

The Reader



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

February 11

CLD Executive Board Meeting
at StarWest
2pm

Contact: Nancy Simpson
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February 25

CLD Continue Learning Dressage Movie
Night

at John & Nancy Simpson's House, 6pm

Contact: Nancy Simpson
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March 23 - March 25

Clinic w/ Gerhard Politz
at StarWest

Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer
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40th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT BY ALICE MARTIN

Because few "I" judges wanted to adjudicate a one-day show, the pattern of hiring a judge to judge at our one day shows evolved with a clinic day afterwards. (Now FEI judges are ranked "I". Originally USEF judges were "r", "R" and "I".) This system brought Hubert Rohrer to central Illinois, who at that time confusingly had "I" status from both the AHSA (now USEF) and the FEI. Clinics themselves were evolving in the U.S. Increasing numbers of dressage riders enabled clubs and farms to bring in instructors on a continuing basis to develop continuity in training. Soon Hubert

was clinicing in this area for three days, more than once a year.

He began at the Spanish Riding School at age 14, the youngest member at the time. He appeared in *The Miracle of the White Stallions* in 1963 at age 18 and was in the Quadrille for the 1964 tour of the U.S. (If you want to see him in the Quadrille of the Disney movie, Hubert and Podhajski (Robert Taylor in the movie) are 6'4", Robert Taylor not quite 6'. Hubert is third from the right at the final halt. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNh1eXzZbJk&NR>) Look for the young tall one.

Hubert was one of six SRS Quadrille riders from the 1964 U.S. tour that eventually emigrated here. Hubert moved to the U.S. in 1965. He always said that he knew his days at the SRS were numbered. He was too tall for the Lippizanners. His height stood out in the Quadrille where everything depended on uniformity. He knew he was “safe” as long as Col. Alois Podhajski was the Director as Podhajski was also too tall.

Hubert genuinely loved horses, was a good instructor and made many friends in the area. Charter member Julia Hanson, an RN, moved to Florida to care for him in his final months of 2000 before he succumbed to the lung cancer which had plagued him for more than 12 years. She had apprenticed for him earlier when he was still maintaining horses in training. As his judging, coaching and clinicing took over nearly every weekend, he closed out his training barn. He quoted the legendary pianist, Vladimir Horowitz, to explain why: "If I don't practice for one day, I know it. If I don't practice for two days, the professionals know it. If I don't practice for three days, everybody knows it!"



Rohrer understood why most U.S. riders are not able to learn on the lunge line as he did. He spent approximately 300 hours being lunged before taking up the reins. He stressed a good seat and basic position are vital. Once these have been mastered, he said, riding becomes mainly a feeling between horse and rider. One of Rohrer’s frequently used phrases is: "You ride the horse between your seat, your legs, and (in a whisper), your hands." We were not the only ones to appreciate him. He spoke Spanish well and coached the El Salvadoran FEI Team to a gold medal in dressage and a silver for jumping in the Central American games. He judged and gave clinics throughout the U.S., Europe, Central and South America.

I still can hear this big man with a big “Rohring” laugh. He loved to harass me about Arabians being OPEC Warmbloods. He laughed the hardest at his own jokes.

Next month, more influential instructors in central Illinois.

Join us for the first taste of ruby red 40th Anniversary punch at the potluck at President Nancy Simpson’s house (John and Chrissie live there, too.) on Saturday, February 25. All original meetings of CenterLine Dressage were in various members’ homes. The central feature was a potluck. We are trying that again and will enjoy a look at Susanne von Dietze’s new DVD,.

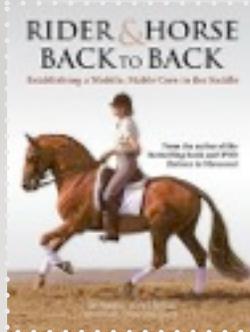
CLD is inviting all charter members to have dinner on us at our Awards Banquet on November 10, 2012. There will be other observances throughout the CLD calendar in 2012. Please join us as a member and let others know about the celebration. If you remember other charter members, please let me know. Current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

Get in touch,

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You Are Invited

*CenterLine Dressage invites you to our first 40th Anniversary Event of the year:
Continue Learning Dressage Movie Night, viewing Susanne von Deitze's new film:
Rider & Horse Back to Back*



*at President Nancy Simpson's House
(1200 Interlaken Drive, Springfield)
on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 6 pm*

*Please bring a potluck item to share.
No meeting, no fuss, just friends, food, & film.*



HELP

BY ANNE SCRIVNER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

I'm sure even our newest members have become aware that 2012 marks the 40th Anniversary of CenterLine Dressage. We will extend to founding and early members special invitations to our November awards dinner. The plan is to produce a DVD to show there and to distribute to members. But we need your input.

The stuff of our dreams would be DVD's that you have had made from your old horse show and clinic tapes or movies, or CD's containing photos from same. Of course, emailed photos would be appreciated too. I have the equipment to burn DVD's from VHS tapes and to scan photos to jpeg files, but ask that you not send material precious to you, but rather copies of those films and photos. I'd feel terrible if my machine ate your tape or your photos were lost in the mail. I will, of course, return anything you send.

I know the material is out there - we've had people holding cameras to their faces at all of our events for decades - we just have to locate it. Don't worry that what you have isn't interesting or well done. We'd love to harvest just a clip of a clinician giving a lesson, a photo of trucks and trailers lined up at a jump-out show, the CLD group at the table at convention, etc.

In addition to a chapter on the early history of the club, I'd like to include a chapter showing some of our horses and riders from each decade. So send something, please! After all, it will be more fun to watch if you and your horse are in it too.

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted photos. My mailing address is 5700 Minder Rd., Rochester, IL 62563 and my email is ascrivner@hughes.net. I hope to hear from you.

ELIZABETH SEARLE



American dressage personality Elizabeth Searle passed away on January 8, 2012 following a period of illness. Searle has played a major role in the worlds of dressage, vaulting

and KWPN breeding in the United States.

She was a co-founder of the KWPN-NA society. She introduced freestyle, quadrille, and pas de deux into dressage competition in the U.S.

“Liz” was originally trained by several great European cavalry instructors. Commandant G. Ganshoff van der

Meersch (Belgium), Lt. Col Hans Moeller (Austria), and Count Hermann Wrangel (Sweden) were her principle instructors. Liz competed in Hunters, Jumpers, 3-day event, and Dressage.

She was an FEI judge in two disciplines and had judged the US National Dressage Championships and conducted the AHSA National Dressage Judges Forum. She had also judged the Olympic, Pan American, World Championship and World Cup Selection Trials, as well as serving on the Olympic Canadian Selection Panel.

She also judged a show at StarWest in New Berlin, IL. Centerline Dressage lured her there with the promise of a quadrille clinic afterwards and the club had four different teams to show to her.

She received the prestigious US Dressage Federation Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the sport of dressage.

IN MEMORY OF: KID 1980 - 2012

BY CHRISSIE MORAN JANUARY 25, 2012

When I was a little girl I wanted a horse (of course). My dad, however, had been badly injured in a horse accident and deemed the animal too dangerous for his daughter. So I waited and waited...til about twenty years ago, when I decided to take riding lessons. About a year later at Youth Charity Horse Show, I was introduced to Kid, and the rest, as they say, is history. What a lucky woman I was to meet this incredible horse. His kindness, patience, and talent were a blessing to me and to so many others. I remember my first dressage show with him. It was Icebreaker at StarWest...and we scored 62%! I didn't have a clue what the heck I was doing, but Kid sure did. I will be forever thankful to have had him in my life for so many years. Not only was he a talented, patient schoolmaster, but also a trusted companion. And the best part of all is that my son, Will, considered him his very own. As for my dad, I asked my mom what he would have thought of my buying a horse. She smiled and said, “He would just wonder what took you so long.” So follow your dreams, no matter how long you have to wait for them. And for you, Kid, rest peacefully, my friend.





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"/>

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

Please send to:

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BOARD MEMBER BIO - NANCY SIMPSON

Nancy is a Springfield native who grew up watching My Friend Flicka on TV and reading all of the Walter Farley Black Stallion books. She had an opportunity to take riding lessons when Springfield College in Illinois made them available as a substitute for PE class - - students could learn saddle seat riding at a barn located on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. In 'those days' barns were leased out to trainers on an annual basis; Karl Luthin had a barn there, as did a trainer who had a young student who became the 2008 Olympic Gold Medal Grand Prix jumping winner, Will Simpson (no relation to Nancy). While a student at University of Illinois she took her first dressage lesson, taught by Elaine Powell Gibala, one of the founding members of Centerline Dressage. Nancy and her husband John Simpson joined CLD in the early 1970's and were occasional officers of the club. CLD specialized in potlucks and schooling shows and clinics in the early days. Their daughter, Chrissie, has been competing in dressage show since age 10. The Simpson family now own Gold Diggerr, an Arabian Gelding, who showed in Intermediare I and II in 2011.



2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLD events in bold

April

28

CLD IceBreaker Schooling Show at StarWest. Judge: Lorna Donahue. Contact: Manager Sue Graham at sgraham6@hotmail.com Day Manager: Judy Nordstrom

23-25

CLD 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.

25-27

Gerhard Politz Carde Clinic at StarWest. Contact: Alice Martin at alice.martin@mac.com



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