

# The Reader



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY NANCY SIMPSON

How lucky we are that the weekend of Classic the temperatures were tolerable! Yes, it was hot, but not crazy hot like we've had.

### *Speaking of Classic...*

The club has a shortage of scribes. Scribing for a judge is an amazing way to learn more about your rides and how to improve them, because you will get a chance to see rides through a judge's eyes. You will be able to pick up tips on how just improving your entry and halt, for example, could add 2 raw points to your score; how the lack of accuracy in your circle size might cost you a win in a class.

Most of the time we ask for a scribe to work one half day. If you are showing, you can still scribe on the last day of the show if you are finished appearing in front of that particular judge. The Board will be investigating ways to get more scribes trained, so please give some thought to participating in training sessions.

We received lots of positive feedback from exhibitors on the Friday night dinner and the Saturday afternoon ice cream treats. Many people commented on the practicality of the new CLD insulated tumblers which were introduced as trophies this year

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(For full calendar of events, see the online calendar at [centerlinedressage.com](http://centerlinedressage.com))

### **September 19 - 22**

Region 2 Championships  
at Lamplight Equestrian Center  
NOT A CLD EVENT

### **September 21 - 22**

Al Khamsa Fall Dressage I & II  
at Tower Hill Equestrian Center  
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### **September 27 - 29**

Gerhard Politz Clinic  
at StarWest  
Contact: Kate Fleming-Kuhn  
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[starwestonline.net/politz](http://starwestonline.net/politz)  
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There will be more information about the Classic show(s) in upcoming newsletters.

Please get in touch if you have comments or concerns.....my phone number is 217-793-6810, and there is an email link at the end of the newsletter.

Take Care,

Nancy Simpson

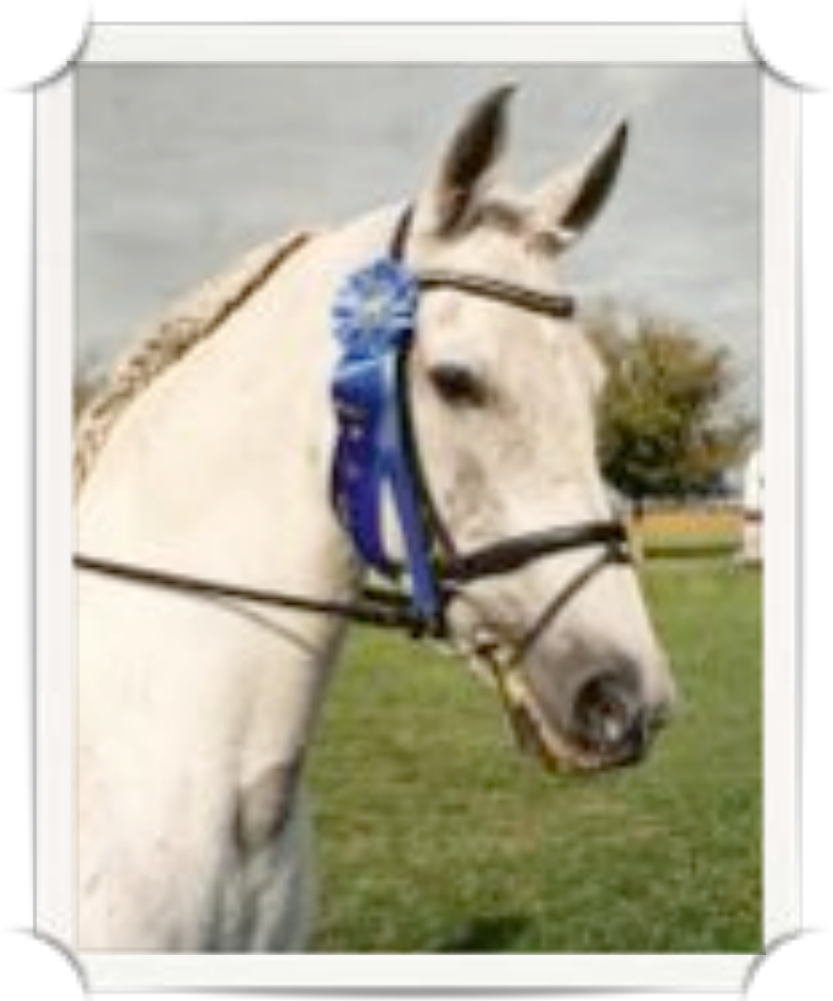
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## IN MEMORIUM... KNIGHT HAWK

CLD would like to extend our condolences to Marilyn Weber on the loss of Knight Hawk +//, who was put down on September 29 due to a colic episode. Although Hawk was 25, he still had his larger-than-life personality which resulted in more stories about his antics than any of us can count. That "who me?" look never failed when he'd been up to some mischief, or that look was only topped by the "I just heard a peppermint wrapper" look.

He showed and won in dressage, hunter, show hack, English Pleasure, Native costume, Western, to name just a few of the many types of classes in which Marilyn entered him. He also taught many kids and adults how to ride. He will be missed by many!



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## MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 4, 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Nancy Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Paula Briney, Leslie Burket, Kelly Griffith, Morika Hensley, Kim Jones, Katie Keim, Martin Kuhn, Lisa Lehr, Alice Martin, Judy Nordstrom, and John Simpson, were in attendance. Nancy announced the June 30 minutes had been approved electronically on July 24, and the new Classic trophies, an insulated mug with CLD logo, were in boxes in her living room.

### **Treasurer**

Katie Keim, Treasurer, reported a net loss thus far in 2013 of \$7106.93. There is a balance of \$4972.42 in the CLD checking account and \$25,262.15 in three CD's. FireCracker showed a profit of \$150.60. (Last year's Classic showed a profit of \$2263.63. Some expenses for Classic are part of the current loss with no income yet shown for 2013.)

### **Membership Secretary**

Kelly Griffith reported one new member gained at FireCracker, Teagan Morley, bringing 2013 membership to 94.

### **FireCracker**

Manager Judy Nordstrom reported a total of 23 rides. She suggested moving FireCracker farther from the Fourth of July holiday to put it the week following. Possibly this would increase attendance which has been light for several years.

### **FaceBook**

Lisa Lehr reported her photo of Jayne, the cat, assisting (as a sleeping paperweight) on the Secretary's table at FireCracker, had 277 views.

### **Web**

Martin Kuhn reported one email update since the last

Board Meeting. There is a opening rate of approximately 60% to 107 addresses. The website is currently averaging just under 300 page views a week.

### **Classic**

With entries closing on August 10, a call to Secretary Jeannie Craver found her with 25 electronic entries and a dozen or so paper entries. Manager John Simpson reported all official positions are filled. Rita Bass and Kim Jones are Volunteer Coordinators. The Friday night dinner, fried chicken from Hamilton's, has been ordered.

Kim Jones is working on advertising and sponsorships. As the proposed ice cream social sponsor fell through, Kim is looking at a golf cart on Saturday afternoon taking ice cream to the stabling area as a hospitality gesture to exhibitors. Hopefully a sponsor for that can be found after she investigates the cost. She already has some ads in hand for the program.

Paula will report back to the Board about the new bedding contractor after showing at the Fairgrounds this coming week.

Julia Trone's mother is deciding on how to honor her daughter, a former CLD member who died in February, through CLD at Classic. Alice will furnish a picture of Julia and Scotty for the Classic program.

### **Inter-Club Liaison**

Leslie Burket reported she has the 2013 contact information for eight of the nine clubs we share news with. She has not been able to contact anyone at Lincoln Trails in 2013.

### **New Business**

As the president will be out of town at the end of September, Nancy would like the

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nominating committee of the President, Secretary and one volunteer to meet and have their report ready prior to end of the second week of September. Judy Nordstrom volunteered to be the third member of the Nominating Committee. The terms of Directors Briney, Keim, Nordstrom and Simpson expire this year.

### **Awards Dinner**

Paula Briney reported facilities and meal prices at Sangamo Club and Illini Country Club were comparable and both were available for the November 16 date. Alice moved and Martin Kuhn seconded to keep the dinner at Illini. The vote was unanimous.

### **USDF Convention in Region 2**

In a response to Region 2 Director Ken Levy's plea for funds from GMO's, Judy Nordstrom moved and Paula seconded a \$500 donation for use by Region 2 to host the Lexington convention.

Nordstrom moved for CLD to pay the registration fee for any club member who became a PM delegate, funds permitting. Katie Keim seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Paula thanked the Board for their unexpected consideration.

### **Horse Fair**

Nancy Simpson says that a member of the Illinois Horse Council wants to address the club at our next meeting about new plans for more English participation, including dressage.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 2 p.m. Paula moved and Judy Nordstrom seconded that the meeting be adjourned. It was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Martin, Recording Secretary

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## **ARTICLE REVIEW "RIDERS' PERCEPTION OF REIN TENSION STUDIED" BY MARILYN WEBER**

After reading the July 29, 2013 article 'Riders' Perception of Rein Tension Studied', where researchers studied rein tension and how much we are truly gripping the reins/bit I have been much more careful in my riding approach. We are always reminded by instructors to have soft hands and an elastic connection but that is hard to wrap your brain around when you don't realize how much tension you have on the reins. I now really try to think more of elbow to bit and keep my fist out of the equation. It yields a softer horse with a longer neck. This is a must read article by Christa Lesté-Lasserre with a nice improvement of your communication skills.

The riders in the UK that participated were experienced so it just proves that our perceptions of our bodies are not always accurate.

The article can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/reintension>

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**CLASSIC HIGH POINT RESULTS - SECRETARY: JEANNE CRAVER; MANAGER: JOHN SIMPSON**

**Dover Medal, CenterLine I and II:**

Lisa Lehr of Chatham, Illinois, on the Dutch Warmblood gelding Tebaldo, owned by Allison Gerlt of Champaign, IL



*CLD's FaceBook editor Lisa Lehr riding Allison Gerlt's Tebaldo won the Dover Medal at both Classic I & II (photo by Steve Todd, Studio 131)*

**High Point Trakehner, Centerline I and II:**

Made You Look, owned and ridden by Ann Jansen of Fair Grove, MO

**High Point Saddlebred:**

New York By Storm, owned and ridden by Susan Rosse of Springfield, IL

**High Point Arabian:**

ZLA Pepets Regalo+//, owned and ridden by Katie Keim of Waverly, IL

**High Point Half-Arabian:**

Tagg Yorr It, owned by Sonja Hampton of Farmington, MO, and ridden by Andy Amsden (beating his other mount, Latest Buck, by .08 of a point!)

**High Point Dutch Warmblood:**

Westerstorm, owned and ridden by Deb Klamen of Springfield, IL

**Julia Trone Memorial Award for the Highest Scoring FEI Ride:**

The Oldenburg gelding, Rubin Raphael, owned and ridden by Judy Ethell of Chesterfield, MO, shown at Intermediare I



*Rubin Raphael inspecting the Julia Trone Memorial Award presented by Carol Trone with friends of Julia and CLD President Nancy Simpson. Judy Ethel riding. (photo by Steve Todd, Studio 131)*

**Jim Kuhn Memorial Award for the Highest Scoring Junior Rider:**

Emily Raynor of OFallon, IL on the Thoroughbred mare, Desert Fox, owned by Cheryl Raynor

**Bandana Award to the Highest Scoring Non-Traditional Dressage Breed:**

The Quarter Horse gelding Heza Awesome Dancer, owned by Donna Gottman of Chesterfield, MO, and ridden by Marketa Matthews

**Cheryl Finke Memorial Award for the Highest Scoring Freestyle:**

The Hanovarian mare Ghinger Ale, owned and ridden by Judith Nordstrom of Pleasant Plains, IL, shown at Second Level

**Dressage Foundation Class:**

CLD I First 1 Open: The Westphalen mare Florentina, owned by St Louis Equestrian Center of St Louis, MO and ridden by Anna Charlotte Eklund



*CLD Vice-President Judy Nordstrom atop Ghinger Ale with Paula Briney presenting the Cheryl Finke Memorial Award for Highest Scoring Freestyle (photo by Steve Todd, Studio 131)*

**USDF Benefit Class:**

CLD I Second 1 Open: The Quarter Horse gelding Heza Awesome Dancer, owned by Donna Gottman of Chesterfield, MO, and ridden by Marketa Matthews

CLD II Second 1 Open: The Quarter Horse gelding Heza Awesome Dancer, owned by Donna Gottman of Chesterfield, MO, and ridden by Marketa Matthews



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

- 11 - 13                    Region 4 Championships  
                              @ National Equestrian Center • Lake St. Louis, MO  
                              www.slads.org
- 25 - 27                    Charles de Kunffy Clinic  
                              @ Albion College Equestrian Center • Albion, MI  
                              Albion.edu/

**November**

- 2                            CLD Executive Board Meeting 2pm - 3:30pm**  
**@ StarWest**
- 7 - 10                    Inaugural US Dressage Finals  
                              @ Kentucky Horse Park • Lexington, KY  
                              [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)
- 23                         Annual CLD Awards Banquet**  
**@ Illini Country Club**

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CLD wishes to extend our thanks to all of our Classic sponsors for 2013:

- Heartland Equine Health Center
- James Jones, Edward Jones Financial Advisor
- Leslie Burket
- M & M Farms, Marsha Harshman
- Rob and Judy Nordstrom
- Paree Day Riding Lessons
- Paula Briney
- Pratense Farm, Chatham IL
- Radnor Sport Horse Farm
- StarWest
- Sunder Family



## Level High Points

### Training Level:

The Belgian Warmblood gelding Jupiter B, owned and ridden by Brenda Zeitler of Heyworth, IL, with an average of 69.400

### First Level:

The Rheinland Pfalz-Saar gelding Rubico, owned and ridden by Patti Blackmore of Louisiana, MO, with an average of 68.629

### Second Level:

The Dutch Warmblood gelding Tebaldo, owned by Allison Gerlt of Champaign, IL, ridden by Lisa Lehr, with an average of 69.4645

### Third Level:

The Dutch Warmblood gelding Westerstorm, owned and ridden by Dr. Deb Klamen of Springfield, IL, with an average of 65.715

### Fourth Level:

The Holsteiner gelding, Amador, owned by Patricia McVary of Springfield, IL, ridden by Kathryn Fleming-Kuhn, with a score of 71.486

### Prix St. George:

The Oldenburg gelding, Rubin Raphael, owned and ridden by Judy Ethell of Chesterfield, MO, with a score of 68.421

### Intermediare:

The Oldenburg gelding, Rubin Raphael, owned and ridden by Judy Ethell of Chesterfield, MO, with a score of 68.947





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