

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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Letter from the President

by Judy Nordstrom, President

Dear CLD members and friends,

I'm actually growing weary of emptying my rain gauge! One thing we have not had a shortage of this summer is RAIN. Perfect weather if you happen to be a duck! I believe it is officially the wettest summer for central Illinois on record! With Firecracker right around the corner, I'm hoping for a dry day or two so we are able to hold one schooling show this year.

I am happy to report that our Classic I and II shows this year were a much needed success. A big thank you goes out to Kim Jones for recruiting and organizing all of the volunteers for the show. We could not possibly hold a successful show without the help and support of our tireless volunteers as well as our generous sponsors who give us financial support and share our mission and love of dressage. Thank you ALL for your support!

Judy Nordstrom, President president@centerlinedressage.com

FireCracker Venue Change

There has been a change of venue for the FireCracker show. It will now be held at Pratense Farm. Stabling will be limited.

Classic I & II is a Wrap

Another successful club show is in the books. We had great weather and good turnout for Classic I and II. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your time, this show would not be possible without people such as yourselves who graciously volunteer their time. Alice Martin, Kathy Burda, Paige Schlicksup, Nancy Simpson, Judy Nordstrom, Sally and Ernie Atterberry, Teresa Litchfield, Katie Dresch, Terri Zeal, Mindy Baumann, Nancy Ross, Katherine Baumann, and of course thank you to John Simpson and Jeanie Craver. Hope to see you all next year.

June 20, 2015 CLD Executive Board Meeting

@ StarWest; Judy Nordstrom presiding

President Judy Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Martin Kuhn, Lisa Lehr, Leslie Burket, Alice Martin, Katie Keim, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, John Simpson and Kim Jones were present.

Meeting Minutes

Alice motioned, and Katie seconded, that minutes for May be approved. The vote was unanimous and minutes for May have been approved.

Treasurer's Report

Katie reported that the balance in our checking account is \$7,782.80. One CD was cashed to cover expenses for the upcoming Centerline Dressage Show.

Web Master Report

Martin reports that web traffic has been down slightly from the previous report. Four newsletter emails have been distributed to 126 subscribers with a 60% opening rate. International visitors to the site come from Brazil, China, Japan, Italy and Canada with one viewing from Australia.

Social Media

Lisa reported that we have 384 likes on our FaceBook page. There has been a significant amount of traffic with visitors seeking information about our clinics and shows. This is up from 333.

Membership Secretary

Kelly reported that we have three new members, bringing our total to 71 members for 2015.

Newsletter

CLD would like to submit two newsletter articles for the Newsletter Awards program offered by USDF. CLD is in the 75 members and under group. We can submit one first person article and one general interest article. Kim has asked that we review the

newsletter articles and send her our recommendations.

Symposium

- Kate reported that the Susanne von Dietze clinic, including the Friday collaboration lessons with Gerhard, was very successful and brought in a profit of \$395.85.
- For the collaboration day of lessons, Gerhard had offered to take half of his daily fee. Because the clinic was a success and profitable, Kate motioned that we pay Gerhard his full daily fee. Martin seconded and it passed unanimously.
- We had eleven auditors for the clinic and served 55 lunches. Many thanks to Alice for preparing and managing the lunch. Nice Job!
- We did receive one negative comment about the auditing fee of \$35 (included lunch). We need to be diligent when advertising CLD sponsored club events so all know about the auditing fee and lunch options.
- Idea for future club-sponsored clinics - a paying auditor can bring two non-club members for no additional auditing fee.

CLD Classic Show

- Number of rides should cover our expenses and fill both days.
- Leslie and Brett will bring the two judges from St. Louis to and from Springfield.
- There was a short discussion about sponsorships for the show.
- Both rings will be set up at 5:30 on Thursday. Thanks to all the volunteers!
- CLD will again host the Friday night dinner, at the fairgrounds, for all riders, grooms, etc. Doors open at 5:30pm for dinner.



June 20, 2015 CLD Executive Board Meeting Continued

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Convention Delegate

Leslie Burket will represent CLD at the 2015 USDF Annual Convention in December. The convention will be at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas.

Scholarships

Jordan reported that we recently had one application for a scholarship. However, due to the tight funds right now, we will not be able to currently award that scholarship. Jordan motioned, and Lisa seconded, to put a freeze on scholarships through 12/31/15. At that time we will review our finances and see if we can reinstate the programs.

FireCracker

Holy Land Foods will cater lunch for the show.

The next meeting will be Saturday, July 11th at 4 pm (after the FireCracker show) in the StarWest lounge. Lisa moved, and Kim seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Burket, Secretary

US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan Returning to the Kentucky Horse Park in 2016

The US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan will be returning to the Kentucky Horse Park November 10-13, 2016, for a fourth year.

While the goal is to rotate the finals west, the USDF Executive Board, after evaluating current options, has decided that more research and time is needed. This additional year will allow for further evaluation in regard to venue, the timeline for regional championships which serve as qualifiers, and the impact of location on competitor attendance.

"The US Dressage Finals needs to be at a practical location for competitors and at a facility that can provide international standards, while maintaining financial viability for USDF," stated USDF President George Williams. The Executive Board feels more lead time is needed and has voted to delay the move west, from the Kentucky Horse Park, until after 2016.

USDF Announces New Youth Recognition Program

Lexington, KY (June 30, 2015) - The United States Dressage Federation is pleased to announce the new USDF Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program, which will take effect on July 1, 2015. This program will recognize the accomplishments of youth dressage riders in not only dressage, but also in academics, volunteerism, and equestrian education. Students who are currently enrolled in grades six to twelve of a middle/high school or home school program, and are current USDF Group or Participating Members, are eligible to enroll. The program year runs July 1 through June 30, and pins can be earned in each year of enrollment. In order to earn the recognition pin, participants will be required to submit two dressage scores of 60 percent or higher at any level, maintain a 2.5 GPA, record 16 hours of equine related education, and complete 20 volunteer hours each year.

USDF Youth Programs Committee Chair Roz Kinstler explained, "With more and more youth participating in dressage at all levels, we think it's important to acknowledge their dedication to the sport. This award is designed to recognize these riders regardless of their level of expertise, and reward them for their efforts both with their involvement in dressage and in their community."

For more information about this or other youth programs and offerings, visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org, e-mail youth@usdf.org, or contact us by phone at (859) 971-2277.

USDF Announces New Para-Dressage Rider of the Year Awards

Lexington, KY (June 16, 2015) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today that, beginning in the 2016 competition year, it will now award new Adequan/USDF Para-Dressage Rider of the Year Awards. These awards will recognize Para-Dressage riders' accomplishments at each grade level; Ia, Ib, II, III, and IV.

Champions and reserve champions at each grade level will receive a plaque, to be awarded annually, at the Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention. The top three finishers in each grade level will also be recognized in the yearbook issue of USDF Connection.

Hope Hand, United States Para-Equestrian Association (USPEA) President, expressed that "The USPEA is excited to help promote the new Adequan/USDF Para-Dressage Rider of the Year Awards to recognize our accomplished riders. USPEA looks forward to the 2016 year, and we encourage everyone to compete, volunteer, and support show management for providing more opportunities for Para-Dressage."

For more information about the Adequan/USDF Para-Dressage Rider of the Year Awards, or other year-end award programs, visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org/awards, or contact the USDF office at awards@usdf.org.

TDF's Two-Tempi Challenge



WHAT IS TDF'S TWO-TEMPI CHALLENGE?

Riders who have horses capable of doing two-tempi changes are invited to participate in a Regional and National competition to raise funds for The Dressage Foundation (TDF).

Each rider works with an individual, GMO, stable, or any group of dressage friends that is willing to make a pledge to TDF for each two-tempi change.

All donations are used to support TDF's programs, grants, and scholarships.

A Two-Tempi Challenge can be held at a show, during a clinic, or even at your local barn with your friends. It is a fun way to bring your equestrian friends together to support the dressage community.

RIDERS

The horse and rider teams may use the best of three efforts. Start the count with "one" on the first flying change and count to the last two-tempi. If a change is not clean, it still counts as a two-tempi. As soon as the horse loses count (by doing a one-tempi, a three-tempi, or no change), the effort is over. A horse and rider combination can participate monthly in the Two-Tempi Challenge.

SUPPORTERS

Any individual or group may pledge to support the horse and rider team. The group or individual may pledge any dollar amount per change that the rider successfully completes (see above).

THE WINNERS

At the end of each calendar year, TDF will announce National and Regional Two-Tempi Challenge Champions and Reserve Champions, based on the number of completed consecutive two-tempi performed.

There will also be awards for the top two groups that raise the most donations for TDF.

SUBMITTING YOUR VIDEO

Your Two-Tempi Challenge must be videoed and sent via YouTube, email, or DVD to TDF (using a cell phone to video is acceptable). A link or file can be emailed to info@dressagefoundation.org, uploaded on our website, or mailed to TDF's office. You will receive confirmation that TDF has received the video and pledged donations.

TDF's Two-Tempi Challenge will be open to interested riders and donors until December 31, 2015.

QUESTIONS?

For more details about TDF's Two-Tempi Challenge, please contact us at:

(402) 434-8585

info@dressagefoundation.org

www.dressagefoundation.org/two-tempi-challenge

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CLD Classic I & II High Points

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Cheryl Finke: Judith Nordstrom Ghinger Ale
Third Level 71.9

Bandana Award: Sue Schultz, MM American Pi,
T3, 69.8077%

Jim Kuhn Award: Brooke Von Hoffman, Cruising
On, T3, 67.273%

USDF Benefit Classic I: Paula Briney, Renaissance
Man, 57.121%

USDF Benefit Classic II: Tina Adams, Winchester,
63.939%

Dover Classic I: Kelly Griffith, Agathon JP,
65.244%

Dover Classic II: Caroline Morgan, Hallelujah
HVH, 63.415%

Dressage Foundation: Kayla Reimer, Sundara
BFA, 63.333%

BREED HIGH POINTS

Dutch Warmblood for Classic I: Jessica Gould,
Eurythmic JP, 71.818%

Dutch Warmblood for Classic II: Martin Kuhn,
Frazier, 74.091%

Hanoverian High Point: Erin Herzog, Amica Nera,
T3, 73.182%

Oldenburg High Point: Martin Kuhn, Greystoke,
69.889%

Arabian High Point: Katie Keim, ZLA Pepets
Regalo, 69.091%

Half-Arabian High Point: Sue Schultz, MM
American Pi, 69.8077%

Saddlebred High Point: Paula Briney,
Renaissance Man, 60.128%

Swedish Warmblood: Jackie Jackson, Bayroness
VDH, 71.154%

Trakhener High Point: Ann Jansen, Made You
Look, 61.667%

LEVEL HIGH POINTS:

Training Level: Erin Herzog, Amica Nera,
73.182% average

First Level: Kelly Griffith, Agathon JP, 66.4705%
average

Second Level: JT Burnley, Furst Tanzer,
66.0975% average

Owned by Dr. Anna Hopla

Third Level: Ida Noll, Zlatan M. Ge 66.026%
average

Fourth Level: Martin Kuhn, Greystoke, 69.889%

PSG: Judy Ethell, Richthofen 7 64.868%

I 1: Martin Kuhn, Paddington 66.053%

Owned by Leslie Burket

I 2: Judy Ethell, Rubin
Raphael 61.974%

GP: Rachel Hill-Jordan,
Latino 63.300%

Owned by Marsha
Harshman

See
all Classic I & II
Results at
[centerlinedressage.
com/results](http://centerlinedressage.com/results)



Indiana Dressage Society Symposium *Strategies for Winning Partnerships*

Janet Foy (Judge) and Shelly Francis (Instructor)
October 17-18, 2015

Bit Whip Farm - 7090 South 775 East, Zionsville, Indiana



Supported in part by a grant from the Dressage Foundation

Symposium Format

Day 1: The first day of the Symposium will start with a 45 minute lecture by Janet Foy and Shelly Francis that focuses on the training pyramid and how it impacts the sequential training of the horse and how judges use it to help determine scores. After the lecture, each rider will ride the highest test of the level for which they have been selected. The test ride will be judged/scribed using the PA system so that auditors may hear Janet Foy's scores and comments. After the ride, Janet will provide additional oral comments regarding the ride and her assessment. Following her comments, Shelly Francis will work with the rider for the remainder of the session, focusing on improving specific elements to improve the pair's performance. A brief question and answer session with the auditors will be held after the schooling session. (The next rider will warm up during this question and answer session to maximize riding time.) Readers are not permitted for the test rides. Riders will receive score sheets from their ride.

Day 2: Each rider will begin day 2 schooling with Ms. Francis, with continuing focus on elements to improve performance in the test being ridden. After the schooling session, the rider will once again ride the highest test of the level for which they have been selected. The format from the previous day will be used, with judging over the PA system for the benefit of auditors. After Ms. Foy's final comments, there will be a brief question and answer session.

Rider Information

Cost: \$500 plus \$100 stabling for the weekend. \$100 deposit due with application. Lunch included for both clinic days. The entry includes an auditor admission and lunch for one accompanying person.

Application Opening Date: June 15 Application Closing Date: July 15

Selection Process: Selection will be based on the information provided in the application regarding competition history for the horse and rider combination and on the competencies demonstrated in the application video. Application is open to all rider divisions (professional, adult amateur, junior/Young Rider). The goal is to have riders from each division represented in the Symposium.

Rider applications will be available online after June 1 at <http://www.indianadressage.org/symposium.html>

Auditing: The first 40 auditors to pre-register will receive a copy of Janet Foy's new book:

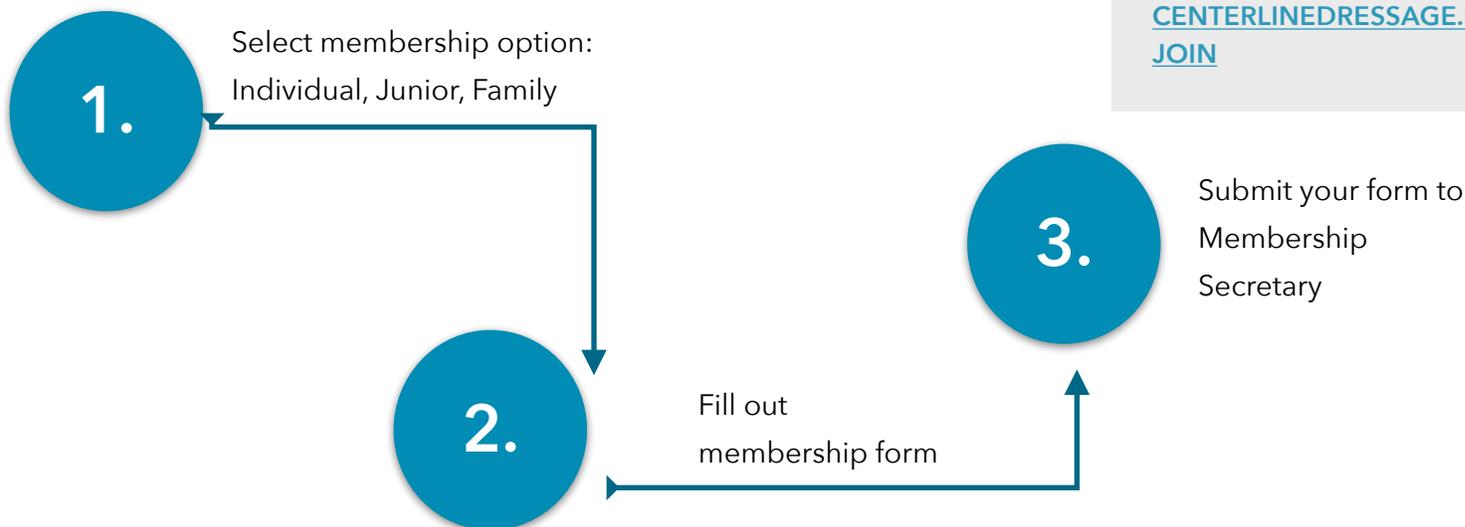
Dressage Q&A with Janet Foy (donated by [Dressage Training Online](http://www.dressage-training.com))

Preregistration (before 10/1/2015) fees include lunch. No lunch will be provided for walk-ins.

	IDS Members	Non-IDS Members
Juniors (18 and under)	\$40 per day/\$65 for the weekend	\$65 per day/\$80 for the weekend
Early Bird (Prior to 9/1/2015)	\$75 per day/\$125 for the weekend	\$100 per day/\$150 for the weekend
9/1-10/1/2015	\$100 per day/\$150 for the weekend	\$125 per day/\$175 for the weekend
Walk Ins (NO LUNCH INCLUDED)	\$125 per day/\$175 for the weekend	\$150 per day/\$200 for the weekend

Auditor preregistration forms will be available online after June 1 at: <http://www.indianadressage.org/symposium.html>

CLD Membership Renewals & Nominations Due!



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