

THE READER

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ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 5
- ◆ **CLD ICEBREAKER**
MAY 1
@ TOWER HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Letter from the President

by Teresa Litchfield, President

"2022" is off and running!!! Spring is just around the corner and the show season is beginning. We kicked off the New Year with a Valentine Social/Potluck on Feb. 13 at Starwest. I believe everyone that came had a good time.

This year we are going to be doing our shows NOT per usual. Reminder: we will not be holding our rated shows, Classic I & II, this year, because the Fairgrounds gave our dates to another show a couple years ago. The dates, unfortunately, were returned too late this year to apply for USEF/USDF approval this year. Classic I & II will be back next year.

Both of our schooling shows for 2022 will be two-day shows, to be held at the Illinois State Fair Grounds. IceBreaker, our spring schooling show, will be partnering with ARAB, Inc. The joint show will be on April 23 and 24. FireCracker will be on June 25 and 26 instead of in July. Check out the omnibus for entry forms and closing dates. Each show has its own entry form.

We have reinstated the volunteer requirement this year, which requires each member to volunteer three hours for CLD to be eligible for year end awards. Plan now and sign up to work at one of our shows to get those hours in. Sign up on line or by calling me.

Happy showing,
Teresa Litchfield
President of CLD

2022

More info on all events
online at
[centerlinedressage.com](https://centerlinedressage.com/calendar)
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In Memoriam, Carol Drennan

CenterLine Dressage lost an early and active supporter of dressage on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022. Carol Davis Drennan is survived by two riding daughters Nancy (Gary) Becker of Franklin and Kirby (Robert Winkelman) Drennan of Virginia.

All three were members of CLD for many years and were the nucleus of 20-some members of the Jacksonville Chapter of CenterLine. The chapter system existed for several years with Jacksonville holding a rated show each July throughout its existence as a chapter.

Carol Drennan arrived at StarWest about 1976 with her two fairly reluctant daughters for dressage lessons. All three took lessons, at first in the old outdoor hilltop arena behind the house on Farmingdale Road, and eventually in their own pasture in Jacksonville. Carol organized a Tuesday clinic in the Jacksonville area for 22 years. It moved to different barns and a winter indoor arena with more than 20 riders who might take part on any given Tuesday. Instructor Alice Martin remembers one 21 lesson marathon. Usually the lessons ended in Drennan's pasture and then up the hill to a great oriental dinner with the family. Carol was manager of the first schooling shows held by CenterLine at StarWest as well as manager of the first rated CenterLine Classic shows at StarWest. Eventually that show had three judges, three rings, one sand and two grass, before becoming a two-day show at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Born in Bloomington, IL in 1933, Carol graduated valedictorian of Morton Township High in 1951. Marrying James Drennan in 1954, she continued her studies at Knox College, receiving her BS in chemistry in 1955, Phi Beta Kappa. Their two daughters were born in St. Louis as Jim completed his MD. The Navy moved the family from San Leandro, CA to Iwakuni, Japan and stateside to Corpus Christi where Dr. Drennan finished his tour of duty. They moved to Jim's hometown of Jacksonville, IL where he set up practice. Carol served as his office manager and bookkeeper until the practice closed with Jim's death in 2008.

Carol was an active member of the Jacksonville Congregational Church. She was a proud grandmother, twice over, and great grandmother, three times. She was not only a great mom to Nancy and Kirby, but also their best friend.



January 30, 2022 CLD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

President Teresa Litchfield called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Attendees included: Leslie Burket, Marilyn Weber, Alice Martin, Tae Erickson, John Simpson, Judy Nordstrom, and Theresa Jones. We have two new members - please welcome Theresa Jones and Tae Erickson as they join the CenterLine Board group! And a warm welcome to all!

Having seven participating members, we are able to vote!

Classic Shows:

- There will be no Classic Show this year as a new Classic show date was not negotiated.

Schooling Shows:

- Discussion on partnering with ARAB Inc, and their April 23rd and April 24th show was led by President Teresa. This show will replace our IceBreaker Show that we typically hold in late April. Teresa asked John what ARAB, Inc wanted CLD to provide and how CLD would profit. Marilyn suggested that ARAB, Inc pay a percentage of each schooling show ride. John suggested that it might be easier to just pay a flat rate to CLD of \$500.00, for securing the volunteers needed for their April 23rd and 24th ARAB, Inc Show (Ring Stewards, Scribes and Scorers etc). Theresa Jones motioned that ARAB, Inc. pay CLD \$500.00. Judy Nordstrom seconded and the motion carried.
- Alice suggested that we hold a Scribing class to help with recruiting new volunteers! Leslie led the last scribing class we had many years ago and it was a huge success!! Teresa asked Leslie if she would be willing to hold another class before the ARAB, Inc show. Leslie will check her availability and get back to us.
- Discussion moved to the FireCracker Show and schedule. The dates are June 25th and June 26th and the show will be held at the Fairgrounds. Alice Martin has volunteered to secure two judges for this show. Feelers are out for a Show Manager.
- CLD will sponsor the dressage/eventing clinic at Horse Fair this year. The \$200.00 fee includes a business membership and one table. Motioned by

Judy Nordstrom and seconded by Marilyn Weber. Motion carried.

- Omnibus: Goal is to update the omnibus prior to Horse Fair on 3/5/2022. If there are any questions, Jeanne Craver is a wonderful source of knowledge! Tae motioned to accept the following rates for this season (per show): Stabling - \$85.00/show, Office Fee - \$25.00, Each Class Fee - \$25.00. Judy Nordstrom seconded and it carried.

Miscellaneous

- On Sunday, February 13th, at 1pm, we (The CLD Board) will be hosting a Valentine Potluck and membership drive to be held at StarWest! It will be a fun event for all ages! There will be lots of games, yummy food and awesome people, all wanting to play games and eat! Everyone - spread the word - fun for all!
- The Reader, CLD's newsletter, is a great place to share some of your experiences such as winning an exciting class and why it was special! Or rehabbing a 'down in the dumps, unwanted horse that pulled your heart strings - and it becomes an amazing journey!' Maybe it is that special award . . . you never expected! How does it influence or change something new? You just don't know until it happens to you! Go for the GOLD! We all have something we can share . . .
- Alice Martin is accepting articles, etc, for the newsletter until February 26th 2022. She would love to have an article from you!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 27th at 7:00pm. Marilyn motioned and Judy seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Burket

All
meeting
minutes online at
centerlinedressage.com/minutes

Valentine's Day Potluck

by Judy Nordstrom

A great time was had by all at our CLD Valentine's potluck, held on February 13th at StarWest. It was great to get out and do something that we hadn't been able to do for the last couple years! Teresa organized some fun games that everyone participated in and prizes were given. There were a lot of laughs and good times, not to mention good food. Thanks to everyone that came out and helped make this event a smashing success.



Photo Key

- A) Teresa Jones
- B) Malcolm James Kuhn
- C) Presidential Summit - Past President Judy Nordstrom (L) & Current President Teresa Litchfield (R)
- D) Hadley Shriver
- E) James Shriner



CLD Scribing Clinic - March 27

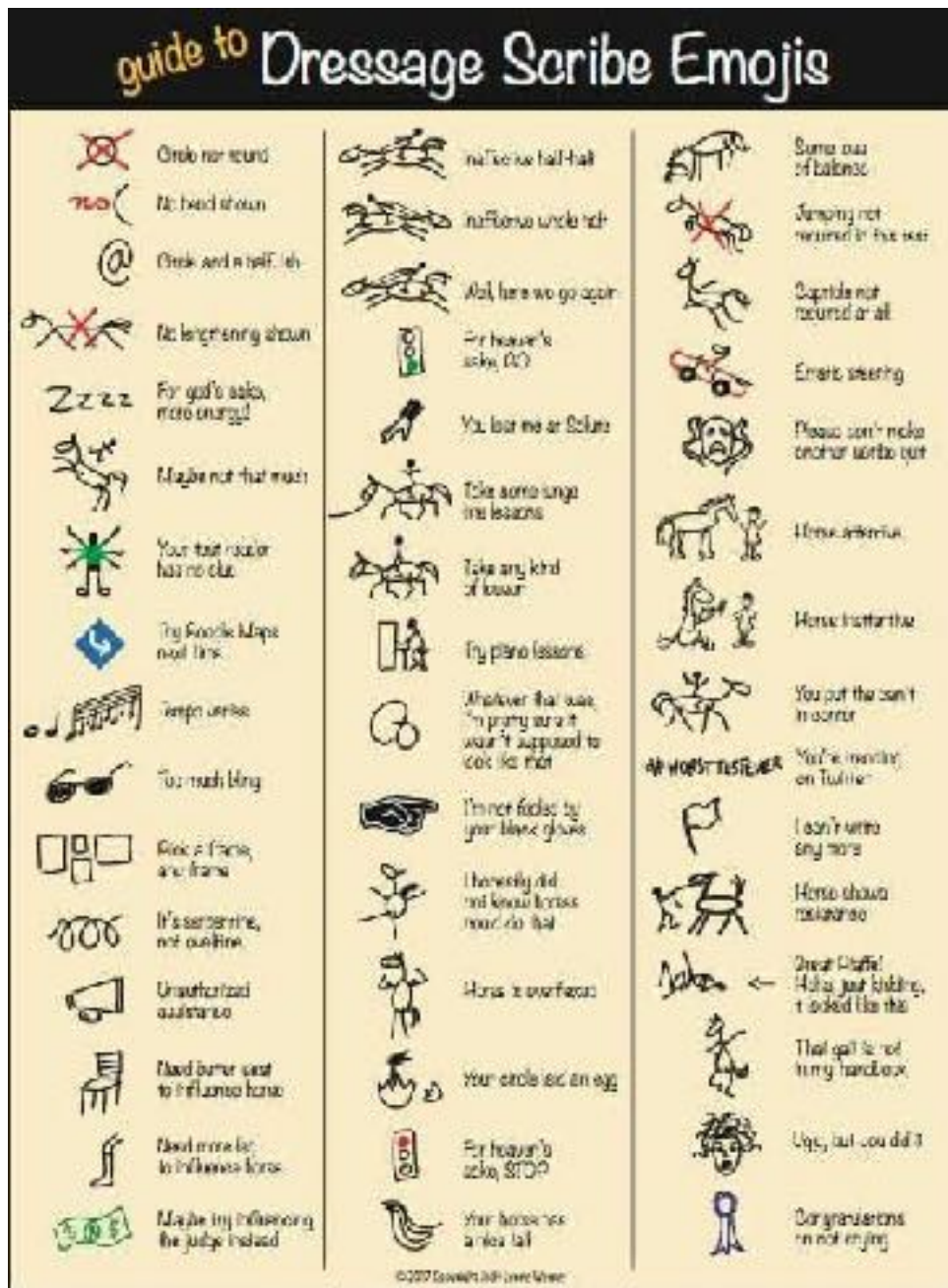
Do you want the second best seat at every dressage show? Become a scribe! ARAB, Inc. and CenterLine Dressage will jointly sponsor a scribe clinic presented by Jennifer Kotylo at Pratense Farm on Sunday, March 27, at Pratense Farm.

The two and one half hour clinic will begin at 12:30 at no cost to participants. You will learn more about judging, the dressage ring, and improve your understanding of dressage which will improve your riding skills. Plus you will help your club furnish more scribes for the sport. Please sign up for this clinic to help promote dressage and your skills.

Remember that volunteering for scribing at CLD shows counts toward required volunteer hours for CLD Year End Awards!

Jennifer Kotylo is a certified Core Dynamics Pilates Instructor and a USDF "L" Judges Program, Graduate with Distinction.

Contact Teresa Litchfield, president@centerlinedressage.com for more information.



2021 CLD Award's Banquet

by Alice Martin

Did you need proof that everyone was happy with the loosening of COVID restrictions for showing horses? The CLD Awards Banquet for the 2021 show year was proof. A new venue at Panther Creek provided good food and service, hosting 26 attendees for dinner. With nearly 40 horse and rider pairs submitted in 56 different categories, the 2021 Awards program was the largest in seven years.

The number of youth entering, 10, increased and the schooling division grew as a result, a successful year after a 2020 low number of entries. There were 43 Open horse and rider pairs, 3 Western dressage, 9 Freestyle and one in the Young Horse Division and one in the Developing PSG division. Twenty-eight saddle pads were awarded, 12 totes, 18 blankets, and eight water bottles, in total.

There were 13 entrants in the Schooling & Western Dressage division, the highest number of entrants CLD has ever had in this division. Remember that to participate in the Schooling & Western Dressage division, you have to nominate your horse and then submit your scores.

There were several firsts at this year's Awards presentation. For the first time, all three winners of Second Level, Open, Novice and AA, had a better than 70% average. The Open Champion, Rocket Star owned by Barb Geisler, was 11th in the nation in his first year of showing Second Level. Fourth Level received the most submissions since 2014. This year's PSG entries were the most since 2018. Freestyles had the most entrants ever as well.

A sad note at Third Level Adult Amateur, the Reserve Champion, Washburn owned by Deb Klamen, has passed away since his winning scores. Both the Open GP Champion, Tae Erickson, and the AA GP Champion, Kelly Griffith, received their USDF Gold Medal this year. We are proud to congratulate our CLD members who've completed this hard fought honor. It takes four scores of 60 percent or higher: two scores at Intermediate I and/or Intermediate II from two different judges and two different rides AND two scores at Grand Prix from two different judges and two different rides.

Judy Nordstrom filled in for John Simpson as announcer as John prepared for hip replacement. (He's on the mend.). Thanks also to our outgoing Awards Chair Casey Eiten and welcome to our new Chair Chantae Erickson. Thanks also to Teresa Litchfield and Judy Nordstrom for organizing the dinner.

Just a reminder: because of COVID the requirement of three Volunteer hours or \$50 to participate in the Awards program was waived in 2021. It is reinstated for 2022. Make sure you nominate your horse and get in your Volunteer hours. If you're competing in the Rated show division, that's all you have to do. You do NOT need to submit scores unless you are participating in the Schooling/Western Dressage Division. The [nomination form](#) takes 3 minutes to fill out and can be found half way down the [awards page](#).

Happy showing in 2022.



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 centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>
Junior Membership <small>(21 & 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 centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form)</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 centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>
Total Dues:		<p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p>

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