

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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MARCH 2-4
@ ILLINOIS STATE
FAIRGROUNDS
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SHOW
APRIL 28, 2018
@
TOWER HILL EQUESTRIAN
CENTER
- ✦ CLD CLASSIC
JUNE 23 - 24
@ ILLINOIS STATE
FAIRGROUNDS

Letter from the President

by Judy Nordstrom, President

Dear CLD members and friends,

We are already well into 2018. Yes, it is February of my fifth and final year as president of CLD. As we look at the year ahead, I'd like to challenge each of you to assess your busy lives and ask yourselves how you might be able to give just a little of your time and talents to CLD. I know we are all busy. We have jobs, families, friends and many other things demanding our time and attention.

Maybe now is a good time to prioritize all these things and ask ourselves, **"How important is it that CLD exist?"** Is it important that we have local schooling shows or local rated shows? Not to mention numerous educational symposiums and clinics! How about looking forward to year-end awards? Or socializing at the awards banquet and Christmas party?

The truth is, our club only exists because of a handful of people that really care about our organization and its mission: dedication to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage.

I would like to encourage you to become more involved with some of the events and activities that CLD conducts. This doesn't mean that you have to make a long term commitment. Maybe just helping out for a couple of hours at one of our schooling shows or volunteer at the rated show that we will resume having again this year.

In fact, we are in need of a volunteer coordinator for our Classic show (hint hint!). There are many ways **YOU** can help your local GMO. If you would like to find out how, please contact me. If everyone gives just a little of their time and/or talent, we can achieve great things. Please help us be the best GMO we can be!

Wishing everyone a successful year ahead,

Judy Nordstrom president@centerlinedressage.com

January 14, 2018 CLD Executive Board Meeting

Judy reports that the club's insurance is up for renewal which brings to question the status of CLD Classic.

Membership-Kelly

- Currently we have 38 members - typical for this time of year.
- The club will work on sending out a letter to those people who have not yet sent in their membership form. We will include a membership form with the letter to make it easy for the person to fill it out and send it back to us.

Treasurer-Katie

- Final 2017 numbers: Current bank balance is \$10,816.90; savings balance is \$25,746.23. Not much activity.
- The tax return has not yet been filed.

Newsletter-Alice

- Last newsletter went out in October 2017.

Social Media-Jordan

- Currently 630 likes on FaceBook.
- Photos get the most likes and activity on the page - please send photos and any success stories or fun news to Jordan Wilton and she will post them to the FaceBook page to generate activity.

Awards-Teresa

- Suggested we order new clothing for prizes. Orders can be placed through Parkway Printers for a nominal price. Additionally, the club could order a few other items to sell to members. Items can be ordered on an as needed basis and could be used as both awards or a fundraiser. Silk screening is an option.
- Judy and Chrissy will plan to work on getting more information and will bring it to the club at the next meeting.
- Marilyn brought painted glassware she purchased for \$12 each via Kathryn's Custom Art. Glasses could be ordered and customized

as unique prizes for both shows or year-end awards.

- <https://www.facebook.com/Kathryns-Custom-Art-1646699975586462/>
- The club would like to use these for CLD Classic show awards and would like to see if they could do other items for the year end Banquet.

Symposium-Kate/Judy

- Currently nothing on the agenda with no suggestions for an educational discussion.
- A saddle fitting clinic was suggested - could have a discussion with potluck followed by fittings. Paula has one planned with Pony Club and CLD could join. A date has not been decided. Paula will report back to the club.

Illinois Horse Fair etc.

- Paula reports that Barn 13 has \$100,000 allocated to repair the roof and there are no plans to close the building. Illinois Horse Fair is still going forth for March 2018. Repairs will likely occur following Horse Fair, as it is thought they will be completed in 10 weeks. Hope is that in the next two weeks Governor Rauner will have negotiated a deal to begin work on the Coliseum. The horse council will place an open letter in the State Journal-Register discussing which shows will proceed or cancel due to the current status of the Illinois Fairground Facilities.
- Megan McIssac, from Wisconsin, will be the clinician for the dressage sessions.
- CLD could ask her to give a talk for club members on a chosen topic or one of her own choice.
- Marilyn moved we have a presence and give a \$200 sponsorship. Teresa seconded. All approved.
- As things are no worse than last year, the decision is to continue to have CLD Classic I & II as planned.

USDF Announces Sport Horse Education Programs for 2018

Lexington, KY (January 30, 2018) - USDF is pleased to announce three exciting and diverse opportunities for sport horse education in 2018. In regards to the upcoming opportunities, Kristi Wysocki, co-chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee says, "We are very excited about the programs planned for 2018, in various parts of the country, and are thrilled to be working with some new venues, in addition to venues we've worked with many times before. We will have programs in both the south and the northwest this year, areas that have not held sport horse educational events for quite some time. There will be multiple opportunities for members, and non-members alike, to partake in a variety of sport horse related events."

The 2018 Youth/Young Adult Dressage Sport Horse Breeders Seminar will be offered for participants ages 14-27, and will be held June 22-24, at the beautiful Oak Hill Ranch in Folsom, LA. This exciting educational opportunity will be led by USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R Judge Susan Mandas, with the support of Regina Milliken. Participants in this course will have an orientation on Friday evening, followed by two full days at Oak Hill Ranch, where lessons specific to mare and stallion management, as well as handling and training young horses, will be presented. Attendees will also be given the unique opportunity to observe an inspection held by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society North American Division of the GOV.

The 2018 USDF Sport Horse Seminar, to be held in conjunction with the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic, has been scheduled for August 5-6 at DG Bar Ranch in Hanford, CA. The event will be instructed by USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R Judges Kristi Wysocki and Hilda Gurney, and will serve as a prerequisite for becoming a USEF-licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding judge. This seminar is also an outstanding opportunity for riders, breeders, owners, and trainers to learn about the roles that conformation and movement can play in a horse's competitive success, as well as how to evaluate horses for their dressage sport horse potential. USDF President George Williams sees this seminar as an unique opportunity for attendees and "another great example of how USDF can work closely with US Equestrian. By holding the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic in conjunction with the USDF Sport Horse Seminar, it recognizes the importance and quality of the education and training provided at these events." For additional information regarding the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic component of the event, which is scheduled for August 6-7, 2018, please contact US Equestrian via Bailey Bianco, at bbianco@usef.org.

The 2018 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum has been scheduled for October 20-21, at Sonnenberg Farm in Sherwood, OR. USDF is excited to be able to bring Scott Hassler and Michael Bragdell back to serve as the instructors for the forum, where riders and auditors will learn correct training strategies and building blocks for training the young dressage horse. This forum is open to anyone with the goal of developing a consistent training foundation for sport horse prospects.

For more information about USDF's sport horse education offerings, contact the USDF office at sporthorse@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277.

January 14, 2018 CLD Executive Board Meeting

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USDF Convention

- In the past, CLD has donated a GMO basket for the USDF Convention as a way to represent the club at the annual USDF Convention. However, our basket has been slightly lackluster lately. We need to discuss if we want to upgrade our basket to align with those of other clubs or if we would, instead, like to make a donation to USDF.
- Ideas to help compose a basket would be to purchase items via Amazon and have them shipped directly to the hotel where convention is being held.
- It was suggested that whoever the club sends to the USDF Convention should be responsible for selecting items and assembling the club's basket at the USDF Convention.
- Marilyn moved that we donate a basket, Alice seconded. All were in favor.
- The price of the basket will be determined on the number of the donations the club receives.

Schooling Shows

- The 2018 dates for the schooling shows have been determined:
 - Icebreaker April 28th - Managed by Teresa Litchfield
 - Firecracker July 7th - Managed by Sally Atteberry
- Teresa moved to hold the shows at Tower Hill this year. Alice seconded. All were in favor. They will be held at Tower Hill. Alice will secure judges for both shows.
- Paula would be willing to hold Firecracker at Pratense. However, the facility lacks stabling and will not have a caterer. The club would offer a potluck.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 24th at 2:00pm in the StarWest Lounge.

Respectfully Submitted, Jordan Wilton

New USDF Adult Amateur Musical Freestyle Awards

Lexington, KY (December 13, 2017) - USDF is pleased to announce the new Adequan®/USDF Adult Amateur Musical Freestyle Awards. These awards are designed to recognize adult amateur riders competing in musical freestyle, and will first be awarded in the 2018 competition year. Awards will be given at the following levels; First, Second, Third, Fourth, Intermediate I, and Grand Prix, with the champion and reserve champion at each level receiving a commemorative award, presented at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.

USDF Executive Director Stephan Hienzsch stated, "USDF continues to look for ways to support adult amateur riders, and recognize them for their accomplishments in the competition arena. With adult amateur participation growing nationally, these new awards seemed like the perfect opportunity to provide well-earned recognition of their success."

For complete award requirements, as well as a list of all other USDF award and recognition opportunities, visit the USDF website, reference the 2018 USDF Member Guide, or contact the USDF office at awards@usdf.org.

Spring Celebration II

A CELEBRATION OF THE ARABIAN HORSE & MEET AN ARABIAN HORSE

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APRIL 21, 2018

LECTURE BY EDOUARD AL-DAHDAH: 11 AM
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Don't miss the Dressage Showcase, a must-see mini-clinic and demonstration by Olympic Gold medalist Hubertus Schmidt from Germany.

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CLD Year-End Awards Results

The 2017 Awards Banquet was held at the Springfield Motor Boat Club on November 4, 2017. CLD members were honored for their accomplishments during the year. Thanks to Steve Todd whose membership made our night possible, Judy Nordstrom for organizing, and Teresa Litchfield for organizing awards. **Bolded** names indicated highpoint saddle pad winners.

Intro Level Schooling	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Intro Jr Champion	–	–	56.56%	Rosie	Alice Ann Bisch	Paula Briney
Training Level Schooling	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion AA	66.3%	65.385%	65.843%	Nick Dunn It Bright	Laura Dietrich	Laura Dietrich
Champion Jr/YR	71.36%	67.608%	69.484%	Riverdance	Megan Bishop	Chrissie Moran
Reserve Champion Jr/YR	73.18%	65.577%	69.379%	Sir Dow Jones	Sofia Dietrich	Sofia Dietrich
Third Place Jr/YR	63.46%	62.272%	62.866%	A Sensational Prince	Madison Godart	Paula Briney

Western Dressage	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	83.6%	70%	76.8%	ASR Fadls Willie+	Marilyn Weber	Marilyn Weber
Reserve Champion Open	72.5%	74.808%	73.654%	Shenanigans Too +++//	Marilyn Weber	Marilyn Weber
Training Level Rated	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	75.435%	75%	75.218%	Baylyn SW	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	StarWest
Res. Champion Open	73.696%	73.269%	73.483%	Washburn SW	Martin Kuhn	StarWest
Third Place Open	60%	66.591%	63.296%	HH Footloose	Marilyn Weber	Jo & Katie Keim
Champion AA	67.609%	66.364%	66.987%	Evana	Robin Bierman	Robin Bierman
Champion Novice	82.5%	78.636%	80.568%	Ronin	Martin Kuhn	Phil Pan & Deb Klamen
Res. Champion Novice	73.696%	73.269%	73.483%	Bolthart KSR	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	Linda Frambs
Champion Jr/YR	67.303%	66.957%	67.13%	Rejoice	Ellie Mendenhall	Paula Briney
Res Champion Jr/YR	64.423%	61.731%	63.077%	Riverdance	Megan Bishop	Chrissie Moran
First Level	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	79.706%	72.5%	76.103%	Frazier	Martin Kuhn	Joe & Jodi Lemkemann
Res. Champion Open	74.926%	74.559%	74.743%	Washburn SW	Martin Kuhn	StarWest
Third Place Open	61.912%	61.176%	61.544%	HH Footloose	Marilyn Weber	Jo & Katie Keim
Champion Novice	71.324%	69.412%	70.368%	Baylyn SW	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	StarWest
Res. Champion Novice	66.471%	69.531%	68.001%	Sir Earl Grey	Paula Briney	Paula Briney
Champion Jr/YR	72.35%	69.85%	71.103%	Roxana	Christine Jacobs	Chrissie Moran
Second Level	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	78.049%	70.61%	74.330%	Frazier	Martin Kuhn	Joe & Jodi Lemkemann
Res. Champion Open	58.293%	58.846%	58.5670%	Marwans Inferno WC	Marilyn Weber	Marilyn Weber
Champion AA	71.341%	69.512%	70.427%	Esteban	Judy Nordstrom	Rob & Judy Nordstrom
Reserve Champion AA	65.61%	61.098%	63.354%	Madrono XXXVI	Pinky Noll	Jon & Pinky Noll
<i>Champion Jr/YR</i>	<i>69.024%</i>	<i>66.098%</i>	<i>67.561%</i>	<i>Roxana</i>	Christine Jacobs	Chrissie Moran
Third Level	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	73.718%	70%	71.859%	Esteban	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	Rob & Judy Nordstrom
Champion AA	71.41%	70.769%	71.0895%	Esteban	Judy Nordstrom	Rob & Judy
Res. Champion AA	67.821%	67.051%	67.436%	Agathon JP	Kelly Griffith	Corbett & Kelly Griffith
Third Place AA	62.308%	64.231%	63.2695%	Madroño	Pinky Noll	Jon & Pinky Noll

Fourth Level	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	71.667%	71%	71.334%	Rapson	Martin Kuhn	Brian & Colleen Rull
Champion AA	70.444%	66.111%	68.278%	Zlatan M. Ge	Pinky Noll	Jon & Pinky Noll
Reserve Champion AA	65%	64.667%	64.834%	Agathon JP	Kelly Griffith	Corbitt & Kelly Griffith
Third Place AA	64.865%	61.889%	63.377%	Aureo	Pat McVary	Kevin & Pat McVary

PSG	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	72.368%	70%	71.184%	Rapson	Martin Kuhn	Brian & Colleen Rull
Res. Champ Open	68.158%	67.5%	67.829%	Madroño XXXVI	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	Jon & Pinky Noll
Third Place Open	65%	63.618%	64.3095	Chambord	Paula Briney	Denis Kerasotes
Champion AA	68.553%	67.237%	67.895%	Richthofen 7	Judy Ethell	Bob & Judy Glatz
Champion Jr/YR	72.237%	70.526%	71.382%	Greystoke	Jenna Upchurch	Barry & Diane Upchurch

Intermediare I	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	68.421%	65.658%	67.040%	Madroño XXXVI	Kate Fleming-Kuhn	Jon & Pinky Noll
Res. Champ Open	65.658%	65.526%	65.592%	Debonair	Rachel Hill-Jordan	Rachel Hill-Jordan
Third Place Open	62.905%	62.632%	62.769%	Chambord	Paula Briney	Denis Kerasotes
Champion AA	68.026%	67.5%	67.763%	Richthofen 7	Judy Ethell	Bob & Judy Glatz

Intermediare 2	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	70.66%	65.79%	68.22%	Paddington	Martin Kuhn	Leslie Burket
Champion AA	65.395%	64.211%	64.803%	Rubin Raphael	Judy Ethell	Bob & Judy Glatz
Reserve Champion AA	69.605%	63.816%	66.712%	Westerstorm	Debra Klamen	Phil Pan & Deb

Grand Prix	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open	66.00%	62.70%	64.35%	Paddington	Martin Kuhn	Leslie Burket

Materiale/Young Horse						
	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open Materiale	88.5%	82.3%	85.4%	Ronin	Martin Kuhn	Phil Pan & Deb Klamen
Champion Open 4 - 6 Yr Olds	8.26	8.1	8.18	Ronin	Martin Kuhn	Phil Pan & Deb Klamen
Champion Open Developing PSG (7-9 Yr Olds)	69.853%	69.191%	69.522%	Rapson	Martin Kuhn	Brian & Colleen Rull

CLD Year-End Awards Results

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Ellie Mendenhall CLD's 2017 Most Improved Jr/YR at Training Level



Teresa Litchfield CLD's 2017 Most Improved Adult at Training Level

Freestyles	Score	Score	Average	Horse	Rider	Owner
Champion Open (First Level)	78%	76.85%	77.425%	Washburn SW	Martin Kuhn	StarWest
Champion AA (Second Level)	70.967%	70.683%	70.825%	Esteban	Judy Nordstrom	Rob & Judy Nordstrom
Reserve Champion AA	66.167%	65.9%	66.034%	Aureo	Pat McVary	Kevin & Pat McVary
Champion Novice (Third Level)	69.283	67.867	68.575	Agathon JP	Kelly Griffith	Corbitt & Kelly Griffith
Res. Champion Novice (Intermediare 1)	66.75	64.625	65.6875	Richthofen 7	Judy Ethell	Bob & Judy Glatz
Champion Jr/YR (Fourth Level)	74.667	71.5	73.0835	Greystoke	Jenna Upchurch	Barry & Diane Upchurch

CLD Year End Award Nominations/Score Submissions

Members now can go to one place to see all the information they need to nominate, confirm nomination, submit scores and confirm scores were received. As in years past, if you have forgotten to renew your CLD membership and wish to participate in year end awards, you may do so by paying for this year's membership and next's when you submit your horse's nomination for year end awards.

Awards Process

1. Nominate (every year)
2. Accumulate Scores
3. Submit Scores

2018 Nominated Horses

- Richthofen 7
- Rubin Raphael
- Esteban
- Westerstorm
- Ronin
- Heroico CDP



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