

# The Reader

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

## CLD CLASSIC TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND

The 24th Annual CLD Classic, and the 2nd Annual CLD Classic II begin on Saturday, August 26, 2006. Competitors and their horses, from all over the Midwest, arrive on Friday. Volunteers are always necessary. If you are not competing this weekend, please drop by the show office to notify them of your availability!

## CLD MEMBER PAULA BRINEY WINS USDF GOLD MEDAL

Long time CLD member and former club president Paula Briney obtained her last required qualifying score for her USDF Gold Medal on her stallion, Rejent, at Silverwood Farm, in Wisconsin, on July 2, 2006 with score of 61.4%. Paula will receive her Gold Medal at the USDF Kansas City annual meeting in December. The club extends its sincere congratulations to Paula.

## ONLINE CLD NEWSLETTER

CLD's monthly newsletter, The Reader, is now published online and may be accessed through CLD's website, [www.centerlinedressage.com](http://www.centerlinedressage.com). If any member prefers to receive a paper hard copy of the newsletter, please notify the newsletter editors.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### August 26 - 27

CLD Classic I & II USEF/USDF Approved @ Illinois State Fairgrounds

Contact John Simpson, Manager & Jeanne Craver, Secretary

### September 1 - 3

Al Khamsa Nat. Convention, Rt 66 Hotel, Springfield. Seminars open to the public for a small fee.

Contact Alice Martin  
217/546-9400

### September 15 - 17

Clinic at StarWest, w/ Col Christian Carde,  
[www.starwestonline.net](http://www.starwestonline.net)

### September 16

Southern IL Dressage Classic. Southern IL Equestrian Center, Marion, IL. Judge: Sharon Winkler, "L" graduate.

Contact: [CLD.south@yahoo.com](mailto:CLD.south@yahoo.com)  
618-303-0575,  
[www.foxrunfarm.net](http://www.foxrunfarm.net).

## CLD CONTINUING LEARNING DAY, SEPTEMBER 16

CLD will host a Continuing Learning Day on Saturday, September 16, 2006, featuring Col. Christian Carde, former director of the French National School, at Saumur. Col. Carde will speak on "The French Style". Potluck supper starts at 6:00 PM, and the talk will begin at 7:00 PM, at the StarWest Lounge, 1736 S. Farmingdale Road, New Berlin. Please RSVP to Alice at 546-9400.



The former director of the French National School, at Saumur, returns for his fifth year to StarWest. Christian Carde, an FEI I judge and founder of ALLEGE-IDEAL, Col. Carde's international organization for promoting classically correct horses (with superb piaffe/passage transitions). He usually rides each horse and works with them from the ground both in hand and with rider mounted.

Dedicated to the teaching of horsemanship, Colonel Christian Carde's first riding experiences were in the discipline of show jumping and eventing. He spent 40 years in the French Army - 26 years at the Cadre Noir in Saumur, where he became "ecuyer en chef" or head trainer.

He won the French National Dressage Championship in 1979, was on the French Olympic Team for the Moscow Games and also became an FEI dressage judge. He then took a break from Saumur for four years to be the national trainer of the French National Dressage Team, where he coached Margitt Otto Crepin through the World Championships, Olympics and World Cup Finals. In 1999, he judged the world Dressage Challenge, Group 4, in central Europe and the Canadian National Dressage Championships.



### MINUTES OF THE CENTERLINE DRESSAGE MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2006

In Attendance: Alice Martin; Paula Briney; John Simpson, Pinky Noll; Tracey Walker; Genelle Royer; Martin Kuhn; Kelly Boston; Jeanne Craver.

President Tracey Walker called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Kate Fleming was not present, but she sent a brief report on the FireCracker show and a total current balance (\$17,990.42).

#### Old Business

HorseFair: We are still searching for a clinician for HorseFair. Several members are pursuing possibilities.

FireCracker Schooling Show: Alice gave Kate's income statement for the show. Revenue totaled, \$1,053; Expenses totaled \$905.79, leaving a total income of \$147.21.

Classic I & II: Another corporate sponsor, HorseQuest, has come forward with a sponsorship

of \$500 as per Bridget Franzen. There have also been a lot of business card ads in the program. It was discussed that since currently business card ads are cheaper than class sponsorships, we might want to change the class sponsorship amounts for next year. All volunteer positions for essential helper have been filled, but the show can always use more runners, etc. Paula had two volunteers of that type for the show.



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**September 16**  
CLD Continuing Learning Day - Christian Carde will speak on the "French Style" of dressage. Potluck 6 p.m. Lecture at 7 p.m. StarWest Lounge.

**New Business**

Educational Opportunity

Alice Martin announced that another fortuitous educational opportunity for the club has arisen. Col. Christian Carde will be giving a presentation on the French style of classical dressage before his September clinic at StarWest. He has offered to give us the same presentation during his stay for no extra charge to us. It was decided that Saturday evening was the most appropriate time. The presentation will most likely occur at StarWest, but exact time and place will be forthcoming.

USDF Convention in Kansas City

We discussed the need to fill out a form to authorize a GMO delegate to the convention. We are entitled to one delegate for every 200 members and 1 vote for every 25 members. Paula Briney will be the delegate. She pointed out that we will also need to send a basket for the drawings at the banquet. Members who are planning to attend this year's Awards Dinner are asked to bring items to put in the CLD basket. They can be "horsy" items or items that represent your area in some way.

Year End Awards

There has been a lot of email discussion in the past couple of weeks occasioned by Awards Chair Marilyn Weber's question of whether or not to separate all the awards into two categories depending upon whether the score was from a rated or a schooling show. Clearly, it is too late to change the awards this year, but we might want to make changes for the next show season. After a couple of motions suggesting a change to a two-tier system and a number of comments about the possible implications of such changes, Paula moved that the decision be tabled until after this year's awards to assess the implications. Martin seconded the motion.

Awards Dinner

Paula Briney, chair for the awards dinner, announced that the dinner will be November 11 at Maldeners restaurant in downtown Springfield. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30. Janet Fitch will MC the awards portion of the evening.

Credit Card Payment of Dues and Show Fees

Martin Kuhn has been pursuing a method for accepting credit card payment for membership and show fees. He announced that he has found that we can do that for a charge of 2.9% of the amount + \$.30 for each transaction. There was some discussion of costs, benefits, and the possibility of charging a fee for using the system to recoup some of the costs. No decision was made.

Alice Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Fitch, Secretary

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**September 23**

Al Khamsa Fall Dressage, USEF/USDF Approved @ StarWest  
Contact Debbie Mackie, Manager

**October 10**

CLD Year End Awards Scores Due to Marilyn Weber

**October 15 @ 3:30 p.m.**

CLD Club Meeting at StarWest  
Contact Tracey Walker

**November 4 - 6**

Clinic at IRUS Stables, w/ Mary Wanless  
Contact: Susan Moran 317-896-3912  
suziehorse@aol.com

**November 11**

Awards Dinner, @ Maldaner's, Springfield

**November 17-19**

Politz Clinic @ StarWest  
www.starwestonline.net

**November 29-Dec 3**

USDF Annual Convention, Kansas City, MO at the Westin Crown Center with the symposium at Hale Arena at the American Royal complex.

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**MINUTES OF THE CLD SOUTH MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2006**

The South Chapter meeting was held at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse in Marion, IL at 11:00 am. In attendance were Pat Herz, Kathy Schierbaum, Nancy Spear, Victoria Riley, Berni Epplin, Vicky Kepple. and Jean McPherson.

The April clinic has been cancelled due to difficulty planning. The sale of King Farms occurred in late February, which did not give us enough time to advertise and plan effectively. This motion was approved by the members.

Jean McPherson distributed an addendum to the Treasurer's Report. The original report was mailed to all South Chapter members in early March and was basically a report of last September's schooling show.

The addendum showed a better breakdown of total income and expenses. There was discussion about how often a Treasurer's report should be given. Vicky Kepple suggested that Jean should bring the ledger with her to all meetings for examination, but that a written report should only be required once a year, as the club is still rather small. There was a motion by Kathy Schierbaum to accept the 2004-2005 report as presented by Jean, with no further breakdown in expenditures required. Kathy also made a motion that any members wishing to know about sponsors for the 2005 show can examine the show program for the list of sponsors. These motions were seconded and then approved by the members.

Plans for the September, 2006 show are still on hold due to the sale of King Farms Equestrian Center. Nancy and Jean will go to the now Southern Illinois Equine Center to discuss the show with new managers after April 1, and if an agreement cannot be reached, they will then try Harmony Hill Stables. Shows have been successful at King Farms for the last three years, and the members were in agreement that it be held at the same facility if possible. Victoria Riley suggested that a written contract be drawn up for the show which specifically states costs, stall fees and the like, and Jean agreed and stated that had been done in the past and would also be done this year. Nancy asked that once a location is secured for the show that she then begin to advertise, and the members agreed. DuQuoin Fairgrounds was a suggested venue for the show. It was concluded that it would be too costly - \$375/day, \$20 stalls, plus \$150 cleanup fee would be over \$900 for the facility for the show.

Discussion then centered on new ideas for the show as well as a renewal of things that had worked well at previous shows. Jean reminded everyone that sponsorships for the show are as important as ever. New trophies suggested included a CLD-South high point award, which Jean volunteered to provide. The winner will receive a saddle pad and a high point ribbon, and must be a member in the chapter for the 2005-2006 year. Previous winners of The King Arthur Memorial Class will no longer be eligible to ride in that class.



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Nancy suggested a Vintage Cup class, which would be a % class, where any test could be ridden, but the combined age of the horse and rider must be a total of 65 or greater. This idea was met with great enthusiasm, as this profile fits many South Chapter members and their horses! Jean reported that we have enough T-shirts purchased for 2006, and it was voted to return to the "Centerline Dressage" logo. Nancy mailed a survey to all South chapter members in early March to get a feeling for future activities for the club. The results were discussed at the meeting. Anyone wishing a copy of the survey summary should contact Nancy.

Sharon Winkler has agreed to be our judge at the September show. Possible lessons with her the day after the show were discussed, but the members were not interested in a clinic immediately after the show.

Pat Herz indicated that Elaine Gibala will be in Carbondale April 15th, and that South chapter members can come watch her teach. Pat suggested that anyone wanting a lesson should contact Elena Voigt. A possible clinic with Elaine sometime in the future was discussed.

At the February meeting, Pat Herz had suggested calling members in December who had not yet rejoined to give them a second reminder. Berni Eppin felt that a single email or post card was sufficient.

Congratulations were given to Vicky Kepple and Katharina Nowotny-Boles, both of whom had stories published in 2005 in Dressage Today, in the "Transitions" segment. In addition, USDF yearbook results for 2005 listed Nancy's Rider Performance Award. Way to go, Nancy! It was noted that some of our September show participants also earned Performance Awards. Nancy suggested that CLD South sponsor a class at the DASH schooling show at Boskeydell Stables April 2nd, and the Dressage Schooling show at Four Rivers Sport Horse Center on May 13th, 2006. Both ideas were approved, and Jean will send checks to the appropriate places.

There will be no meeting in April as there is a CLD meeting in Springfield on April 9th. Kathy Schierbaum suggested that we continue to have the meetings at Western Sizzlin, since it is a central location, but that we have them during the breakfast buffet rather than lunch time. This suggestion was well received. The next meeting will be held in June, with the exact date to be determined in early May. The meeting was concluded, and everyone stayed to enjoy lunch and conversation.

Submitted by Jean McPherson, substituting for Pam Blackledge, Secretary.

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**December TBA**  
CLD Christmas Party

**December 17 @ 3:30  
p.m.**

CLD Club Meeting at  
StarWest  
Contact Tracey Walker

CLD SOUTH MEETING JUNE 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am at the Western Sizzlin Steakhouse in Marion. Members in attendance were Vicky Kepple, Debra Pennington, Berni Epplin, Pat Herz, Jean McPherson, Nancy Spear and Kathy Schierbaum. Minutes from the last meeting were distributed and Berni Epplin moved that they be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved. The Treasurer's report followed and was approved.

The next item on the agenda was the September show. Jean reported that she mailed letters to last year's sponsors asking for their continued support. There have already been a few responses. All members are encouraged to get at least 2 new sponsorships, as not all of last year's will renew. Nancy reminded everyone that the person who obtains the highest \$ amount in new sponsorships will receive up to 3 free class entries in the show.

Nancy brought up the need for volunteers for the show, and the following positions were discussed.

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 Scorer: Debra Pennington Day  
 Secretary: Kathy Schierbaum  
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 Arena: Vicky Kepple, Berni Epplin, Jean McPherson, Linda Sitton  
 Concessions: Debra Pennington suggested a 4-H group and will find out about this.

Anne Forby has offered to give us some of her CD's entitled Right Between the Salutes for inclusion in the show packets. Kathy suggested that Anne be contacted

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Nancy and Jean will schedule a meeting with Jeff Jenkins, owner of the Southern Illinois Equestrian Center, to discuss the show. The members suggested the following issues for discussion: The sound system needs to be in working order, the concession room and what is available for our use, and set-up of the dressage arena the day before the show.

Jean has volunteered to do the show program again this year. Last year some filler space had to be created. Nancy suggested that, if that is the case this year, gratis ads for non-profit animal/horse groups be used instead. Those groups would have to be contacted to determine interest, and their inclusion would be a last minute decision depending upon space. The idea was discussed and approved.

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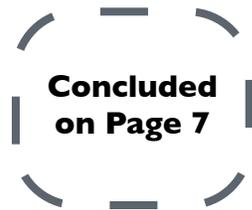
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MEETING OF CENTERLINE DRESSAGE, JUNE 17, 2006

Attending: Brenda Coss, Tracey Walker, Kate Fleming, Alice Martin, Pinky Noll, Marin Kuhn and Janet Fitch.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm, and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

**Old Business:** Ice Breaker Schooling Show: The Ice Breaker show earned a net income of \$197.06. This amount is down some from past years. Entries were down as well. Alice reported that she has heard the same story from other shows this year.

Illinois Horse Fair: A clinician for the 2007 Horse Fair is still pending. Various board members have been pursuing leads, but have not found anyone yet. It was noted that there is some difficulty due to a conflict with large shows in Wellington, Florida at that time. The board invites suggestions from the membership of names of top dressage clinicians that might be available.

CLD Classic: Pinky announced that some sponsorships and ads have already come in, that the ribbons have arrived, and that the trophies have been ordered. She also noted that the Illinois State Fairgrounds has a new policy that events of our size can reserve dates for only three years in advance. She has received the request for the deposit for 2007 already. The dates for that show will be August 25-26.

**New Business:** The FireCracker show of July 1 needs entries as does the July 2 clinic with Melanie Michalak. Volunteers are also needed for the show. Please contact John Simpson to volunteer.

Educational talks planned: Alice suggested two educational



opportunities for members to be arranged for summer and fall. First, Gerhard Politz has designed a new training pyramid that has been accepted by the USDF. Alice suggests that we should organize an opportunity for him to speak to members about the training pyramid during his next visit to StarWest, July 21-22. An announcement of the date, time and place will be forthcoming from the CLD website once arrangements are made. Second, Alice noted that member Carol Czajkowski has recently returned from a riding vacation in Portugal where she had lessons and trail rides on that country's famed Lusitano horses. Alice suggests that a date in the fall be arranged with Carol to have her share her experiences with the club.

The next regular club meeting will be Sunday, August 20 at StarWest. Alice Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Fitch, Secretary

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<b>At Large Members (Odd Years)</b>	Martin Kuhn	Paula Briney	Genelle Royer & Marilyn Weber

**PRELIMINARY USDF YEAR-END AWARDS RANKINGS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Competitors who want to know their current rankings in various United States Dressage Federation’s (USDF) year-end awards programs should check out “2006 Preliminary Awards Standings” at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)

This member service helps track a rider’s and/or a horse’s progress toward year-end awards throughout the year. Once a rider/horse meets the eligibility criteria, they appear on the ranking list. Median scores and rankings will be available weekly after staff enters competition results into the database.

USDF recommends competitors access their score checks at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) to verify the shows and their eligible scores; then contact the USDF Competitions Department with any questions. Competitors should check scores and report any discrepancies to USDF Competitions Department prior to October 15, 2006.

For more information or to submit corrections, contact the USDF at: [scorecorrections@usdf.org](mailto:scorecorrections@usdf.org)

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<b>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</b>			
<b>Reader Classified Ads</b>	50 words or less	\$5 Non-Member	\$3 Member
	Additional 25 words	\$2 Non-Member	\$1 Member
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<b>Web Advertising</b>	Basic Classified (unlimited words; 1 pic)	\$25 Non-Member	\$20 Member
	Additional Pics for Classified	\$5 Non-Member	\$2 Member
	All Pages Ad (link to individual Classified Ad from <b>every</b> CLD page)	\$20 Non-Member	\$10 Member
	All Pages Ad (Direct link to offsite Web-page from <b>every</b> CLD page)	\$60 Non-Member	\$45 Member
<b>All Web Ads Up for 3 Months</b>			

## ERIN COOPER RECEIVES USDF TEAM LEADERSHIP AWARD

Lexington, KY (Tuesday, July 11, 2006) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today that Erin Cooper is the winner of the 2006 Team Leadership Award, established to recognize outstanding student leaders who are members of USDF Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member Organizations (IMOs). As the winner, Cooper will receive a certificate and a five-year Participating Membership with USDF - a value of \$250.

The Team Leadership Award was developed exclusively for the USDF's Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership, a membership category developed to provide students access to USDF educational programs and communication and recognition of achievement to IMOs and their student members. IM membership is available to students who attend IMO schools. Any school from middle school through college that offers an equestrian studies program or student equestrian club can become a USDF IMO school. USDF also works closely with the Intercollegiate Dressage Association to promote dressage interest, participation, and competitions among schools and students.

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## USDF ANNOUNCES DRESSAGE WINNERS FOR 2006 CN NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lexington, KY (Tuesday August 15, 2006) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) congratulates the FEI Junior and Young Riders who competed in dressage at the 2006 CN North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships (NAJYRC), August 1-6, at the Virginia Horse Center, in Lexington, Virginia.

The NAJYRC is the premier competition for FEI Junior and Young Riders, age 14-21, in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of eventing, dressage, and show jumping.

There were two significant changes to the Dressage Championships this year. The first was the addition of the FEI North American Junior Championships held in conjunction with the North American Young Rider Championships. The second was a change to FEI Article 452, pertaining to prizes.

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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:

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