Baird	dbaird835@aol.com 217-494-0899

CLD to Cavalia



Sunday, April 1, bus leaves Springfield at noon, returns after 2 p.m. show and 5 p.m. dinner at Lombardos in Union Station Drury, back to Springfield at 8 p.m.

Surrounded by awe-inspiring projections and visual effects, some 70 horses and 55 artists embark together on a journey, traveling through amazing natural landscapes. "The horse has been a partner of humanity throughout the ages," explained Normand Latourelle, President and Artistic Director of Cavalia. "Its thanks to horses that humans imagined they could travel to the ends of the earth. This powerful and natural wonder of an animal enabled mankind to bridge cultures, to create alliances amongst people, and thus to freely roam the planet. He has been one of the most important instruments in the evolution of humanity. This is the essence of Odysseo."

More info and clips: <http://www.cavalia.net/en>

Send this form along with check immediately to Alice Martin: 217-546-9400 or alice.martin@mac.com

Adult ticket @ \$93 Names please	Child 2-12 ticket \$63 Names please	Bus \$25 ✓	Lombardos dinner \$27 ✓	\$
Please make checks payable to CLD & send to Alice Martin 1736 S. Farmingdale Rd New Berlin, IL 62670			Total Enclosed	\$
Name, Address, Email				

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

The minutes of the November 5, 2011 meeting were approved electronically and printed in the December Reader.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Burket, Alice Martin, Judy Nordstrom, Debbie Porter, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Martin Kuhn, Kelly Griffith, Nancy Simpson, Sue Graham, and Amanda Graham.

TREASURER: Alice printed the 2011 financial statement prepared by Katie Keim. Since Katie was not able to attend the meeting, Nancy suggested that we put off the budget vote until Katie can go over the statement with us.

MEMBERSHIP: Anne Scrivner was not in attendance, but reported that CLD currently has 56 paid members for 2012.

NEWSLETTER: Kathi Cannon was not able to attend, but it was noted that the newsletter is going quite well and published in a timely manner.

WEBSITE: Martin Kuhn reported that there has been 5 newsletter updates with 2 corrections sent out since the Nov. meeting. Fifty percent of subscribers are opening the email update newsletter which is higher than normal.

SCHOLARSHIP: Janet Finch was not able to attend.

AWARDS: Marilyn Weber was not in attendance but had reported that a group of saddle pads ordered from Tack of the Day (thought to be similar to those used for 2011 year end high point awards) ended up being all purpose pads instead of dressage pads. It was agreed that CLD would use them for high point schooling awards instead.

SYMPOSIUM: Kate Fleming-Kuhn reported that the Col. Carde Clinic April 23-25, 2012 will be sponsored by CLD.

OLD BUSINESS: The board discussed the possibility of adopting a policy of reimbursement of expenses when a delegate goes to the USDF Annual Meeting. Nancy will put out an e-mail for discussion and later vote with the following suggestions:

- 100% of convention registration
- 100% of transportation

- \$175.00 max. per day for hotel and meals

The Refuge Ranch discussion was put off until the next meeting when there would be enough members to vote on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy noted a concern about being able to enlist enough volunteers to run Icebreaker and Firecracker. A suggestion was made to send out a mailing to encourage more people to volunteer, especially those involved in shows, or have children involved in shows. Leslie Burkett suggested that hosting a shadow program to help train people to be able to manage shows might encourage more people to volunteer. Sue Graham volunteered to run a shadow program during the Icebreaker which is April 28. Judy Nordstrom volunteered to manage the Firecracker and will shadow the Icebreaker. Nancy will contact members who ride at shows who might be willing to volunteer. She will also compose a letter to encourage volunteerism and run it by the board.

It was noted CLD has placed the prize list for Classic in the Lloyd Landklammer Omnibus for 2012 at the cost of \$275.00. The CLD Omnibus will come out at Horse Fair. It was suggested that a list of schooling shows be sent to the Region 2 office.

CLD will have no official presence at Horse Fair this year. The board will check with Marilyn Weber or Paula Briney to see if they would want to include a dressage demonstration as part of their days at Horse Fair.

Next Board meeting is February 11, 2012, at 2:00pm at StarWest. Please plan to attend as it is an important meeting.

There will be a "Social Get Together" for the full membership at the home of Nancy Simpson on February 25th at 6pm. The latest von Dietz DVD, *Horse & Rider Back to Back*, potluck, and fun with friends will be on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully,
Deborah Porter

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

The minutes of the January 25, 2012 meeting were approved electronically and appear in this newsletter.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Keim, Sue Graham, Alice Martin, Leslie Burket, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Nancy Simpson, Anne Scrivner, Marilyn Weber, Judy Nordstrom, Janet Fitch via telephone, Martin Kuhn and Deborah Porter.

TREASURER: Katie Keim reported that CLD had a net income of \$4415.00 for the fiscal year of 2011.

MEMBERSHIP: Anne Scrivner reported that there are a total of 60 paid CLD members, including a complimentary membership for Brett Fischer who donated many volunteer hours. Thank you for your service, Brett.

NEWSLETTER: Kathi Cannon was not able to attend. The January newsletter went out the first week of February.

WEBSITE: Martin Kuhn reported that he sent 177 E-mail updates, and 95 of those were opened. Martin reported that CLD is moving from Yahoo to a smaller hosting provider called "A Small Orange" at approximately 1/4 of the cost. Martin submitted a new fee structure. The vote on this has been tabled until a future meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP: Janet Fitch attended via telephone and reported that \$649.00 was raised for the scholarship fund at the Annual Christmas Party Auction.

AWARDS: Marilyn Weber reported that Year End Award saddle pads have been ordered from Adams for \$19.00 each, less 10% discount. Marilyn discussed the extra all-purpose saddle pads purchased last year would be used as High Point Awards for Jr. and Adult Amateur high points at the Icebreaker and Firecracker Schooling Shows. The CLD logo will be imprinted on each pad for roughly \$10.00. Alice mentioned that CLD T-shirts would also be used for class trophies at these shows.

SYMPOSIUM: Kate Fleming-Kuhn reported that no one has been booked for the November 9-11 Symposium. Several people have been asked and Kate is waiting on a reply. Other suggestions would be to ask Cindy Ishoy or Mike Poulin. Since this is the same weekend as the awards banquet, the clinician would usually lecture at the dinner. Paula Briney will look into availability of the Illini Club.

GRASSROOTS: Kelly Griffith unable to attend.

INTER-CLUB COORDINATOR: Leslie Burket reported that Cavalia is coming to St Louis March 31-April 1. Nancy Simpson will be sending out an e-mail to all members to see if there is enough interest to arrange a bus trip down there. She will take a survey of what date and time of the performance would be the best.

CHARITIES: Discussion on Refuge Ranch was tabled for a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Martin Kuhn made a motion, and a second by Marilyn Weber to adopt a new policy on delegate expenses for the USDF Annual Meeting, including reimbursement for 2011. A vote was taken and the following was passed:

- CLD will pay for 100% of convention registration fee, but not for the fee to attend the Symposium. The delegate, of course, may attend the Symposium, but would personally pay for that fee.
- CLD would pay for 100% of the cost of transportation, including economy air fare and airport shuttle, or going rate for mileage.
- CLD will pay a maximum of \$175.00 per day during the convention only to cover hotel fees and meals (excluding alcohol).
- Receipts for all reasonable claims will be required for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark your calendar on Saturday February 25, 6:30 pm. CLD members and guests are cordially invited to a potluck and movie watching of Susanne von Deitze's new DVD: Rider and Horse Back to Back. This event will inaugurate CLD's 40th Anniversary festivities. No fuss, no meeting, just food, friends and film.

Kate made a motion that CLD will sponsor a Dressage demonstration at Horse Fair, second by Deb Porter. Marilyn Weber will organize it.

The next Board meeting is tentatively set for on the bus to Cavalia.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully,
Deborah Porter

WHAT'S NEW FROM USDF

Great American/USDF Regional Championship Reminders

Effective 2012, all Regional Championship competitions will have a closing date that is the fourth Monday prior to the start of the Regional Championship competition. With the closing date set uniformly for all regions, competitions can no longer file a declaration of intent form. All qualifying competitions must adhere to the qualifying year for their region, no exceptions.

Increase to USEF Federation (Drug) Fee

For every horse participating in any competition licensed by the Federation (USEF), a Federation fee of \$16 must be paid per horse. See the USEF Rule Book for exceptions.

Nomenclature to be Used When Riders do not Complete a Class

There should only be five term reasons used for someone not completing a class. They are as follows:

- I. Excused – please use the letters “EX” in the placing field in the results file
- II. Eliminated – please use the letter “E” in the placing field in the results file
- III. Scratched – please use the letter “S” in the placing field in the results file
- IV. No Show – please use the letters “NS” in the placing field in the results file
- V. Hors de Concours – please use the letters “HC” in the placing field in the results file

Each ride submitted in the results should have a score or a term reason in the placing field as listed above but not both.

Opportunity Classes

Offering Opportunity classes at your competition may be a great way to increase the number of entries at your competition. Horses/riders/owners/trainers competing only in opportunity classes are exempt from USEF and USDF membership requirements and do not have to pay non-member fees or HID fees and horses entered only in opportunity classes are exempt from the USEF Federation fee, including the Drugs & Medication fee. These classes have been very popular for riders involved in Eventing and Pony Club, and encourage those new to showing to give it a try. However, please be aware that only specific USEF Second Level, First Level and Training Level Tests may be offered as opportunity classes. More information on hosting these classes may be found on the USEF website.

CHARLES DE KUNFFY COMING TO NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Charles de Kunffy is a well renowned Dressage Master, author of several books and videos, and is a retired FEI judge. Auditors are welcome.

Clinic Dates:

May 18-20, 2012 Clinic 1

October 19-21, 2012 Clinic 2

Go to <http://www.topline-stables.com/calendar.htm> for more information



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***April**

23-25 Col. Christian Carde Clinic at StarWest.
Contact: Alice Martin at alice.martin@mac.com

May

5-6 Carrousel Connection Dressage I & II (USEF/USDF recognized), Illinois State Fairgrounds.

June

15-17 SLADS Dressage Classic I and II, Lake St. Louis, MO

25-27 IDCTA at Lamplight, Wayne IL

July

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

6-8 Gerhard Politz Clinic at StarWest.
Contact: Alice Martin at alice.martin@mac.com

August

24-26 Dressage at Lamplight, Wayne IL

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/>

17 Clinic with Maryal Barnett at Tower Hill, Dawson IL
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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.
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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:

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

