

# The Reader



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

(For full calendar of events, see the online calendar at [centerlinedressage.com](http://centerlinedressage.com))

### May 26

CLD Executive Board Meeting  
@ StarWest, 2pm

Contact: Nancy Simpson,  
[president@centerlinedressage.com](mailto:president@centerlinedressage.com)

### June 3 - 5

Clinic w/ Gerhard Politz  
at StarWest

Contact: Alice Martin, Organizer  
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### June 15 - 17

SLADS Dressage Classic I & II  
[slads.org](http://slads.org)

### June 25 - 27

IDCTA

@ Lamplight - Wayne, IL  
[idcta.org](http://idcta.org)

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT BY NANCY SIMPSON

Hello CLD members,

The CLD Governing Board voted to present The Dressage Foundation (TDF) with a gift of \$4,000.00 to commemorate our Fortieth Anniversary. We did this for several reasons: part of our mission is to promote the principles, techniques, and love of dressage. This meshes nicely with the mission of TDF, which is "To cultivate and provide financial support for the Advancement of Dressage." We also wanted to give back to the organization which has helped us throughout the years.

Our gift was in the form of 40 \$100.00 gifts to be distributed to each recipient of TDF funds in 2012.

This extra \$100.00 gift is unrestricted - - recipients may use it in any way. And, as all of us know, \$100.00 can melt away quickly when it comes to caring for our horses, or buying riding gear! Members of CenterLine Dressage have benefited from TDF funds in several ways. For example, The Dressage Foundation supports young riders through the Olympic Dream program. I counted four CLD members on the website! Another way we have benefited is through support from the Violet Hopkins Fund, which has helped us with the expenses related to bringing first-rate clinicians to our area.

Alice Martin wrote the presentation letter to The Dressage Foundation, explaining our gift. Part of their reply was "We are so excited about this, what a wonderful idea!" You may read more about The Dressage Foundation at <http://www.dressagefoundation.org/home.htm>

As an aside here : Click on the link to "Century Club" members, and you will see that our own Charles (Chick) Chapin has been inducted a record setting 5 times! The Century Club recognizes riders and horses whose combined age totals 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a Dressage test of any level, at a Dressage show or event, and are scored by a Dressage judge or professional. In our early days, Chick donated his services as Technical Delegate to make sure we got our shows off on the right foot(ing)!

I welcome your comments or suggestions for making our club useful/relevant/fun for you and your family. I may be reached at 217-793-6810, or [president@centerlinedressage.com](mailto:president@centerlinedressage.com), or via the link supplied at the end of this newsletter.

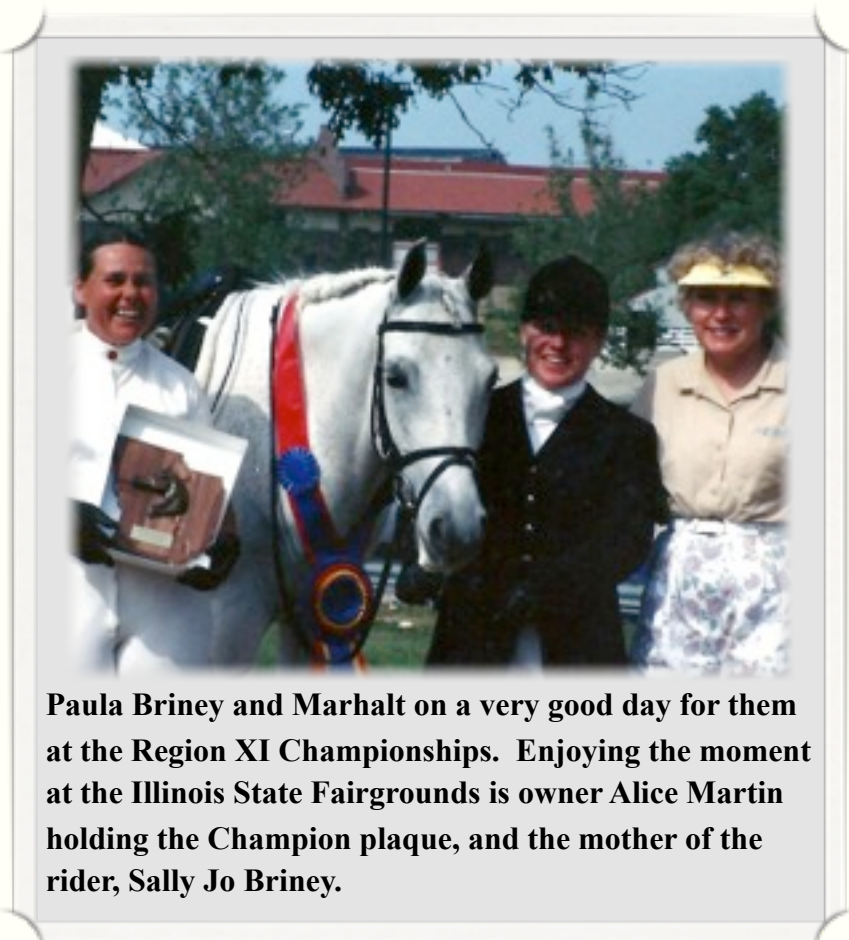
Take Care,  
Nancy Simpson

### 40th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN REPORT BY ALICE MARTIN

March 12 was a bad day at StarWest. Star Sir Marhalt was put down at age 30, he lived 30 of CLD's 40 years, and was an important part of many CLD members' lives. His kind nature and generous gaits had made him a favorite for many learning to ride dressage here in central Illinois.

Unusual for a sweet school horse, twice I remember that Marhalt running, once with the young Kate Fleming:

*I remember years ago going on a trail ride with BHSI Pamela Fitzwilliams. She was riding Star Sir Marhalt and I was riding Webel's Lacey Lady. We went across the road in the far alfalfa fields. Marhalt was really excited and fresh out there. Pamela asked to trade horses. Once I was on Marhalt, she decided the best course of action was for me to gallop him to get the freshness out. He was flying around that alfalfa field for what seemed like forever and I felt like we'd never stop! I don't think I'd ever felt power in a horse like that before that day. I wasn't sure whether I should be excited or terrified. Eventually he wore out and we walked back to Pamela and Lacey, who were standing quietly throughout.*



**Paula Briney and Marhalt on a very good day for them at the Region XI Championships. Enjoying the moment at the Illinois State Fairgrounds is owner Alice Martin holding the Champion plaque, and the mother of the rider, Sally Jo Briney.**

*We promptly traded horses again and walked quietly back to the barn.*

*It is a day I have not forgotten.*

Once was with the young Martin Kuhn:

*In the mid-1990's I was attending Arabian Dressage at the Park in Lexington, Kentucky. I was riding Star Sir Marhalt the first night there, hacking him in the field behind the dressage arenas after having schooled him. He was relaxed and tired as was I. Not really paying attention to where we were going, we found ourselves in a little nook of evergreen trees situated behind the dressage arenas just on the other side of the steeplechase course. Out of nowhere a large tractor pulling a mower popped out from behind the trees we were facing. Marhalt was not impressed. In a very short amount of time we had reversed course and start galloping back towards the barn. Marhalt and I passed my mother in the warm-up arena on top of the hill. We exchanged concerned looks. The stables were at the bottom of a steep grade and on asphalt.*

*We soon reached the top of the hill without any appearance of slowing down. We even more quickly reached the bottom of the hill, not slowing down. His feet hit the asphalt, his back legs went splaying out to the side. We then stopped and were very calm.*

*Amazingly, Marhalt was none worse for the wear. I recently went back to the park for the first time in some while and was happy to see the large scrape he left in the asphalt was still there.*



**Bringing in the flag for the 2007 Sir Celebration, Martin Kuhn and Star Sir Marhalt**

CLD is inviting all charter members to have dinner on us at our Awards Banquet on November 10, 2012. There will be other observances throughout the CLD calendar in 2012. Please join us as a member and let others know about the celebration. If you remember other charter members, please let me know. Current addresses of early members are welcome. Join or re-join, spread the word.

If you were unable to enjoy a taste of ruby red 40th Anniversary punch at IceBreaker and to have a piece of anniversary cake, be sure to come to StarWest on July 14. Cake and ruby red 40th Anniversary punch will be served at FireCracker.

Get in touch,

Alice Martin, Chair of the  
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## ICEBREAKER 2012 BY JAYME GEISLER

Icebreaker always lives up to its name!! Maybe not in temperatures, but always in perception! We experienced rainy and chilly, clear and hot, and finally slightly chilly and storming. What a day of weather! But not very many people scratched even those of us who had to endure the elements to show our upper level classes outside. The show started out indoors for Intro classes - Training level classes. The weather turned south a little after 1:00. Everybody who had to show outdoors was told to get their horses ready. Martin Kuhn began judging outdoors while judge Lorna Donahue finished up judging Training Level inside. This was done in an attempt to finish the show before the weather hit hard. I was the first one to do my outdoor test and Marilyn Weber was the last to finish her outdoor test. We almost beat the rain, but some of us had to ride in the rain. Altogether Icebreaker was a great and successful show.

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**MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 21, 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Nancy Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

The minutes of the February 11, 2012 meeting were approved electronically and printed in the February newsletter.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alice Martin, Sue Graham, Judy Nordstrom, Katie Keim, John Simpson, Leslie Burket, Martin Kuhn, Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Kathi Cannon, Paula Briney, and Deborah Porter.

**TREASURER:** Katie Keim submitted a financial report for 2012, noting that there will not be much income shown until the Classic in August. She reported that the three CD's are worth about \$25,000. The checking account has a balance of \$13,866. She also noted the Cavalia trip broke even.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Anne Scrivner was not able to attend, but submitted a report that there are a total of 75 CLD paid members for 2012.

**NEWSLETTER:** Kathi Cannon is doing a great job with the newsletter. She noted she is always looking for member contributions of interesting articles, or reports from clinics members might attend. Please feel free to send her these items for the newsletter. Kathi also noted there are 165 friends on Facebook.

**WEBSITE:** Martin reported 12 e-mail blasts sent out since the last meeting. He also suggested that we drop all non-members from our mailing list who have not opened any of the last 12 E-mails.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Janet Fitch attended via telephone, reporting no activity. She has agreed to put an article in the newsletter every quarter to advertise the scholarships.

**AWARDS:** Marilyn was not able to attend. It was reported that everyone is up to date on awards sign up. Ten new saddle pads have been ordered for awards. Two will be Adult Amateur and Jr. Championship awards for Icebreaker.

**SYMPOSIUM:** Kate reported that a clinician has not been found for the Fall Symposium. She also reported that Susanne von Dietze will be coming to StarWest sometime in June. The date is not yet confirmed. Although it is not a CLD sponsored event we would try to have a CLD membership get-

together with a dinner, and perhaps a lecture from Suzanne von Dietze.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Cavalia trip was a success. Good food, good performance and good time were had by all. Thank You Alice for organizing the trip. Thank you to Karen Kohnke for the write up in the Reader.

CLD's official calendar year has been corrected from January to December in the written By-Laws.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sue Graham, the Icebreaker manager, presented the riders class list time sheet. The April 28th show looks to have a good turnout. Julie Nichols is the co-manager. Judy Nordstrom is assistant manager. Thanks to all three of you for your help.

Judy Nordstrom has agreed to manage the Firecracker Schooling Show on July 14th.

There was discussion regarding a donation to the Dressage Foundation in honor of CenterLine's 40th anniversary. An unofficial motion was made by Paula Briney that we look into the idea of giving TDF \$4000 and have them disburse forty \$100 gifts with no restrictions to each recipient of Foundation Funds this year. Each check will be accompanied by a note of congratulations and information about our 40th anniversary. The balance not used in 2012 would go into the CLD's Cheryl Finke Fund for Developing Riders. Alice will also compose the letter to the Dressage Foundation as well as the letter that TDF will send to each recipient.

Alice noted that a new T-shirt and sweat shirt coordinator is needed. We have an updated logo and new shirts need to be made. An ad for a volunteer will go in the next newsletter.

Discussion was had concerning the need for new and more volunteers. Nancy agreed to compose a letter which would encourage members to volunteer. She will first put it in the Reader, and then send the general membership a letter via snail mail.

Alice moved to approve \$300 for the Dressage Foundation class at Classic. A second was made by Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate moved to adjourn; second by Judy Nordstrom.



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## ... MINUTES FROM THE APRIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting is Saturday May 26, 2012, 2:00PM at StarWest.  
The subsequent meetings will be June 30 and August 11, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully,  
Deborah Porter

**ADDENDUM:** After the meeting an email discussion was held concerning the donation to The Dressage Foundation.

Alice moved, and Kathi seconded: CLD will give The Dressage Foundation \$4000, to be disbursed in \$100 checks, with no restrictions, to each recipient of Foundation funds this year (2012) accompanied by a note of congratulations and information about our 40th anniversary. The unused balance will go into the Cheryl Finke Fund.

The motion carried, with 8 Aye votes received by April 27, 2012.

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## WHAT'S NEW FROM USDF

**New USEF rule:** "The halt must be shown for at least 3 seconds and the halt should be shown throughout the salute." (DR102.1)

Don't miss the Region 2 Adult and Youth Team Competitions to be held August 25 at Robert's Arena in Wilmington, OH. [Click here](#) for details or contact Chris Federer.

Additionally, there will be a Region 2 Youth Team Competition on September 7-9, held in conjunction with MSED Dressage at the Park at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Contact Anne Kuhns for more details.

Member Perks when you join the USDF either as a Participating Member or through your GMO:

- USDF Store (10% discount) – USDFMEM12
- DressageTrainingOnline.com (15% discount) – 95121521
- DressageClinic.com (15% discount) – USDF20108070 Please click on the SUBSCRIBE button on the home page, click on ACTIVATE COUPON, fill out all the information and click on PROCEED, choose the membership package and continue to sign in.
- Barnby Notes (Free upgrade to premium online notebook version) – USDF2012
- Perfect World Dressage (Free year of Gold Membership) – USDF/PW2012

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## THE NUTRENA/USDF REGION 2 ADULT CLINIC FEATURING LILO FORE

Don't miss this opportunity on June 30-July 1, 2012 at George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center, Lake Erie College in Mentor, OH. Rider applications are being accepted through April 27 and auditor pre-registration ends June 15. Visit the website for complete details. Tune in to the last 10 minutes of episode 120 of the Dressage Radio Show to hear Lilo Fore's advice on selecting the appropriate competition level based on your training program, and hear her goals for the clinic series during the USDF portion of the show. Experience Lilo's teaching style on e-TRAK.

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**Centerline Dressage IceBreaker**

Judge - - Lorna Donahue "L"

High Point Prizes provided by Centerline Dressage

4/28/2012 All Tests Inside Unless Otherwise Noted

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<b>INTRO A</b>					<b>TRAINING LEVEL TEST 2</b>							
SC	#123	Trixxter	Kathi Cannon	SR	--	56.43%	#97	Anna	Teri Duewer		5	
58.75%	#122	Major Kamoshun	Heather Voyles	SR	2	50.71%	#185	CS Ostentatious	Kayla Reimer		6	
72.50%	#84	Harmony	Sheila McElwee	SR	1	60.71%	#114	Tucker	Tessa Workman	JR	2	
58.13%	#136	Dillard	Amanda Graham	JR	1	65.71%	#219	Echos Sparkle	Jessalyn Bradley	JR	2	
						69.29%	#58	Moon	Lisa Lehr		1	
<b>INTRO B</b>						60.00%	#217	OFW Ethan	Kayla Reimer		2	
53.75%	#122	Major Kamoshun	Heather Voyles	SR	2	59.64%	#81	Born to Shine VDH	Teri Duewer		3	
SC	#123	Trixxter	Kathi Cannon	SR	--	58.57%	#60	Renaissance Mar	Paula Briney		4	
62.81	#136	Dillard	Amanda Graham	JR	1							
71.88	#84	Harmony	Sheila McElwee	SR	1	<b>LUNCH</b>						
					<b>TRAINING LEVEL TEST 3</b>							
<b>INTRO C</b>						56.80%	114	Tucker	Tessa Workman	JR	3	
SC	#221	WE 2mora's Princes	Kim Benko	SR	--	59.40%	#219	Echos Sparkle	Jessalyn Bradley	JR	2	
66.25	#219	Echos Sparkle	Jessalyn Bradley	JR	1	57.40%	#81	Born to Shine VDH	Teri Duewer		3	
						66.60%	#98	Silk Flambeau	Jayne Geisler	JR	1	
						56.60%	#217	OFW Ethan	Kayla Reimer		4	
<b>BREAK</b>						64.80%	#60	Renaissance Mar	Paula Briney		2	
						65.20%	#87	Khalia Shahar	Sheila McElwee		1	
<b>TRAINING LEVEL TEST 1</b>						51.80%	#97	Anna	Teri Duewer		5	
62.50	#81	Born to Shine VDH	Teri Duewer		3							
64.58	#217	OFW Ethan	Kayla Reimer		2	<b>FIRST LEVEL TEST 1 - Outside</b>						
49.58	#122	Major Kamoshun	Heather Voyles		5	67.76%	#98	Silk Flambeau	Jayne Geisler	JR	1	
62.50	#219	Echos Sparkle	Jessalyn Bradley	JR	1	73,10	#89	Wineglass Victory	Rachel Boyce		1	
70.83	#58	Moon	Lisa Lehr		1	HC	#216	Dulcinea BF	Pinky Noll			
57.29	#97	Anna	Teri Duewer		4							
E	#185	CS Ostentatious	Kayla Reimer		--	<b>FIRST LEVEL TEST 2 - Outside</b>						
SC	#221	WE 2mora's Princes	Kim Benko		--	68.38%	#87	Khalia Shahar	Sheila McElwee		1	
58.958	#114	Tucker	Tessa Workman	JR	2							
					<b>FIRST LEVEL TEST 3 - Outside</b>							
						50.97%	#93	Shenanigans Too+	Marilyn Weber		2	
						61.94%	#89	Wineglass Victory	Rachel Boyce		1	
<b>AA Champion Lisa Lehr Moon 70.83%</b>					<b>SECOND LEVEL TEST 1 - Outside</b>							
<b>Jr Champion Jayme Geissler Silk Flambeau 66.6%</b>						60.29%	#93	Shenanigans Too+	Marilyn Weber		1	



## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

### Reader Preference

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewal:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paper Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Digital Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership Type	Details	Totals
Individual Membership	\$45  Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)	\$ _____
Junior Membership (21 & under)	\$25  Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)	\$ _____
Family Membership	\$65  Includes 1 Reader, 2 Vote, 2 USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form)	\$ _____
	<b>Total Dues:</b>	\$ _____

**Please send to:**

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 CLD Membership Secretary  
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 Rochester IL 62563-6121

Revised: 1.3.12

**2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS***CLD events in bold***June**

**30** CLD Executive Board Meeting at StarWest; 2pm  
Contact: Nancy Simpson, President [president@centerlinedressage.com](mailto:president@centerlinedressage.com)

**July**

**14** CLD FireCracker Schooling Show at StarWest  
Contact: Judy Nordstrom, Manager at [judith\\_n\\_62707@yahoo.com](mailto:judith_n_62707@yahoo.com)

**15** CLD Youth Clinic with Melanie Michalak, FireCracker judge  
Contact: Alice Martin at [alice@starwestonline.net](mailto:alice@starwestonline.net)

**21** CLD Chevaux Schooling Show at Voigt Farms, Chrisman IL  
Contact: Merri Voigt at [cci@ecicwireless.com](mailto:cci@ecicwireless.com)

**August**

**11** CLD Executive Board Meeting at StarWest; 2pm  
Contact: Nancy Simpson, President [president@centerlinedressage.com](mailto:president@centerlinedressage.com)

**24-26** Dressage at Lamplight, Wayne IL

**25-26** CLD Classic I & II  
Contact: John Simpson, Manager [jsnrhorse@prodigy.net](mailto:jsnrhorse@prodigy.net)  
Deb Porter, Volunteer Co-Ordinator [d.porter5000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.porter5000@sbcglobal.net)

**September**

**15 - 16** Al Khamsa Fall Dressage I & II at Tower Hill, Dawson IL  
Contact: Terri Morenz, Manager <http://towerhillequestrian.com/>

**17** Clinic with Maryal Barnett at Tower Hill, Dawson IL  
Contact: Terri Morenz, Organizer <http://towerhillequestrian.com/>

**October**

**5 - 7** Gerhard Politz Clinic at StarWest.  
Contact: Alice Martin at [alice@starwestonline.net](mailto:alice@starwestonline.net)



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c/o Kathi Cannon  
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