

THE READER



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JUNE 28 - .COM/
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- .COM/CALENDAR
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JULY 12 @ STARWEST - .COM/
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AUGUST 10 - COM/
DOWNLOADS
- ◆ CLD CLASSIC I & II
AUGUST 23 - 25 @ ILLINOIS

Letter from the President

by Judy Nordstrom, President

Dear CLD members and friends,

It appears warmer weather is finally here to stay and the 2014 show season is in full swing. The month of May began with a clinic given by Christoph Hess, the head of Instruction at Warrendorf and an FEI judge in both dressage and eventing. I found his teaching style enjoyable to watch as well as very educational. We are hopeful that he will return to our area in the future.

We were blessed with a beautiful day for Icebreaker which took place on April 26th. It was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated and especially to those who were the first participants of Western Dressage! It appeared a good time was had by all. We couldn't do it without the help of all of our wonderful volunteers! ARAB Inc.

All-Arabian Dressage will take place May 28-June 1 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and our FireCracker schooling show will take place on July 12th so we hope to see you there.

Don't forget to keep your horses and yourselves well hydrated in the heat of these summer days! Enjoy the show season as it always seems to fly by so quickly!

Stay cool,

Judy Nordstrom

president@centerlinedressage.com



A Weekend with FEI Judge Stephen Clarke

by Andrea Hart, participant

Austin Dressage Unlimited hosted their fifth annual judging seminar with a grant from The Dressage Foundation's Edgar Hotz Judges Fund. In February, 114 people from several states gathered in Georgetown, Texas, to learn how to improve their judging eye and showing skills from FEI Judge General Stephen Clarke. The first day of the seminar, Mr. Clarke discussed the thought process needed for correct scoring of individual movements. The topic the second topic was the scoring of the Collective Remarks.

“Key Points”

- ◆ Riders should train the horse to react in the right way to the aids.
- ◆ The walk is the tell-tale pace. It is at the walk that you will see if the horse is supple in the back and relaxed in the mind.
- ◆ A judge will find the score for the movement between the positives and negatives. There are always positives and negatives.
- ◆ Ask yourself, "Does the movement match the word for the score?"
- ◆ Judges should give fair points and justify them with concise comments. Be brave enough to score high and confident enough to score low.
- ◆ It is the judge's job to describe what happened, not to give a lesson. State what clearly happened and how it relates to the score given.
- ◆ Be ready to be "surprised."
- ◆ The Collective Marks scores should be a mirror image of what happened in the test, i.e. the overall impression of the test.
- ◆ Impulsion is related to the athleticism of the horse (did the horse do the work?). Submission is related to the mental side of the horse (did he want to do the work?).
- ◆ For the rider to be effective, he must sit properly.
- ◆ A low score is not punishing the rider; it is being fair to the ones that did the movement better.

USDF Announces New Certified Instructors

Lexington, KY (April 23, 2014) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce and congratulate its new USDF Certified Instructors. The exam was held April 10-13, at Hilltop Farm in Colora, MD, with examiners Debbie Bowman and Maryal Barnett. The USDF Instructor/Trainer program is designed to set a standard of excellence in dressage training and instruction in the United States and to educate dressage riders, instructors, and aspiring instructors.

New USDF Certified Instructor/Trainers at Training through First Level include; Lisa Lewis of Greenfield Center, NY, Erin Sweeney of Gordonville, VA, and Jennette Scanlon of Auburn, CA. New USDF Certified Instructors/Trainers at Second Level include; Tiffany Bragdell of Colora, MD and Karen Roberts of Southwick, MA. New USDF Certified Instructors/Trainers at Third through Fourth Level include; Michael Bragdell of Colora, MD and Janet Youse of Rome, PA.

"It is our pleasure to recognize these accomplished individuals and we are proud to have them as representatives of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program," stated Kathie Robertson, USDF Senior Education Programs Coordinator.

For more information on the USDF Instructor Certification Program, to view a calendar of workshop or testing dates, or to obtain details on hosting a workshop or testing session, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org or contact the USDF education programs department at instructorcertification@usdf.org.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

Thank you so much for having the western dressage classes. I have been waiting a long time for this to happen. You were [all so] friendly and kind to us. Again thank you so much.... Val Waggoner

Inspiration

I am a fan of Canadian astronaut, Col. Chris Hadfield. I highly recommend his book, *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*. His thoughts on the transition from hot shot jet pilot to the lowest plebe in the astronaut program could well be applied to dressage:

"It's not enough to shelve your own competitive streak. You have to try, consciously, to help others succeed. Some people feel this is like shooting themselves in the foot--why aid someone else in creating a competitive advantage? I don't look at it that way. Helping someone else look good doesn't make me look worse. In fact, it often improves my own performance, particularly in stressful situations." Submitted by Alice E Martin

2015 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Dates and Locations Selected

Lexington, KY (May 5, 2014) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has selected the dates and locations for the 2015 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, presented by SmartPak and supported by Merial.

- Region 1 (October 15-18) at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
- Region 2 (September 17-20) at the Waterloo Hunt Club, Grass Lake, MI
- Region 3 (October 1-4) at the Chattahoochee Hill-Bouchaert Farm, Fairburn GA
- Region 4 (October 9-11) at the National Equestrian Center, Lake St. Louis, MO
- Region 5 (October 9-11) at WestWorld, Scottsdale: Scottsdale, AZ
- Region 6 (September 24-27) at the DevonWood Equestrian Centre, Sherwood, OR
- Region 7 (September 17-20) at the Murieta Equine Complex, Rancho Murieta, CA
- Region 8 (September 17-20) at HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties, NY
- Region 9 (October 8-11) at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Katy, TX

These championships recognize the outstanding efforts of riders in each USDF region and provide an excellent opportunity for spectators to view the top competitors in their respective regions. Additionally, the top amateur and open riders at each of the championships, who have submitted a declaration of intent, and completed all other requirements, will receive an invitation to compete at the US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, to be held November 5-8, 2015, at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Kathy Stringer of Great American Insurance Group added, "Our role as title sponsor of the regional and breeders championships has afforded a great opportunity to acknowledge outstanding individuals and the sport of dressage."

Competitors qualify for Great American/USDF Regional Championships by competing in designated qualifying classes throughout the year at USDF-recognized competitions. For more information on the regional championship program or the US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, visit the USDF website, or contact the USDF sport programs department.

IceBreaker 2014 Results

Sue & Amanda Graham Co-Managers; Judy Nordstrom Day Manager; Gayla Sergeant, Judge

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 1

60.83	Kayla Reimer	Focus Phantasm	2
51.25	Heather Voyles	Major Kamoshun	5
59.16	Tiffany Wohlers	LEB Animation	4
59.79	Chrissy Jacobs J	Sinsational Prince	3
70.62	Rachel Boyce	Gideon	1

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 2

61.25	Marissa Fitch	Rejoice	5
64.64	Marilyn Weber	Forte WF	3
59.82	Heather Voyles	Major Kamoshun	6
63.57	Chrissy Jacobs JR	Sinsational Prince	4
55.71	Kayla Reimer	Focus Phantasm	7
71.96	Jodi Lemkemann	Chantillee Lace	1
67.5	Rachel Boyce	Gideon	2

WESTERN DRESSAGE INTRO 4--GC

69.06	Val Waggoner	Boomer	1
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INTRO A

71.87	Mary Lowry	Melbourne	1
64.37	Sue Graham	Eve	3
66.25	Kim Jones	Punky	2
63.43	Teresa Litchfield	Annie	4

WESTERN DRESSAGE BASIC 1 -- GC

52.41	Elizabeth George JR	Jet Jockey	2
74.35	Val Waggoner	Boomer	1

INTRO B

63.75	Kim Jones	Punky	2
73.43	Mary Lowry	Melbourne	1
58.43	Teresa Litchfield	Annie	4
63.12	Sue Graham	Eve	3

WESTERN DRESSAGE BASIC 2 -- GC

72.5	Marilyn Weber	Forte WF	1
57.08	Elizabeth George JR	Jet Jockey	2

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 3

57.20	Heather Voyles	Major Kamoshun	6
67.80	Jamie Geisler JR	ASR Fadls Willie	3
73.8	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	Eliana JP	1
67.6	Jodi Lemkemann	Chantillee Lace	4
71.6	Sian McBride JR	Tebaldo	2
67.2	Marissa Fitch	Rejoice	5

FIRST LEVEL TEST 1

65.68	Helena Rosse JR	RV Still Standing	1
60.51	Jamie Geisler JR	ASR Fadls Willie	2

FIRST LEVEL TEST 3

74.35	Kelly Griffith	Fonzarelli	1
71.9	Sian McBride JR	Tebaldo	2
68.70	Helena Rosse JR	RV Still Standing	3

GAMBLERS CHOICE

FOURTH LEVEL TEST 1

69	Judy Nordstrom	Ghinger Ale	2
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INTERMEDIATE 1

76.4	Judy Ethell	Rubin Raphael	1
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SECOND LEVEL TEST 3

62.73	Kelly Griffith	Fonzarelli	3
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HIGH POINTS

Sian McBride	Tebaldo
Jodi Lemkemann	Chantillee Lace



High Point
Winners

Jodi
Lemkemann
w/ Chantillee
Lace

Sian McBride
w/ Tebaldo

May 18, 2014 CLD Executive Board Meeting

@ StarWest; Judy Nordstrom presiding

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Nordstrom at 2:06 p.m. Also attending were Lisa Lehr, Alice Martin, Paula Briney, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Kelly Griffith, Martin Kuhn and Leslie Burket.

Treasurer Report

- Katie Keim was not at the meeting but she did send a Profit & Loss Statement, 2014 year to date.
- Income: \$2323.37
- Expenses: \$4181.21
- Net loss of \$1,857.84

VP/Membership Report

Kelly reported that we have 78 members on our roster. IceBreaker brought us three new members and one from the Christoph Hess Clinic.

Web Master Report

Martin reported that two newsletters were delivered to 211 readers. Of that, 65%, or 137 readers, opened the newsletter.

Newsletter

Kim was not able to attend and did not provide a newsletter report.

FaceBook

Lisa reports that our Likes have increased to 273 on Facebook.

Awards

There are now 40 confirmed nominations for horses for the CLD Year End Awards. You have until October 10th to submit your nomination.

Paula offered a suggestion that cookies, with imprinted logos, could be first place prizes in the shows. She will look into cookie options. For the year end awards program speaker, it was suggested we have someone from the upcoming 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition, to be held in April 2015. This will be researched.

Symposium

The Christoph Hess Clinic was filled and a success with all learning much, including 8 auditors.

Schooling Shows:

IceBreaker:

- Financial
 - Generated a net profit of \$198.27
 - Income of \$662.00
 - Expenses of \$463.73.
- There were four Western Dressage classes.

FireCracker

The club will provide the lunch for the show. Alice will generate the menu.

Old Business

Last month we discussed the possibility of a contribution to the Dressage Foundation. We would like to make a contribution but will wait until after Classic before deciding the amount.

New Business

- Directors & Officers Policy: We are in the exploratory phase to determine need and coverage. John Green will be called for evaluation of policy coverage. Judy is also researching policies and costs.

- Received a letter from Marjorie Malkin, promoting a young eventing rider, Meghan O'Donoghue. Meghan has trained hard and at Rolex (KY) she placed 12th Internationally and 7th place Nationally. She was the highest placed 'first timer'. Paula motioned to contribute \$100, Martin seconded and it passed. If CLD members would like to support Meghan with a contribution, please send your contribution to: Meghan O'Donoghue, 83 Furlong Lane, Carbondale, IL 63902

- Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 29th at 2 p.m. in the StarWest Lounge.

Upon motion from Lisa, seconded by Alice, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Burket, Secretary

Is Your Horse Declared for the All-Breeds Awards Program?

Visit the USDF website, and view the Owner's/Lessee Horse Portfolio Search, to verify if your horse is declared for the All-Breeds Awards Program. If you need to declare your horse, simply submit a copy of your horse's breed/performance registry papers, and the All-Breeds Awards Declaration Form, to USDF no later than August 1, 2014.

Success in the Show Ring Depends on Your Preparation both On and Off the Horse

Visit eTRAK, [www.usdf.org/e-trak/index.asp] USDF online learning center, and view four "Quick Studies" that will help you prepare for the show season: Competition Downloads, Plan to Compete, Prepare to Compete, and At the Competition.

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CenterLine Dressage New Member & Renewal Form

(Membership year is December 1 through November 30)

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birth Date for Youth Members (21 & Under): _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewal:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reader Preference		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paper Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Digital Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership Type	Details	Totals
Individual Membership	<p>\$45</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	\$ _____
Junior Membership (21 & under)	<p>\$25</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	\$ _____
Family Membership	<p>\$65</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 2 Vote, 2 USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)</p>	\$ _____
Total Dues:		\$ _____

Please send to:

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 CLD Membership Secretary
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On the New Reader Layout

Until the fall of 2006 CLD's semi-monthly newsletter *The Reader* maintained a very spartan, utilitarian look. 63 *Reader* editions, 5 *Reader* Editors, and 4 Presidents later the *Reader* maintained the format and layout that, with a few flourishes here and there remained the same. We're proud of the new design and welcome your feedback.

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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 4-6 Nancy Stanton Clinic: Palatka Farm Contact Paula Brinay 217496-3837
Feb. 19 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Walker, 217496-3837

Mar 3-5 Illinois Horse Fair, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield. For full information regarding dressage clinic only, contact Pinky Noll 217496-3837. (This is a change from the original dates published) Nancy Stanton Clinic: Palatka Farm Contact Paula Brinay 217496-3837. Cost \$894.95 See flyer in this newsletter.

April 7-9 Clinic at StarWest, Col. Christian Cards, contact Alice Martin, 217546-9400
April 16 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Walker, 217496-3837
April 29 CLD IceBreaker School Show, Judge Gayle Sargent.

June 2-3 Clinic at StarWest, Gerhard Poltz, contact Alice Martin, 217496-3837
June 18 3:30 PM CLD Club Meeting, StarWest Lounge. Contact: Walker, 217496-3837

CENTERLINE DRESSAGE MARCH 2014

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
BY JUDY NORDSTRÖM, PRESIDENT
Dear CLD Members and Friends,

Thankfully, we are finally (almost) through the snow season in the past 12 years! With spring quickly approaching, the start of the 2014 show season is just around the corner. We are looking off the season with several shows and educational opportunities. The March 3th Illinois Horse Fair will be giving a wonderful freestyle clinic at Palatka Farm, scheduled and sponsored by CLD. Our schooling show, IceBreaker and Christmas will follow in April as well as a Region 2 Adult Clinic coming up in April. Starting with "Come on in, Breeding with your horse", this and many more upcoming educational events can be found in our newsletter as well as the USDF website.

The Illinois Horse Fair took place on March 7th which featured a Dressage Demonstration on Saturday afternoon sponsored by Council 140, Dressage. Christine Thayer Betts described the art of Musical Freestyle with the help of our own Paula Brinay of Chalkbar riding Clubhead owned by Derek Kuesters of Springfield.

Here is hoping the worst of the winter has passed and we will be seeing more between signs of spring! Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the 2014 show season!

That's all for now! Keep safe and warm.
Judy Nordstrom, www.judynordstrom.com

UPCOMING EVENTS
The full calendar of events, on the other side of the newsletter.

March 29
Horseshoe Clinic Open House at Palatka Farm, Carbondale, IL
Contact: paula@palatka.com / contact@palatka.com
NOT A CLD EVENT

March 30
Horse Fair Clinic at Palatka Farm
Contact Paula Brinay
brinay@palatka.com
NOT A CLD EVENT

April 4 & 5
Janet Fitch Clinic at Palatka Farm
Contact Paula Brinay
brinay@palatka.com
NOT A CLD EVENT

April 6
CLD Board Meeting at StarWest
Contact: Judy Nordstrom, President
jnordstrom@centerlinedressage.com

April 16
IceBreaker Every Evening

April 18
Western Dressage Forum @ Heartland Equine Health Center, Carbondale, IL
CLD/ARAB Inc. Joint Event
More info: centerlinedressage.com/calendar
Contact: Marilyn Weber
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CALENDAR

- ICEBREAKER ENTRY DEADLINE APRIL 15 - 2PM DOWNLOAD
- EMERGENCY 181 CLINIC APRIL 17 @ HEARTLAND EQUINE - 10AM-12PM
- ICEBREAKER & SERBIE TRAINING APRIL 20 @ STARWEST COM/CALENDAR
- CHRISTOPH HESS CLINIC APRIL 30 & MAY 1 @ STARWEST - COM/CALENDAR
- CLD BOARD MEETING MAY 16 - 2PM @ STARWEST - COM/CALENDAR
- FIRECRACKER ENTRY DEADLINE JUNE 28

Letter from the President
By Judy Nordstrom, President

Dear CLD members and friends,

Spring is in the air and how welcome it is! It is time to start thinking about getting spring shots scheduled and getting our horse's cognitive tests up to date, especially if you plan on doing any showing. I don't know about you but I cannot wait to give my horse a bath! Speaking of show preparation, our first schooling show, IceBreaker is coming up on April 28th which is a good way to start off the show season and it's a great opportunity to reconnect with others in our horse community. We are holding a Dressage Service School in conjunction with ARAB Inc. under the direction of Leslie Butler. There will be a pre-show classroom session, hands-on during the day, and a post-show wrap-up. This is a great opportunity to learn the skills of a wrister and play an important role in our future shows.

I attended the freestyle clinic given by Melonie Michalak at Palatka Farm the last weekend of March. We were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day and had a lot of fun riding our horses to the beat of the music. Thank you to Paula Brinay for hosting the clinic, partly sponsored by CLD and The Pony Club.

At the end of this month StarWest will be hosting the CLD Education Days with Christoph Hess. We are very fortunate to have this international expert and educator of professionals. He is currently holds the positions of Head of Instruction and Head of the Personal Members Department at the DOKK, where he's been employed since 1975. This will be an educational event not to be missed.

There are many exciting upcoming events that I know I'm making a point of putting on my calendar! I hope to see many of you at these fun and educational venues!

Happy spring,
Judy Nordstrom, President

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DEADLINE FOR READER ITEMS



CenterLine Dressage

Items for publication or inclusion in the READER should be received by the editor by the 10th of the month. Items for THE READER, activity forms, ads, etc should be sent with a check for the charges, if any, to:

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