

The Reader



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UPCOMING CLD EVENTS

(For full calendar of events, see page 9 or the online calendar at centerlinedressage.com)

April 16

CLD IceBreaker Schooling Show
at StarWest.

Contact: Manager Sue Graham at
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April 17

CLD Board Meeting
at StarWest.

Contact: Alice Martin, President
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April 29 - May 1

CLD Clinic w/ Col. Christian Carde
at StarWest.

Contact: Alice Martin, President
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The purposes of CenterLine Dressage: "to promote interest in and further the knowledge of dressage; to conduct dressage events and activities; to provide educational forums" from the Bylaws of CenterLine Dressage, adopted August 1983.

As of March 24, we have 70 members. Please take the time to re-up either on line or by using the membership form that is a part of this issue. Annually we have a big jump in membership with the advent of IceBreaker, members get a discount. Well, IceBreaker is practically here (April 16th!) and I, for one, am happily awaiting those new members.

Right here is the ARAB Inc./CLD Show Prep Clinic on Saturday, April 9, at Pratense Farms. Thanks to Paula Briney and her folks, Paul and Sally Jo Briney, for hosting this first time offering of a way to get ready for the show season. Come and learn about scribing, braiding, and how to fill out show entry blanks. Besides Paula, your instructors will be Marilyn Weber,

Leslie Burket, Chrissie & Nancy Simpson, and Jeanne Craver. Don't forget all members are welcome for the potluck at noon, a great way to get re-connected after a long, hard winter.

We still need an assistant Volunteer Co-coordinator to work with Volunteer Co-coordinator Deb Porter. Family responsibilities make it impossible for Deb to assist with the two schooling shows, IceBreaker on April 16 and FireCracker on July 2. The manpower needed for these smaller schooling shows make it the perfect way to easily learn the ropes of this important job. Please call or e-mail me if you want to know more about this office and are willing to help. It is a great

way for you to give back to CLD and to meet lots of members.

Many of us had had a hard, hard time this winter, myself included. My daughter-in-law Kate Fleming-Kuhn lost her beloved step-grandmother, Glenna Sprang, last October. Glenna's husband Neil was lost in February. My mother, Eleanor Martin, died on February 24. We appreciate the calls and cards we have received from so many of you. It is comforting to know that our "horse" friends gather the circle in times of trouble as well as in the times of joy. Thank you all.

The first Gerhard Politz clinic of 2011 was a happy time made happier by Pinky Noll taking part with her new horse, Dulcinea. Coming to see her, on crutches, driving his bright yellow truck, was Bill Schomburg! He left this kind note to all of us:

(The cover said "Thankful for You")
To the Members of CenterLine Dressage:

Words are all I have to express my gratitude for the love and financial support you have given to my wife Alison and me during my recovery. I have further work to do to get back to a regular life, but I am forever grateful to each and every one of you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Bill Schomburg
P.S. I am walking on crutches and driving, so don't be bashful if you see me around town.

Bill, you are an inspiration to us. Thank you for making the effort to say thank you in person. Look at his journey on their Shutterfly account including video: <http://billschomburgrecovery.shutterfly.com>

I am just a phone call or an e-mail away. Please get in touch.

Alice Martin
217-546-9400 or president@centerlinedressage.com

NEW 2011 USEF DRESSAGE TESTS

The United States Equestrian Federation dressage tests for Training through Fourth Levels are now available. These new editions are effective with the beginning of the 2011 USEF competition year (December 1, 2010) and will remain in use for the next four years, until November 30, 2014.

The USEF Dressage Test Booklet is now available. This convenient pocket-size booklet, which contains all movements, directives, and test information for Training through Fourth Level, can be ordered from USEF for a cover price of only \$5 each (plus shipping). This booklet also includes the USDF Intro Tests. Order forms are available through www.usef.org.

Complete USEF score sheets are posted for free download on the CenterLine Dressage website at www.centerlinedressage.com/downloads.html or from the USEF website, through the "My USEF Account" page. Anyone, whether a USEF member or not, may sign up for free My USEF access.

The test movements are also available on the USEF website at: www.usef.org/_iframes/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/dressagetestmov.aspx.

USDF score sheets, including Intro, Freestyles (First – Fourth Level), Quadrille, Pas de Deux, etc. are available from the USDF office. www.usdf.org.

FEI tests, including Prix St. George through Grand Prix and the FEI Young Horse tests, are available for download through the FEI website at www.fei.org.



COL. CHRISTIAN CARDE CLINIC



Riders and Auditors are cordially invited to learn from one of the few riders and trainers in the world who has worn all the hats at the international level. Col. Christian Carde, former *ecuyer en chef* of the Saumur, the French National School, has been a member of the French Olympic Team, coach for the French team as well as *chef d'equipe*. He has trained numerous international horses and Margit Otto Crepin to an Olympic Silver Medal in Seoul. He is an FEI "I" judge and a recipient of the *Légion d'Honneur*.

Riders will have a 45-minute private lesson each day of the three days. CLD members will pay \$150 per 45-minute private lesson. Non-CLD members will pay

\$160 per lesson. Lessons checks are payable to CenterLine Dressage. Stabling is \$25 per night payable to StarWest. Contact Alice Martin, Organizer, at president@centerlinedressage.com or call her at 217-546-9400.

Auditors may attend one day for \$10 or pay \$25 for all three days of auditing. Meals are extra. A group luncheon for riders, auditors and guests will be held on Friday and Sunday from noon to 1:45 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$8. It will be served y in the StarWest lounge. Meal reservations should be made by Wednesday, April 27, by calling 217-546-9400 or e-mailing



president@centerlinedressage.com. Mail your payments made payable to CLD to Alice Martin, 1736 S. Farmingdale Rd. New Berlin, IL 62670.

All participants and guests are invited to a banquet on Saturday evening in the StarWest lounge. Each luncheon and the banquet will have and lecture with audio visual material on the subject of "Dressage and the Challenge of Globalization". Banquet tickets will be \$15 each.

Col. Christian Carde

CLD Clinic & Lecture @ StarWest April 29 - May 1, 2011



Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

	# Attending	Total
Friday Auditing		\$
Friday Lunch		\$
Saturday Auditing		\$
Saturday Night Banquet		\$
Sunday Auditing		\$
Sunday Lunch		\$
Totals:		\$

Fees	
CLD Member Lesson fee	\$150
Non-CLD Member Lesson fee	\$160
Auditing (1 Day)	\$10
Auditing (3 Days)	\$25
Lunch (RSVP by 4.27.11)	\$8
Saturday Banquet (RSVP by 4.27.11)	\$20
Make Checks payable to CLD & send all materials to: 1736 S. Farmingdale Rd New Berlin, IL 62670	
Contact: Alice Martin president@centerlinedressage.com or 217-546-9400	

NEW USEF RULES

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC. Rule Changes Part I

March Meeting of the Executive Committee

The following rule changes were approved by the Executive Committee on March 21, 2011 and have an effective date during the 2011 Competition Year or later.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The following rule changes will be incorporated into the USEF 2011 Rule Book. This document is designed to be printed and inserted into your hardcopy rulebook.

CHAPTER DR - DRESSAGE DIVISION

DR120 Dress. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] 018-11, effective immediately:

3. At all test levels, riders may wear jackets in other colors within the international HSV color scale, as described in FEI Dressage Regulations, Art. 427.1. Contrast coloring and piping is allowed. Hats, stocks, ties, gloves and riding boots may be the same color as the coat. For Grand Prix Freestyle only: any single color tailcoat will be allowed; striped or multi-colored coats are not permitted, and tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable.

15. Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited while competing and such usage is penalized by elimination. Earphones or similar devices are permitted during training and warm-up.

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] 019-11, effective immediately:

3. For Federation Third and Fourth Level tests same as (2) above, or a simple double bridle (bridoon [snaffle] and bit [curb] and curb chain, cavesson noseband only) The curb "chain" can be made of metal, leather or rubber. A lip strap and rubber or leather cover for curb chain are optional.

8. The above restrictions (1-6) apply to warm-up and other training areas, however, running martingales (only with snaffle rein of plain snaffle bridle), boots, bandages (without magnets) and ear muffs are permitted (Exception: running martingales and ear muffs are not permitted for horses entered in USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes). However, noise canceling ear muffs are permitted at prize-giving ceremonies for horses competing at any level, including High Performance classes. Fly hoods (ear covers) that do not cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warm-up and other training areas and cannot be used for masking noise canceling earplugs.

DR122 Execution and Judging of Tests. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] 021-11, effective immediately:

5. Errors

c. For FEI Level Freestyle tests and Young Horse tests, the deduction for an error shall be:

- (1) First error: -1% .5% of possible from total score received
- (2) Second error: -2% 1% of possible from total score received
- (3) Third error: Elimination

d. For FEI Level Freestyle tests, two points will be deducted for each error, however they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.

h. Penalties. Other Errors. For USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes, all of the following are considered errors and two points will be deducted for each of the following errors, however they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination (including for freestyle tests) are penalized as in 5b, above:

- (1) Error of course
- (2) Entering the space around the arena with whip
- (3) Entering the dressage arena with whip except carrying the whip for more than three movements will entail elimination
- (4) Not entering the arena within 45 seconds but before 90 seconds after the bell
- (5) Entering the arena before the sound of the bell;
- (6) In Freestyle classes, entering the arena after more than 20 seconds of music but within 90 seconds

Part II of the changes will be in the May Reader

CLD BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Martin Kuhn, New Berlin

Martin Kuhn is the webmaster for CenterLine Dressage, a position he has held for several years. He rode in his first show at the Springfield Youth Charity at age three. CenterLine members remember him starting his dressage horse show career as a five-year-old runner for the shows held at StarWest, the dressage training barn his father, Jim Kuhn, and his mother, Alice Martin, started building in 1981, the year before he was born.



Martin Kuhn on the StarWest owned Greystoke. KCDS, April 2011.
(Photo by Marilyn Merrick)

At age seven Kuhn was allowed to be the runner at the Arabian Nationals dressage competition. As a teenager he rode to Top Ten at First Level in the Arabian Youth Nationals Dressage competition on EA Henry.

He started competing seriously as a Young Rider with Romulus in 2002. Now he is a USDF Certified Instructor through Fourth Level at StarWest and at clinics. Kuhn has trained horses through Grand Prix. He continues his education under his long time mentor, Gerhard Politz, with whom he has ridden since 1998 in clinics and as a working student. Kuhn has ridden regularly with Col. Christian Carde, Conrad Schumacher, and Lilo Fore.

For a full list of awards and more pictures, go to

<http://www.starwestonline.net/pages/pages/bios/kuhn.html>

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Alice Martin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present:

Alice Martin, Deb Porter, Leslie Burket, Marie Meadows, Brigitte Franzen, Kelley Clausing, Jordon Meadows, Sue Graham, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Pinky Noll, Paula Briney, and Nancy Simpson. Elena Voigt and Janet Fitch joined via telephone.

Alice reported a correction to the January minutes: Deb Porter was present.

Reports of Officers:

Treasurer: Marie Meadows presented the Profit & Loss statement. Recent expenses include \$225.00 to Horse Fair, the printing of the Omnibus, and insurance. The Classic 2011 exhibitor who owed us money has paid.

Alice reported that Bill Schomberg visited StarWest on March 25. He is steadily improving but still faces additional surgeries and monumental medical bills.

Alice reported that CLD Classic shows made a profit of \$4,015.00. This was primarily due to more horses entered and more sponsorships.

Nancy made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Deb Porter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: Alice reported for Anne Scrivner. Currently, for the 2011 membership year, we have 70 members. Many renewals are still outstanding. Membership fees were discussed. The fees we must pay per member to USDF have increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00. CLD dues will be increased for 2012.

Newsletter: Alice announced that Kelley Clausing was leaving StarWest to begin classes leading to veterinary school. We all joined Alice in thanking Kelley for her service as Newsletter

Editor —not an easy job. Kathi Cannon has volunteered to replace Kelley.

Jordon Meadows will take over Facebook, where we now have 121 followers.

Webmaster: Alice reported for Martin Kuhn, who was riding in the Politz Clinic. Martin will be catching up on various items, including posting the corrected version of the Omnibus.

Scholarship: Janet Fitch has nothing new to report.

Symposium: Alice reported for Kate. The Col. Carde clinic will be held April 29 through May 1, 2011, at StarWest. Auditing fee is \$10.00 for one day or \$25.00 for all three days. Riders may contact Alice Martin, Clinic Organizer, for details on the schedule and structure of the lessons, and for information on meals and the Saturday evening banquet and lecture.

Grassroots: Kelly Griffith was not present.

IceBreaker: [April 16] Sue Graham reported that the judge will now be Gayla Sargent. Volunteers are needed. The clinic, which was to be held the following day, has been cancelled. Alice has some items which can be given as High Point Awards at both IceBreaker and FireCracker. Sue requested copies of CLD membership forms be available during both shows. Someone will be sure that Anne Scrivner's name appears as Membership contact.

FireCracker: [July 2] Jan Gurga and Julie Nichols are co-managers. The judge is Amanda Johnson Borchardt. Leslie Burket is scribing.

Youth: Jordan mentioned the Field Museum in Chicago is hosting an international exhibit on the Horse. There was discussion of organizing a trip, by train or bus. No decision was made.

Show Prep Clinic: Paula Briney reported on the preliminary schedule for Saturday, April 9, at

Pratense Farm.

Paula and Marilyn Weber are co-organizers for ARAB, Inc. and for CLD. Leslie Burket, "L", will present information for the scribes and will act as the judge. Ridden tests, Intro thought Second Level and Sport Horse in Hand will be demonstrated. Chrissie Simpson and Jordan Meadows will teach braiding. Jeanne Craver will discuss how to fill out entry forms for shows. CLD will provide copies of the tests. The event includes a Potluck.

Classic: John Simpson was not present. Deb Porter has generously volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator.

Inter-Club Liaison: Elena had nothing new to report. Leslie reported that she has a letter outlining 2011 CLD Events to be sent to our neighboring GMO's such as SLADS, Great River, Little Egypt, and Wisconsin Dressage & CT.

New Business:

The clinic which was to be given by Melanie Michalak has not been re-scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Simpson, Secretary

THANK YOU, KELLEY!

A big thank you to Kelley Clausing who has stepped down as Editor of the Reader to pursue additional higher education. Kelley was editor of the Reader from December 2008 through February 2011. Her editorial talents have been very much appreciated and we wish her luck in her future endeavors.



2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*CLD events in bold***April**

16 **CLD IceBreaker Schooling Show at StarWest. Judge: Melanie Michalak. Contact: Manager Sue Graham at sgraham6@hotmail.com.**

May

April 29-May 1 Clinic with Col. Christian Carde at StarWest. Contact: Alice Martin.
7-8 Carrousel Connection Dressage I & II (USEF/USDF recognized), Illinois State Fairgrounds.
16-18 Clinic with Gerhard Politz at StarWest. Contact: Alice Martin.
21 Dressage Schooling Show at Tower Hill Equestrian Center, Dawson IL. Contact Teri Morenz.

June

1-3 ARAB Inc. All-Arabian Dressage (USEF/USDF recognized), Illinois State Fairgrounds. Contact: Manager John Simpson at jsnrhorse@prodigy.net.
3-5 Clinic with Gerhard Politz at StarWest. Contact: Alice Martin.
4-5 Region XI All-Arabian Dressage (USEF/USDF recognized), Illinois State Fairgrounds. Contact: Manager John Simpson.
11 35th Annual Al Khamsa Dressage (USEF/USDF recognized) at Tower Hill Equestrian Center. Judge: Nancy Harris. Contact: Manager Teri Morenz.
12 Clinic with Nancy Harris at Tower Hill Equestrian Center. Contact: Teri Morenz.
18 **CLD Chevaux Dressage Schooling Show, Chrisman IL. Judge: Gayla Sargent. Contact: Manager Merri Voigt.**
18-19 SLADS Dressage Classic I and II (USEF/USDF recognized), Lake St. Louis MO.

July

2 **CLD FireCracker Schooling Show at StarWest. Judge: Amanda Johnson. Contact: Manager Jan Gurga at; Day Manager Julie Nichols.**
3 **CLD Clinic with Amanda Johnson, discount for JYR's and AA's at Tower Hill Equestrian Center. Contact: Teri Morenz.**
16 **CLD Schooling Show, Chrisman IL. Contact: Merri Voigt.**
22-24 Clinic with Gerhard Politz at StarWest. Contact: Alice Martin.
August 6 Dressage Schooling Show, Tower Hill Equestrian Center, Dawson
Aug. 27-28 CenterLine Dressage Classic I & II, USEF/USDF approved, at IL State Fairgrounds. Judges: Bill Solyntjes and Fran Dearing, "S" judges. John Simpson, Mgr.
September 17 32nd Annual Al Khamsa Fall Dressage at Tower Hill, Dawson; USEF/USDF approved. Judge: Elizabeth Madlener, "S". Manager: Teri Morenz
September 19-20 Clinic with Elizabeth Madlener
September 22-25 Region 2 Championships, Majestic Farms, Batavia
Nov. 11-13 CLD Education Days



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

Membership Type	Details	Totals
Individual Membership	\$42 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	\$61 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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	Half Page	\$25 Non-Member	\$12.50 Member
	¼ Page or Less	\$12 Non-Member	\$6 Member

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	Additional 25 words	\$2 Non-Member	\$1 Member

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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:

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