



November 2017

# BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

## BODS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 20 FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

### PASO ROBLES GOLF CLUB

Please join us for our annual holiday celebration on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Paso Robles Golf Club located at 1600 Country Club Drive in Paso Robles. This date is the one we normally have our monthly meeting.

You can arrive at 5:00 p.m. to socialize and our ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served buffet style at 6:00 p.m. The banquet room overlooks the golf course and it will be beautifully decorated for the holidays.

We will have our white elephant gift exchange after dinner. To participate, bring a gift to share. This is always a lot of fun.

Please let me know how many are coming no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>. The price, including tax and tip, comes to \$25/person. The reservation form will be sent to each member to be filled out and sent to me by the deadline.

Members and guests are welcome! The more, the merrier.....

**Directions:** From 101 North, take Spring St. exit in Paso Robles. Turn right at the first signal (Niblick Rd.); stay on Niblick past the PR High School. Turn right on Country Club Dr. and continue to 1600 Country Club Drive. Plenty of parking.

**Board Elections next meeting.**

2018 dues are due soon! See the membership form for details

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Today's technology can be frustrating to navigate but it also can bring carriage driving right into our homes, if you know where to look (and listen).

Podcasts are like talk radio, on the internet. Almost any subject can be found in podcast form and are often free, being produced by anyone with a computer and microphone. Listening on your computer, tablet, or smart phone, are the most popular ways of listening and can be live-streamed or downloaded (to listen on the go) onto your device.

One of the most successful, and longest running horse podcast producer is The Horse Rodeo Network (HRN). HRN offers hours of listening with shows of all styles; dressage, racing, horsemanship, a daily show (5 days a week), driving, and others.

Our own Brass Oak Driving member, Diane Kastama has appeared several times on the Driving Radio Show (episodes 119 and 148 and I think a few others). The Driving show used to have a new episode every week but is now two times a month having given up two of its shows to the WEG show which is covering the World Equestrian Games being held in Tyron North Carolina next year.

The best part of podcasts are being able to go back in "history" and listen to any that have been made. Apple and Droid App stores only holds 100 episodes, but any older than that can be found on HRN web page. The Driving Radio show can be found at [drivingradioshow.horseradionetwork.com](http://drivingradioshow.horseradionetwork.com), The Horse Radio Network App, or where ever you download music.

If your looking for lessons to improve you and your horse, Coachman's Delight (Andy Marcoux) offers online classes on a variety of subjects. For \$25, you can watch his 90 minute class live (made up of slides, photos and detailed drawings) and ask questions. If you are unable to sit in on the live presentation, he will send a link to watch and review. You will also receive class notes and exercises to do with your horse. True, its not quite as good as having instant feedback from a trainer, in person, but I have found his classes to be beneficial to both Jacopo and myself. Find his class listings on [Coachmansdelight.com](http://Coachmansdelight.com)

Sometimes we just want to watch a carriage driving show like some people watch football or golf. More and more shows are live-streaming and most can be viewed later on their website or YouTube. Some shows have a commentator, and others just show the footage.

Ride On Video ([rideonvideo.net](http://rideonvideo.net) or their YouTube channel) video horse events up and down the west coast. They have videos from the west coast Combined Driving Events; Inavale, Shady Oaks, Sargent, and Clay Station. They only post video of people who have paid for the service, but it is a sampling of the dressage, marathon, and cones courses. You will find some familiar faces in the videos!

Post Time Studios, Misdee Wrigley Millers production company, live-streamed this year's Kentucky Classic CDE and has over 10 hours of viewing pleasure of the event and is narrated. This too can be found on Youtube by searching for Post Time Studios.

The United States Equestrian Federation ([usef.org](http://usef.org)) is always live-streaming horse events, including this years Devon Horse Show. Some of it was narrated and some wasn't and the camera work could have been cleaner, but never-the-less it was fun to watch the Coaching and other Pleasure classes. To look up some of the classes, go to [usef.org](http://usef.org) and type in "driving" and "coaching" to see some of the classes.

Though, not a complete list, I hope that you check out some of these driving entertainment resources and find your own to add to the list.

~Lilla

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Margie's Restaurant, SLO    October 18, 2017

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Ann McClure, Disa Thorensen, Lilla & Aleks Hewitt, Stephanie Szabo, Diane Kastama, Else Wolff, Debra Hilberg, Jackie Pamplona, and Sandra Singleton.

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Minutes** – The minutes from the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Linda Fairbanks, on file. The Fall Playday at Overlook Driving Center held on October 15 & 16 reported an income of \$395.00, with expenses of \$75.00, for a total profit of \$320.00. It was noted that this event was a huge success and participants appreciated the exciting and fun obstacles set up by Linda and her crew.

**Old Business** –

Dressage/Pleasure Driving Show in 2018 at Paso Robles Horse Park – Diane Kastama reported that there are no dates available at the Horse Park in April or May of next year. Dates in March or late June might not be suitable due to weather extremes.

Aleks, Volunteer Coordinator, reported he had contacted the Parkfield 4-H group about the possible show in 2018 and that they had volunteered to help wherever needed.

An email addressed to club members from Linda Fairbanks was read. It stated that in her opinion, it is too late in the year to be planning an important show for next spring. We could consider dates in the fall so there is sufficient time for competitors to prepare and to advise trainers and suppliers of the event. Dates in October of next year could also be a problem due to the fact that Diane is planning on competing in the World Championships in the Netherlands.

Discussion resulted in the decision to set up a date in 2019 for this show. This would give plenty of time to review good available dates at the Horse Park and lock them in early.

Christmas Party 2017 – Gloria reported that arrangements have been made with the Paso Robles Golf Club to hold the club's Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of about \$23/person, including tax and tip. It was agreed the club would pay the \$200 room rental fee. Further details will be provided in our newsletters and emailed flyers.

**New Business** –

New Member – Gloria announced we have a new member, Joni Springer of Paso Robles, who joined at the recent October playday. She drives a Morgan horse.

Board Elections for 2018 – Nominations are needed for Board positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 Members at Large. Board elections are held each November and are scheduled at our next meeting. Our current Board was polled to see if they would be willing to run again, along with other nominees. Each agreed to run again but we encourage other members to consider volunteering. An email will be sent to all members asking for nominations.

**Calendar of Club Events** –

November 11 – Turkey Trot Drive in Parkfield – Lilla has reserved the rodeo grounds for this one-day event. November 18<sup>th</sup> is the rain date. Contact Lilla for further information. The flyer will be sent out again as a reminder.

December 20 – Christmas Party – Paso Robles Golf Club – contact Gloria for info

February 16-18 – Clinic with Larry Brinker – Diane reported that Larry's schedule is set and those interested in taking lessons should sign up with her or Ann soon. We were asked to send a check for half of Larry's airline ticket, as previously agreed.

**Other Driving Events – See calendar**

**Announcements/Reports**

September 28-Oct. 1 – Shady Oaks CDE – Diane reported it was a well attended event with nice weather. The facility is being disbanded after this event. It was a great venue for many years.

October 7 – 4-H Group at Ann McClure's. Several members presented their horses and carriages for a 4-H group who really appreciated what they learned about driving.

October 15-16 – Fall Playday at Overlook Driving Center – This was a fun event with a big turnout on Sunday and also on Monday. Riders, drivers, and handlers of horses at halter all had excellent courses to compete on. Beautifully arranged and fun for all.

**Next Meeting** –

The next meeting will be in North County. Later it was decided the meeting will be at La Mexicana Restaurant, Atascadero, on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 6pm; meeting starts at 7pm.

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

Gloria Walter, Secretary



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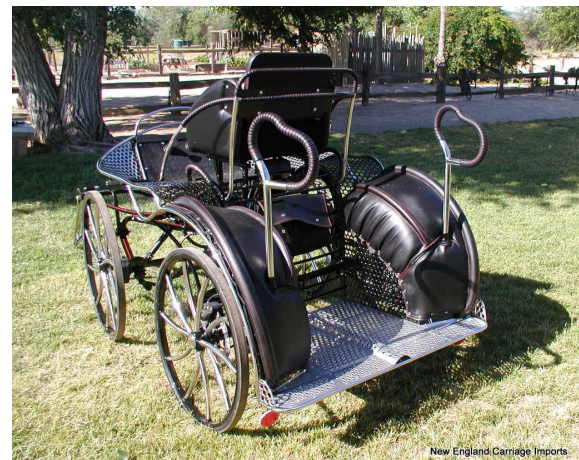
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS – 2017



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



Nov 11 9:30 —Parkfield Turkey Trot Drive

Dec 3 — Holiday party Paso Robles Golf Club 5pm details TBA

Feb. 16-18 - Clinic with Larry Brinker (details in minutes)



# Blue Horse Farm's Sunnvar



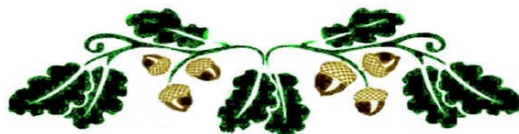
"Sunny" is a white dun, red recessive yearling stud colt with a easy going personality, impressive movement and a lot of style. Sporty and refined, he comes down from Felix, MVF Erlend, OH Sadie, Skogheims Viljar and other highly-evaluated performance Fjords. Well handled since birth, UTD on dewormings, trims, etc. Sunny is going to be a very fun project for someone looking for a fancy colt for show and/or breeding. For more information contact Pamela Garofalo, owner, at (805) 239-0989 or Solveig Watanabe, agent, at (509) 828-9029.

**\$5,000**



# 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*

*6268 Hog Canyon Rd.*

*San Miguel, CA 93451*

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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.*

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**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

\$75 half page ad



## Driving Events around the region:


Feb 23 Clinic with Larry Brinker

Feb 24-25 Continuous Drive at Fresno Horse Park CVHA

## **Pacific Region ADS calendar:**

**[http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn\\_pacific.asp](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn_pacific.asp)**

*Next Meeting:* La Mexicana Restaurant, Atascadero, on Wednesday,  
November 15<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 6pm; meeting starts at 7pm.



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