



# Curly Sporthorse International NEWSLETTER DOWN THE CENTERLINE

*Dedicated to the training, recognition, improvement and promotion of curly sport horses*

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## 2018 USDF All Breeds Champions



**Prix St Georges-open division - Region 6 Final Reserve  
Chapman - Devonwood High Pont Champion Draco**

*owned by Luann Urban, ridden by Debbie Evans median score 67.059*

**First Level Dressage - First Level Open  
- First Level AA Kyff**

*owned and ridden by Debbie Waszak median score 61.324*

*Draco photo- photo courtesy of ODS member, Kyff photo - Photo courtesy of Denise W.*

## 2018 CSI Horse of the year



**Prix St Georges-open  
division- Draco**

*owned by Luann Urban, ridden by Debbie Evans*

**First Level Dressage-AA  
division- Mighty Quinn**

*Owned and ridden by Stephanie Tsandiko*

**Training Level Dressage -  
Open division- Mighty Quinn**

*Owned and ridden by Stephanie Tsandikos*

**Intro Level Dressage-JR  
division- Mojo**

*Owned by Tina/Rowan Wolod and ridden by Rowan Wolod*

*Draco photo- Photo credit to Mary Cornelius, Mighty Quinn photos- Photo courtesy of Stephanie T, Mojo photo- Photo credit Tina Wolod*

## 2018 Crazy Daze Summer Series-- October



**Intro Level Dressage-JR  
division Tu Khatmoondhu**

*rider Bella Matkke Owner Liz Matkke---First Place*

**Intro Level Combined Training-  
JR division- Timbuktu**

*rider Luna Matkke Owner Liz Matkke - First Place-  
October Spokane Schooling Event division Champion*

**Intro Level Dutral Dressage-  
Open division- Tu Khatmondhu**

*rider Bella Matkke Owner Liz Matkke - First Place*

**Intro Level Dressage- AA  
division- Mikato**

*owner and rider Cheryl Becker-First Place*

*First three photos- photos courtesy of Traveling Moon Ranch, Mikato photo- photo courtesy of Cheryl B.*

# Happy New Year 2019!!!

Success is connected to action...successful people keeping moving...they make mistakes and move on with a renewed idea of what works and does not

Quotable Quote from Robin Groves- driving trainer and instructor

“If you have to head my horse, you can have my horse!”

“drive the horse’s rear end...do not try and drive his head”

15 years !!! In June of 2018 CSI had an anniversary of 15 years. 15 years of helping members and horses reach their goals and dreams and 15 years of leadership in the world of curly sport horses. Thank you to our members, you have kept CSI moving forward.

As we climb the rungs of the dressage ladder, we find Impulsion next. It means to develop and carry with lift and thrust... and requires a good deal of athletic ability. We can apply these principles not only to our riding, but also our life...I feel like this newsletter is put together this way...I know the basics, during the process of a year I see articles on interesting subjects, have creative ideas and at the end of the year, everything is put together to make a product...

This year’s newsletter is packed with good info. A fun winter project is “make your own dressage letters” ...these markers are made with things we commonly have on hand.....make them up now and be ready to use them in the spring. Even if you don’t train for dressage, using these letters can help you make your transitions more precise, which aids in the communication between horse and rider/driver and advances the horse/human relationship.

We have several members who are in Pony Club and have asked about a Horse of the Year award for Hunters. CSI does indeed offer Hunter Horse of the Year awards and a copy of the rules have been published inside.

There is a page of Horse Trailering Tips... plus what you should keep on hand as a First Aid kit.

Years ago I had a local young lady help me on the farm some. This young lady is all grown up and in her 2nd year of Veterinary School at Washington State University. Darryl is an outstanding young lady, she has always had a love for horses and during her undergraduate years in college she had the opportunity to take an internship at a TB farm in Kentucky. Even though this is not “curly news” it is a good read... and can make us appreciate our beloved curlies even more (hint...our curlies can stand the snow). Perhaps another young lady will be inspired to do this type of thing.

Here is to wishing you the best in 2019 !!! remember to renew your CSI membership early, so you have no worries when show season arrives and you can just go about gathering those scores.....and best of luck to all.

Linda

CSI Director



# Hunters

Many CSI members have asked if Hunters qualify for the CSI Horse of the Year awards...YES! you can earn a HOY for Hunters. Here are the rules.

The CSI HOY competition year is Nov 1st through Oct 31st of the following year

AHSA rated and non-rated schooling type shows qualify. Walk/Trot and Leadline classes do not qualify at this time.

Fill out the CSI HOY form available on the website on the Hunters page

Points from a minimum of 5 classes in a single division must be submitted to qualify. All flat and over fences classes qualify, but at least 4 out of the 5 classes need to be 'over fences' and from at least 2 different judges at 2 different competitions.

This award is based on a Point system as follows:

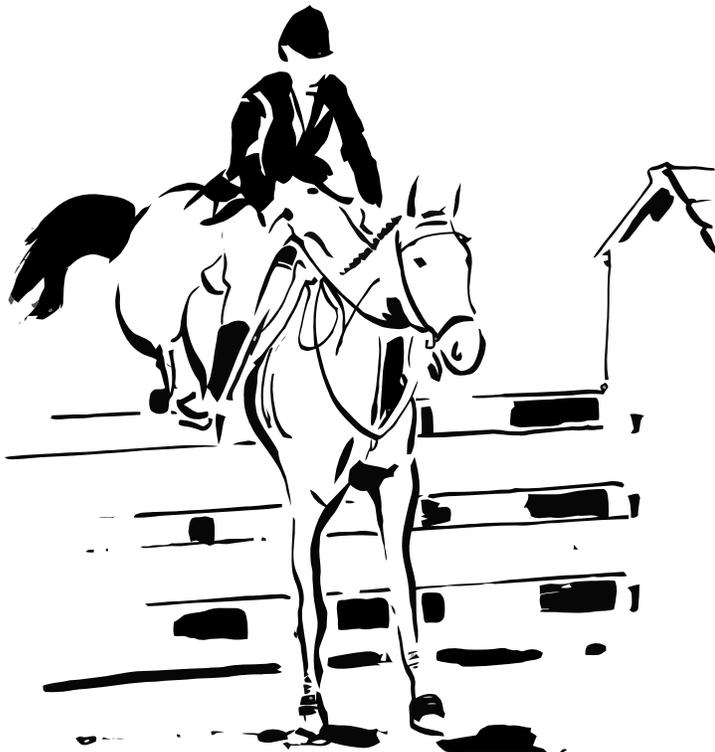
Place/Ribbon	Minimum horses in the class	Points earned
1st place	4	6
2nd place	5	5
3rd place	6	4
4th place	7	3
5th place	8	2
6th place	9	1

Points will be doubled for classes with 15 or more horses competing in that class. Hunter HOY will include Junior, Amateur & Open awards in the following divisions:

Green Hunter

Working Hunter

If entries warrant, divisions will be created based on fence height jumped.



**RAM quotes ...these quotes are from a list of "Development of Desirable Individual Traits"**

**These were compiled 75 years ago, and still apply today.**

**Efficiency -**

**doing the most with the least effort and expenditure of time.**

**Tenacity- the ability to recognize and challenge apparent defeat.**



A special "Thank You" to Luann Urban for proofreading the newsletter!

## Make Your Own Dressage Letters

Make your own good quality dressage arena letters. What a great winter project using supplies you may have on hand. I recycled the nylon strap from an old dog leash to use as hinges.

### Supplies

1 4X8 sheet of plywood type material 5/8"

gallon of white paint

stencils

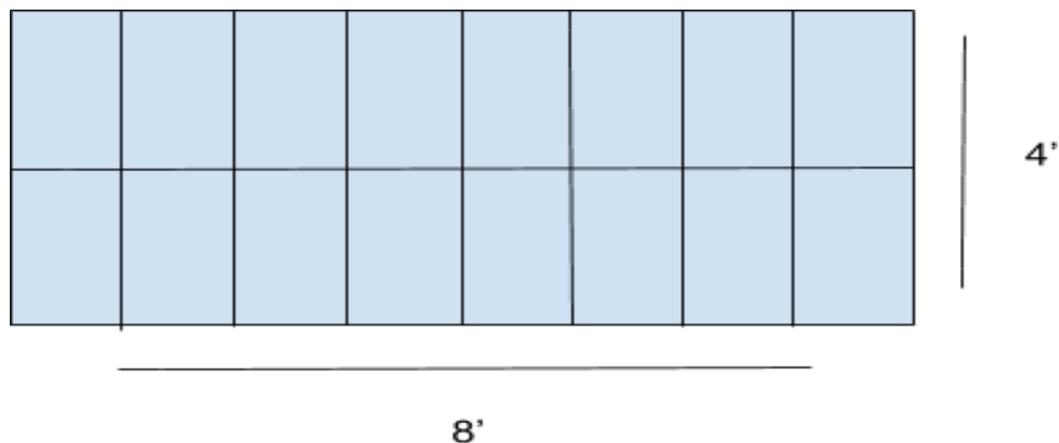
black spray paint

nylon strap (can be used) 2 straps per letter, 6-8 inches long per strap

assorted screws and washers

Cut plywood type material in half length wise. This will produce 2 pieces that are 24" X 96"

Cut the pieces into 24" X 12" giving you 16, 12" X 24" pieces. Each dressage letter will take 2 pieces.



Paint your pieces with white paint. When the white paint is dry, stencil the same dressage letter on 2 pieces of plywood type material. Letters for a basic dressage arena are A B C E F H K M.

To add hinges lay the 2 matching letter pieces end to end with the letter facing up. Leaving a small amount of room, lay nylon strap over both ends of pieces. Drill hole through strap. Adding a washer and screw, secure the nylon web to the board. Leave enough room for the boards to stand as a sandwich sign, AND fold together flat for storage.

These markers will stand alone and not easily fall or blow over. They are a great way to make low cost dressage arena markers. I have even seen them used in shows.



# Emergency!!!!!!!

In keeping with our last years theme of handling emergencies, this is good info about staying safe on the road, and having what you might need with you in an emergency.

In-Trailer First-aid kit when you trailer your horse, even for a short distance, it's important to prepare for a potential emergency. The following items assembled into a first-aid kit will help you handle most situations.

Discuss this list with your own vet, he or she may have other suggestions that are appropriate for you and your situation. Keep this kit in your towing vehicle, so you'll have access even if your trailer becomes compromised in an accident.

- Betadine antiseptic soap
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Nitrofurazone or triple-antibiotic dressing
- Furox antibacterial spray powder
- Ophthalmic ointment/saline eye wash (without cortisone or steroids)
- 2 rolls of cotton
- 4 rolls of gauze (4- or 6-inch)
- Gauze squares
- Clean standing bandages (2 quilt or fleece with outer wraps)
- Adhesive tape
- Vetrap or co-Flex cohesive
- Flexible bandage
- Elastikon sticky roll bandage
- 24-inch length of 6-inch Pvc pipe split in half for splinting; make sure it fits your horse's legs
- Butazolidin paste
- Banamine granules or paste
- Equine thermometer
- Stethoscope
- Mosquito forceps
- Scissors
- Twitch
- Bucket
- Water (10 gallons or more)

Give all medications on the advice of your own veterinarian or the vet treating your horse's condition. Improper use of tranquilizers and other medication can result in your horse's death.

Know your horse's normal vital signs and how to take them.

Organize your Grooming Tools when you're on the road. Can you always find the brush you need right when you need it? The standard over the bucket tool holder is a hardware-store tool caddy, available in assorted brands, but they all do the same thing, keep grooming tools under control!

This makes a great grooming kit for on-the-go equestrians. The tool caddy sits over a standard five-gallon bucket. Its pockets fit currycombs, brushes, hoof picks, thermometer, supplements, treats, and more. and there's plenty of room inside the bucket for your other supplies, such as protective boots, a small canister of feed, and large brushes.

The bucket is sturdy and won't get overly dirty when you set it on the ground while grooming your horse at the trailer. Plus, if you ever need an extra bucket, you'll have one with you!

There will not be a CSI calendar this year due to lack of photos. Please help CSI secure enough photos for a 2020 calendar..these calendars are popular and will be missed.

Toss all the confusing/conflicting ideas about caring for leather and follow this simple plan. Treat your leather like you your skin. If it is dirty wash it, if it is dry condition it. If you need a little luster add a polish or boot cream. Don't put anything on your leather that you would not put on your skin.



# Darryl Interview



**Editor's note....** Since she was a young lady Darryl has loved horses. Living close to my farm meant she was a great choice to help out on our farm through her high school years. She is a competent, talented young woman with a gusto for life. Darryl is in her 2nd year of Veterinary School at Washington State University and will graduate with a job waiting for her at my Vet clinic in Lewiston, ID.

**How did you learn about, and procure, the internship? were there any requirements?** The program is run by a woman who travels to universities and promotes the internship. She came to the University of Idaho and I listened to her presentation and was hooked! There is a pretty extensive application process and they have applicants from all over the United States, Ireland, Australia, and China. No previous horse experience necessary either, there are some interns who just want to learn about horses and the industry and don't have any prior experience, but being interested in horses and knowing your way around them definitely helps!

**Where and when did you intern?** Trakside Farm Versailles, KY - January 1st to June 15th 2015.

**What were your living conditions?** Most farms have housing on the farm for their interns, but Trakside owned a house just a few minutes down the road.

**What was an average day like?** Our day started at 7am. There were 7 barns on the property and we would go around and turn all the horses out. Then we would start back and go through each barn cleaning stalls and placing feed for the evening. At about 3:00 we would start bringing all the horses back in for the night and would finish at 4:00PM. When we started breeding mares, we would bring the teaser stallion through the mare barns and stop him at each stall and record if the mares showed signs of heat. If they did, they would go on the vet list to be palpated. We also would have farriers, bloodstock agents, and other special treatments that needed doing throughout the day. One or two workers would go help them and the rest would continue the chores. We would always keep an eye on the mares close to foaling and check them frequently throughout the day. We always wanted the mares to foal under supervision just in case there are complications, so if one of the workers saw a mare foaling out in the field during the daytime, they got \$100 bonus. During the evenings and night time, we had a night watch who walked the barns and monitored mares and fed the morning ration at 3am. As the intern I would take a couple evening shifts each week from 4pm-11pm before the night shift came. As the intern I was on call every night for foalings, so when a mare would break water, the night shift would call the farm manager and then call me to come assist with the foaling.

**How many horses resided on the farm? mare/foals/stallions?** We had 40 foaling mares, 3 stallions, 4 race layups, 10 retired mares, 12 barren mares, and 38 yearlings from last year.

**How were the mares watched for foaling? (ie barn rotations, cameras/etc) did you usually go in the stall with a foaling mare?** The main foaling barn held the mares who were the closest to foaling and we had a night watch who would keep an eye on them after hours. Someone is always monitoring the mares. When the mare's water breaks, we go in and wrap her tail and put an arm in to make sure the foal is in the correct position, and if it is, we step outside the stall and let her give birth. If she does not progress or appear to need assistance, we go in and help, but most of the mares foaled with no assistance needed.

**What was the protocol after the foal arrives? How soon is the foal turned out to play?** After the foal is born, the first priority is to get him breathing and dried off. Once he is breathing, dry, and stable, and the mare has had a chance to introduce herself and lick the foal, and has gotten her breath, we give her a bath to reduce bacterial risk for the foal. We also milk the mare and do an IgG test on her colostrum. If she is low, we bottle feed the foal a pint of frozen colostrum. If she is good, we leave them alone and watch until the foal stands and figures out how to suckle. Some of them need help, but most of them figure it out on their own and once the foal sucks, we leave the mare and foal to themselves and go back to bed! We turned the mares and foals out in a small paddock by themselves the third day after they are born, and after 2 weeks we would turn them out with one or two other mares and foals the same age, then after 2 weeks we would turn them out into the big pasture with the mares and foals. This to allow them to learn not to be too protective, and introduce the babies to other horses slowly. After foaling season was over, all the mares and foals were in 3 large herds in different pastures.

**How many births did you witness? were any complicated and need assistance?** I witnessed about 35 births. We had 40 foaling mares, and I only missed a couple. We had one mare that had a posterior presentation and we had to take her to the hospital but the foal ended up dying. Other than that, we had a few foals that were big and needed a little pulling but most of the mares are experienced and did really well by themselves.

**Did you get days off? what did you do on those days?** We worked 6 days a week, with one day off. Part of our requirements were that each month we had to do one volunteer day (at a shelter, retired horse farm, or

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## Darryl Interview Continued...

some other charitable equine facility) and one job shadow day of a professional of our choice. So we spent our days off doing that! I volunteered at the Central Kentucky Riding for Hope CKRH which is a therapeutic riding center. I helped teach a class one evening a week to underprivileged and handicapped children and I also worked each week training one of the up and coming teaching horses, a Fjord gelding named Aksel. My job shadowing was mainly with veterinarians, I spent a couple days with mobile vets and at Hagyards, the equine hospital in Lexington. We also had weekly classes, research writing assignments, and projects that we worked on during our days off.

**You got to attend the Kentucky Derby and witness a Triple Crown winner, what was the Derby like?** The Kentucky Derby was an absolutely incredible event. The atmosphere is amazing, the hype, the excitement, the work that goes into one day is a feeling I have never experienced before. Being able to call Kentucky my home for the previous 6 months allowed me to feel pride and ownership in the horses running and an appreciation for the work and love that goes into making each one of the horses that were running. The race itself was amazing because American Pharoah runs effortlessly and beautifully, and to know that I witnessed history when he later won the Triple Crown made it even more incredible. The people everywhere and the outfits were something from a story book and if anyone has the chance to go to the Derby, just once, I would highly recommend it!

**Tell us about Gronkowski? what was he like as a newborn? what is his racing record to date?** Gronkowski was always true to his name, he was born huge and was always bigger and taller than the rest of the foals. His mother's name was Four Sugars, so on the farm we called him Sugar and he was so sweet and laid back. He loved to be scratched and was always a people lover. He was a bit gangly because he was so big, but he was one of my favorite foals because he was such a sweetheart!

His first race was in 2017 and since then he has raced 9 times and has four 1st and two 2nd place finishes. He has run in three GI (Grade I) Stakes races which are the toughest classification of races. He has earned a little less than \$500,000 in his racing career. He is set to run his next race in the Breeder's Cup Classic.

**Would you recommend an internship like this for anyone else?** Definitely recommend to anyone who wants to work hard and immerse themselves in the Thoroughbred industry, it was an amazing time and I learned so much! It was hard to come back to Idaho to finish school because I fell in love with Kentucky!

**What was your best memory? what was your worst?** Most of my memories are good ones, I loved everything about my trip. My farm was incredible, the manager and other workers were amazing to work with and the veterinarian let me have so much hands on experience. My two favorite parts were delivering foals and taking mares to the stallions at the different breeding sheds. Delivering a foal is an incredible moment because typically it is in the middle of the night, you watch this miracle be born, take its first breath, and its mother nicker and lick it, it takes its first wobbly steps and know that it is going to grow into an incredible creature. The feeling is amazing and so special to get to be a part of! I also love taking mares to the stallions, because this is when it all begins. The stallions are amazing and gorgeous and have all been champions at some point in their lives and it's awesome to be a part of creating the next generation of foals. The worst times were probably due to the winter, 2015 was the hardest winter Kentucky had seen in about 10 years. We had 4 feet of snow and -20 degree temps, all the water pipes froze, so we had to keep all the horses in the barns (we were not set up for this because there usually isn't snow) so we didn't have enough stalls for every single horse because most of them stay outside most of the year. We had to set up makeshift pens in the alleyways of the barns and double up yearlings in pens. We had to truck water buckets from the main heated barn to all the others because everything was frozen, and clean stalls into the beds of pickups because the tractors were not able to get up the hills due to all the ice. We spent a lot of time shoveling snow just to get the barn doors open and I think I was in the best shape of my life, but it was hard, cold work!

I also went back to Kentucky to work for Trackside Farm at the September Keeneland Yearling Sale in both 2015 and 2016. We would prep the yearlings for the sale and then during the 2 week sale, groom, show, and take them to the auction ring. We would sell about 25 yearlings each year at this sale. It was such a fun time to get to go back and see the babies that I delivered all grown up and being sold to their next chapter of life-on to the track! We would get to the track at 4am, clean stalls, groom the horses spotless, clean the barn and get set up for the day of showing. Then buyers would come and ask for a show of the horses they were interested in and we would bring them out, walk, turn, stand and set up for them to look at and watch. We would often show each horse 80-100 times each day. The horses are shown for 2 days prior to the day they sell. On auction day, they get their assigned hip number, and are taken to the ring and sold. Keeneland sells about 5,000 yearlings at this 2 week sale every year, with the highest yearlings selling typically for \$3 million.

CSI is looking for volunteers to create a Jr. program. Is this something you could help with, bring some new ideas to the table and help CSI encourage and mold our Jr's?



Wow, u guys go all out in the awards arena. Thank you so much. Mac and I will display them with pride. Can't wait till next year. CB and Mikato

*Comment on last year's prize package.*

## *Organized people have distinct habits...*

### **Habits that are free for anyone to use. 10 of my favorite habits are:**

1. Organized people avoid the big black hole. A vast space of room is an invitation for messes.... easy to store things in a big open space, like a spare closet with no extra shelving, but it just leads to the whole area being more difficult to get to what you want to use....shelves, containers, use all the storage tricks to conquer the space.
2. Organized people treat themselves....putting the worst task at the start of a day can really lighten your load. Tackle the tough sorting job early in the day, perhaps even write up an action plan the night before, then do something FUN !!!
3. Organized people avoid spillover. Does your tack room have too many brushes so much so that you can not find the one you want in a timely manner? avoid spillover of any kind, especially in areas used daily. If you think you need to keep those extra brushes (or whatever) get a tote and store them clean/dry and out of the way until you need them.
4. Organized people keep things they rarely use out of daily use area. Store that once a year platter in your kitchen on the top shelf, not on a lower shelf when it is in the way daily. Store horse supplies with the same intent.
5. Organized people have one area for things that need further attention. For example, all my "to deal with" mail goes in one tote in my office. Even though hubby and I run more than one business, everything goes together initially. That way nothing gets lost or tossed. On book work day, the tote is brought into my dining room while I work on the table...each business is handled by itself and if I have one bill (for example) that needs one check from each company, I write out a check from the 1st company then set that aside/with the other company until the last business is attended to. This is especially important if we are caring for an aging parent, paying their bills in addition to ours. If you are doing online, keep all your bill paying supplies together.
6. Organized people move their cast offs. I keep a box of cast offs ready in my office...I do not keep it year round, but rather seasonal when I know there will be a few things I want to toss.. then off to the donation location and I am free of extra stuff hanging around.
7. Organized people have twice as many hooks and nothing on the floor. 2018 was the year for me to "live" this tip....My main clutter problem is in our master bath where clothes (farm / chore clothes that will be worn again) often get tossed and end up on the floor...so, I bought myself some over the cabinet door hooks and found them useful beyond words. I can happily say my bathroom is clutter free...well, at least MOST of the time!
8. Organized people adjust their shelves. This is so basic it seems laughable that no one realizes that shelves that fit the contents of the cupboard/closet/etc makes life way easier. It also discourages cramming an item not meant for that spot into "free" space.
9. Map it out... having a general plan that you have put thought into is a real plus, I start with a basic outline for the year, then break it down as each month comes along...life throws us unexpected changes, but mapping things out can really help keep us on track.
10. Organized people give life a little thought, seems like technology sometimes runs us, instead of us running it. As equestrians I know we get out and away from technology more than most...we have to, our horses will not work themselves.

