

THE READER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**(Do you have an upcoming activity or event that would interest other members?
Email, call or write to either Newsletter Editor for inclusion in this monthly
calendar.)** [CLD activities are in **bold** type.]

Jan. 21 ARAB, Inc. Awards Banquet, Timber Lodge, Sangamon Co. Fairgrounds,
New Berlin

Feb 4-5 - Nancy Stanton Clinic: Pratense Farm Contact Paula Briney 217/652-1635
**Feb. 19 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Tracey
Walker, 217/496-3837**

Mar 3-5 - Illinois Horse Fair, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield. For further
information regarding **dressage clinic only**, contact Pinky Noll 217/787-7317.
More information in this newsletter.

Mar 25-26 – (This is a change from the original dates published) Nancy Stanton Clinic:
Pratense Farm Contact Paula Briney 217/652-1635. Cost: \$85/45 minute lesson.
See flyer in this newsletter.

April 7-9 Clinic at StarWest, Col. Christian Carde, contact Alice Martin,
217/546-9400.

**April 16 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Tracey
Walker, 217/496-3837**

April 29 CLD IceBreaker School Show, Judge Gayla Sargent.

June 2-3 Clinic at StarWest, Gerhard Politz, contact Alice Martin, 217/546- 9400.

**June 18 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Tracey
Walker, 217/496-3837**

June 24 29th Annual Al Khamsa Dressage, USAE/USDF Approved. Manager: Debbie Mackie.

July 1 CLD FireCracker Schooling Show, Melanie Michalak, Judge.

July 2 Clinic with Melanie Michalak.

July 21-23 Clinic at StarWest, Gerhard Politz, contact Alice Martin, 217/546-9400.

July 29 'Sir' Celebration, USET/USDF Benefit, StarWest. 5:30 PM. Dinner (\$10.00, reservation required), 6:30 Performance (\$10.00). Contact Alice Martin, 217/546-9400.

August 20 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

August 26 23rd Annual CenterLine Dressage Classic I, Judge: Janet Curtis, "S", USEF/USDF approved, Illinois State Fairgrounds. Manager: John Simpson. Secretary: Jeanne Carver.

August 27 CenterLine Dressage Classic II. Manager: John Simpson. Secretary: Jeanne Carver.

Sept. 1-3 Al Khamsa National Convention, Route 66 Hotel, Springfield. Seminars open to the public for a small fee on Saturday, September 2 at StarWest: "How to keep a healthy sane horse in an increasingly urban environment." Contact: Alice Martin, 217/546-9400.

TBA Fall Clinic at StarWest, Col. Christian Carde, contact Alice Martin, 217/546-9400.

Sept. 23 26th Annual Al Khamsa Fall Dressage, USAE/USDF approved. Manager: Debbie Mackie.

October 7 StarDust Schooling Show for StarWest students. Leslie Burket, Learner graduate. Contact: Alice Martin, 217/546-9400.

October 15 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

October 20-22 Clinic at StarWest, Gerhard Politz, contact Alice Martin, 217/546-9400.

Nov. 11 CLD Awards Banquet, location to be announced.

Nov. 15-19 AHA Annual Convention, Louisville, KY

Nov. 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.

TBA CLD Annual Christmas Party.

Dec. 10 Al Khamsa Annual Christmas Party at Judy Williams' house in Jacksonville.

Dec. 17 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Tracey Walker, 217/496-3837

CLD Board of Directors Meeting

December 17, 2005

President Tracey Walker called the board meeting to order at 7:00 PM, at the residence of Deb Klamen, 2316 W. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield. Present were: Tracey Walker, Alice Martin Paula Briney, Martin Kuhn, Kate Fleming, Brenda Coss and Pinky Noll. Pinky agreed to act as secretary, in the absence of Janet Fitch.

Old Business:

USDF is successfully raising money for its building fund, estimating that \$2.3 million has been received to date. Of that amount, approximately \$238,000 was raised as gifts from GMO's. USDF had requested that CLD donate a gift to the fund, and recommended \$4,000.00, an amount based upon its membership base. Paula noted that donations made before the end of the year would be matched by the Roemer Foundation. After discussion, Alice Martin motioned for a donation by CLD to the USDF Building Fund of \$4,000, to be provided as a lump sum immediately, to take advantage of the matching possibilities. Pinky seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. Treasurer Kate Fleming was directed to make the payment to USDF promptly.

Locating a clinician for the 2006 Horse Fair was proving difficult. All prior contacts had either declined, or failed to respond. All board members pledged to continue seeking a qualified individual. In addition, contacts for the 2007 Horse Fair were also encouraged.

Long time Classic secretary, Marilyn Norton, will not be able to work the Classic shows this coming August. The secretary for 2006 will be Jeannie Craver. Thank you, Jeannie. We are pleased to have you on board.

Alice reported that she provided a history report of CLD to the USDF historical committee in September.

Paula reported that directors and officers' liability insurance would now be available from USDF.

New Business:

Paula provided some highlights from the USDF convention. Region 2 has some money available for adult education. The Junior team competitions will be run like the YR competitions in the coming year, which will be held in Lexington, Ky. In August. There is a new FEI Rule which assesses 4 penalty points for carrying a whip around the ring, instead of disqualification.

Officers for 2006 were chosen in a unanimous vote as follows:

Tracey Walker, President	
Elena Voigt, Vice President	Janet Fitch, Secretary
Kate Fleming, Treasurer	Marilyn Weber, Awards

In Kate Fleming absence for the first few months of 2006, Tracey Walker agreed to act as interim treasurer and Pinky Noll agreed to handle the membership duties, until Kate's return from Germany.

Kate Fleming motioned for the meeting be adjourned. Alice Martin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pinky Noll

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

A very pleasant and seasonally spirited crowd descended on the home of Deb Klamen and Phil Pan on December 17, for CLD's annual Christmas party. With its usual overabundance of terrific food, the satiated group bid somewhat hesitantly on this year's numerous offerings at the Annual Auction. Auction proceeds amounted to approximately \$360, down more than half from 2003 and 2004. Substitute auctioneer, Pinky Noll, who filled in for Jon Noll, exhorted the members to the best of her ability, but apparently, Jon

needs to return to his job! Next year!!

CLD MEMBER/BOARD MEETINGS

Club president, Tracey Walker, has set CLD club meeting dates for 2006. The dates are listed below and are also listed in the club calendar at the beginning of each month's newsletter. Generally speaking, meetings are the third Sunday of even numbered months. All meetings will be held at 3:30 PM at StarWest's lounge, although meeting location is subject to change (contact Tracey to confirm location). ALL members are welcome to attend. If you have something specific to discuss, it would be helpful to the board if you would advise Tracey of your topic in advance.

2006 Club Meetings:

February 19 April 16 June 18 August 20 October 15 December 17

HORSE FAIR

Plans for this year's Illinois Horse Fair, to be held on March 3, 4 and 5 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, are in full swing. CLD is very pleased to announce that GERARD POLITZ will be the featured dressage clinician this year. Mr. Politz's resume, and an application for rider participation are included in this newsletter. Please note especially the February 15 deadline. If you have never attended Horse Fair, you are missing not only a highly educational dressage weekend, but also a very fun event and great shopping! Plan to attend!

2006 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

CLD membership renewals are **NOW** due! Please check the address label on this newsletter. If it does not say "06" after your name, you have not renewed for this year! If your membership is not renewed by February 15, you will not receive the next newsletter.

A membership application and nomination form are enclosed in this newsletter. Please complete and mail them today!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARILYN WEBER AND CHELSEA WESSON:

One member noticed that our own Marilyn Weber and her student, Chelsea Wesson, did very well in the USDF annual awards Purebred Arabian category, with Marilyn receiving awards at Third, Fourth (2x) and PSG. Her student, Chelsea Wesson, took the Half-Arab Training Level. The details are below:

2005 USDF ALL-BREEDS AWARDS - PUREBRED ARABIAN THIRD LEVEL

2. 61.111, FOCUS SHALIMOR+//

FOURTH LEVEL

2. 61.304, BANDANA V+//
4. 59.348, FOCUS SHALIMOR+//

PRIX ST. GEORGES LEVEL

5. 58.125, BANDANA V+//

HALF/ANGLO ARABIAN - TRAINING LEVEL

1. 70.875, KENTUCKY MUSIC MAN+/, WESSON, CHELSEA

Our sincere congratulations to you both.

If there are other members who have received special awards or met personal goals, please let us know! We would love to share them with other members of the club. Email

or write to your newsletter editors.

USDF ANNOUNCES 2005 GMO VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2005 Regional Group-Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer of the Year award. The GMO Volunteer of the Year award enables USDF to recognize members' outstanding service on the local GMO level.

USDF congratulates the following 2005 GMO Volunteers of the Year.

Region 1: Margaret Scarff of White Hall, MD (Maryland Dressage Association)

Region 2: Angie Carbol of Gurnee, IL (Illinois Dressage & CTA)

Region 3: Don Faso of Liburn, GA (Georgia Dressage & CTA)

Region 4: Sarah Patrick of Sioux Falls, SD (Dakota Dressage & Eventing)

Region 5: Heather Petersen of Colorado Springs, CO (Rocky Mountain Dressage Society)

Region 6: Jeffrey Jones of Central Point, OR (Oregon Dressage Society)

Region 7: Carol Plough of Riverside, CA (California Dressage Society)

Region 8: Beth Jenkins of Sherborn, MA (New England Dressage Association)

Region 9: Frances Luse of Fort Sam Houston, TX (Dallas Dressage Club)

USDF GMOs are groups of individuals at the local level who share a common interest in dressage. These "grassroots" organizations are the very foundation of the United States Dressage Federation. When you become a member of a GMO, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF. There are nearly 130 GMOs in every one of the ten USDF regions, ranging from as few as 25 members to several thousand members.

USDF ANNOUNCES 2005 GMO NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE AWARD WINNERS

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2005 Group-Member Organization (GMO) Newsletter and Web Site Awards.

The winner of the award for best newsletter layout and design among GMOs with fewer than 75 members is Southern Arizona Dressage Association (September 2004 issue), published by the Southern Arizona Dressage Association (SAzDA).

The winner of the award for best newsletter layout and design among GMOs with 76 to 175 members is The Contact (July/August 2005 issue), published by the Westchester-Fairfield Dressage Association (WFDA).

The winner of the award for best newsletter layout and design among GMOs with 176 to 500 members is Collected Comments (May/June 2005 issue), published by the Dressage Association of Southern California (DASC).

The winner of the award for best newsletter layout and design among GMOs with more than 500 members is A Tip of the Hat (August 2005 issue), published by the New England Dressage Association (NEDA).

The winner of the award for best first-person-experience article is "Marina Murray takes on the USDF Instructor Certification program" by Marina Murray. The article was featured in the April 2005 issue of Forward West, published by the Heart Mountain Dressage Club (HMDC).

The winner of the award for best general-interest article is "SFP Chapter Trailer Safty

Clinic" by Mary Cayley. The article was featured in the April 2005 issue of Dressage Letters, published by the California Dressage Society (CDS).

The winner of the award for best Web site design among GMOs with fewer than 75 members is the Crossroads Dressage Society (www.crossroadsdressage.org).

The winner of the award for best Web site design among GMOs with 76 to 175 members is the Southwest Florida Dressage Association (<http://swfda.com>).

The winner of the award for best Web site design among GMOs with 176 to 500 members is the Equestrians' Institute (www.equestriansinstitute.org).

The winner of the award for best Web site design among GMOs with more than 500 members is the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society (www.rmids.org).

These award winners were honored at the USDF National Convention during the Salute Gala on Thursday, December 1, when they were represented with awards sponsored by Fantasy Glassworks, Inc.

USDF FEI-LEVEL TRAINERS' CONFERENCE TO FEATURE HUBERTUS SCHMIDT

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) 2006 FEI-Level Trainers' Conference, January 15-16, will feature internationally recognized dressage trainer, coach, and competitor Hubertus Schmidt. The conference will consist of two full days of live demonstration at High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, FL.

The 2006 FEI-Level Trainers' Conference is offered through USDF as a continuing educational opportunity for FEI-level dressage instructors, trainers, judges, and equestrians. New criteria allows instructors, trainers, and riders at the FEI level to take advantage of this unmatched opportunity. With the revised criteria, trainers and other eligible attendees may bring up to three additional USDF Participating Members who are actively riding, training, or competing at the FEI level. In addition, "L" Program graduates and all USEF and FEI-level judges are welcome to participate.

Walter and Mary Anne McPhail have generously donated the use of High Meadow Farm for the conference. Complete criteria, registration forms, and travel information are available on the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org/CalendarEvents/TrainersConference/index.asp. For more information, contact Kathie Robertson at (859)271-7877 or kr Robertson@usdf.org

USDF Announces Instructor Certification Program Expansion

During the 2005 Annual Convention and Symposium, the USDF Executive Board reaffirmed its commitment to the expansion of the Instructor Certification Testing Program with two additional categories being added.

Effective April 1, 2006, the following additional categories will be available:

USDF Recognized Teacher: Training through Second Level: This category recognizes instructors who have demonstrated competence in teaching riders through Second Level.

USDF Recognized Teacher; Third through Fourth Level: This category recognizes instructors who have demonstrated competence in teaching riders through Fourth Level.

Candidates pursuing Recognized Teacher status will be subject to the same application criteria as the Instructor/Trainer categories and will be tested under the same guidelines with the following exceptions; passing scores must be at 80% and there will be no riding test. Complete criteria and applications are available on the USDF website at www.usdf.org

With the additional of these two categories, there will now be a total of five categories available for USDF Instructor Certification; Associate Instructor, USDF Instructor/Trainer; Training through Second Level, USDF Recognized Teacher; Training through Second Level; USDF Instructor Trainer; Third through Fourth Level and USDF Recognized Teacher; Third through Fourth Level

The USDF Instructor Certification Program is designed to set a standard of excellence in dressage training and instruction in the United States. Instructor Certification identifies those instructors who have demonstrated the knowledge and abilities necessary to teach the classical concepts of dressage and meet specified standards of proficiencies.

If you would like to receive more information about the USDF Instructor Certification Program, contact a USDF Certified Instructor, receive a calendar of USDF Certified Instructor Workshops and testing sessions, or obtain details on hosting Certified Instructor Workshops contact Kathie Robertson, USDF Instructor/Trainer Liaison at (859) 971-2277

2010 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES TO BE HELD AT KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

For the first time, the FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) will be held outside of Europe in 2010, when the games come to the United States. The announcement of Kentucky's successful bid to host the games was made half-way around the world in Bahrain on December 6. The Kentucky Horse Park, soon to be the permanent home of the USDF and its National Education Center, will be the venue for all seven FEI equestrian disciplines which make up the WEG, including dressage.

The games will take place during two weeks in the fall of 2010 and have estimated ticket sales of 300,000. More than 1,000 athletes representing 50 countries are expected to participate. The games will be broadcast live from the Kentucky Horse Park to 40 countries and reported world-wide by more than 1,000 members of the international media

Advertising Rates

Full page \$25.00 members; \$50.00 non-member

Half page \$12.50 members; \$25.00 non-member

Quarter page or less; \$6.00 members; \$12.00 non-member

NOTE: Photographs (original required) can be included in your ad. Must have written approval from professional photographers! They can be black and white or color, but they will be black and white in the READER. No Polaroids, please.

MAILING LABELS: We can provide the READER mailing list on self-sticking labels for \$10.00.

CLASSIFIED ADS: Ads may be placed by members for a cost of \$3.00 for 50 words or less, and \$1.00 per 25 words thereafter. Non-members prices are \$5.00 for 50 words or

less, and \$2.00 per additional 25 words.

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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