



October 2018

# BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY

## Piece of Me Miniatures rock the World Show:

The American miniature world horse show in September takes not only weeks of packing, but months and months of hard work with the horses, but the reward is incredible. This year was our 5th year attending the world show in Fort Worth, Texas, and our first year attending the national show in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We left with 14 horses and didn't return home for 4 weeks. This year was by far the best show year - not only because of the horses winning, but we had such great support from all of our clients and friends.

This was only Golden's second year of driving and third year of showing! He placed top 10 in ladies, top 5 in open, top 5 in versatility, reserve champion in classic stallions, and world grand champion in classic pleasure driving!



Golden driven by Bryce Baker



Breezy owned and driven by Nikki Ryan

Nikki Ryan also made it to her first world show with her horse Breezy. This was also her first world show, and she got 3 reserve world champions in single pleasure driving!

Piece of Me Anonymous Encounter bred by Shawn Hester and owned by Shawn Hester and Charlotte Woods got reserve champion in senior stallions.

Our first AMHA/AMHR National show was a very fun, unforgettable experience. It was definitely a different

atmosphere from the AMHA world show in Texas. They had new classes we had never seen before such as Roman Chariot driving.

All of our horses got top ten in their classes, but we were blessed enough to have received a national champion in roadster and national reserve in country with one of my stallions in training, Jiggy, owned by April Meckes.



Jiggy owned by April Meckes and driven by Bryce Baker,

Show season 2018 was a success. Thank you to the whole Piece Of Me crew: Shawn, Jake, Rachel and all the clients and everyone who helped us get here! Can't wait for show season 2019!

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Kay and Larry Weeks spent several weekends this summer participating in Renaissance Fairs with their horses Kaloo, Tessa and Mr. Bojangles. Check out more photos on page 5.



Kay Weeks and Kaloo at the Northern California Renaissance Fair. Photo by Larry Weeks

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Welcome to new member Susan Butler who lives in Santa Maria and is a friend of Lillian Clary. Susan has been helping Lil at various events and we are glad to have her as a member.

## *A note from the Prez:*

September was an amazing month of club members driving and showing their driving horses. World Championships were everywhere and Brass Oak members represented!

Diane Kastama finished 8th in the World Para Equestrian Driving Championships (in the Netherlands), her highest placing ever. Each day her placing improved and she was only 8 seconds behind the winner of the marathon phase.

Members Shawn Hester, Bryce Baker, and Nikki Hoppe-Ryan took the AMHA World Championships (in Texas) by storm. Representing themselves and many clients of Piece of Me Miniatures they brought home the ribbons! (See article in newsletter)

The World Equestrian Games (North Carolina) didn't let a "little" hurricane get in the way of putting on a great four-in-hand Combined Driving Championship. Jackie Pamplona, Stephanie Szabo, Pam Ramirez, and Disa Thorensen all met up with newly relocated member, Debra Hilberg to take in the sights and sounds. That included watching the best four-in-hand drivers in the United States and the World, dance their way across the Dressage Court and thread their way thru the obstacles (they had to miss the third day, cones, to catch their plane home).

Locally, Kay and Larry Weeks have started their 6 week engagement of showing their Gypsy Vanner Stallion, "Kaloo" at the Northern California Renaissance Faire near Hollister. Several other horses in the show have come from their breeding program. The Faire continues every weekend thru October.

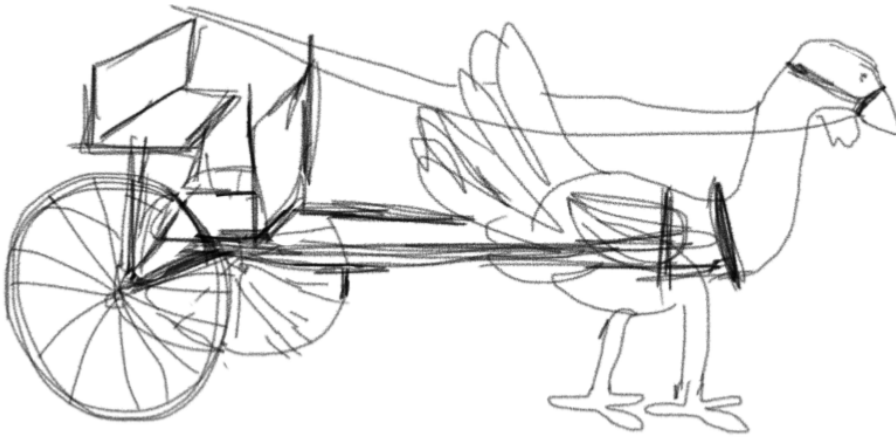
Looking at October, and beyond, there are still many driving opportunities in California. The last weekend of October has three shows to choose from; the October Horse Driving Trial at Claystation (to the north), the always fun "competition" play day at Whiffletree Ranch (to the east in Madera) and Whipr' Snappers Pleasure show down south.

On the more club "Business" side of things, all of the Board Members have said that they are willing to keep their position, but new people are always welcome! If you are willing, or know of someone that might be (they don't have to be a club member), please send them my or Gloria's way. The 2019 board will be voted on at the November meeting.

Also going into the new year, the club has discussed having its board member business meeting every other month and having a presentation of one kind or another on the off months in hopes of bringing in members who do not normally come to the board meetings. I am really excited about this proposed new schedule and hope to have it decided by the November meeting as well.

Our annual club Christmas party is just around the corner. Let us know if you know of a venue that might work for us. Safe driving into the Fall, everyone! ~Lilla





☐ The Parkfield Turkey TROT (Drive)

☐ Saturday, November 3, 2018 starting at 9:30

☐ Parkfield Rodeo Grounds

☐ Join the Brass Oak Driving Society for their Parkfield ride and drive. Staging will be at the Parkfield Rodeo Grounds where there is plenty of room for parking and warm up (watch for those squirrel holes!). Also planned is an arena driving derby style course with cones and two obstacles.

You can also choose to drive 3/4 mile on the sleepy County road (there is a bridge to cross but most horses handle it better than their driver/rider) to the main part of the Thomason ranch where there is a 1.5 mile mostly level ranch road and another mile track around a farming field. There will probably be cattle and wild pigs present, but they will move out of the way!

☐ Bring your lunch or eat delicious food at The Parkfield Cafe

☐ There is NO fuel in Parkfield so be sure to fuel before coming out.

☐ Cost: \$35.00 Checks made out to B.O.D.S. Please let me know if you are planning to attend but no need to pay until the day of the event.

☐ Contact: Lilla Hewitt. Home phone- (805) 463-2342.

☐ Email- [Lillathomason@gmail.com](mailto:Lillathomason@gmail.com)

## BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2019:

We always welcome fresh faces on the Board as some members have served for a number of years and I'm sure would enjoy a break.

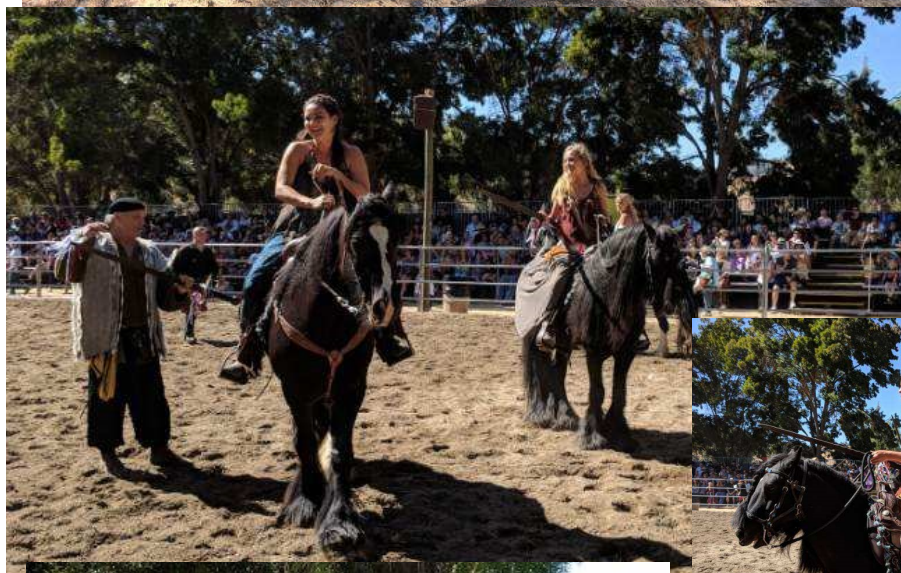
Please nominate yourself or someone else willing to be on the Board. Some of our current Board members have agreed to run again, but please feel free to throw your name in the hat and try it for a year.

Nominations can be sent to any Board member from now until our November 21st meeting when we will take a vote.





I think Larry drew the short straw!





WHIP'R SNAPPER DRIVING SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESENTS THE

# HALLOWEEN HUSTLE CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW

JUDGES; JOHN FRIEBERGER & LARRY BRINKER

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 27, 2018

WITH COMBINED TEST & DRESSAGE ON SUNDAY, OCT. 28

AT 8450 HAPPY CAMP ROAD  
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See entry form on [www.whiprsnappers.com](http://www.whiprsnappers.com)



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*Joey is a black and white Gypsy Vanner colt born on August 6, 2017. He is expected to reach 14hh. He is by Kaloo Seviba.*

*Contact Kay or Larry Weeks  
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Stephanie Szabo's, Atascadero September 26, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla Hewitt, Judith Baron, Larry & Kay Weeks, Stephanie Szabo, Linda Fairbanks, Ann McClure, Jackie Pamplona, Cathy Ripple

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Prior to the start of the meeting, members enjoyed a slide presentation of the WEG Championships that had been attended by Stephanie, Jackie, Disa and Debra.

**Minutes** – The minutes from the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

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

**Old Business –**

Promotion of the Club – Ideas were presented to advertise club activities and thereby encourage new members. One suggestion to meet with Dave Congolton on his radio show to discuss what we offer as a carriage driving club will be followed up by Judith.

Meetings every 2 months – This has been reviewed in the past and it was felt by some that meetings should remain scheduled monthly so as to keep everyone informed and up-to-date on club happenings. The same sentiment was expressed about our monthly newsletter changing to every 2<sup>nd</sup> month. Lilla is preparing a general survey to be sent to all members asking their thoughts on these matters, as well as other information to develop ideas for the future of the club.

**New Business –**

Meeting Programs - It was suggested that we occasionally schedule an activity at meetings, i.e. a speaker (veterinarian, trainer, breeder, or other experts in their field). A meeting date can be changed to feature a day-time activity with possibly a veterinarian demonstrating on a live horse. It was also suggested we contact members Piece of Me Miniatures to present a report on their recent competitions. Judith stated she would contact Bryce and Shawn for their input. In addition, Gloria stated that Sharon Jantzen of SLO Horse News is willing to speak at a meeting.

Nominations for 2019 Board Members should be submitted preferably by our next meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> but no later than our November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting when we will vote.

**Calendar of Club Events –**

Anna Blake Clinic – October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Linda reported we have 10 riders signed up and at least 12 auditors. At this point, it appears we will make a profit on the clinic. Auditors are coming from Southern California and the Sacramento area as Anna Blake is quite well known and this is her first clinic in California. There will be several attendees camping at Linda's and Anna Blake will be staying in the cottage at Overlook. Laurel has done a great job of organizing the details for this clinic.

November Parkfield Drive – Lilla discussed possible dates and it was decided to have our drive on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. More details will be presented in the October newsletter.

Schedule of Events for 2019 – We need to start planning and scheduling dates for activities.

**Other Driving Events – see listing on last page of this newsletter.**

**Announcements/Reports -**

Para Equestrian World Championships – Diane will present a report at a future meeting. In the meantime, read the article published in the SLO Horse News.

**Next Meeting –**

October 17<sup>th</sup> – at the Golden Gong Restaurant in SLO.

**Adjournment –**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Walter, Secretary



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - BODS - 2018



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



**November—nomination and election of board members**

**December TBA Christmas Party**

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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).

For more information check out The American Driving Society website.

Rombach Horse size harness for sale.  
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\$850.00. Pictures and measurements  
on request. [jpamplona@earthlink.net](mailto:jpamplona@earthlink.net)

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Contact: Teresa Camarillo  
805/649-3522 (H) 805/794-3124 (C)

**Needed: Easy Entry cart for miniature  
horse. Call Gloria with details.**

**805-467-9204**





# 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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\$35 membership with newsletter via email

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\$50 membership with newsletter via USPS

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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:

**Oct 12-13 AZ Draft & Mule Assoc Show** [www.adhma.com](http://www.adhma.com)

**Oct 13-14 Arizona High Desert HDT/CT** [www.arizonacarriage.org](http://www.arizonacarriage.org)

**Oct 27-28 Halloween Hustle/Dressage Day** [m.jody.cutler@gmail.com](mailto:m.jody.cutler@gmail.com)

**Oct 27-28 Clay Station HDT** [www.claystationhorsepark.com](http://www.claystationhorsepark.com)

**Nov 4-9 Wagon Drive, Death Valley** Call Sue: 760-662-6102

**Nov 30-Dec 3 ADS Annual Meeting (Florida)** [www.americandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org)

**2019:**

**Feb 6 Sweetheart ADT** Hesperia, CA Veronica: [t.v.campbell@verizon.net](mailto:t.v.campbell@verizon.net)

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

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17th.**

**Meeting will be held at the Golden Gong Restaurant,  
290 Madonna Rd., SLO - dinner at 6pm, meeting starts 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/](http://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.