

# 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 Teresa Litchfield, President*

Hello CLD members and friends,

First and foremost I hope this letter finds all of you safe and well as the COVID-19 pandemic rages on. This has been anything but normal for my first year as president. As we all get used to the new normal (face masks and social distancing) in our daily lives, so has the USDF showing protocol changed. One change that I find hard is not being able to attend the shows and support our fellow CLD members, since only the rider, trainer, and groom are allowed to attend.

So with all the changes, the show season opened up in late June. We were able to hold Firecracker after canceling Icebreaker and Classic I & II. Although the show was small, it was a success in my book. I want to thank all those who helped me make it successful. A big thanks goes out to my sons for helping set up the arena, Phil for scoring and Peter being the all around runner. Laura Dietrich did the scribing. Tower Hill Equestrian Center for allowing us to use their facilities especially during this pandemic, thank you. However, I would really like to thank all those who participated in Firecracker and supported CLD.

The board is exploring new avenues on holding the By-Laws required year end meeting/awards banquet in November. Since we truly believe holding a sit down dinner is out of the question for this year, no decision has been finalized. If anyone has any great ideas, please pass them on to one of the board members so we may discuss them at the next board meeting. Again safety of our members and families are of the utmost importance. Our board meeting are now being held via Webex. If any non-Board member would like to attend, I can add you. I would like to wish those members attending Regionals and Nationals the best of Luck.

Be Safe!!!!

# In Memoriam, Nancy Chapin

*by Alice Martin*

Nancy Lanphier Chapin, 82, died Friday morning, August 7, 2020. She was a long time supporter of CenterLine Dressage and of dressage itself. With two Pony Club eventers in the family, daughters Anne and Sally, Nancy and her husband Chick hosted the first horse trials in the area at their Windridge Farm, Chatham, beginning in 1975. Later they also hosted Driving Trials, another first for this part of the state. When you put on a Three-Day Event, you need lots of help. Initially Al Khamsa Dressage and then CLD worked those events, running the event's dressage phase in concurrence with an open dressage show. As horse trials were a rarity in this part of the country, eventers came from many states to participate.

Instrumental in the founding of the Sangamon Valley Pony Club in 1970, Nancy served as District Commissioner for several years. SVPC emphasized instruction. Nancy worked with CLD to support dressage instructors brought in to clinic for SVPC. She was responsible for first bringing Pamela Fitzwilliams, BHSI to the area as well as Sally Swift of Centered Riding fame. She also put up Lowell Boomer, Capt. De Szinay, Gabor Foltenyni, and all three O'Connors, Sally, David and Brian. The barn, house, yard and meadow at Windridge were often packed with learners, both from SVPC and CLD and some from much farther afield. Horsemen were always welcome at Windridge.

Both her husband Charles A. Chapin and Nancy were AHSA (forerunner of USEF) Technical Delegates for the USCTA and officers. The pair helped work the LA Olympics in 1984. Nancy scored and Chick was on the film crew for

eventing. At that time a TD was a TD and he/she could officiate at dressage shows as well as events. That was the mutually successful trade for several years between the Chapins and CenterLine Dressage. Nancy and Chick alternately TD'ed our rated shows in exchange for manpower at their events. The Chapins were long time Family members of CLD.

Both Nancy and Chick were descended from early settlers in Sangamon Co. As a result they were active in the Sangamon County Historical Society, Nancy filling several offices there over the years, including president. You can enjoy an entertaining alumni interview of Nancy about the formative years of Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois Springfield). Nancy earned her Master's degree in Psychology there. The interview gives you the flavor of the woman if you have not had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Quick, tart, and funny.

<https://bit.ly/nancychapin>

She remained active on the campus in several roles including the Brookens Library, SAGE, and the Sangamon Experience.

CenterLine has lost a good and loyal friend in Nancy Chapin. Our condolences to son Bill who preferred basketball and to daughters Anne and Sally, who both earned their A ratings in Pony Club, both continuing to ride today.

# FireCracker Results

A small but mighty FireCracker was held on July 11, 2020 at Tower Hill Equestrian Center. Teresa Litchfield managed the show, judged by Kim Kriekhaus, and led a dedicated group that pulled the show off without difficulties.

Class	Horse	Rider	Div	Percentage	Place
Intro A					
	Nickolas T of High Pointe	Jo Davidson	AA	56.88	2
	RR General Dee Bar	Teresa Litchfield	AA	65.31	1
Intro B					
	Nickolas T of High Pointe	Jo Davidson	AA	54.37	3
	Rejoice	Theresa Smith	AA	64.38	1
	RR General Dee Bar	Teresa Litchfield	AA	63.44	2
Intro C					
	Reagos Mustic Double	Alyssa Ryherd	JR	66.5	1
Training Level Test 1					
	New Heart's Patriot	Carli McKelvey	AA	55.38	2
	Rejoice	Theresa Smith	AA	56.53	1
	Absolution	Ellie Mendenhall	JR	51.15	2
	Reagos Mustic Double	Allyssa Ryherd	JR	57.11	1
Training Level Test 2					
	Travis	Ryley Skultety	JR	66.38	1
	Absolution	Ellie Mendenhall	JR	55.52	2
	Devante LDS	Teri Duewer	AA	74.31	1
	New Heart's Patriot	Carli McKelvey	AA	55.86	2

# FireCracker Results

Class	Horse	Rider	Div	Percentage	Place
Training Level Test 3					
	Travis	Ryley Skultety	JR	62.07	1
	Absolution	Ellie Mendenhall	JR	54.85	2
	Devante LDS	Teri Duewer	AA	72.07	1
	New Heart's Patriot	Carli McKelvey	AA	55.69	2
Second Level Test 1					
	Genga	Marilyn Weber	O	67.43	1
Western Dressage Gambler's Choice (Level 1 and Up)					
Western Dressage Level 1 Test 1					
	Fashion Master	Helena Rosse	AA	65.74	5
Western Dressage Level 1 Test 3					
	Fashion Master	Helena Rosse	AA	64.44	6
Western Dressage Level 1 Test 4					
	Genga	Marilyn Weber	O	66.92	4
Western Dressage Level 2 Test 1					
	RV Still Standing	Paula Briney	O	67.3	3
Western Dressage Level 2 Test 3					
	RV Still Standing	Paula Briney	O	68.5	1
Western Dressage Level 3 Test 2					
	Willie	Marilyn Weber	O	67.81	2
Western Dressage Freestyle Level 3					
	Willie	Marilyn Weber	O	73.2	1

# A Circle of Sorts

by Alice Martin

**A** long time ago and far, far away a teenage Alice Martin watched Chuck Grant perform at the Traverse City Cherry Festival in Michigan. After his ride that included maybe 200 consecutive ones on his mare Shining Gold, I left the stands to follow the man and his horse to his trailer. There I was cordially received by Mr. Grant and his wife Carole. That is how it all started, my journey in dressage. He told me to join MDA, Midwest Dressage Association (one of three dressage associations in the U.S.), gave me his card, and wished me luck.

Eventually my employer, Mrs. Martha Sturtevant, sent me and her daughter Neathery to his Shine-A-Bit Farm in Brighton, MI for the month of August. Every day we happily rode 8-10 hours a day on our horses and his, except on Mondays, Mr. Grant's day off.

I continued annual instructional treks to Michigan and he started giving clinics in Central Illinois.



Chuck Grant, right, giving a clinic for the University of Illinois Riding Club in the Livestock Pavilion in the fall of 1968. The author riding her Arabian stallion, Far Raf.



Venivici, owned by Chris & Betty Cronin, ridden by Martin Kuhn  
(photo by Winslow Photography)

In July 2020, my son Martin Kuhn and his wife Kate Fleming-Kuhn and students attended the Mid-Ohio Classic I & II. At that show Chris & Elizabeth Cronin's Venivici won the Chuck Grant Perpetual Trophy for the highest average of FEI scores at the show. I think Mr. Grant would be pleased to see how his instruction so long ago has multiplied.

# April 25, 2020 CLD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by President Teresa Litchfield. Attendees included Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Malcolm Kuhn, Martin Kuhn, John Simpson, Casey Eiten, Leslie Burket, Marilyn Weber, Judy Nordstrom and Paula Briney. To conform to the social distancing guidelines, we used a different platform, allowing us each to all call into the meeting yet remain offsite. It worked well.

## President's Report - Teresa Litchfield

First item on the agenda was the Zoom meeting, organized by our Region 2 Director, Debby Savage, and the 35 GMO presidents from Region 2. All states in our region were present except West Virginia. At that time, all states were still on lock down and the USDF/USEF had suspended all shows until May 31st. Debby promised more meetings as we move forward.

## Treasurer Report - Katie Keim

- Bank Bal: \$5,086.45
- Savings: \$25,910.01
- Net Loss: (\$651.13)

## Webmaster Report - Martin Kuhn

- Newsletters sent out since last report: 4
- Subscribers: 140 - down one from last report
- Average opening rate: 45 - 50%
- Total Opens: 157

## Website Traffic

Site visits are down 50% from last year; page views down 27% from last year

## Social Media Chair - Judy Nordstrom

- Facebook followers: 762, up 1 from last report
- Twitter followers remain at 41

## Classic Shows - John Simpson

- John confirmed that all shows, at this time, are suspended by USEF/USDF and the board all agreed to formally cancel Classic I & II. In order to try and keep the show alive this year, John suggested trying to reschedule it to September as the Fairgrounds has an open weekend. After a brief discussion, John motioned and Paula seconded to not reschedule the original Classic Shows for 2020.
- John said he would notify the Fairgrounds, as well as the officials (judges, TD, Manager and Secretary) of the cancellations.
- Teresa is going to request a refund on the insurance policy. With no show income, and a quick discussion, it was decided to request our deposit for the fairgrounds also be returned.

## Wrap Up

Our country has been asked to Shelter in Place until the CoronaVirus (Covid-19) is under control and we, the people, are no longer at such high risk. Unfortunately, as a horse oriented group, that has an impact on all we do, how we do it and when we do it. We had several discussions (awards, ribbons, dates, etc) but were unable to make any decisions so we tabled planning until we have some direction and options available to us.

Paula motioned to adjourn and Marilyn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Burket

All  
meeting  
minutes online at  
[centerlinedressage.com/minutes](http://centerlinedressage.com/minutes)

## June 15, 2020 CLD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Our June 15, 2020 meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by President Teresa Litchfield, via Cisco Webex Meetings. Present at today's meeting was Teresa Litchfield, Marilyn Weber, Judy Nordstrom, Katie Keim, Rob Nordstrom (briefly attended in his hazmat suit), and Paula Briney, by phone.

### Treasurer Report - Katie Keim

- Bank Bal: \$4,461.88
- Savings: \$25,933.83
- Current net loss for 2020: (\$1,251.88)
- We've incurred expenses for insurance, website updates and horse fair sponsorships. Not much in membership income to offset the expenses yet.

### Webmaster Report - Martin Kuhn

- Nothing to report.

### Membership Report – Jordan Wilton

- via email, Jordan reports that we currently have 39 members on our roster

### Business Items - Teresa Litchfield

• The first item of business was to amend the original motion to pay Jeanne Craver \$2,000.00 because, as Katie made us aware, CLD cannot give loans being a 501-3C organization. Based on the fact that Jeanne would normally be paid \$1200 for doing the show, we agreed to pay her \$500 for the work done thus far for the Classic prize list and for the 2020 omnibus. Judy motioned, Marilyn seconded.

• Teresa asked for discussion on whether to hold our Firecracker schooling show this year. Outsiders will not be allowed inside Tower Hill barn and will only be allowed to utilize the 11 detached stalls for the show. The judge requests that the scribe remain at least 6 ft away or have a screen to separate them. Bright Star and the NEC are also holding shows on that same weekend. Paula states she may have 5 or so horses to bring and Teresa will reach out to others who would

typically attend and see if they plan to enter the show. FireCracker is scheduled for 7/11/20.

- Teresa will check with John to see if he has ordered more ribbons.
- Paula reported that Morgan Jubilee contacted her regarding renting our ring for their show on September 2-3. Further discussion to follow.
- Judy will leave refund checks from USEF for Katie on the round table at SW. These are refunds from cancelling CLD I and CLD II. Both are the same amount, \$90.00.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7pm, via Cisco Webex Meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Nordstrom for Leslie Burket

**My advice to little girls: Never settle for the hamster....**





## 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 Member:	<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 style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">\$50</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form <a href="http://centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form">centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form</a>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>
Junior Membership <small>(21 &amp; under)</small>	<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">\$30</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form <a href="http://centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form">centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form</a>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>
Family Membership	<p style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">\$70</p> <p>Includes 1 Reader, 2 Votes, 2 USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form <a href="http://centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form">centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form</a>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>
<b>Total Dues:</b>		<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>

**Please send to:**

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