

The Reader

CenterLine Dressage is a Group Member Organization of USDF. CLD members are automatically members of the United States Dressage Federation.

CLD AWARDS BANQUET, NOVEMBER 14

Banquet

Every year, CLD hosts a year-end awards banquet for members. This year, the event will be held at Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield. Drinks will be served beginning at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:30.

Please RSVP to club President, Tracey Walker, by October 31.

For members who did not take advantage of the free show photo offered at CLD Classic, the banquet cost will be subsidized by CLD. For others, cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children over 3, and children under 3 are free.

Ballot

Each year at the Awards Banquet, CLD members elect four Directors at Large. You may vote by email to club President Tracey Walker, or at the Awards Banquet. The ballot was included with your invitation to the Banquet. Candidates' biographies can be found on the following page of *The Reader*.

Awards

Year-end performance awards will be conferred on the nominated member and horse combination with the highest average two tests at each level. The Recognized Division includes categories for Jr/Yr, Adult Amateur, Novice, and Open riders, and scores must have been obtained at recognized shows. The Unrecognized Division includes the same categories; however, scores from unrecognized open dressage shows count. Questions regarding the awards program can be directed to the CLD Awards Chair, Marilyn Weber.

Membership

CLD is offering a nearly **50% discount** on memberships until November 15. Remember, if you renew your membership early, your horse nomination for 2010 is free!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(For more info on all events please see the CLD online calendar.)

October 16-18

Col. Christian Carde Clinic
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin,
alice.martin@mac.com

October 18

CLD Board Meeting
3:30 pm @StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Tracey Walker, President
president@centerlinedressage.com

November 14

CLD Annual Awards Banquet
cocktails 6:30 pm, dinner 7:30 pm
@ Island Bay Yacht Club, Springfield
Contact: Tracey Walker, President
president@centerlinedressage.com

December 12

CLD Annual Christmas Party
Location TBA
Contact: Tracey Walker, President,
president@centerlinedressage.com

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CLD BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Paula Briney:

Paula is a past President of CenterLine Dressage. She is also currently the USDF Region 2 Participating Member delegate.

Marie O. Meadows:

Marie has served CLD as both Secretary and Vice President in the past. She has also served as the Executive President for the Sangamon County Extension for two years and prior to that was secretary of the Ag Council. As Executive President her duties included payment of bills, plan programs, etc.

Nancy Simpson:

Nancy has been a member of Centerline Dressage since cement block dressage ring days, and has served as Secretary and as Awards Chairman. Nancy has been an involved volunteer at many of the schooling shows and at most of the Classic shows. She has been the librarian for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency since 1976; is on the Governing Board of the Users' Group and Chairman of the Database Standards Committee for Rolling Prairie Library System; and is a volunteer at St. Joseph's Home in Springfield.

Paul Truax:

Paul volunteers for several community organizations. He attended CLD Board Meetings this year. Many of you will recognize him from Firecracker this year. Others will recognize him as the Warm-up ring Steward for Classic. Paul would like to fill an available position on the Board. He looks forward to meeting all of you during the two years he will be dedicating to this office.

Elena Voigt:

Elena has been a member of CLD since 1985. She has served as President of Both the Quad City Chapter and Southern Illinois Chapter (when they existed). She feels that CLD is a great organization to learn and grow in. She would be honored to continue to serve as Vice President.

CLD AWARDS BANQUET MENU

Mixed greens with candied pecans, blue cheese, dried cranberries, golden raisins and a vidalia onion vinaigrette.

Combo plate with Tournedo of beef tenderloin with a red currant sauce and grilled salmon with a lemon dill sauce, oven roasted red and sweet potatoes with garlic, roasted Fall root vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea.

Dessert Table: Mixed berry cobbler, spice cake with a cream cheese frosting, and chocolate torte.

There is also be a children's menu, which will include the dessert table, as well.

CLD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

CLD is offering a 50% discount on membership until November 14. Membership forms were included in the Awards Banquet invitation, and can also be printed off the CLD website.

CHICAGOLAND EQUESTRIAN LIFESTYLE EXPO & HOLIDAY MARKET NOVEMBER 21-22

Horsemen's Council of Illinois is bringing its successful Equestrian Lifestyle Expo & Holiday Market November 21-22, 2009 to the Lake County Fairgrounds for its second year.

"Sponsored by Purina Feeds, this year's Expo moves into the spacious new Lake County Fairgrounds' Expo Center in Grayslake, IL - 65,000 square feet all on one level," according to Joy Meierhans, Expo manager.

"Located west of I-94 at the intersection of Peterson and Midlothian Roads, the new Fairgrounds provides lots of free parking with easy in and out access," Meierhans said.

Lake County is ideally situated to attract horsemen from both the Chicago and Milwaukee metro areas, aided by excellent Interstate Highway access.

"Positive response from the many returning vendors has been very encouraging," Meierhans said in explaining how people are reacting to the move. "The new Fairgrounds facilities were not yet finished when the Horsemen's Council launched the event last year, but we think we now have a 'home' for Expo for years to come," she said.

The all breed equestrian trade show will present products and services for current horse owners and the one in three households wanting to own or ride a horse in the future, according to Horse Industry Alliance research.

"Like last year, this year's Expo will not have horses on site, but will have a large educational component, featuring leading clinicians, nutritionists, veterinary specialists and researchers in the forefront of equine understanding," Meierhans said.

Vendors will include those with English and Western tack and clothing for all breeds and disciplines; feed, supplements, health care products; and facilities, equipment and stable supplies, such as barns, stalls, fencing, generators and gators, Meierhans explained.

With only 30 days until Christmas, there will be a special emphasis on holiday gifts, including jewelry, art, books, stationery and home/barn/lounge accessories.

Appealing to folks interested in becoming part of the equestrian lifestyle will be the clubs and associations representing breeds and disciplines. HCI member clubs will qualify for reduced exhibitor rates.

Complete exhibitor and attendee information will be posted as it becomes available at www.horsemencouncil.org. Exhibitor application forms will be the first items to appear on the site, followed by speakers and their program listings.

For information on exhibiting, contact Joy Meierhans at (630) 557-2575 or JM@TheMeierhans.com.

Horsemen's Council of Illinois, voice of the horse industry in Illinois, is affiliated with the American Horse Council and is the statewide association of equine organizations and individuals working to provide centralized leadership for Illinois' 77,000 horse owners, 213,000 horses and its \$3.8 billion industry, which provides full-time employment for more than 15,000 people.

ED ROTHKRANZ CLINICS AT BRIER BANK FARM

Brier Bank Farm in Marine, IL, is proud to present a series of clinics with Ed Rothkranz.

Mr. Rothkranz grew up in Germany. Upon moving to Canada, he was Reserve Canadian International Dressage Champion in 1974, Reserve Eastern Canadian Champion in 1975, and Canadian Advanced Level Champion in 1977. Mr. Rothkranz competed in the 1980 Olympics for Team Canada.

Clinics will be held at Brier Bank Farm October 16-18 and November 20-22. Lessons will run from 5-8 pm Friday evening, and 9 am to 3:30 pm Saturday and Sunday. Cost is as follows:

Private Lessons: \$155 LEDA Members / \$175 Non-members

Semi-private Lessons (2 riders): \$85 / \$100

Group Lessons (3 riders): \$60 / \$75

Auditing per day: no charge / \$10

Day stalls: \$15 / \$15

Overnight stalls: \$25 / \$25

Clinic registration forms are available at www.brierbankfarm.com. For more information call Gay Anderson at (618) 887-4438 or brierbankfarm@juno.com.

CLD MEMBER WINS USDF ARTS CONTEST

We would like to congratulate CLD member Emily Layeski, of O'Fallon, IL, on her finish in the USDF Arts Contest, in the Youth Writing division.

This annual contest was designed to highlight the creativity and beauty of dressage, and to allow USDF members to express their interest in the sport outside of the competition arena. Emily's submission, a short essay entitled "Dressage: A Bond So Strong," received 2nd place in the Youth Writing 16-21 division. We reprint it here, with her permission. Congratulations, Emily!

Dressage: A Bond So Strong
by Emily Layeski

Through fleeting moments of perfection we find another piece of who we are, and through mistakes we learn how to pick ourselves up. We know each other's weaknesses and fears, and we confront them together to better our selves as a team and as friends. The more we conquer and endure, the more we trust, love, and confide in each other. We know that iron sharpens iron, so we encourage and spur one another on to greatness. We keep our minds and hearts open to reasonable ideas and suggestions, and experiment to see how we can improve ourselves and the world around us. We grow to learn that wicked and cruel ways are never effective or convenient, and that being kind and reassuring is the best way to teach. On our journey to perfection, we teach each other valuable lessons such as love, trust, compassion, and forgiveness. We learn how to have confidence, and how to better explain things that seem unexplainable. Last of all, we know and understand that we will never be perfect beings.

But our hope is that we will be close.

MINUTES OF THE CLD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUGUST 23, 2009

In attendance: Board members President Tracey Walker; Secretary Janet Fitch; Membership Chair Pinky Noll; Awards Chair Marilyn Weber; Paula Briney; John Simpson; Vice President Elena Voigt by phone. Also attending, Paul Truax.

President Tracey Walker called the meeting to order at 4:15.

Secretary's Report

The secretary read the minutes of the June 14 meeting. Some corrections were made, and then Pinky Noll moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Alice Martin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report due to the absence of the treasurer.

Old Business

Classic

Pinky Noll and John Simpson made reports on the upcoming Classic I & II. Ribbons, etc. are in. Happily, there have been a good response for volunteers, and there seem to be quite a few people to help out with the show. A big thank you to all of the volunteers!

The Noll and Simpson families are providing dinner to competitors on Friday night, and the members of the board will be providing the potluck meal on Saturday evening. Various members offered specific items or courses for that meal.

Dressage Foundation Contribution

We will be sending a contribution of \$2,000 to the program.

New Business

New Perks for Members!

Martin Kuhn has proposed by earlier email that the club provide the perk of one free photo to each member who is competing in this year's classic. The photographer will charge CLD \$20 per picture. It is estimated that there will be from 20-30 member competitors.

Paula proposed that the club do this and that members who are competing at Classic I&II be offered this picture (a \$25 value) at the cost of \$20 per picture. Alice seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Awards Banquet

Paula announced that this year's banquet, which will return to the Island Bay Yacht Club this year, will be held the first Saturday in November. Island Bay will charge the club \$22.50 per person. The club will subsidize the \$2.50 per person so that members will pay only \$20.00 per person. There will be the usual cash bar before the dinner. Marilyn announced that that the last day for

submitting scores for the 2009 show season will be October 7. Year-end awards will be announced at the annual Awards Banquet.

Education Day

There was a discussion of the 2009 CLD Education Day to be held in conjunction with the Awards Banquet. Since there were several ideas outstanding for the speaker(s), the topic was tabled and will probably have to be resolved by email vote of the board.

Dues

For the second year the board voted to offer club membership at a reduced rate of \$25 for adult members who join before November 15. After that date the normal rate of \$42 will be in effect. Marilyn moved to adopt the policy; Alice seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Academic Scholarship

October 15 is the deadline for application for the academic scholarship of \$1,000. Any member who has belonged for two years or more and who will be attending an institution of higher education in the coming year is eligible to apply. Students do not need to be entering freshmen in order to be eligible for the scholarship award. Complete guidelines and a downloadable application form can be found on the CLD website. Both electronic and hard copy should be submitted. The winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

Treasurer

Kate Fleming-Kuhn has notified the president that she does not wish to continue as CLD treasurer after her present term. The club will, therefore, be needing a new treasurer. If you wish to be considered or wish to nominate someone, please contact an officer or board member. The treasurer is elected by the membership.

A Bigger Board

The board discussed that it would be valuable to have a larger board of directors in order to draw more and different members into the club leadership and allow for the infusion of ideas from a broader range of the membership. Paula moved that we increase board membership by 4-5 members, and Marilyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, but the increase in the size of the board will require a change of the by-laws, which the board hopes to have ready for the approval of the membership during the annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Awards Banquet. If you are interested in joining the board, please let one of the officers or other board members know.

Next Meeting

The next every other month meeting of the board will take place at 4:00 on Sunday, October 18 at StarWest.

Paula Briney moved that the meeting be adjourned. Members concurring, Tracey adjourned the meeting at 5:30.

CLD Horse/Rider Nomination Form



Name of Horse: _____
 Name of Rider: _____
 Name of Owner: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____

! NOTE !

 As award nomination fees are now part of membership fees both rider & owner must be current members of CLD.

ZIP: _____ Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Have you paid your current dues? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

Has this Horse/Rider combination shown with CLD in previous years?
 (circle one) **YES** **NO**

If yes, when & what levels? _____

At what level, category, and division do you expect to show?

Level <small>(you may choose more than one)</small>	Category <small>(you may choose more than one; only one award may be won per level)</small>	Division <small>(you may choose only one)</small>
Intro	Junior/Young Rider	Schooling Division
Training		
First		
Second	Adult Amateur	
Third		
Fourth		
PSG	Novice	Open Division
I-1		
I-2		
Grand Prix	Open	
Musical Freestyle		

CLD Year-End awards are for specific Horse/Rider combinations. Each horse or rider must be nominated separately. Forms must be received **BEFORE** scores will be counted and membership fees must be current.

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At Large Members (Odd Years)	Paula Briney, Martin Kuhn, Elena Voigt, Marilyn Weber		

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
<p>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</p>			
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	Additional 25 words	\$2 Non-Member	\$1 Member
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