

# 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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@ ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS
- ◆ CLD LILO FORE CLINIC  
JUNE 27 & 28  
@ STARWEST

## Letter from the President

*by Judy Nordstrom, President*

Hello members and friends! I hope my letter finds you well and warm on this February winter day. There is a dusting of snow (this written on Feb. 7), the first sign I've seen of winter as of late. I'm not complaining. In fact, I am enjoying every moment of the above freezing temperatures and spring-like conditions. We won't talk about the mud. That will definitely sound like I'm complaining! Let's focus on the positives! I hope everyone is capitalizing on premium ride time.

Looking forward, we have an educational clinic coming up on March 18-19 with Jennifer Malott-Kotylo. Jennifer has been studying the biomechanics between horse and rider for close to 20 years. She is the creator of the video series "Improve your riding through movement". Visit [www.jenniferkotylo.com](http://www.jenniferkotylo.com) for

more info. This clinic will be held at Pratense Farm with a Friday night potluck lecture/workshop explaining what she does and how she applies Pilates and Balimo to better our riding. I hope you will join me in this fun and educational event! More details coming soon!

I would like to remind everyone who has not yet joined or renewed their membership to get it in and enjoy reduced rates for our upcoming clinics and shows! Your support allows us to provide educational events, shows and clinics throughout the year. Please join us!

See you all soon,

Judy Nordstrom  
President, CenterLine Dressage

# Tripping to the Convention in 2015

*by Leslie Burket*

The plane ride was actually uneventful and that was the last uneventful event until the flight home. Had no trouble finding our shuttle who promised they would deliver us to the Rio Hotel while it was still light! It was only 3:30p so that didn't sound overly hopeful. Traffic was beyond slow but our driver was very clever. He took all the back routes which means we saw every alley and loading dock for every hotel in Las Vegas. Not only that, there were gigantic speed bumps every ten feet and our driver believed that if he floored it then slammed on the brakes, we would arrive sooner! Absolutely not true! But we did learn to 'flow' with the bumps - like sitting the trot. After dropping all the other riders, we were pleased it was still light when he delivered us to the parking lot of the Rio Hotel!

If you haven't been to Las Vegas, you need to know that everything is a casino. And casinos are filled with lots of dinging and buzzing and flashing lights and still yet more noise. We needed directions to find the registration area! That went quickly as we were the only two there but as we walked away, I realized Paula was going one way and I was headed another. After dragging my little bag through two casinos and a variety of entertainment venues, I found my elevator, tucked behind a little wall, and it whooshed me up to the 32nd floor. Very smooth. The room was beautiful and huge - but waaay too far away from the convention area. A phone call got me a room in the other tower that was only 25

steps from the registration desk! Nice room and the same big size but hadn't been recently re-decorated. I loved it! That room change cut off about 2 extra miles each day! We grabbed a bite to eat in the café and I barely made it to the convention area to get checked in before settling in for the night. Whew!

After a quick breakfast, we toddled on down to the convention area. The average one way toddle was 12-15 minutes. We were all well exercised! Once we arrived in the convention area, it was easy to move between rooms and there was plenty of room as most meetings were packed! Off to the Region 2 meeting!

## Region 2 Meeting

Ken called us to order and, after housekeeping items, introduced Peggy Klump, USDF Awards Committee Chair. Peggy shared information about the new Dressage Seat Equitation (DSE) Rider Awards that will be awarded in the 2016 competition year. Here are some of the highlights from her discussion:

- Available to both USDF Participating and Group Members, riding in any division
- Awards are designed to recognize riders' achievements in equitation
- Will be awarded at three levels: Elementary, Accomplished, and Elite.



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- For each level, riders must earn five scores of 65 percent, 72 percent, and 80 percent, respectively.
- Scores do not expire and do not need to be earned within one competition year.
- Winners of these awards will receive a certificate of recognition as well as a specially designed USDF lapel pin, in yellow, red, and blue for the respective levels..

This year there will be Regional Director elections for the even numbered regions. We have two candidates who have applied for the Region 2 Director: Sheila Woerth, an active member of the Kentucky Dressage Association (KDA) and Show Committee Chair and Ken Levy (incumbent), an active member of the Indiana Dressage Society (IDS), is their Education Committee Chair and was president of IDS from 2008 through 2011. Each told their qualifications and goals they would like to achieve as the Regional Director. Voting will be during the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. Ken will be Region 2 Director for another term.

Region 2 Budget: Overall, this is a self balancing budget - income replaces expenses - so there isn't much fluctuation. The Education account, which supports all educational events as well as the Schooling Show Awards program, can fluctuate. This year that account had a gain of \$2,457.01 due to profitability of the awards

program as well as some redirected funds. Funds in this account are available to any Region 2 GMO or member offering any sort of educational event. If interested, CLD should submit a request for any of our club supported clinics or educational events. As this account is stable, it has been proposed that Region 2 offer a \$500 scholarship. Guidelines are currently being developed. Region 2 is looking for a new Education Chair.

## Miscellaneous Topics:

- Debbie Garris - Region 2/Region 4 Omnibus: Was a success last year and will be published again this year. Deadline for submissions is 2/8/16. It will also be available online.
- Contact Molly Fine if you are interested in being nominated for a PM delegate position.
- New rule change will require written proof of current vaccinations to enter a show ground.
- Anyone in Region 2 can participate in the Year End Schooling Show Awards program. There is a small fee to register but their ribbons are gorgeous! Contact Cathy at [cathybjacob5@gmail.com](mailto:cathybjacob5@gmail.com)
- Discussed having Region 2 saddle pads for the Regional and Dressage Finals shows.
- Jenny Johnson, TDF, brought us up to date with TDF and encouraged us to take advantage of the programs that are offered. Check out the programs, CLD!



# Tripping to the Convention in 2015

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## Regional Championship Meeting

Chair: Joyce Hardesty USDF Liaison: Kristina Firth

Joyce explained that there are a variety of rules and concepts that are currently being discussed. Some have decisions and some don't. Here is a recap of our discussion:

- Awards Ceremonies are currently mandatory. A sub-committee has been organized to discuss potential options.
- At Championships, we will continue to open and close the arena gate when the rider enters and exits.
- The fourth Monday, before the Championship show, is the qualifying closing date.
- Discussion is ongoing to determine exactly when the Championship show starts and ends.
- If a Q is not next to a class, it is not a qualifying class and you cannot register for it. If you have any questions, contact show management or USDF.
- Regional stats are being reviewed to see if any of the governing scores warrant an increase.
- Discussion continues as to the I1, IA, IB and I2 classes. Right now I1 and I2 are not considered consecutive

classes and IA and IB are not part of the Regional Championship offerings.

## USEF Rule Change Forum

This forum is moderated by Janine Malone with Lisa Goretta, Jayne Ayers and Jean Kraus on the panel. This was a very lengthy meeting, going overtime. Most all rules discussed were proposed and had not yet been voted on. Relatively few General Rules impacted dressage as many were just terminology re-writes or applicable to other specific breeds. The majority of the proposed Dressage Rules were also rewrites or clarifications. Here are the proposed rules that may impact us:

- The 'Purpose of the Tests' has been revised to be more specific. Make sure you read the purpose of the tests in which you are competing.
- The FEI Five-Year-Old Tests are equivalent to Second level
- Saddle pad 'logos' are still being reviewed and all are reminded to know the existing rules. If you would like to review all the proposed rules: [usdf.org/competitions/usefrulechanges.asp](http://usdf.org/competitions/usefrulechanges.asp)
- Voting for all USEF proposed rules will be on January 16, 2016.

## Dressage Foundation Newsletter

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) would like to invite you to sign up for a NEW and FREE educational opportunity called TDF's OP-ED (OPportunity for EDucation). This will be a monthly e-newsletter that will provide educational articles from prominent and respected dressage professionals.

You'll hear from people such as:

- ✦ Renate Lansburgh with her timeless article about school figures
- ✦ Anne Gribbons will talk about the "perfect seat"
- ✦ Michael Poulin on what dressage does for the horse and rider
- ✦ Sarah Giekie will share what dressage judges look for in Training Level - 2nd Level tests
- ✦ Tom Noone on the purpose and execution of the warm up

TDF's OP-ED will begin in February - sign up today!

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# USDF Announces New FEI B Level Certified Instructors

Lexington, KY (January 14, 2016) - USDF is pleased to congratulate new FEI B Level Certified Instructors Melissa Allen, MO, and Annie Moss, CT. Instructors who are certified at this level are tested in their riding and teaching skills, along with training theory at the Prix St. Georges and Intermediate I levels. The certification exam was held December 15-16, 2015 in Wellington, FL, with examiners Lilo Fore, Kathy Connelly, and Anne Gribbons.

"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 Education Department Manager.

For more information on the USDF FEI Level Workshop and Certification Program, the USDF Instructor/Trainer 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](http://www.usdf.org) or contact the USDF education programs department at [instructorcertification@usdf.org](mailto:instructorcertification@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](http://www.usdf.org), e-mail [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.

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## Hobby Farm v Horse Business

*intro paragraph by Alice Martin*

Longtime Springfield Walking Horse breeders, Harold (now deceased) and Wilma Stuller, owners of the local Steak 'n Shake franchises, were ruled a Hobby Farm in the Central District Court, the Honorable Richard Mills, presiding. For the full opinion, see <http://www.ilcd.uscourts.gov/sites/ilcd/files/opinions/Stuller-final%20order.pdf>

Estate of Stuller v. U.S., No. 15-1545 (January 26, 2016) C.D. Ill., Springfield Div. Affirmed

Record contained sufficient evidence to support District Court's finding after bench trial that plaintiffs-taxpayers' horse-breeding farm that had been incorporated as S corporation was not run as for-profit business under 26 USC section 183, which, in turn, precluded plaintiffs from using farm's losses as deductions in their personal income taxes. Record showed that: (1) horse-breeding farm had annual losses between \$130,000 and \$170,000 for 15-year period, except for one year when plaintiffs experienced \$1,500 profit; and (2) farm was only able to continue operations because it had received around \$1.5 million in loans from plaintiffs, which had remained unpaid. Plaintiffs also failed to maintain adequate records on farm so as to allow them ability to monitor farm's expenses and make informed business decisions. As such, District Court could reasonably conclude that farm was hobby and not legitimate business. Court also did not err in excluding plaintiff's proposed expert, even though he had 50 years experience as horse trainer, where said individual lacked requisite expertise in financial and business aspects of running horse-breeding operation.

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## USDF Adult Clinic Series

# New Vaccination Rule

*by Kim Jones*

The following flier has been circulating around the equestrian community since the USEF announced a change to the GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule. While it is a flashy marketing tool for the vaccine company, the information on the flier is not completely accurate, and is confusing some horse owners. The WHAT TO PROVIDE section is misleading and inaccurate. The vaccine advertised here is primarily sold online and in farm stores and the information provided is targeted to these consumers and fails to actually inform consumers about the rule change.

The rule is very simple. There are three ways to be compliant. The easiest is to have your veterinarian administer the vaccine. In this case all that is required is documentation that the vaccine was administered by a veterinarian, showing the name of the vaccination and the date of administration. Most (not all) equine veterinarians will show the name of the vaccine and the date given on your invoice. If not, you should be able to request a copy of this from your vet to place with your other paperwork. If you have your veterinarian vaccinate your horse, take a look at your invoice. If you are unsure the invoice is adequate, call your vet and ask. (And skip ahead to the last paragraph because the next two options get increasingly complicated.)

The second option to be compliant is for people that administer their own vaccines. The exhibitor must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner or agent of the horse. The name of the vaccine, the serial number and the expiration date of the vaccine must be recorded, along with the date of administration. If you did not save this information the last time you vaccinated, you will have to vaccinate again. If you lose the documentation, you will have to vaccinate again.

The third option to be compliant is for horses that are unable to receive vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions. Adverse reactions are not specifically defined in the rule. If you find yourself in this predicament, a letter from your regular veterinarian on official letterhead stating the horse cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns must be available for show management along with a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the grounds.

Keep in mind this rule states "horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation". You are not required by the rule to mail records with your entries, "the record needs to be available upon request of the show management". The rule also states "Competition management may not amend or enhance the vaccination requirements without approval of the Veterinary Committee". Therefore show committees should not be making special requests of horse owners such as health certificates within x number of days. If they do, you should call USEF and report the violation of rule GR845 section 5. The purpose of this rule isn't to punish or make things harder for horse owners, it is to protect horses and horse owners. If horse owners are having their vet out to vaccinate regularly and show management is walking around asking for vaccination records and looking at horses, then there are more people invested in protecting the welfare of our equine athletes.

To read the Rule in its entirety visit <https://www.usef.org/documents/drugsMeds/2016/2016GR08845VaccineRule.pdf>

# HOW IT WORKS AND WHAT TO DO

## WHAT TO KNOW:



### DOCUMENT OF RECENT VACCINES REQUIRED

Horses entering the grounds for Federation-licensed competitions must be accompanied by documentation of **Equine Influenza Virus (EIV)** and **Equine Herpesvirus (EHV)** (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months prior to entering the stables.



### NO DOCUMENT?

Horses without appropriate documentation may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management.

## WHAT TO PROVIDE:



### DOCUMENTATION OF THE VACCINATION

You must provide a USEF Vaccination Record with specific information about the vaccines administered in the past 6 months\*, including:

- Vaccine Name
- Vaccine Batch
- Vaccine Route Mode
- Veterinarian

### VACCINES ADMINISTERED BY A NON-VETERINARIAN

If you or someone other than a veterinarian administers the vaccine, you must provide a receipt of vaccine purchase that is signed by the owner or agent in care, custody and control of the horse. Information required includes vaccine name, serial number, expiration date and date of administration.\*



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# Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Awards Guidelines 2016

## 1. PURPOSE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

- a. To help provide funds for Region 2 sponsored GMO Educational Fund
- b. To establish a standard set of dressage classes throughout the region that will count toward Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Program Awards.
- c. To encourage local competition managers to put together a series of schooling dressage competitions that will provide competitions with standard quality of classes and judges.
- d. To allow local competitor's scores to be recognized on a regional level without leaving their home area.
- e. To encourage competitors to improve their skills, gain show experience, and confidence to move up to USDF/USEF rated shows.
- f. To encourage a venue to educate and train a base of show volunteers: scribes, gatekeepers, scorers, bit checkers, etc. for local and USDF/USEF recognized shows.
- g. To encourage riders to join a local GMO (group Member Organization of USDF).

## 2. HORSE/RIDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a. Competitor must be a current or new member of a local GMO to compete for Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Awards Program.
- b. Competitor is responsible for following the rules and completing the requirements of the schooling shows.
- c. Musical Freestyles: competitors must send to Points Person a copy of a score of 60% or above of the highest test of the level they wish to compete in MFS.
- d. Competitor may compete in two adjacent levels on the same horse.
- e. Competitor may compete on more than one horse. Each horse/rider combination MUST complete the registration form and send to the Region 2 Points Person.
- f. Competitor MUST send a completed 2016 REGION 2 CATHERINE B. JACOB SCHOOLING SHOW REGISTRATION FORM for each horse/rider combination to the Region 2 Points Person with a check for \$25.00 for each level or \$45.00 for two adjacent levels, BEFORE their scores are eligible.
- g. Rider MUST send a completed REGION 2 CATHERINE B. JACOB SCHOOLING SHOW RESULTS FORM with readable copy of the front of each test to be used for year-end awards. FOUR test scores per level are needed. If fewer score are submitted, their average score will be placed below the four scores averaged. If more than FOUR scores are submitted, ALL scores sent will be averaged.
- h. Horse/rider combinations that have shown at USDF/USEF recognized competitions Second Level or above are NOT eligible to compete in Introductory or Training Level for this program.

## 3. CLASS ELIGIBILITY

### a. STANDARD SET OF DRESSAGE CLASSES

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. USDF Intro A, B, & C                    | 7. MUSICAL FREESTYLES (State Level) |
| 2. TRAINING LEVEL Tests 1-3                | 8. WESTERN DRESSAGE (TOC)           |
| 3. FIRST LEVEL Tests 1-3                   | 9. GAITED DRESSAGE (TOC))           |
| 4. SECOND LEVEL AND ABOVE (State Level)    |                                     |
| 5. DRESSAGE HORSE IN HAND (3 YRS AND LESS) |                                     |
| 6. DRESSAGE HORSE IN HAND (4YRS AND OVER)  |                                     |

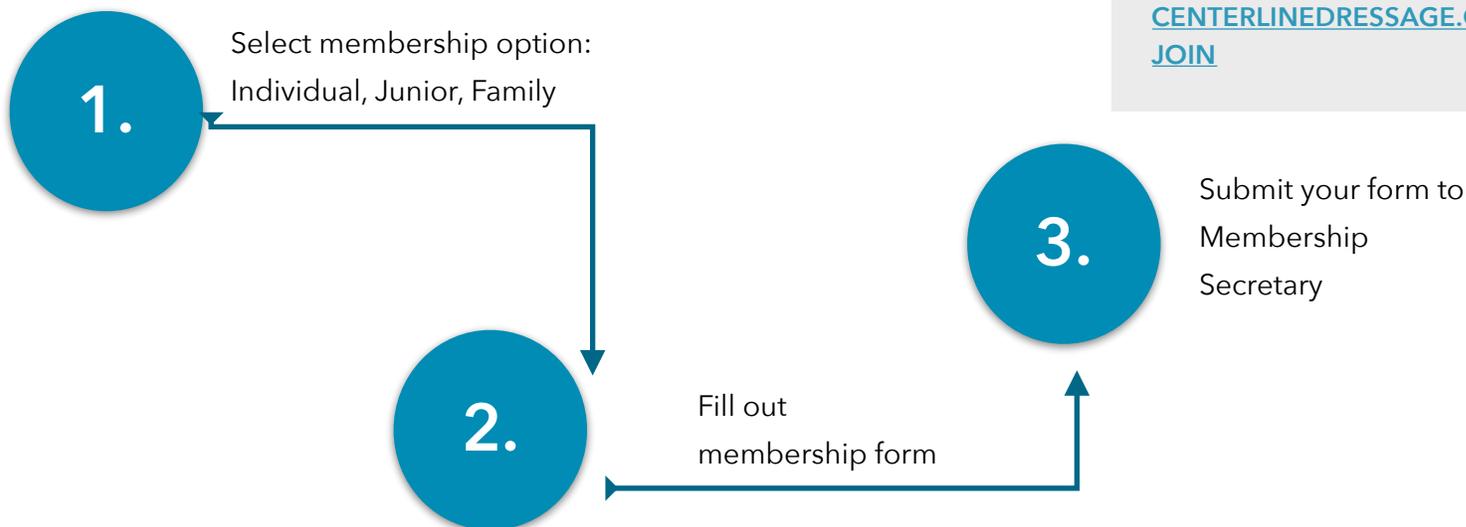
## 4. YEAR END AWARDS

- a. Awards will be given up to the top 10 places in each LEVEL, if entrants warrant. Divisions (JR, OPEN, Adult /AM, VINTAGE) may be combined if entrants warrant (Junior-18 or under) (Vintage 50 and over- Specify OPEN or A/A)
- b. FOUR scores per LEVEL are needed to qualify for Year End Awards. If THREE or less scores are submitted, they will be averaged and placed below the FOUR averaged scores. If MORE than FOUR scores are submitted all scores will be averaged. Final placing is based on their AVERAGED PERCENTAGE SCORES as set out above.
- c. Award results will be published on the Region 2 Website and may be reproduced in local GMO newsletters and websites.
- d. Awards will be mailed to the recipient. Scores submitted must be postmarked by NOVEMBER 5. Show year will be from November 1 to October 31 of the following year.

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