



December 2017

BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY



Parkfield Drive — at last!

It didn't rain! Finally after 5 (or 6?) attempts, I had a successful recreational drive here in Parkfield. The day was picture perfect with puffy clouds in a blue sky. There were three drivers (plus me). Lois Patten (and husband), Phyllis Rumley, and Sharon Booth brought their Dartmoor pony, Cob, and "mystery pony" out to drive. All are from the Fresno area and members of the Central Valley Harness Association, with one also being a member of Brass Oaks. Kay and Larry Weeks, Gloria Walter, and the Wolff family drove out to enjoy the day.

Because of the visiting club members, I chose to drive my two seat, car top, surrey and let them enjoy a ride too. I really enjoyed giving rides, though 'Jacopo' wondered how the carriage got so heavy. The drivers enjoyed learning and playing on a derby style cone and obstacle course and Aleks showed them the way up the road to the Thomason Ranch where a freshly graded loop greeted them. Unfortunately, the cattle had the ranch road on the bumpy side, but the drivers did explore that, too, for a little ways.

After everyone left, I hooked up Jacopo to my marathon carriage and we practiced the derby course. It was a really fun course and we may be seeing it someday at a Buddy Buggy Day at Ann's.

I'm hoping that our new found luck (no rain) will also hold this spring for the "Flower and Hat drive" (date to be determined).

~Lilla

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 20th 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 12th. 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.....

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

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Preidents' Note:

Another year is winding down and club members have had some great driving opportunities. From going out of the area for a Continuous drive, Horse Driving Trial, and Combined Driving Competitions. To keeping it local with lessons, harness fitting clinic, and play days. Brass Oaks Driving Society has been quite active this year.

Going into the new year, we are already working on ideas and events. Lessons are planed, in February, at both Ann's and Linda's with Larry Brinker. The lessons will be one week before the Central Valley Harness Association's continuous drive in Fresno.

Diane has been working on organizing a Dressage/ Pleasure show and while the original plan of having it at the Paso Robles Horse Park wouldn't be able to happen until 2019, other venues are being inquired about where a smaller event could be possible sometime in 2018.

At the last club meeting, nominations were approved for the "new" board for 2018. We have all kept our current positions and I want to thank those people for continuing to volunteer for the club. Though not a board position, a special thank you to Kathy for putting out the newsletter each and every month.

The biggest "thank you" goes to you; the club member. The person who pays their membership even if they don't currently drive (or ride!). The person who comes to none, one, or all of the events that club members organize. The people who help put these events on, from setting them up to taking them down. The club does not exist without YOU.

Let us know how we can make the club better for you. We all have different interests and styles of driving. That's what makes the club great! If you cant make our monthly meetings, send the board an email or give us a call. Someone will be able to help make your idea happen.

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BRASS OAK DRIVING SOCIETY MINUTES

La Mexicana Restaurant, Atascadero November 15, 2017

Members: Liz Miller, Gloria Walter, Lilla Hewitt, Stephanie Szabo, Diane Kastama, Debra Hilberg, Larry & Kay Weeks, Natalie Cohen

President Lilla Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the October 18th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Gloria presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Linda Fairbanks, on file.

Old Business –

Dressage/Pleasure Driving Show at Paso Robles Horse Park – At the last meeting, it was decided to hold off until 2019 to consider having the show. This was due to lack of show date availability and the fact that more time would be needed to properly organize and publicize the show in 2018. Kay offered to check with the Horse Park to discuss possible dates for 2019. Stephanie suggested there might be a venue available in Carpinteria for a show and she will look into it. In addition, it might be feasible to discuss having a show at Twin Rivers.

Christmas Party – December 20 – Gloria reported that we have the banquet room reserved at the Paso Robles Golf Club for Wednesday, December 20th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served at a cost of \$25/person, which includes the tax and tip. Reservations will need to be made by December 12th and a flyer and reservation form will be sent to all members.

New Business –

Board Elections for 2018 – Our current slate of officers has agreed to continue on the Board and since no other nominations have been received, M/S/C that the current slate be approved for 2018: President Lilla Hewitt; Vice-President Judith Baron; Secretary Gloria Walter; Treasurer Linda Fairbanks; Members at Large Debra Hilberg, Jackie Pamplona, and Stephanie Szabo.

Calendar of Club Events –

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

February 16-19 – Clinic with Larry Brinker – Diane reported that Larry would be giving lessons at Ann's on February 16th & 17th and at Linda's on February 18th & 19th. Charge is \$80/lesson and reservations should be made through Diane. Auditors are welcome at no charge. A flyer will be prepared for the December newsletter and sent out to all members as a reminder in January.

Other Driving Events – see last page of newsletter

Announcements/Reports

October 28 – Halloween Hustle in Moorpark – Diane reported that everyone had a good time driving through the Halloween decorations.

October 29 – Dressage Test in Moorpark – Drivers had the opportunity to drive their tests twice and the entire weekend was a fun event.

October 28-29 – HDT Clay Station – It was reported that the mini-horse group (Bryce and Shawn, etal) attended and did quite well.

November 3-13 – Lessons at Sargent's with Carol Denier – Ann accompanied Tasha to this event to take part in lessons. It was reported this was a very worthwhile event.

November 11 – Turkey Trot drive in Parkfield – Lilla reported we had four turnouts and 10 spectator attendees arrive to enjoy a beautiful day in Parkfield. Several of us saw the scenery in Lilla's beautiful surrey pulled by Jacopo (who was probably wondering just how many people were in the carriage!).

Next Meeting –

Our December meeting date, Wednesday, December 20th, is our Christmas Party.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17th, in South County – Location TBA.

Adjournment –

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Gloria Walter, Secretary

COUNTRY GIG. Pony road cart: 2 wheeled easy entry pony road cart. Fits 12.2 to 13 hh pony. Includes custom made washable water/dust resistant seat cover/protector, and full water resistant dust cover and matching shaft covers along with a very nice stand. The upholstery is made of dust resistant gray cord and the seat is wedge shape for comfort and correct seat and leg position. The seat is adjustable to balance the vehicle, a toe rail is included. Each side has a step to enter, the rein rail is of white metal as are the shaft tips. The shafts are wrapped with patent looking material. The hubs on the wheels are flush for obstacle driving and enhance the appearance of the 38 inch wheels. Shaft length is 57", width at cross bar is 33" and 22" at the most narrow part. A very nice smooth ride and great in obstacles.



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Rohmbaugh pony harness, black with brown trim. 2 pair of traces. This is a beautiful carriage and harness. The carriage and harness were used just a few times to be shown in. All in like new condition.

Will sell them together for \$8900.00. Inquire at 805-610-5938 or d.hilberg@att.net



Miniature Donkey jennet for sale: Koda is a cute, dark brown jennet who is 7 years old and 32" tall. She has been used for goat protection in the past and gets along with all animals. She is a little shy around people but leads well, stands tied, and is good for the farrier.

She'd make a great Christmas present!

Asking \$1,200.

Call Gloria at 467-9204.

Basic training cart for sale

This is a light-weight but sturdy bicycle-wheeled cart suitable for initial ground work and some arena/road driving. It is not easy entry but the side rails are so close to the ground that it is easy to hoist yourself in.

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Shafts 81"

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Black with red pin striping

Weight: 450 lb.

Asking price: \$ 7400.- FOB Paso Robles This price is made possible due to the direct shipping to California.

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Peter von Halem

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Due to my new health issues, I have decided to offer Jonathan, my VSE for sale.

He is available either by himself or as a complete turnout with Americana harness and Meadowbrook.

He is 34" tall and of the stout type rather than Arab type. He is an experienced competitor and a really sweet guy. He is 12 years old and too good to just sit around.

Interested people can call Linda at 805-237-8476 or e-mail to lkfairbanks@gmail.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – BODS – 2017-18



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



Dec 20 — Holiday party Paso Robles Golf Club 5pm details TBA

Feb. 16-19 - 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

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\$35 membership with newsletter via email

\$50 membership with newsletter via USPS

NAME(S):

STREET ADDRESS:

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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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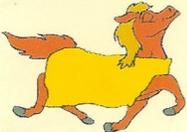
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Feb 24-25 Continuous Drive at Fresno Horse Park CVHA

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