

The Reader



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UPCOMING CLD EVENTS

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

August 10

CLD Classic I & II Entry Deadline
centerlinedressage.com/download

August 19 - 20

Gerhard Politz Clinic
at StarWest,
Contact: Kate Fleming-Kuhn
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August 23 - 25

CLD Classic I & II
at Illinois State Fairgrounds • Springfield
Judges: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, "S" &
Beverly Rogers, "S"

Jeanne Craver, Secretary
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John Simpson, Manager
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Rita Bass & Kim Jones, Volunteer
Co-ordinators kimbr99@yahoo.com

September 7

Al Khamsa Fall Dressage Entry Deadline
at Tower Hill
centerlinedressage.com/download

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY NANCY SIMPSON

Last August we were all coping with one of the hottest, driest summers on record. How different the summer of 2013 is turning out! Last night we had temperatures in the 50's, and as you recall from the cancellation of IceBreaker, we have had plenty of rain. Let's hope for pleasantly cool days for our upcoming rated shows, Classic I and II, August 24-25 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.



One thing that we know will NOT happen at Classic: the tree next to the covered arena and the judges' stand will NOT be falling down on the judge and scribe, because that already happened in June during a horrendous storm during the Arab show. John Simpson was scribing that night, and the wind and rain were so loud that neither John nor the judge (Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez) heard it fall!

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The Sponsorship Form for Classic classes and ads for the program are on our website. All members are encouraged to help find sponsors, as we use profits from the show not only to donate to other organizations, but also to subsidize clinic rides for CLD members.

Feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions, or concerns. My email is below or you can call me at 217-793-6810.

Nancy Simpson

president@centerlinedressage.com

CLD wishes to extend sincere condolences to Kathi Cannon, who lost her sister on July 18 after a long illness.

Kathi served as editor of The Reader from April 2011 through January 2013, and her work was much appreciated.

PROHIBITED PRACTICE RULE CHANGES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESTRUCTURE, AND WESTERN DRESSAGE ALL RECEIVE YES VOTES AT USEF MID-YEAR MEETING

Lexington, KY - At the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Board of Directors mid-year meeting on Monday, July 22nd, some significant rule and bylaw changes were brought to the table. The changes concerned horse welfare, the structure of the USEF Board of Directors, and the discipline of western dressage. Each of the changes brought forth received a majority vote to approve and a summary of each change is detailed below.

Horse Welfare Changes

Two important Proposed Extraordinary Rule Changes were introduced in March of 2013 by the USEF Veterinary Committee. Following extensive feedback from USEF Technical Committees, Working Groups, and from attendees at USEF Town Hall Meetings held in Florida in March, and via interactive webcast in June, the USEF Board of Directors has approved the following two changes.

The first change introduces a new category of rules called Prohibited Practices to the USEF Rule Book which will take effect December 1, 2013:

GR 414 Prohibited Practices

Important points in this change include the following:

- No horses or ponies may be injected within twelve hours prior to competing.
- There are only three exceptions to this rule: therapeutic fluids, antibiotics, and Dexamethasone for the treatment of hives (specific dosing guidelines are provided for the exceptions concerning fluids and Dexamethasone).
- All excepted substances must be administered by a veterinarian and cannot be administered to a horse or pony within six hours prior to competing.

The second rule change becomes effective on August 1, 2013, and concerns the actions taken should a horse or pony collapse at a USEF Licensed Competition. This rule change proposal has been commonly referred to as the "Collapse Rule" and is the first to be presented in the formation of an over-arching Catastrophic Incident Protocol. The intent of this rule is to keep the USEF informed of any collapses, empower the USEF to investigate the circumstances surrounding such an

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MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 30, 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Nancy Simpson called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Paula Briney, Jayme Geisler, Sue Graham, Katie Keim, Martin Kuhn, Alice Martin, Leslie Burket, Judy Nordstrom, John Simpson, Judy Sunder, and Marilyn Weber were in attendance.

Nancy announced membership was up for 2013, now standing at 93.

Treasurer

Katie Keim, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$9,353.33 in the CLD checking account and \$25,274.17 in three CD's.

FireCracker

Judy Nordstrom, Show Manager, reported 26 rides from Intro through Second Level. She has all staff positions filled. There are two Freestyles. CLD clothing with the new logo will be available for sale at FireCracker.

Web

Martin Kuhn reported six email updates since the last Board Meeting. There is an opening rate of approximately 50% to 107 addresses. The hard copy newsletter is no longer being mailed to those who have not joined for 2013. Marilyn is being added to the membership spreadsheet access.

The award and clinic policy revisions need to be published in the newsletter in the corrected form suitable for insertion in the Handbook. New members receiving a Handbook henceforth will have the new policies already inserted by Membership Chair Kelly Griffith. The new policy will note the 2013 revision date at the bottom of each page. Martin will also insert the new policies in the downloadable copy of the Handbook on the CLD Website.

Several noted that CLD's Facebook was being well

posted by Lisa Lehr.

Classic

Manager John Simpson reported no big problems in the arrangements for the two days of Classic in August. Rita Bass and Kim Jones are Volunteer Co-ordinators. The Friday night dinner will be fried chicken from Hamilton's. Alice will make the arrangement. An EMT is still needed.

An insulated mug with the CLD log has been ordered from Spinner's for first place awards at Classic.

New Business

Inter-Club Co-ordinator Leslie Burket had asked if we would like to trade links on our webpage with adjoining GMO's. Webmaster Kuhn said that would not be a problem.

Nancy Simpson will forward the sponsorship form to Kim Jones to begin sales for space in the 2013 Classic program.

Because the National Dressage Championships will be held in Lexington from November 7-10, the CLD Awards Banquet will move to November 16.

Alice Martin moved and Marilyn Weber seconded that Leslie Burket be CLD's delegate to Convention. This received a unanimous "Aye".

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for August 4 at 2 p.m. Alice Martin moved and Judy Nordstrom seconded that the meeting be adjourned. It was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice E. Martin, Recording Secretary

incident, and hold the trainer, or the owner if the trainer is unavailable, accountable for refusal to cooperate.

GR 843 Mandatory Reporting & Cooperation of Horse/Pony Collapse:

Important components of this change are summarized below:

- A collapse is defined as "a fall to the ground with no apparent cause."
- The trainer, owner, or rider of a horse must report a collapse no later than three hours after it has occurred.
- Any horse or pony that collapses is subject to drug and medication testing and inspection by a USEF appointed veterinarian (at USEF's expense).
- Cooperation with the Federation as to an investigation concerning a horse/pony collapse or death is mandated.

Extensive documentation and a Q&A regarding the rules can be viewed at <http://www.usefnetwork.com/featured/USEFTownHallMeetings/>

If you have questions about either of these rule changes, please email them horsewelfare@usef.org.

You can find the USEF Rule Book online, and mobile friendly, at www.usef.org/rulebook/.

USEF Board of Directors Restructure

In an effort to make a more agile and efficient organization, the Board of Directors voted to amend Bylaws to restructure the Federation's governance structure.

USEF Planning Committee Chairman Bill Moroney presented an extensive Bylaw rewrite that facilitates the reduction in size of the USEF Board and empowers a council structure consistent with a Restructure Concept Document approved earlier this year at the January USEF Annual Meeting. "We have come to

realize that the Federation is not structured to maximize the contributions of its greatest assets - our passionate volunteers." Moroney continued to say, "The membership expects leadership to operate within a governance structure that reflects its leaders' knowledge and experience, as well as one that facilitates their ability to address issues in a timely manner."

Effective January 9, 2014, the Board of Directors will be streamlined to 20 members from the current 54. Additionally, the Administration & Finance Working Group, FEI Affiliates Working Group, High Performance Working Group, and National Affiliates Working Group will transition to become the Administrative and Finance Council, International Disciplines Council, and the National Breeds and Disciplines Council.

USEF President Chrystine Tauber remarked, "The overhaul of our governance model is the first bold step in ensuring a strong and prosperous future for our Federation. The new system of councils will provide all of our breeds and disciplines with a much more powerful platform for governance and effectuating timely changes to their respective areas of the sport."

The composition of the restructured Board will include representatives from across the spectrum of the Federation. Three seats will be occupied by USEF Officers including a President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Eligible Athletes will be elected to four seats respectively, as will representatives from the International Disciplines and the National Breeds and Disciplines Councils. One member of the Administration & Finance Council will also sit on the Board of Directors and two Independent Members will be elected by the new Board. The final two seats will be filled by representatives from the two USEF Sustaining Affiliate Members.

Tauber commented further, "The new Board will be able to concentrate on

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oversight and the overall future plans and vision for the Federation. Members of the smaller Board must be fully engaged and understand that they do not participate as a special interest director, but rather as a member of a leadership team where their input is vitally important to all matters of the Federation.

"Many associations are currently experiencing restructures. The traditional model for associations doesn't work well in today's environment of rapid changes and new technology. Our efficacy and relevance will diminish in the future if we do not keep up with the continually shifting landscape. This changing environment requires us to adopt new and different approaches. It is about fundamental changes in how we operate."

A transition plan has been developed by USEF Senior staff and will be implemented throughout the Fall of 2013 as the Working Groups are reseeded into the new Councils. The new restructured Board is expected to be seated at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

To learn more about the Board of Directors Restructure and Bylaw amendments visit; http://usef.org/_IFrames/RuleBook/RuleProposals/Docs/BylawAmendments.pdf.

Western Dressage Chapter Added to Rule Book

The USEF Board of Directors voted to add a new "discipline" to the Rule Book and in the process welcomed a new Recognized Affiliate. Effective December 1, 2013, Western Dressage will be removed from the Morgan chapter of the USEF Rule Book and become an independent discipline with it's own chapter. With that change the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) will become the USEF Recognized Affiliate for Western Dressage.

In a press release the WDAA stated "The Western Dressage Association of America is honored to be the USEF Recognized Affiliate for the exciting new discipline of western dressage. WDAA is excited to bring its focus and mission of "Honoring the Horse" to the USEF's Horse Welfare Initiative. The WDAA began as a joke but inconceivably it is no longer. WDAA will work closely with USEF coordinating rule processes and other affiliate functions."

To learn more about the Western Dressage Association of America go to www.westerndressageassociation.org/

The vision of the United States Equestrian Federation® is to provide leadership for equestrian sport in the United States of America by promoting the pursuit of excellence from the grassroots to the Olympic Games, based on a foundation of fair, safe competition and the welfare of its human and equine athletes.

FIRECRACKER RESULTS - JUDGE: LISA HOLDERLE; MANAGER: JUDY NORDSTROM

Intro Test A

Amanda Graham on North Star Rachel, 67.18% AA
Kim Jones on Punky, 66.66% AA
Sue Graham on North Star Eve, 58.76 % AA
Ethan Pratt on Dixie 58.43%, YR Leadline

Amanda Graham on North Star Rachel, 67.5% AA
Teagan Morley on Pezzie, 63.12% YR
Kim Jones on Punky, 58.12% AA

Intro Test B

Sue Graham on North Star Eve, 67.5% AA

Training Level Test 1

Marilyn Weber on Forte WF,
63.54% O

Rachel Boyce on Wineglass Gideon, 58.54% AA

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Heather Voyles on Major Kamoshun, 56.87% O

Training Level Test 2

- Marilyn Weber on Forte WF, 64.82% O
- Andy Amsden on Silverr Mistique, 62.14% O
- Rachel Boyce on Wineglass Gideon, 56.96% AA
- Heather Voyles on Major Kamoshun, 56.96% O

Training Level Test 3

- Andy Amsden on Silverr Mistique, 67.6% O
- Jayne Geisler on Willie, 59.4% YR
- Heather Voyles on Major Kamoshun, 53.8% O

First Level Test 1

- Jayne Geisler on Willie, 59.3% YR

First Level Test 3

- Andy Amsden on Anastasia, 70.0% O

Second Level Test 3

- Andy Amsden on Anastasia, 67.97% O
- Sue Shultz on Amali Shetan, 61.78% AA

Second Level Freestyle

- Sue Shultz on Amali Shetan, 64.0% AA



“Next time I will do this by myself.” -- Ethan Pratt, leadline rider



“Jayne is the Dean Martin of cool cats! So chill!” -- Karen Kohnke via FaceBook

“We could not have ordered up a more beautiful day for a horse show.” -- Judy Nordstrom, Manager



CenterLine Dressage is hosting two USEF/USDF approved horse shows at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on August 23 – 25, 2013.

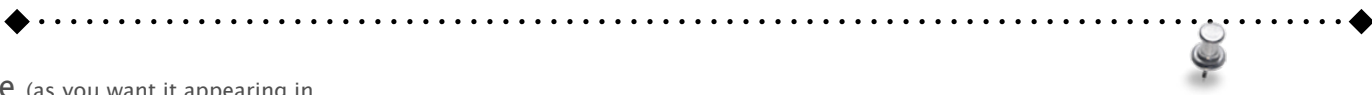
CenterLine Dressage’s mission is to promote interest in and further the knowledge of dressage, to conduct dressage events and activities, and to provide educational forums.

We have hired nationally known judges and other officials. In the past, our show has attracted competitors from all parts of Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin. Owners, riders, stable helpers, and family members help our local hotels and restaurants at \$125 per person, per day, according to the Springfield Convention Business Statistics.

The show is made possible by a large number of volunteers and our sponsors.

We would appreciate your help in making our show a success.

- Did you know? USDF members are Adult Amateurs, trainers, instructors, show managers and Junior/ Young Riders.
- Did you know? 97% of members own at least one horse.
- Did you know? 37% own more than 5 acres of land.
- Did you know? 28% have an income of \$150,000 or more
- Did you know? There are over 10,000 horses and ponies in Central Illinois



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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS*CLD events in bold see also page 1***August**

- 10** CLD Classic I & II Entry Deadline
- 23 - 25** CLD Classic I & II
@ Illinois State Fairgrounds
Judges: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, "S" & Beverly Rogers, "S"
Jeanne Craver, Secretary - mowarda@gmail.com
John Simpson, Manager - jsnrhorse@prodigy.net
Rita Bass & Kim Jones, Volunteer Co-ordinators kimbr99@yahoo.com

September

- 7** Al Khamsa Fall Dressage Entry Deadline
- 14 - 15** Harmony in the Park Fall Dressage I & II
@ Hoosier Horse Park • Indiana
www.harmonyintheparkdressageshow.com
- 15** CLD Executive Board Meeting
@ StarWest • 2 pm
- 19 - 22** Region 2 Championships
@ Lamplight Equestrian Center • Wayne, IL
- 21 - 22** Al Khamsa Fall Dressage I & II
@ Tower Hill • Dawson, IL
<http://www.towerhillequestrian.com>

October

- 11 - 13** Region 4 Championships
@ National Equestrian Center • Lake St. Louis, MO
www.slads.org

November

- 7 - 10** Inaugural US Dressage Finals
@ Kentucky Horse Park • Lexington, KYO
www.usdf.org

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