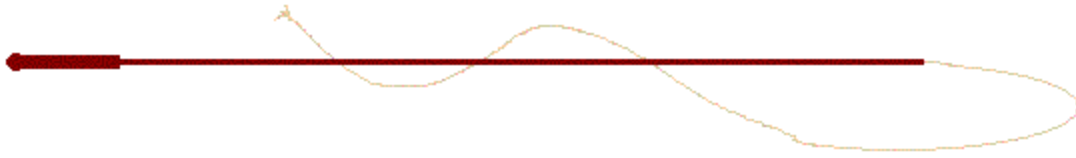




August 2018

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY



Dressage Day Fundraiser

By Lil Clary

The first thing I told my husband when I got home was that I won a blue ribbon in dressage! Then I had to admit that I was the only entry in the class.

Ah well, the euphoria continues.

Diane and a couple of BODs members convinced me that Dublin and I were ready to do a dressage test. I'd never even considered it. While I had scribed for Mrs. Brinker when BODS hosted at the PR Horse Park a year or so ago and had the benefit of her comments as I observed others doing tests, I'd never done a test myself.

I did memorize the basic pieces and knew what to do when. Enter at a trot, halt, salute the judge and so on. Luckily this was a very short test.

Unfortunately it required big 40 meter circles. I'm not up to circles yet. Ovals and irregular egg shapes are more my style. We were very good at those shapes; we do more the abstraction of a circle than the real thing.

To give you an idea of what a novice I am, I didn't realize that Diane was actually assessing my work. I was completely surprised when I was handed the comments/score sheet. I knew that she was judging the others who participated because this was a chance for them to improve their skills. Me? Who, me?

Anyhow, I enjoyed myself and was glad to see the turnout of people supporting Diane and Lilla's fundraiser.

I also appreciate all of those who helped or encouraged me at the event. Whether it was holding Dublin so I could harness or helping me get my cart in the trailer afterward I appreciate everyone who stepped up. This is a great organization!

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A note from the Prez:

The hot days of summer are upon us with no end in sight, but that does not mean that there isn't things going on.

During this time of year, our club events are held in Arroyo Grande so that we can "beat the heat", but the weekend of the Harry Council clinic competed with North County for who was hotter. With temperature over 100 degrees, the clinic went on, though ending a little earlier in the day than it might had of if people weren't melting.

The draft horse demonstration at the Mid-State Fair took place on a relatively cool day for North County (only in the 90s) and was well organized AND the audience could actually hear and understand the commentary being read. It would have been nice to have a few more turnouts, but it was a nice show. I enjoyed seeing the dump wagon dump its load of dirt.

There were four breeds of draft horse represented; Clydesdale, Shire, Belgian and Percheron, as well as a Gypsy Vanner, Friesian, a few crosses and two pony teams of four that chuck wagon raced.

Coming up in August, there will be a Buddy Buggy Day at Ann's on Sunday the 12th starting at 10:00am. \$10 per turnout.

Aleks and I are planning to have several courses for you to play on. One will be a derby-type course with cones and obstacles, run for time. The other will be a reinsmanship class run twice. The first time will be judged on the completion of the course which will be made up of check the mail box, trot a serpentine, back into a designated spot and other such tasks. For your second go, each task will have a point system attached to it (example: mailbox 5pt, backing 10pt, etc). The challenge is to complete as many as possible in a short time (to be determined), to gain the most points.

Also happening this month is the World Para Equestrian Driving Championships in the Netherlands. Diane has already made her way over and will be getting to know her leased horse. He is a beautiful light grey Lipizzan which I will get to help keep shiny when I make my way over later in the month.

Because I'm not sure that I will get anything written for September's newsletter (we will be on our way back from the Netherlands), I want to make sure to highlight an exciting thing that a few of our members will be travelling to next month.

The middle of September will be the World Equestrian Games at Tryon in North Carolina. Two weeks made up of jumping, dressage, para dressage, eventing, reining, vaulting, endurance, and four-in-hand combined driving. I'm super excited to hear Brass Oak members tell/write (hint hint) their stories of the event.

Keep cool and drive on!

~Lilla

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A note from abroad ...

Hi all, made it to the Netherlands, I am training with top 4-in-hand driver Koos de Ronde. I am driving a 9 yr old Lipizzan gelding. He is lovely, and we are learning to communicate. We had a brief steering issue, almost went in a ditch. But we are getting better. The next few lessons are with Yvonne, a top singles driver, as Koos is heading to the US to coach 4-in-hand driver Lisa Stroud at Hermitage. I will work dressage today and tomorrow and then cones and hazard practice on the weekend. Then we head off to Beekbergen for a show. I want to thank everyone who has donated towards this trip of a lifetime to represent the USA.

Diane



Pepper got a special treat at the hotel.



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October 6 and 7, 2018

**OVERLOOK DRIVING CENTER
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 (8:30 - 5:30): CALMING SIGNALS

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Scenes from the Ventura County Fair Show:



It was such a "challenge" to spend the weekend, braving the beachfront weather, shuffling exhibitor paperwork and enjoying a beautiful variety of turn-outs.

Ride/Drive Class



←←←The winners of the junior showmanship class. They have half hour in the arena to braid and fit the horses before showing.



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BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES

IHOP Restaurant, SLO, July 18, 2018

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla Hewitt, Diane Kastama, Aleks Hewitt, Ann McClure, Jackie Pamplona, President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the June 20th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report, on file. Gloria passed on Linda's thanks to the club for the art supplies gift certificate at Michael's.

Old Business –

Anna Blake Clinic – October 6th and 7th - Some deposits have been received for this clinic already, and it was felt we would have enough entrants to be successful. So it was agreed we will send the \$300 deposit upon receipt of Anna Blake's contract. It was suggested that any clinic deposits be given to the Treasurer, with receipts sent to those who have signed up. A flyer will be prepared for distribution, and advertising in several venues will be done. Any member who would like to help with this should get in touch with Laurel, Linda, or Gloria.

New Business –

Donation – Motion was made, seconded, and passed by those in attendance, plus proxy votes by other members, that the club donate \$200 to Diane Kastama to help with the cost of shipping her carriage to the Para Equestrian World Championships in the Netherlands in August. Members wished Diane a safe trip and much good luck.

Promotion of the Club – It was noted that we should consider organizing more open events that would attract new people to the world of driving. A good start would be to have a sign-up sheet at events like the Horse Expo at the Madonna Event Center in order to contact people to attend our activities. Setting up driving demonstrations would be interesting, along with the chance for people to drive and feel first hand how much fun it can be.

Calendar of Club Events –

August 12 – Buggy Buddy Days at Ann's – Lilla will be coordinating this event. This is a Sunday event, starting at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10/person, payable to BODS. Everyone is encouraged to come and have fun. This would be great for beginners as well.

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

Announcements/Reports

June 24 – Work Day at Ann's – A number of members showed up to help prepare the grounds and their work was much appreciated.

July 1 – Fundraiser Event at Ann's – Diane reported that this was a really excellent fundraising event, resulting in almost \$900 donated towards expenses for Lilla and Diane to attend the World Championships. A full report with photos is in the July issue of the BODS newsletter.

July 7-8 - Clinic with Harry Councill – There were about 8 people who attended the clinic with Harry. Even in the hot weather on Sat., several members ground drove Kay's two Gypsy Vanner horses, and Harry gave private lessons on Sunday.

July 7-8 – Sargent Driving Trial – With a small turnout, this event was more of a playday.

Next Meeting – For the August meeting in North County, Lilla will ask the Carlton Hotel if we could use a small banquet room so as to have more privacy.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Walter, Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - BODS - 2018



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



Aug 12 Buggy Buddy Day at Ann's, contact Lilla, see Prez's note.

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).

For more information check out The American Driving Society website.

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Welcome to new member Lori Weiss!

Lori lives in Santa Barbara and has a Norwegian Fjord horse in training to drive.. She is looking for a harness. Her horse is 14.1 and about 975lbs. If you have a harness for sale or know of one, she will be at Ann's Buddy Buggy Day this Sunday!

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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Gloria Walter

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Driving Events around the region:

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.

Pamela can be reached at 818-899-0211 or pam.hei@verizon.net

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 15th,
at the Carlton Hotel Restaurant in Atascadero,
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/. 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.