



August 2017

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY



In July we "beat the heat" and organized a driving derby for Buddy Buggy Day at the McClure's place in Arroyo Grande.

A driving derby is a timed cones course (12 to 16 pairs of cones) with two obstacles included within the cones. So, for example, the driver drives cones 1-6 then drives the first obstacle (with gates A,B,C, and D) and continues to drive cones 8-12, then the second obstacle, and finish with cones 14-16.

In total we had 9 or 10 drivers of all driving levels and sizes of equines. Everyone drove the course twice and their time combined determined the "winner". The VSE's were the winners as they hardly had to slow for the turns in the obstacles.

Thanks to the McClure's for opening their place for us to drive, Aleks for designing the course and being our timer, and Liz for being the "equipment manager".



Kelly Moore enjoying the weather, camping and driving the Derby on Friday, July 14th. Photo by Ann



Lilla Thomason driving Ann's horse Rodger with Ann gatoring.



Brass Oak Driving Society has a Facebook Page! Please like our Page if you are a Facebook person. If you aren't a Facebook person, you can still view the page by going to www.facebook.com/brassoakdriving/. It is a work in progress but the idea of it is to be one more place to reach current and prospective members. Content will include club event announcements, other driving events in the state, and a place for club members to post photos of their latest horse escapades. There is also a link to the clubs website so that prospective members can find out more information about the club.

www.brassoakdriving.com

Lillian Clary who lives on Tepusquet Rd. in Santa Maria had a scare during the recent fire ...



Yes Tepusquet was on fire. Scariest fire of the 4 we have survived. Got to 1/2 mile from the house. Moved mules out Friday afternoon because we had a bad feeling about the situation. By the time David got back (3 hours later), the flames were in sight.

Lost power Saturday but rolled out the big generator and connected it to the house. Ran freezer, refrigerator, and computers a couple of hours a day. We had ringside seats and were phoning neighbors to tell them to evacuate as the fire crested the ridge and headed into the canyon.

We don't evacuate so we experienced everything from the smoke to the tanker and helicopter water drops. David has incredible photos.

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BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES

Atascadero Library July 19, 2017

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Ann McClure, Debra Hilberg, Diane Kastama, Judith Baron, Natalie Cohen, Nikki Ryan

Vice President Judith Baron called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 21st meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Linda Fairbanks, on file.

Old Business –

Club Jackets – Gloria brought the jackets prepared by Kay Weeks for distribution. Everyone liked the quality of the jackets and thought the club logo and their names embroidered on them was very nice. Deb took a group photo of members wearing their jackets. We all expressed our sincere appreciation to Kay for setting up this project and for her artistic embroidery work. It was noted that other members can still order jackets or polo shirts through Kay. Contact her directly at: 408-612-6325.

New Business –

Harness Fitting/Carriage Suitability Clinic – In the past we've had harness fitting and carriage maintenance clinics and it was suggested we schedule another one to help each other learn proper fit of our harnesses. Possible dates are September 23 or 24 at Ann's, with Diane as clinic coordinator and other members to assist.

Paso Robles Horse Park – Our Dressage Show held there in 2016 was very well received and the park manager, Amanda, asked Judith if we planned to hold another event there in the future. The manager stated that they could be flexible on costs and would be willing to work with us to put on a driving event again. During discussion, it was suggested we could offer Pleasure Driving classes in addition to the Dressage classes and cones courses to bring in more revenue, which has worked well for other driving clubs. Possible dates are April or May of next year. Diane will ask Kathy LaChaine if she would consider handling the duties of Secretary for the show.

Calendar of Club Events –

Cass Winery Drive – Kay and Gloria will visit the site to check on the terrain for driving and report back. It was suggested that the Fall would be a better time to drive in North County because of the heat.

November – Turkey Trot Drive in Parkfield – To be finalized later.

Other Driving Events – See last page of newsletter for listing.

Announcements/Reports

July 9 – Buddy Buggy Days and Driving Derby at Ann's – Ann reported that this was a well attended and fun event. Lilla and Aleks set up a course for Novice and Open divisions which was enjoyed by all who participated.

Next Meeting –

The next meeting will be at Margie's Restaurant in SLO on Wednesday, August 16th at 6pm for dinner and meeting will start at 7pm.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary



One of the beautiful entries in the draft Horse Expo at our recent Mid State Fair.. This year's event was planned by Tommy Harris of Harris Stage Lines and it was very well organized.



Members modeling their new club jackets at our meeting in July.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS – 2017



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

Sept 23 or 24 Harness Fitting/Carriage Suitability Clinic — details TBA

Nov—Parkfield Turkey Trot Drive (details tba)

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.

Please mail to:

Gloria Walter

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\$35 membership with newsletter via email

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\$50 quarter page ad

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Driving Events around the region:

Aug 12-13 HDT at clay station

Aug 25-27 CDE @ Sargent Eq Ctr

Sept 28-Oct 1 Shady Oaks CDE www.shadyoaksevents.com

Oct 28 Halloween Hustle www.whiprsnappers.com

Oct 29 Dressage Fest to follow Halloween Hustle

Oct 28-29 HDT Clay Station

Pacific Region ADS calendar:

http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn_pacific.asp

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