

The Reader

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

USEF ANNOUNCES EXTRAORDINARY RULES CHANGES

In January of this year, the FEI published rule changes for international dressage competitions (please see FEI Rules for Dressage Events, 23rd Edition, January 1, 2009, available on the FEI website, at www.fei.org).

As a result, the USEF Executive Committee has approved several extraordinary rule changes for the Dressage Division (Chapter DR) of the USEF Rule Book. These rule changes, primarily impacting saddlery and errors/penalties, are effective immediately. Some of the rule changes only affect High Performance classes; several others apply to all exhibitors in USEF/USDF-Licensed Dressage Competitions.

For more information, please visit the USEF web site at this link: <http://www.usef.org/documents/rules/ruleChanges/2009/ECApproved031609.pdf>.

For questions, please contact Jennifer Keeler, USEF National Director of Dressage, at jkeeler@usef.org.

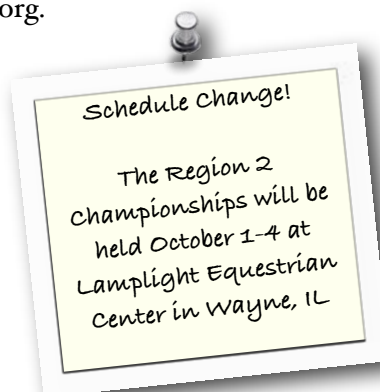
Rules Affected Include:

- GR1102:
Horse Recording requirements
- DR121:
Sliding side reins (triangle reins) are allowed for longeing

Snaffles or bridoons with a rotating middle piece are allowed

Snaffles and bridoons must be 10mm or larger at cheeks; curbs must be 12mm or larger in diameter

In-hand whips may be up to 120 cm (47.25 in) in length



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 19

CLD Board of Directors Meeting
Contact: Tracey Walker,
217/496-3837

April 25

CLD IceBreaker Schooling Show
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Sue Graham, Show Manager
217/483-4650

April 26 - 27

USDF "L" Education Program
Session B
Waukesha, WI area
Contact: Kathy Dunn,
608/223-9238

May 2 - 4

Gerhard Politz Clinic,
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin, Clinic Organizer,
alice.martin@mac.com

May 12 - 13

Jennifer Kotylo Clinic
@Partense Farms, Chatham
Contact: Paula Briney, Clinic Organizer,
brineypaula@aol.com

May 15 - 17

Sue Hughes Clinic
@ Brier Bank Farm, Marine, IL
Contact: Nancy Spear,
618/684-4185

WRITE FOR *THE READER*

As spring approaches, we all look forward to a new season of shows, clinics, and other learning opportunities to enhance our knowledge of dressage. In the next few months alone, CLD members will have access to clinicians such as Lilo Fore, Jayne Ayers, Col. Christian Carde, Gerhard Politz, and Maryal Barnett; and the USDF "L" Education Program is running through May just a few hours north in Wisconsin.

The Reader welcomes reports or notes from members for inclusion in the newsletter. If you are interested in sharing your clinic experience with fellow CLD members, simply email the newsletter editor at kbclausing@gmail.com.

SUE HUGHES SYMPOSIUM

Sue Hughes, USEF "r" judge in both eventing and dressage, is also a Level III Centered Riding Instructor, and is a Life Member of the Certified Horsemanship Association. She has served USDF in many capacities – she was the National Nominations Chair for 9 years, served on the Violet Hopkins Symposium Planning Committee for 11 years, and is currently starting her 9th and final year as Region 2 Director. With a busy daily life of riding, teaching, and caring for horses on her own property, Sue and her husband live in rural Plymouth, Michigan.

1. Friday Night Lecture 6:30-8:00pm: "From the Judge's Box" Learn about the discussion concerning "classical" vs. "competition" Dressage – and what it means for you and your horse - whether you show or ride in your own backyard.
2. Saturday May 16 Schooling show – officiated by Sue Hughes See www.brierbankfarm.com or www.ledressage.org for prizelist and entry form
3. Sunday May 17 Clinic with Sue Hughes – utilizing her expertise as "r" judge, and her background in Centered Riding and Certified Horsemanship, Sue will guide participants on how they can improve for greater success in the show ring and the schooling arena. Clinic schedule: 7:00am-2:30pm

See clinic application form on page 5 of *The Reader*

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May 23

Tower Hill Equestrian Center's Spring Schooling Show
@THEC, Dawson,
Contact: Teri Morenz, Manager,
ttmorenz2@aol.com

May 23 - 24

USDF "L" Education Program
Session C
Waukesha, WI area
Contact: Kathy Dunn,
608/223-9238

June 5-7

Gerhard Politz Clinic
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin, Clinic
Organizer,
alice.martin@mac.com

June 20

Al Khamsa Dressage
USEF/USDF recognized
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Debbie Mackie, Show
Manager
debbie.mackie@honeywell.com

June 21

Maryl Barnett Clinic
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin, Clinic
Organizer, alice.martin@mac.com

CLD Board of Directors Meeting
Contact: Tracey Walker,
217/496-3837

July 11

CLD Firecracker Schooling Show
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Paul Truax, Show Manager,
paultrax@ameritech.net



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CLD 2008 TREASURER'S REPORT

In spite of high gas prices and other economic pitfalls affecting all areas of the horse industry, participation remained high in all CLD activities. Nearly all of the club's activities either made money or broke even, a fact which we should all be proud of.

Miscellaneous Income			
Apparel Income	\$614.00		
Advertising Income	\$37.50		
Horse/Rider Nominations	\$255.00		
Mailing Labels	\$10.00		
Membership Income	\$3,106.00		
Ring Rental	\$375.00		
Show/Event Income			
Awards Banquet Income	\$950.00		
Pilates Clinic Income	\$1,734.33		
Classic Income	\$24,244.00		
Education Day Income	\$7,320.00		
FireCracker Income	\$847.00		
IceBreaker Income	\$1,225.00		
		\$40,717.83	Total Income
Show/Event Expenses			
Pilates Clinic	-\$1,948.63		
Classic Expenses	-\$18,447.05		
Education Day Expenses	-\$7,295.00		
FireCracker Expenses	-\$920.43		
IceBreaker Expenses	-\$623.90		
Membership Expenses			
Insurance Expenses	-\$773.00		
Postage Expenses	-\$42.00		
Reader Expenses	-\$28.77		
USDF Expenses	-\$1,898.00		
Website Expenses	-\$631.32		
Other Membership Expenses	-\$78.25		
Donation to Region 2 Jr./Yr.	-\$72.00		
		-\$14,311.30	Total Expenses
Totals	\$26,406.53		

**Income/Expense
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July 25

Sir! Celebration USET/USDF Benefit
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin,
alice.martin@mac.com

August 8

Tower Hill Equestrian Center's Spring
Schooling Show
@THEC, Dawson,
Contact: Teri Morenz, Manager,
ttmorenz2@aol.com

August 16

CLD Board of Directors
Meeting
Contact: Tracey Walker,
217/496-3837

August 29-30

CLD Classic I & II
@ Illinois State Fair Grounds,
Springfield
Contact: Jeannie Craver, Show
Secretary
mowarda@aol.com

September 11-13

Gerhard Politz Clinic
@StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin,

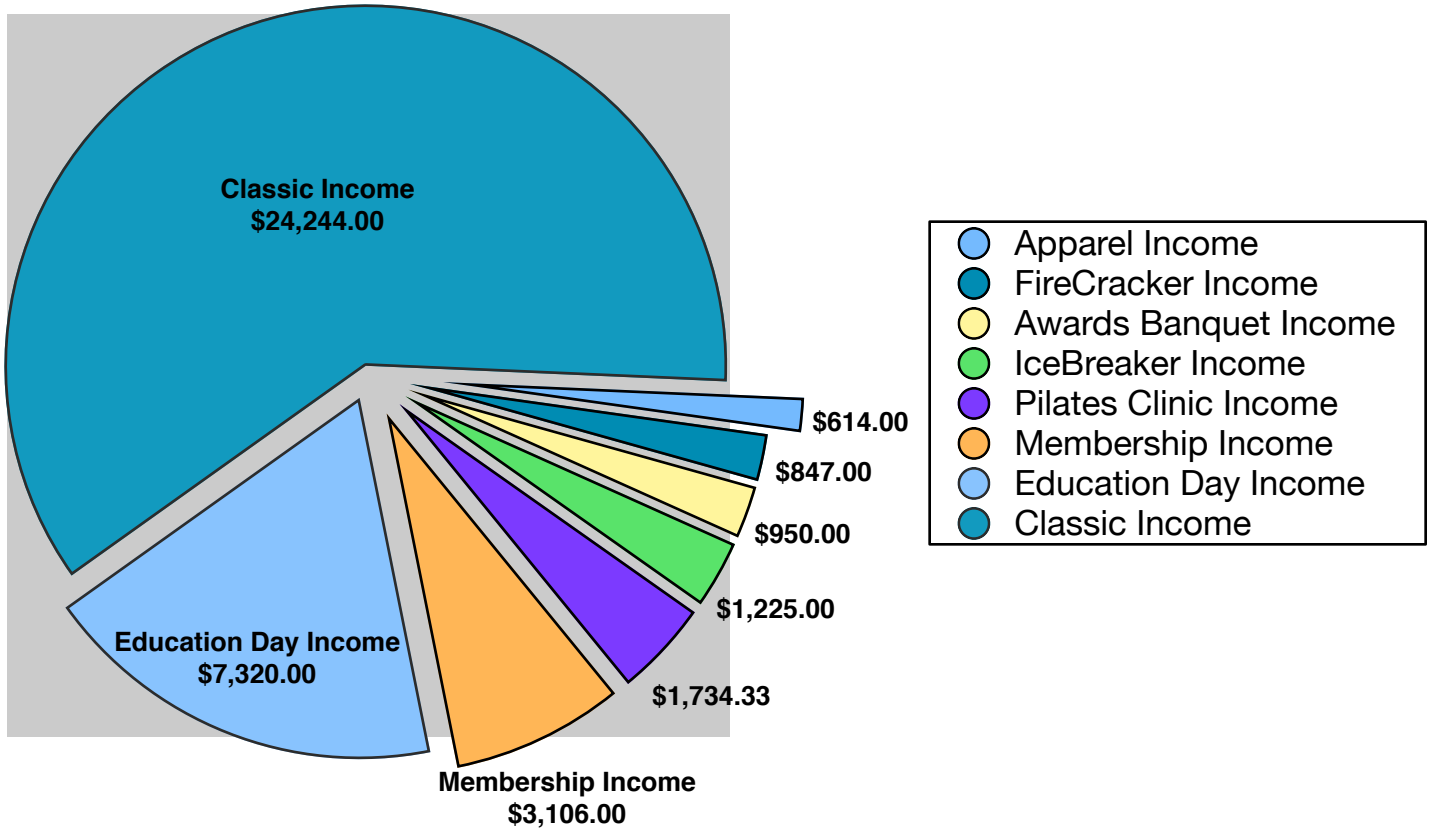
September 19

Al Khamsa Fall Dressage
USEF/USDF recognized
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Debbie Mackie, Show
Manager
debbie.mackie@honeywell.com

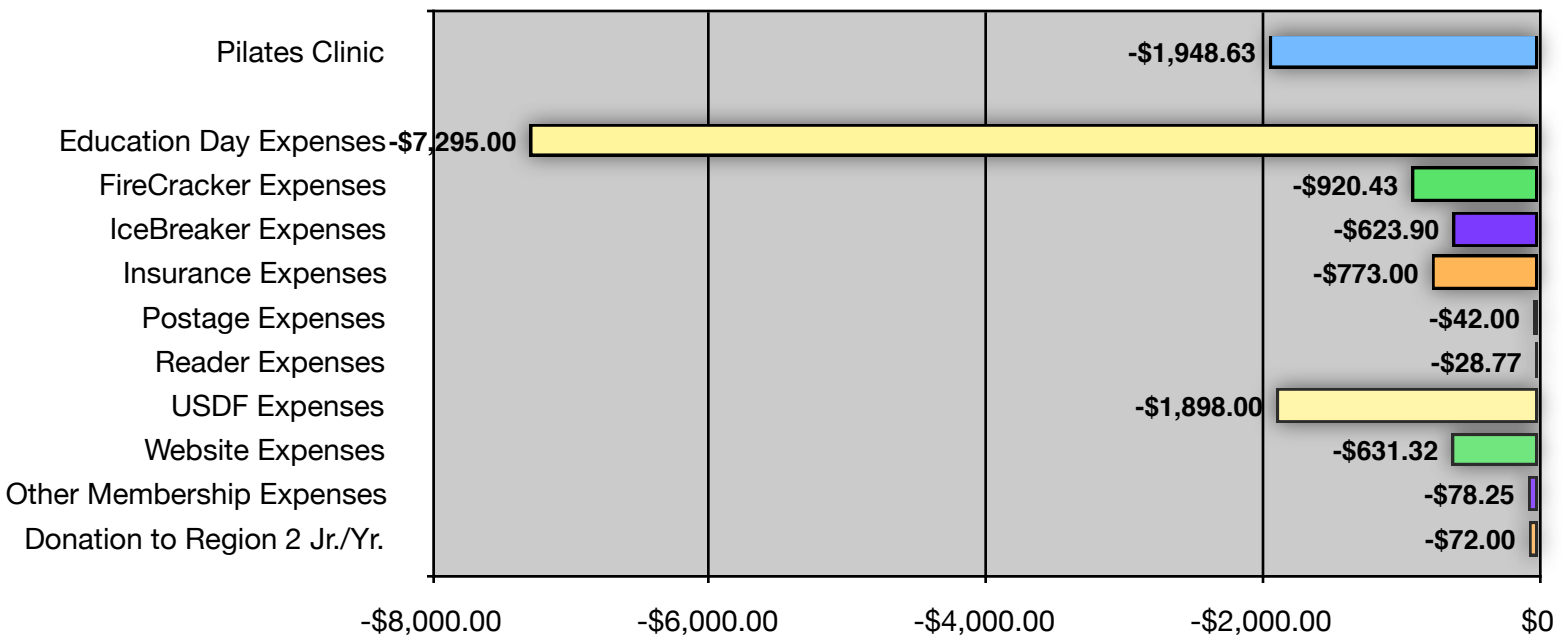
September 20

Jeanne McDonald Clinic
@ StarWest, New Berlin
Contact: Alice Martin
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CLD Income



CLD Expenses



FROM THE JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE

A weekend with Sue Hughes
USEF "r" judge and USDF Region 2 Director
May 15-17, 2009
Brier Bank Farm, Marine, Illinois
CLOSING DATE: MAY 6, 2009

CLINIC FEES: (please mark below)

Privates: 45 minutes

_____ \$75 LEDA member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

_____ \$85 non-member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

Semi-Privates: 1 hour

_____ \$55 LEDA member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

_____ \$65 non-member, includes lecture & Sunday audit

_____ Stall fees: \$25/day or \$60 weekend (12 noon Friday – 5:00pm Sunday)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR LECTURE & AUDITING: (please mark below)

_____ \$5 LEDA members - includes Lecture on Friday & Sunday auditing

_____ \$15 non-member participants - includes both Friday Lecture & Sunday auditing

TOTAL FEES: _____

Scheduling Requests: _____

UNREGISTERED AUDITORS WELCOMED FRIDAY AND SUNDAY AT \$10/SESSION

Make checks payable to: "LEDA" and mail w/coggins by May 6th to:
Nancy Spear, 1 E. Lake Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966

I understand that riding horses is a high risk sport and I am participating (or allowing my child to participate) at my (his/her) own risk. I hereby assume this risk and release and hold harmless Little Egypt Dressage Association, Brier Farms Ltd., Gay Anderson, & Sue Hughes from all liability for negligence resulting in accidents, death, damage, injury or illness to myself, my horse(s) or to my property during the clinic. I represent that I have the required abilities to safely participate in this event.

Signature (or parent signature if under 18)

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 (you may choose more than one)	Category (you may choose more than one; only one award may be won per level)	Division (you may choose only one)
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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 3662 Hagaman Rd.
 Chesterfield, IL. 62630

Club Officers & Personnel (Full list and mailing addresses online)			
President	Tracey Walker	217/496-3837	president@centerlinedressage.com
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Secretary	Janet Fitch	217/355-1658	secretary@centerlinedressage.com
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Awards Chair	Marilyn Weber	618/753-3446	awards_chair@centerlinedressage.com
Web Site	Moiety Design		moietyenterprises@mac.com
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.</p> <p>Page Ads Up for 1 Month</p>			
Reader Classified Ads	50 words or less	\$5 Non-Member	\$3 Member
	Additional 25 words	\$2 Non-Member	\$1 Member
<p>No Photographs</p> <p>Classified Ads Up for 1 Month</p>			
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:

THE READER
c/o Kelley Clausing
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New Berlin, IL 62670

