

THE READER

CenterLine Dressage is a Group Member Organization of USDF founded in 1972. CLD members are automatically members of the United States Dressage Federation.



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NOVEMBER 15

Letter from the President

by Judy Nordstrom, President

Dear CLD members and friends,

Leaves have already begun to turn colors and signs of the harvest season are in full swing. Combines are busy in the fields and can often be seen on roads. Plan your travel routes accordingly as you may find yourself getting stuck behind one and going much slower than you would normally choose to go, as seems to be the case when I'm trying to get into town.

Good luck to those preparing for Region 2 Championships coming up October 9-12 and congratulations to those who have already competed in Region 4 Championships. Best wishes to all that are preparing to compete in Lexington at the US Dressage Finals!

Thank you to each and every one who helped out at this year's Classic show at the Illinois State Fairgrounds! It would not be possible to hold a rated show right here in our own back yard without the help of the many volunteers that dedicate their time and talents to the efforts of holding this show. It has been decided that the dates for our Classic show, typically held in August, be changed to the last weekend in June starting in 2015. The date adjustment is the result of low entry numbers we experienced as the outcome of a conflicting show close to our area on the same dates. We envision this change will be beneficial on many levels to our members as the new dates will come before Regional Championship deadlines as well as the possibility of offering additional classes.

Our upcoming educational opportunity is a clinic being held October 3-5 at StarWest featuring Gerhard Politz. In almost fifty years of studying, training, teaching and competing according to the classical principles and the Pyramid of Training, Gerhard has acquired the depth of knowledge and experience which enables him to bring out the best in both horse and rider. I hope to see some of you there but whatever you choose to do, enjoy this beautiful fall season!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO ATTEND THE 2014

CenterLine Dressage

AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

PANTHER CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

3001 PANTHER CREEK DRIVE

SPRINGFIELD, IL

SOCIAL HOUR AT 6:15 PM

DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1ST TO KELLY GRIFFITH

(217) 637-0884

OR

centerlinedressage.com/RSVP

CLD Ballot

(Ballot for the election of members to serve on the Board of Directors for a two year term from November 1, 2014 until October 31, 2016.)

Vote for Four			
	Kate Fleming-Kuhn		Jordan (Meadows) Wilton
	John Simpson		Marilyn Weber
Write In Candidate:			

You may vote in 1 of 2 ways: return this ballot to CLD Secretary Leslie Burket

16205 Windfall Ridge Dr. Chesterfield, MO 63050

POST MARKED NO LATER THAN OCT. 29, 2014;

OR

fill out form at centerlinedressage.com/vote

No ballots received after MIDNIGHT on OCTOBER 31 will be accepted.

You Are Invited

*CenterLine Dressage cordially invites you to our annual Awards Banquet
at the Panther Creek Country Club
on Saturday, November 15, 2014*

*Social Hour begins at 6:15 p.m.
Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.*

Dinner: House salad, red roasted mashed potatoes, french green beans and your choice of 1) Grilled Chicken Breast in lemon caper sauce (\$30); 2) Top Sirloin (\$30); OR 3) Tri-Colored Tortellini (\$30)

All dinners come with your choice of dessert.

RSVP by November 1 to Kelly Griffith at 5351 S. Cantrall Creek Road Cantrall, IL 62625

(217) 637-0884 or RSVP through centerlinedressage.com/RSVP

Checks payable to CLD

August 3, 2014 CLD Executive Board Meeting

@ StarWest; Judy Nordstrom presiding

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Nordstrom at 2:04 pm. Also attending were Leslie Burket, Kelly Griffith, Katie Keim, Alice Martin, Kim Jones and John Simpson.

President's Report

- June Minutes were approved.
- Paper work has been completed for BOG Delegate for the USDF Annual Convention.
- S.O.S. corporate filing has been completed.

Treasurer Report

- Net profit for IceBreaker Schooling Show: \$198.27
- Net profit for FireCracker Schooling Show: \$360.90
- Current Cash Balance: \$6,998.95.
- Current CD Balances: \$25,338.22

VP/Membership Report

Kelly reported that with five new members, our membership jumped to 83.

FaceBook

There are 282 Likes on Facebook, up from 280.

CLD Classic

John Simpson: John has all awards and ribbons for Classic. The new Sponsorship Form has been completed, distributed and several have already been received for CLD.

Old Business

- Paula reported that she is looking at facilities for the year end banquet.
- Hamilton's will do the catering for the CLD Classic competitor's Friday night dinner. Thanks to Alice for organizing. Many thanks to John and Nancy

Simpson for the cookies; Alice for preparing the brownies; and a team effort, consisting of John, Kelly, Katie and Judy, for sponsoring the roasted red potatoes!

- Paula secured a bid for the decorated cookies: Eight dozen (96 cookies) at \$30/dozen would be \$240. As the club has a limited budget, discussion focused on the possibility of finding a sponsor for these cookies.
- A thank you note was received from Meghan O'Donoghue for the CLD \$100 contribution.

New Business

Elections: Four board members, Alice Martin, Janet Fitch, Marilyn Weber and Kate Fleming Kuhn, have generously served CLD the past two years. Janet Fitch has resigned and will not be running again. Alice, Marilyn and Kate are eligible for re-election. A Nominating Committee, consisting of Judy Nordstrom, Leslie Burket and Kelly Griffith, has been selected to prepare a slate of members that would like to join the CLD Board. The new slate is due by September 30, the ballot will be published by October 15th and voting completed by Oct. 31st, and the election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

A new committee will develop criteria for Schooling Show year end awards for the new Rider Tests and Western Dressage classes. As all awards must be established prior to the first of the year, these new awards won't be available until at least 2015.

Kim motioned, Alice seconded and we adjourned at 3:01 pm. Next meeting will be 13 September 2014 in the StarWest Lounge.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Burket, Secretary

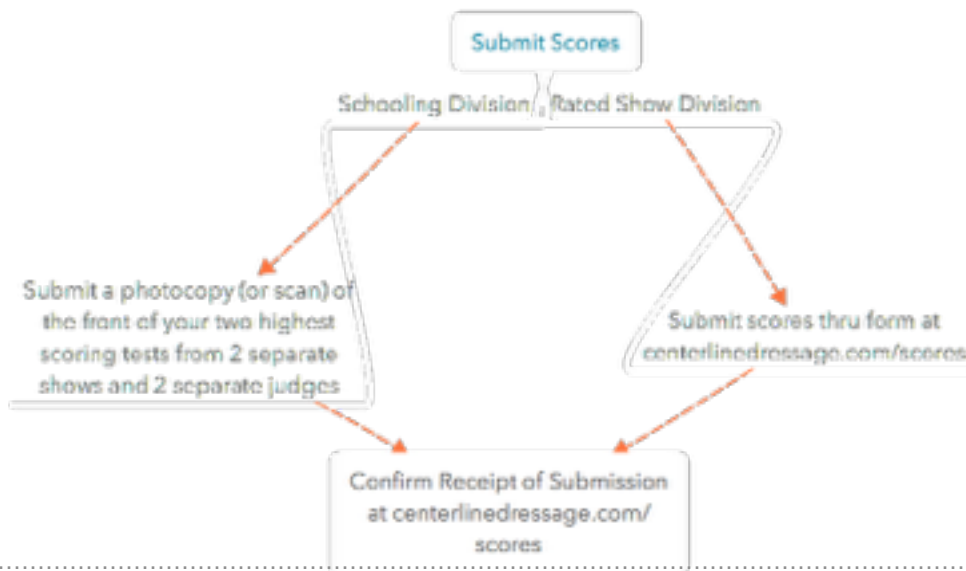
Scores & Pictures Submission Deadline Coming Soon

Don't forget to get your scores to Lisa Lehr & Theresa Litchfield by October 10 for year end CLD awards. Submit your top two scores, from two different judges and two different shows. Each individual is responsible for submitting their own scores. The award show season is October 1 through September 30. Scores are to be submitted by October 10.

For submitting scores in the Rated Show Division a rider needs only to fill out the form at centerlinedressage.com/scores

Scores in the Schooling Show Division may be sent via email or mail: Lisa Lehr & Theresa Litchfield, 1736 South Farmingdale Road New Berlin, IL 62670.
awardschair@centerlinedressage.com

We are putting together a slideshow of pictures for the awards dinner and we would love to add your favorite pictures from the 2014 show season. Please send pictures to pics@centerlinedressage.com



CLASSIFIED AD

Custom Saddlery dressage saddle

17 1/2" seat

Buffalo hide in excellent condition. Please contact for more information.

Price: asking \$2950

Contact: Judith Simms, 636 586 5584; jesimms32@yahoo.com



Janine Malone and Maryal Barnett to Receive 2014 USDF Lifetime Achievement Awards

Lexington, KY (September 3, 2014) - USDF is pleased to announce that Janine Malone and Maryal Barnett will be presented with the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, on December 6, 2014, during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Cambridge, MA. Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award are longtime members of USDF who have shown a lifetime of dedication to USDF through volunteering and developing programs, projects, and committees that have contributed to USDF's mission.

Janine Malone was a member of the USDF Executive Board for eighteen years in the roles of USDF Region 1 Director and USDF Secretary. She was the recipient of the first ABIG/USDF Volunteer of the Year award in 1998. Janine is currently chair of the US Dressage Finals Organizing Committee, and was honored at the 2013 inaugural US Dressage Finals with a perpetual trophy in her name, given to the Adult Amateur Prix St. Georges Champion. Janine is a USEF "R" dressage judge, an "R" dressage sport horse breeding (DSHB) judge, an "R" dressage technical delegate, and an FEI Level 3 chief steward for dressage. For nearly 20 years, Janine was also a combined-training judge, technical delegate (TD), and event organizer. Janine is a charter member and past president of the North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association and has managed past AHSA, now USEF, and Ljungquist Championships, USEF dressage and DSHB judges' clinics, and has served as a clinician for several USEF dressage TD clinics. Janine has served on numerous USDF and USEF committees, was a USEF Vice President for FEI affiliates and served on the USEF Board. USDF Vice President Lisa Gorretta says, "I can think of no one more deserving of this award, as fitting recognition of her years of tireless volunteer service for the benefit of USDF and the sport."

Maryal Barnett is an FEI "C" Dressage Judge, a USEF "S" Dressage Judge, and a Canadian Equestrian Federation Senior Dressage Judge. Maryal has hosted many judges' mini-forums throughout the United States and is a member of the USDF "L" Faculty to teach others to be dressage judges. In March of 1998, the AHSA, now USEF, appointed Maryal to be an Instructor, Examiner, and Senior Official for the "r" and "R" Dressage Judges Training Program. Maryal attended the USDF/Violet M. Hopkins National Dressage Instructors' Seminar since its inception in 1979, participating as a rider and later as an instructor. As chairperson of the USDF/Hopkins National Seminar for Dressage Instructors Planning Committee, Maryal had the responsibility of planning the annual seminar held in Union Lake, MI. In 1997, Maryal was elected to the Executive Board of The Dressage Foundation, and in 1998, she was chosen to be an official USDF Instructor Certification Examiner and Faculty Member.

Fellow examiner Lilo Fore says, "For Maryal, teaching is more than just a profession. It is a passion. Nothing gives her greater joy than seeing her students gain the ability to grasp a skill or concept through lessons that she developed."

For more information about the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, visit the USDF website, or contact the USDF office at halloffame@usdf.org.

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit www.usdf.org, e-mail usdressage@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277.

The Journey to the Ride of Your Dreams

By Judith Noone, 2010 USDF Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Dressage Foundation Treasurer, founder of USDF Regional Competitions

I remember a friend of mine telling this story. She would watch her horse in the field trotting with suspension, power and grace, run for her tack, get him tacked up and trot off and --- tinka tinka tinka --- WHAAAAT ! We would all laugh, but also recognized the scenario! The horse can move, so what's going on when a rider is aboard?

There are several possible answers. As with anything, there are usually multiple causes, effects and solutions. Here are some thoughts to consider.

TACK - A balanced and properly fitting saddle is MOST important to the effort of a free, supple correct moving horse. The tree must be one that considers the horse's back confirmation. The key is that the saddle allows the horse to raise its back to carry you forward. If the saddle impedes that process, the horse may not offer to go forward, nor swing in its back or carry the rider forward - like riding a wave while surfing. The bridle must also be properly fitted to your horse and of course the choice of biting can't be overlooked.

Now the **INSTRUCTOR** - Taking this journey becomes such a part of you that you want to choose well the people that will take you where you want to go. As an amateur, learning the basics is critical. The proper use of the aids is imperative. There is SUCH a fine line between riding back to front (which is correct) or front to back. So understanding "connection" and its feel needs a good eye on the ground to assist you. You want to find an instructor that will give you a full understanding of the use of the seat. The seat as an aid is always mentioned first in the circle of the aids - seat, leg and hand. Why? The rider is seated in the

horse's center of balance - the rider most likely weighs upwards of 100 pounds, and as that weight shifts, you can imagine how it affects the horse and how they balance the rider. On the aid side of that thought, you need to learn how to have a driving seat and a restraining seat, or from your seat, achieve lateral work and later collection.

The use of the leg and feeling use of the hand in the connection within these movements. This process or explanation and detail is why you need to select a good instructor! Attend your local show and watch the warm up arena. See what rider/trainer impresses you and watch them teach their students if they are teaching there. Make contact at a time they can speak with you and get more information about them. If they are within reach, make an appointment to visit their facility for a day - un-mounted. Ask questions, watch and listen. Commit to the instructor that most fits your vision.

Audit every clinic you can get to. It does take time to "see" the fine points of dressage. Having knowledge of where you are going will help you to understand how and why to use the aids of where you are in the training scale today.

AS A REMINDER - ALWAYS SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP. If you are a beginner rider, have help buying your horse. Ideally, you need an experienced horse, two to three levels ahead of you, with a cooperative attitude and a quiet temperament. Such a horse will assist you along in your learning, and they give you confidence. The most an article such as this can give you is an awareness of what you need, and arm you with the questions you need to ask. In many cases, you can

The Journey to the Ride of Your Dreams

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look online to get further information regarding where to place a saddle on the horse's back, what type of bit and how they work as well as how to fit a bit to a horse's mouth. So even when consulting a professional, you are not entirely in the dark yourself.

So do some research and get the best help that you can. Enjoy the journey, hope that you make some mistakes so the experience will point you in the right direction, love the horse that carries you to your goals and read, watch videos, and attend clinics as an auditor if you are not ready to ride in one yet.

A word about your partner - horses learn from reward. Let me repeat that...HORSES LEARN FROM REWARD. For example, if you ask for a leg yield, and your horse does not do it quite as you had in mind, repeat the exercise with a bit more exaggerated aids to help them understand. When they give you a better response, give them a pat. The horse then thinks, OH my rider means this - I can do that. If one loses patience with the horse and hits them, the horse doesn't have a clue as to what they did wrong. So please, as you are learning, they are learning about you at the same time. A beginner's aids are never consistent, so help your horse and don't hurt them. A famous eventer says, "The great thing about horses is that they do exactly what you ask -- the trouble with horses is they do exactly what you ask!" And it's ever so true! Good or bad, it is almost always due to the pilot.

Finally, enjoy the journey, keep a positive attitude, make friends and have a good time along the way. One day, you will be in awe of the feel and look of your ride. You will have reached your dream ride!

Elysium Farm Fund Stallion and Breeders Auction – Donation Request

The Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence was established at The Dressage Foundation in 2011 to help support breeding programs in the United States. The Fund provides financial assistance to breeders to pursue educational opportunities related to breeding that will advance their careers, promote sound breeding practices and further enhance the quality of U.S.-bred dressage horses.

Specifically, the Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence at The Dressage Foundation supports attendance at educational programs related to breeding, such as the USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Program, a USDF Sport Horse Seminar, the American Hanoverian Society Breed Orientation Course, the Hannoveraner Verband's Breed Orientation Course, or similar educational program.

The Elysium Farm Fund Stallion and Breeders Auction, organized by volunteers and current grant recipients, is hoping to be the fund's largest fundraiser. The proceeds from this event will be used for grants. The Dressage Foundation has no dues-paying members and depend solely on support from charitable contributions and earnings from investment reserves. To do "good," we must first do "well." The Dressage Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, to which donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The auction will be held online from December 12, 2014, 9AM EST through December 20, 2014, 9PM EST and you are able to donate online at http://www.dressagefoundation.org/support/eff_auctiondonation.html

“There was an old lady who lived on a farm...”

Submitted by Alice Martin, written by Elinor Spellerberg, a Century rider, who used to judge and teach in this area in the 1980's. She lost her old horse and got Max at age 84.

There was an old lady who lived on a farm
She wanted a horse that would do her no harm.

So she looked and she looked until she felt crazy,
And finally found MAX who was claimed to be LAZY.

But MAX didn't like bits, and thought girths were too
tight.

So she padded with fur 'til all felt 'just right'.

Still, he looked at this; he looked at that.
Shied at new sights, and spooked at the cat.

But as MAX got better and better, he began to relax,
So she rode round the farm on nice quiet hacks.

Then one day, out of the blue, Max felt he should try
something new!

So he bucked and he bucked 'til his rider just flew.

She went to the hospital. And MAX to the trailer.
Back where he came from -- a total failure!

"Oh, he bucked," said the trainer. "Thought we cured
that"

So now MAX is back in his pasture, just getting fat.

So, if you're looking for a riding horse - Beware!
He might stay on the ground - or fly in the air.

No matter the beauty, No matter the gaits -
First find out all that he hates!

New Dressage Tests Coming for 2015

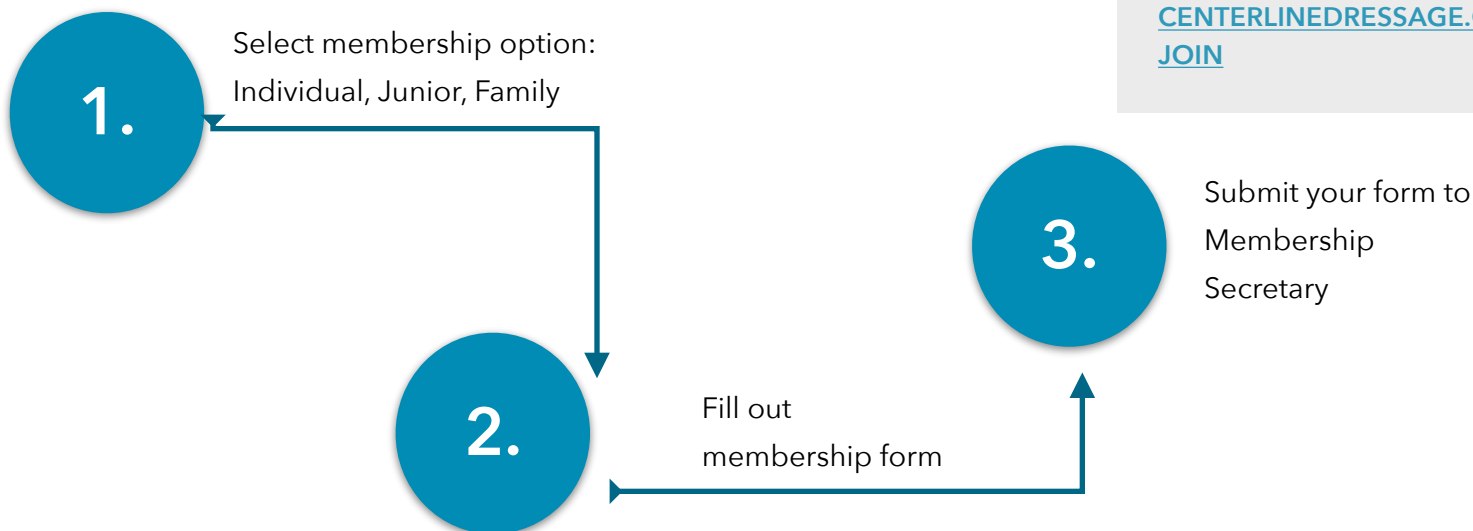
New USEF dressage tests will go into effect December 1, 2014. Usually released in late October or early November, all the new tests will be available on centerlinedressage.com/downloads.

Submit Pictures fo USDF Rider Awards

If you were awarded a USDF Rider Award in the 2014 competition year, now is the time to submit your photograph for the yearbook issue of USDF Connection. All photographs need to be received by Friday October 3, 2014. See the [USDF Photo Release Form \[www.usdf.org/docs/awards/photoreleaseform.pdf\]](http://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/photoreleaseform.pdf) for further information and instructions.



CLD Membership Renewals Due Soon!



♦ FULL DETAILS AT
[CENTERLINEDRESSAGE.COM/
JOIN](http://CENTERLINEDRESSAGE.COM/JOIN)

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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 type="checkbox"/>	New	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reader Preference		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paper Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input 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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DEADLINE FOR READER ITEMS



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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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