



April 2018

# BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

## US Equestrian Announces Combinations for the Combined Driving Program for Elite Athletes

by US Equestrian Communications Department | Mar 29, 2018.

**Lexington, Ky.** – US Equestrian (USEF) is pleased to announce that 12 athlete/horse combinations have been selected for the Combined Driving Program for Elite Athletes, a new program overseen by the Driving Sport Committee. The Combined Driving Program for Elite Athletes replaces the previous High Performance Program for Combined Driving. The new program seeks to identify and support combinations who have proven to be internationally competitive in the current two-year cycle.

The following combinations (listed alphabetically) have been selected as elite athletes.

**Jacob Arnold** (Snow Camp, N.C.) and **Uminco**, Leslie Berndt's 17-year-old Royal Dutch Warmblood gelding

**Donna Crookston** (Saltsburg, Pa.) and **Viktor**, her 10-year-old Dutch Harness gelding

**James Fairclough** (Newton, N.J.) and **Citens**, his 11-year-old KWPN gelding; **Bento V**, his 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Zenden**, his 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Dapper**, his 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Caletta 5**, his 16-year-old Austrian Warmblood mare

**Jennifer "Nifty" Hamilton** (Alva, Fla.) and **Makari Design**, 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding

**Diane Kastama** (Arroyo Grande, Calif.) and **Joy 217**, Greenlaw Grupe's 18-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding



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**A note from the prez:**

March came in like a lion and out like a lamb.

The month started with receiving word of Eli Decker's untimely passing. Eli became a club member last year while he was helping Diane with her horses and enjoyed driving his pair of ponies in Linda's cones series. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help.

In lighter news, the club had a table at the SLO Horse Expo. Quite a few club members helped at the table, handing out old driving magazines and answering questions.

The March club meeting was well attended and we decided on different club opportunities that we hope to have this year. That does not mean the ONLY club activities this year, so please keep the ideas coming. The most excitement was over the return of the cones series at Linda Fairbanks, with a few changes mainly with days and times open for driving. We will pass along any more information as it becomes available.

Some of the most fun this month was the Triumph Foundations weekend of carriage driving at the Cutler's place in Moorpark. Diane helped supply the horses (her own and 5 others), along with her carriages, experience and volunteers. Club members Liz, Jackie, Aleks, and myself helped on Saturday. We harnessed, hooked and unhooked (the horses were unhooked each time the driver got in/out of the carriage), and helped transfer the drivers from their chair to the carriage. I also got to ride on the carriage with a second set of reins as a backup, but very few of the drivers needed it. The two horses, mule, and 3 ponies were on their best behavior and everyone had the chance to drive including the volunteers that the Triumph Foundation had and any family that had come.

Aleks and I were able to stay to help on Sunday to do it all over again. A few of the drivers were people who had been there the day before and wanted some more horse time.

April is the start of show season, and there are a few Mule shows this month as well as Claystation's first Horse Driving Trial at the end of the month.

~Lilla

**Eli Decker Memorial Fund for young drivers**

Eli's mom has set up a fund at an existing non-profit that young drivers can apply to for grants to help with carriage driving show expenses. Eli was an enthusiastic supporter of carriage driving, giving of his time to help others, volunteer at shows, as well as driving his own. In his memory, donations may be made to this fund to help other young drivers.

Checks may be made out to:

SPACD (The Society for the Preservation of American Combined Driving)

**Put Eli Decker on memo line.**

Send to: SPACD  
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## Cones Series—Members' event series

Linda Fairbanks will, once again, be hosting a series of cones events at her Overlook Driving Center in Paso Robles.

This is a members only event and the cost is \$50.00 per turnout for the entire series or \$15.00 for one course. It is an ADS approval worthy course and will be run correctly and timed unless a competitor requests some exception in advance. If someone wants to help set-up courses, please e-mail Linda ([lkfairbanks@gmail.com](mailto:lkfairbanks@gmail.com)). Measuring help is always needed and appreciated.

Course #1 available May 11, 12, 14 and 15

Course #2 available May 18, 19, 21 and 22

Course #3 available May 25, 26, 28 and 29

Course #4 available June 1, 2, 4 and 5

Course # 5 available June 8, 9, 11 and 12

Course #6 available June 15, 16, 18 and 19

The driving time each day is from 11:00 to 4:00 by approximate appointment.

If you need a different time, please ask...we are friendly.

Hard hats and whip in hand are required.

To enter, e-mail Linda to let her know and declare which division you should be in.

Inexperienced people or horses should be Training level. People who have competed before should be Preliminary level.

Really good competitors should be Intermediate level and professionals or amateurs who have won championships with this horse should be Advanced level.

There may be water and bridges on course.

Questions? Call Linda at 237-8476

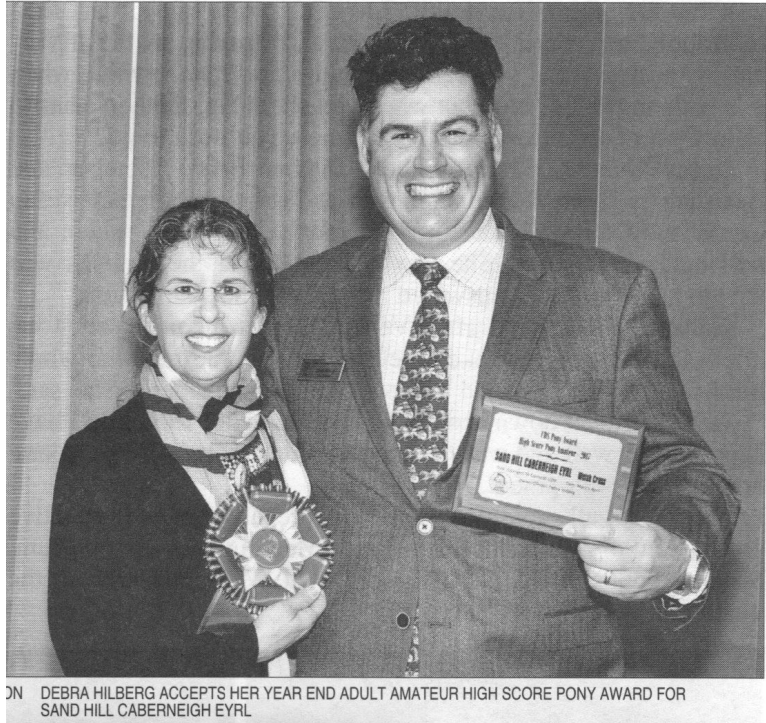
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Press Release: Combined Driving Elite Athletes continued:

**Jennifer Matheson** (Aiken, S.C.) and **Bax 3**, Katrina Becker's 16-year-old German Riding Pony gelding; **Cees**, Katrina Becker's 16-year-old Welsh Pony gelding; **Rocco 454**, Katrina Becker's 12-year-old German Riding Pony gelding

**Tracey Morgan** (Beallsville, Md.) and **Fuego 88**, her 17-year-old German Riding Pony gelding

**Suzy Stafford** (Wilmington, Del.) and **PVF Peace of Mind**, her 11-year-old Morgan mare

**Allison "Lisa" Stroud** (Kennett Square, Pa.) and **Anesco 4**, Willow Star LLC's 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Enzo**, Willow Star LLC's nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **George W**, her seven-year-old KWPN gelding; **Ulco**, Willow Star LLC's 17-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Olando**, Willow Star LLC's 22-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding

**Chester Weber** (Ocala, Fla.) and **Asjemenou**, his 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Boris W**, his 12-year-old KWPN gelding; **First Edition**, his nine-year-old KWPN gelding; **Reno**, his nine-year-old gelding; **Splash**, Jane Clark's 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding

**Kathleen "Katie" Whaley** (Paris, Ky.) and **Tommy**, her 15-year-old Welsh cross gelding; **Tanner**, her 12-year-old Welsh cross gelding; **Night Flyer**, Barbara Sims' 18-year-old Welsh Section C gelding

**Misdee Wrigley-Miller** (Lakewood Ranch, Fla.) and **Beau**, her 12-year-old KWPN gelding; **Bolino D**, her 12-year-old KWPN gelding; **Bravour 54**, her 12-year-old KWPN gelding; **Calipso 86**, her 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding; **Daan 8**, her 10-year-old KNHS gelding

US Equestrian offers congratulations to all of the combinations accepted into the Combined Driving Program for Elite Athletes.



## Internet Pick of the month:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99CSrIDFr\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99CSrIDFr_U)

Description:

British Pathé Published on Apr 13, 2014



Good shots of traffic in London. Passing cars and taxis. Cart horses seen pulling heavy loads through streets. Blacksmith shoes heavy horse. Mounted policemen seen dismounting and directing traffic. Shots of dray horses, rag and bone man's horse and cart and other horse drawn carts. Horses seen ploughing, reaping, hauling logs and barges along canal. R.S.P.C.A. inspector halts a pony and trap used by a dairy, to inspect it. He does the same to a horse hauling a cart of bricks, spending time checking the harness, etc. Heavy horse groomed in farmyard. Horse ambulance called to motor accident where R.S.P.C.A. inspector is treating a horse for minor wounds. Horse is loaded in to ambulance and taken to Liverpool Horse's Rest Home. Horses seen at rest home.

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*Contact Kay or Larry Weeks  
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Apple Farm Inn, SLO March 28, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla Hewitt, Stephanie Szabo, Larry & Kay Weeks, Else Wolff, Ann McClure, Jackie Pamplona, Diane Kastama, Disa Thorensen, Deb Hilberg, Aleks Hewitt

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. It was noted that our usual meeting date of March 21<sup>st</sup> had been cancelled due to bad weather.

Also a card for the family of Eli Decker was passed around for members to sign. Eli passed away recently in an automobile accident.

**Minutes** – The minutes from the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report, on file

**Old Business –**

**2018 Dues** – Gloria, Membership Chairman, advised that members who have not renewed have been removed from the membership roster and the mailing lists.

**CAA Driver Proficiency Program** – Lilla has discussed this with Jane Moody and obtained details of the test requirements. The fee is \$75 for CAA members and \$85 for non members. Lilla will prepare a syllabus for club members. The test could be linked with a Buddy Buggy Days, possibly in July.

**New Business –**

**Event schedule** – Discuss proposed dates and activities for our calendar and also for Linda to submit to our insurance company.

**Parkfield Drive** – Lilla said there is a possibility of a drive in the Fall.

**Buddy Buggy Days** – Schedule a BB Days in July at Ann's in Arroyo Grande.

**Cones Series** – Linda has offered to do the cones series again, starting in May, specifying that the courses would be available Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and that entrants will need to reserve their times. It was suggested we charge a \$50 entry fee, with \$15 to Overlook Driving Center as a grounds fee. Members were excited to hear about the Cones Series being scheduled for this summer.

**USDFD** – Diane will post fundraiser information in the newsletter. Also a new program has been initiated through USDFD for Developing Athletes, encouraging young people to consider carriage driving.

**Calendar of Club Events –**

**April 28 – Playday at Twin Rivers** – Liz reported that this date would be available to us at a fee of \$60 to Twin Rivers and \$15 to BODS. If you are interested in attending, please let Liz or one of the Board members know.

**June 30-July 1 – Larry Brinker Fundraiser ADT** – Larry has offered to conduct an ADT at Ann's as a fundraiser for the USDFD for their upcoming competition. We would offer Dressage, Cones, and Obstacles. Ann is working on the arena and would appreciate help from anyone willing to fill in gopher holes, etc.

**July 7-8 - Clinic with Harry Councell** – Larry and Kay Weeks reported that they would be at Ann's on Friday to help set up for the clinic. Specific details will be available soon. The clinic fee to Harry would be \$200. Possible private lessons can be scheduled as well.

**Other Driving Events – see listing at the end of the newsletter.**

**Announcements/Reports**

**March 9-11 – Horse Expo at Pomona Fairplex** - Whip'r Snappers thanked us for our \$100 donation towards the booth fee. The Expo was quite successful.

**March 13 – SLO Horse Expo at Madonna Expo Center** – We had a nice booth set up with the club banner, magazines, and post cards about BODS. Several members helped with the setup and take down and at least 17 of our members came by to visit the booth.

**March 24-25 – Triumph USDFD Clinic in Moorpark** – Diane reported that this was a great event that was enjoyed by many. She thanked Jackie, Liz, Lilla, and Aleks for coming out to help.

**April 21 – Riding Warehouse** – Tack Sale in SLO

**Next Meeting – April 18th** – North County – location TBD

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary



**COUNTRY GIG.** Pony road cart: 2 wheeled easy entry pony road cart. Fits 12.2 to 13 hh pony. Includes custom made washable water/dust resistant seat cover/protector, and full water resistant dust cover and matching shaft covers along with a very nice stand. The upholstery is made of dust resistant gray cord and the seat is wedge shape for comfort and correct seat and leg position. The seat is adjustable to balance the vehicle, a toe rail is included. Each side has a step to enter, the rein rail is of white metal as are the shaft tips. The shafts are wrapped with patent looking material. The hubs on the wheels are flush for obstacle driving and enhance the appearance of the 38 inch wheels. Shaft length is 57", width at cross bar is 33" and 22" at the most narrow part. A very nice smooth ride and great in obstacles.

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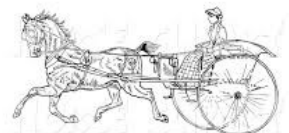
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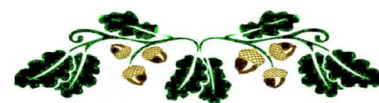
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - BODS - 2018



(Needed: organizers and co-organizers at events).



**Apr 28 tentative, Playday at Twin Rivers**

**Jun 30 – Jul 1 ADT at Ann's with Larry Brinker**

**Jul 7-8 Clinic Harry Councill**

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The American Driving Society (ADS) has a great program that recognizes your time spent in the box. It is open to members of the ADS and is completely on the honor system. Simply record the time spent in the carriage (they do have a log that you can use to record time) and get recognized for driving 100, 250, 500, and 1000 hours! These hours roll from one year to the next so you don't have to do it all in a year.

In November, turn in your hours (for each milestone) and be recognized in the ADS's beautiful magazine, "The Whip," January edition, and receive a lapel pin with the hours displayed.

These hours are hours spent driving "recreationally" and time spent showing should not be counted (though, they aren't checking where the hours come from and sometimes ADS gives contradictory information).

For more information check out The American Driving Society website.

# For Sale:



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# About Brass Oak Driving Society

*The Brass Oak Driving Society exists to encourage, educate and inspire its members in the world of carriage driving. We recognize that every member has different goals, and we are committed to providing opportunities for every member to participate, learn and grow in a safe, friendly and fun way.*



## Brass Oak Driving Society Membership Form

*Yes, I/we want to join the Brass Oak Driving Society. Memberships are for one year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. New subscriptions or renewals paid after November 1st will apply to the following year. No refunds on membership. Make check payable to BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY.*

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*Gloria Walter*

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*Check here if you do NOT wish to be included on the club roster. This roster is distributed to club members only.*

## BODS Newsletter Advertising Rates

**CLASSIFIEDS (3 ISSUES):** No charge for members. \$5 for non-members with a 25 word maximum.

**BUSINESS ADS (6 ISSUES):** No charge for members. Non-members: \$25 business card ad

\$50 quarter page ad

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## Driving Events around the region:

April 13-15 Super Clinic – Clay Station [www.claystationhorsepark.com](http://www.claystationhorsepark.com)

April 20-22 Mule Show at Verde View Farm, Sanger. Driving on Sunday

April 28-29 HDT – Clay Station [www.claystationhorsepark.com](http://www.claystationhorsepark.com)

May 11-13 CDE at Sergeants [www.sergentcde.com](http://www.sergentcde.com)

Jun 2-3 Pleasure Days at Hansen Dam [www.pleasuredays.org](http://www.pleasuredays.org)

June 15-18 Summer Festival CDE

<http://www.claystationhorsepark.com/cde-summer-festival.html>

June 23 ETI National Convention Driving Show, LA Equestrian Center

Starts at 5pm, ADS rules apply, ETI membership not req'd.

Contact Katie Twohy 818-825-4266

*Pamela Miller-Mitchell is our Pacific Region ADS rep.*

*Pamela can be reached at 818-899-0211 or [pam.hei@verizon.net](mailto:pam.hei@verizon.net)*

**2018 Membership Dues are past-due!**

**See membership form on page 11 for details.**

**The April meeting will be at China Buffet in Atascadero,**

**Wednesday, April 18th, dinner at 6pm,**

**meeting starts at 7pm**



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