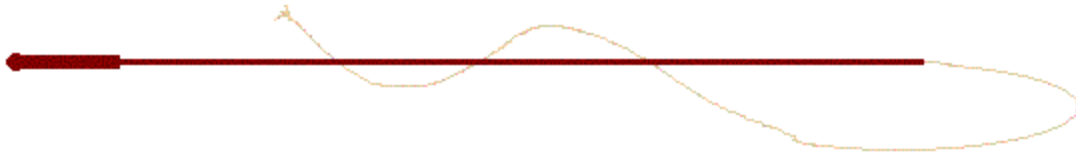




February 2017

# BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY



## A note from the President:

We are already one month into the new year and there are some new things to be aware of and a few events happening around us too.

The club meetings are now the third Wednesday of each month. This month (February) was to be in the north county but the Atascadero Library already has both rooms booked so we will again be in San Luis Obispo at the IHop.

The Brass Oaks Website has been updated by myself and my husband, Aleks. Please check it out and let us know if anything needs improved. The Wilde family did a very nice job of getting it set up last year but we are always looking to add pictures of our members at work or play with their horses.

Linda Fairbanks has stepped in to fill our Treasury position, for the club, and I am very happy to work with her again.

At the last meeting, it was suggested to participate in the SLO Horse Expo at the Madonna Expo Center on the 21st of February. The idea was well received and the club will have a booth at the event. Please come and check out the Expo and hang out a while at the booth.

So far, the club does not have many club events planned for the year. I will have a "Hats and Wildflowers" drive hopefully in April and a "Turkey TROT" in the fall, but out side of that we don't have anything in the works. We are going to try to keep Memorial Day weekend at Twin Rivers and drive for fun on that Saturday or Sunday. Both Ann (in Arroyo Grande) and Linda (in Paso) have offered the use of their facilities if someone wants to organize something. For example, a "de-spook" day or a cones practice day and/or dressage practice or what ever idea you have.

The Central Valley Harness Association has a Continuous Drive the last weekend of February. Please consider supporting them either by entering, sponsoring, or volunteering.

The Whip'R Snappers driving club, in Southern California, is having quite a few events this year from an Arena Driving Trial (this month), to Pleasure Days (in June).

Kathy does a wonderful job with our newsletter every month. I'm sure the club would love to see YOUR stories included in the newsletter. We all have, or have had, animals that I'm sure have given us a few stories! Make them short, make them long, just consider sharing some of them. We have members from all driving styles and both newer and, um, founding members and everyone in between. Plus the Carriage Association of America is having a newsletter competition sometime this year. Let's share our love of driving!

**[www.brassoakdriving.com](http://www.brassoakdriving.com)**

## Club dues are due!

Please see the membership page for info

### Cluck Cluck and Clip Clop

This past fall Aleks and I raised about 75 chickens. Most of them were meat birds that we processed but we had about 20 laying hens that we sold as they neared laying age. One Sunday, our neighbors who live about 3 miles away, wanted 2 of our pullets to replace some hens that they had lost. I was wanting to drive Jacopo, that morning, and Aleks was going to deliver the pullets by pickup and then try to catch his football game on tv. I had put Jacopo to my wooden two wheel cart that has space under the seat for a basket. Aleks saw what I was driving, and he said "Hey, the chicken carrier would fit under the seat!" So, we put the chicken carrier under the seat and drove over to the neighbors to deliver the chickens. The chickens were nice and cool under the shaded and well ventilated seat and I drove while Aleks watched his football game on his phone. It was a "Win Win" all around and a great way to spend a morning.



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## Member Spotlight:



My name is Kelly Moore and I am a member of BODS. The mule is Cooper; a 12 yr belgium cross. He has won the 2016 Single Driving Mule with the American Mule Assoc. The AMA has a series of shows and you have to show in at least 3 to qualify for the award. The classes consist of pleasure driving, reinsmanship, drive&ride, timed cones, barrel racing and gamblers choice, farm class and log skidding.

## SLO Horse Expo

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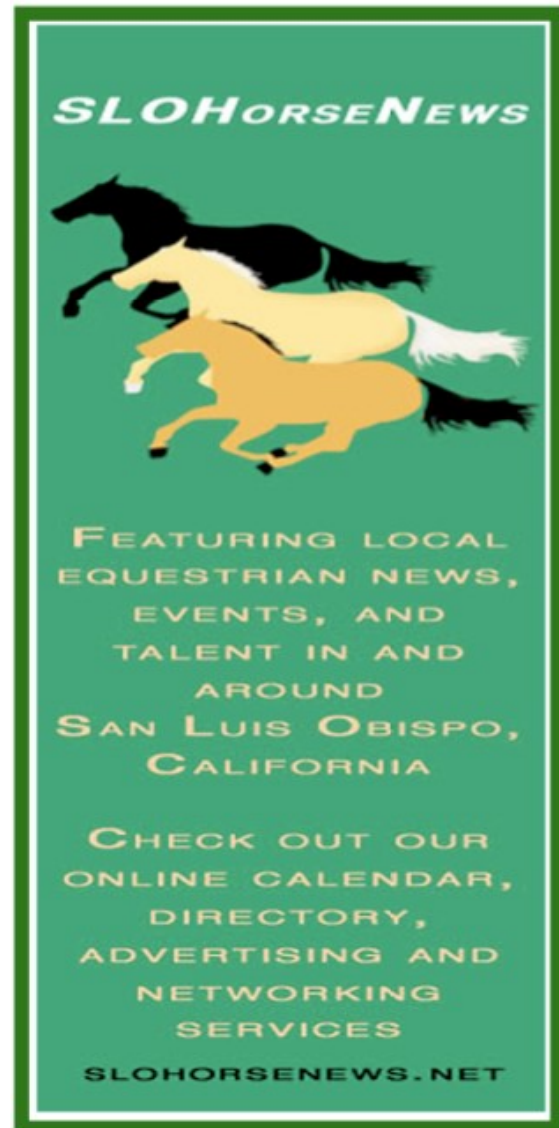
BODS will have a booth at the Horse Expo on Tuesday, February 21st at the Madonna Inn Expo Center.

BODS has reserved a 10x10 booth to set up with driving info, newsletters, driving magazines, membership forms, slide show and a mini cart on display.

Member volunteers are needed to help set up and man the booth from 5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

The expo features presentations by veterinarians and a variety of equine distributors so it should be an interesting evening. Come spend some time at our booth and check out the expo as well. Plans will be discussed and details finalized at our meeting on the 15th, so bring ideas and if you have extra copies of driving magazines to pass out, bring them along as well.

<http://www.performancehay.com/event/slo-horse-expo-2017-madonna-expo-center/>





# CENTRAL VALLEY HARNESS ASSOCIATION

## Presents: A CONTINUOUS DRIVE

### AT FRESNO HORSE PARK

FEBURARY 25-26, 2017

Organizer: Phyllis Rumley

Secretary: Kathy LaChaine

Judge: TBA

The continuous Drive is designed to have fun. Saturday morning the fun begins with a 2 or 3K Marathon, followed by a Dressage test followed by another 2 to 3K marathon followed by Timed Cones Course. Each Marathon will have 2 or more obstacles on course. The whole drive will take about an hour.

The day is divided into two parts: you drive for one part, and then volunteer for the other part. Then just for fun, you get to do the whole thing over the next day! In between time, you can hang with all your driving friends or drive on your own.

Come and have fun, practice, and test your skills.

Awards and prizes will be given out.

This is going to be the event to start off the 2017 year -- don't miss it! We will have some fun, and of course it will rain, but it always rains at RAM TAP. Even if it doesn't rain we will have water obstacles that make mud and fun.

For more information:

Call Phyllis Rumley 559-515-6129 or email [prumley1066@att.net](mailto:prumley1066@att.net)

Or Kathy LaChaine 805-703-0743 or email [klachaine@charter.net](mailto:klachaine@charter.net)

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IHOP Restaurant, SLO January 18, 2017

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Ann McClure, Disa Thorensen, Else Wolff, Lilla Hewitt, Debra Hilberg and Stephanie Szabo

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

**Minutes** – The minutes from the November 21 meeting were approved as presented.

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

**Old Business –**

BODS Website – Lilla reported that she and Aleks have been updating the club website (BODS.com) and it now contains our recent newsletters and calendar information. She urged members to submit photos to her for inclusion on the site.

**New Business –**

Treasurer Position – Gloria reported that Linda Fairbanks has volunteered to serve as club Treasurer this year. She may be unable to attend some meetings but will prepare a monthly report to be presented at each meeting. Members graciously accepted her offer and the paperwork re signature cards will be taken care of by Gloria and Linda.

February 21 – Horse Expo – Discussion was held about the club's participation in an upcoming Horse Expo on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Madonna Center. The cost is \$150 to rent a 10x10 booth. It was agreed by M/S/C that we should participate in order to publicize what carriage driving is about. A table will be set up with newsletters, brochures, driving magazines, slide presentation, and it will be manned by Diane Kastama and other club members. Stephanie Szabo asked if she could set up a table in our booth and pay the club half the rental fee. Members in attendance agreed. It was also suggested (if there's room) that we have a mini carriage on display.

**Calendar of Club Events –**

Clinics and Seminars – There seems to be interest in continuing our various clinics at different locations. Ann stated her facility was available as long as someone organizes the activity. Gloria stated that Linda also offered to have clinics at Overlook and, again, members should volunteer to help at these events.

March - David Ventura Clinic – Ann stated that David Ventura is available in March for lessons. This can be scheduled if there is enough interest. Let Ann McClure know.

March 17, 18, or 19 – In the past years, club members have sometimes held a drive at Twin Rivers in memory of our past member, Pat Johnson. Stephanie will check with Twin Rivers to see if any of the dates noted would be available for club members to have a pleasure drive.

May 27-29 – Memorial Day Weekend – The club has set up driving events at Twin Rivers on Memorial Weekend in the past. Members arrive on Friday and drive cones and obstacles on Saturday, volunteering throughout the day to help with the event. Stephanie will check with Twin Rivers also.

Parkfield Drive – Dates will be chosen later, possibly April and November (Turkey Trot Drive). Lilla noted we have paid for use of the rodeo grounds for 2 days.

**Other Driving Events – check the last page of the newsletter for listing**

**Announcements/Reports**

November 26 – Parkfield Drive – cancelled due to rain

December 18 – Christmas Party – Gloria reported that our Christmas Party at the Paso Robles Golf Club was well attended and we had an excellent meal.

ADS Representative – It was noted that Veronica Campbell is no longer our ADS representative. Pamela Miller now represents our region in ADS and will be included on our membership list to receive event information and other notifications.

**Next Meeting –**

Since the Atascadero Library is not available on February 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have the February meeting at IHOP in SLO.

**Adjournment –**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary

BODS Website - Check out our new look!

[www.brassoakdriving.com](http://www.brassoakdriving.com)

Lilla and Aleks are working on updates and would love to use your photos and suggestions.



#### MINIATURE DONKEYS FOR SALE

A cute 6-month old gray jack donkey, gray, small. He will need to be gelded in the Spring (so he'll be a better pet as he matures) and his price is \$500. Also a 5-year old gray mini jennet is available for \$650.

Others sometimes available.  
Call Gloria at 805-467-9204.

Pamela Miller-Mitchell has replaced Veronica Campbell as our Pacific Region ADS rep. We thank Veronica for her many years of service and thank Pamela for taking on the position.

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

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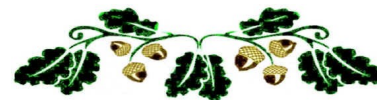
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS – 2016



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

\*Feb 21 SLO Horse Expo, Madonna BODS will have a table.

\*March TBA David Ventura Clinic Contact Ann McClure

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# DRIVING CLINIC

Hosted by: Etcetera Farm • 586 N. Refugio Rd, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

**Day 1:**

Saturday February 25, 2017

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Starting Your Horse In Harness  
Harness & Carriage Selection.**

**Day 2:**

Sunday February 26, 20

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Safe Harnessing, Hitching and  
Performance Enhancement**

Private lessons can be scheduled  
Saturday or Sunday after the clinic.

**Three Hats Training Center** presents a driving clinic with trainer, Michael Wakefield. Starting with the basics of training for harness, and going on to include correct and safe harnessing and hitching. Selection of horse, harness and vehicle will be discussed and evaluated.

Michael Wakefield has been training harness horses and teaching drivers most of his life and will bring his experience and vision to this clinic. He was raised on a horse farm where the work was all done with horsepower. Michael studied carriage driving here and in England and has shown Pleasure, CDE, and Fine Harness.

Currently, Michael drives the stagecoach for the Wells Fargo Bank stagecoach appearance program. He holds the Master Driver/Instructor Certificates from Carriage Association of America.

You are encouraged to bring your driving equine whether he is now driving or not. Exercises to prepare your horse for the driving discipline will be explained and demonstrated. If you are already driving your equine, or want additional help, you can schedule a private lesson after the lectures.



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Private lessons: **\$65.00** for ¾ hour.



# 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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*6268 Hog Canyon Rd.*

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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

\$75 half page ad

## Driving Events around the region:

Feb 11 Sweetheart ADT, Hesperia [www.whiprsnappers.com](http://www.whiprsnappers.com)

Feb 25-26 Continuous Drive RAM TAP contact Phyllis Rumley or CVHA

Feb 25-26 Clinic at Etcetera Farm in Sta Ynez (see flyer)

March 11-12 Festival of Driving—Arizona Driving & Carriage Society

contact Marcia Fetherston <[marciafetherston@gmail.com](mailto:marciafetherston@gmail.com)>

[www.arizonacarriage.org](http://www.arizonacarriage.org)

May 4-7 Super Clinic, Clay Station

June 3-4 – Pleasure Days, Lakeview Terrace, CA [www.whiprsnappers.com](http://www.whiprsnappers.com)

PD will include dressage classes this year.

July TBD Dressage Festival [www.whiprsnappers.com](http://www.whiprsnappers.com)

Pacific Region ADS calendar: [http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn\\_pacific.asp](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/regn_pacific.asp)

### *Next meeting:*

*Wednesday, Feb 15th*

1903 Goat Carriages in Central Park

*At IHOP in SLO*

*6pm no host dinner, 7pm meeting*

