



July 2018

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

Fundraiser Derby — June 24



I want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the fundraiser last weekend to help get myself and Lilla to the Para Equestrian World Championships in Kronenberg the Netherlands. I am leaving July 29th and will be leasing a horse from top 4-in-hand driver Koos de Ronde. The horse I am leasing is a 13 yr old gelding named Tjibee he is 155cm (between 15.2 and 15.3). I am going to compete him at Beekbergen August 10-13 first. I will then have two weeks and will take him to the world championships. I am honored to represent the USA.



I taught 3 lessons on Saturday to Phyllis Rumley, Sharon Booth and Kelly Moore. While various members filled in gopher holes and setup the course. The previous weekend we also worked on filling in holes and smoothing the grounds. Thanks to Lil, Elaine, Ann, Lilla, Aleks, Ann, Kay and Larry, Liz, Disa, and Jackie for all the hard work. Sunday I judged 10 dressage tests. And we had a Derby, everyone had a ton of fun, relaxed time and many green horses/ mules got out in public. We also had a garage sale going on at the same time. We made \$126 at the sale and \$745 from the event and donations. Very excited it earned enough to pay for Lilla's plane ticket over to the Netherlands! Thank you to all who entered see below. And those who came to volunteer and donate. Lori Weis, Debbie from Santa Ynez, Elaine Dawson, Lilla & Aleks Hewitt, Ann McClure, Mary Ann McPherson, Barbara Robinson.

~Diane Kastama

For results, see page 3



Left column: Sharon's new Halflinger was the belle of the ball. Liz and Bisquit. Kelly drove her blonde mule. Lil and her mule enjoying their first event.

Right column: Disa and ?? . Phyllis and Ty. Jackie and Amie, Nikki and Star.



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Back Seat Driver—Part 2

In the last few months I've had a "different view" of competition and riding on the carriage while helping Diane at shows. By Lilla Hewitt

... Continued from last month...

A few weeks later we were at Sargent's CDE with 'Joy.' I have volunteered for several CDE's but had never competed and I was excited to see how things worked. One of the differences of a CDE vs. HDT is the length of the event. HDTs are one day while a CDE has the phases over 3 days.

The first day was Dressage. We were scheduled to go fairly early so I braided and pinned up my hair before going to the barn so that I would not have to worry about trying to make it look nice while getting 'Joy' ready. Weeks earlier, I had meant to ask Diane if I was expected to braid his mane, as I have never braided buttons before (I'm a Ranch "kid"). After seeing my hair, she decided that I should give it a try, so no more than an hour before we needed to get him hitched, I got a 5 minute showing of making button braids using yarn. I gave it my best go and none of the braids fell out during the test.

For the CDE, I got to ride on a "Dickey" seat for Dressage and Cones. The seat attaches to the back step of the marathon carriage and offers almost no view of travel. I had no idea what the dressage test was supposed to look like. After all, the groom is on the carriage if there is a problem with the carriage or horse but not to tell the driver were to go. Within a few movements of the test I could tell that Diane was asking 'Joy' to do a lengthened trot across the diagonal. I thought "wow, that movement comes fast in this test." After reaching the opposite end of the dressage court, we heard the judges bell ringing telling the driver that they messed up the order of a movement. If you ever find yourself getting a bell in your test, report to the head judge and they will tell you where you went wrong and how to fix it. DON'T LEAVE THE COURT! If you leave, you will be eliminated. Diane knew right where she went wrong, and after speaking to the judge, off we went again. Coming up the centerline for the last time 'Joy' tried to stop at X (center on arena) but in this test you are to stop closer to the judges, so Diane pushed him on and then a plane flew over which made him move smartly out and his head come up high. Sitting directly behind Diane's back, I knew that we were running out of space before the end of the arena, and all I see is Diane's elbows "swimming" as she took up the slack in the reins, but she got him stopped just perfectly!

The rest of the day was spent on the marathon course getting familiar with the track and obstacles. As I age, I have been having more allergies, but they were out of control at Sargent's. I think I saw most of the course only through one eye, and the marathon is where the most help to the driver happens. On the way back to the hotel we stopped for some allergy medicine and I was okay for the rest of the weekend.

Marathon was a ton of fun and 'Joy' did the best he could do. Marathon starts with a Section A, where you drive for about 6k (in this competition), then have a Section B which is a kilometer walk, followed by a vet check and hold to try to cool off horse and make sure they are doing okay, then ending with another 6ishK which includes the Obstacles. I had never seen the vet check before but 'Joy' got his vitals taken and then I went to pouring water on me, I mean, him. Well, I poured water on both of us. Thankfully it was just warm enough

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RESULTS: (from page 1)

DRESSAGE:

Preliminary

- 1st Disa Thorensen driving Zul - Welsh Cob
- 2nd Nikki Hoppe- Ryan driving her mini Star
- 3rd Phyllis Rumley driving Ty - Welsh Cob
- 4th Jackie Pamplona driving Amie - Canadian
- 5th Liz Miller driving Bisquit

Training

- 1st Sharon Booth driving Chris - Halfflinger
- 2nd Kelly Moore driving her Mule Cooper
- 3rd Lil driving her Mule

DERBY:

- 1st Nikki Hoppe Ryan - with her mini Star
- 2nd Phyllis Rumley - Ty
- 3rd Ann McClure driving Liz's Bisquit
- 4th Disa Thorensen
- 5th Kelly Moore
- 6th Sharon

Back Seat driver ... Continued from previous page:

that I dried nicely on the Section C. I even got Diane going the correct way after coming out of an obstacle where the compulsory flag was a tight u turn after the exit.

That night, I watched YouTube videos on braiding manes so that I might give them a cleaner look for cones. We went later in the day, but I braided him while he ate his breakfast which really helped him stand still and gave me lots of time. They did look better!

The Cones course was fun even though I couldn't see anything setting in the "Dickey seat." It was very much like being on an amusement park ride.

Before the next CDE this June, I think I need to get a different groom's outfit and work on my braids. Luckily, my old Quarter horse doesn't grow much hair so I think he will be good to practice on.

~Lilla

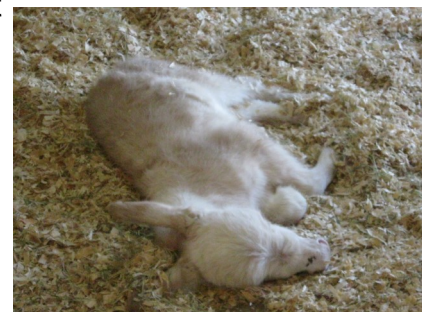


New Arrival at Luv Me Tender ...



A beautiful jennet foal was born around 3:00 a.m. on June 27th. This is the first foal we've had in several years and she was born under the bright June Strawberry Moon! She is a spotted foal (like a Pinto) with light beige and white coloring, just like her mom. Father is Chili Pepper. This is the first foal for the mom and she is an excellent mother.

Seems like a good name would be "Luv Me Tender Strawberry Moon" or any suggestions? Mom's nickname is Bright; the baby's nickname could be Berry....



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOMINATED TEAM USA

The world's best para-equestrian carriage drivers will be competing at Kronenberg, the Netherlands for the FEI World Para-Equestrian Driving Championships from August 28 – September 20.

NOMINATED TEAM MEMBERS



Tracy Bowman, Martinez, Ca

Tracy, a certified Instructor with the British Horse Society, began her thriving three-day eventing competition business in 1984 in California. Tracy has produced multiple riders to the CCI4* level and mentors many young professionals. She began competing in combined driving 8 years ago, and with her partner of the last 7 years. Taylormore Laurabelle, Tracy this year won the advanced intermediate division at Clay Station. She also won the Shady Oaks CDE Advanced Single Pony division in 2017, came in 2nd in the 2016 Shady Oaks CDE Intermediate Single Pony division and won the 2015 Sargent CDE Intermediate Single Pony division.



Robert Giles, Morrilton, FL

Bob was a member of the 2014 United States team that competed in the Federation Equestre Internationale World Para-Equestrian Driving Championships at the Royal Estate in Sandringham, England, where driving a leased pony he came home with Individual Silver Grade 2 and a team Bronze Medal.

Bob grew up in the foster care system where he discovered a passion for horses. Later he joined the Marines and served our country in Vietnam. He is the recipient of three purple hearts for his service. He was wounded by mortar, rocket and grenade and has overcome his injuries to train and work with drivers and driving horses at his Winter Hill Driving Center in Morrilton, FL.



Diane Kastama, Arroyo Grande, Ca

In 1991 Diane became paralyzed from a car accident and found carriage driving in 1994. It is a sport that has welcomed her and fed her competitive spirit. Diane has been to 6 World Championships for Para Drivers as a Grade 1 Driver she has come home with Individual Gold, Individual Silver and Individual Bronze, alone with Team Silver and 2 Team Bronze Medals. She has competed with her own horses Jasper and Rupert and also leased horses. Diane has been awarded the Becky Grant Hart Pegasus Award, FEI Silver Medal of honor, Chronical of the Horse Driver of the Year and been named to the USEF Elite Drivers.

Diane also serves as President of U.S. Driving for the Disabled Inc., where she spends countless hours bringing carriage driving to the disabled community. She strongly believes that carriage driving is an equalizing sport.



NOMINATED INDIVIDUAL:

Theresa Leal, Auburn, Ca

Ginny has, been driving with a disability for about 8 years and have done serious competitive driving for 7 years. She had polio when she was 5 years old in San Francisco. She is a school counselor/LCSW and is semi-retired. She has had some experience in grant writing and enjoys actively recruiting new para drivers into the competitive arena graciously loaning her own pony and carriage. She drives two Haflingers, Mr. Maurice & Dancer. She went to the 2012 World Para-Driving competition as an alternate. She will be competing with Zoobie a lovely Fjord and she cannot thank her trainer Leslie Berndt and Zoobie's owner Teresa Kandianis enough for this wonderful opportunity.

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BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES

Carlton Hotel Restaurant, Atascadero, June 20, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla Hewitt, Larry & Kay Weeks, Diane Kastama, Disa Thorensen, Deb Hilberg, Aleks Hewitt, Ann McClure, Judith Baron, Pat Kastama, Stephanie Szabo

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the May 16th meeting were approved as presented.

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

Old Business –

Club Jackets – Kay brought catalogs showing different types of jackets, caps and visors for members to choose from. She will embroider the club logo on each item.

Anna Blake Clinic – Several dates in October were suggested and it was decided that October 6th and 7th would work with our schedules. Since a \$300 fee is required to lock in the date with the clinician, M/S/C that Laurel obtain commitments from at least 5 riders and report back to the club for final approval.

New Business –

Cones Series – Once again, Linda Fairbanks had a very successful cones series at Overlook Driving Center. To show our appreciation, M/S/C that a \$100 gift certificate be obtained from Michael's for art supplies for Linda.

Calendar of Club Events –

July 24 – Work Day at Ann's – Work on the arena at Ann's is needed to prep for the various events scheduled there this summer. Volunteers can arrive at 10 a.m. and help out for a few hours this Sunday. The Secretary will email members asking for volunteers.

July 1 – Fundraiser Event at Ann's – A Dressage and Derby fundraiser event is scheduled for Diane's attendance at the World Championships. Fee is a \$50 donation.

July 7-8 - Clinic with Harry Councell – Larry and Kay Weeks reported that Harry is set to conduct the clinic. The fee to participate or audit is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$50 for private lessons. The clinic fee to Harry is \$200.

Ann noted that there will be miscellaneous tack and other items available for sale at these events, proceeds to be a donation to Diane.

August 12 – Buggy Buddy Days at Ann's – Lilla will be coordinating this event.

Other Driving Events – See last page of newsletter

Announcements/Reports

May and June – Cones Series – Linda Fairbanks. All reports were that this was an excellent series of cones competition and enjoyed by all.

June 15-17 – Summer Festival – Clay Station – Diane presented a report on this event.

June 15-17 – Equus Film Festival – Judith attended this event in Burbank and reported that the films presented were excellent and it was well attended. This is the first time it has been presented on the West Coast and it is hoped they will present it here again next year.

Next Meeting – Next meeting will be July 18 at IHOP in SLO.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Walter, Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - BODS - 2018



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



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October 6-7 Anna Blake Clinic at Overlook Driving Center.

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ADS Recreational Driving Recognition Program:

Do you love to drive your horse, but don't want to compete in shows? Or, do you enjoy showing but would like to get "credit" for all the time that you spend driving in preparation for showing?

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).

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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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July 7-8 Sargent Driving Trial www.Sargentequest.com

July 22 Midstate Fair Draft Horse Exhibition 1 and 3 pm

Aug 3-5 Ventura Co. Fair Carriage Show (Mary Ann Boyden judging)

August 3,4,5 – BVS Pony Club AMA Mule & Horse Show, Tehachapi

– Driving on Sunday. www.americanmuleassociation.org

Aug 4-5 Clay Station HDT www.claystationhorsepark.com

Aug 25-26 Sargent Driving Trial www.Sargentequest.com

Oct 4-7 California Fall Classic CDE www.claystationhorsepark.com

Oct 27-28 Halloween Hustle/Dressage Day m.jody.cutler@gmail.com

Oct 27-28 Clay Station HDT www.claystationhorsepark.com

Nov 30-Dec 3 ADS Annual Meeting (Florida) www.americandrivingsociety.org

Pamela Miller-Mitchell is our Pacific Region ADS rep.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 18th, at the

IHOP in SLO, gather at 6pm, meeting at 7pm



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.